

Nebraska

POWER COMPANIES TO FIGHT

Moore-Sharp Interests Resist Application of McKinley Corporation.

HEARING HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Ben S. Baker, Acting for Objectors, Asserts McKinley Company Has Not Made Expenditures Necessary to Issuance of Bonds.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 31.—(Special.)—The hearing on the application of the Omaha & Lincoln Railway & Light company which was to have come off today before the railway commission, was postponed on account of a request filed by C. P. Craft of York, acting as attorney for Ben S. Baker, asking that the matter go over for a time.

Mr. Baker sets out in his statement for a postponement that he is acting for himself and the taxpayers, and says that the figures offered by the company, on which it claims a right to an issue of \$130,000 in bonds, is inadequate, indefinite and incomplete and that the company has not actually used and invested in construction material and other listed expenditures.

He also sets out that the company has failed to file with the commission a proper and sufficient inventory of its construction materials, and asks the commission to deny the issue of bonds until such time as he can make a showing. The request was granted.

**Company's Earnings.** The report as filed by the physical engineering department of the commission shows that the earnings of the company for the seven months ending June 30, 1914, have been \$23,322 for the railway department, with an expense of \$30,065. For the light department the earnings were \$9,752, and the expenses, \$6,591.

Chief Engineer Forbes of the commission showed that there were invested on the road from South Omaha to Louisville, which includes lines to transmission from Papillion to Louisville only, the following:

Right-of-way ..... \$ 250  
Substations ..... 16,828  
Light and power ..... 26,099  
Transmission ..... 23,389  
Buildings ..... 4,981  
Tools and machinery ..... 590  
Engineering and superintendency, construction ..... 5,222  
Interest, expenses and supplies ..... 6,837

The total for the above amounts in round numbers is \$78,744.

**Powell's Report on Books.** In his report to the commission, Rate Clerk U. G. Powell, taking the books of the company for it, says:

"For the purpose of comparing the assets and liabilities of the company, at the end of August, 1913, as compared with June 30, 1914, I direct attention of an item of \$75,000 shown in the assets statement of August, 1913. The items of \$75,000 common stock and \$75,000 preferred stock were changed in the September closing account and the item of \$75,000 of treasury stock as shown in the assets of August was cancelled by journal entries so that the item under the assets account, 'Property, plant and franchises,' shown in the September report as \$200,000, was balanced in the liability statement by \$125,000 first mortgage bonds, \$75,000 common stock and \$75,000 preferred stock, and for the purpose of their report the item of \$75,000 will be excluded. On this basis the total assets of the company are \$200,461. Assets added August 15 to 31, \$2,461, over amount paid for the property August 15, 1913.

"The amount charged to new construction August 15, 1913, to June 30, 1914, was \$17,354. Working assets for that date were \$17,596. Working assets and new construction amount to \$125,370 and are represented in the liability statement. Earnings from operation, including appropriated reserve, were \$3,323; accounts payable, \$3,758; cash reserve from trustee, \$80,150."

**Means a Fight.** It is supposed that the move on the part of Mr. Baker means that there will be a fight between the company making the application, or the McKinley interests and the company represented by the Omaha, Lincoln & Eastern road, known as the Moore-Sharp interests, for the interurban rights between Omaha and Lincoln and may tie up the building of a road that kind unless the companies go after the territory without waiting for permission to make a bond issue, which, however, is not probable. That both interests are determined to be the first in on the route is assured, but just what methods will be pulled off to beat the other fellows to it is not known.

CEDAR BLUFFS DRAWS BIG CROWD TO FESTIVAL

CEDAR BLUFFS, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—Tuesday and Wednesday of this week this town gave a harvest festival, which was successful in every way. Both days brought large crowds and on Wednesday the crowd was the largest the place has ever accommodated.

The Cedar Bluffs concert band gave concerts on the streets and there were free attractions and ball games. Tuesday's ball game between Cedar Bluffs and Malmo was won by the home team. There was a big bowery dance in the evenings and Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock Governor Morehead gave an address in the park.

On Wednesday afternoon Cedar Bluffs defeated Hooper 7 to 5. Wednesday afternoon a special train was run from Fremont which brought a big crowd. The festival drew crowds from all towns in Saunders county and many hundreds from out of this county.

Notes from Laurel

LAUREL, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—A. C. Bruce has sold his ten-acre farm, one mile east of Laurel, to Ted Middleton for \$2,500.

O. P. DePew has sold his bakery and confectionery store to Jasper Knight, possession to be given August 2. Mr. DePew, who has been catcher for the Laurel baseball team the last two seasons, will move with his family to California.

Jens Sorenson died at a sanitarium in Lincoln yesterday after some months of suffering from a cancer of the brain. He lived six miles northwest of Laurel and leaves a wife and five children. His body will be brought here for interment.

Barn Burned Near Lindsay

LINDSAY, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—During a thunder storm lightning struck the large new barn of Joseph Hudie, nine miles north of here, setting fire to it. Mr. Hudie was able to get the horses out, but the hay was burned with the barn.

