PRICE OF COAL STAYS HIGH

Retailers Will Not Cut Rates They Have Already Established.

SCARCITY OF SUPPLY IS NOW THEIR PLEA

Argue that Fresh Fuel from East Cannot Be Obtained in Two Months and Consequently Relief is That Far Away.

Omaha millionaires and Omaha paupers alike are up against a hard coal proposition that the settlement of the coal strike cannot overcome. Dealers all over the city are unanimous in saying that the settlement of the strike comes too late to cut any ice here at least before January 1, and even then it is doubtful.

This the dealers say is because none of the coal will reach the western country during the next three months. Every bushel that is mined now will be gobbled up by the east, and before the consumers there have been supplied the snow will have fallen and the Christmas tide will have passed and the cold weather will be upon the country.

Even if the coal were stacked up in the east it would be impossible to get relief here before cold weather, because of the lack of transportation, say the dealers. The only consolation they hold out to the waiting multitude here is that the price which is now $15 a ton will go no higher, for the good and sufficient reason that if the price was $50 a ton the dealers could not get it. Many of the schools and hospitals and other public buildings in the east consume only the hard coal and these will have to be supplied first. The west can use soft coal or corn cobs, just as it pleases and the dealers say that is what the west will have to do.

What a Dealer Says.

One dealer said: "The settlement of the strike will not relieve the coal situation except in the fact that it will make the people feel easier, and cause them to be content to take a little coal at a time and not attempt to buy up all in sight and hustle for more. They will know that we will be able to get coal later. But I am positive that none of the coal will reach Omaha or the west before some time in January. It will be three weeks before the mines are put in normal condition, and then begins the work of supplying eastern dealers who for five months have been unable to get their orders filled.

"All the coal that is taken out for the next two months will have to go to the east, for it is known that the west can get along. Even if that were not so, we could get none here because of the lack of transportation. Every year it takes all summer to get the coal scattered through the western country, and then we have trouble, and it is impossible to do it a month when cannot be done in five months."

"In one way," said this dealer, "the strike settlement will tend to cause suffering here, because many of the consumers, thinking they will be able to get the hard coal soon, will fail to lay in a supply of soft until the last minute. It has been reported that plenty of coal is on hand and is being held by eastern dealers, but I know this to be untrue, for we have tried offering high prices and everything else and the coal was not forthcoming.

"We are in the worst fuel famine that the country has ever seen and I see no relief for months. When the coal starts to coming west then possibly the price will go down, but it will be too late to help very much. Nearly all the hard coal in Omaha has been sold and there is practically none out in the state. In many towns, if the cold weather was to come on suddenly there would be much suffering inside of twenty-four hours. Omaha is not in as bad a shape as Kansas City. I was informed that all the supply in that city was not equal to the supply of one Omaha dealer."

CITY COUNCIL IS CRITICISED

Object of Attack by Those Interested in Pay Roll, Which Goes Over.

The city council has come in for a considerable amount of adverse criticism by reason of the fact that among the large number of city obligations which must be laid over because of the setting aside of $15,000 to build the proposed new market house, will be the pay roll of the supervisors recently appointed to conduct the registration of voters for the coming election. From the present outlook these men will not be able to draw their remuneration from the city until February next and the best terms they have been able to get for assignment of their claims is a discount of 10 per cent. The aggregate pay roll of the registrars will be somewhere in the neighborhood of $5,000 and there is now in the general fund of the city treasury but $324.78 and there are now more than $5,000 of miscellaneous expense bills held up, beside the claim of the Omaha Street Railway company, amounting to $5,000, and a balance of $10,000 on the engine house lot, all past due.

Guidi Starts for Manila.

ROME, Oct. 17.—Archbishop Guidi, the apostolic delegate in the Philippines, and his secretary, Father O'Connor, started today for Marseilles, from which port they will sail for Manila. They were bid farewell at the railroad station by a large gathering of vatican officials, heads of the religious bodies and representatives of the ministers accredited to the vatican. The archbishop has taken with him all his episcopal robes, as he intends to enter Manila in full state.

THE REALTY RECORD.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Friday, October 17:

Warranty Deeds.

Queenie I. Cornell to L. W. Smith, lot 2, block 1, South Omaha	1
Walter Brandes and wife to Michael and Mary Sullivan, lot 2, Goldsmith's subdiv.	700
A. F. Wilkins and wife to M. E. Anderson, lot 2, block 10, Kountze Place	4,500
W. H. Anderson and wife to Michael Kelser, lot 12, block 36, Shinn's add.	2,100
W. G. Ure and wife to Joseph and Annie Swoboda, w½ feet of e90 feet lot 2, block 18, S. E. Rogers' add.	1,350

Quit Claim Deeds.

E. S. Callahan to J. R. Callahan, one acre in nw¼ ne¼ 3-14-12	1

Deeds.

Sheriff to E. S. Callahan, one acre in nw¼ ne¼ 3-14-12	1,200
Total amount of transfers	$10,852

LIBRARIANS ELECT OFFICERS

Miss Tobitt of Omaha Continues as President Another Year.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ONLY CHANGE

Association Accepts Invitation from Fremont Public Library Board to Hold Its Next Meeting in that City.

With the session of yesterday morning, which continued to 1 o'clock, the Nebraska State Library association completed the business of its convention, the afternoon having been left open to be occupied by the delegates in sight-seeing. The morning meeting opened with the reading of the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer. That of the treasurer showed a marked increase in the membership and also an improved condition of the financial affairs of the organization.

Officers as follows were all elected to serve for the ensuing year: Miss Edith Tobitt, Omaha, president; Miss Jane Abbott, Lincoln, first vice president; Mrs. C. L. Talbot, Lincoln, second vice president; Miss Clara A. Mulliken, Lincoln, secretary, and Miss Margaret O'Brien, Omaha, treasurer. This was a re-election of the officers of last year, with the exception of second vice president, which office was formerly occupied by Elva E. Rulon of Peru.

