

# Fremont Is Cut Off From Omaha by Storm

## Tram Fare Hike Inquiry on Monday

"Wide Open" Sessions Before State Railway Commission at Federal Building; Improvement Clubs to Act.

## Higher Valuation Asked

The Nebraska State Railway commission will begin a hearing Monday morning in the federal building to determine whether the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company is entitled to an increase in revenue.

On December 15 the traction company filed with the state commission a petition for an order authorizing an increase of passenger rates to permit the company to earn 7 per cent on its valuation of \$14,100,000. The commission indicates a deficit in 1924 of \$264,749.67.

It is agreed among members of the State Railway commission, representatives of the street railway company, city officials and others that the hearing shall be "wide open." Corporation Counsel W. C. Lambert will represent the city to the end that the interests of rate payers will be protected.

The forward of the petition filed by the street railway company reads: "Now comes Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, a corporation, engaged in operating electric street railway lines in the city of Omaha, and petitions your honorable body to empower, order and direct that said street railway company charge, receive and collect an increase of present car passenger fares at a rate to be fixed by the commission that will yield to the company adequate compensation for the service performed, and a reasonable percentage of profits upon the investment in and value of properties of the company used and employed by it in the operation of its street railway system in the city of Omaha, and in support of the company states the following relevant facts."

**Valuation Too Low, Claim.**  
The facts as set forth state that the railway commission fixed \$14,100,000 as a valuation for rate-making purposes, this valuation being as of December 31, 1913, and is subject to increase on account of investments, betterments and improvements since made. The company claims a right to earn a net revenue over and above cost of maintenance and operation, taxes and other expenses, equal to 7 per cent on the valuation as fixed by the commission. The petition quotes the commission as having found that 7 per cent as representing the necessary annual return on the fair value. The company states that it suffered a net loss during the period of five years, 1920 to 1924, of \$1,924,947.85.

**Child Fare Boost Opposed.**  
Mayor Dahlman announced some time ago, and he has so advised the corporation counsel, that the city will resist any attempt to increase the present schedule of children's fares. D. Robinson, operating engineer of the Metropolitan Utilities district, will cooperate with Lambert in the hearing. It is explained by the board of directors of the utilities district that Robinson may participate in his individual capacity and that his testimony will be in no way connected with the utilities district.

## Postal Employees Hold Convention at Beatrice

Beatrice, March 14.—Gage County Association of Postal Employees, in its annual meeting at Beatrice, elected these officers: President, Carl Mutchmore, Liberty; vice president, A. C. Bradley, Beatrice; secretary, D. O. Kassing, Beatrice; treasurer, E. L. Sample, Beatrice. Address given by Postmaster Robert Pease and Assistant Postmaster Walter Baumgardner of Beatrice. Wynore was chosen as the next meeting place. Representatives were here from Wynore, Odell, Liberty, Holmesville and Filley.

## Mule Kick Fatal

Wymore, March 14.—August Baumfaulk, 22, who was kicked in the stomach by a mule while doing the chores four days ago, died Thursday in a Beatrice hospital. The young man lived alone on one of the S. D. Sparks farms in the Holmesville-Hoag vicinity. When kicked he was rendered unconscious and was unable to summon assistance for over two hours, finally managing to crawl to the house from the barn and call a neighbor on the telephone.

