

The Railroad Commissioners.

The Board of Railroad Commissioners arrived in this city yesterday evening, as per advertisement. The party consisted of commissioners Walsh, Harmon and Slotten, together with their secretary, Mr. Edgerly. The party came in on a special train furnished by the Great Northern Line, and was accompanied by Division Superintendent Jenks, who did the honors of the road. Mrs. Harmon and Mrs. Walsh were also in the party.

The Commissioners were met by a committee of citizens, Messrs. Wallace, Luce, Wamberg and Wasein, who first conducted them up the railroad track, and showed them the side track (or, rather, lack of side track) and the great "farmers elevator." This was done that the gentlemen might see for themselves that our side track accommodations were very limited and were not adequate for the business transacted by the road here, and for the accommodation of the farmers and other shippers at this point, and also to show that the loading platform, as it is, is practically useless to farmers in loading wheat.

The committee next conducted the party to the Hope House, where supper had been prepared. After supper they adjourned to the Arcade hall, where an open meeting was held. Mr. Wallace, on behalf of the citizens, presented our case to the board. In a carefully prepared document he stated to the commissioners—first, our poor train service, stating how passengers for the Hope line were compelled to wait at both Breckenridge and Everest an indefinite length of time when on their way up the line, and also the poor accommodations given passengers on the road. Second, the excessively high freight rate to which we, in the state, are subjected was cited, very briefly. Third, the very poor accommodations had at this station in the way of side track and loading facilities.

To back up the justice of our appeals for better accommodations all around, Mr. Wallace read a very carefully prepared statement of the business done by the company at this station, which statement had been compiled by the citizens' committee.

The commissioners were very attentive and courteous throughout the presentation of the statements, and at the completion of the citation, Mr. Walsh, the chairman, on behalf of the board, in a neat speech assured the citizens that the matters presented to them would receive their earnest attention, and that they would do all in their power to help us out in what was asked by them.

The meeting adjourned at about 9 o'clock, p. m. and the gentlemen were escorted to the train by a number of citizens, departing at about 9:30 o'clock.

They are very pleasant gentlemen, and their visit to our city was very much enjoyed by our citizens, and we are confident that much good will result to us from their visit.