RAILROADS STATE THEIR POSITION.

Thirteen Twin City Railroads Write Open Letter to Gov. Eberhardt.

To the Hon. Adolph O. Eberhardt, State Capitol, St. Paul.
My Dear Sir:—

In response to the invitation from your excellency, representatives of thirteen Twin City lines whose Switchmen are now on strike attended a meeting at the capitol building on Thursday, Dec. 23rd. In opening the meeting your excellency recommended to the representatives of the railroads and to the representatives of the Switchmen a basis of settlement as follows: That it had been brought to your attention that a conference between representatives of certain railways in Chicago and representatives of their switchmen was now being held to consider proposals for increase in wages and changes in working conditions and that the matters under consideration there were similar to those presented to the representatives of the Twin City lines, and that in the opinion of your excellency, if the representatives of the Twin City lines would agree to apply the provisions of whatever settlement might be reached through the Chicago conference to the Switchmen employed upon the Twin City lines and re-employ as far as possible the men who left the service of those lines on Nov. 30th, such a settlement would be fair and equitable.

The representatives of the railways then withdrew to consider your excellency's propositions and accepted them in a written statement which was handed you and which is here quoted: "A conference between representatives of the railways in the Chicago district and representatives of their switchmen is now in progress for the purpose of determining scale of wages and establishment of working conditions for that district. The rates of wages in the Chicago district and in the Minnesota cities for switchmen have been identical and the working conditions similar. The representatives of the Twin City lines in conference this date have confirmed by a majority vote the report to your excellency that these roads represented will agree to re-employ such of their former yard employes as the road may have places for at the rates of pay and under the working conditions in effect November 1st., 1909, and that at the termination of the Chicago conference the lines here represented will meet any additions in rates of pay or working conditions that may be granted by the Chicago lines to their switchmen and that as heretofore announced the differential of two cents per hour in the wages of switchmen will apply in the territory of Billings and west on the Northern Pacific Railway and in the territory of Havre and West on the Great Northern Railway." It is the understanding of the representatives of the Twin City lines that the matter of re-employing the switchmen who voluntarily left the service of the Twin City lines on Nov. 30th requires further explanation. With every wish to meet any suggestions made by your excellency and with the natural desire of employers to help worthy men who gave up their positions and who should be at work for the support of their families and themselves the representatives of the Twin City lines submit that no hardship should be imposed nor any injustice permitted to the large number of present employes in yard service who are in no way reponsible for the present situation. When the former yard employes of the railways voluntarily gave up their positions on Nov. 30, after refusing the offer of the railroads to arbitrate and be bound by the arbitration award without appeal, the refusal being made in the following language in a letter signed by Mr. Hawley and dated November 23: "The committee begs leave to state that it will not submit to arbitration under any circumstances," it became necessary for the railroads to promote many of the men who remained in the service, to transfer some from other branches and to employ many new men in order to perform their duty to the public, to the other employes and to the owners of the properties. As fair employers of labor under working agreement the Twin City lines would not be justified in reducing in rank those employes who have been promoted since Nov. 30th, in returning to their former employment those who have left positions in other branches of the service or in dismissing without cause the competent men who have been employed to fill the other vacancies. It is certain however that upon the basis of re-employment suggested by your excellency many of the old switchmen can be given employment and probably a large number would be restored to their old positions. With the growth of business it is reasonable to expect that considerable increase in force will be required which will enable the Twin City lines to provide employment in the aggregate for more men than were employed previous to Nov. 30th. The representatives of the Twin City lines believe that they have accepted your excellency's suggestions without reservation. They have done so with the sincere desire of avoiding any further inconvenience to the public and the loss to their employes which will result from a continuance of the present conditions. In conclusion the representatives of the Twin City lines are under necessity of advising your excellency that their offer cannot remain open indefinitely and that if not previously accepted it will be withdrawn at 12 o'clock noon Wednesday, December 29th.

With many thanks for your interest in behalf of the railways and their employes and with appreciation of the manner in which your excellency has handled these difficult negotiations, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Very Respectfully Yours,
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Ry.
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Ry.
Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Ry.
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Ry.
Chicago Great Western Ry.
Great Northern Railway.
Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Ry.
Minneapolis and St. Louis Ry.
Minneapolis Railway Transfer.
Minnesota Transfer Co.
Northern Pacific Ry.
St. Paul Bridge and Terminal Railway.
St. Paul Union Depot Co.

