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## Second Natural Gas Line to Start Work Presently

### Project of the Insull Interests Plan Line Through County to Cross Missouri River Here

With the Missouri Valley Pipeline Co., now within a few miles of this city with their practically completed pipe line for natural gas from the Texas fields, comes the announcement of the coming of the line projected by the Insull interests and the Cities Service Co., who have already secured many leases in this vicinity for the right of way of their line from the Oklahoma and Texas fields.

The leases are commencing to be registered in Otoe and Cass county the plan being that the line will cross Otoe county between Paimyra and Unidalla and thence northeast to this city where the line is expected to cross the Missouri river on the way to Chicago, crossing the Mississippi river at or near Muscatine, Iowa.

First contracts for the construction of the 1,000-mile 24-inch pipeline have been awarded by the Continental Construction company, the corporate concern building the line. It is a Delaware corporation formed by the Cities Service, Insull, Southwestern Development, Standard of New Jersey, Texas, Skelly, Phillips and Columbia Carbon companies.

Construction of the line is of special local interest because the Central Power company which serves Nebraska city with artificial gas is owned by the Insull interests.

Construction companies will use all local labor available in order to benefit as far as possible the residents of the cities, towns and communities through which this line will pass. An appreciable part of the \$100,000,000 to be expended in building this line will be spent for labor.

Right-of-way along highways and across privately owned property has been secured and another major feature of the contract is that the pipeline will be buried below the cultivation line, a distance of three or more feet below the surface, to prevent interference with the cultivation of land, through which the pipeline will pass. Teams belonging to farmers need to be given preference in the hauling of construction materials at times which will not interfere with the cultivation of crops. These stipulations are voluntary on the part of the company and are in accordance with its stated program designed to give wherever possible local unemployment.

This line will be a combination coupled and welded one. The S. R. Dresser Manufacturing Company, Bradford, Pennsylvania, has received the contract order.

An order for initial compressor equipment for this line has been placed with the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation whose gas engine works is at Buffalo, N. Y.

### CAPTURE BOOTLEGGER

From Monday's Daily—  
Saturday evening Deputy Sheriff Rex Young made the capture of Harry Schulman, of Omaha, who was at the camp of the gas line men south of this city and had been engaged in disposing of the corn liquor or hooch to the thirsty residents of the camp. As the deputy sheriff arrived on the scene the man broke the bottle containing some of the hooch, but his act was viewed by the officer and the young man, evidently a denizen of Little Italy, of Omaha, was brought on into this city and lodged in jail.

This morning the man was arraigned in the county court on a charge of possession preferred by County Attorney W. G. Kieck and the prisoner entered a plea of guilty to the charge. The court fixed the fine at \$100 and costs and the prisoner made arrangements to pay the amount, remaining here in the custody of Sheriff Reed until relatives produce the necessary amount, which they have agreed to do.

### STILL FEELING POORLY

From Monday's Daily—  
R. F. Patterson, cashier of the Farmers State bank, who was operated on last Tuesday at Omaha for the removal of his tonsils, has returned home but is still in a very weakened condition as the result of the loss of blood as his case was one of unusual severity. Mr. Patterson last night suffered another hemorrhage from the tonsils and which has made him quite weak.

### UPROOTS OLD LANDMARK

In the storm at Louisville Sunday there was a great deal of wind reported and one of the landmarks of the city, a large tree that has stood for many years near the Busy Bee cafe on Main street, was uprooted and blown over. This tree has provided shelter for many in the summer suns of years past and its forcible removal will make the old tree very much missed.

## HAS CAR OVERTURNED

Sunday while Mrs. Frank Deskin, wife of one of the highway workers, engaged in counteracting the road along the new paving, was driving on the detour southwest of here, she was severely injured in an auto accident. Mrs. Deskin, with a lady friend, was driving along the highway when the car struck a pile of loose gravel and the driver was unable to hold the car into the roadway and it was overturned. The accident resulted in both ladies being very badly bruised and shaken up and Mrs. Deskin sustained what is thought was a broken nose. The car was badly damaged as the result of the accident.

