THREE ROADS IN DEFAULT

Lines Disregarding Board of Transportation's Order Are Liable.

DEFENDANTS FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT

Attorney General Now Has the Right to Apply for Judgments, Though the Delinquents Will Probably Receive Further Grace.

LINCOLN, March 15.—(Special.)—The time allowed for filing answers in the state's cases in the supreme court against the Burlington, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley and Chicago, Minneapolis & Omaha railroads expired March 12, and according to the rules of the court all of the defendants are now in default and are liable for the full amount of the judgments asked. These are the suits instituted by the attorney general about a month ago to recover fines for the violation of an order issued by the State Board of Transportation in 1897 restoring carload rates on live stock shipments. The total amount of the judgments asked is $50,000, representing what is alleged to be the penalty prescribed by law for violating any order made by the Board of Transportation.

The railroads interested in these cases have made no appearance whatever in court and have not asked for an extension of the time allowed for filing answers. Under these circumstances the attorney general has a right to apply to the supreme court for judgments against the three defendants for the full amount named in the petitions. This is the usual method of procedure in such cases, but there is no probability that the judgments will be returned. The defendants would probably be given permission to appear and show why they were in default and if any good reasons were advanced the old limit would be extended.

Deputy Attorney General Oldham said this afternoon that the state could claim the judgments, but that if the defendants made a good showing in court the time for filing answers would be extended. This being the case, the railroads will probably not hasten to explain the delay.

Cases Grow More Complicated.

The status of the various railroad rate cases is becoming more and more complicated every day and the indications are that they will not get back into the hands of the State Board of Transportation for many months, if at all. Suits are pending in the supreme court against the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley and Burlington railroads because of violation of the carload rate order and the Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and Rock Island railroads are being prosecuted for violation of the old maximum rate law. This state of affairs would indicate that the attorney general was seeking to enforce two widely different freight rates. All of the points raised in the suits against the latter roads have been gone over in the courts and the only reason that the suits are instituted against them is that they did not appear in the former proceedings.

It was announced this afternoon that the Chicago, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad would apply for an injunction restraining the board from any further consideration of the Norfolk rate case.

The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad yesterday applied to Judge Munger in Omaha for an order restraining the State Board of Transportation from reducing rates on its road and it is generally believed that the relief asked for will be granted. It is supposed that the other roads will ask to be permitted to come in under this injunction or that granted the Burlington railroad two weeks ago.

Fight Goes to Convention.

The proposition submitted to the republican voters of Lancaster county yesterday by D. E. Thompson concerning his candidacy for United States senator, will be carried into the Lancaster county convention and the warmest kind of a fight is predicted. Those who are opposing the endorsement of Thompson will probably unite on avowed anti-Thompson candidates for delegates to the convention. The Thompson men have been at work for some time and are prepared for the biggest kind of a battle.

It is reported that the insurance companies still owing state fees because of the defalcation of Eugene Moore have combined to fight the claims of Auditor Cornell, and, if necessary, to compel the attorney general to institute suits against each one of them if he would collect the amounts asked for. An impression seems to exist that the auditor and the attorney general have decided to withhold their certificates if they refuse to pay the claims, but at the auditor's office today it was asserted that nothing of the kind would be attempted.

The new auditorium had a narrow escape from fire this morning. A barn just across the alley south, took fire and had gained considerable headway before the fire department arrived. The stable was entirely destroyed and the paint and several windows on the south side of the auditorium were badly scorched, the glass being melted.

Complaint of the Business Men.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The Norfolk Business Men's association has addressed the following letter to the State Board of Transportation:

"Replying to your letter of March 9 regarding the status of the case preferred by our association against the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company, we are not quite able to see why an injunction in the federal court, issued in an entirely different case from ours, covering entirely different ground, should be assigned as a reason for adjourning our case and, further, why in the face of the previous correspondence promising us a hearing here, and our assurance that, from reasons readily apparent, a hearing at Lincoln would be decidedly inconvenient for the citizens of Norfolk to attend—our case should be adjourned for hearing to a day when, as we understand, several other cases are to be heard and at Lincoln. You refer to the convenience of 'the people of Norfolk interested in this case.' Are we to understand that you still believe that the interest in this case is confined to a few individuals and not to the people as a whole?

"CHESTER A. FULLER, Secretary."

Citizens Start 'Phone Circuit.

