

Howell Says Power Company Rate Too High Manager of Water District Takes Exception to Method of Computing Coal Costs.

R. B. Howell, general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities district, has prepared for his board of directors a coal cost study in connection with the use of Nebraska Power company's electrical energy at the municipal ice plant.

The charge for this power is based on a coal clause which provides for a certain increase in the rate per kilowatt hour when the cost of coal to the power company is more than \$4.50 per ton.

Mr. Howell addressed the following letter to J. E. Davidson, general manager of the Nebraska Power company: "We have completed a very careful analysis of the cost of fuel as used by the power company and as a result of this work I desire to call your attention to the practices of your company, described below, which I think are unfair to the large users of power."

"The average cost of handling coal as used by your company was 15 cents, while with a much simpler equipment the total labor charges for handling coal at the Florence station of the Metropolitan Utilities district was only 5 cents per ton."

"I think that it was not the intent of the ordinance to permit your company to charge into the coal clause anything more than the actual cost of unloading the coal, and I suggest that during the year 1923, you give careful consideration to the amount charged for this work to the end that it be kept at a reasonable figure, which I think would be in the neighborhood of 5 cents per ton."

"I also think that your method of sampling coal gives a heating value which is unfair to the users of power. To illustrate, a great number of government tests of Kansas coal shows an average moisture of the coal as loaded at the mines of 7 per cent, and this is borne out by many tests made by us."

"Based upon our experience and taking into consideration the character of the coal used by you, I think that if the coal had been properly sampled that there would have been no additional charge because of low heating values, except in the months of June, July, August and September, and that even in these months, if the samples had been properly taken, the allowance for low heating value would have been small."

"The Ford Motor company has for some time been selling fuel to its employees at prices considerably lower than those asked by retailers, the present price for bituminous being \$8.50 a ton."

"The day of prayer for colleges and seminaries will be observed by the Presbyterian Theological seminary next Thursday."

"The formal service will be held at 10 in the chapel, preceded by class prayer meetings and the faculty prayer meeting at 9:30."

"I have 120 similar cases in my office," O'Brien said, "and the offenders will be arrested just as rapidly as they can be located. They can't stop prosecution by settling out of court, either. This office will not be used as a collection agency."

Plea for Children's Home, Made by Mayor Dahlgren Tells Campaigners He Has Been Acquainted With Society's Work for 18 Years and It Deserves Support of All Lovers of Kiddies—Pledges Given to Put Drive Over the Top.

More than 150 workers in the campaign of the Nebraska Children's Home society for \$40,000 for a new receiving home pledged themselves Friday night to put the drive "over the top."

The intensive drive in the business districts will be launched Monday morning and the workers will "carry on" until Tuesday night.

Mayor James C. Dahlgren, a member of the special gifts committee of the campaign, was the principal speaker at the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

"I have been personally acquainted with the work of the society for 18 years," said Mayor Dahlgren. "This society deserves the support of every man and woman who loves children. It would be a tragedy if the people of this city let the campaign fall by the wayside. But it won't fail. It will be a great success and we will be proud that we had a part in making it a success."

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Cost of Nicaraguan Canal Prohibitive

Washington, Feb. 10.—Estimated cost of a new canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific via the Nicaraguan route places the figure roughly at \$1,000,000,000, according to army engineers, and makes the project prohibitive for the present, in the view of the president and his cabinet.

It was emphasized at the White House that the only consideration given to the canal matter up to this time, aside from the diplomatic exchanges with Costa Rica incident to the meeting here of the Central American conference, was based upon the thought that prospective profits from operation of the Panama canal might pay for construction of a new waterway.

Miners to Name Commission to Interpret Contract

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 10.—Miners and operators representing Oklahoma and Arkansas, District 21, U. M. W. A., in conference yesterday, decided to appoint a commission of one miner and one operator to decide disputes arising from interpretation of the present working contract for the southwestern field, which was renewed here Thursday for one year from April 1.

Time Limit for Withdrawal From Memel Extended

Paris, Feb. 9.—The seven-day time limit fixed by the allied council of ambassadors here for the withdrawal from the Memel region of all the armed elements which had taken possession of the territory, expired today, but has been extended for two days.

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'Give Me a Chance' '1000 Club' Editor THE OMAHA BEE. I want to help make some poor child happy. Enclosed find \$10 for my membership.

2 Army Aviators Killed in Texas Bombing Practice San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 10.—Lieut. Frank Honsinger, 27, and Sgt. Joe Kelly, 33, both of Kelly field, were killed on the Texas target range, seven miles east of Laredo, when the combat plane from which they were dropping bombs in the war maneuvers, fell.

Move Made to Centralize Coal Properties of Ford Detroit, Feb. 10.—Incorporation of the Fordson Coal company, announced at Dover, Dela., Friday, was a step by the Ford Motor company to centralize its coal properties into single unit, officials of the motor company were quoted as saying here tonight. The new corporation with a capitalization of \$15,000,000 is to operate coal properties purchased by Henry Ford in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Theological Seminary to Hold Day of Prayer The day of prayer for colleges and seminaries will be observed by the Presbyterian Theological seminary next Thursday.

Givers of Checks Without Funds to Face Jail Terms Hereafter, persons who give checks without sufficient funds in the bank to cover them, are out of luck.

Arizona House Approves Colorado River Compact Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 10.—The house of representatives of the Arizona legislature, in committee of the whole, yesterday voted for ratification of the Colorado river compact, with reservations.

Opponent of Fitzsimmons Dies at Work at Fort Dodge Fort Dodge, Ia., Feb. 10.—Charlie Close, Iowa printer and erstwhile prize fighter, dropped dead at his case in the composing room of the Messenger and Chronicle Friday of heart disease.

Men Wanted for Postoffice Holdup Taken in New Orleans New Orleans, Feb. 10.—Beating one to the draw and snatching a pistol from the other, police captured Edward Thompson, 25, and Samuel Dockter, 28, both from San Francisco, wanted for the robbery of the Haskell (Okla.) postoffice January 18.

Vanderbilt Engagement to Miss Morgan Denied New York, Feb. 10.—Reginald C. Vanderbilt last night authorized denial of his reported engagement to Miss Gloria Morgan, daughter of Harry Hays Morgan, American consul at Brussels, Mr. Vanderbilt's secretary announced. His secretary announced that further information might be given Saturday, when he expected to confer with Mr. Vanderbilt.

Montana Man Hunts in Vain for Bride Lost in New York New York, Feb. 10.—James F. McGregor, a stock salesman of Great Falls, Mont., still was combing the city today for his bride of five months, Mrs. Helen Seymour McGregor, lost on their deferred honeymoon here. Mrs. McGregor parted from her husband in Times square last Tuesday to telephone some friends, agreeing to meet him later at the Hotel Cadillac. McGregor sat in the lobby until midnight but she did not appear. For three days he wandered about the city in search of her and last night called upon the police for aid.

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