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THE TROUBLES OF THE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY OF OMAHA

Their Troubles However in No Way Affect the Plattsmouth Telephone Company.

The morning Omaha papers contain a statement showing that the troubles of the Independent Telephone Company of Omaha are multiplying and that mechanics liens aggregating \$15,610.15 have been filed against that corporation by companies which sold them automatic telephones and cable. A chattel mortgage was also filed in the office of the county clerk by the president of the company for \$3,300,000 payable to the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles, Cal. The chattel mortgage covers all the property of the company. The troubles of the company have been on for months and several schemes of reorganization have been proposed and it is believed the present proceedings are another step in that direction.

The Independent Company of Omaha is the long distance connection of the Plattsmouth Independent Company. General Manager T. H. Pollock of the local company when asked this morning as to whether proceedings in Omaha interested his company, replied that it did not in any sense except as to the physical connection of the two companies which was all the interest the local had, and which was in no wise imperiled by the troubles at that point. There was no financial connection whatever between the two com-

panies and there would be no interruption of that. The Omaha company will undoubtedly be reorganized and placed upon a sound financial basis and there would be many extensions made so as to make the plant cover the entire territory embraced in Omaha, South Omaha and Florence. To do this required additional capital and these moves were all in that direction. The Plattsmouth Company would continue in the future as in the past to keep its long distance connection with the Omaha company and would benefit and profit by improved service to be given the public by the proposed reorganization.

In connection with the independent business an interesting deal was closed yesterday by which the Lincoln Independent Telephone Company purchased the Grand Island independent company. This is one of the best and strongest exchanges in the state and its acquisition by the Lincoln company materially strengthens that company, as well as the independent interests in the state. The exchange is a new and modern one with a large list of subscribers and, added to the Lincoln company's list aids largely in increasing the patronage and field to be covered by local and long distance lines. The Lincoln company is the connection in that city of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company.

"MISSOURI PACIFIC IRON MOUNTAIN"

Hereafter That Will be the Trade Mark of the Old M. P. System.

A change is being made all over the Missouri Pacific system in the nomenclature of the road. Heretofore everything in use on the system has borne the familiar trade mark of the road seal with cross ties and rails and the words "Missouri Pacific Railway." This has been the sign used in their advertisements, on their stationery and on the painted signs of the road. The new sign will read "Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain" and the system will be known as the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system. The signs on the windows of the offices in Omaha are now being changed by the painters and the lettering of all their stationery is being stamped over with the new name. The occasion for this is the adoption of the Missouri Pacific of the consolidation system in use of other roads and the reorganization of all their lines under one general head. The Missouri Pacific lines include the Missouri Pacific proper, the Wabash Railroad, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, the Texas & Pacific, the International & Great Northern, the Denver & Rio Grande, the Colorado Midland and the Western Pacific with their feeders.

Missouri Pacific Bond.

A special from New York, under date of November 11, says: "The long delayed new financing of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company was announced today. At the annual meeting of stockholders January 18, 1910, authority will be asked to issue \$175,000,000 five per cent, fifty year gold bonds. Of this sum, 29,806,000 will be offered to stockholders at \$95 for each \$100, par value. The bonds have been underwritten by the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The bonds will be convertible into stock at par after September 1, 1912, and until September 1, 1932, and redeemable at \$110 on or after September 1, 1917. The understanding in Wall street is that the Goulds have given up control of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, so that they may devote more attention to the Missouri Pacific and allied railroad policies, and that the new bond is-

sue will provide means for improving the Gould system."

Tied Up On Jury.

Louis Dunkak, one of Avoca's best citizens, came to town this week, called here by some legal matters and he suffered a terrible misfortune. The sheriff landed him on a jury and for almost forty-eight hours ending this morning at eleven o'clock, he was compelled to serve the state. He didn't expect to be in such demand when he came in and he was somewhat disturbed at being tied up for such a length of time. He was one of the members of the jury in the Mefford-Zox case. Louis returned to his home this afternoon and vows that in the future he will be chary of coming to Plattsmouth when court is in session.

George Towle, one of the regular panel, and a rattling good citizen of Wabash, returned to his home this afternoon after spending the week on the jury.

