FRANK K. LANE

Member of the Interstate Commerce Commission

The Democratic Banner

COMMISSION IS PROBING RATES

Hears Charges Of Extortion Against Express Companies

David's of West Virginia Declares United States Only Country Where "Transportation Parasite" Is Permitted To Exist—Figures Submitted To Commissioner Lane Show Enormous Dividends in Last Few Years—Government Ownership Advanced

New York, Nov. 21.—Frank K. Lane, the Interstate Commerce commissioner looking into the express business of the country, the inquiry being held, was given a record of 253 business organizations, which he hopes to use in proving the racketeers, and whose valuations in railroads alone are in excess of $100.000,000.

One of the witnesses, Congressman David J. Lewis of West Virginia, said that the express company does not exist outside of the United States.

He had been in the country six years, and has never come across the equivalent of the American express companies. He feels that the government should consider the possibility of taking over the railroads as a way of dealing with the racketeers.

He said the average rate of coming from the United States was not more than 10 cents per mile.

He added that he had described the system to the U.S. Express companies for the past three years, and that it had made no move to put it into practice.

CHILDREN RUN OVER AND FATALLY INJURED

Charleston, O., Nov. 12.—Thomas Brown, 2, and his brother, Walter, 1, were killed when they were run over by a railroad car as they were crossing the street.

The train was passing through the intersection of two streets, and the boys were standing outside of the track. They were struck by the car, and died instantly.

The railroad company has been charged with negligence, and a coroner's inquest has been ordered.

SAUSAGE IS FATAL

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 12.—A little boy, aged 12, died after eating a sausage which contained a piece of glass.

He was rushed to the hospital, but died shortly thereafter.

M'BROOM LOST SUIT

St. Clairsville, O., Nov. 12.—Henry M'Broom, the St. Clairsville, O., president of the railroad, was unsuccessful in his attempt to win a lawsuit against the railroad.

He claimed that the railroad was negligent in failing to warn him of the danger, and was awarded only a small sum.

KILLED BY A FALL

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 12.—A man, aged 45, fell from a window and was killed.

He was a window washer, and was working on the upper story of a building.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Two men were killed and four others injured by the explosion of a dynamite bomb in a saloon.

The bomb was detonated by a man who attempted to blow up the building, but failed.

Maine Wreck Shows Evidence of an External Explosion

Inquiry into the cause of the wreck is under way.

The wreck, which occurred in Maine, showed evidence of an external explosion.

The photograph reproduced, shows the remains of the locomotive and the wreckage of the passenger cars.

The investigation will be continued until the cause of the explosion is determined.

BEATTIE TAKES SACRAMENT PREPARATES FOR THE END

Richmond, Va., Nov. 21.—I am in mortal peril," said Beattie, a member of the Southern Presbyterian church, "and I want to make my peace with God.

For several years I have been trying to live my life as a model Christian, but I have failed. I want to repent before God.

In his statement, he said he had been convicted of a crime, and was afraid of going to prison.

He asked for forgiveness, and promised to live as a Christian in the future.

He was executed by hanging.

To Vote Dec. 14

Greenville, O., Nov. 21.—The date for the election of the next president has been set for Dec. 14.

Pay Day Falling

The day for the payment of wages is falling, and the workers are complaining.

They claim that they are not being paid enough to live on.

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Our Two Leaders

PRESIDENT AND MANAGER

Nov. 1

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Fall Announcement:

We have one of Largest Stocks of Reliable Footwear in Central Ohio

WE GUARANTEE EVERY PAIR OF SHOES THAT GO OUT OF THE STORE AS LEATHER CAN MAKE THEM. IT COSTS YOU MORE BY THE PAIR, BUT LESS BY THE YEAR TO TRADE WITH THE GUARANTEE

Opposite Meyer-Linder's — Mt. Vernon, O.

GUARANTEE

Shoe Store

PREFER GOING TO JAIL AND WON'T PAY FINES

WIDOW SUES GROOM

GARY PLANT IS BUSY

Mr. P. P. Gill will be the first to visit the plant, which will be opened on Nov. 21.