

Nebraska

RAIL BOARD AND PHONE LINE

Question Over Authority to Refuse Company Right to Organize.

CASE COMES FROM STERLING

Application on File to Install New System Because of Rise in Rates by Lincoln Telephone Company.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Has the State Railway commission authority to prevent duplication of telephone systems? Is a question brought up today by the application of citizens of Sterling, Johnson county, for permission to issue bonds for the building of a \$50,000 telephone system in that town.

In the application it is set out that the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, which has an exchange at Sterling, charges \$2.50 per month for business phones and other charges in comparison with the service in that town. This, in effect, is the reason why the company desires to establish a new exchange, agreeing to make a rate of \$2 for business phones and others in comparison.

C. Ross Hitchcock, an attorney of that place, is conducting the case, assisted by Attorney Adams of Lincoln. Mr. Speed, representing the American Electric and Telephone company, is also interested.

Double Service in Towns. The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company as intervenors in the hearing, are objecting to the granting of the application on the grounds that a duplication of telephone lines is not needed and will work an unnecessary hardship on both companies and result in poorer service and little if any profits.

Johnson county is considered one of the largest users of telephones of any county in the state. A perfect network of lines covers the county and should the new company be allowed to operate, according to testimony given, it will be necessary for it to buy right-of-way on private land because the public highway is so full of lines and poles that there is no room for those of the new company.

The installation of the new company will mean that the merchants of the town will be compelled to put in the new system of phones, adding to their phone expense, a proposition which they had to contend with before the Lincoln company went in and purchased the local telephone system and consolidated it with its own.

According to Manager Hurts of the telephone company, the exchange is one of the most modern and up-to-date exchanges connected with the company. Some time ago a poll was taken of subscribers of the exchange and 90 per cent of them expressed themselves as satisfied with the service, as shown by petitions on file with the commission.

Question of Authority.

In many eastern states the railway commission is given authority over such matters and it is believed that this commission has equal rights, although it is probable that no matter what the decision of the commission will be that the matter will be taken to the supreme court.

It appears to be the opinion of those who are watching the legal phase of the case, that when a commission is given authority to order rates and permits issue of bonds based upon the conditions as they exist at the time the order was made that it still has the authority to refuse the issue of bonds to any company which will come in competition with an old company which has issued bonds under orders of the railway commission under conditions then existing.

Money for Schools.

The semi-annual apportionment for school purposes, as prepared by State Treasurer George, shows that \$332,421.82 will be distributed over the districts of the state. The funds are divided as follows, coming from the sources mentioned: Interest on bonds, \$197,499.52; Interest on warrants, \$461.76; Game and fish licenses, \$642.00; State school taxes, \$32.29; Interest on school and saline lands, \$9,540.22; Lease on school and saline lands, \$5,533.93. The amount has been certified to the state superintendent, from which the latter will specify the amounts due each district according to the number of children of school age.

Food Department Earns Money.

According to Food Commissioner Harman, he will turn over to the state at the close of the present biennium \$100,000 above the expenses of his department. With four months yet to run, the food commissioner has turned over to the state treasurer \$138,000. Expenses of operating the department, which includes the oil, dairy, food and drug portions, has been \$7,000.

Pioneers to Hold An Old-Fashioned New Year's Party

The Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers will hold an old-fashioned New Year's eve watch meeting this year. The pioneers' ball held at the court house Christmas eve was so successful that the association was unanimous in adopting the suggestion of the watch party at its meeting yesterday. The party will be held at the society's rooms at the court house.

Jonathan Edwards for president of the society for next year was the report of the nomination committee. Other nominations were: M. M. Youngers, secretary; Anna K. Bowman, assistant secretary; Mrs. Joseph Redman, D. E. Hines, Alva Hall, James Welch and K. M. Marston, vice presidents.

MUMFORD ANNOUNCES HE WILL ACCEPT PLACE

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—E. P. Mumford of this city, who was appointed private secretary to Governor Morehead recently, this evening announced that he would accept the place.

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CHANGES IN WAR SITUATION IN LAST THIRTY DAYS—Cross marks show changes in relative battle lines in Flanders and Russia in the fourth month of the war. In Flanders the Germans have lost about thirty miles in thirty days. In Russia, before Lodz, Germany has gained forty miles.



Urge Big Christmas For Belgian People

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A delegation of Lincoln citizens, headed by Mayor Frank Zehrung, called on Governor Morehead this morning to take up the matter of a state organization for the relief of the Belgians. Mayor Zehrung is of the opinion that a state organization would be able to gather a larger amount of material, and cited many instances where people who desire to give something do not seem to know where to send it.

