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TREBLING COST TO CAUSE AN INCREASED RATE

BY INCREASING COST OF PRODUCTION MAKES RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

From Friday's Daily.

The matter of the production of gas for heating, lighting and manufacturing purposes over the country has become a grave problem to the companies engaged in this line and with the increasing cost of all the materials that enter into the making of gas the companies are finding themselves face to face with the question of either an increased rate for the output of their companies or the abandonment of this important industry and which supply a great many other institutions with their heat and who use the gas in connection with their machinery.

The city of Omaha which is assuming the control of the gas plant in that city is to ask an increase from the present rate in order to meet the running expenses.

The Lincoln Gas & Electric Co. has made application to the federal court for permission to increase their gas rates to the consumers from \$1.40 to \$2.13 per thousand cubic feet of gas. The Lincoln company has prepared a statement of the effects of the increased cost in their production of gas that gives a clear insight into the conditions that are affecting each gas producing company in the west and which is now making the continuation of this industry dependable upon securing a reasonable increase until such time as the market can afford them cheaper material.

The item of coke, one of the chief materials necessary in the production of gas has been one of the big increases of the Lincoln company, having been purchased in January at \$11.44 and is now selling for \$16.05, an increase per ton of \$4.61. The Lincoln company uses 6,000 tons in a year and the increased annual cost of this one item alone is \$27,600 per year.

It is in the face of such facts as these that the gas companies have made application for relief and their being able to continue in business depends upon the matter of whether or not a reasonable increase is allowed. In this city the situation is the same as in other towns and the application of the gas company for a small increase is now awaiting action by the city council. If the rate is not allowed the company in all probability will be compelled to close down their plant with its accompanying discomfort and annoyance to those who have gas burning machinery in their places of business or depend upon it for use in their homes for light or heat. It is a matter that should be gravely considered by every person who is affected by the changes proposed. For those who are depending on gas it means a great deal of expense to readjust themselves to other means of heat or light and which would far exceed the small cost that is proposed in the increased rate.

CLASS OF 1919 TO HOLD REUNION

Plan Big Meeting in This City on Wednesday, July 14th—Will Bring Members Together

From Friday's Daily.

The class of 1919 of the Plattsmouth high school are planning a big class reunion for Wednesday, July 14th, that will bring all the former members together and lead to the formation of an alumni association that will carry on the memory of the school days spent together. Harley Cecil, president of the class at the time of graduation, has appointed several committees that are getting busy in arranging the big event and preparing to make it a great success both socially and inspirational to the preservation of the class spirit.

The greater part of the class are still residing in this city and vicinity and will be able to attend and enjoy the occasion as it should be.

Since the graduation of the class two of the members have entered the ranks of married life but this has been the only important change that has come to the classmates.

It is planned to hold a lawn party at the home of Miss Helen Egenberger in the early portion of the evening of the reunion and from there the members will adjourn to the M. W. A. hall where they will carry on their regular reunion and proceed to the selection of an alumni association.

RAIN HELPS OUT THE SMALL CROPS

Corn as Well as Gardens and Pastures Benefitted by Down-pour of Last Night.

From Friday's Daily.

Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning a rain visited this locality, the value of which to the growing crops is untold and which made the rather dried up gardens and farms look greatly refreshed. The result will be the increasing of what already promises to be a bumper crop in this portion of Nebraska.

The rain is reported to be general throughout the eastern part of the state and one of the crops to be particularly benefitted is that of the potatoes which has been suffering somewhat from the dry conditions of the past few weeks. Pastures and alfalfa have also been freshened and will be much better as a result of the moisture.

The rain has aided the corn crop which now gives promise of being a record breaker and as a result the farmers are smiling over the kindness that has been bestowed upon them.

The rain in a number of localities is reported to have washed down the wheat in the fields but no serious damage has been done. The wheat this year is exceptionally well filled and the heavy rains have a tendency to make the stalks topheavy.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT OF CITY

Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Well Known to Older Residents, Dies at Home of Daughter in Belgrade

From Thursday's Daily.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. J. P. Taylor, a former resident of Plattsmouth, was received here yesterday by some of the old friends. The news will be learned of with the greatest of regret by the many old residents of this city who had the pleasure of knowing this estimable lady. The death of Mrs. Taylor occurred at Belgrade, where she has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Witherow, for some time.

