

### Rate Reduction Is Insufficient, Declares Browne

State Railway Commissioner Says Farmers Face Huge Losses as Result of Railway Executives' Action.

Lincoln, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Loss to Nebraska farmers is foreseen by Thomas A. Browne of the state railway commission, in the action of the railway executives in New York in reducing rates on numerous agricultural products on a straight 10 per cent basis.

In this decision, Browne declares he sees a determination of the interstate commerce commission as to the unreasonable line of present freight rates on grain and a determination to ignore another finding of the commission that one-half of the last rate increase should be reduced, representing a 17 1/2 per cent cut in this territory on wheat and an additional 17 1/2 reduction on corn and oats in this territory.

Nor can the finding for the larger reduction made by the interstate commerce commission be enforced under its present status, according to Browne.

**Don't Order Rate Cut.**  
"For some reason, the interstate commerce commission did not order grain rates reduced," Browne said, "but after making its findings, said that if the carriers did not reduce the rates in conformity to the findings by November 20, an order would be issued."

"It is evident, however, that the carriers do not propose to restore the differential between wheat and corn unless they are compelled to do so."

"The railway executives apparently still cling to the idea that since the rates went up horizontally they should come down the same way, and that the same percentage reduction should apply to eggs and butter, which are still relatively of high value, as to corn and hogs and cattle, which are worth less than the average normal prices."

**Middle West Helpless.**  
"Meanwhile the large group of middle western states stand helpless, except as they may prevail upon the interstate commerce commission, for the reason that the interstate commerce commission, backed by federal injunctions, has assumed that Congress gave it wide discretion to invade all the states and police the common carriers within their borders."

"This attitude of the executives is all the more significant when it is remembered that the railroads as a whole, west of the Mississippi river, now are earning net more than the 6 per cent provided by the act of Congress. It is especially significant to Nebraska because the main railroads serving this state are very much more prosperous than the average in the district."

### Express Company to Increase Few Rates

Lincoln, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The state railway commission today issued an order which permits the American Express company to use interstate classification and rules for shipment on commodities in the state, excepting a few which are specified. It means an increase in rates on several commodities.

Daily newspapers will bear an increase from 1/2 cent per pound to 1 cent on bundles sent by express, where the merchandise rate is \$4.50 or less than 100 pounds. Magazines and periodicals must also stand an increase, their new rate being 1 1/2 cents a pound. Patent insides of country papers are not affected.

**Lutheran Pastors Close Meeting Held at DeWitt**  
DeWitt, Neb., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The Inter-Synodical Lutheran conference has closed its two-day session in DeWitt. Plans were made for uniting four synods. Forty ministers were present, representing Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Nebraska.

### Neal Death Bungalow and Accused Widow



This is a picture of the death bungalow of Ben Neal at Aurora, Neb. Neal was found slain in a pool of his own blood on the floor of his bedroom in this bungalow the night of August 11. His widow, Mrs. Lucy Neal, whose picture is inserted, now faces a jury of farmers in her trial on charges of murdering her husband.

note, but when the witness informed the attorney that it was his brother, Arch Railsback, that found the note, the subject was dropped.

Patterson, when called to the stand during the afternoon session, identified a long tin glove box. He said no search was made for it until after the evidence of Hazel Turner had been given at the coroner's inquest.

The box then was found in the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Neal. It was on top of the chiffonier and contained a handkerchief, pencil and some trinkets. Patterson's evidence was unshaken by the lengthy cross-examination by the defense attorneys.

Tom Railsback gave evidence corroborative of that of Woddie and Patterson as to the condition of Neal's body. He denied the dark spot around the wound in Neal's neck was powder stained or burned. **Stockings Never Found.**

His testimony was fundamentally the same as that of the preceding members of the coroner's jury. He testified that he did not see Mrs. Neal's stockings in her room at any time. He saw shoes and stockings in the west bedroom occupied by Ava, her daughter.

Mrs. Neal's stockings never have been accounted for. She was barefooted when she ran to Buck's and the sheriff and county attorney say the stockings were not in the house or any place on the premises where they were likely to have been found although a thorough search had been made.

John Bridgewater, 1310 South Thirtieth street, and Eva Diltz, 4220 Douglas street, Omaha, were summoned today as witnesses for the defense.

The prosecution today issued a subpoena for Mrs. A. E. Butler,

### Plattsmouth Plans to Build New Water Plant

Plattsmouth, Neb., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The city council has secured John A. Bruce, Omaha engineer, to draw plans and estimate the expense of a municipal light plant here, for which the council has been petitioned to call a special election to vote \$100,000 bonds. The Plattsmouth Water company has served notice on the council that they may have until January 27 to decide if they want to purchase the water plant, and if not, under the terms of the franchise, stand for an increase in water rates nearly double the present charge.

Meter consumers will pay 40 cents for the first 1,000 feet, against 22 1/2 cents at present; next, 2,000 at 30 cents instead of 18 1/4 cents; next, 3,000 at 20 cents instead of 15 cents, and next, 4,000 at 15 cents instead of 11 1/4 cents.

A flat rate of \$6 is raised to \$10, and a minimum of \$10 set for all users instead of \$6. Hydrant rental to the city is raised from \$40 to \$60. No action has been taken as yet by the council.

### Court Upholds Sentence Passed on Deputy Sheriff

Lincoln, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The supreme court today overruled objections in a Morrill county robbery case that the chief witness, a Mexican, who didn't understand English, failed to know he was testifying under oath when he gave testimony which caused a Morrill county jury to impose a robbery sentence on Lou Brown, a Morrill county deputy sheriff, serving under his father-in-law, William I. Dyson. The Mexican, it was found, was victim of the robbery. The finding of the jury was upheld.

### Prosecution Scores At Neal Murder Trial

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failed in developing recognizable finger prints on the weapon, and this became known, she stated that the last time she saw the Wright gun it was wrapped in cloth.

Davis corroborated the testimony of Patterson and Railsback, that no search was made in the Neal home for the long glove box which little Hazel Turner found in Ava Neal's room and which he said contained a pistol, until after the little girl testified and a member of the jury found it in the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Neal.

The nightgown which Mrs. Neal wore on the night of the tragedy, and in which she fled to the home of Charles Buck, also was put in evidence.

**Note Is Mentioned.**  
The first time that the mysterious unsigned note, that was found concealed in a flue in the dining room of the Neal home and which referred to alleged improper relations of Mrs. Neal with A. E. Butler, private detective and former guard of a convict road gang camp, was brought out by the defense was when H. A. Lambert of council for Mrs. Neal questioned Tom Railsback.

Lambert was of the impression that Tom Railsback had found the

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