

THE KICKER.

For the benefit of the kicker, I wish to explain a few things to the general public for their careful consideration. Some have been cursing the city administration, while others poured forth their words of bitterness upon the help at the plant for there being no lights for a few nights. Some thought, that if we were going to close down Saturday night, we should have given them notice so they might have prepared lamps for the occasion. Now you know just as much about what machinery is going to break or cause trouble as we do, so why didn't you let us know so we might have been likewise prepared. Machinery breaks many times without giving any one a moments warning and in many cases without apparently any cause whatever, so what are you going to do when your engine breaks and you have only the one; repair it of course as speedily as possible just the same as we have done. Mr. Lapp has been trying to get this much needed repairing done for over two years, but could not, so when he called our attention to the condition of the machinery and the danger of letting it run without being repaired, we at once set about to have this work done and let the contract long ago, and did all within our power to have it completed long before the holidays, but as you see we failed, for the same reason that a farmer comes to town in search of a good hand and returns home without him. So long as there are three good jobs for every good man we will just simply have to wait our turn, that's all. This engine has been running for eight years and only \$2.25 paid out for repairs. She has been faithful, so don't abuse her, and she is now good for eight years more.

Mr. Lapp has told us, since taking the machinery to pieces, and seeing how badly it was worn, that had we tried to make the heavy run during the holidays with the machinery in its present condition, we would have had a breakdown that might have cost the city several hundred dollars and caused a shutdown for several nights, so you see that this is just simply one of those bad things that could not be gotten away from. A farmer comes to town, buys a new binder, takes it home, and I have known some part of it to break before he has gone the first round; what is he to do, come to town for repairs, and then perhaps, have to telegraph to some distant city for them; now there is only one solution of this problem, after a town gets the size of this, where lights and water are almost indispensable, and that is to have two engines, two dynamos and two pumps and then if one breaks, we start the other and the patrons of the plant know nothing of the trouble. We now have one pump at the plant that has been running for eighteen years and some of the parts are badly worn and likely to break without a moments warning and then supposing a fire starts, which is likely to occur at any time, for we know this has been the fate of a great many cities, what could we do fighting fire without water? Nothing, only stand idly by and see her burn. I tell you Mr. Property Owner, this is a serious state of affairs, and should receive your most careful consideration. It is an easy matter after several thousand dollars have gone up in smoke, to swell up and look wise and tell how it might have been averted, but it is of much more importance that we formulate some plan that such disasters may not come to pass.

I believe, "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good" and that in almost every case, and no difference how bad it may seem at that time, there is some good grows out of it, so I believe that out of this shutdown for a few nights, some good will materialize.

I shall recommend to our city council at our next meeting, that they proceed as soon as it is practical, to formulate some plan whereby we may be able to purchase a new engine, dynamo and pump. I shall also recommend that another fire station with the necessary equipments be located near the National hotel.

Just a word about criticizing the city administration. So far as I am individually concerned, I do not care how much abuse is heaped upon myself, but when it comes to finding fault with the city council or help at the plant, I think it very unkind to say the least.

We never had a city council that had so many unpleasant and complicated problems to solve as this one; staying away from their own private business day after day, with no other object in view, but to dispose of certain conditions, that would be for the betterment of our little city, and in behalf of the experts from Kansas City, Messrs. Lapp, Morrison, Branum and McFarland, I want the public to know that they worked day and night, not stopping a part of the time for their meals, in order that the machinery might be put together in time for Saturday night's run, and then when the new piston became heated, it was absolutely necessary to shut down or tear the engine to pieces. Now these are the facts in the case, and if anyone is in doubt as to what I say, ask Mr. Warren Hutchins, a gentleman who is familiar with the

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conditions as they exist and a man whose word is admitted by everyone to be as true as the gospel.

Now, I hope everyone will accept this statement in the spirit in which it was given, always remembering there are two sides to every question, and never pass sentence until you have heard them both, and we will gladly submit to your decision.

G. M. BARRETT, Mayor.

Lines Connected.

Last Saturday afternoon the work men employed by the Auburn and Falls City Telephone exchanges completed the work from their respective localities on the long distance telephone line that extends from Kansas City to South Omaha.

They connected the two lines at a point a little north of Stella and when this was done the gap was filled that was lacking in the formation of a complete metallic circuit all the way.

Only a twenty mile gap between two points in the state of Kansas, outside of Kansas City, remain where the wires are of iron, otherwise they are all of copper construction and this gap will soon be filled, giving the independent telephone companies which were instrumental in the completion of the project as fine a service, in their long distance toll business as is afforded by the big competitor, the Bell system.

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He Denounced An Employee.

After a conference with Miss Garber yesterday, Governor Mickey issued a statement denouncing the stories of child slavery in certain institutions in Nebraska. These stories emanated from Miss Garber who is an employe of H. M. Eaton, state land commissioner.

After receiving letters of inquiry from New York and Germany, the governor called Miss Garber to his office and interrogated her about the sources of her information. She bluntly refused to answer his questions, telling him that it would do him no good to know as he soon goes out of office and would be able to do nothing. She informed the government that he has been in the state government as long as she has and has had as good a chance to find out about these matters in Nebraska. Miss Garber declared that the printed statements attributed to her were true and would be shown up in convincing form in due time.

The governor issued the following statement: "My attention has been called to an article which is credited to the Cologne News, a German newspaper, purporting to a cable dispatch from Lincoln, Nebr., to the effect that Cora Garber, an employe of the state, working in the office of the commissioner of public lands and buildings, has publicly stated that a private society located in Nebraska is importing children of working age from Germany and selling them to Nebraska farmers at the rate of \$25 each.

"Such a statement is too ridiculous to merit serious consideration. There are no facts to warrant such an assertion and it is a falsity, pure and simple. I regard Cora Garber as unreliable and would attach no importance to any similar statement she might make. She is now one of the defendants in a libel suit in-

stituted by the former officers of the Tabitha home of Lincoln, and she seems to have a deep seated spite against the institution. The Tabitha home is a charitable institution for the care of friendless children and is now under the management of the Lutheran church. In the minds of those who do not know her Miss Garber's statement is calculated to do injury to the fair reputation of the state and it is for that reason that I make this explanation."—Lincoln Star.

Cholera is Raging.

Hog cholera is playing havoc with the herds in the south part of the county. Already its ravages have decimated some of the largest herds and the monetary loss that has been suffered by the farmers in the section affected will run into the thousands of dollars.

The plague first appeared in the extreme southeastern part of the county early in the fall and spread from herd to herd. Then it next appeared in the southern part and has continued unchecked. Some farmers have already lost all their swine and others are threatened with complete loss.—Nemaha County Republican.

A Bargain.

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9:45 Sunday school.
10:45 preaching.
3:00 p. m. Junior league.
6:30 p. m. Epworth league.
7:30 p. m. sermon.
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening.
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Services of the First Christian church, Lordsday.
9:45 a. m., Bible School.
11:00 a. m. communion.
11:30 a. m., morning sermon.
3:00 p. m. Junior Endeavor.
6:30 p. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 p. m., evening sermon.
All are cordially invited and strangers and visitors in the city are kindly welcomed to attend all of these services.

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