

ASK DISMISSAL OF APPLICATION FOR RATE RAISE

STOUGH ASKS THAT BELL PETITION BE THROWN OUT.

City Manager Kemmish Taking a Prominent Part in Phone Hearing at Lincoln.

At the resumption of the Northwestern Bell rate hearing before the state railway commission Monday forenoon, Dale P. Stough as attorney for Howard county patrons moved to dismiss the application for higher rate on the ground that the real party in interest is the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. of New York, which owns practically all the Northwestern Bell company's stock, and that the former instead of the latter should have made the application, says the Lincoln Star.

Without ruling on the motion, which was taken under advisement, the commission took up other phases of the inquiry and listened to some informal arguments by the attorneys on both sides. Part of the time was taken up with dialogues between members of the commission and the attorneys.

City Manager N. A. Kemmish of Alliance, appearing as counsel for the telephone patrons of that city, submitted a lengthy brief in which he took the ground that telephone service in western Nebraska is not as valuable as in the more densely populated eastern section, and hence that the rates there should be less, even though the cost of equipment and rendering the service might be the same.

Butte Man Attacks Valuation.

After Attorney E. M. Morsman of the telephone company had read a stipulation agreed to by all parties represented at previous hearings, which fixed a book value of \$12,809,887 for all the Northwestern Bell properties in Nebraska, Secretary William Whitla of the Butte Commercial club protested the value of \$7,819 for the exchange at that place, including working capital.

"I'll show by our assessment records that they are not paying taxes on any such sum," he declared.

Whitla had figures placing the total assessed valuation of the company's plant in Butte and surrounding territory amounting to \$3,675, or less than 50 per cent of the claimed value of this hearing.

Considerable discussion took place between members of the commission on one side and Messrs. Stough and Kemmish on the other, as to whether the entire holding of the A. T. & T. should be considered as a whole in deciding the question of a rate increase, or whether each state should be dealt with separately.

"The only thing this commission can do is to see that the rates in Nebraska are made high enough to bring a fair return upon the property in this state," insisted Attorney Morsman.

Attorney Stough protested that the Bell was asking for a blanket raise on all exchanges, including those where it has been making money heretofore as well as on others where it claims to have been losing. This would be inequitable, he asserted.

Kemmish Has a Plan.

At one point in the general discussion City Manager Kemmish of Alliance expressed himself in favor of charging by measured service. He said this principle was recognized in fixing rates higher for city and village patrons than for farmers, although it cost most to run lines out into the country.

"The man in town uses the telephone oftener; the service is worth more to him, and therefore he pays more for it than the man in the country, though it may cost the company as much to serve the latter as the former," Kemmish stated.

"What about the farmer who uses his phone ten times a day, compared with one who has only one call a day?" asked Commissioner Browne.

"He should pay more," replied Kemmish.

"Then you favor measured service?" "Yes."

Attorney Morsman said that no one present would live long enough to see the conclusion of the hearing if the state commission were to extend its inquiry into telephone rates and service all over the United States. The earnings of the American Telephone & Telegraph company could not be considered, he declared, because it does not operate the properties in Nebraska.

Parent Company Prosperous.

Mr. Kemmish quoted from the A. T. & T. annual report for 1921 showing that its net earnings last year available for dividends, were 11.10 per cent; the previous year, 11.72 per cent; and in 1919, 10.05 per cent. After paying 9 per cent dividends and reserving \$3,000,000 for contingencies, he said, the sum of \$8,328,300 was added to surplus.

As a counter showing in part to testimony given by experts for the American Telephone & Telegraph company several weeks ago, giving credit to the general staff of that concern for the invention of a "loading coil" and other modern improvements. Special Counsel Hugh Lamaster of the railway commission mentioned United States patent on that apparatus granted to Michael Pupin in 1895, 1899 and 1900, before the general staff came into existence.

