

AGREE TO MERGER OF LIGHT PLANTS AT GRAND ISLAND

Tentative Plan Contemplates Consolidation During Period Water Power at Boelus Is in Use.

Grand Island, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Other cities in Nebraska which have been or may be called upon to merge electric light plants might be interested in the final solution of the problem in this city. A merger was requested by the coal administration at Washington of the Central Power company's plant with the state's plant at the Soldiers' home and the municipal plant. The first proposition by the Central Power company was refused. Several counter propositions were discussed and it was agreed by both sides that no saving in coal could be effected in the event two plants have an ordinary coal load. A proposition was finally agreed to, both sides contemplating a merger practically effective only when the water power of the Central Power company at Boelus is in use. In general terms the merger is on the following lines:

The agreement is to be for the duration of the fuel shortage, which might be longer, and again not as long as the continuation of the war. It is to be optional with the city to run its own steam plant at any time that the Central Power company's plant is not run on water power. The price of the current to be provided to the city by the Central Power company, whether on water power or otherwise is to be 1.9 cents per K. W. for the first 100,000 K. W. for commercial lighting, and 1.75 cents per K. W. for all over 100,000 K. W. per month. For all street lighting the rate is to be .5 cents per K. W. regardless of amount. The Central Power company is to pay the city \$250 per month for a "stand by" service of 650 K. W. In the event the Central Power company buys current from the city, the same rate of payment is to be applied that the city pays to the Central Power company up to 400,000 K. W. per month. If the Central Power company demands that much or more it is to be optional with the city to continue its entire plant or furnish to the Central Power company. A scale of deviation, made necessary by increase or decrease in coal prices, will be part of the agreement. The state's plant has so far not been considered.

North Platte Man Gets Check In Ramshorn Ditch Suit

Lincoln, July 12.—(Special.)—The state auditor's department has ordered a voucher drawn in favor of F. A. Wright of North Platte, who represented the state in the irrigation controversy with the Ramshorn Ditch company. The bill amounted to \$1,000 attorney fees and \$25 expenses.

Thirty-five Bushels Per Acre.
Beatrice, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Edward Galloway, a farmer and stock raiser near Adams, yesterday finished threshing his wheat crop and reports a yield of from 32 to 35 bushels to the acre.

Young Man Crushed When Auto Overturns; Dies En Route to Blair

Blair, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Bernhardt George Schole, 14 years old, of Hooper, was killed by the overturning of an auto near the residence of Fred Anderson, about four miles west of Herman. Young Schole was driving the car in company with C. L. Burdick, a farm hand, when he lost control of the car, which turned over twice, crushing his chest. He died on the way to the Blair hospital.

Garfield Refuses to Appraise Gas Plant at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Garfield, federal coal administrator, who was asked some weeks ago to appraise the local gas plant after it had been closed down for a few days, because the city commissioners refused to grant the company a 20 per cent increase in rates, yesterday wired the company that he would not name an appraiser because it would establish a precedent and probably conflict with some other department of the government. The matter will now have to be settled between the company and the city commissioners, but no action will be taken until Mayor Heffelfinger returns from Chicago.

State Fair Visitors Must Pay 10 Cents Street Car Fare

Lincoln, July 12.—(Special.)—Visitors to the state fair this year will pay a street car fare of 10 cents to the fair grounds from the city. This has been made necessary to cover the expense of putting in the new switch and terminal at the grounds. The car company will get the usual 5 cent charge while the other five cents goes to the fair association to help pay for the changing of the tracks, grading, rails and work. By this arrangement the fair association now owns and controls the tracks laid on the property of the association.

Holmesville Man Injured When Tractor Explodes

Beatrice, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Ray Wrightman was severely burned about the face and hands on the Frank Beam farm near Holmesville when a valve head of a tractor engine operating a threshing machine was blown out. Two men working about the engine were blown into a barbed wire fence, but escaped serious injury. By hard work the threshermen succeeded in saving the grain stacks.

Sailing Files for Sheriff

Beatrice, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—John Sailing, a member of the board of supervisors, filed for the office of sheriff on the democratic ticket. Seven candidates have so far filed on the republican and democratic tickets.

Soldiers Home Notes

Grand Island, July 12.—(Special.)—Mr. Anson Oils left this morning for Lincoln, having been called there by the serious illness of his granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Krogan, who are at present visiting in Omaha, have been transferred from the Burkett to the Milford Home, at their request. Mrs. J. Davey, of Giltner, Neb., motored to Burkett, accompanying her grandmother, Mrs. P. Vancil, to her home for a few weeks' visit. Mrs. Ellen Gleason returned from Omaha, where she had spent the past week with a son. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Culbertson, of Cottage Row, left this morning on a thirty days recreation trip.

EVANS FILES FOR CONGRESS FROM THIRD DISTRICT

Dakota City Man Was Special Prosecutor of Bootleggers In His Section of the State.

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, July 12.—(Special.)—Judge R. E. Evans of Dakota City has filed for the republican nomination for congress in the Third Nebraska district. The filing was accompanied with petitions from 10 of the 18 counties of the district and contained more than 500 names, many of them being well known and influential republicans of the district.

Judge Evans has long been one of the live and influential men of that section of the state, having been delegate to national conventions. He was special prosecutor of prohibition law violators in his district. As a result the gang of bootleggers which had been operating in that part of the state was curbed.