A WEEK OF GOOD DRAMA

Frank E. Long Stock Company Fills Week's Engagement. Lady's Free Monday.

The old reliable Frank E. Long Stock company, including Frank E. Long and Miss Nina Sullivan and a superb company of artists, will be at the opera house all next week with an exceptional line of plays and polite vaudeville. The opening play will be "The Intruder" a four act comedy drama. On the opening night one lady will be admitted free with each paid reserved seat. Popular prices, 15, 25, and 35 cents.

Mrs. Peter Bonde entertains the members of the Birthday club at supper this evening. Covers will be laid for sixteen. Mrs. Bonde was the recipient of a beautiful cut glass sugar and cream set as a token of friendship and esteem.

I am now prepared to saw lumber. Logs may be left at my place any time, and they will be sawed as soon as possible. Terms reasonable. S. J. Walgren,
46f Fahlun Twp, Willmar, Rt. 2.

Mrs. James B. Haslett returned to Breckenridge today after a few days visit with Willmar friends. Mrs. Haslett was the guest of honor at a number of social functions while here.

Mrs. V. W. Lawson returned from Ishpeming, Mich., last Sunday evening. She left her sister much improved.

One-third off on all Misses and Children's coats at the new store of Benson Bros. & Jorris. 463

WINTER APPLES!

A car load of Choice Winter Apples will be on sale for the next three days in the old Bijou Building on Pacific Avenue.

$2.50 to $3.00 A BARREL

SELL YOUR EGGS AND EAT APPLES.

Limit: Not more than 15 barrels to a customer. If you want more come again.

WINTER APPLES AT THE OLD BIJOU
WILLMAR.

THE FOURTH ESTATE

Novelized by
FREDERICK R. TOOMBS
From the Great Play of the Same Name by Joseph Medill Patterson and Harriet Ford.

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vote, but I don't want the men to say I can't."

Sylvester Dolan interrupted the conversation between mother and daughter by appearing before them with his bosom friend, Max Powell, who believed himself to have the makings of a master poet. It was with deepest pride that the Nolan son presented Powell, long haired, sallow faced and seedily dressed, to his mother and sister. Sallow faced? Indeed, his countenance had that sickly greenish yellow hue that comes from long de-

"Nobody was wild enough to come here."

vouring of the muses and long abstinence from the devouring of food.

"Hello, mamma!" he cried enthusiastically. "Here's a friend of mine I want you to know—Mr. Powell, the poet."

"How do you do, Mr. Powell? You look as if it would be easy for you to write poetry. Do you know, poetry just sets me wild!"

Sylvester patted Powell on the back. "Well, this lad's going to make a big noise in poetry some day. Phyllis, you must have heard of Powell. My sister, old man!"

"Won't you have a cup of tea, Mr. Powell?" invited Mrs. Nolan, visibly impressed by the presence of a poet at her home.

Powell started confusedly to utter his thanks. He did not seem overdelighted at the offer.

Sylvester saw the difficulty. "Tea!" he exclaimed. "Absinth for Powell!"

Mrs. Nolan expressed her regret at not having any absinth and left the room, followed by Phyllis, to arrange for something for Powell to eat. "Poor fellow! He looks hungry," she whispered to Phyllis.

Sylvester caught the poet by the arm.

"One minute, Powow," he cautioned. "Be sure you don't mention anything to the folks about my little actress friend. I don't want them to know that I am going to take a crack at uplifting the stage. The little girl will be all right. She'll just make your Beretto hum. She'll fill it with personality. Build up all those weak places. You know, Powow, there are some. Where's that poem for her? Finished yet?"

"Yes, it's here somewhere," fumbling in a pocket.

"Have you made it amorous for the little girl?"

"Judge for yourself. Of course I tried to write in your vein as well as I could, so that there would be no doubt to the authorship."

Sylvester read the lines:

Oh, Guenevere, how sweet my dear!
My spirit soars in dreams denied.
Worlds beyond worlds with thee, my bride—

"I don't like that much," he announced when he had finished. "Bride! Is it necessary to put that in writing? Besides, it don't sound as if I wrote it. Now, does it, Powow, old chap? Fess up."