V. E. Wilson and U. G. Powell, who have been employed by the commission in this case, will have some complications to put in as the hearing progresses, relative to the financial results of operation by the Bell telephone organization in Nebraska and elsewhere.

D. J. Traill of Grand Island and W. H. Young of Fremont were among those present opposing increased rates. W. C. Lambert of the Omaha city legal department also attended.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES HELD SUNDAY EVENING

(Continued from Page 1) to present the teaching to humanity through the Christ. Peter seemed to understand this in his conversation with Jesus. Many of his disciples had left Jesus because they failed to understand him. He turned to Peter and said, "Will you also go away?" Peter replied, "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." The way is open to the young people of this day to exercise an influence for this peace and harmony. It depends upon your conduct in life. You can live a life. Not mere existence is called for, but real living. As Horace Bushnell has said, "Live as with God; and whatever be your calling, pray for the gift that will perfectly qualify you in it."

Advantages of Today.

Multiplied advantages are yours of today. You have good homes. Not perhaps, that you are living in mansions. "Be it ever so humble there's no place like home," is just as true now as when it was first written. A good home is where harmony and love exists between parents and children, and when each member of the family considers that all are partners. Wherever such a home is, that is heaven.

You also have the advantage of good schools. The public school system makes it possible for every boy and girl to receive an education. The law makes it obligatory upon parent or guardian to compel the child to attend. Thus intellectual attainments are within the reach of all children of ordinary ability. This, of course, depends upon the ambition and the industry of the individual.

Helpful organizations are the privilege of all children of good conduct. These organizations will bring out the best there is in the young people. Sometimes one person finds himself a member of too many of these organizations and he is unable to devote enough time to any one of them. As we sometimes say, "too many irons in the fire some will get burnt." Use the appropriation from those that you can use and let the rest go. These will help you get out of the shell of selfishness and you can learn from others in your association with them.

Church is Helpful.

The most helpful organization, and often the most neglected, is the church. This is the great and only organization ordained by God, to uphold the truth. Many people have the mistaken idea that the church contributes less than it receives. It makes the greatest contribution to society of any organization in the world. Without its presence and influence property would be of little value. Few would desire to live where there is no church influence. It is your best friend. Affiliate with it and give it your co-operation and support.

The progress of the future depends upon the young people of today. Tomorrow you must turn the wheels in the industrial world. We have become a machine using people. That which formerly was done by hand power is now done by machinery. This is true in shop and factory also to a great extent in the home. Your genius and wisdom will determine the extent of your contribution to the industrial demands of your day.

Importance of Politics.

In the political field, you must do your part. Some of you must become officials of our government. All of our citizenship, both men and women, should exercise the right of franchise. Neglect of this is a tendency toward poor government. We believe our government is one of the best and it provides for the settlement of all questions at the ballot box. Men and women should show their interest in this and should avail themselves of this privilege. Only peaceful means can bring the best accomplishments for all the people. We must continue a "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

The progress of the future depends upon the young people of today to uphold the greatest and highest ideals of morality and religion. A people of low ideals will be a people of loose and bad religious principles. You have it within your power to lift the ideals higher and create a desire for these which are the best.

In the accomplishment of these purposes, where should the emphasis be placed? In the acquirement of great wealth? Unless one is a producer of something beneficial or essential, he is a parasite upon society. The material necessities or their financial equivalent is just as essential to our present welfare physically as is the air we breathe, but the accumulation of wealth as the sole aim in life is a low motive for our existence. Spiritual values are of the first importance.

Place of Social Life.