Dan McNeely of Elmwood, one of that city's good citizens, who is also a member of the jury panel, departed this afternoon for his home at Elmwood, being one of those excused until next week. Mr. McNeely formerly lived in this city and has many friends here.

Will Move to Murray.

L. U. Upp, the Avoca real estate hustler, was in the city over night on business, departing this morning for Omaha. He gave the Journal a pleasant call, and while here informed us that he had purchased M. G. Churchill's property in Murray, and would remove to that village the first of the month. Mr. Upp works at barbering when not busy at selling real estate. He is right in judging Murray to be a good business point, and we trust his change of location will prove beneficial.

Woodmen Dance

The members of the M. W. A., together with their families, will enjoy one of their pleasant dances on next Wednesday evening, November 24. The dance will take place at Coates' Hall and is limited to members of the order with their families. There will be good music and a general good time held as the Woodmen always enjoy themselves on such occasions. Don't forget the place and date, Coates' Hall, November 24.

Thomas Lindsey and wife and children were passengers this afternoon for Murdock, where they will make a visit of several days with relatives.

ENGINE BLOWS UP AT LINCOLN

Fireman Killed and Engineer and Brakeman Injured.

By the explosion of the boiler of engine No. 2046 of the Burlington road yesterday afternoon at Lincoln Fireman C. R. Meacham was killed and Engineer George A. Pierce and Brakeman M. H. Upton injured, the former perhaps fatally. The accident happened near the west end of the Burlington yards at 2:05 p. m., almost at the A street crossing. Engine 2046 was bound west with an extra known in railroad parlance as 77's extra. The explosion demolished the engine and hurled the boiler to a distance of 403 feet, the boiler striking the ground twice and turning over, something remarkable in the history of boiler explosions.

There was no clue as to what caused the explosion save the fact that the crown sheet of the engine was burned, and indicated that the boiler had gone dry and that water had been turned into it. This would have resulted in the explosion. Persons who witnessed the explosion said that the boiler rose straight from the trucks of the engine to a distance of fifty feet in the air and turned over twice striking the ground and making two rebounds.

The unfortunate fireman was hurled backward by the explosion into the tank and nearly every bone in his body broken by the force of the explosion. In addition he was frightfully scalded and lived but a very few moments after the accident. Engineer Pierce was at his place on the right hand side of the engine, and was hurled through the cab window a distance of eighty feet. He sustained a broken thigh, several severe injuries to the face and head and was badly scalded. In addition he was suffering from internal injuries and when picked up was unconscious. He was taken to a hospital at once and at an early hour this morning had not recovered consciousness. Attending surgeons do not hold out much hope for recovery. Brakeman Upton was either on the engine tank, the fireman's seat or on the first car back of the engine. There are many conflicting stories as to his whereabouts when the accident happened but the story that he was in the engine cab on the fireman's seat seems to have the most credence. He was hurled through the air a distance of fifty feet and was badly cut about the face, head and arms and also sustained a fractured knee and broken arm. He was scalded to some extent but not so much as Pierce. It is believed he will recover, although his condition is admittedly serious.

The men were all well known among railroad men running into and out of this city. Engineer Pierce having been in the employ of the Burlington for twenty years. He had worked his way up and was considered one of the most careful men in the employ of the company. Meacham was also well known here as was Upton and both men had many friends. All three of the men were married men, Pierce living at 1108 T street, Lincoln, Meacham living at 818 Vine street and Upton at 1220 M street.

An investigation by the coroner of Lancaster county is under way and every effort will be made to fix responsibility. Supt. Bignell for the company stated that nothing was known as to the cause except that indications were a dry boiler and a dropped crown sheet was the cause, however he did not express any definite opinion.

Such accidents are rare in the history of railroading and when they happen they can usually be traced to letting the boiler go dry. Nearly everyone in this city remembers the accident which took place in this city many years ago when engine 12 blew up while being fired up in the round house and killed and crippled a number of men. There were many conflicting stories afloat at that time as to the cause of the disaster including the theory of a dry boiler, but it was never settled to the satisfaction of everyone just what did cause the disaster.

Among the good citizens of Liberty precinct in the city today interested in the drainage election is noticed George Everett, John E. Carroll, R. D. Stine, L. J. Hall, G. W. Eaton, Matthew McQuinn, and Andrew E. Taylor.

Promoted to Chief Clerk.

