

Larmon Quits; Knouse Will Succeed Hunt

Chief Engineer of Metropolitan Utilities District Quits "Out of Courtesy," He Declares.

Theodore A. Laisen, general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities district, this morning announced acceptance of the resignation of F. P. Larmon, chief engineer of the organization.

Homer V. Knouse, who has been in charge of construction, has been appointed temporarily to position of superintendent of the Florence water plant, succeeding A. B. Hunt, who was relieved of his duties by the board of directors this week.

Mr. Laisen said he had no reason at this time to change the status of C. D. Robison, engineer in charge of operations and particularly identified with the gas plant operations.

Mr. Larmon, who has been with the organization five and one-half years, said: "I resigned out of courtesy for Mr. Laisen. It is all over and everybody is happy. My resignation was presented on Thursday, the same day Mr. Laisen came to Omaha."

General Manager Laisen spoke complimentary of Mr. Larmon's abilities as an engineer, adding that his services here have been entirely satisfactory.

"I have appointed Mr. Knouse to the superintendency of the Florence plant as a temporary proposition and I am not ready to state whether the appointment will be made permanent," Mr. Laisen explained.

Robison in Charge. The general manager stated that he will return to Detroit next Monday for a few days to finish some business there, and he added that Mr. Robison will be in charge during his absence.

"I am not prepared to state whether we will have a chief engineer to take the place of Mr. Larmon," the new general manager continued. "The question of spreading the duties of the present employees is under consideration and may be worked out."

Mr. Laisen said that the recent water investigation carried with it some valuable experience which he will not overlook. He indicated that he is establishing a revised system of records of water plant operations.

Robison Retained. Mr. Larmon, retiring chief engineer, announced that he will take a vacation for several weeks. He was relieved from service this morning. He has no definite plans for the future.

Mr. Robison, who will be retained by the new general manager, admitted during the recent water investigation that his department did not realize the full gravity of the situation at the time of the muddy water.

Early Day Theaters, Plays and Players Reminiscences of Old Time Omaha Trouper



Here is the Occidental hotel, Tenth and Howard streets, 40 years ago, of which John I. Paynter was proprietor.



Billy Paynter.

In an ivy-covered little cot, About a mile and a half from town, I'll meet her when the sun goes down. Her cheeks are like the red, red rose, And her hair is a beautiful brown: For she's the girl of my sun goes down. Oh, how I love my pretty little Mary, She's the keeper of a daisy, Oh, my little turtle dove, I'll meet her when the sun goes down.

in the early days of stage entertainments in Omaha. This temple of amusement was opened by Patty Glenn and Jack Nugent. In those "good old days" variety shows corresponded to vaudeville of today, although more limited in scope. Black-face acts were the rage. On the curtain of the academy was the legend, "Variety is the spice of life."

Began Careers Here. Mr. Paynter recalls that many prominent stage entertainers were started on their careers at the St. Elmo. Buckingham and the Academy of Music. Among the notables are McIntyre and Heath, prominent today in the entertainment field. They were newsboys on Omaha streets more than 40 years ago.

Recalls Academy of Music. "The Nigger and the Bee" was another of our songs of 40 years ago, Mr. Paynter reminiscently related. The Academy of Music was unique

U. S. Views on Debt Meeting Cloud Future

Coolidge Holds Restrictions Spoken by Poincare Would Doom Inquiry to Failure.

Paris, Nov. 3.—Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, called on Premier Poincare today and had a long conversation with him. The strictest secrecy regarding the subject of the conference is maintained at the French foreign office and the American embassy.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Statements at the White House that President Coolidge would view the placing of restrictions on the proposed expert committee inquiry into Germany's capacity to pay reparations as commencing the plan to almost certain failure had a distinctly depressing effect today on the entire outlook.

Such restrictions as press accounts of Premier Poincare's recent public addresses indicate the French desire to place upon the inquiry were said to be regarded by the president as altering completely the basis upon which the original American proposal was made for a study of the reparations problem.

Court Controls Council Action. City Fathers Unable to Stop Gas Tank Erection Now.

Get Acquainted Club of First Unitarian Church Offers Cozy Place for Strangers to While Away Winter Evenings

everyone joins in community singing, led usually by Harry O. Palmer. And how they do sing! They might keep it up all night, had not the directors of the club solved the problem of how to stop the music by the introduction of hot gingerbread and hot chocolate at the psychological moment.

All Creeds Represented. The extent to which this hospitality is appreciated is shown by the attendance, which averages 150 and upwards. Last Sunday only 19 were members of the church, the others being of all creeds and ages.

Music and Readings. A program of music or readings is one of the features of every Sunday night meeting. The Get Acquainted club orchestra, organized of club members by C. Ostergaard and directed by Ell Rasmussen, is a new organization which is going to enliven club meetings.

City Fathers Unable to Stop Gas Tank Erection Now. Unless the district court decides that the construction of a new gas container on property belonging to the Metropolitan Utilities district at Twenty-fourth and Dorcas streets is a nuisance, the city council is powerless to aid property owners in the vicinity who have appealed to the council to stop construction.

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Death Car Driver Sentenced, Freed

Ernest Grainger of Lincoln Pleads Guilty to Charge of Manslaughter.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Nov. 3.—Ernest Grainger, son of H. B. Grainger of Lincoln, pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in district court here this morning in connection with the death of Edna Boorman and Charles Springer.

Priest Chases Boy Suspect, 16. After a chase of seven blocks by Father John Schultz of St. Cecilia cathedral, Emmett Weimer, 16, 340 North Thirty-fifth street, student at Technical High school, was captured yesterday. Later, according to police, he confessed to robbing coin boxes in the cathedral shortly before 6 last night.

Manager Buys Out Employer. W. S. Hart, for three years manager of the branch office of the Flanley Grain company of Sioux City, has purchased the Flanley company's interests in Omaha and will continue the business under the firm name of the Hart Grain company, with offices in the Grain Exchange building.

Farm Federation Raps Commission Firms

Lincoln, Nov. 2.—The Nebraska Farm Bureau federation today filed an intervening petition in the hearing before the United States Department of Agriculture, packers and stockyards commission, at the Kansas City hearing of the complaint by the Producers' Livestock commission against several commission companies, it was announced late today at the office of C. B. Stewart, secretary of the Nebraska federation.

Robins Chills With Forecast. Get out your overcoats and blankets. It's going to be colder tonight and Sunday. This chilly prediction is given out by M. V. Robins, meteorologist of the weather bureau.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings this week were \$39,194,556.49 corresponding week of last year, \$41,634,325.87.

Auto Accessories Taken. C. A. Pettit, Thirty-fourth street and Avenue B, Council Bluffs, reported to police the theft of auto accessories from his car parked in the rear of his home.

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