The Taylor family were residents of this city in the early eighties, when Mr. Taylor was roadmaster of this division of the Burlington and continued to reside here until Mr. Taylor was transferred to Central City to act as road master of that division and they continued to reside there until his death a few years ago and since that time the widow has resided at Belgrade.

HON. ORLANDO TEFIT HERE

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning Hon. Orlando Tefit of Avoca, one of the most distinguished residents of the county was here for a few hours visiting at the court house. Mr. Tefit has been active in the political affairs of the state since his admission and had been always a stalwart republican and several times has represented Cass county in the legislature and was at one time the nominee of his party for lieutenant governor of the state, and while he is feeling the weight of his years he is still keenly interested in the affairs of the nation and state. Mr. Tefit has been in very poor health for the past year and this is the first opportunity he has had of visiting in the city for many months and it is needless to say that his visit here was the source of much pleasure to his many old time friends.

W. T. Richardson of Mynard writes insurance for the Farmers Mutual of Lincoln. Phone 2411.

GIVE FRIENDS MOST COMPLETE SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor, Who Are Soon to Leave for East Tended a Charivari.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening a party of young married people tendered Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor a most unexpected surprise and one that they will long remember for its pleasantness as well as being such a complete and unexpected surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Bestor had jokingly remarked to several of their friends that the trip east was to be a belated honeymoon and their surprise can be best imagined when a party of the friends took them literally at their word and staged a charivari last evening at the Bestor home that was the first intimation given the Bestor family of the proposed surprise.

The merry party of invaders were invited into the home and a very jolly time enjoyed until a late hour in a delightful social gathering. During the evening Mrs. Howard Kalya favored the company with a number of very pleasing vocal and instrumental numbers and the guests also enjoyed to the fullest the pleasant opportunity of visiting with each other. At a suitable hour the party of visitors brought forth well laden baskets of dainties which crowned the enjoyment of the evening and added to the enjoyment of the party.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames August Cloidt, John J. Cloidt, John V. Hatt, E. G. Shallenberger, Howard Kalya, Paul Wehlfarth and Misses Marie Hiber and Verna Hatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bestor and children and Miss Hatt are soon to leave for New Haven, Connecticut, where they will enjoy a few weeks outing and where Mr. Bestor will attend the convention of the Winchester dealers of the country.

HELD FINE PICNIC

From Thursday's Daily.

The young folks of the St. Luke's church school were very pleasantly entertained yesterday p. m., at the pleasant city park and the time passed most agreeably in games of all kinds while at a suitable hour refreshments and a big picnic supper was enjoyed. A number of the members of the parish who were provided with cars responded very generously and took the young folks out for a spin over the city that was thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the party and at the coming of twilight the members of the party returned to their homes.

CALLED TO EXETER BY DEATH MESSAGE

Mesdames J. P. Falter and P. H. Meisinger Depart on Receipt of News of Demise.

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. J. P. Falter and Mrs. P. H. Meisinger departed for Exeter, Nebraska, where they were called by a message announcing the sudden death of Charles Hansel, a nephew by marriage of the two ladies. The message came as quite a shock to the members of the family as Mr. Hansel had been in the best of health and was a young man, only thirty-four years of age and very robust physically.

The message received here did not give any of the particulars of the death of the young man. Mr. Hansel was married a few years ago to Miss Catherine Schaefer, a niece of Mrs. Falter and Mrs. Meisinger and a cousin of Mrs. Ed Tritesch of this city, who is left to mourn the sudden death of the young husband.

The deceased was a member of one of the leading families of Fillmore county where his family has resided for many years.

HAS DONE FINE BUSINESS

From Thursday's Daily.

The marriage license department of the county judge's office has been doing a rushing business during the month of June and this month of brides and roses appears fair to win the record for the year as already so

CROPS GOOD OUT IN WESTERN NEBRASKA

Frank Valley Brings in Specimens of Wheat and Alfalfa Grown on Major Hall Farm.

From Friday's Daily.

Some of the best wheat and alfalfa that has been shown here was brought in a few days ago by Frank Valley, the land agent from out in Perkins county, where Mr. Valley has been looking over the conditions for a short time.

The wheat and alfalfa were selected from the farm of Major A. Hall, and from their appearance bid fair to make record breaking crops. The alfalfa selected stands thirty-six inches high and is of the very best quality while the wheat is remarkably well headed with a stand of four feet high, the heads are well filled and the grain quite heavy.