MCCOOL JUNCTION, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The McCool citizens are organizing a local telephone company on the mutual plan. A large number of telephones are being subscribed for and a regular telephone exchange will be conducted. The cost is estimated to be about one-tenth charged subscribers by telephone companies.

Hastings Sells Electric Light Bonds.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council held a special meeting this morning and sold the electric light bonds to Gilman Son & Co. of New York. The bonds were sold at par, the city paying a commission of 1½ per cent, which amounted to $300. The accrued interest on the bonds goes to the city and amounts to about $200; besides the city draws 2 per cent interest upon a daily balance upon all money remaining in the hands of the purchasers.

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PLACES FOR POLITICIANS

Conventions Throughout the State Name Men to Act in Various Capacities.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic city convention was held this afternoon. The following nominations were made: Ira G. Westervelt, mayor; Arthur J. Koenigstein, city clerk; John Friday, treasurer, and A. P. Childs, police judge. H. C. Matrau and S. G. Dean were nominated for members of the school board.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—At an anti-license mass convention of the citizens held last night the following city ticket was nominated: For mayor, Dr. M. M. Butler; clerk, George Sawyer; treasurer, S. F. Girardet; councilmen: First ward, H. G. Race; Second ward, Thomas Murtey; Third ward, Reuben Clizbe; Board of Education, W. H. Gates and William Poole.

WAHOO, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—A republican caucus was held at the city hall Wednesday evening, March 14, and the following ticket was nominated: For mayor, R. A. Heaton; for city clerk, J. C. Hamilton; for treasurer, F. J. Kirchman; for councilmen: First ward, N. D. Tharp; Second ward, M. L. Ellsworth; Third ward, J. E. Cullings. For members of the Board of Education, M. Newman and L. E. Gruver.

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The call for the Fifth congressional district republican convention to select delegates to go to Philadelphia and to nominate a candidate for congress was issued from headquarters here yesterday. It will be held April 25, at 2 p. m., at Holdrege. The representation for the several counties follows: Adams county, 19; Clay, 17; Chase, 3; Dundy, 4; Franklin, 10; Frontier, 9; Furnas, 13; Gosper, 4; Hall, 19; Harlan, 9; Hayes, 4; Hitchcock, 5; Kearney, 10; Nuckolls, 13; Perkins, 2; Phelps, 10; Red Willow, 11; Webster, 13.

Kearney Re-Elects Morey.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board Mr. J. T. Morey, the present superintendent of the city schools, was re-elected to succeed himself. This makes the thirteenth consecutive time that Mr. Morey has been selected to fill this position and the selection always meets with universal favor. It is owing to his personal efforts and assisted by competent teachers that the Kearney schools are second to none in the state. Recently Mr. Morey has had two companies of cadets organized in the High school, one by the young women and one by the boys, guns were secured from the state by him and the companies are now drilling three times a week, out of doors when pleasant and at Company A's Nebraska National guard armory when stormy. The latest good done for the school was the organization of a debating club and the launching of a bright and newsy High school paper called the Quidest.

Thirty Days for Stealing Clothes.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—This morning a young man, giving the name of Willis, went into A. G. Bohnert's general store and ordered some eggs. While the clerk was in the back room getting the eggs the man slipped a suit of clothes under his overcoat, but as he was one of several suspected characters he was watched and allowed to start away with his purchase. He was overtaken and brought back to the store and the police sent for. The stolen property was found on him and upon pleading guilty he was given thirty days in the county jail.

New Plattsmouth Opera House.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Charles C. Parmele stated that the plans and specifications for the new Parmele opera house were expected within a few days and that bids would be received and the contract let for the construction of the building as soon as possible. The work of excavating for the foundation will be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The prospects now are that work will be commenced on the new structure within one month and pushed until completed.

Nebraska Soldier Buried.

BRADY ISLAND, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The remains of Alvin Elder, Company G, Third regiment, United States infantry, who died in the hospital at Manila August 8 last, of malarial fever, were buried from here with military honors this morning at 10 o'clock. The body was interred in the National cemetery at old Fort McPherson.

Snow Falls at Lyons.

LYONS, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—It snowed here by spells during yesterday. Farmers have taken advantage of the several warm days and have sowed considerable wheat. Most of this work remains incomplete, such as harrowing and the like, which will not make much difference unless this work is delayed too long and the wheat becomes sprouted.

