

PHONE COMPANY HAVING TROUBLE IN RATE BOOST

(Continued from Page 1.) ment that such a discontinuation would cost the company \$75,000 in its accounting department.

Go to U. S. Courts.

A threat to carry the telephone rate to federal court, and get higher rates than any yet granted by the Nebraska railway commission, was made by E. M. Morsman, attorney for the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

Morsman's threat was made at the hearing on the application of the telephone company for a continuation of the 10 per cent surcharge after December 31, the date fixed for its expiration, and for even higher permanent rates to be substituted later for the surcharge.

"If you don't grant us a continuation of this 10 per cent surcharge," said Morsman, "we'll go to federal court and get higher rates still fixed by court order."

Morsman's threat followed statements by J. H. Kemp of Fullerton and Dale P. Stough of St. Paul that 25 per cent of the patrons in this territory would throw out their telephones if the railway commission continues the surcharge after December 31.

"We're not afraid of a strike of telephone patrons," said Morsman. "We added 1,000 instruments in 1921."

Then Morsman told of the contemplated action in federal court if the railway commission turns him down. Morsman didn't say he would ask for higher rates from the federal court, he said he would get such rates. He admitted that the permanent rates would mean an annual increase of \$138,000 in the revenue of the Northwestern Bell in Nebraska over the present rates with the surcharge.

Two Applications Up. The commission, the application for a permanent increase in exchange and toll rates and a continuation of the surcharge.

Company attorneys asked that the hearing be confined to the continuation of the surcharge. Representatives of the 75,000 telephone patrons agreed to this program.

Representatives of the patrons demanded that the surcharge be abolished after December 31.

If the surcharge is continued, they demanded that a provision be included in the commission's order for a refund of the surcharge should it later prove to be unfair in cases of individual exchanges.

LIONS FAVOR A SPUD EXPERT FOR NORMAL

(Continued from Page 1.) this year had 800 acres of potatoes and next year planned to plant 1,200 acres. The seed potato business is one of the most profitable and there is always a huge demand for good seed stock.

The Lions adopted the following resolution, following a discussion by C. Guthrie, Rhein, Graham and Mote:

"Be it resolved, By the Lions Club of Alliance, Nebraska, in regular session assembled this 29th day of December, 1921, that

"Whereas, The panhandle of Nebraska, which includes Dawes, Sioux, Box Butte, Sheridan and adjoining counties, is rapidly becoming known as the Potato Seed Center of the middle western portion of the United States, and

"Whereas, Our soil and high altitude are conducive to the growing of the finest potatoes for seed purposes; and because of this fact the acreage grown is rapidly being increased each year, and

"Whereas, The growing of seed potatoes is rapidly becoming the leading industry of western Nebraska and the Panhandle and Certified Potatoes for seed purposes are bringing a price almost double the prices paid for table stock, and

"Whereas, We feel that the potato industry of this part of the state can be more rapidly advanced by the assistance of agricultural potato experts in the certifying and in the planting and growing of the same, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we heartily endorse the movement to install a potato expert in the Chadron, Nebraska, State Normal School, for the purpose of advancing the industry, and be it

"Resolved, That we most strongly commend the stand taken by the president of the said Chadron State Normal, Robert L. Elliott, for the potato industry and that we heartily endorse his plans with regard to the advancement of the potato industry by proper educational methods."

ROTARIANS HEAR A TALK ON DISARMAMENT

(Continued from page 1) teen great battleships now in process of construction could be destroyed by similar means, or at least become obsolete?

"Sixty-eight per cent of our revenue is used to defray the expenses of past wars, 25 per cent for future wars. Education gets the meagre sum of 1 per cent, while 6 per cent is what comes to the rest of us, the public.

Columbia university is the greatest university in the world. Two great universities like this, each a permanent institution, could be established for the cost of one capital ship, which soon becomes obsolete.

The Cost of the War.