This is the first year that Mr. Hall and family have lived on the farm themselves and they are certainly going to have a very successful crop if the conditions continue as they are.

Mr. Valley also reports the conditions over that portion of the state unusually good this year and every indication that western Nebraska will give an enormous yield in wheat, alfalfa and corn this year. This will be very interesting to a large number of the residents in this county have located or purchased land in Perkins and Chase counties and the venture has been very profitable to them and a number have been able to more than realize the cost of their investment in their first crops, which certainly speaks well for that portion of the state.

TRIES TO QUIET WARFARE ON HILL

Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Cole Visit Warring Neighbors on Winterstein Hill

From Friday's Daily.

For some time past the authorities, both city and county, have been disturbed by complaints from the residents on Winterstein hill in regard to the running at large of chickens and a general spirit of war that reigned among the residents there in regard to each other. The condition has gradually grown worse until yesterday afternoon when Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Cole proceeded to the scene of action to try and allay the spirit of unfriendliness that prevailed among the inhabitants and the authorities warned the residents of that section of the city that if the conditions did not improve and any more complaints were received there would be a wholesale rounding up of the residents and all would be fined for disturbing the peace.

A FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon a fine little daughter was born at the Dr. Pollard hospital in Omaha to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Craig of this city. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the happy parents are joined in their new happiness by the host of friends in this city who extend to Miss Craig their best wishes for a long and happy life.

MARRIED AT THE MANSE

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening at the Presbyterian manse occurred the marriage of Mr. Edward A. Langdon and Miss Catherine Mahal, both giving their home as Auburn. The marriage service was performed by Rev. H. G. McClusky and witnessed by Mrs. McClusky and Miss Freda Hughes. Following the ceremony the young people returned to their home in the Nemaha county city.

DEATH OF ELMWOOD LADY LAST SATURDAY

Mrs. Albert Thiel One of Best Known Ladies and Early Residents of Cass County.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Albert Thiel died at a hospital in Lincoln. While she had been sick for some time and her condition was known to be serious yet her death comes as a shock to all here.

Her death occurred at the Lincoln sanitarium following an extended illness from nephritis.

Anna Marie Stanslaski was born in Germany July 27, 1864, and at the time of her death was 55 years, 10 months and 22 days of age.

In 1888 she came to Nebraska and has since been a resident of Cass county. On April 8th of the same year she was united in marriage to Albert Thiel. For the past few years she has been in failing health and has always had the best of care, but her suffering was great and death came as a blessed relief and was welcomed by her.

She was early united with the Catholic faith and has always been a faithful member of her church. She was a woman of kindly deeds and was a loving wife and mother and a helpful faithful friend.

She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, one son, six daughters and four grandchildren, one son preceeding her in death. One brother resides in Connecticut, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services of Mrs. Thiel were held from the Catholic church at Elmwood on Monday morning at 10 o'clock conducted by Rev. Corcoran pastor of the church. This was one of the largest funerals held here in a long time. Friends and relatives from all over the county and especially from Murdock and Elmwood were present.

Interment was made in the Elmwood cemetery.

Those from away attending the funeral were Mrs. Wm. Wacholtz, Miss Hattie Gust and Mr. August Gust, of Plainview, Neb.; Mr. Aug. Glauwitz, of Chappell; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stander of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Waizer and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Renzwan of Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. George Towle, of Lincoln; Elmwood Leader-Echo.

HAS LEG HURT

From Friday's Daily.

Joe Burek, one of the employees of the freight car repair department of the Burlington shops, had the misfortune yesterday to badly injure his left leg. He was afixing a board when the adz slipped and struck the leg, inflicting a rather serious gash that required several stitches to close. The injured man was assisted to the office of the company surgeon where the member was dressed and he was made as comfortable as possible.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE MEDICAL BODY

Foundation at Omaha on June 24, 1868, Recalled by One of the Pioneers of Profession.

From Friday's Daily.

Dean Irving S. Cutter of the University hospital at Omaha recalled to the minds of the members of the medical profession of the state that on the 24th of June fifty-two years ago, in 1868, the Nebraska State Medical society was formed in Omaha.

Among those who were active in the formation of the society was Dr. Robert R. Livingston, of Plattsmouth, who, at the opening session was elected vice president and subsequently for several terms was the president of the state society.

All of those who took part in the original meeting have long since passed away leaving the work of carrying on the mission of the organization to other hands.

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Nearly new Minneapolis threshing outfit, with tank and belts, 20 h. p. Straight flue engine and 36x56 separator.

