

Omaha's Electric Light Rate Will Remain at 6 Cents

Expert Pares Down Figures On Estimated Revenue Increase for Power Company Under Ure Ordinance.

Omaha must still stagger along without a new electric light ordinance.

Alton D. Davis, expert accountant employed by the city to solve the ordinance problem, has come and again is about to depart—at the city's expense, according to Corporation Counsel Lambert.

Mr. Adams met with the special committee of light ordinances, headed by City Commissioner Zimman, yesterday. He announced that his former estimate that the Ure light ordinance would increase power company revenues \$307,000 might have been a trifle high.

Estimate Shaved Down. His new estimate, based on new data, on the increase the Ure ordinance would afford the company was \$215,000. Five minutes after the meeting started he had shaved down this estimate to \$205,000. At the close of the meeting Mr. Adams admitted there might be "some truth" in the claims of W. S. Robertson of the power company, who asserted the Ure ordinance would result in practically no increase in company revenues.

The outstanding fact brought up at the conference seemed to be that the small residence consumer is still paying 6 cents per kilowatt hour, while if the Ure ordinance were in effect he would be paying only 5 1/2 cents.

New Rate Not Contemplated. "The council committee considering this question of electric power rates has not had in mind establishing a new rate for the latter part of 1921," said Commissioner Zimman. "We are endeavoring to obtain from Adams information respecting the effort the Ure ordinance would have on the revenue of the company."

"The committee was not prepared to announce what rate will be proposed. After Mr. Adams has made his report the committee will confer with other city commissioners to formulate an ordinance regulating future rates."

Asked what had been accomplished by the meeting yesterday, Corporation Counsel Lambert said: "I don't know."

Asks for Figures. Mr. Robertson asked that accountant Adams furnish him with figures to show how he arrived at his conclusions. Mr. Adams refused to give the company blue prints of this data on the ground that the ordinance committee had not asked for them.

"Adams admits he didn't take into consideration many things which greatly would reduce his estimates," declared Mr. Robertson. "For instance the Ure ordinance gives wholesale consumers an option of three rates, the present ordinance gives them but one rate. It is certain that this class of consumers would choose a rate that is lowest to them and thus decrease our revenue by about \$40,000 under Adams' estimate."

"Then the Ure ordinance made a more liberal allowance for peak consumption, which would result in many users regulating their consumption to hours when the peak load did not exist, thus taking advantage of a discount provided in the Ure ordinance and cutting about \$15,000 from the estimate of increased revenue made by Adams."

Lowers Gas Estimate. Adams estimated that the increase in revenues from the Citizens Gas and Electric company would be \$40,980. He shaved this by \$10,000 this morning, admitting that he had based his estimate on assumed data. A further reduction of \$10,000 should be made in Adams' estimate on this one item, according to Robertson, because there are no large power users in Council Bluffs to make up the reduced revenue in residence lighting caused by the Ure ordinance.

A goal clause in the Ure ordinance regulating rates to wholesale consumers, according to coal prices, also would materially change Adams' deductions, according to Robertson.

"We'll submit an authentic statement to the ordinance committee in a few days, applying the Ure ordinance to the 1920 business of the company," said Mr. Robertson. "This statement will show that Adams has not applied necessary data in the proper manner."

Mr. Adams is to leave for the east tonight. He will return in two weeks "if necessary," he says.

Breach of Promise Suit For \$50,000 Reinstated. The dismissal filed a few days ago in the \$50,000 breach of promise suit of Gertrude M. Craig against Joseph Leopold, Omaha grain man, and later repudiated by Miss Craig's attorneys, was explained by Walter E. Child, Leopold's attorney, yesterday. "The facts are," said Child, "that Miss Virginia Craig, a sister of the plaintiff, brought a copy of the dismissal to my office stating that the original had been filed. Before going to the court house to verify this I found the dismissal had been filed with the purported signatures of Miss Craig's attorneys affixed, and which I did not for a moment doubt were genuine. Later I learned that plaintiff's attorneys denied having signed it and I consented to a reinstatement of the case."

100 Marines Will Arrive This Week to Guard Mail. One hundred of the 200 marines assigned to Omaha to guard the mails will arrive the middle of next week from Quantico, Va., Superintendent J. H. Musgrave of the railway mail service learned yesterday.

Twenty-five will be detailed at once to the postoffice, the Harney street station and registered mail trucks. The other 75 will go on duty at the Union Pacific transfer and on mail trains out of Omaha. Until they arrive mail trains are being guarded by ex-service men obtained through the American Legion.

Louis J. Piatti Will Leave \$40,000 to Wife. Will of Louis J. Piatti, former Omaha lawyer, leaving his entire estate, estimated at \$40,000, to his wife, Mrs. Minnie Piatti, has been filed with the clerk of the county court. It names Mrs. Piatti executrix, and John D. Wear, law partner of the deceased, executor.

Pioneer of Grafton Celebrates Birthday



Fairmont, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—John Shoff of Grafton celebrated his 81st birthday anniversary at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lou W. Frasier, in Fairmont. Two other daughters, Miss Hattie Shoff and Mrs. W. A. Thomas, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Shoff of Grafton, assisted in entertaining 40 pioneer friends.

Mr. Shoff was born in Gurnsey county, Ohio, October 27, 1840. His father died when he was 5 and in 1860, with his mother and brother, he moved to Keokuk, Ia. He enlisted for service in the civil war in Company H, 33d Iowa volunteers, August 14, 1862.