"I hope it doesn't sound as if I wrote it."

"I thought you'd see it. Now, change that and it's a knockout drop. Can't you change it now? And I'll send it to the little girl tonight on a bed of orchids. Make it something beginning with 'ruby lips'—you know the sort of guff—and then here and there 'eyes like night, full of delight,' something on that order."

"Ruby, ruby—rougey lips!"

Powell sat and wrote for a few minutes. "Here," he finally said. Sylvester glanced over the shoulder of the rising young genius, who read aloud these inspiring words:

So bright and beaming are thine eyes
The very stars twink in surprise.
Thy hair so like the dusky night,
Thy kiss so vibrant with delight,
I thrill unto my finger tips,
Oh, ruby, ruby—rougey lips!

Powell literally writhed in agony as he listened to the doggerel.

"It's great!" cried Sylvester ecstatically. "And now come get your tea. See, I'd like to take a crack at being a poet!"

The two conspirators hurried into the dining room as Wheeler Brand and the owner of the Advance came into the drawing room.

"You're right, Wheeler; you're right," Nolan was saying. "This is a better showing than I hoped for. Look in your stocking next Christmas. There'll be something for you. When I got into the newspaper business, Brand, they told me it was the beginning of my finish, that it sucked ten fortunes down for every one it built and no middle aged man ever went into it and came out again without teeth marks all over him. But look at that." He held up a typewritten statement. "I'm richer for going in—twice as much advertising as last year at this time."

Nolan seated himself on a settee.

"The big advertisers never pull their ads. so long as they are getting returns from them," put in Brand. "Look at Dupuy. Remember how he threatened us and how his clients took their ads. out for two months?"

"Yes, but they put them back again."

"Why? Because they need us more than we need them," Brand laughed.

"Well, he's got something else up his sleeve now," remarked Nolan. "He telephoned that he would come to see me this afternoon."

"Are you going to see him?" Brand asked curiously.

"I thought I might as well. He'll be here. Maybe he wants to fire you again." The newspaper owner looked up at Brand and laughed heartily.

Mrs. Nolan and Phyllis re-entered the drawing room, and Brand became the especial object of their attentions.

The mother desired to have him print the list of her invited guests who had never attended the reception. Phyllis requested him to print a story about the violinist and was vastly annoyed when Brand informed her that the subject was a matter for the musical editor to attend to.

"And there's something else, Mr. Brand." A look of despair came into Brand's face. "Phyllis went to Miss Bartelmy's musicale the other day, and you didn't even include her name among those present," the mother said.

"Why, I'm sorry. That was an oversight, I assure you. I suppose they made up the usual list in the office."

"I hope it won't happen again," remarked Phyllis indignantly.

"Yes, and the way it's handling this Loris divorce case is all wrong," snapped Mrs. Nolan. "I know Mrs. Loris. She is no better than she should be, and people who live in icehouses shouldn't throw hot water."

"We have no policy in the Loris

"People who live in icehouses shouldn't throw hot water."

case," remarked Brand in defense. "We merely print the facts."

"Facts!" Mrs. Nolan cried. "That paper upsets me for the whole day every morning."

"There now, mother; I guess the paper's all right," ventured Nolan soothingly.

"You've got another guess, Michael. Nobody reads it but shopgirls, who spend a penny for the Advance and another for a stick of gum and hang on to a strap with one hand and the Advance with the other while they're wagging their jaws all the way down to work. That's all that reads it!" She paused for breath, then went on. "And I must say I think it's scandalous the way you attack Judge Bartelmy every little while."

"Yes," contributed Phyllis, "and his daughter's one of the most exclusive and sought after girls in New York. She's the only one of her set who has been at all nice to me. Isn't that so, mamma?"

"Yes, and why the paper should go for her father just as it does for every other prominent man in town I can't see. She must think it's very funny that such things should appear in the Advance after what she's done for us."

"Oh," suggested Brand, thinking to soothe his employer's wife, "she probably knows that you have absolutely nothing to do with the policy of the Advance."

"Is that so?" ejaculated Mrs. Nolan indignantly. "They certainly are very kind hearted people to act the way they do in the face of that paper."

"Judge Bartelmy is first and last a politician," explained Brand.

