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MRS. SARAH PARKIN.

Atkinson Graphic, Dec. 2.—Sarah Corrihan daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Corrihan, was born at the family home in the vicinity of Atkinson where most of the 33 years of her life were spent.

About two years ago she was married at Emmet to Mr. Robert Parkin and has since resided at Taylor, Nebraska, where her death occurred Sunday morning November 27. The remains were brought to the home of her parents Wednesday, Thursday morning funeral services were held at Emmet, the parish to which she belonged, interment being made in the Atkinson cemetery, the mother and infant child born Sunday morning being placed in the same grave. Besides the immediate relatives, her husband, parents, two sisters and two brothers, she leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn the loss of one dear to them.

WILGUS-LESLIE.

Atkinson, Graphic, Dec. 2.—Mr. Robert Wilgus and Miss Grace Leslie were united in marriage Monday November 28th, at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. E. L. Peterson officiating. Miss Leslie is the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Leslie of this city. She is a graduate of Atkinson high school and is an accomplished musician.

Mr. Wilgus has made his home in Atkinson for the past year being em-

ployed at the Northwestern depot as day operator.

The young people have a host of friends in this vicinity where the bride has grown to womanhood, who extend best wishes on this auspicious occasion.

NELIGH ASKS WHAT GAME O'NEILL CAN PLAY

Neligh, News Dec. 1.—The boasted trimming that O'Neill was to administer to the Neligh High foot ball team last Thursday was a delusion so far as the O'Neill bunch was concerned. According to the fans from the Emerald Isle town up the line they brought their very best and came down with the avowed intention of eating 'em alive. Well they did eat 'em—that is their words, not the Neligh squad. Now, if there is any other game that O'Neill thinks she can play—just fairly well. We might suggest ping-pong or checkers or spat-em-out. They sure are short on foot ball and we kind a like to rub it in for the way they talked of the Thanksgiving game before it was played.

The Neligh Regulars and O'Neill clashed at about 4 o'clock and it was a battle from the start. Rough playing was noticeable throughout the game but one side was just as rough as the other. Twice during the game "the eyes from Mr. O'Neill's town" came near scoring, but the home team cut them off in the nick of time. The game score was Neligh 33, O'Neill 0.

ENTIRE COUNTRY WATCHING CORN BURNING EXPERIMENT

Crank letters, letters of condemnation, letters of commendation, telegrams and inquiries by long distance telephone are pouring in upon Manager Elvidge and Superintendent Billings of the light and power company as a result of the company's experiment in burning corn for fuel under

its big boilers. Some of the writers condemn the company for thus consuming a food product. Others commend it for helping the farmer to realize on a crop which high freight rates prevent marketing in any other manner at a profit to himself. Some of the inquiries are regarding the satisfaction given by corn as a fuel. Then there are letters and telegrams from individuals wanting to purchase corn, and communications from mine owners and coal brokers quoting prices on coal. Meanwhile the plant is continuing to burn corn and having no difficulty whatever in keeping up steam. In fact, Superintendent Billings declares that it is much more satisfactory in some respects to fire with corn than with coal.

We have no trouble at all in keeping up steam and all that is necessary is to keep the grates covered with coal ashes to prevent them burning out, he said. Incidentally the publication of the news that the company is burning corn instead of coal is bringing down the price of coal, at least in offers made from mines and brokers. One company quotes a price of \$2.50 per ton on coal that the company now is paying \$4.50 for. The company also has received a quotation of \$1.82 on coal that has been costing \$4.82. And while coal has been coming down corn has advanced a little on the local market.

The company is buying its corn direct from the farmers and is paying the local market price paid by the elevators. It is not buying corn from curbstone speculators and will not do so. In buying and using corn as fuel the company is keeping in the community and paying to farmers about \$1,000 a month that leaves the community entirely when it is paid for coal. As long as corn can be purchased so that it is as cheap as coal it will be used as fuel at the plant, and even afterward should a coal shortage occur. At present it takes forty-eight hours to get a car of coal to O'Neill from Sioux City, through which transferpoint most of the eastern coal used in O'Neill passes, and because of this tardiness in delivery the company has often, before it began burning corn, found it necessary to purchase coal of local dealers at retail prices.

