

RECOMMEND HIS REMOVAL.

INSPECTORS MAKE UNFAVORABLE REPORTS
ON MR. NOFSINGER.

They Say That His Office Has Been Run in a Very Loose Manner and That While Nofsinger Is Himself Honest He Is Entirely Unfitted for the Position—How the Postmaster Accounts for the Condition of Affairs.

Special to the Kansas City Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—Postmaster General Bissell called on Congressman Tarsney for a consultation today and began an examination of the charges preferred against the management of the Kansas City postoffice. While no charges of dishonesty were made against Postmaster Nofsinger, the report signed by the three special examiners sent to Kansas City by the Postmaster General declared that he had shown himself to be grossly incompetent, and his removal was recommended for the good of the service.

This examination of the affairs of the Kansas City postoffice was occasioned by the publication some time ago of stories showing that certain employes of the postoffice department had hypothecated their salaries and sold their pay in advance to several different brokers. Three examiners were detailed by the Postmaster General and their report alleges a rotten condition of affairs to exist. It is charged that money had been stolen, letters had mysteriously disappeared, and a condition of chaos prevailed. It was clearly pointed out in the report that Mr. Nofsinger had not himself been guilty of malfeasance, but that the condition prevailed because he was entirely disqualified to manage the office.

No action was taken by the Postmaster General today, but another appointment was made with Mr. Tarsney, at which time something definite will be announced. While examining into postoffice affairs at Kansas City the report of Inspector McClure on the transfer clerks at the Union depot was taken up and an order made discharging M. A. Smith for gross negligence in attention to business and the loss of a mail pouch. No one will be appointed to succeed Smith, and hereafter two transfer clerks will be employed at the depot.

Referring to the charges of corruption made against his administration Postmaster Nofsinger last night said:

"When I took charge of the Kansas City postoffice I was aware that stealing had been and was going on in the branch office in the West bottoms. It was my intention to make a clean sweep of all employes there and I so informed Mr. Dice, chief inspector of this division. He asked me to defer action for a time, saying that the office was under the surveillance of the department, and that he feared wholesale discharges would prevent the detection of the guilty ones. So matters ran along for several months. I occasionally complained and always was met by a request to 'wait a while.'

"Finally, after I had been postmaster about a year, two inspectors were sent here. They bored holes in the flooring above the branch office, and spent a week watching the clerks, without detecting any crookedness. Nevertheless, money packages and registered letters were constantly and mysteriously disappearing, and I finally discharged a number of men. I am informed that stealing has been going on since that time, and I am aware that the inspectors have been closely watching the office. I am prepared at any time and am anxious to discharge any man on whom proof of guilt can be fastened or whose moral character can be shown to be other than it should be, but under the civil service rules, you know, cause must be shown."

RAILROAD ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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KANSAS PRESBYTERIANS.

They Complete Their Work in the Synod and Adjourn.

Special to the Kansas City Times.

OTTAWA, KAN., Aug. 16.—The twenty-third annual session of the Presbyterian synod of Kansas closed up the executive part of its proceedings late yesterday and most of the delegates and visitors returned to their homes today. The deliberations of the synod have been most pleasant and profitable, and the popular lectures furnished in the programme have been well attended.

The loyalty of the synod to sound Presbyterianism and its sympathy for the synodical college was manifest when in response to an appeal by the Rev. Dr. Hewitt, president of the college of Emporia, over \$1,400 was raised among the members for the college.

Rev. T. B. Penfield of New York, secretary of the Young People's Board of Home Missions, during his visit won great popularity, not only among the young people, but also among the older delegates present. In his several appearances on the platform he ably presented the cause he represents, which, added to his fine social qualities, carries the conviction that the board has made a happy selection in its representative. Mr. Penfield will return to attend the next Christian Endeavor convention at Topeka.

Hon. M. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, a representative of the Westminster church of Topeka, was an attendant at the synod. The synod changed the time of its annual meeting from August to October, and will convene at Salina, Kan., in 1894. Resolutions expressing the thanks of the synod to the city of Ottawa for the use of Forest park and for its pleasant and hospitable entertainment were voted.