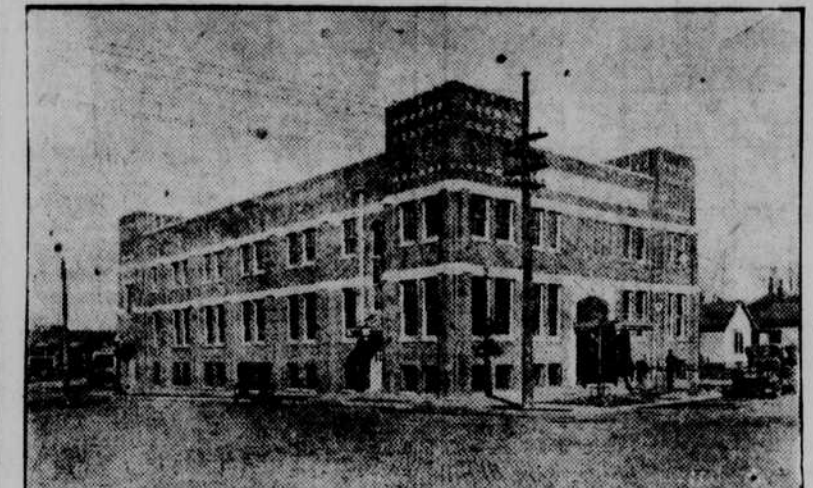
## Lawyers Honor Windham

Lawyers City, March 14.—Several members of the Otoe County Bar association will go to Plattsmouth Monday night to attend memorial services for the late Robert Windham, a member of the Cass County Bar association.

## Losses Bring High Prices

Columbus, March 14.—Horses sold as high as \$425 apiece at a consignment sale of registered Percherons conducted here this week by H. C. McKelvie, brother of former Governor Sam McKelvie. Two colts brought \$380 and \$300 each.

## Shenandoah to Dedicate New Armory



Shenandoah, Ia., March 14.—Governor John Hammill has given assurance that he will attend the formal dedication of Shenandoah's new \$50,000 memorial armory next Thursday. A program under the direction of the military authorities and civic organizations will be held. The legion auxiliary will serve a dinner.

## Dreams Drive Woman to Find Ancient Bible and Lay Claim to Big Fortune

**By F. A. WRAY,**  
*International News Service Staff Correspondent.*  
London, March 14.—Three strange dreams have prompted a Cumberland woman to claim a fortune estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$45,000,000. Mrs. Lillian Kirtlan of Wetherill, a pretty Cumberland village near Carlisle, had heard vague stories about a great fortune to which she was entitled, but until the dreams and some unseen driving force made her investigate she never thought of taking action.

Now she is in London, claiming a direct descendant, the estate of Sir John Jerry, who was the governor general of Sierra Leone in 1840-1844. The Jermys were descendants of an old Huguenot family who landed at Fishguard, Wales, during the wars between Britain and France. Some of these descendants settled in Carmarthenshire and established themselves as millers at a place called Langhorne Mill.

**Huge Fortune.**  
The John Jerry from whom Mrs. Kirtlan claims descent was brother to Joshua, the miller at the place, and while Joshua stayed at the mill, John went abroad and amassed a huge fortune. He was noted for his stubborn fight to abolish slavery. In 1836 he went to Ceylon as a judge. In October, 1840, he was appointed governor of Sierra Leone and died there in April, 1841. After that there was vague talk in Mrs. Kirtlan's family of its being entitled to John Jerry's fortune but all documentary evidence was missing; therefore Mrs. Kirtlan let the idea drop.

**Another Dream.**  
The next night she had another dream. In this dream she was carried further and found herself knocking at a door in a strange place. The door opened, and she was admitted to a room where there were several persons apparently seeking for a book, and there were books littered all over the floor and on the tables.

**She Awakened.**  
Very much startled, she leaned forward to read and awakened. Much impressed by the dreams, Mrs. Kirtlan related them to some relatives, one of whom said: "I wonder if your dream about the old Bible can have any bearing on the lost Bible grandmother used to talk about, and which, she said would restore the family fortune, if ever it were found?"

However, from then on, Mrs. Kirtlan was to have no rest. She says she was driven on by some unseen force, which seemed to push her forward toward the old Bible.

## Work Going Rapidly at New House

Mayor James Dahlman to officiate at Ceremony at Firesafe Home Wednesday Morning.

## Floor Already Poured

**By WILL M. MAUPIN.**  
We'll lay the cornerstone of the new firesafe home at 10:30 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

That, mind you, will be March 18. I am extending a special invitation to you and to your friends. Mayor James C. Dahlman will wield the trowel and swing the cornerstone into place. With him will be other friends of mine. Forty years ago, when Mayor Jim was sheriffing up in Dawes county and I was chief engineer in the mechanical department of the Kearney County Gazette, neither of us had an inkling that some day in the big city of Omaha I'd be building a firesafe home and he would lay the cornerstone for me.