Swap anything in the "Swappers' column."

"GREAT WAR WOULD AID MEDIATION—MILES.



Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, retired, who says that though a war involving all the countries of Europe would be the most expensive and destructive the world has ever seen, because of the modern fighting appliances, it would in the end be an agency for world wide peace.

Dunbar Farmer is Killed by Lightning

DUNBAR, Neb., July 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Od Wilson, a farmer who lived one mile northwest of Dunbar, was killed and his body almost destroyed by the flames when lightning struck his barn at a late hour last night. Mr. Wilson had gone to the barn to turn out three head of horses, which were also killed. The barn was filled with hay and was totally destroyed, and the body could not be removed until the fire was nearly out. The loss is \$3,000, with \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Wilson was 41 years old and leaves a widow and four children. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Notes from Beatrice

BEATRICE, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—A heavy wind, rain and electrical storm visited this section Thursday evening. At Wymore the fronts of two stores were blown in and telephone and telegraph wires were badly damaged.

Bertha Dunn of Wymore Thursday brought suit against Peter H. Dunn. She charges desertion and non-support.

Marquette Stoss, 16 years of age, sustained a broken leg at De Witt when a pony which she was riding stumbled and fell upon her. She was brought to the Lutheran hospital in this city for treatment.

Twenty-seven loads of De Witt boosters visited Beatrice Thursday to advertise "Bloomer and Skirt" day to be held there August 6.

Charles Burke and family, former residents of this place, arrived in the city Thursday in their touring car enroute from their home in the state of Washington for a visit at points in Illinois.

Mrs. T. A. Smith, for the last fifteen years a resident of the Beatrice vicinity, died Thursday of typhoid fever. She was 45 years of age and leaves a husband and nine children.

Grace Steinmeyer, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Steinmeyer of Clatonia, was knocked down and run over by an auto driven by one of the De Witt boosters when the De Witt party drove into Clatonia yesterday morning. She sustained a broken leg and severe bruises about the body.

Pioneers Return for Visit

STELLA, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—James A. Dye and wife, of San Dye Villa, San Diego, Cal., visited this week in Stella with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Palmer. Mr. Dye came to Nebraska in 1837, first settling at Nemaha City, and later at Brownville. He moved to California about twenty years ago.

Business Change at Stella

STELLA, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—J. H. Halterman & Son have traded their garage at Stella to the Smith-Buser company of Dawson for a quarter section farm two miles southwest of Dawson. C. W. Kinsey of Dawson will have charge of the garage and the business will be known as the Kinsey Auto company.

Cheyenne Man Drops Dead

SIDNEY, Neb., July 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Henry H. Helpherrine of Cheyenne dropped dead here today. He was on his way to Sheridan, Wyo., to visit his daughter. His body was taken to Cheyenne this evening.

Kennardites at Den Next Monday

Secretary "Dad" Weaver of Ak-Sar-Ben and W. H. Alsenberger went to Kennard yesterday to extend an invitation to the townsmen to come in for Monday night's initiation at the den. They are coming. They promised the Omaha fellows so. They promised to come in sixty automobiles, and to bring a band. They are to be met by cars from Omaha at Benson and will parade Farnam street.

Militants Suspend War During Crisis

LONDON, July 31.—The headquarters of the Women's Social and Political union, the militant suffragette organization, today sent a proclamation to all its branches in the United Kingdom ordering the cessation of all acts of militancy during the continuance of the international crisis.

Attempt to Blow Up Railroad Tunnel

LAGNY, France, July 31.—A supposed attempt to blow up the Chalifert tunnel of the Eastern railroad was made today. Three persons in an automobile with a loaded case seemingly containing explosives approached the tunnel and paid no attention to his challenge. He fired and they turned and fled.

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ASSESSMENT FIGURES ARE IN

Total or Entire Nebraska Slightly Less Than Last Year.

DOUGLAS HELPS KEEP TOTAL UP

South Platte Counties Hit by Drouth Year Ago Are Ones to Report Decrease in Taxable Values.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 31.—(Special.)—Gage county, the last to report to the secretary of the State Board of Assessment on the valuation of the county, came in this morning and thus completes the state valuation.

The figures complete make the assessment for this year \$70,570,000, as against \$70,000,000 in 1913. This makes a falling off of \$570,000 for the state and is due, according to the opinion of Secretary Henry Seymour, to the almost failure of crops in the South Platte counties last year, which necessarily made a less amount of property in the way of grain cattle and hogs to be found on hand this year.

By a perusal of the figures below it will be seen that the bulk of the falling off was in the counties of the South Platte country, indicating that the statement of Mr. Seymour is doubtless correct. The increase in Douglas county figures largely assists in keeping the totals of 1914 and 1913 nearly equal. Following are the counties with a showing of the assessments of each for 1914 and also for 1913:

Table with columns for County, 1914, and 1913. Lists counties from Arthur to York with their respective assessed values.