District Court Decisions.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—In the district court in the case of Edward Tighe against the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff.

In the suit of John E. Grimes against L. A. Baxter, to collect pay for digging a well, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

News of Brother's Death Kills.

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Early yesterday morning a young man of the name of James Peer died of measles across the state line in Kansas. His brother, John, was quite ill of the same disease, but was rapidly improving until informed of his brother's death. He began to sink rapidly and died during the afternoon.

New Monument for Lyons.

LYONS, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The Cemetery association has offered the Grand Army of the Republic post of this place a plot of ground in the cemetery providing they would erect a monument in honor of their dead comrades costing not less than $500. The offer has been accepted and the monument will be erected at once.

Object to Theater Posters.

YORK, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Forty-nine persons signed a petition and presented it to Mayor Harlan, requesting that bill board advertising of the "Black Crook" company be torn down or draped. The question is causing excitement and the York newspapers are taking the matter up editorially.

Henderson an Incorporated Town.

HENDERSON, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Henderson has about completed the organization of an incorporated town. This week a party from McCool has been here looking up a location for a saloon. It is reported that the new board will make the license $1,000 per year.

Homestead Rights Secured.

BENEDICT, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—John Lott, postmaster here, secured his homestead rights on his home farm in this township. This case has been tried and retried and been in the courts for years.

Indian Buys Lyons Property.

LYONS, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—L. L. Darling sold his residence here for $1,800 to a full-blooded Omaha Indian from the reservation by the name of Provest, who will remove his family here to educate them.

HYPNOTISM BEHIND A CRIME

Mrs. Laue Accuses Dinsmore of Wielding an Occult Influence.

ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENSE SPRING SURPRISE

Rest Their Case Before Number of Important Witnesses Give Testimony—Both Sides Begin Arguments.

LEXINGTON, March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—To the astonishment of the immense audience that filled Smith's opera house to witness the trial of Frank L. Dinsmore for the murder of Fred Laue the attorneys for the defense announced at 11 o'clock this morning that they rested their case. It was fully expected that a number of witnesses would be examined on the part of the defense and others in rebuttal on the part of the plaintiff, but when W. B. Jakway of Kearney gave his testimony and Prof. J. W. Dinsmore, superintendent of schools at Beatrice and half brother of the defendant, answered a few questions relative to the engagement of Dinsmore to Miss Bloomfield, they rested.

It was learned that the reason for this was that the defense concluded to rely upon the testimony of the state and the record made thereby to acquit their client, rather than to depend upon any testimony of their own.

Mrs. Laue on Stand.

When Mrs. Laue was placed upon the stand this morning she appeared without the thick veil worn yesterday, but her eyes were shielded by a pair of large, blue eyeglasses that completely prevented any expression of those orbs from being seen. Her testimony of today was shorn of the sensational character that surrounded it yesterday.

The confession made by her and sworn to before Judge Brown was introduced in evidence, as was her testimony before the coroner's jury. She was cross-examined by Judge Hamer on the two statements thus made and reiterated her statement of the day before, that what she told the coroner was dictated by Dinsmore while under his influence, but that her confession sworn to before Judge Brown was the truth.

After some further cross-examination, which brought out nothing new except some self-contradictions, she was permitted to retire.

Court adjourned when the defense announced that it rested and again convened at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Argument for the State.

The opening argument was made in behalf of the state by W. A. Stewart, county attorney of Dawson county. There was no diminution of the vast crowd in attendance, every seat and every foot of standing room being occupied as heretofore, women composing one-third of the audience.

Mr. Stewart's argument was a grand peroration and contained oratory at times that affected every auditor present. Mr. Stewart closed with an appeal that the jury consider the ruined home, the diabolism of the crime and render a verdict that would bring condign punishment upon the perpetrator of the most damnable crime ever shown in the annals of this state.

Mr. Stewart was followed by E. A. Cook for the defendant. He took up the testimony as given by the witnesses for the state and dissected the same, especially that given by Mrs. Laue, stating that her evidence did not prove any seduction or force on the part of Dinsmore, but that the illicit relations were voluntary on the part of Mrs. Laue. He called attention to the position of Laue's body as found by Dr. Bell and commented on the impossibility of the defendant shooting him as intimated by the state.

Mr. Cook was followed by Thomas Hamer, for the defense, who took up the evidence relating to the life of the defendant and the character of Mrs. Laue. He graphically portrayed the scenes surrounding the tragedy.