"This great war cost the United States in a half-year a sum equal to the amount of money necessary to place an automobile and a tractor upon each of the 6,500,000 farms and then have 600 millions left for good roads. One week of this war cost your Uncle Sam a sum of money equal to the cost of building in each state of the union: Twenty \$100,000 high schools, thirty \$40,000 grade schools, ten \$100,000 churches and forty \$35,000 recreation centers with playgrounds and swimming pools. According to the treaty Germany will pay to the allies within the next forty years 33 billions of dollars, a sum equal to our expenditure for war purposes, at the present rate, within the same period of time. The cost of two great battleships would increase the salary of each of our 15,000 school teachers \$800 a year for five years.

"What is the cost in lives? The Spanish-American war cost 10,000 lives; the Franco-Prussian war 184,000 lives; the American civil war 70,000, and the great world war nearly 10,000,000 lives. The question is, What will the next war cost in lives? With the invention of deadly gases which could be dropped from airplanes over large cities, destroying hundreds of thousands of lives in a few moments of time, whole areas could be depopulated.

"Does the world desire to revert back to barbarism and our present civilization be lost? No, a thousand times no! God be praised it was for our own President Harding to call the conference to consider disarmament. May we always be leaders in every forward movement which will bring peace and good will to all men. Nations, as well as individuals, must be unselfish and think of the rights of others. No nation can live to itself. The peace of one affects the prosperity of the others.

Solve Unemployment Problem.

"If the money spent for war purposes could be used to develop the resources of the country and the advancement of peaceful pursuits, how much better it would be. It would be investing in permanent good and would give employment to the five millions who at the present time are out of work.

"We wonder where we are destined to be if wars continue. The limitation of armaments is only a step in the right direction when the differences between nations will be settled by international arbitration around the conference table. Then the song that was sung by the ancients nineteen centuries ago will be fulfilled, when there will

be, in reality, 'Peace on earth and good will toward men.' As the rosy fingered dawn points to the new day, so the finger of the conference of armament points to the new era of 'Peace.'

Harry Thiele wishes you a very Happy New Year.

Special dinner served in the Palm Room New Year's eve and New Year's day... Alliance Hotel.

HEMINGFORD

Miss Margueret Wiltsey and William Moravek of this place were united in marriage on Wednesday of this week in Alliance. Miss Wiltsey is one of the choice young ladies of Hemingford and held in the very highest esteem by the entire community. Mr. Moravek is an estimable young man well known and respected by all. These fine young people left for Mr. Moravek's ranch near Lander, Wyo., where they will make their home. Their many friends wish for Mr. and Mrs. Moravek a joyous and prosperous journey through life.

Miss Mary Baker who is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Baker, will leave for Chicago Sunday night.

Blenne Rohrbach who has been spending the vacation with home folks will return to Wesleyan Sunday night.

Both the Christmas programs at the Congregational and Methodist churches were well attended and everybody had a good time.

Dr. Baker's sermon was highly appreciated Sunday morning, when he spoke on the subject 'The Christ Child.' Vern Jenkins was visiting his brother, George, and family Christmas day.

R. L. Armstrong and wife of Lincoln are visiting in the Jenkins home. Rev. F. R. Williams of Morrill was visiting at the Methodist parsonage Monday of this week.

Mrs. George W. Jenkins, mother of Mr. Jenkins is enjoying a visit with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kidwell left for Denver last week, where they will remain for a month or six weeks. Rev. and Mrs. May and Rev. Williams took supper Monday with W. D. Johnson west of town and spent the evening with them.

Rev. C. H. Burleigh of Lakeside is visiting a few days this week with his daughter, Mrs. Zercher.

Dr. Baker will leave Saturday for Hay Springs for the Sunday services. The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church met on Thursday of this week at the home of Mrs. A. G. Danborn.

Mrs. W. L. Clark and Ed Clark, mother and brother of W. L. Clark, are visiting at the Clark home here. They are from Delta, Col. Also Mr. Clark's sister, Bessie, of Denver is here for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Robert Gibson is visiting in Grand Island for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Embree spent the evening with Rev. and Mrs. May Wednesday.