Nebraska is sending many carloads of flour to the stricken people of Belgium, according to the mayor, but more could be sent if the people had some central point to send it to. The flour being sent is furnished by Nebraska millers at cost, is transported to New York by the Bur-

lington and Pennsylvania railroads free and the Rockefeller fund charters ships to carry it across the water, so that the flour is laid down to the Belgians at exactly the same price as it is furnished by Nebraska millers.

Mayor Zehrung and the committee desire to see put in effect the slogan "Give a sack of flour to the Belgians for Christmas." With a central location in the state for receiving it, he believes a large amount of flour could be gathered by the people who can afford to give a sack or two.

Those with Mayor Zehrung were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. A. G. Field, Mrs. Olive Watson and Mrs. W. G. Langworthy-Taylor.

Spurious Coins Found.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A number of spurious coins were found today in a small house occupied by Mike Smith and Mirron Zitoof,

who were arrested here a few days ago by Secret Service Officer Mills of Kansas City on the charge of counterfeiting. The coins will be sent to Kansas City to be introduced as evidence against the men.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JURY DISAGREES IN OLDS CASE

FAIRHUR, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury disagreed in the case against Alfred T. Olds, accused of deserting his wife and going to Horton, Kan., where he was said to have paid attention to another woman.

The case of Jones against Barkman for damages growing out of an assault made by Barkman, proprietor of a pool hall at Jansen, upon Jones, has been given to the jury. Jones had complained about a slot machine Barkman was operating and the latter struck him, later paying a fine in county court for assault.

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Dr. Kirby Is Held By Commissioner On Perjury Charge

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Before United States Commissioner Cleary this afternoon Dr. Kirby of Kearney was arraigned on the complaint of perjury in connection with the trial of Walter Sammons at Omaha. Attorney Beeman for Kirk demurred to the complaint, alleging error in that it did not state a sufficient cause for action. False testimony, he contended, must be material, must bear on the real issue of the case at bar. In this case the issue was the guilt or innocence of Walter Sammons of the theft of \$5,000 from the Kearney postoffice, and the alleged false testimony neither tended to prove or disprove the charge.

United States District Attorney Howell related the rule of practice in the federal courts with relation to special state laws, averring that had the conviction of Kirby occurred in some states the government could have objected to his testifying at all and the prosecution could not examine witnesses as to their credibility.

Commissioner Cleary overruled the demurrer, holding the answer was of a material nature and further examination was waived, the bond for \$3,000 being renewed.

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News from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Fire of unknown origin last evening at 7 o'clock destroyed the large barn on the farm of Harry Wiley, five miles southeast of Ellis, together with ten tons of hay, 300 bushels of corn and that amount of wheat and oats. Eight head of horses perished. The loss is placed at \$3,000, fully covered by insurance. It is supposed that the fire was caused by one of the hired men throwing a lighted match in the straw, or by some tramp who sought shelter for the night.

Clarence, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bitterbush, died suddenly at his home in this city Wednesday morning. He was stricken Sunday with a severe attack of grip.

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3 MORE DOLLS For Our Busy Little Bees EDITH. MERLE and CATHLENE Edith is tall and stately and has a charming disposition, so kind and gentle and sweet; that's the way she looks, anyway, and you will think the same when you look into those deep brown eyes of hers. Of course, only one little girl can win Edith, so we are giving Merle and Cathlene as second and third prizes. They are not quite so big and pretty as Edith, but you will be surprised when you see how nice they really are. These dolls will be given free to the little girls, under 12 years of age, that bring or mail us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m., Saturday, December 12. Edith's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of Edith you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m., Saturday, December 12. If you don't win one of these Dollies perhaps you can get one next week. Only one doll will be given to any one person. You can see Edith at the D. F. Corte Furniture Co., 24th and Farnam

Hiawatha, Kans., July 3, 1913. Mr. C. W. Wilson, President, Bankers Life Insurance Co., Lincoln, Neb. Dear Sir: Your Mr. H. E. Lyman delivered to me today draft for \$888.14 cash surrender value of full return premium, twenty year bond, taken twenty years ago. The settlement comes up far above my expectations; besides giving me twenty years' insurance protection, made a profit of \$269.14, and my only regret is that I did not have a \$5,000.00 policy. However, I am figuring on taking a \$10,000.00 policy some time this month. Yours truly, BLAIR SYSTER. TWENTY PAYMENT LIFE POLICY Matured in the Old Line Bankers Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. Name Blair Syster Residence Hiawatha, Kans. Amount of Policy \$1,000.00 Total Premiums paid to Company \$ 619.00 SETTLEMENT Total Cash paid Mr. Syster \$ 884.14 And 20 Years' Insurance for Nothing. Ask the man who owns one of these policies. We have a good agency for you. Write us. Assets \$7,900,000.00.

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