The closing argument of the afternoon was made in behalf of the state by Mr. Nye.

Francis Hamer then began for the defense and talked half an hour, when court adjourned until tomorrow, at which time Judge Hamer will finish his plea, to be followed by Norris Brown, Judge Sinclair closing in behalf of the state.

HORLOCKER CASE IS CALLED

Defendant in Celebrated Trial Leaves Jacksonville to Answer for Attempted Murder.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Viola Horlocker, who has been confined in a sanitarium at Jacksonville, Ill., since last summer, when she was arrested on the charge of having attempted the life of her employer's wife, Mrs. Charles F. Morey, by sending her poisoned candy, left Jacksonville at 10 o'clock tonight for Hastings. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. H. Durant Cheever of New York, formerly Zora Gladys Horlocker of Hastings. The party will arrive in Hastings tomorrow night.

The Horlocker case will come up in the district court next Monday, as it is the first case on the docket. The state's attorney and the attorneys for the defense all claim that the case will be fought to a finish and each side is confident of success.

INTRUDING SOLDIERS SHOT

Two Privates from Fort Niobrara Force Entrance Into Lodgings of Saloon Keeper.

VALENTINE, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—This morning about 3 o'clock Cicero H. Thompson, proprietor of the Owl saloon, shot Arthur London and Austin H. Millaman, both privates from Fort Niobrara. Thompson, who rooms some distance from his saloon, was suddenly awakened by parties forcing entrance into the door when he jumped out of bed and began firing his revolver, and of the five shots fired three entered the head of London and two Millaman. London is mortally wounded, but the doctors say Millaman may possibly recover.

Nichols Arrested for Bigamy.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—John H. Nichols, who came here from Seward county some three or four years ago, was arrested yesterday and placed in jail on a complaint sworn out by Mrs. A. L. Laughlin. He is charged with bigamy. The complaint alleges that Nichols was married to Sadie B., whose real name is unknown, in Lancaster county May 16, 1891, and that while his said first wife was living he was married to Lottie M. Loughlin in this city November 26, 1898. The complaining witness is the mother of wife No. 2. Nichols will have a preliminary hearing before Judge Hudson tomorrow. The state claims to have a good case against him. Nichols could not be seen this morning to make a statement in his own behalf.

Not to Be Put Under Bonds.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Justice Archer listened to the evidence in the case of the State of Nebraska against F. August Newman. The parties are from South Bend and the suit is the direct outgrowth of the cases now pending against Dr. Isaac D. Jones. The doctor appeared as complaining witness and asked that the court place the defendant under a peace warrant, among other charges, alleging that Newman, while in an intoxicated condition, had accosted him on the street in South Bend and offered to fight him a duel with pistols. For these reasons he asked to have the law protect him. After listening to all the evidence Justice Archer decided that the evidence was not sufficient to justify him in placing the defendant under bond to keep the peace, so he ordered him released.

Wolf Hunt at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—A grand wolf hunt took place today on the famous Shell Creek valley. A territory of eight square miles was covered by four lines of men, making the creek bottom the center point. A number of wolves were slain, besides considerable other game. The wolves have been making themselves quite troublesome this winter, a number of farmers having lost pigs and chickens by their depredations.

LEAD RISING FROM ITS ASHES.

City Filled with All Kinds of Salesmen Doing Rushing Business.

LEAD, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—This city is filled today with insurance adjusters, traveling men and would-be contractors, all of whom are doing a rushing business. Most of the insurance has been settled satisfactorily and teams and men were set to work this morning on a number of the burned lots to clear away the rubbish. There is evidence of a fight over locations in the city, now that all of the wooden buildings have been burned on the west side of Mill street. There is to be a new hotel this summer and the Homestake people want it built on Mill street across from the Homestake offices and store. Another faction wants the hotel on Main street, on the lot formerly occupied by the Miners' union hall.

The election next month promises to turn out to be quite warm on the office of mayor as a consequence.

Contracts have already been let for five new brick blocks, which will be erected by E. Faust, John Zerfing, Miss Maude Faust, P. Gushurst and J. K. Searle, all on Main and Bleeker streets. Plans are being drawn for half a dozen new brick and stone buildings on Mill street. It is estimated that $100,000 worth of new goods of all descriptions were ordered by the lead merchants yesterday.