After his discharge he returned to his mother's home and was married to Miss Martha Taylor at Moon, Pleasant, November 25, 1866. He took up a homestead near the present site of Grafton in April, 1871. He opened the first postoffice in Grafton in 1875 and served in that capacity for 32 years.

Lonesome, Tired, Banker Writes, Then Slays Self. "I love everyone, but am worn out," Joplin financier says in suicide note.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 12.—Amos Gibson, president of the First National bank of Joplin, and a former Kansas City banker, was found dead in his room at a hotel in Mexico City, Mex., yesterday, according to a dispatch received by the Joplin Globe last night.

According to the dispatch a revolver was clutched in his hand, and there was a bullet wound in his right temple.

Directors of the First National bank, in a statement late last night, that a notice would be posted upon the doors of the bank today, announcing that because of the death of Gibson the bank would be closed today and would remain closed pending action of the comptroller of currency at Washington.

"Lonesome and Tired." A note left by the financier, as quoted in the dispatch, read in part: "I am absolutely worn out. Have never done anything wrong, but am lonesome and tired, as must quit."

"My bank in Joplin is absolutely all right in every way. I have more than \$85,000 in this hotel. Cashier, send \$75,000 to C. B. McCluskey, Midwest Reserve Trust company, Kansas City. Send \$10,000 to embalm my body; ship me to Kansas City. Wire daughter, Mrs. Wallace Wilson, Joplin. Balance of my money use to pay damage to hotel."

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Student's Wife Killed. Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—Planned between a truck and an automobile in which she was riding here tonight Mrs. J. J. Baird, 36, was so badly hurt that she died in a nearby residence shortly after the accident occurred. Besides her husband, a student at Still college, Mrs. Baird is survived by two children—Jack, 5, and Kenneth, 7, and three sisters and one brother, all of Toledo, O.

Omaha Shippers Await New Rail Rate Schedules. The new tariff schedules covering freight reductions ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission on October 20 and which will go into effect November 20 have not yet been issued by the railroad companies, pending a final conference with the commission next Wednesday, it was announced yesterday.

Omaha shippers are awaiting the new schedules, which will cover whatever reductions in freight rates are finally agreed upon. The reductions will range from 10 to 40 per cent on different commodities.

Ex-Service Men Sought By Red Cross Office Here. Valuable information awaits the following ex-service men at the Red Cross office, 210 Kennedy building, 205 South Nineteenth street: Fred Reynolds, Julius Larson, Glenn Trent, Carl Johnson, George Waggoner, Thomas Cross, Henry Eastbrook, Earl H. Tiffany, Chester W. Hanna, Ernest M. Lien, Ray Frank Lucas, James Bailey, George Nitz, Edward B. Peterson.

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Baron Takahashi Is Named New Premier of Japan

Former Minister of Finance Under Hara—Studied English in U. S., 1867 To 1868.

Tokio, Nov. 12.—Baron Korekiyo Takahashi, minister of finance in the

Hara cabinet, was named premier today. Tokio, Nov. 12.—Baron Takahashi, who succeeds the murdered Hara at the head of the Japanese government, is 67 years of age. He speaks English fluently, having studied the language in the United States during 1865 and 1868. While in America at that time, Takahashi is said to have been held in a state of near-slavery for several months through the machinations of a guardian. Teacher of English. After his return to Japan Takahashi became successively a teacher of English in a clan school at Ka-

ratsu, principal of the Osaka English school, and later an official of the department of agriculture and commerce. Following this first step up the rungs of the political ladder, he was promoted to the presidency of the patent bureau, which he resigned in 1890 to engage in a silver mine exploit in Peru. The project failed and Takahashi again came back to his native land and took up finance in the Bank of Japan. Rise Rapid. His rise in the business world was rapid and in 1906 he became vice-president of the Bank of Japan and president of the Yokohama Specie bank.

Mother and Daughter Accused of Perjury

Mrs. Ludmila Strlika and her daughter, Marie Seemes, 3528 V street, were charged with perjury by attorneys for Louis and Gail Margolin in a hearing for new trial before District Judge Carroll O. Stauffer yesterday. Several weeks ago Mrs. Strlika obtained a verdict of \$3,200 against the two men for alleged misrepresentation in the sale to her of the Loyall motion picture theater, 2410 Caldwell street. She represented herself at that time

as a widow and her daughter corroborated her testimony. Lawyers for Louis and Gail Margolin this morning put witnesses on the stand who testified that Mrs. Strlika has a husband, Joseph, living; that he has been working in South Omaha packing plants for two years, and that although divorced from Mrs. Strlika, he has been living with her at her home. Judge Stauffer took the motion for new trial under advisement at noon. An inventor has designed a shell for bass drums with a door in one side to permit smaller drums and other articles to be carried inside it. See Want Ads Produce Results.

Paul Skinner and Family Sail for Europe Dec. 10

Paul Skinner applied for passports for himself, his wife and daughter, Virginia, at the emigration office in the federal building yesterday for a short business and pleasure trip to Europe. They will sail on the Olympic, December 10. Missionary Meeting. The Omaha district inspirational meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church will be held in Walnut Hill Methodist church, Forty-first and Charles streets, next Friday at 10 a. m. Reports of the national convention will be given.

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