Can we succeed in life without social prestige? That depends upon our viewpoint. If we mean by that our participation in those social activities which are destructive of the best morals or at the best annihilate the spiritual life or desire for the best things, then we will find it to the advantage of all to only select those social activities which will build us up and strengthen us. It should be appropriating those things to our use which build us up morally, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Should the emphasis be placed upon political preferment? We have no political caste in this country. The way to political honor is open to all. Note the number of men who occupy the highest offices under our government. Many of these from our president down to the lowest officials were from the ranks of the poor who struggled upward. They had ambition, vision and were willing to work. The results have justified their efforts. You should elect that avocation which will enable you to make your greatest contribution to humanity's upward struggle for the highest and best. This may be in the teacher's profession, the legal, the editorial, the doctor's profession, the ministerial, or in a thousand others. Select your profession with this in view. In this I can and I will contribute my best to humanity. Service is the word to consider in your entering a profession.

Jesus who had the words of eternal life, was the same one who said, "He that is greatest among you, let him be servant of all."

It was the Christ who was born in the midst of poverty and during his ministerial career had no place to lay his head. Yet it was truthfully said of him, "He went about doing good." He was martyred in his perfect demonstrating to humanity of the Law of Love. The greatest lesson that he has given us is on "service."

Faber has said, "The great fact of life is that life is a service." Real life is service. Mere existence may count for but little. Young people, you have attained to some degree of success in your graduation from our high school. Imitate Him whose words were life, by making your choices in life count for the best. Be earnest and honest and sincere. If you continue as you have begun, your contribution will be worthy of the best.

Remember the words of Theodore Parker, "The earnestness of life is the only passport to the satisfaction of life." In the attainment of success in all other things, neglect not your obligation to Him whose words are the inspiration of your life.

ALLIANCE GIRL ONE OF EIGHT TO GO TO FRANCE

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Miss Rice is a former Omaha girl. When her parents moved to Alliance she accompanied them. For the last two years she has been employed in the general superintendent's office at the Burlington railroad station there. Miss Rice obtained many votes but they didn't pile up as rapidly as those of the Omaha candidates. Hers was a smaller organization; there weren't so many votes to be had. It was then Miss Rice decided to sacrifice her own ambition to loyalty to the Burlington.

"I couldn't see any chance of winning," she explained over long distance telephone, "so I decided to help Miss Katherine O'Brien. She, too, was a Burlington girl, and I thought our road should be represented in The Bee's delegation. During the last week of the contest I worked very hard for Miss O'Brien."

"The day before the contest closed I was told there was a chance eight girls might win the trip to France. I was in eighth place, and I had one day to make sure of holding it. I worked very hard."

"Yes, it's very wonderful. Miss O'Brien telegraphed me her congratulations just as soon as she knew the results. I'm sure she and I will be great friends during the trip. And to think that two Burlington girls are going!"

"No, I won't begin packing right away. I'll have to do some sewing first, so I'll have something to do. No, I've never been abroad before, but I'm not a bit afraid of seasickness. Even if I do get seasick, it'll be worth it."

Miss Rice stopped talking and a sigh of pure joy and happy anticipation could be heard at the Alliance end of some 400 miles of telephone wire.

BUSINESS MEN HAVE ENDORSED BLUE CARD PLAN

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Alliance be requested to withhold consideration of any such project or proposition where the promoters cannot exhibit the "blue card permit" and rely on the printed placard to be furnished by the chamber as a warning to such solicitors and promoters.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 1922.

We, the undersigned, business firms and citizens of Alliance, Neb., whose signatures appear on the pages following herein, declare that we have read the resolution passed by the chamber of commerce on May 22, 1922, a copy of which is attached hereto, and we

HEREBY AGREE to co-operate with this plan, and to abide by the same, to the effect that consideration will not be given by us to any proposition that appears to have for its primary purpose the making of a profit for the promoter thereof, whether promoted by local parties or those from outside of Alliance, unless the parties seeking such proposition exhibit the "blue card permit" from the chamber of commerce.