**House is Progressing.**  
Some strange things happen in this world. In those days Jim never part with it, as it would enable them some day to claim their rights. Combined with other evidence, the entries in the old Bible seem to have placed at last the missing links of evidence in Mrs. Kirtlan's claim, and her lawyers are now preparing to bring suit for the accumulated millions.

**FISHERMEN, AUTO GO THROUGH ICE**  
**Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.**  
Arnolds Park, Ia., March 14.—Gillnet fishermen experienced a thrill when Ray Smith of Miller's Bay broke through the ice on Lake Okoboji with his Ford car.

**LIQUOR IS FOUND IN ROLL OF MUSIC**  
Cleveland, March 14.—Two local patrolmen are considering the writing of a new sheet music titled to be called "Kentucky Moon" after their efforts to produce "My Wild Irish Rose" on a player piano in a confectionery store turned out so different from what they expected.

**Solon Causes Furore Asking Play Censor**  
Representative F. W. Dallinger of Massachusetts started something in congress when he proposed that censorship be established over all the theatrical productions in the national capital before permitting them to make their appearance. He has opened war on improper plays.

## Ex-Convict Sues to Get Back Wife

In Penitentiary When Divorced, He Says; Divorcee Wed Again; Gets His Property.

## To Fight for Children

John Hollobeck, baker at a South Omaha establishment, asked district court Saturday to set aside the divorce decree obtained by his wife, Frances, while he was confined in the state penitentiary at Lincoln. The Hollobecks lived, and with some happiness, in York, Neb., up till the time Mr. Hollobeck clashed with officers of the law. There he had piled his trade as a baker, acquired property and was raising two children. Then, in the fall of 1922, he was sent to the penitentiary for having stolen goods in his possession.

**JAP WANTED GOLD, SUES TO GET IT**  
Tokyo, March 14.—When a bank issues a currency note promising to "pay on demand (the sum mentioned) in gold," it should be prepared to pay in gold, according to Ichiro Kiguchi. Euchi recently presented a ten-yen note at the Bank of Japan and demanded gold in exchange. The clerk looked at him askance and suggested that if he persisted in his strange notions it might be necessary for them to call a policeman. They declared they must have a "good reason" why he wanted gold.

**GLЕНNA COLLETT WINS IN TOURNAY**  
St. Augustine, Fla., March 13.—Mrs. H. D. Sturrett, Hutchinson, Kan., medalist of the qualifying round and winner of several golf trophies since her arrival in Florida, went out of the Florida east women's championship golf tournament today when she was defeated by Miss Glenn Collett, Providence, R. I.

**Truck Destroyed by Fire**  
**During Heavy Snow Storm**  
**Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.**  
Beatrice, Neb., March 14.—A big truck belonging to the Palmer company of this city carrying furniture, caught fire last evening on the highway near Lewistown, Neb., during the blizzard, and was destroyed. The men in charge succeeded in saving some of the furniture. The loss was \$2,000. It is covered by insurance.

**Recluse Will \$8,000 to Ravenna to Build Municipal Structure**  
**Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.**  
Ravenna, Neb., March 14.—William Bohning, aged recluse, died at his little home in Ravenna a few days ago.

## Jail Terms for Four Sequel to Swap in Wives Made by Farmers



Left, Mrs. Odens Craven; right, Mrs. Curt Wallace. Wallace is above, Cravens below.

Bloomfield, Mo., March 14.—Confined in the Stoddard county jail here are two loving couples who can laugh at locksmiths all they want to, but they'll stay there for five months. They're serving sentences as a result of getting into a love tangle. Curt Wallace admired plump women. Odens Cravens, his neighbor, liked slender women.

**WIFE DESERTER PLEADS OWN CASE**  
**Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.**  
Red Oak, Ia., March 14.—L. J. Halbert, charged with desertion of his wife and children, pleaded his own case in district court here. He has served time at Fort Madison for failure to support his family and prefers to take a chance of going back rather than agree to care for them. Judge Dewell set March 15 as the time for pronouncing sentence after the jury found him guilty.