H. A. SCHWARTZ, Nehawka, Neb.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon a short session of the district court was held by Judge Begley and the case of Mary Runyan vs. George Runyan, brought to trial. The plaintiff in her petition alleged that the parties were married at Weeping Water, February 14, 1897, and that the plaintiff has since resided in this county. The charges preferred were that of desertion. The court after hearing the evidence in the case decided in favor of the plaintiff and a decree of divorce granted as prayed for.

SMALL WRECK TIES UP RAILROAD TRAFFIC

Burlington Freight Train West Bound Crashes Into Northbound Missouri Pacific at "Y" Near Orepolis.

From Saturday's Daily.

A small wreck at an early hour this morning at the "Y" near Orepolis tied up the Missouri Pacific and Burlington train service into this city for the entire morning and the only train service into the city was by the "stub" between this city and Pacific Junction over the Burlington. Passengers for Omaha and Lincoln were taken to Pacific Junction and placed on No. 5 which was run by way of Council Bluffs.

As the result of the wreck five cars of the northbound Missouri Pacific freight No. 185 were sidetracked and the locomotive of the Burlington west bound extra crew damaged to some extent but fortunately none of the train crew were injured as far as could be learned.

Wreckers were sent from Omaha to clear the track of the Missouri Pacific and the Burlington were able to get their track opened so that No. 4, due here at 9:48 was able to make the trip and was the first passenger tra into the city for the day.

SHOOTING GETTING VERY DANGEROUS

Steel Jacketed Bullet Fired Into Home of William Wynn Penetrates Into Living Rooms of Family.

From Saturday's Daily.

That some one in the south portion of the city is becoming very careless with the use of the rifles which were formerly used by the home guards was revealed in the complaint made to the county authorities by Mrs. William Wynn, as the result of someone shooting into the Wynn home yesterday afternoon. The bullet which is of the same make and caliber as that used in the home guard rifles, was fired at the Wynn home and forced its way through the weather boarding and plastering into the living room of the home but fortunately none of the family were injured by the bullet. The bullet made a clean hole through the building and lodged in one of the interior partitions from which it was extracted by the owner of the building and brought to the court house. The authorities warn anyone caught shooting in the city limits with these

SUICIDE SAYS HOME WAS IN PLATTSMOUTH

CHAS. R. GOODWIN, 23 YEARS OF AGE, KILLS SELF IN JAIL AT ELSWORTH, MAINE

From Thursday's Daily.

On Monday morning at the county jail at Ellsworth, Maine, a young man giving the name of Charles R. Goodwin, and claiming his home at Plattsmouth killed himself by poison.

The young man had been arrested several weeks ago charged with having assisted in the dynamiting of a bank at Tremont, Maine, and on which charge he was apprehended at Bridgeport, Conn., and brought back to Maine for trial. The young man had been used as a tool by his more experienced companions in the bank robbing game and who had made their escape, but the identity of the young man was established in connection with the robbery.

On Sunday the young man confessed to the authorities of Hancock county, stating his real name as Charles R. Goodwin and his age as twenty-three years and that, prior to the world war he had been employed in the machine shops of the Burlington at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and on leaving there had entered the navy and served through the war. A few hours later he was found dead in his cell.

A thorough inquiry at the Burlington shops failed to reveal any trace of a man of this name on the company records and if he had been employed in the shops here it was under some other name. Apparently no one in the city has any knowledge of the young man and his statements to the eastern authorities seem to have been misleading.

DEPARTS FOR INDIANA

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. E. F. Brendel of Murray, departed for his old home at Lebanon, Indiana, where he will enjoy a week's visit amid the scenes of his boyhood days and with the old friends and relatives in that portion of the Hoosier state. On his return Dr. Brendel will be accompanied by Mrs. Amanda Parr, mother of Mrs. Brendel, who is coming west for the summer at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Parr will celebrate her 88th birthday tomorrow and a big family gathering is to be enjoyed at the Parr home in Lebanon. She has for the past number of years been spending the summers in Nebraska and will once more make the trip under the care of the doctor.

Fred L. Hild of near Murray was in the city this afternoon for a few hours enroute to Omaha, where he is taking treatment of a specialist for rheumatism, from which he has been suffering for some time.

It does that there will be something owing as it is entirely too dangerous to be allowed, and it is only a matter of good fortune that no one was injured at the Wynn home.

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