## Storm Does Damage in and Near Ft. Crook

### Roof of Hanger on Air Field Is Torn Off and Trolley Wires Badly Damaged

The rain storm of Sunday which visited this section and was accompanied by a strong wind for a few moments, did considerable damage in and near the vicinity of Fort Crook where the wind for some three minutes reached the intensity of a small tornado.

At the army post the storm tore off a part of the airplane hanger, housing nine planes and also caused a great deal of damage to the trolley wires on the interurban line connecting the post with South Omaha.

The storm also cut quite a path through the cornfields near the fort, doing considerable damage especially on the farm east of the army post.

Small trees also suffered from the effects of the high wind and were uprooted by the storm as it passed away toward the northeast, but no large property loss was reported.

### RED SOX WIN EASY ONE

The Murray Red Sox Sunday had a very easy time in the defeat of the American College team, of Omaha, who were at Murray to substitute for the team of Plumbers Union No. 16, the Sox hanging up a score of 17 to 4 before the rainstorm resulted in the game being called in the seventh inning.

The Red Sox sent Walter Gabriel, salesmanager of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., to the mound in the opening three innings, who well qualified as a successor of the great Walter Johnson, and toyed with the college team until the fourth, when Alex Schilske, regular pitcher, took the hill top for the Sox.

The game was marked by many hits from the Sox and few errors being chalked up for the locals, the whole team playing a wonderful supporting game from the start until the close.

Frank Krejci, the receiver of the Sox, was the heavy hitting star of the game and hung up two three-base hits for his team, as Frank had his batting eye working in great shape.

This game makes the fifth successive game that the Red Sox have won, they having played some very fast ball this season and acquired a record of one of the best amateur teams in the east part of the state.

### HAVE TWO FINE SERVICES

During the absence of the regular pastor, Rev. H. E. Sortor, the pulpit of the First Methodist church was occupied Sunday by Rev. Luther M. Johnson, of Omaha, at the morning service and T. A. Harkins, chaplain of the Seventeenth Infantry at Fort Crook at the evening services. Both sermons were much enjoyed although the attendance at the evening service was curtailed to some extent by the threat of the storm. Chaplain Harkins brought with him a soloist who was heard in a very pleasing number at the evening service.

### GAS MEN TAKE REST

From Monday's Daily—  
The employees on the force that are laying the natural gas line mains through this section of Cass county, are enjoying a vacation from their duties today as the result of the rain of Sunday and today, the first day of rest that they have had in many weeks. Suffering from the intense heat of the past ten days, the men are finding the vacation a most acceptable one and which will give them a chance for rest and recreation after the long and continuous grind of work.

### PURCHASES GOLF COURSE

The miniature or Tom Thumb golf course which is located on Chicago avenue, which was established here the first of July has been purchased by Rudolph Iverson of this city from the former owner and who will conduct the place in the future. The popularity of the new golf course is attested by the constantly growing crowds that are playing both afternoon and evening and under the direction of Mr. Iverson should prove a great success.

## Louisville Lakes Claim Victim Sunday

### Ernest Ruther, of Council Bluffs, Ia., Perishes When Steps Into a Deep Hole in the Lake

The Louisville park maintained by the state game and fish department, was the scene of another fatality late Saturday night when Ernest Ruther, 27, of Council Bluffs, wading into the lake at the park, stepped off into a hole some fifteen feet deep and perished as he was unable to swim.

The unfortunate young man in company with a friend, William P. Farrell, was engaged in trying to cool off by wading in one of the lakes, being unable to swim and it is thought that he stepped into one of the holes in the bed of the lake and drowned before help could reach him. Farrell, who was an excellent swimmer, had been leading the young man in his attempts to wade and swim and supposed that they were still in the shallow water when his companion suddenly sank in the waters of the lake. Farrell at the time was a considerable distance away and did not notice for some moments that his companion was not wading in the shallow water near the lake shore.

Fifty persons joined in the search for the body and the lake was dragged until 4 o'clock Sunday morning before the body of Ruther was brought to the surface, having lodged in a pocket or hole some fifteen feet in depth.