BRIEF BITS OF CITY NEWS.

A regular weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the Rialto building this afternoon.

The ladies of St. John's church, 1447 Independence avenue, will serve ice cream on the church lawn this evening from 7 until 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Ella Ross, wife of Joseph Ross, grocer at Mulberry and St. Louis avenue, died yesterday morning at her home, 313 West Fourteenth street.

M. F. Kritzer's home at 1714 Agnes avenue was damaged \$100 by fire at 6:20 yesterday morning. The blaze is supposed to have been started by mice and matches.

The fire at 8:30 o'clock last night was in the basement of the Gem shoe store at Eleventh and Main and was caused by an over-heated furnace.

WILL GIVE THE G. A. R. A

THE ALTON TO MAKE A PROPOSITION
TODAY'S MEETING.

Mr. Charlton Writes a Letter in Which Expresses the Opinion That at Least One-Fare Rate for the Triangular Should Be Made—The Southwestern Association Likely to Go to Pieces—Railroad News.

The Western Passenger association hold one of its regular meetings at Chicago today for the purpose of considering matters of interest to the public. One of the most important subjects which will go for consideration will be the question of Grand Army rates for the national convention to be held in Indianapolis during the month. A great deal of consideration already been given to this subject, resulting in just as little satisfaction to the railroads as to the Grand Army. It is gratifying to learn that the present financial situation and the toward strict economy have not banished sentiment entirely from the management of the Western lines, as is evidenced by the position taken by the Chicago and Alton road. The policy of that company in years has always been in favor of low rates for the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mr. Charlton, general passenger and ticket agent, evidently sees no good reason why that policy should be changed at this date. The following is a letter from him upon this subject:

D. Bowes, Esq., G. W. P. A., C. & A. R. Co., St. Louis, Mo.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 15.—Dear Sir: In your letter of 12th inst., I beg to say that George M. B. Kelly, department commander of the Grand Army in correspondence with me has mentioned that a rate of \$15.75 from Kansas City to Indianapolis and return would be satisfactory to the Grand Army. I do not see any difficulty over in a rate of this kind being made, and will vote for it if no better rate can be agreed but it seems to me that even a more favorable rate than this may be made by taking the regular fare from Kansas City to St. Louis, half the regular fare from Chicago to Kansas City and adding to that whatever rate the Grand Army will make from St. Louis to Indianapolis. Indianapolis to Chicago will make, of course the Grand Army will desire to be carried by one route and return by another. Our preference, which, I believe, is in line with the convenience, would be that they should go via St. Louis to Indianapolis and return via Chicago. This would give St. Louis a show, which we much desire, and which, I think, all lines will admit to be only fair; but we will not stand on details and will vote for their going and returning by diverse routes as they may select to suit their own convenience. Limits of tickets and other details to meet the requirements of the Grand Army can easily be arranged if the main question of rates is first settled. This, as I understand, even more than the Grand Army has asked, will take care that this proposition is presented at the meeting on the 17th inst., and if it carries we will vote for any proposition which commands the votes of a majority of the lines.

J. CHARLTON.
The various department commanders of the Grand Army in the West have been very anxious indeed to secure a round-trip going via St. Louis and the direct line, returning from Indianapolis via Chicago, thereby enabling the old soldiers to visit many different towns as possible on the journey and giving them an opportunity of visiting the World's fair returning. The Chicago and Alton railroad, having a line from Kansas City to St. Louis, also one from Chicago to Kansas City, seems to hold the key to the situation and is quick to take advantage of it.

It is hoped that every line and member of the Western Passenger association will withdraw any objections they have expressed the past to low rates for the Grand Army and unite with the Alton road in giving the old soldiers what they ask and what they have a right to expect.

NO DEFINITE ACTION TAKEN.

Western Roads Hold the Question of Reductions in Abeyance.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 16.—A meeting of general managers of the lines terminated