

### Bloomfield May Build Light Plant

Engineer Estimates Cost at \$50,000 in Report to Taxpayers.

Bloomfield, April 16.—A mass meeting of taxpayers of the city was held at the city hall to hear the report of H. L. Cory, engineer, on the cost of installing and operating a municipal electric light and power plant. According to Mr. Cory's report, the cost of a plant large enough to supply all the electric power and light necessary for the city would be \$50,000. Rates averaging 12 cents per kilowatt hour would produce a revenue of approximately \$22,000. After allowing for operating cost, interest on bonds,

depreciation, upkeep and maintenance, the net profits would be approximately \$4,400. H. H. Henley, president of the Tri-State Utilities company, announced the company would furnish light and power at an average rate of 10 cents per kilowatt hour, conditioned on the city's agreeing to use 191,000 kilowatt hours during the year, the amount which the engineer had taken as the basis for his computations. A motion prevailed that the city council and the executive committee of the commercial club meet and consider Mr. Henley's offer and, in the event it did not prove satisfactory, be empowered to proceed with the necessary steps for calling a bond election to install a municipal plant.

### Burt Farm Bureau Has Unique Record

300 Per Cent Scored in Drive for Eradication of Tuberculosis in Cattle.

Tekamah, April 16.—The annual business meeting of the Burt county farm bureau at the court house was attended by farmers from all parts of the county. This was the bureau's third year and its activities have given satisfaction. The drive for the eradication of tuberculosis in cattle last year, which resulted in 100 per cent, the first record of its kind in the history of the department, was sponsored by the farm bureau. H. L. Webster of Tekamah, president of the organization since its start, was continued for another year. Will Peterson of Lincoln, spoke of the development of that branch in increasing farm production in land, livestock and marketing.

### Seventh District Rebekah Convention Held at Ashland

Ashland, April 15.—The forty-sixth semi-annual session of the Seventh district, Rebekah lodges, I. O. O. F., composed of the lodges of Lincoln, Greenwood, Havelock, Palmyra, University Place, Milford, Seward, Valparaiso, Wahoo, Tecumseh, was held here with about 300 delegates in attendance. The newly elected officers for the ensuing term are: President, Emma Compton, No. 90, Lincoln; vice president, Mrs. Henry Ost, No. 71, Ashland; warden, Mable Matheny, No. 275, Havelock; secretary, Mrs. Drown No. 353, Seward; treasurer, Pearl Sharp, Charity lodge No. 2, Havelock was chosen as the next meeting place.

### Car Ditched as Driver Dozes; Everett Brandt Is Injured

Columbus, April 16.—Everett Brandt, local sales manager, had his nose and two ribs broken and was otherwise injured when Leo Abbott, with whom he was returning from a business trip to Sioux City, dozed at the wheel and the car in which they were riding plunged into a ditch near North Bend. Other members of the party, M. V. Erskine and M. L. Abbott, also Columbus men, escaped any injury.

### Ousted Pastor at Conference

Dr. Buckner Attends M. E. District Meeting at Aurora.

Aurora, April 16.—Most of the pastors in the Hastings district of the Methodist church attended the annual conference in Aurora which began Tuesday and closed Wednesday. Bishops F. T. Keeney of Omaha and George A. Miller of Mexico were present. Dr. J. D. M. Buckner, now of Lincoln, formerly pastor of this church, and a member of the conference, although not located as a pastor, was in attendance. In 1922 at the close of Dr. Buckner's pastorate here he was refused a location by the conference at Omaha upon recommendation of Bishop Stuntz, now deceased. J. F. Cottingham, superintendent of Manila district, Philippine Islands, Charles Lipp of India, Charles M. Worthington of Borneo and Dr. Paulson of Paris, France, delivered addresses.

Others on the program were Arthur C. Bates, Everett H. Maynard, Earl M. Campbell, A. G. Swanson, C. H. Lind, W. B. Alexander, V. C. Wright, Earl E. Bowen, Charles N. Dawson, William Boyers and F. E. Wells. Rev. M. F. Mulvaney of Aurora, the entertaining pastor, had charge of the meeting.

### Optometrists Hold Clinic at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, April 16.—The first meeting held here of optometrists of this section of the state was pronounced successful by those present. The clinic was held in the basement of the Baptist church, which was equipped for the event.