We further understand and agree that all solicitations for charitable purposes and all advertising propositions, whether presented by local or outside promoters, including the following:

- Highway signs,
- Publicity programs,
- Baseball score cards,
- Track meet or athletic contest score cards,
- Time tables,
- Cook books,
- Year books and directories of all kinds,
- Menus and bills-of-fare,
- Bill boards,
- Thermometers,
- Account books and time books,
- Highway route maps,
- Registers,
- Song books,
- Stage curtains,
- Outside magazine advertising,
- Subscription contests,
- Uncertain newspaper projects, etc.

will be considered within the jurisdiction of the "Blue Card Permit" committee and we will refer all solicitors and promoters to the secretary of the chamber of commerce.

John D. says in an interview that the financial outlook is very bright. What does the guy on the park bench say?—New York American.

They are arguing over why most wars started in April. Perhaps house cleaning had something to do with it. —Newspaper Enterprise Association.

The number of people in the United States who can not speak English is less than two millions. This includes train callers.—Richmond News-Leader.

Now that it is proposed to appoint a government commission to investigate the coal strike, its chances of long duration are bright.—Wall Street Journal.

The hold-up business isn't as big a crime as the business hold-up.—Newspaper Enterprise Association.

In The MOVIES

AT THE RIALTO.

Tonight the Rialto has a feature that ought to appeal to every movie fan—Irene Castle in "French Heels." It is taken from the story, "Knots and Windshakes," by Clarence Buddington Kelland. Palma May, like the Irene Castle of real life, was the brightest figure in New York's brightest night life. And then Lieut. John Tabor came into her life and carried her away to his father's lumber camp on her honeymoon. It was great sport at first, but the canary died, John's father nearly died of loneliness. When temptation came she actually welcomed it. Perhaps you'll sympathize with Palma, and perhaps you won't, but in either event you'll like the story and you'll like Irene Castle better than ever. It's the sort of picture that holds your interest to the very end.

As the enterprising young man who returned from the city and "puts it over" on the country sharpers who are attempting to swindle him out of his rightful inheritance, Eugene O'Brien, makes a decided hit in "Clay Dollars," which is the Rialto attraction for Wednesday. The story deals in a most entertaining way with the endeavors of Bruce Edwards, a youth from the country whose wits have been sharpened by a few years' experience in the city, to recover an inheritance which has been diverted from him by a crooked lawyer with the aid of a false will. The method which Bruce, aided and abetted by the encouragement of one Gordon, meets counter force, takes to regain his fortune is rather unique and forms the basis for a clever play of comedy and drama. Small-town types of the familiar and laughable specie known the world over provide many humorous moments.

"Why Men Forget," a distinguished production based on George Gissing's novel, "Demos," and enacted by a brilliant cast headed by Milton Rosmer, is the Thursday attraction at the Rialto. Mr. Rosmer, gives photoplay devotees a treat in this throbbing tale of tragic romance laid in an industrial setting. The characters are plain and rugged folk of a factory town who work out their destinies in the mills that dot the landscape in a picturesque part of old England. The theme of the story concerns the sudden rise to affluence of a factory toiler, one Richard Mutimer, and of his fall when his riches are gone. There is a big human lesson in the story but in no sense is it a preachment. Supporting Mr. Rosmer is a distinguished cast, including Bettine Campbell and Evelyn Brent, both of whom play important roles in the story.

Desirable city lots for sale at Alliance National Bank. 51-8

First Round is Almost Completed In School Tourney

The first round of the high school tennis tournament has now been played with the exception of one match—the Mote-Threlkeld battle, and each has taken one set. The final and deciding set will be played this evening. Robert Bicknell defeated last year's champion, Frank Dailey in straight

sets, 6-3, 6-4. Fowler defeated Charles Cross 6-4, 8-6. This was somewhat of a surprise as it was believed that Fowler would win easily. Morrow defeated Vandermiss 6-0, 8-6. One last set was a real battle, being taken only after a number of narrow escapes.

The second round will begin this evening, the matches for this being determined by a draw. Bicknell, chiefly because of his victory over Dailey seems to be the probable winner of the tournament. Unless he is off his game it seems unlikely that any of the other entries will be able to beat



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