Michael Nolan bent forward intently. The conversation had now reached a point where he realized an issue of vital importance to himself and to the Advance had been touched on.

"Well, I suppose he has been coddling up to us a little," he began, then paused.

Brand drew a deep breath, stood upright in the middle of the drawing room and daringly explained the situation to the owner of the paper.

"Bartelmy handles people better than any man in town," he declared. "He has studied the Advance, dissected its position and—I will be frank with you—discovered its weaknesses. He knows he can't reach you through your cupidity or political ambition because you lack those qualities. He now realizes that his only hope of influencing us lies in an appeal to"— He hesitated.

"Well?" asked Mrs. Nolan ominously.

Brand found the courage to complete the sentence.

"His only hope lies in an appeal—to your family's social desires"—Phyllis rose from her seat, her cheeks red with anger—"and that's the only reason he has for taking you up."

Mrs. Nolan gave a scream of wrath. Nolan himself, regretting that the unpleasant scene had occurred, rose from the settee and advanced to calm the ruffled waters, but his face was clouded. Its serious expression indicated that he was deeply concerned over the frank statements of his managing editor, and one could instinctively feel that he was convinced that Brand had spoken the truth.

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A Business Head.

"My boy," says the thoughtful father, "I notice that when you get a penny or a nickel you do not place it in the little savings bank Santa Claus brought for you last Christmas."

"Not always, papa," answers the bonny child.

"Ah! I believe, if I am not mistaken, that you spend your pennies and nickels at the little store around the corner."

"Yes, papa."

"Well, my boy, if you do not save your money now, what do you expect to do when you grow up?"

"I am going to run a little store around the corner, papa. Then I'll get all the pennies and nickels."—Chicago Post.

Asia comprises 32 per cent of the total land surface of the globe and has a population of 820,000,000.

FINIS 1909 **The Young Men's Store** ENTER 1910

Greeting: At the outset of a New Year let us take this opportunity to thank our friends for their patronage and good-will of the past twelve-month, which has enabled us to record the most successful business in the history of our store. ¶With the expression of our best wishes for your material well-being for the year to come;—for your happiness and health, let us also ask for a continuance of your patronage and friendship for the store which aims to be YOUR store, and to add

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A Toast to Willmar. Here's to the best city—our city. To her beauty, her health, and wealth;—to her homes and homekeepers, to her stores—schools and churches—her industries and ambitions.—May she continue to enjoy prosperity and growth in the years to come—our town.

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And a Good Resolution

Fitted to any man who wants the best in life.

January 1, 1910

Resolved, That I have made a great many mistakes in my life; but others have done likewise, and that hereafter I will avoid them when possible;—that I will use my means to the best advantage for the good of my family, my friends, and myself;—that hereafter I will buy my wearing apparel at the Young Men's Store, and wear Hirsh-Wickwire Clothes in the firm conviction that I can best serve myself by so doing, obtain the best values, and be always well-dressed at minimum cost.

Gilbert O. Sand Co.
THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS WILLMAR MINN.

If You Know How To Spend

less than you "get" you are on the right road to comfort and wealth.

Saving is only a habit—just like spending, but more profitable.

Our Savings Department can help you start

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
Savings Department WILLMAR MINN.

Miscellaneous Want Column

FOR SALE—$1700 Residence Property, on installment plan. See J. T. Otos. 6f

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, single or en suite, the Ames Block, 5th St. 492pf

FOR SALE—Ten cords of wood. Edward Hoglund, R. D. 2, Willmar. (Kandiyohi township, Sec. 32.) 438t

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. Inquire of Mrs. A. E. Mossberg, 119 Becker Ave. East. 44f.

LOST—A back comb, somewhere between the Synod church and 302 Becker avenue. Finder please leave at the Tribune office for reward. 46f

FOUND—Yesterday, on Litchfield avenue, a scarf pin. Owner may have same by calling at the Tribune office proving property and paying for this notice. 46f

FOR SALE—Edison Gem Phonograph with large horn and 38 records. The outfit is practically new. Price $12.00. Enquire at Tribune office.

FOR SALE—HURRY, A SNAP! —9½ acres, house, barn, chickenhouse, two wells, cistern, wood house, 75 fruit trees, all kinds of berries. Cheap for cash. Only fifteen minutes walk from the Willmar depot. Trade will be considered. Inquire of W. E. HAYS, R. D. carrier, No. 3, Willmar.

