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HAS THE RAILWAY COMMISSION POWER TO FIX TELEPHONE RATES?

It is Difficult to Discover Whence Comes the Authority for the Assertion That the Commission Has Anything Lawfully to Do With the Fixing of Telephone Rates in Cities and Towns of Nebraska.

From Friday's Daily.
In the discussion relating to telephone rates incident to the recent evolutions in the telephone business of this state one frequently encounters the suggestion that it is within the power of the state railway commission to fix rates. This statement is evidently made to quiet the fear that with but one company operating in each town rates may be advanced, says the Lincoln Star.

It is difficult to discover whence comes the authority for the assertion that the state railway commission has anything lawfully to do with the fixing of telephone rates in the cities and towns of Nebraska. The fact seems to be that each town has the right, through its governing body, to regulate rates of all public service corporations doing business within and deriving their franchises from such town. If the town has such authority, then it necessarily follows that the state railway commission has not.

It is true that a measure was introduced in the senate during the past session intended to give the state railway commission power to fix rates of all public service corporations, but it did not become a law. The republican press bureau has sought to criticize Hon. John H. Morehead, democratic candidate for governor, for having voted against that bill.

When many of the franchises for telephone companies were granted in the towns provision was made as conditions of such grants that the towns should regulate the rates, or that the rates should be maintained at a definite and fixed figure. It surely does not seem as if the state railway commission could acquire any power to vitiate such a contract.

If there is now any law assuming to deprive the cities and towns of Nebraska of their power to regulate their local corporations, it is vicious and should be repealed at the next session. There should be allowed to exist no question upon that point. Meanwhile no law can exist that violates the obligation of any contract undertaken by a company when it secured its franchise.

BAND BOYS NOW ENABLED TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS

From Friday's Daily.
The Burlington Route band are under obligations to the Plattsmouth Players' club for a donation of \$30 which the club has just placed at the disposal of the band's treasury. The band will now be enabled to procure their new suits, and will proceed at once to do so. Many of the boys have already had their measures taken for the suit and soon we will have the pleasure of beholding the band with its new clothes on. The band wishes to publicly express its thanks to each member of the club who participated in the benefits for the band for the substantial aid rendered. Such generosity cannot soon be forgotten.

Meet With Mrs. John Lutz.

The ladies of St. Paul's church held their regular monthly social meeting yesterday afternoon and were delightfully entertained at the pleasant home of Mrs. John Lutz. There was a large number in attendance, who devoted the entire afternoon in a social time. Games and amusements, interspersed with social conversation, made the hours pass all too rapidly. Delicious coffee and cakes were served by the hostess at an appropriate hour, after which the guests dispersed, very much indebted to the hostess for her kind hospitality and for the splendid entertainment afforded them on this occasion.

Mr. Klinger's Daughter Sick.

George Klinger received a message from his son-in-law, Bert McGinnis, of Omaha, last night informing Mr. Klinger that his daughter, Mr. McGinnis' wife, was very sick and requesting him to come. Mr. Klinger visited them Monday and brought his 2-year-old grandson home with him, as Mrs. McGinnis was not feeling well at that time.

Summer Wash Goods are all in our Summer Clearance Sale.

18c Flaxons at 12 1/2c.
Tissues worth 25c at 15c.
12 1/2c and 15c Lawns at 8c.
E. G. DOVEY & SON.

Queen Quality Oxfords for ladies; the \$3.00 grade, at \$1.98.

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Visiting cards, invitations, programs, and all other kinds of fancy printing done at the Journal office.

Farewell!

After a continuous residence of more than fifty-six years and fifty years, respectively, we expect to bid Plattsmouth and the church and our many dear friends a lasting farewell. Many of our friends, whose society we have enjoyed during these many years, we will be unable to take by the hand and say good-bye. We will carry with us many precious memories. We expect, in the first week of August, to sever ties that have bound us to Plattsmouth and its people for more than half a century. This breaking up and severing of ties means much to us, who had expected to end our days and be gathered to our Father, in Plattsmouth. But we accept the providence that prompts us to say farewell.

July 26, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wise.

DEATH OF FORMER CASS COUNTY LADY

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. S. A. Buster, who recently died at Franklin, Neb., was a sister-in-law of our townsman, William M. Buster. She lived at Franklin since 1872, where she went from Rock Bluffs, south of Plattsmouth. They were well known in that vicinity and highly esteemed by all. Her husband died about six years ago. The Messrs. Buster were in the confederate service together, but although Mr. Samuel Buster wore the gray he was as well thought of by the Grand Army men about Franklin as any of their own comrades. As an instance of this: Some time before Mr. Buster died he and his estimable wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, their golden wedding, and the Grand Army friends in that section came to his home in a bunch and camped right there for two days to help Mr. Buster celebrate his anniversary. Although a confederate no reunion of Grand Army boys at Franklin was ever complete unless Mr. Buster was present.—Ashland Gazette.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY DROWNED AT SIOUX CITY

Tom Swearingen Loses His Life While Attempting to Save Life of a Companion.

