

COUNTY TELEPHONE PLANT

Lincoln May Give the Fuller Law Full Test Soon.

AGITATORS BUSY AT CAPITAL

Opponents of Increase in Rates Get Signatures Enough to Call for Election and May Put Matter Up to People.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The telephone situation in Lincoln is approaching that stage where it is liable to result in a test of the Fuller county ownership of telephone law.

Opponents of the raise in rates granted by the railway commission to the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company have been trying for several weeks to create a sentiment favorable to calling an election for the purpose of purchasing the present company's plant her or to build a new system. They have been successful in getting sufficient signatures to their referendum petitions to call a special election for the purpose. The law will give them the power to raise a fund amounting to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the county, providing the election should be in their favor. It is estimated that this will only raise about half as much as the present plant of the Lincoln company is worth, and not much more than to erect any kind of a desirable telephone plant.

Where Company Stands.

The six pinches in several places and may result in the opponents of the telephone company having to lay down on the job. In the first place the Lincoln company owns a system of lines covering several counties. The Lincoln plant is the center and headquarters of the whole system. President Woods of the company asserts that there is no way that can compel the company to turn over a portion of its plant, especially as that portion is the heart of the plant and the hub and center of the whole system, so it will practically get the balance of the system to the bid.

He also contends that no court will hold a constitutional law which will tax the Lincoln company or any other company for funds to build up a competitive line. In both contentions able attorneys held with Mr. Woods and should they prevail the matter to the courts it will result in the making of the county telephone law to such an extent that those who fought so hard for its passage will not be able to recognize it.

Another Proposition Which Confirms the Situation is that in order to put in a competing plant it will be necessary to get a franchise. This franchise can only be obtained through an election and a vote of the people. Lincoln has just voted in the double telephone measure, and it is not to be expected that they will again in so short a time duplicate themselves up with another duplicate telephone proposition. Neither can it be expected that the people of the city are going to make their taxes higher just to assist a bunch of men who have it in for the telephone company to get even. Taxes are quite high enough in Lincoln as it is, and the new commission is finding itself in hard luck to get sufficient funds to pay what the city needs without raising taxes.

Disappointed in Love, Broken Bow Youth Takes Life

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Dependent upon a love affair, George Arnold, aged 23, killed himself late Saturday night by swallowing strychnine. Arnold had been attentive to a young woman here. They quarreled and he went east, returning last week. The courtship was renewed, only to be broken off Saturday night. Arnold went to his room, swallowed the poison, then evidently regretting the act, he rushed to a restaurant and drank a glass of milk. He then accosted a doctor on the street, who took him to the nearest drug store, where he died before further preventive measures could be taken. The body will be sent to Concordia, Kan., where Arnold's mother lives.

Large Barn Burned Near Tecumseh

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Fire caused by spontaneous combustion in the hay destroyed a barn 100x20 feet, together with the contents, at Hickory Hill dairy farm, five miles southeast of here, early Saturday morning. Sixty tons of new alfalfa hay, a calf, a buggy and some other little property were lost. The place is managed by John Hutt and his two sons, Harry and Harold, who were terribly burned. Harry is in a serious condition, the skin being burned from his back. The barn was owned by William Sutton of Table Rock and cost \$2,000. It was partly covered by insurance. The loss of contents of the barn was \$700, fully covered by insurance.

News Notes of Clay Center.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Charles Gibson, a resident of Fairfield, drew a fine of \$5 and costs in the county court yesterday charged with assault and battery, on complaint of W. L. Bayly. It occurred in a dispute arising over the defendant's driving over the complainant's sidewalk with a team. The defendant struck him in the face, knocking him down. The Clay County Agricultural society will hold its annual fair at this place August 19 to 22. Great preparations have been made for this event, and it is expected to be one of the most successful fairs ever held in Clay county.

Notes from Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of the Pickett vicinity died at a local hospital following an operation for appendicitis. The residence of Mrs. Jane Baker, located in South Beatrice, was destroyed by fire last evening of unknown origin. The loss will amount to about \$1,000 with no insurance. Judgment in the sum of \$1,122.70 was given William A. Switzer by Judge Pemberton against Joseph Ramsey. The action was a suit on a note. Two three-year-old boys were hurt while at work on the W. E. Edley farm near Diller. Menno Hicken stumbled and fell over a casting, breaking his left arm, and Fred Lehman lost the end of a finger in the cog wheels of the separator.

