## Protests Filed Against Phone Rate Increase

Alliance and Tekamah Clubs Tell Rail Commission Move Not in Accord With Present Conditions.

company to get rate increases from he State Railway commission, which will cover the 10 per cent wartime surcharge which expires January, I, were received by the commission to-day from the Aliance Chamber of ommerce and the United Com-

munity club of Tekamah.

The substance of the Alliance protest was to the effect that telephone rates were higher now than ever before, and, if any action were contemplated by the company, it should desire to reduce rather than boost

The Tekamah organization declares that an overwhelming public coinion there is against anything on the part of private or public corporations except reductions to meet like reductions in incomes due to falling of prices of farm products as well as falling in prices of wages. Mrs. E. Brewer, 1354 Ellison street, Omaha, writes to protest against the application, declaring her husband with a wage reduction was having difficulty enough meeting

John Curtiss, secretary of the commission, declared today that as nearly as could be ascertained the application of the telephone company wouldn't increase its revenue but would take the place of the surcharge imposed on telephone users during the war. "I think that in Alliance rates

under the application will be a little higher." Curtiss said, "while at Te-kamah they will be a little lower." The company in its application asks to divide its patrons outside of Omaha into nine zones, different

rates being charged in each zone, while Omaha would be divided into four zones with a different rate in The hearing on the application will be held December 28 at Lincoln.

Iowa Fed Steer Gains 305

815 pounds three months ago. Thursday it tipped the scales at 1,120 pounds, or a gain of about three and one-third pounds a day. Mr. Albers said there would be an immense sur-

Grand Island Hog Feeder

to the Omaha market by John Stueven of Grand Island. One of the loads, consisting of 86 head, brought the top price of \$6.65 a hun-dred pounds. The other load, consisting of heavier hogs was sold for \$6.50 a hundred.

Ex-Service Hospital Probed by Oberlies

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A dish of macaroni and cheese, served to state tubercular hospital patients November 21 was responsible for an investigation con-ducted at the institution by C. L. Oberlies of the state board of control, following protests and com-plaints filed by disabled veterans of the world war against treatment of ex-service men who are wards of the state. Criticism of more than 20 witnesses examined centered against Lincoln, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—
Protests against the application of the Northwestern Bell Telephone the protests all concern a period of time when a change of cooks was

made at the institution. Mr. Oberlies, at the conclusion of the investigation, announced that he would recommend the hire of an expert dietitian to supervise the culi-nary department at the hospital,

Size of Proposed State

Gasoline Tax Problemtical Lincoln, Dec. 22.-(Special.)--Just ow much tax Governor McKelvie will ask the legislature at its special l'ebruary session to impose on gaso-line, to relieve small home owners from the 1922 road construction tax, is problematical and will remain so until figures are delved into and details are worked out. It was reported here today that George Johnson, secretary of the department of public works, after a cursory view of the situation believes a 2-cent tax is necessary. This, however, is in advance of a careful analysis of the situation. It may be more, it may

Dates for Court Terms in Eighteenth District Set

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.) Judge Colby has set the terms of court for the Eighteenth judicial district, comprising Gage and Jefferson counties, as follows: Gage county: First term, February 1, jury to report February 2; second term, June 5, no jury; third term, October 2, jury to report October 3. Jefferson county: First term, March 6, jury to report March 7; second term, June 19, no jury; third term, November 13, jury to report November 13. Naturalization hearings have been set for the second day of each term in each of the two counties

State Institution Loses 63 Head of Hogs by Cholera

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22. - (Spe-Pounds in 90 Days Feeding | cial.) - Dr. Stewart, superintendent A steer making a gain of 305 of the teeble-minded institute east of pounds in 90 days was brought to the stock yards as part of a ship-ment of cattle sent in by Ulrich Al-bers of Earling, Ia. Mr. Albers had averaged about 250 pounds. The herd a carload of fat yearlings which of 300 was immunized from cholera averaged 812 pounds and brought a and when the disease appeared the hogs were reinoculated, but this did The steer that made the big gain not stop the disease. Dr. Steward was bought as a feeder. It weighed figures his loss will be between 70 and 80 per cent.

