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## MAKE DEAL WITH POSTAL

Different Independent Telephone Interests of Nebraska Act.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMPANIES IMMINENT

R. E. Mattison of the Association Is to Manage the Omaha Independent Plant

An agreement looking to the interchange of traffic between the independent telephone companies of Nebraska and the Postal Telegraph company was sanctioned yesterday at a general meeting of forty telephone managers from over the state, held in Lincoln, at the new Lindell hotel. Copies of a proposed contract submitted by the Postal concern were read and Frank H. Woods president of the national independent telephone association and of the Nebraska independent telephone system, announced his approval of the plan. No opposition developed, but it was decided to negotiate with the Postal for the purpose of securing a uniform draft to be signed by itself and Nebraska companies. A committee comprising W. E. Bell of York, T. H. Pollock of Plattsmouth, C. C. Deering of Omaha, Warren Pratt of Kearney and F. H. Woods of Lincoln was named to perform this duty. The committee will suggest some modifications in the tentative articles of agreement in the form they came from the telegraph corporation.

This is said by telephone men to be the most important occurrence in the American wire world since the absorption of the Western Union Telegraph company by the Bell telephone interests, incorporated as the American Telephone and Telegraph company, several months ago. The alliance of the Bell and the Western Union was supposed at that time to carry with it a complete wire merger, including the Postal Telegraph Cable company as well. The Bell, proceeding on that basis, went so far as to purchase a number of the most important independent telephone properties in the principal cities in Ohio and Indiana together with a long distance toll system, traversing several states of the same section. This deal was made through J. Pierpont Morgan, subsequently the independent telephone interests obtained a court decision which prevented the Bell from completing its purchase. Morgan thereupon retained the properties himself and gave it out that he would operate and develop them along independent lines, notwithstanding his past financial connection with the Bell.

As soon as the Morgan attitude was thus defined, the situation as affecting the Postal and other independents shifted. The Postal has preserved the appearance of remaining all of from the Bell-Western Union combination and is now in a position to offer the independents a traffic agreement to offset that tieup. By yesterday's action, the Nebraska independent telephone men show that they are willing to accept the Postal assurances at face value. Added significance is found in the fact that the president of the national independent telephone association, who has been in close touch with all developments, personally vouched for and recommended the plan to his Nebraska associates.

The offer of the telegraph company is to contract with the leading independent companies in Nebraska handling long distance traffic and through them reaching all independent exchanges which may desire to accept the agreement. The form of contract suggested by the Postal is one which will probably be placed before the independent interests all over the country for their acceptance or rejection. Contracts have already been signed up at Buffalo, N. Y., and Abilene, Kas.

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telegraph company shall fix all rates for service, allowing the telephone companies the full tariff rates to and from non-competitive points and 20 per cent of the charges collected on all other business. Each party agrees to stand responsible for its own errors in transmission, and if one should be sued and held liable for errors made by the other party so held liable must be recompensed. The telephone companies are obliged to place their poles at the disposal of the Postal company for a rental of \$6 per mile for each line of wire strung upon the poles. The agreement, when signed, may be terminated by either party upon giving thirty days notice.

WORK ON THE RIVER ROAD BEGAN TODAY.

Elevator Arrives, Men Making Path This Afternoon, Dirt Will Fly Tomorrow.

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Actual operation on the new river road was commenced this morning when the Commercial Club committee consisting of Messrs. Hatt, Falter and Weyrich in company with Surveyor Patterson went down to the bar and put in the stakes for the much needed road which was voted on at the last meeting of the Commercial Club. The committee got busy on the proposition as soon as they were appointed and they deserve a world of credit for the quick work they did in getting the operations really underway.

The big elevator to be used in the work arrived from Union last night and tomorrow morning it will begin to make the dirt fly. The machine is a huge sort of a plow pulled by six or eight horses and operated by three men. The dirt is scraped from the ground, thrown onto a traveling apron and dropped twelve feet from its starting point.

The road in question is that extending from the Burlington subway to the ferry, along which a grade averaging four feet is to be thrown up. The general course of the highway is to be changed. In order that heavy rains, whose floods wash through the subway, will not tear the new road away, it will extend due east from the subway a distance of about 500 feet then making a gradual curve to the ferry landing, following more closely the line of the road used a few years ago than the one now traveled. Men are at work this afternoon clearing away the rubbish along the new route and if the weather permits the committee hopes to have the road completed by the next meeting of the club.

DEATH THIS MORNING OF HARRISON GRAVES

Dies at the Home of His Brother, Drury Graves, on South Fifth Street

(From Wednesday's Daily) Harrison A. Graves departed this life at seven-thirty this morning at the home of his brother Drury M. Graves on South Fifth street. His death was supposed to be caused from dropsy with which he had been suffering for the past three months. He was employed during the winter on the Missouri Pacific section at Julian, Neb., but when the sickness overtook him, he accepted the hospitality of his brother's little home where he remained until his death occurred this morning.

He was born at Council Bluffs, April 5, 1863, making his headquarters in Plattsmouth most of his life. He was a single man, leaving a sister, a brother and a half brother. His sister Mrs. Alice Morrow of Springfield Ill., has been notified and is expected to arrive in the city accompanied by her daughter Vera. His half brother G. W. Hight, of Kornings, Ia., will probably be present at the funeral services which, it is expected, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. The details of the arrangements are being delayed until the arrival of the sister, but the services will probably be in charge of Rev. Mr. Austin, and interment will be made in Oak Hill.