Wymore, Neb., Nov. 18.—L. E. Caldwell, for several years master mechanic's clerk here, has gone to Lincoln to be chief clerk for Gus Johnson, who was recently promoted from master mechanic at this place to assistant superintendent of motive power. F. R. Walrod of Beatrice has taken his place in Division Superintendent Lyman's office, made vacant by the promotion of Charles Hanson.

THE NEW BRIDGE ACROSS PLATTE

Articles of Incorporation Will Be Filed As Soon As Mr. Duff Reaches The City.

It was expected that articles of incorporation of the new bridge company across the Platte river to Garpy county would be filed yesterday, but owing to the failure of R. A. Duff to get into the city in time this was not done. Mr. Duff is touring Iowa in his auto and the bad roads have delayed him. He is expected in at any time and on his arrival the articles will be signed and filed. He is to be one of the heaviest stockholders in the new enterprise which can be considered practically assured.

The name of the new corporation is to be the "Plattsmouth Auto and Wagon Bridge Company," a title which advertises Plattsmouth. In the case of many companies of this kind, the town or city building them receives no recognition in the title but some vague, indefinite title is adopted which does not do the community any good. The men back of this enterprise realize that Plattsmouth is the chief beneficiary of it and they determined on the start to put in the word Plattsmouth so everyone would know where the bridge was.

The company is to be incorporated for \$25,000, divided into shares of \$25 each and as soon as ten per cent of the capital is paid in work will start. It is expected that the work can be gotten under way within a few months at the outside and speedily rushed to completion. The new bridge will be built east of the Burlington bridge at Orepolis, and will be a strong and substantial structure capable of standing the spring floods and resisting the ice.

In District Court.

The jury in district court which had been wrangling with the case of Mefford vs. Zox from near Greenwood, brought in a verdict, giving the plaintiff John Mefford a verdict for one dollar which carries with it the costs of the suit. They were out almost forty-eight hours, thirty-three of which was in one stretch. The amount sued for was \$85 which was asked for tools alleged to have been taken from the plaintiff's well boring machine while the same was being held by the defendant for money due him. After receiving the verdict of the jury Judge Pemberton excused the members of the regular panel, who had served on the case until next Monday.

The Herold-Coates damage case is still dragging its length along before Judge Pemberton and a jury and is being stubbornly contested. The defendant W. W. Coates was on the stand all morning and was given a fierce cross-examination by Matthew Gering, counsel for the plaintiff. There was a constant stream of objections by counsel for the defendant and much wrangling between the attorneys in the case. There will be several other witnesses to be heard for the defendant and the case may possibly get to the jury sometime tomorrow.

In Clerk Robertson's office a case has been filed entitled Dolly Trotter et al vs. Frederick R. Harris et al, it being a suit to partition lands belonging to the Sarah A. Gardner estate.

Frank Masile, one of the most prominent citizens of Mt. Pleasant precinct, was in the city today attending to some business matters and also making a visit with friends. Frank is one of the prominent Democrats of his part of the county and was well pleased with the outcome of the late election. His son Harlan Masile, accompanied him to take the examination at the county superintendent's office.

FRANK KALESEK HAS A CLOSE CALL FOR HIS LIFE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

While Unloading Heavy Timbers From Car He is Caught by Falling Timber and Thrown to Ground With Great Force.

From Friday's Daily.

An accident which came near costing Frank Kalesek his life happened about 4:10 yesterday afternoon at the work on the new Burlington sewer. Kalesek is employed as a laborer in Foreman Savengren's gang and in company with several others, was engaged in unloading bridge timbers from a coal car. These timbers were very heavy and were to be used in cribbing under the tracks. The car which was loaded high above the sides with timbers standing at its highest point some twenty feet above the ground, was standing on one of the storage tracks west of the main line and several hundred yards south of the depot.

Four men were on top of the timbers with cant hooks and like tools engaged in pushing the timbers off the car onto the ground. Kalesek was one of these and had given a timber a roll which turned over and started on its way to the ground. As it turned, some nails of spikes which were imbedded in the timber caught the unfortunate man by either the pants or over shirt, spectators cannot say for certain which, and whirled him through the air in its wake. He was turned completely over three times in his descent from the car and lighted upon the ground underneath it. As he came down he fell across a rail on an adjoining track, his legs being caught that part of his body to lie squarely over the rail while the upper part of his body was on the outside. The timber followed him to the ground and fell across his body first, fortunately striking one end of the ground and easing the force of the blow which fell under his stomach. The timber then slid down the body across the legs as it settled to the ground pinning Kalesek beneath it.