**FIRST DEED MADE FOR IOWA LAND**  
**Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.**  
Bedford, Ia., March 14.—After being in the hands of one man since civil war times, the Alex Duncan farm, near New Market, was deeded to Porter Duncan by the other heirs of the estate.

**Omahan Taken to Prison.**  
Columbus, Neb., March 14.—Frank Archer of Omaha, convicted recently of defrauding Victor Palmateer, Creston garage man, of a \$725 automobile for which he paid with registered liberty bonds belonging to another man, was taken to Lincoln today to serve his term of one to five years in the penitentiary.

**Boy, 11, Is Held as Pitchfork Slayer**  
Despite the fact that in Pennsylvania a child is free from presumption of criminal intent, Charles Ray, 11, is in the Clarion county jail, accused of the death of his brother, Patrick, 14. Patrick's body was found covered with contusions and new and old wounds inflicted by a pitchfork. Charles says his brother, a liquor addict, abused him.

## Busses and Trucks Are Snow-Bound

Eighteen Autos Reported Stalled Along Lincoln Highway; Snowfall of Friday Season's Worst.

## No Suffering Reported

Fremont, Neb., March 14.—With over six inches of snow driven before a shifting wind, Fremont was completely cut off from Omaha on the Lincoln highway late Friday night and early this morning when an interstate bus, several cars and trucks were stuck fast in snow drifts about six miles east of Fremont. Snow drifts in places were impassible and motorists battled with the elements for hours trying to break their way through the barriers. The late bus from Omaha was held fast and passengers shivered in the early hours of the morning until relief arrived and they were transferred to another car.

## Midland Debate Team Undeafated

Members of Negative Group Set Record for Straight Victories by Crete Win.

Fremont, Neb., March 14.—Midland college negative debates team continued its record of straight victories for the year here by defeating the Crete college debating team of Gettysburg, Pa. Three judges, Attorney Fisher, Omaha; County Superintendent Marsh, Fremont, and Rev. E. M. Johnson, Fremont, handed down an unanimous decision in favor of Midland team. The Gettysburg debaters came to Fremont in charge of Dr. T. L. Kline, head of Midland English department about five years ago. This was the last of their appearances on a series of debates with the schools of mid-west coming here from Tarkio. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That Congress Should have the Power to Annul by a Two-thirds Vote Those Decisions of Supreme Court Which Declare Act of Congress Unconstitutional."

**YOUTH TO FACE SLAYING CHARGE**  
Los Angeles, Cal., March 14.—Harold (Sonny) Willis, 14, will face a murder charge in juvenile court here, March 25, in connection with the killing of Dr. Benjamin Baldwin, for which his mother, Margaret Willis, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Superintendent Judge Archibald made this decision today. The boy's confession that he killed the doctor is characterized by the district attorney's office as a defense effort to save his mother from prison. The district attorney indicated that at the hearing March 25, the judge will be asked to make Harold a ward of the juvenile court.

**Special Radio Sets Installed for Vets**  
Chillicothe, O., March 14.—The first of 14 sets constructed radio receiving sets ordered by the United States government, is being installed at the United States veterans' hospital, near here. This nine-tube set is capable of giving entertainment through 500 head sets and 100 loud speakers simultaneously. It was stated. The set is in the main auditorium. Attachments for all the wards will be provided. At present eight loud speakers and nine head sets are being used.

**Dr. Ada Platz Ill.**  
Beatrice, March 14.—Dr. Ada Platz of this city was taken to a hospital here in a serious condition. Two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Vath of Keystone, Neb., and Mrs. E. L. Platz of Sandpoint, Ind., have been called to the bedside.

**Chicken Coops Looted.**  
Fremont, Neb., March 14.—Chicken thieves looted the coops on the Paul Chadameika farm near Dodge and made away with 30 valuable fowls, according to word reaching the sheriff's office here.

**Stebauer Hotel Reopens.**  
Table Rock, March 14.—Stebauer hotel, which has been closed for some time, has been reopened, with Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cole, formerly residents of Table Rock, in charge.



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