SEE WINDOWS

OMAHA'S LARGEST STORE for MEN AND BOYS KING-PECK CO. "16th at Howard" — "HOME of QUALITY CLOTHES"

Your unrestricted choice of any spring or summer two or three-piece suit in stock August is here and our great HALF PRICE SALE continues to dominate the local clothing field by offering decidedly better values and greater assortments.

No doubt you are aware of the exceptional quality of Apparel featured by this great store for men. Gentlemen—these same high class suits are affected by this great half price sale, no reserves—choose any fancy suit, any "True Blue Serge" or Rogers-Peet Hand Tailored Suit in stock at just one-half its original low price.

\$10 to \$40 SUITS FOR KNOWING MEN and YOUNG MEN NOW HALF PRICE OR

\$5 to \$20 CLEARANCE OF MEN'S and BOYS' OXFORDS

PALM BEACH SUITS EXCEPTED

Every pair of men's and boys' low cut shoes in stock have been marked for a quick decisive clearance—We've sizes to fit every foot and styles to please every taste. \$1.75 Oxfords now \$1.35 \$2.50 Oxfords now \$1.95 \$4.00 Oxfords now \$2.95 \$2.00 Oxfords now \$1.50 \$3.00 Oxfords now \$2.25 \$4.50 Oxfords now \$3.35 \$2.25 Oxfords now \$1.75 \$3.50 Oxfords now \$2.65 \$5.00 Oxfords now \$3.75

AUGUST CLEARANCE OF FURNISHINGS COMMENCES SATURDAY MORNING

This great semi-annual sale always has and always will prove to be a great friend winning event at this store. The values know no rivals and the character of Haberdashery involved is the best the markets afford.

CLEARANCE PRICES ON PAJAMAS \$1.00 Pajamas now \$ .65 \$2.50 Pajamas now \$1.75 \$1.50 Pajamas now \$1.05 \$3.00 Pajamas now \$2.00 \$2.00 Pajamas now \$1.35 \$3.50 Pajamas now \$2.45 \$5.00 Pajamas now \$3.50

SALE OF NECKWEAR

\$.50 Ties now \$ .25 \$.75 Ties now \$ .45 \$1.00 Ties now \$ .65 \$1.50 Ties now \$ .95 \$2.00 Ties now \$1.25

SHIRTS THOUSANDS OF CHOICE PATTERNS for CHOOSING

\$1.00 Shirts now \$ .65 \$1.50 Shirts now \$1.05 \$2.00 Shirts now \$1.35 \$2.50 Shirts now \$1.75 \$3.50 Shirts now \$2.45

BATHING SUITS

Regular \$2.50 fine woolen Bathing Suits now \$1.75



YOUR UNRESTRICTED CHOICE OF ANY MAN'S STRAW HAT IN THE HOUSE..... 1/3 Off on All Panamas and Bangkok Hats.

Bedroom Furniture Sale At 1/3 Less

Interest does not lag in this Big Sale. Many have taken advantage of this opportunity to purchase new goods of the most desirable sort and save a third. Some of the best pieces and suites are yet to be had—better come soon if you want to profit by our special offerings.



This Bed for Example This bed, for example—Colonial scroll design—best quartersawed golden oak, full size; regular price, \$30. Sale price, \$20 \$35 Dresser, golden oak, to match bed, sale price, \$24 \$35 Chiffonier to match bed and dresser, sale price, \$23 \$25 Dressing Table to match bed, dresser and chiffonier, sale price \$16.50

\$48 Mahogany Dresser, sale price \$32 \$39 Princess Dresser, mahogany, large mirror, sale price \$26 \$60 Poster Bed, solid mahogany, full or 3/4 size, sale price \$37.50 \$48 Walnut Princess Dresser \$32

Trunks—Bags—Suitcases The Indestructo is the Ideal Trunk—the modern trunk of today; all sizes \$18 to \$70 TRUNKS at very special reduced prices—about fifty patterns. Here is a sample of reductions: \$16.50 \$21.00 Trunk, double trays \$22.50 \$25.00 Trunk, double trays \$22.50 \$20.00 Hat Trunk \$20.00 \$24.00 Hat Trunk \$15.00

Drapery Section—Saturday Specials 15c yard Silkoines, plain and figured \$6 per yard

Shades 36 inches wide by 6 feet long \$25c 36 inches wide by 7 feet long \$30c

Odd Shades Thirty odd shades from 12 inches to 34 inches wide and 3 feet to 4 feet long \$10c

ORCHARD & WILHELM CO.

SECOND ANNUAL TRACTOR FARMING DEMONSTRATION

THE LARGEST POWER FARMING EXHIBITION EVER CONDUCTED IN THE WORLD WILL BE HELD AT Fremont, Neb., Aug. 17-22, 1914

60 TRACTORS Twenty-five are the newest type farm tractors with power-lift plows, which have never before been seen on a public DEMONSTRATION FIELD 60 PLOWS

800 ACRES will be plowed, harrowed, disced and pulverized during the week.

Make plans to spend the week at Fremont and select the tractor and plow best adapted to your farm. Make this A BUSINESS AND VACATION TRIP

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