FOR SALE—Good cook stove—15 takes it. Inquire at Tribune office.

FOR RENT—One five room house, also steam heated rooms. Inquire of R. W. Stanford, Postoffice building. tf.

FOR RENT—Two farms, one in town of Dovre, sec. 6, and one three miles north of Pennock. Mrs. Amanda Mikkelson, Pennock, Minn. Rt 1. 38tf.

DRY WOOD FOR SALE—At $3 or $3.50 per cord. S. J. Walgren, Fahlun Twp., address R. 2, Willmar. 42tf

FOR SALE — Several pairs of slightly used skates for sale cheap. Inquire of Albin Carlson, at Carlson Bros. & Frost. 41f

FOR SALE—Fire Insurance. Just send me a word when you want some and I will call on you. Lewis Johnson, Office 214 4th st. phone 494. tf

SIGNS—"For Rent," For Rent, Furnished Room," "For Sale," "Dressmaking"—printed on cardboard, for sale at the Tribune office at 10 cents each.

FOR RENT—A good 360 acre farm, 200 cultivated, large pasture, 10 acres grove, very good buildings, windmill etc. Call on or write to M. O. Thorpe, Willmar, Minn. 43f

FOR SALE—At a bargain and on easy terms, a 273 acre farm in township of Fahlun, or will rent. For particulars inquire of. Anderson Land Co., Willmar, Minn. 38f

WANTED—A number of loans on Kandiyohi County farms in which to invest our SAVINGS DEPARTMENT funds. No better security "outdoors."
Kandiyohi County Bank. 13f

WANTED—To loan money on farm land, so that the borrower can pay any part or all of the principal on any interest payment day. Interest as low as 5 per cent.
A. P. Adams,
25f Willmar Minn.

FOR SALE—A good cutter. Inquire at Elkjer's studio. 44f

STORAGE FOR AUTOMOBILES—I am prepared to store your automobiles in my garage for a very reasonable consideration. I also recharge and take care of storage batteries during the winter. 411f. Lars Halvorson,

FOR SALE—A fifteen-horse power gasoline engine of my own make, the well-known Willmar engine, used only about four months. Will be sold cheap if taken at once. Also a four-horse engine which I will sell as I intend to put in an electric motor. Both engines may be examined at my garage, 41tf
LARS HALVORSON.

SALESMEN wanted to introduce our new statistical and commercial state charts, just printed, and a new idea. The earnings are in keeping with your ability and energy. To experienced map salesmen we can offer a splendid opening, and to those who are not familiar with the work, we can take in hand and develop into high grade salesmen if the ability is at hand. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, Ill. 39-14w.

Willmar Markets

Corrected Dec. 29, 1909.

Prices on creamery butter, flour, bran, shorts and apples are dealers' selling prices, all others are prices paid to producers.

Willmar Elevators are paying two cents above market prices.

Wheat, No. 1 Northern	$1.05½
Wheat, No. 2	$1.03½
Wheat, No. 3	$1.01½
Wheat, No. 4	97½
Wheat, rejected	86½
Wheat, No. 1 Velvet Chaff	$1.02½
Wheat, No. 2 Velvet Chaff	$1.00½
Wheat, No. 3 Velvet Chaff	97½
Wheat, No. 1 Durum	85½
Wheat, No. 2 Durum	83½
Wheat, No. 3 Durum	80½
Wheat, No. 4 Durum	77½
Oats	34c to 37c
Barley	47c to 51c
Flax	$1.72 to $1.87
Rye	62c to 66c
Corn	40c to 45c
Flour, fancy	$3.20
Flour, straight	$3.10
Bran	$23
Shorts	$24
Potatoes	40c
Beans	$1.75 per bushel
Cabbage	3c per pound
Eggs	22c
Butter, separator	26c to 28c
Butter, dairy	26c to 28c
Lambs	$5.00 to $6.00
Sheep	$2.75 to $4.00
Chickens	6c to 9c
Beefsteers	$3.00 to $3.50
Beefcows	$3.00 to $3.50
Hogs, live	$7.25 to $7.50
Veal calves	$8.00 to $4.50
Hides	8c
Wool	20c to 22c