The young man had made his home at Grand Junction, Iowa, before coming to Council Bluffs, and to which place the body was taken Sunday, the other members of the family residing at Grand Junction.

### COURT GRANTS INJUNCTION

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning a hearing was had in the case of C. Lawrence Stull vs. Chester L. Spidell, in which the plaintiff asked that he be given an injunction against the defendant for the purpose of preventing Mr. Spidell, his agents or employees from interfering with the plaintiff coming onto the land leased by the defendant from Stull. The court granted the temporary injunction, Mr. Stull to put up a bond of \$50, and the injunction grants Stull the right to come onto the land to cultivate the corn crop once. The action covers the farming land owned by Mr. Stull just north of this city and which is being farmed by Mr. Spidell.

The case attracted much attention from the residents of north of the city and a large number of farmers were called to testify as to the crops and methods of handling the same.

### ENJOYING FINE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sievers, with the Misses Clara Wickman and Helen Warner, who are making a stay of several weeks in the Rockies and Yellowstone park, write to friends here that they are having a great time and have been viewing many points of interest in that part of the west. They are now at Emblem, where Mr. and Mrs. William Wamp-hoff, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Sievers reside.

Mr. Sievers states that Miss Wickman and Miss Warner have proven real adepts at mountain climbing and scaled the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone as well as taking hiking trips over the other mountains in that section of the country.

The party also have enjoyed fishing trips, but fall to give any account of the catches they have made in the mountain streams.

### DEPARTS FOR MINNESOTA

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr and children, Jean and Billy, departed Sunday for a combined business and pleasure trip to Minnesota. Mr. Knorr to look after the selecting of stock for the Variety store in the markets at St. Paul and Minnesota, while Mrs. Knorr and children will enjoy a short outing at the lakes in that state. Mr. Knorr will also spend a few days at the lakes in fishing before he returns home.

### VACATIONING IN SOUTH

Mrs. Roy Fuller of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, formerly Miss Bernese Newell of this city, writes to friends here that the Fuller family are now enjoying their vacation in the resorts of the Blue Ridge mountains in North Carolina, spending some time at Asheville and other of the resorts of that section of the south. The Fuller family have also been visiting at Washington, D. C. for a part of the time.

### MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

On Saturday afternoon at the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the marriage of Miss Mary E. Weidman and James E. Martin, both of Valley, Nebraska. The young people returned to their home after the ceremony.

## DECLINES FILING

While in the city Saturday Edward W. Thimman, of Murdock, for whom a petition was filed some two months ago, asking that his name be placed on the primary ballot as a candidate for commissioner in the third district, stated that he was not accepting the petition and which automatically causes it to be disregarded by the county clerk.

Mr. Thimman stated that he was appreciative of the feeling of his fellow citizens and near Murdock in asking that he make the race for the republican nomination for this office, but he feels that he owes it to himself to consider his own interests and caring for the time making the campaign that would be necessary.

## Rainfall Brings Relief to Residents and Crops

### Inch and One Tenth Rain of Sunday Ends Drouth of Several Weeks Duration

The drouth that has for the past several weeks visited this section with the accompanying intensive heat of from 100 to 108 degrees, was ended Sunday when the clouds rolling up from the west and northwest brought to this section a most needed and appreciated rain.

The rainfall registered one inch and a tenth and was one that did much to revive the corn and other crops that had been suffering for several days from the continued dry weather.

The last three days of the week had been especially severe on the corn and many fields were showing signs of withering from the heat and especially the hot winds of Thursday, and had the intense heat and dryness continued for a few days more the loss to the corn would have been heavy.

The rain it is estimated will result in saving practically all of the crop as it is estimated that the heat loss will not exceed two per cent in all sections of this part of Nebraska.

## Clean-Up of the City Jail is Badly Needed

Condition of City Prison Such That a General Cleanup and Renovation Needed

While the program of clean up, paint up and general improvement has been largely followed by the individual citizens of the community, there is one institution that has escaped the all powerful influence of paint and the scrub brush—this being the city jail.

The condition of the city prison is such that to place anyone in its confines is almost a crime itself and those who have to be imprisoned for some law infraction certainly receive a double punishment.