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TAIL TO GO WITH THE HIDE

Attorney General Supports Land Commissioner in New Ruling.

POOR LAND CANNOT BE LEFT

Night of Purchasers to Pick and Choose in Purchasing from State Will No Longer Be Recognized.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Attorney General Martin has issued an opinion in regard to the sale of school lands which will result in future benefit to the state. He has decided that the state is within its legal right when it refuses to sell pieces of land containing the better grade of land. In this he is joined by Land Commissioner Beckman, and in the future there will be no picking out of the best pieces leaving the state with the poor land on its hands. The most of the trouble along these lines comes from the western and northwestern portion of the state where the land varies considerably and where the land-tiemmen purchase the good land, leaving the poor which no one cares for unless and then they are given an opportunity to get the use of it because of it not being occupied. The state board is not permitted to sell any land at less than \$7 per acre and this affects the poorer class of land which in many instances, is not worth half that much, and therefore may never be sold.

Land Commissioner Beckman has just returned from an inspection of land in Box Butte county. As a result of his visit the land inspected will be raised above the appraisement of local appraisers. The land has been appraised at from \$7 to \$12.50 per acre, but will not be allowed to go unless the purchasers will take the poor land with it at the minimum price set by the state of \$7 per acre. In doing this it will make a difference to the state of \$6.51 in appraised increase on the three tracts inspected.

Kearney Boosters Inspect Pumping Irrigation Plants

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Two hundred business men of this city were taken by President Patterson of the Commercial club on a trip of inspection of the irrigation plants in this vicinity on Thursday afternoon. About twenty miles were covered by the party by automobile and six plants were visited. Since the loss of water in the Platte river the Kearney canal, which is used to a great extent by the farmers in this section to irrigate their crops, has been dry and the heavens have failed to supply rain for the benefit of the drying crops. The question of more irrigation arose at the last meeting of the club, the cost of installation and running expenses were gone into.

In visiting the truck farms which were irrigated and the corn and alfalfa fields a great difference in the quantity and quality of the yields. The plan is to establish about 200 plants in the valley south of the city and divide the land into eighty acre tracts. The local electric company proposes to furnish electric power for these plants at 3 cents per kilowatt, which makes as cheap a power as gasoline, and only requires one man to tend to the work, no one being necessary to watch the motor.

These plants can be installed in this valley for about \$500 for a four-inch pump which will irrigate forty acres, \$800 for a six-inch pump for eighty acres, and about \$1,300 for an eight-inch pump which will take care of a quarter section. It only requires a twenty-five foot well, water lying about five feet under the surface. An inexhaustible supply is present and the ground is well drained, leaving a gravelly soil about three feet below the surface. The men that have put in the plants this year are raising more off of the sixty to eighty acres irrigated than their neighbors are off a half section of non-irrigated land.

Girl Shoots Self; Seriously Injured

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Grace, the 14-year-old daughter of Joe Booth, a farmer living fourteen miles west of here, shot and seriously wounded herself Wednesday afternoon. The girl had gone to the bedroom and was there but a short time when the family heard a shot. They found the girl lying on the floor with a wound in her left breast. The bullet entered the left side at the lower point of the shoulder, striking the sixth rib it ran a course around to the lower point of the shoulder blade and lodged just beneath the skin at that place. The girl gives no reason for her act and the family believes it was an accident. She will probably recover.

Attempts Suicide; Is Near Death

UTICA, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Cliff McNeil, aged 32 years, shot himself with intent to commit suicide shortly after noon today and is now at the point of death. The deed was committed at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. A. McNeil, here. He was alone at the time, relatives being in Lincoln on a visit. His wife secured a divorce from him several months ago, and it is said dependency over this was the reason for the attempted suicide.