From Friday's Daily.

The following is taken from the Omaha Bee of this morning:

"The unselfish desire to save a drowning friend caused the death of Thomas Swearingen of Benson yesterday afternoon at Crystal lake, South Sioux City, Swearingen, who is well known in Omaha, is survived by his wife and one child. He was a surveyor in the employ of the Nebraska-Sioux City Electric Railway company and is the son of W. A. Swearingen, well known in local railroad circles. According to information from Sioux City, Swearingen, with two companions, was swimming in Crystal lake when suddenly one of the bathers was seized with cramps. Swearingen swam to him and pulled him to shallow water, but the effort cost him his life, for at that moment he sank to the bottom and his body has not been recovered. The other young man was saved."

Tom Swearingen was well known in this city, having been born in this county, and came to Plattsmouth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swearingen, when he was quite small and attended the city schools later. And in recent years, while his father was M. P. agent here, Tom attended school in this city and had many warm friends here. Very meager details of the sad occurrence were received by friends of the family here last evening. Nothing is known as to the place and day of the funeral, which will probably be held at Benson, where the unfortunate young man resided.

Painting and paper hanging is certainly my business.
Frank Gobelman.

PLATTSMOUTH PEOPLE IN THE GOLDEN STATE

Henry Goos and H. E. Schneider Royally Entertained While in California.

From Friday's Daily.

H. F. Goos, the prosperous Main street boot and shoe merchant, returned from a trip to the coast two days ago, enthused with visions of the coast cities and loudly singing the praise of the ex-Plattsmouth people whom he met during his journey. Henry and his traveling companion, Postmaster Schneider, were treated like princes from the opulent Orient and were everywhere warmly welcomed by old-time neighbors.

At the home of Mrs. Morgan Weybright, on July 20, the travelers were entertained at a party made up entirely of former Plattsmouth friends. Mrs. Weybright entertained them royally, serving a sumptuous lunch, and the time flitted away all too rapidly while the company joyously discoursed on sights and sounds of other days when they were citizens of the beautiful city of Plattsmouth, before the lure of the California climate had hold of them. Those present at this pleasant function were: Mrs. M. Weybright, Hattie Brown, Mrs. T. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B. Elson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Quinn, Tom Clifford, Julius Pepperberg, B. A. Rosencrans, Herr Henry Goos and Postmaster Schneider of Plattsmouth. It was a most enjoyable occasion for the two Plattsmouth guests, who were so far from their native state surrounded by scenes entirely strange, but by voices and faces all so natural.

At Santa Monica they were most splendidly received and entertained by our old friend William Stadelman, engaged in the real estate business and making good. The following is what the Daily Outlook of Santa Monica had to say of their visit there:

"Colonel Billy Stadelman is smiling his widest and sweetest today because he has as his guests H. Goos and H. E. Schneider, both past exalted rulers of the Elks of Plattsmouth, Neb., as his guests. If the samples of Plattsmouth Elks we have been seeing here reflect the citizenship of that burg they must be a mighty good lot back there."

Mr. Stadelman took the travelers a seventy-mile ride in his car, and showed them the city beautiful and dined his guests at the club, one of the swellest on the coast.

Earl Wescott also showed the Nebraska travelers a good time and took them about the city of Los Angeles, exhibiting to them all of the fine buildings in the city.

CELEBRATED HIS EIGHTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

From Friday's Daily.

Harold Renner, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Heger, celebrated his eighth birthday Wednesday, July 24, by having a number of his playmates assist him from 2 to 6 o'clock. The occasion was also in honor of his little cousin, Eneid Heger, who, with her mother, Mrs. Will Heger, of Washington, D. C., are guests of the Heger home. Games and various childish amusements entertained the little people during the afternoon. A lovely lunch, consisting of ice cream and cake, was served. Many fine presents were received by Harold, which will be pleasant reminders of the occasion for many years to come. Those present were: Eneid Heger, Harold Renner, Mary Egenberger, Edith and Helen Farley, Theodore, Elmer and Herbert Johnson, Helen and Robert Worl, Hazel Corbert, Irene Ames and Eleanor Hule; Mrs. G. L. Farley, Mrs. Worl, Mrs. F. D. Lohnhof and daughter, Miss Thilie, and Miss Anna Egenberger and Mrs. Bestor.

Good Pasture.

\$1.00 per month. Horses or cattle; on Platte bottom at south end of wagon bridge. Good water.
T. H. Pollock.

Nose Injured Severely.

While at play about 7:30 yesterday afternoon with several playmates at a game of hide-and-seek, Carl Ofe collided with Roy Olson, striking the latter on the forehead, almost breaking Carl's nose. Carl was taken into the house and the injured member dressed. It was thought at first that the nose was broken, but a closer examination changed the opinion of the anxious parents. The little fellow is able to be about today, although his nose is very sore.