The cells and the main "bull pen" as well as the office of the jail needs a thorough whitewashing—not on paper but in reality and the entire building needs a thorough fumigation for the general health of the prisoners that may be confined there.

The bunks on which the prisoners are compelled to repose are not as they should be and carrying many inhabitants that make it unsanitary as well as uncomfortable to the unfortunate that may be confined within its walls.

It is not necessary that the jails be made luxurious places for the prisoners but there should be at least decent quarters provided that the offenders need not acquire unpleasant neighbors or the bedding become loathsome and filthy.

Replacement of the old bedding in the jail or its cleaning and a general cleanup of the basement of the city hall should be made that the jail may be fit to confine prisoners as the larger part of those who are taken up are not desperate criminals and should not be compelled to remain in such unsanitary surroundings while they are in custody.

### CARS HAVE COLLISION

Sunday afternoon while Fred Tritsch was en route home from this city to his farm west of Plattsmouth, he suffered a small auto accident when the car which he was driving was sideswiped by the car driven by John Horn, who was coming east toward this city. The Tritsch car had the left front fender badly bent and the left front wheel damaged. The car driven by Mr. Horn was not so badly damaged. Fortunately none of the occupants of the cars were injured.

## Plattsmouth is a Favored Location for Development

### River Navigation and Natural Gas Two Important Factors—Has Natural Resources, Too

When two of the biggest public service groups in the United States, constructing natural gas mains to widely divergent cities "choose to run" their lines via Plattsmouth, it is a safe bet that they see in this locality a potential field for development that some of us may have to wipe the scum from our eyes to visualize.

And so it is with most of us hard to see a concrete form the development that will come to Plattsmouth with the coming of river navigation, now definitely assured.

The latent natural resources in our Missouri river hills, extending southward to old Rock Bluffs and beyond are inestimable. Now and then tests have been made of the rock formations underlying these bluffs and the results have invariably revealed well-rich inexhaustible supplies of limestone suitable for use in the manufacture of cement.

To date the problem of transportation has been a bar to development of this and similar enterprises involving quarrying operations. Particularly in the manufacture of cement has transportation been doubly important, first to bring in the coal required to maintain a constant fire in the kilns and the shipping of the finished product.

The availability of natural gas for supplying the heat solves the coal problem, for wherever natural gas is available cement factories prefer it to coal. And the opening of the river to boat and barge lines would solve the outlet problem, enabling loading right from the bins thru chutes to water's edge. Thus, there could be maintained in these hills, without rail connection a gigantic industry able to compete with the markets of the world on the sale of its finished product.

To some it may seem a far-fetched dream, but Chamber of Commerce officials have long maintained and the Journal has previously pointed out that this is one of the possibilities that loom in the industrial horizon to our not far distant future.

And with river navigation will come other advantages that cannot be listed by the notice. The history of development below Kansas City, where water transportation is already an accomplished fact, will be repeated in this upper Missouri river valley within the next decade.

Wharves and unloading docks for transfer of cargoes from rail to boat, and vice versa, will be in demand, and government engineers bear out the contention that the Plattsmouth river port is ideally located to accommodate such operations.

There is no estimating what the next few years may bring along this line and the smallest development that can possibly occur will probably be larger than many of us have even dreamed of.

Plattsmouth will be the crossing point for two of the largest gas lines ever laid from the Texas and Oklahoma fields—and probably the only point up and down the river for hundreds of miles where lines of this size will cross.

We repeat that when two such big concerns as those behind the laying of these mains to widely divergent cities see fit to cross the river at one point, there is method in their calculations and time will prove our contention correct.

### SPEEDING WAR ON

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The matter of speeding by auto and truck drivers as well as the operating of machines with cut outs open, is being checked up by police under the instructions of the city government and the result that two have been apprehended so far and others are under surveillance by the authorities.

One motorist was caught Sunday operating a car along Chicago avenue at what was claimed at a high rate of speed and with operating the car with the cutout open and making a general disturbance to the residents along that thoroughfare and which has led to numerous complaints although there are several trucks also complained of for the cutout nuisance but have eluded the efforts of the police to capture them.