WHEEL THROWS RATTLER INTO COLLECTOR'S BUGGY

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—To have a rattlesnake thrown into the buggy in which he was riding, and slight against his feet, and come being struck by the fangs of the deadly reptile, was the experience of J. J. Sullivan, a collector for a farm implement concern while driving in Tripp county. The snake in some manner caught on one of the wheels of the buggy and was thrown into the vehicle. Part of the rattler's body did not clear the side of the buggy and was finally caught by another wheel and the snake was drawn from the buggy.

A Cruel Mistake

It is to neglect a cold or cough. Dr. King's New Discovery cures them and may prevent consumption. 50c and \$1.00. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

PASSENGERS AID MOTHER

Come to Her Defense When Officer Tries to Take Child Away.

HE JUMPS FROM MOVING TRAIN

Three Other Officers Come Aboard at Next Station on Order from Court and Secure Possession of Child.

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PITTSBURG, Kan., Aug. 2.—A policeman who attempted to execute the order of a court and take a 5-year-old girl away from her mother, Mrs. Louise Schoenart of this city, on a passenger train here today was almost mobbed by the passengers, who encouraged the woman to defy him.

"Where is your warrant?" the conductor asked the officer.

"I have a verbal order from the judge himself," was the reply.

"You don't get off the train," "Show your warrant or get off the train."

The officer continued to tug at the child, trying to take her from the mother's arms. The passengers rushed to the woman's defense.

Jumped from Train. The officer, fearing violence from the passengers, ran to the platform and jumped from the train while it was going at a considerable rate of speed.

At Girard, Kan., ten miles west of here, three other officers boarded the train and demanded the child. Mrs. Schoenart seized the child, rushed into the toilet room and barricaded the door. While the train was traveling a distance of ten miles the officers pounded on the door, threatened, argued and coaxed, but without avail until the heat, which was almost suffocating, forced the mother to come out and surrender the child. She left the train at the next station and returned to Pittsburg with the officers.

Divided Child's Custody. Mrs. Schoenart was divorced from her husband, Albert Schoenart, here several months ago. The court divided the custody of the child between them. When Schoenart came for the child today he learned that Mrs. Schoenart was at the depot, preparing to start for Fort Scott, Cal. Believing she intended to take the girl out of the jurisdiction of the lower courts, he notified the judge who had granted the divorce. The judge sent an officer to the depot to get the child, and when the officer reported that he had failed in the attempt, the judge telephoned instructions for officers to meet the train at Girard.

Tecumseh Chautauqua Opens.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The annual Tecumseh chautauqua opened before a large audience Friday night. The initial program was given by Prof. H. H. Ehn's orchestra and Rev. Enoch Bacon, the preacher-entertainer. Today Rev. C. H. Platenburg preached and lectured, the Castle Square entertainers furnished music and in the evening Rev. Nat M. Brigham gave an illustrated lecture.

EIGHTEEN KILLED BY DOUBLE EXPLOSION; TWO SERIOUSLY HURT

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There were a half dozen muckers at work, whose duty it is to load the debris blown down by the blasts which are fired at night. They were also a mucker, boss and a blacksmith and his helper. All were at work in the tunnel, which is about a quarter of a mile from the slope entrance to the mines.

Hear Rumbling Noise. Superintendent Lorenz and Mine Boss Farrell were in the mine making an inspection of some new work which was to be done, and were about 80 feet from the tunnel in which Italian workmen were engaged. It was shortly before noon when the men on the surface heard a rumbling noise and from the mouth of the slope and from the air passageway at the fan house there came clouds of dust. The outside men knew in an instant that there had been a bad explosion and a rescue party was quickly organized. The rescuers were composed of Glinley, Murphy, Schoffstall, Behny, Kopshaver and Howard Hand.

The six rescuers were lowered in the slope, a depth of 1,300 feet at a pitch of eighty degrees down to the fifth lift, next to the bottom of the mine. It is judged that the second explosion occurred about twenty minutes after the first. The rescuers had time to save about 900 feet from the mouth of the slope, where they were found dead.

Five in One Pit. Five of the foreign workmen were found dead in one pit in the tunnel. A number of men were at work on the lift above the one where the tunnel was being driven and the concussion blew out the lights on their caps.

As soon as the nature of the accident became known word was sent to the officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company at Pottsville and they sent the mine rescue car to the scene.