LATEST CLAIMANT BEING HEARD.

County Judge Wilkes Takes Evidence of James S. McClellan.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—County Judge Wilkes today decided that the evidence of James S. McClellan of Little Rock, Ark., who claims to be a son of the late John McClellan, whose estate is in litigation here, can be offered at this time, notwithstanding that the matter of taking the deposition of the estate out of Judge Wilkes' court, is now pending in the state circuit court. Therefore the case has been reopened by Judge Wilkes to the extent of admitting the testimony of the latest claimant, who commenced giving his testimony this afternoon.

Attorneys representing County Judge Wilkes appeared today before Judge Jones of the state circuit court and entered a denial to the charges upon which the American and Canadian claimants seek to have the McClellan estate permanently taken to the circuit court. The hearing will be held next week and is certain to prove one of the most interesting features of this now famous legal battle.

Black Hills Police News.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—The two men that were arrested for robbing the Olympic bakery Sunday night have been released. Four other men were arrested yesterday at Whitewood on suspicion and it is believed that they were connected with the robbery. They had $290 in express orders, which they had purchased in this city.

C. A. Hall was arrested at Sturgis for forging the name of the foreman of the Stearns ranch for the sum of $10.

A man was set upon by thugs last night near the Homestake assay office at Lead and robbed of his pocketbook and other valuables. He was found in an unconscious condition.

James R. Summers, an employe of the Homestake company, was taken to the Lawrence county jail today to answer to the charge of perjury in the case of Herbert D. Caddy, who was recently tried for the holdup of M. R. Russell in this city.

Peter Shea, the man who robbed a Sioux City commercial man and then tried to burn up the Campbell hotel, came near being lynched.

Politics in Black Hills.

CUSTER, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—The republican party of Custer county has been reinforced by the coming over to that party of two of the strongest democrats in Custer, B. R. Wood and F. J. Rutkowski, both of whom have been considered strong men in the other party. The republicans have organized a strong club in this city and the county convention has been called for the latter part of this month. E. W. Martin of Deadwood will be endorsed unanimously for congress. It is expected that the conventions of Fall River, Pennington, Meade and Butte counties will be held before the Lawrence county convention. All of these counties have pledged themselves solidly for Martin.

Seeks Damages from Coal Company.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—William F. Tracy of Sundance, Wyo., has brought suit against the Black Hills Coal company for $20,000 damages. Tracy was injured in the mines of the company at Aladdin in June, 1899, having suffered two fractures of one of his legs and being otherwise injured. Dr. Miller was at that time acting as the company's physician and Tracy charges incompetence and malpractice on the part of Miller in treating his injuries.

Poisoned by Butter Coloring.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—Information reaches here that a little son of Christopher Myers, who resides about seven miles northeast of Montrose, this (Minnehaha) county, is dead as the result of drinking a quantity of butter color, which had been left within his reach, it having been regarded as harmless. Soon after drinking the concoction the unfortunate lad was taken sick and lingered for three days before death relieved his sufferings.

County Convention Called.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—The political ball will be opened in Fall River county April 7, the county central committee today calling the county convention for that date, for selecting delegates to the state convention. The committee also unanimously invited Hon. E. W. Martin of Deadwood, the probable nominee for congress, to address the republicans of this county at that time.

Dakota Man Kills Himself.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—Word has been received here that John Brown, an aged citizen of Butler, Day county, had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Despondency, caused by ill health, is thought to have prompted the deed.

Sale of School Lands.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—The sale of Brown county school lands opened here Tuesday and was largely attended. Several tracts in the vicinity of Groton were sold at $16 and $16.50 per acre.

Sale of School Lands.

YANKTON, S. D., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—At the sale of school lands held today for Yankton county prices ranged from $12 to $15 per acre. Only six tracts were sold.

CROWDS WITNESS UNVEILING

Grand Army Monument at Columbus Officially Turned Over to the City.

DAY IS GIVEN OVER TO THE EXERCISES

Prominent Feature is Raising of Flag on a High Staff While Band Plays the Stars and Stripes.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Despite the unfavorable weather there was a large crowd here today to witness the unveiling of the Grand Army monument. Governor Poynter and Secretary Jewell came up last evening on the Burlington and Department Commander Evans arrived from North Platte early this morning.