Some of the criticism of the wholesale use of corn as fuel is made on the expectation that corn will go to fifty or sixty cents a bushel before spring. It is all right for the farmer who is financially able to do so to hold his corn and live on the hope of a better market, but to the farmer who cannot hold his corn and continue to live until corn goes up, and to the one who cannot afford to feed his corn and take an even greater loss in the sale of the fattened livestock, the general use of corn as fuel comes as a god send. Perhaps some day coal and freight rates will come down to a parity with corn. Then the use of corn as fuel will automatically be stopped.

Following are a few of the many communications received by the electric light company from all parts of the United States, since the announcement that the company is using corn as fuel:

Gentlemen: We notice by the Associated Press that you have begun to burn corn for fuel instead of coal, and thinking possibly that you have not had quotations from this district, we are taking the liberty to make you the following quotations from our mine at Olin, Ill., in Peoria County, on the C. B. & Q. Railroad:

2 Inch Screenings \$2.00 per net ton
 Mine Run \$2.50 per net ton
 These prices are f. o. b. the mines and the published rate to your city via the C. B. & Q. Railroad is \$4.66 per net ton.

We can ship you all the coal you require and would be glad to hear from you whether you are in the market for coal or not.

Yours very truly,
 CENTRAL WEST COAL CO.,
 By R. B. Rians, Sales Mgr.
 Peoria, Illinois.

Gentlemen: I notice in the Wichita Eagle that you are burning corn. Will you please write me the price of corn and who I can write to buy.

And oblige,
 W. D. HAYMAN,
 1559 Grand Ave, Grand Junction, Colo.

Gentlemen: I noticed in the paper that you are operating your plant by using corn as fuel.

It seems to me that it is a shame to have to burn good corn for fuel in Nebraska when the mines in Kentucky are idle on account of no orders for coal.

We can furnish you with the best steam coal there is for \$1.75 per ton f. o. b. mines located on C. B. & Q.

We will furnish you coal for a period of time until you can make a test on the coal and if satisfactory we will enter into contract for One (1) year at a stated price.

We hope you will give this matter your serious attention and let us ship you several cars for trial.

Yours Very Truly,
 R. J. THOMAS,
 Box 452, Ashland, Kentucky.

Gentlemen: Happening to notice the enclosed clipping in one of the Cleveland afternoon papers.

Burning corn is a very interesting proposition, but we presume it must be only a temporary expedient on account of the high coal cost.

We do not know what kind of a plant you have, but presume it is a steam plant; and we wondered if you would not be interested in a power plant that would burn probably one-fifth as much coal as you are using with your steam plant. Also, if lignite should be available in your locality at reasonable price, that could be used to splendid advantage.

Do not believe our plants will operate on corn as fuel, but there are fuels readily available in your vicinity that make it a most practical and money-saving proposition.

We shall appreciate very much hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

THE BRUCE-MACBETH ENG. C.
 C. E. Curtise, Manager,
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen: We note by the paper that you are burning corn because it is cheaper than coal. This seems very strange to us and we are enclosing herewith a self-addressed stamped envelope and would thank you kindly to advise us if the information is correct and further give us the name of some dealer in your city who would be in a position to quote us prices on corn f. o. b. your track. Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of an early reply, we are

Yours truly,
 J. W. BOYD GR. & COM. CO.,
 By J. W. Boyd, President.
 Joplin, Mo.

Dear Sirs: In reading the St. Joseph Gazette we notice that you are burning corn.

Could you tell me the price there? Is it plentiful and the quality good?

I would like to buy some good corn and am enclosing stamped envelope for reply. Thanking you for the favor.

Yours truly,
 OWEN McQUATE,
 Osborn, Mo.

Gentlemen: Please find enclosed clipping from The Peoria Transcript Friday, Dec. 2, 1921.

Would like to know if it is true that you are burning corn for fuel and if so is it rotten corn or marketable corn, and what is it worth per bushel. Awaiting your reply I remain,
 Yours respectfully,

L. BIERMAN,
 908 N. Jefferson St., Peoria, Ill.

Dear Sirs: I notice from the press dispatches that you are burning corn to produce light and power. Will you kindly give me the prices of corn and coal in your city, and a little bit of your experience so far with corn as a fuel?

Any information you can give will be greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,
 W. C. WELBORN,
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 Kansas City, Missouri.

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