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## Our Great Subscription Contest.

The News-Herald Publishing Co., wants 5,000 subscribers for its semi-weekly edition, News-Herald, and to get that number it has started a subscription voting contest such as no other paper in Cass county ever attempted. It will give away prizes that should make the people of the county sit up and take notice and then get out and hustle. Among the prizes to be given away will be a handsome Maxwell Automobile, valued at \$750.00. The car will be taken to every town in the county and all will have an opportunity to see what is offered. Other prizes will be given and will be announced later. This contest is costing the News-Herald a lot of money, but we want the subscribers and are willing to pay something to get them. We want contestants in every town and hamlet in the county to get into the game. It is worth your while and all will have an equal chance. That this contest is to be conducted absolutely on the square and to the satisfaction of all, we have but to state that the following gentlemen have agreed to act as judges: Byron Clark, the leading lawyer of the City of Plattsmouth, Allen J. Beesen, Judge of the County Court and Henry Schneider, Postmaster, formerly Register of Deeds of Cass county. These names will give you the assurance of a square deal and no favoritism. The day the contest ends the votes are counted the prizes will be awarded. No delay at all. Watch for the red run-about as it passes through the country during the next few days. Read the full page advertisement in the News-Herald and it will tell you all about it. Any other information will be furnished upon application to the editor. After reading the advertisement send in your name promptly stating that you desire to enter the contest. We would suggest that you fill out the coupon printed in the paper, cut it out and mail it to us. This contest will commence June 15th. Don't delay in making your entry.

Fill Out Coupon and Mail Today.

Fill in your own name or the name of a friend whom you think would be an earnest contestant and mail to "Contest Editor," News-Herald: You ought to send in a subscription so that the name would appear in the first standing we publish, that the contestant's friends will know that he or she are in the race to win. Remember an early start may mean victory.

To THE NEWS-HERALD,

Plattsmouth, Neb.

I hereby enter the name of \_\_\_\_\_

whose residence is \_\_\_\_\_

as a contestant in your Great Subscription contest.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### All Aboard for Beatrice!

June 7, 8, 9 will be memorable days for every one who attends the state Sunday school convention at Beatrice next week. They will be red letter days in the story of Sunday school work in the state. The program had

something good for every hour of each day, with speakers of national and international reputation. Mr. W. D. Stem was the originator and founder of the Adult class movement;

he is expert in this work. Wm. A. Brown is an international Missionary Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

Rev. J. M. Kersey, D. D., will have

charge of the Bible Study period each morning and afternoon. Mrs. Mary

Foster Bryner is Elementary Superintendent of the International association.

These names indicate the exceptional strength and richness of the program. State and local committees

and workers have made most careful

preparations in every way and con-

fidentially expect the largest delegate

attendance in the history of such work

in the state. This convention will

mark a long forward step in Sunday

school work in Nebraska. Its music

under Prof. Eichorn's leadership, will

echo over the entire state. Beatrice expects 1200 or more delegates. The word is "On to Beatrice!" Will you be there? Beatrice and the State Convention are waiting to welcome you.

### POEM ON THE COMET

WRITTEN YEARS AGO

Composed by Father of Uncle Tom Kennish, Well Known Character of City.

Through the kindness of Mrs. George Dovey and T. T. Kennish we are able to publish a few interesting lines of verse written by Mr. Kennish's father at the time of the last appearance of the comet in 1835.

Hail! Wondrous visitant to this our sky.  
Once more thou shinest on the human eye

How far remote thy ample rounds have been

## SWINGS THE BIG STICK

Teddy Tells English What They Should Do And What Not To Do.

FORMER PRESIDENT GIVES HIS VIEWS.

Unless You Can do Business Get Out. Insists That Government Maintain Order.

LONDON, May 31.—England today felt the swish the "big stick." In fact Guild hall, the picturesque headquarters of London's civic authorities, Colonel Roosevelt, in response to the speech making him an honor freeman of this city, assailed England's administration in Egypt and declared that England should rule with a stronger hand or get out of that country and leave its government to a more fearless nation.

"If you feel that you ought not to be in Egypt and have no desire to keep order there, by all means get out. If you feel that it is your duty to civilization to stay, then show yourselves ready to meet the responsibilities of your position."

This was the colonel's closing arraignment of the British government's policy in Egypt. Its very boldness startled the distinguished audience and owing as it did in response to an honor that London rarely confers on a foreigner, the propriety of Roosevelt's utterances was freely questioned.

The speech will undoubtedly stir up a big row, inasmuch as it amounts to the denunciation of the existing government, which is responsible for Sir Francis Eldon Gros's administration of Egyptian affairs. The col-

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SUMMER sports generally bring together a lot of well dressed people. If you're going to be there, better be sure of your clothes; the style, quality, fit. Here are HART SCHAFFNER & MARX fine clothes; right in every detail.

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Others \$10 and upward

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Manhattan Shirts

Stetson Hats

Falter & Thierolf  
FINE GIVING CLOTHES