At an early hour the city began to don its holiday attire and before noon the business houses along the line of march were a vast profusion of flags and bunting.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the procession formed and was headed by the Sons of Veterans' Drum corps. Next came the governor and Mayor Fitzpatrick, followed by the city council; Baker post, No. 9, Grand Army of the Republic; Company K, First regiment, National Guard; citizens and school children on foot.

Arrived at the park the program was gone through, consisting of patriotic addresses and music by the band.

J. H. Galley, as chairman of the monument committee, officially accepted the monument in behalf of Baker post. Post Commander Rector then officially turned the monument over to the city, which was accepted by Mayor Fitzpatrick.

Visiting Grand Army men were here from Schuyler, David City, Bellwood, Fullerton and other towns.

A prominent feature of the exercises was the raising of "Old Glory" on a high staff while the band played the "Stars and Stripes."

DEATH RECORD.

Old Resident of Lincoln.

LINCOLN, March 15.—(Special.)—Austin Humphrey, one of the oldest residents of the city, died this morning shortly after 5 o'clock of pneumonia. He was taken ill two weeks ago, going to his bed last Thursday. He had been unconscious since 11 o'clock last evening. Mr. Humphrey had been a resident of Lincoln for thirty-two years, being associated with his brother in the hardware business most of the time. He was 67 years of age, having been born in Richfield, O., in 1833. He moved west early in life, settling at Davenport, Ia. A few years later he came to Nebraska, arriving here in 1858. He resided in various portions of the state before settling in Lincoln in 1868.

When the first express company opened an express office in Lincoln Mr. Humphrey was its agent. A few years later he embarked in the hardware business. He was once a councilman, a member of the Board of Public Works during the existence of that body and also a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He was interested in the Hotel Lincoln ever since its founding, was one of its directors and has been its manager for the last four years.

The deceased left a widow and two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Herrick of Lincoln and Mrs. Myron Wheeler of Havana, Cuba. A brother and two sisters are also living, Norris Humphrey being in this city and the others in Richfield. No definite announcements have yet been made concerning the funeral.

Prominent Railroad Man.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Blake C. Howard died at his residence in this city late yesterday afternoon. He was born near Batavia, N. Y., in 1832. He moved to Illinois while still a young man and engaged in railroading at the time the Illinois Central railroad was under construction in the early 50s. He was an engineer on that road during the troublous times of the civil war, his run being from Centralia to Cairo, through the worst copperhead district of Illinois. He was mayor of Centralia one term during the cholera epidemic of 1866-7. Mr. Howard came west and entered the service of the Union Pacific Railroad company as traveling engineer in 1868. He came to Grand Island in 1871, having been appointed general foreman of the locomotive and car department of the Union Pacific shops at this place, in which position he continued to serve the company until his death. At the time of his death Mr. Howard was a director of the Grand Island Banking company, president of the Equitable Building and Loan association, a member of the school board, a Mason in good standing and of high degree and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His active railroad service covers a period of half a century and he was well known in railroad circles all over the country. He leaves a wife, two sons, three daughters and twelve grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Former Wyoming Assayer.

NEW YORK, March 15.—John G. Murphy, a well known mining engineer, died in this city today from a stroke of apaplexy, which he received last night. Murphy, in the early '80s, became superintendent of mines near Caracas, Venezuela. In 1882 he was appointed assayer for the territory of Wyoming and held that position for some time.

George F. Day.

News has been received in this city of the death of George F. Day in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Day was well known in Omaha, having made this his home for several years. He was married here in 1892 to Miss Carrie McLain and moved to Butte, Mont., to take charge of the city water works office. His wife and two children survive him.

Claude H. Hubbard.

OSCEOLA, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The death of Claude H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hubbard, has been announced. He had only been sick forty-eight hours, his death being caused by pneumonia. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church this morning, the sermon being preached by its pastor, Rev. W. R. Adams.

Resident Near Osmond.

OSMOND, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Henry Davids, an old resident of this place, died at his farm home near Osmond, on Wednesday, the 14th, aged 52 years. Henry Davids has resided in this community for seventeen years.

New York Judge.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Former Judge William Fullerton, one of the lawyers in the trial of the Beecher-Tilton scandal case here, died at his home in Newburgh today, aged 83.

Miss Amelia Buckley.

Miss Amelia Buckley, aged 18 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Lozier, 2423 Sprague street, died suddenly Wednesday night.