The mine was not set afire, but the rescuers were baffled for a while by the blocked passageways, due to the timbers being torn down and the roof and sides caving in. They made their way with the greatest difficulty. The first rescued were the members of the rescuing force who had gone on the relief of the victims of the first explosion.

Doctors Go Down. Doctors from all parts of the region were summoned and two of them descended into the mine to give relief at the bottom of the slope. The first aid corps, which had also been summoned from the nearby colonies, were on hand to take care of the injured, but only three men were found to be cared for, and one of them died in less than half an hour after being taken out. The ambulance which had been summoned to care for the injured were used to take the dead to an undertaking establishment.

After a futile search of about eight hours for the bodies of Peasler and Parley, the mine officials were inclined to the belief that two of the unidentified dead might be these two, in which event the toll might be reduced to sixteen. Some of the officials were still hopeful that they might have escaped by making their way through an old working. There was a rumor to this effect, but it was not given much credit.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

Arrived. NEW YORK... Philadelphia... E. A. Victoria. DEPARTURE. NEW YORK... Philadelphia... E. A. Victoria.

HUERTA WILL NOT RESIGN PRESIDENCY; WANTS NO MEDIATION

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American Secretary Bryan's request for an appropriation of \$100,000 with which to transport destitute Americans from Mexico in emergencies developed a feeling in official circles that the American government would endeavor in any crisis to remove Americans expeditiously from the trouble zones.

Business Changes at Omaha.

OMAHA, Ia., August 3.—(Special.)—About one hundred business men and farmers of this vicinity have organized the Omaha Co-operative company, which will purchase and carry on the general store now operated by Walker & Ford. The directors of this new enterprise are William Brenemann, president; P. K. Holbrook, M. M. Crawford, W. W. Holbrook, D. C. Dehn. The capital stock is \$25,000.

A co-operative garage company has also been formed here, which will purchase and operate the Babcock-Mathiason garage. John W. Anderson is president, C. E. Underhill, secretary and treasurer. Its capital stock is \$20,000.

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ACTING GOVERNOR IS BUSY

Exercises His Powers While Oklahoma Executive Away.

MADE BY POLITICAL FOES

Chief Executive Takes Treats in Harry from Kansas City for Oklahoma Capital to Get on Job.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 3.—Lieutenant Governor J. E. McAlister, as acting governor during the absence from the state of Governor Lee Crane, issued pardons to four prisoners in the state penitentiary and signed school book contracts which the governor had been holding in abeyance two years. These acts, according to state officials, caused Governor Crane to leave Kansas City hurriedly last night for Oklahoma City. He had been spending his vacation in Kansas City.

The school book contracts were made by a former board, the members of which Governor Crane was instrumental in removing. The pardons were for E. P. Updike, nephew of ex-Governor Haskell, imprisoned in connection with a killing at Oklahoma City; George Rumpke, Jr., serving a sentence for frauds connected with an Indian land sale; J. W. Dobbs, sentenced to ten years for manslaughter, and Ben Bond, sentenced for attempting to bribe a district judge.

Ragsdale Gives Demo Machine Tip

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Representative Ragsdale of South Carolina, one of the so-called insurgent democratic leaders of the house banking committee opposed to the currency bill, declared that "no rushing tactics" would be tolerated when the bill comes up in the caucus August 11.

"They had better not try any rushing tactics unless they wish to precipitate an open division among the democrats," he said.

The committee will meet Monday to take a formal vote on referring the bill to the party caucus.

FREDRICKSON BOOSTING FOR BETTER AUTO ROADS

H. E. Fredrickson, hold secretary of the Central Trans-Continental National highway of Omaha, is conducting an active campaign out in Wyoming in behalf of good automobile roads through that state. In a recent issue of the Rawlins (Wyo.) Republican he is quoted as leading an enthusiastic assembly of Wyoming county representatives there into resolutions to better the highways of that state, particularly in the southern portion. The roads themselves are now good, but the crossings are poor.

Committee Named to Receive the War Secretary, Garrison

Victor Rosewater, W. F. Baxter and John L. Kennedy will act as a reception committee for the Commercial club when Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison comes to Omaha August 21. With Secretary Garrison will be Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff; Major General James B. Alabaster, chief of quartermaster corps, and Captain S. J. B. Schindler, general staff. The party will be the guests of the Commercial club at a luncheon the day following arrival.