Dr. A. M. Skeffington, doctor of optometry, who is chairman of the clinical committee of associated optometrists, was in charge of the clinic. Dr. Skeffington will have charge of the clinical meetings of the national association, which will meet at Louisville, Ky., June 15. Dr. Q. H. Stevens of Broken Bow was chairman of the Custer county committee on arrangements for the local meeting.

### Judge Landis to Preside at Aurora Court Session

Aurora, April 16.—Judge Harry D. Landis of Seward will preside at the next term of the district court beginning April 27. Landis plans to call a special petit jury for the trials under indictments returned recently by the grand jury.

### Kimball Graveling Delayed

Kimball, April 16.—Kimball city council has issued an order to the street commissioner to hold up graveling of the main street until it can be ascertained whether this work can be done at state and national expense. Lincoln highway runs directly through Kimball, and as the state and national governments are graveling this highway in that territory the city council believes the work should be continued through the town. The state engine is soon to meet with the council and discuss the project.

### FALL FROM HORSE FATAL TO RANCHER

Ellsworth, Neb., April 16.—J. O. Neafus, 55, a prominent ranchman living 20 miles south of here, was thrown from his horse yesterday afternoon and was so severely injured that he died last evening, according to word received here today. He and his son and other men of the ranch were cutting out cattle when suddenly his horse went down under him. First aid was given immediately, but he did not regain consciousness. He is survived by his wife, a son, H. O. Neafus, who lived with him on the ranch; another son in New Mexico and two daughters attending school at Alliance.

### DRAINAGE DITCH BIDS CALLED FOR

Columbus, April 16.—Bids for construction of a big drainage ditch which will divert the waters of Lost creek to the Loup river one mile west of Oconee, thereby shortening the creek by more than 25 miles, have been called for by the Platte county board of supervisors. They will be opened at Columbus Wednesday, May 6. The ditch will be more than 2 1/2 miles long, from 16 to 20 feet wide at the bottom and from 5 to 10 feet deep. More than 122,300 cubic yards of dirt are to be moved. The estimated cost of excavation is 15 cents a cubic yard and it is estimated the completed job will cost more than \$31,000. The successful contractor will be given 150 days to complete the job, but must start the work within 30 days after signing the contract.

### Three Boys Under Arrest for Series of Burglaries

Columbus, April 16.—August Hamling, Jr., 18, Leonard Johnson, 19, and Walter Jensen, 18, self-confessed burglars charged with a series of burglaries at Creston stores, were brought to Columbus Wednesday and jailed to await preliminary hearings in county court on burglary charges. August Hamling, sr., Creston restaurant owner, in whose building a portion of the loot was found, is held on a charge of receiving stolen property, though he and the boys insist that he had no knowledge of the fact that they had put some of the stolen articles in his building.

### Hungarian Partridges Placed on Pawnee Farm

Pawnee City, April 16.—Four pairs of Hungarian partridges have been placed on the farm of John H. Pyle in Clay precinct. The birds are part of a shipment to the state game warden from the east. They are a little larger than quail and more hardy. Their plumage is solid bronze color. They are said to be valuable aids to the farmer in ridding fields of pests.

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But Mrs. Jimmy didn't, and at last Jimmy slowly ambled away. He was first grieved and then he was angry. He would show Mrs. Jimmy that it didn't matter to him in the least if she didn't want him about. He would go off and have a good time and forget all about her. You see, Jimmy was very like some folks you and I know.

But by the time Jimmy got back to his old home the next morning he was his usual happy self. By that time he had remembered. He had remembered that something very like this had happened before, and so he had quite recovered from the shock. It was spring and he hadn't a worry in the world. So he thought, anyway, until it popped into his head that if Farmer Brown should discover that Mrs. Jimmy was living under his henhouse there might be trouble for her.

Two minutes later he was fast asleep. The next story: "Farmer Brown Discovers the New Home." Southern Part of State Receives Heavy Rainfall. Wymore, April 16.—A shower measuring one-fourth inch fell at Wymore Wednesday. The rain was accompanied by a small amount of hail, which did no damage. The rain was much heavier north and west of Wymore, an inch falling at Chester, Superior, Red Cloud and Edgar, according to railway reports. In the northern tier of Kansas counties three-fourths of an inch fell.

Hail Storm Hits York. York, April 16.—Hail the size of small marbles fell for about 10 minutes Wednesday morning in and near York. No wind accompanied the storm and it is thought but little damage was done.

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