Ed Barron Assistant U. S. Attorney of South Dakota

plus of corn in his part of the country, as there had been but little cial Telegram.)—Ed Barron, an atterney of Sioux Falls, formerly of Ipswich, S. D., has been appointed assistant United States attorney for Tops Market With 86 Head South Dakota, according to Wesley S. Clark, the new federal attorney for Two loads of hogs were brought the state, and will assume his duties January 2.

Blue River Frozen

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special Telegram.)-The coldest weather of 5.50 a hundred. the season prevails here. The tem-Mr. Stueven said live stock feed-perature this morning was 10 above ing was being carried on extensively and yesterday the mercury dropped around Grand Island, with a large to 4 above. The Blue river is covcrop of corn raised, most all of cred with a thin coating of ice for the first time this winter.

## Doctor Seeks Home He Thought Was His Own; But When He Got There, the Old Lot Was Bare

Piano Benches

North Eighteenth street.

Dr. Ivins went out to view the plained that the house was unsafe, family domicile Wednesday. He and that it was condemned and orreached the place where it should dered torn down by the city council be, only to find that it was gone, shortly after he had visited it last He had seen the house last summer. summer. It looked solid and substantial then.

Edgar Allen Poe's "Fall of the Ivins, Dr. Ivins went to Crawford. House of Usher" may be a bit un-canny, but it doesn't compare to the pied. Then it was rented. There feeling experienced by Dr. Orville was some difficulty in clearing up the C. Ivins. Crawford, Neb., when he title. This was accomplished this discovered Wednesday that the House of Ivins'" has disappeared Dr. Ivins had come to Omaha to its customary place at 2515 repair the house. He investigated and learned that neighbors had com-

Dr. Ivins plans to consult an at-Eleven years ago, following the torney to determine whether he can death of his mother, Mrs. Martha E. get redress from the city.

**Smaller Banks** Ignore Needs of

Burwell Rancher Charges Bankers Indifferent in Taking Advantage of War Finance Corporation.

Cattle Industry

for their customers out of government funds, according to W. Maddox of Burwell, a veteran rancher and live stock man, who was a visitor at the Omaha stock yards looking over the stocker market.

He said if the live stock men were not given assistance now that the banks would lose business in the end, because many ranches will be without live stock. Mr. Maddox gave an example of what the tight money market had done to the cattle business by citing an instance where two



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young cattle with calves were com-pelled to be put up for sale at auction and sold for only \$126 for the two. He said that two years ago the

heifers had cost \$130 each. "Activities in the cattle business in western Nebraska are rather quiet," said Mr. Maddox, "and there has been but a small amount of feeding done, and many of the rauch pastures are empty. With the bankers showing an inclination to help out, these pastures could be filled up. Right in our territory there are a number of ranch-"Activities in the cattle business in western Nebraska are rather quiet," ritory there are a number of ranch- the Commercial club at Broadwater. ers who have very few cattle and they are in good shape financially, but they cannot get money to replenish their in poor condition. When this stretch herds. It would be a great help if they could get some money that the

State to Be Finished

is completed the road will be in fine Bankers of Nebraska have been they could get some money that the condition through the entire state, lax and indifferent in getting loans government is ready to loan, and it is beginning at a point north of Julescondition through the entire state, up to the bankers to do something." Try The Bee Want Ad Columns. S30,000 road from the North Platte river valley to the table land south

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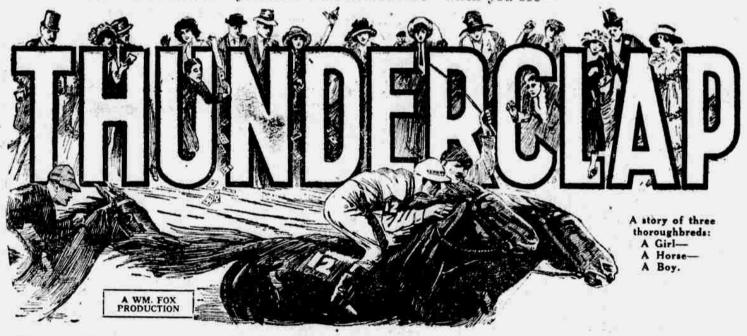
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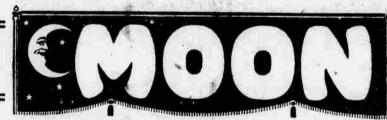
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