CARNIVAL EMPLOYEE HELD PENDING SERIOUS CHARGE

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Manuel Garcia, a Cuban, is being held here in jail on complaint of Earl H. Thomas, husband of a young woman with whom Garcia has been traveling in his work with the Little Carnival company that has been spending the week here. Thomas has filed a statutory charge against both Garcia and his wife, but the latter has been released on her promise to appear in court.

The woman says she was ill treated by her husband. Prosecution under the Mann white slave act may be instituted as Garcia is said to have paid the woman's way north from St. Louis where her parents live.

QUAINT METHODS OF BARBERS

Experiences of a Globe Trotter With Tonsorial Artists in Various Places.

Accustomed to the deft dexterity of the up-to-date barber, the Briton who, in the course of a tour of the world, placed himself unreservedly in the hands of the tonsorial artists in the various countries visited, would have some surprising experiences to relate on his return home.

Nearly all the barbers in Tripoli are Italians, and the shops are as well equipped as those of the Italian cities. The native Arab barbers require only a pair of scissors, a pair of clippers, and a razor for their equipment. They erect their temporary shops in the market places by spreading some matting over a few poles. Arabs have their heads shaved, keeping the hair short so that the white skull cap, over which the fez is worn, will fit closely.

There are many barbers in Muscat, Oman, but no barber shops. Wealthy persons are attended in their own homes, while the poorer classes are shaved in the bazaars. Both customer and barber sit on a mat facing each other. It is customary to shave the entire head.

In Aden the barbers are Hindus, who generally call at the homes of their customers. The European residents have their barbers call every morning at about 8 o'clock, and pay about 5 shillings a month for the services, which include one hair cut.

In Bombay, India, the workmen, coolies and lower class of servants have their barbers call at the houses to attend the wealthier classes. In Karachi all the barber work of the city is done by peripatetic workmen.

The Harput barber places around his customer's neck a peculiar pan with a semicircle piece cut out of one side, so that it fits partially around the neck under the chin. Water is put into the pan and the barber makes a lather with his hands and rubs it on the customer's face, usually using his hands for this purpose also.

In Baghdad the well-to-do members of the community have the barbers come to their homes. In Syria there are barber shops of the European type which cater to the better class trade, while the cheaper barbers ply their vocation in the streets.—London News.

No Question About It.

A child adopted from an orphan's home was being ridiculed by the other children because he had no real parents. The conversation went about as follows: "Are you haven't got any real father and mother?" "Maybe I haven't, but the ones I have got love me as much as yours do you?" "They do not. Ours are our real parents."

"Well, mine love me more than yours do you 'cause mine picked you out of a hundred other babies and yours had to take what they got," replied the adopted son.—Life.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

Advertisement for a business or service, emphasizing the benefits of Bee Advertising.

Not necessary to "Keep the Cover On" Schlitz Brown Bottle. Another brewer tacitly admits—that light affects the quality of beer—that the light bottle is insufficient protection. It is not enough to make pure beer—it must be protected from the light. Schlitz in Brown Bottles is pure and wholesome from the brewery to your glass. Miller's High Life Beer. The Champagne of Bottled Beer. KEEP THIS COVER ON TO PROTECT BEER FROM LIGHT. THE OMAHA BEE PHOTO ENGRAVING DEPT OMAHA. Price of Drawing like this \$2.50. Cost of Zinc Etching 50 Cents.

Your Work in Telephoning. In calling a telephone number always speak plainly, with your lips about one inch from the mouthpiece. Always separate the figures of a telephone number as one-three-eight-four, and correct the operator if she repeats the wrong number. Speak Distinctly. When you are calling for a telephone number you are voice to voice with a young woman who wants to serve you. If she hears you correctly it is unlikely that a wrong number will be called. Good telephone service depends upon the attitude of every patron.

NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY. Looking for CUTS? SEE THE OMAHA BEE PHOTO ENGRAVING DEPT OMAHA. Price of Drawing like this \$2.50. Cost of Zinc Etching 50 Cents.

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