BERTIE MOTT AGAIN COMES TO THE FRONT

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Bertha Mott, nee Miss Bertha Wise, formerly of Weeping Water, but lately a resident of Omaha, and who has gained some newspaper notoriety within the past two years, again got into the public eye yesterday afternoon, when she attempted to kidnap her babe, which had been placed in the hands of her mother-in-law by order of the court. Mrs. Mott, with her mother, Mrs. Rose Wise, of Weeping Water, forced their way into the presence of Mrs. Mott's mother-in-law and grabbed the infant from the arms of Mrs. Mott, sr., and started to make their escape, followed by her mother and mother-in-law, the latter trying to prevent the kidnapping. She had not gone far before she met her husband, who tried to get the baby, but was prevented by Mrs. Wise. In the fight most of the clothing was torn from Mott's wife, and as a result Mott is in the city jail at Omaha, charged with assault. Mrs. Wise is in St. Joseph's hospital suffering from a knife wound in her side, Mrs. Mott, sr., is in the hospital with a broken thigh, resulting from a blow from a ball bat said to have been wielded by Mrs. Wise, and the baby is in the Child Saving institute. Bertha is in the city jail with disheveled hair and clothing torn to rags, as a result of her encounter with her husband. The court will have to untangle the snarl into which the family affairs have been brought.

THE W. C. T. U. IN COUNTY CONVENTION

A Very Interesting Session and Large Attendance—Mrs. A. J. Beeson Wins Medal.

From Friday's Daily.

The W. C. T. U. county convention closed last evening with a grand Demorest contest at the Christian church, the church being crowded with interested spectators at the closing session. The convention is an annual affair and holds its sessions over two or three days, having different phases of the W. C. T. U. work to dispose of and reports to pass upon.

Officers for the next year were elected yesterday as follows: President, Mrs. Dr. M. M. Butler, Weeping Water; vice president, Mrs. Stander, Louisville; secretary, Mrs. Harmon, Avoca; treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Moore, Plattsmouth.

The program last evening was full of interest and the performers all did excellent. A committee consisting of Mrs. Bradbury of Lincoln, Hon. R. B. Windham and Rev. A. L. Zink, was selected to pass on the merits of the different performances, and although the contest was very close and the markings on the numbers very similar, Mrs. A. J. Beeson got the highest marks and won the medal. Each of the other performers received a small silver medal. Musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. Mae Morgan, Miss Margerite Thomas and Messrs. York and Seifers.

Acorn Brand Waists, one of the best on the market, worth from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Summer Clearance Sale price, 75c to \$3.50.
E. G. DOVEY & SON.

HOBO NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING GROUND TO PIECES

As No. 2 left the Burlington station last evening an intoxicated man came nearly losing his life while making an attempt to ride the break-rods of a Burlington coach. The stranger tried to slip under the train and seized the rods just as the train started up and got hold with his hands, but did not get his feet off the ground, when he was noticed by someone and the engineer signaled to stop, which he did. The conductor and brakeman pulled the man out from his perilous position, where he no doubt would have been ground up within a few minutes, or as soon as his hold on the rods should have been released had the train remained in motion. The drunken man staggered hatless and with bruised face and head to the waiting room of the station. He refused to give his name, but said he had boarded the break-rods at Omaha and had not some boys told on him he would have made it on again.

STATE BANKS IN FINE CONDITION IN NEBRASKA

Deposits Reach Highest Amount in the History of State on June 14.

From Friday's Daily.

Deposits in state banks reached the highest point in the history of the state June 14, according to a report issued by Secretary Royce of the state banking board. The total upon that date was exacting \$82,835,356.02, the number of banks reporting being 681. A summary of the report shows an average reserve of 30 per cent, or double the amount required by law. The total number of depositors is 206,188.

In his report, which indicates the trend of business affairs in the state, Secretary Royce says: "With the deposits the highest in the history of the state, an average reserve double the amount required by law, and a reduction of \$63,000 in notes and bills rediscounted and bills payable during the past year, a very satisfactory showing for the banks of Nebraska is presented at this time, and indicates a most safe and sound condition, a substantial growth in business, and the careful and conservative lines upon which they are being operated."

Since the report of March 16, 1912, deposits have increased \$2,496,380.26 and loans have increased \$1,474,300.26 and there has been a gain of ten in number of banks. The reserve is the same, being 30 per cent, double the amount required by law.

Compared with a year ago, June 1, 1911, the increase in deposits is \$10,948,872.86, and the increase in loans amounts to \$8,254,076.58, and an increase of twenty-three in number of banks reporting."

CHARLES PITMAN PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pittman received a telegram from Kimberly, Idaho, informing them that their son, Charles Pittman, had been very seriously mashed and perhaps fatally injured. No more particulars were given, but the request was made that relatives go there as soon as possible. J. W. Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garrison started on the Tuesday morning train for Idaho, and we expect further details as soon as they reach there.—Union Ledger.

Mrs. Emma Ault came over from Glenwood on the morning train today.

Queen Quality Oxfords for ladies; the \$3.00 grade, at \$1.98.

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