The police also gathered in the operator of a motorcycle for the offense of speeding and the two resulted in a city treasury being enriched to the extent of \$22.

### IS A BUSY MAN

Constable Tom Svoboda is kept very busy the past few days with the serving of papers out over the county and also in helping look after matters that may come to his attention in helping other law officers. On Saturday Mr. Svoboda was out to assist in the rounding up of the activities of the bootlegger at the camp of the pipe line gang near this city and assisting in his arrest.

## AGED LADY STRICKEN

The friends over the city of Mrs. B. Wurl, one of the old and well loved residents of the community, will regret to learn that Mrs. Wurl is quite poorly, suffering apparently a slight stroke which at her advanced age of ninety-one years makes her condition very grave. Mrs. Wurl is now making her home with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard G. Wurl on Marble street. This highly esteemed lady has been a resident of Plattsmouth for a great many years and has a very large acquaintance among the older residents here and who are hopeful that the patient may be able to rally from the present attack, but at her age this is very doubtful.

## Hearing on Liquor Case Draws Attention

### Walter Burk Bound Over to District Court at Preliminary Hearing—Pleads Not Guilty

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The hearing of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Walter Burk, charged with possession of liquor, fourth offense, was held this morning in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury, on the complaint filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck.

The defendant made his plea of not guilty and waived the securing of counsel for the preliminary hearing and offered no evidence in his defense at this trial.

The state presented the testimony of Paul and H. E. Wentworth who testified that they had been present when the defendant had brought in a basket of apples, two witnesses also testifying that they had seen two pint bottles of liquor in the basket as it was left by Mr. Burk early in the afternoon. H. E. Wentworth testified that he had called the attention of police to the matter and they had seen the bottles. Mr. Wentworth also testified as to Burk having returned to the bakery in the evening of July 13th, and having asked for a loaf of bread. The testimony of George Wentworth was taken relative to the fact that he had talked with Burk relative to purchasing two bottles of liquor and had been told that the liquor would be brought to Sheriff Bert Reed in the afternoon. H. E. Wentworth testified that he had called the attention of police to the matter and they had seen the bottles. Mr. Wentworth also testified as to Burk having returned to the bakery in the evening of July 13th, and having asked for a loaf of bread. The testimony of George Wentworth was taken relative to the fact that he had talked with Burk relative to purchasing two bottles of liquor and had been told that the liquor would be brought to Sheriff Bert Reed in the afternoon. H. E. Wentworth testified that he had called the attention of police to the matter and they had seen the bottles. Mr. Wentworth also testified as to Burk having returned to the bakery in the evening of July 13th, and having asked for a loaf of bread. The testimony of George Wentworth was taken relative to the fact that he had talked with Burk relative to purchasing two bottles of liquor and had been told that the liquor would be brought to Sheriff Bert Reed in the afternoon. H. E. Wentworth testified that he had called the attention of police to the matter and they had seen the bottles. Mr. Wentworth also testified as to Burk having returned to the bakery in the evening of July 13th, and having asked for a loaf of bread.

Since the hearing of the case, H. E. Reed testified as to receiving the bottles of liquor from George Wentworth, taking them to Lincoln where they were analyzed and had then been returned here and placed in the vault of the county attorney.

At the close of the evidence the court ruled over the defendant in the district court and he was released on bond to await trial.

### POLICE FIND BOOZE

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning shortly before the noon hour Chief of Police Elliott, Officers Pickrel and Liberal with county officers, visited Wintersteen hill and visited the home of Jean Mason on a search warrant alleging the possession of intoxicating liquor. In the search of the grounds surrounding the home two pints of liquor or hooch were discovered by the police, but whether or not the cache of the liquor was on the Mason property is disputed by the owner of the lots and Mr. Mason as well as Bert Kelly who was also apprehended at the place denied ownership of the liquor that was unearthed.

The two men were taken into custody and brought on to the city. Mr. Mason being lodged in the county jail and Kelly at the city jail to await the filing of complaint in their cases by County Attorney W. G. Kieck.

### ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman was hostess last evening at a most charming bridge party held at the Country club, having six tables of the ladies to enjoy this delightful pastime.

The club house was arranged with decorations of the mid-summer flowers, large baskets of the colorful blooms being arranged in the large living room of the club house.

In the playing Mrs. E. J. Richey proved the most successful and was awarded the first prize, the second honors being won by Mrs. Margaret Kidder and Mrs. Frank A. Clويد receiving the consolation prize of the evening.

In the serving the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Frank M. Bestor, the delicious refreshments coming as the close of a most delightful summer social gathering.

Out of town guests were Mrs. L. Turpin, Mrs. S. W. Bell, Mrs. J. A. Griffin and Mrs. J. H. Carter, all of Omaha.

The Journal Job Department is equipped to turn out anything from calling cards to sale catalogs.

## Death of Well Known German Diplomat

### Herr Leonard Klutfinger, Uncle of Plattsmouth Ladies Died in Italy Saturday

The message has been received here by the Misses Mita and Barbara Gering and Mrs. Henry Harold, of the death on Saturday, July 19th at Bologna, Italy, of their uncle, Herr Leonard Klutfinger, who was well known in this city where he has visited frequently during the lifetime of his sister, the late Mrs. Paul Gering.

Herr Klutfinger had a long and notable career in the German diplomatic service as he was the representative of the German Imperial government at Bologna for over forty years and was a loved and honored figure in the service in all of the years. He was a native of Kempton, Bavaria, where his family was prominent in the affairs of that kingdom for several generations, entering the diplomatic services of the Imperial government at an early age and devoting his time to the care of the interests of his government and at the same time being head of large business interests of his own on various parts of the world.

The deceased was the owner of one of the most beautiful villas in Bologna and at the time of the entry of the Italians as a headquarters for their army activities in that part of Italy, but when the war was over it was restored to the owner in the original shape that it had been received and with the regrets of the government that the necessity of war had compelled to annoyance to the owner who was held in high esteem by the Italian official world.

As a recognition of his long services the deceased was decorated by both the German and Italian governments, being decorated with the order of the Cavalier by the Italian government.

Herr Klutfinger was unmarried and while the funeral arrangements were not sent in the message here it is probable that he will rest in the land where he has served his government so faithfully and long.

Since the close of the war Herr Klutfinger, who was well advanced in years, has devoted his time largely to the direction of his business interests.

### RETURN FROM WHEAT HARVEST

J. W. Holmes, local postmaster, has returned from his farm in Chase county where he has been doing a part of the wheat harvest and enjoying a short outing as well. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes while in the west enjoyed a call on the S. S. Chase family who have a farm in Colorado and is situated on the state line, across the road being in Holyoke, thirteen miles away while Imperial is twenty-five miles distant. Mr. Holmes says the wheat is the best that it has been for years and his crop of 270 acres is averaging 25 bushels to the acre while others in Chase county runs as high as 49 bushels from a crop on sod ground. The average shipments from Holyoke at this time is thirty cars of wheat a day, but which at the poor price and the high freight rates gives but little profit to the farmer. While at Imperial Mr. Holmes met Frank Gobelman who is spending a short time at his farm in Chase county and assisting in the wheat harvest.

### SUES FOR RECEIVERSHIP

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed entitled, H. A. Schneider, trustee for the Nehawka bank, Plattsmouth State bank and Farmers State bank vs. Ernest M. Pol-lard, et al. The action is one in which the plaintiffs represent a claim on notes for \$35,000 made to the three banks and on which it is claimed interest is now due and making payable the amount of the notes although their payment date is not until 1931. The plaintiffs ask a settlement of their claim covered by mortgage and subject to a mortgage of the Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., for \$20,000. The petition asks for the appointment of Frank P. Sheldon or some other suitable person as receiver to handle the property and settle the claims against the same and particularly that of the plaintiff banks.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation of the splendid spirit shown by the neighbors in the fire that destroyed our home last week and especially to the neighbors who fought so hard to save the barn at the farm. These acts of kindness will always be appreciated.—George Stander.

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