Foreman Savengren and his men at once removed the timber from Kalesek who was groaning and, apparently seriously injured. Having seen the accident and observed the manner in which the timber had struck Kalesek, Foreman Savengren was fearful of internal injuries as

the body across the stomach, hips and bowels had been caught by the first force of the falling timber and seemingly crushed. He at once summoned a dray which was standing near and had the unfortunate man taken to the surgeon's office where an examination was made, disclosing him to be painfully bruised but with no bones broken. Later it was determined to have him taken home as the attending physicians were of the opinion that he had not sustained as bad injuries as thought. They were of the opinion that his injuries were not in themselves, dangerous and that with proper treatment he will recover.

That he had a narrow escape from fatal injuries and possible death, is freely admitted. Had the timber caught the legs as they lay across the track they would have snapped in two like straws, while had his body fallen across the rail and the timber have caught it he would have sustained a broken back almost beyond prudence.

Kalesek is a married man with several children and has been having considerable misfortune of late years. He has had sickness and other troubles to contend with and was in poor financial condition to sustain these injuries. Several years ago he had trouble with the Burlington and was discharged from the shops here. Later he entered the bridge and building department and was ordered off the work on instructions from headquarters. Still later he again secured employment and not long since was transferred to Foreman Savengren's gang. He was not a member of the Burlington Voluntary Relief and was ineligible for admission into that organization. It is said he was a member of the Modern Woodmen.

The condition of Mr. Kalesek today shows marked improvement and there is no danger but now but what he will recover. A further examination shows that he is suffering principally from bruises and that he has sustained no internal injuries and that it is a question of but a short time when he will be able to be out and at work once more.

DOING THINGS AT MURDOCK

The Way One Woman Fixes Up Small Family Matters.

Here is the way one woman fixes up small family matters, and the story is well told by the Murdock correspondent of the Ashland Gazette:

"On re-entering his store room Saturday evening, after a temporary absence, L. Netzel was surprised to find the air full of dust and flying pieces of merchandise. His first thoughts were of San Francisco and earthquakes, but as the disturbance seemed to be confined within the walls of the building he groped his way through the semi-darkness, overturned chairs, baby carriages, sewing machines, etc., to the front of the room where he found a man from the vicinity of South Bend and his sister-in-law who lives in Murdock, engaged in settling a family misunderstanding by the strong arm of nature. Fortunately for Mr. Netzel financially and the brother-in-law physically there was a six foot traveling man in the store who had interceded in behalf of peace and prosperity, by holding the woman, thereby saving Mr. Netzel considerable expense in the way of repairing show cases, etc., and saving the brother-in-law much physical pain and the humiliation of being beat up after having been knocked down by the woman. As Herman Gast has not yet qualified as Justice of the peace, onarrests were made.

Mrs. Joseph Kahoutek and daughter Florence, are visitors today in Plattsmouth being passengers there this morning.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst Brother Victor Anderson, a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 365, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Whereas, in his death this lodge loses one of its most useful and best of members, and this community one of its noblest, most upright and sincere citizens, and his family a faithful, kind and loving brother; therefore be it

Resolved, by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 365, Fraternal Order of Eagles that this lodge loses one of its most respected and upright members and this community one of its best citizens and his family a kind and loving brother; and be it further

Resolved, that this lodge tenders to the sorrowing brothers, sisters and parents of our deceased brother our deepest and most sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread at large upon the minutes of this lodge, and that a copy thereof be printed in the newspapers of the city of Plattsmouth and that the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

JAMES REBAL,
JOSEPH HADRABA,
J. E. McDANIEL,
Committee.

Elevator Changes Hands.

Last Saturday R. C. Wenzel sold his elevator, coal and implement business to E. J. Betts and P. F. Venner. Dick has almost grown up in the elevator business and his many friends will regret to see him step out. His successors are well and favorably known to the people of Eagle and vicinity, both as citizens and business men and will be right at home in this business, both having had former experiences.—Eagle Beacon.