Republican League Called.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 15.—(Special.)—R. J. Woods, president, and W. G. Porter, secretary, of the Republican State league, have issued a circular letter calling a meeting of the state league to be held in this city on Tuesday, May 22, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing state officers for the ensuing two years and ten delegates to the Twelfth convention of the National Republican league, to be held in St. Paul July 17. The meeting of the state league here will be on the evening prior to the convening of the republican state convention, which will select delegates to the Philadelphia convention and nominate congressional and state tickets.

Increase in Railroad Building.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The Railway Age tomorrow will say:

Although more miles of new railway were built in the United States last year than in any year since 1890, there is every indication that the present year will witness even greater activity. In the aggregate there are nearly 59,000 miles of projected road, grouped by sections as follows:

New England states, 447; middle states, 2,240; southern Atlantic states, 9,750; gulf and Mississippi valley states, 6,798; central northern states, 5,263; northwestern states, 6,197; southwestern states, 21,207; Pacific states, 6,377; total, 58,841.

In 1899 4,588 miles of track were laid in the United States on 340 lines and in Canada 596 miles on twenty-one lines, and in Mexico 254 miles on ten lines.

Great Northern to Build New Tracks.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15.—The Great Northern has decided to abandon over 100 miles of its line in western Montana, building nearly as much new track in order to avoid some bad grades and marshes. Work will begin as soon as the weather will permit. The new line leaves the old one seven miles west of Kalispel and while following in a general way the course of the old line, climbs up into the uplands. It will rejoin the old line at Libby and all stations between that point and Kalispel will be missed.

Omaha Contractor Quarantined.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—An epidemic of glanders has attacked a large number of horses on the grade of the Burlington's Alliance-Guernsey line near Fort Laramie, and the camp of R. C. Cushing of Omaha has been quarantined. None of the persons in camp have contracted the disease, but seven horses have been shot.

To Take Suspects to Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 15.—At a conference between the county and district court officers here today it was determined to have returned here from Louisville Secretary of State Powers, Harlan Whittaker, W. H. Culton and Captain Davis, arrested in connection with the Goebel shooting and to give them a speedy examining trial.

Storm Rages at Cheyenne.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A storm is raging throughout this section tonight. Considerable snow has fallen and a strong wind is blowing, filling the railroad cuts. No losses to stock is feared, but the railroads may experience some trouble.

Dreyer Refused Second Trial.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Judge Waterman today refused to grant a new trial to Broker Edward S. Dreyer, former treasurer of the West Park board, who was recently convicted of the embezzlement of $310,000 of the board's funds and sentenced him to the penitentiary.

Harnden is Dying.

MADISON, Wis., March 15.—General Harnden is much weaker today. He will probably die within a day or two.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Continued Cold Today; Saturday to Be Fair and Warmer in Eastern Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

For Nebraska—Fair; continued cold Friday; Saturday fair; not so cold in eastern portion; north to east winds.

For Iowa—Fair; continued cold Friday; Saturday fair; not so cold; northerly winds.

For Missouri—Fair; continued cold Friday; Saturday fair; not so cold in northwest half; northerly winds.

For South Dakota—Continued cold Friday; Saturday fair; not so cold; north to east winds.

For Kansas—Fair; continued cold Friday; Saturday fair; not so cold; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, March 15.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900	1899	1898	1897
Maximum temperature	20	54	59	36
Minimum temperature	5	17	36	18
Average temperature	12	36	48	27
Precipitation	.00	.01	.01	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1900:

Normal for the day	31
Deficiency for the day	19
Excess since March 1	54
Normal rainfall for the day	.01 inch
Deficiency for the day	.01 inch
Total precipitation since March 1	.40 inch
Deficiency since March	.20 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1899	.06 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898	.15 inch

Report from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, cloudy	18	20	.00
North Platte, clear	24	26	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	54	56	.00
Cheyenne, snowing	24	26	.02
Rapid City, clear	18	24	.00
Huron, partly cloudy	4	14	T
Williston, clear	4	8	.00
Chicago, partly cloudy	14	18	T
St. Louis, clear	24	28	T
St. Paul, cloudy	2	6	T
Davenport, partly cloudy	16	20	T
Helena, clear	48	52	.00
Kansas City, clear	22	24	.00
Havre, partly cloudy	32	32	.00
Bismarck, clear	2	6	.00
Galveston, cloudy	46	48	.16

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