Miss Mary Baker gave a splendid talk at the Methodist church last Sunday night to a full house and everybody enjoyed it and spoke in very complimentary terms of the address.

The pastor will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Methodist church next Sunday morning.

District Superintendent O. S. Baker held the first Quarterly Conference for the Methodist church at the parsonage last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clark with Mr. Clark's mother, brother and sister, drove to Alliance Thursday.

Some Interest In Irrigation Project Near Hemingford

A group of government surveyors have been operating near Hemingford to determine the feasibility of constructing an irrigation project for the Box Butte county table, the source of the water being at or near Gurnsey, Wyo., where there is abundant water, says a Hemingford dispatch to The State Journal.

It is reported that they have located the high point of the county about six and one-half miles northeast of Hemingford, on section 36-27-49 and that water can be brought to practically all the county except this high point. There is a natural depression with only a very narrow outlet three miles west of Hemingford, now dry, which on the maps of forty years ago was indicated as a lake. It has a gumbo subsoil and is now a hay meadow. In area it covers about two and one-half sections. This would make an ideal reservoir, similar to Lake Alice, north of Scottsbluff, but one which would cost practically nothing to build, as no masonry would be necessary. From this reservoir the whole central and south part of Box Butte county could be irrigated. Also the winter flow of the Niobrara could be conveyed to the same reservoir.

City Manager's Corner (By N. A. KEMMISH)

Since time memorial human nature has been such as to require a certain code of laws to govern the actions of all people living within certain communities or in a certain country. Our laws constitute those laws which the majority of the people want. Unfortunately among the hundreds of laws we have in this country there is not one but what someone is opposed to its enforcement. It follows therefore that no matter how good or bad a law may be there is always someone who is opposed to it. When a law enforcing officer is doing his duty he cannot discriminate by enforcing the laws on those who are in favor of their being enforced and not enforce them upon those who do not want them enforced. His duty is to see that all laws are enforced without fear or favor, whether these laws are good or bad. He has no power to change the laws. If these laws are not what the people want it is up to them to go to their law making bodies and see that the laws are changed. They should not complain about them to the officers. A great many people want to see the laws enforced upon other people but when it comes home to them it is an entirely different story. They seem to think they have a perfect right to condemn an officer for doing his duty.

Unfortunately there is a little idle talk and propaganda going around regarding the officers who are making this a very "dry" holiday season. It is true the officers are too active to suit the "wet" element but unfortunately the officers have nothing whatever to say in the matter. If the "dry law" is not what the people want the people should change it but so long as it is the law the officers cannot do anything else but see that it is enforced. Unfortunately some good and respectable citizens are joining in this idle talk in place of giving the officers their support as they should do. Every good citizen should cooperate in helping the officers enforce the laws, as they have a hard enough time as it is. We have been fortunate in the matter of contagious diseases over the

past six or seven months. There have been two cases of scarlet fever during this period and today there is not a quarantine card up in Alliance. We are watching carefully to preserve the health of the people and ask that everyone co-operate with us in maintaining the high standard along this line.

Herald Want Ads are read.

SPECIALS

-- for --

The Week End

Regular 50c Palm Olive Vanishing Cream, . . . . .29c

Regular 50c Palm Olive Face Powder at . . . . .29c

Regular 25c Hand Lotion, two for . . .26c

Regular \$1.50 Alarm Clock, Saturday only . . . . .89c

Special Pure Sugar Candy, lb. . . . .25c

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It's the Business-Like Way



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Happy New Year---Good Luck

MAY THE YEAR 1922 and those that follow it, be rich in prosperity, happiness and good luck for all our patrons and friends.

Alliance Steam Laundry

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SAT. DEC. 31st

POLI NEGRI in "One Arabian Night"

Chas. CHAPLIN in "The Idle Class"

MUTT and JEFF "FAST FREIGHT"

CURRENT EVENTS

Matinee 2:30; Night, 7:30-9:30 Adm.—25 and 50c, and War Tax