D. M. Amsherry Files

The filing of D. M. Amsherry of Broken Bow was received at the office of the secretary of state today for the republican nomination for secretary of state. Mr. Amsherry was formerly receiver of the land office at Broken Bow, and has been endorsed by the republicans of Custer county for the nomination.

John Swanson of St. Edward, but who lives in Platte county, has filed for the republican nomination for the state senate from the Eleventh district, composed of the counties of Platte, Polk and Merrick, represented in the last session by L. L. Albert of Columbus, a democrat.

George M. Adams of Crawford has filed for renomination as a candidate for the state senate on the democratic ticket, represented by him in the last three sessions. Mr. Adams was one of the democratic senators in the last session who made things so pleasant for Lieutenant Governor Howard, while occupying the chair after he had accused them of "crucifying the democratic party on a beer keg."

Obituaries

DENNIS CLARK, for twenty-five years section foreman of the Rock Island at Beatrice, died at a hospital in Omaha Wednesday of cancer. Clark was 55 years of age. The body will be taken to Colony, Mo., for interment.

LEE T. CROFT, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Croft, 1514 South Twenty-eighth street, died Thursday while visiting his brother at Johnston, Neb. Funeral services will be held at the home of his parents Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Wheat at Fremont Under Average; Use 50 Threshers

Fremont, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—Harvest is well under way. There is no shortage of labor, scores of men applying at local employment bureaus daily for work. The yield of small grain is slightly below the average. Wheat will produce from 15 to 30 bushels and oats from 30 to 50 bushels an acre. Threshing will begin in a few days. Threshing machine owners have organized to co-operate with the food administration in the saving of grain. Food Administrator B. W. Reynolds estimates that 50 machines will be operated in the county this summer.

Schuyler Organizes Home Guard Company of 110 Men

Fremont, Neb., July 12.—(Special.)—A company of home guards was organized at Schuyler with a membership of 110. The following officers were chosen: Captain, C. C. Childress; first lieutenant, C. C. Watts; second lieutenant, John Spidel; sergeant, E. S. Brownell, Ed Schmid, Leo Davis and James Gerrard. A committee was appointed to purchase uniforms and equipment.

Make Soldiers Citizens

Washington, July 12.—Forms and instructions for the naturalization of alien members of the American army overseas have been sent to France, the Department of Labor announced today, and employes of the department will begin the task of making citizens of alien soldiers at once.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR INSURANCE COMPANY BY BANK

Officers of Bank Ask Return of \$26,000 to Cover Notes Sold by Company.

To make the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident association, 401 City National Bank building, responsible for the acts of its agents, is the plan of the officers of the German-American State bank of Chalco, Neb., which has filed a petition with the state insurance board to appoint a receiver for the insurance company.

W. H. Smith, state auditor and member of the state insurance board, and W. B. Eastham, secretary of the board, are conducting hearings at the court house on the petition of the bank.

The Chalco bank purchased \$36,000 worth of notes which agents of the company accepted instead of cash payments of premium. Only \$10,000 of these were found collectable by the bank.

So the bank is petitioning that the state insurance board appoint a receiver for the insurance company so that its assets may be ascertained. It

asks the return of \$26,000, to cover notes amounting to that sum which it purchased at a discount of 10 per cent from the company's agents; it asks the removal of the treasurer of the company, C. C. Criss; the revocation of the license of the company to do business in the state; and it asks that Criss and four of his agents, W. C. Jenkins, J. W. McCarthy, F. C. Grovey and Fred B. Adkins, be forbidden to write insurance within the state.

Notes Made Good.
All of the \$26,000 worth of notes still held by the bank have been covered by the stockholders and are now in the possession of the attorneys for the bank. Fred J. Armbrust, cashier of the bank, and his father, Fred Armbrust, a stockholder, have personally made good \$13,000 of the amount invested in the notes.

Armbrust and his attorneys say that the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident association has redeemed between \$2,000 and \$3,000 of the notes bought by the bank from the company's agents. They also allege that Grovey Adkins and Jenkins are still in the employ of the company, and want the company held responsible for the acts of its agents.

Sears Files for Jenate.

C. W. Sears, Omaha attorney, who was a candidate for the republican nomination for attorney general four years ago, has filed for the republican nomination for the state senate.

Commissioners Made a Mistake in Gerrymander

The county commissioners overreached themselves in their gerrymander, according to Jerry Howard, who says that, in the alleged attempt to restrict the county to hold "Long Tom" O'Connor safely in office, they took in a large slice of territory in which Oscar Pickard lives. Pickard, who used to be county commissioner, is going to be a democratic candidate for the office now and O'Connor, it is said, will get no aid or comfort from the territory thus taken in. Pickard is transferred from Comp-ton's district, against whom he had expected to run.

Edward F. Trefz Speaks To the Retail Grocers

Edward F. Trefz, formerly pastor of Kountze Memorial church, Omaha, and now a food administration speaker, spoke in place of Herbert Hoover at the national convention of retail grocers. Mr. Trefz was one of a commission of six sent to England and France to study food and war conditions.

"We discovered over there that Germany is spending \$500,000 a month in America in propaganda," he said. He declared that there is a decided food shortage in France and England and that the defeat of Germany depends on America.

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