The question of where the next meeting should be held drew forth some discussion. It was generally agreed that the association should no longer hold its meetings in connection with the State Teachers' association, but there was some divergence of opinion as to whether it would be more advantageous to hold the meetings henceforth in the larger cities of Omaha and Lincoln for the sake of railroad rates, the central location and the greater benefits to be found in larger library buildings, more extensive art collections and up-to-date equipment in library tools, or in the smaller towns, for the purpose of stimulating local interest in the establishment and building up of the smaller libraries.

Meets Next at Fremont.

At the close of the discussion an invitation from the Fremont Public library to the association to meet at that place was accepted, but whether for the annual meeting of next year or not is still to be determined.

On behalf of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs Miss Margaret O'Brien bespoke the co-operation of the association in the effort to secure from the next legislature an increased appropriation for the state library commission. It was shown that the secretary of the commission is at present hampered in her efforts to accomplish field work by the heavy demands upon her time by reason of routine office work. The plan of the federation was approved and the chair was empowered to appoint a committee to confer with that organization in regard to the matter.

Papers were presented as follows: "Book Buying," Miss Nellie Compton, assistant librarian state university library, Lincoln; "Aids to Reference Work in a Small Library," H. M. Douglas, librarian Iowa college library, Grinnell, Ia.; "Public Documents in a Non-Depository Library," Miss Maud Parsons, reference librarian Omaha public library; "How to Advertise a Library," P. B. Wright, librarian St. Joseph public library.

Each of the papers was followed by discussion and an active interest was shown in the proceedings throughout.

HAYDEN TO BUILD RAILROAD

Wealthy Omaha Merchant Applies for Franchise to Construct Suburban Line.

To the list of prospective builders of suburban car lines for Douglas county may be added the name of William Hayden.

This was revealed for the first time yesterday when the Board of County Commissioners was called upon to take some action upon Mr. Hayden's application for a franchise. The body referred the communication to its committee of the whole, but not with any desire to shelve it. The purpose is to grant Mr. Hayden's request for an opportunity of meeting the board some time soon and discussing the matter, after which such action will be taken as seems best.

The petition which the wealthy merchant has sent to the board and which was read by the clerk yesterday is "For the right, franchise and power to construct, control, operate and maintain single or double track railways upon, over, along, across and under the public highways in said county of Douglas for the purpose of operating thereon and therewith line or lines of suburban railway to connect the city of Omaha, or the city of South Omaha or both, with towns and villages in said county of Douglas."

The petition further states that "William Hayden desires and proposes to construct such line or lines of railway for the transportation of freight and passengers."

When the board met yesterday Mr. Hayden, who had previously filed the petition, requested that it be read at this meeting, but did not appear in person before the board adjourned, and perhaps will not fully unfold his plan until he meets with the members, which may be Tuesday, the next meeting day. The commissioners say that all they know at present of the project is what is contained in the petition and the remark that Mr. Hayden made to Commissioner O'Keefe to the effect that during a recent visit to Boston, New York and other eastern centers he found capital ready for investment in such an enterprise.

The board did not officially commit itself as to the granting of the petition, but Commissioner Connolly remarked: "Franchise? Sure we'll give it. We've got bushels of franchises to hand out for whatever will help the county along."

The only other business before the board yesterday, other than routine, was the consideration of the coal problem. Some of the commissioners have concluded that the Omaha Coal Coke and Lime company cannot be held to its last year's contract to furnish fuel at a price which now seems low, but the county's stock is badly depleted and something must be done. It was finally decided that no action should be taken until Tuesday, by which time the commissioners hope that the strike settlement negotiations will have advanced sufficiently far to bring about a reduction in the cost of the article.

NO WAR IN PASSENGER RATES

Colonist Special Will Not Precipitate General Warfare, as Expected.

TRAFFIC OFFICIALS MAKING SETTLEMENT

Northwestern is Expected to Withdraw Colonist Rate from Nebraska Territory—Advertising at Church Convention.

"No rate war this time. The clouds are rolling by and in a day or two I think all will be bright and warm," said a local passenger official in commenting on the rumors that the entire west was about to be plunged into another fierce battle over passenger rates, as a result of the application of the one-fare colonist rates to Nebraska.

Passenger rate men of the Union Pacific, Burlington and Elkhorn were in session yesterday endeavoring to effect some arrangements for withdrawing and keeping out of Nebraska these rates which were put in other parts of the west and by the Northwestern applied to Nebraska. Iowa and Wyoming lines and connections.

At the recent meeting of passenger officials of these roads in Chicago it was tacitly agreed that the one-half rate, plus $2, would be introduced to other sections covered by these three roads, but not in Nebraska, as nothing would be gained, but much loss by such a proceeding, since the territory was controlled by these roads anyway and they would get the travel at full rates. The Union Pacific also wanted to keep the rates out of Kansas.

The Northwestern's action in applying the rates to the Nebraska territory was by no means the result of any friction between the officials, as has been represented in some quarters. It appears to have been due to some misconception and the officials today are expected to have no difficulty in effecting satisfactory terms.

Another objection to the extension of these rates to Nebraska, as was discovered after the Chicago meeting, was that they would lead to, or at least admit of, cutting the rates to Denver and common points, which it is considered would have been a fatal move. Before the final result of today's deliberations can be announced the roads involved will have to confer with their eastern connecting lines. It is not doubted, however, that amicable and satisfactory plans will be made.

Advertising Nebraska Soil.

The Burlington passenger department has established a sort of advertising bureau at the Coliseum, where the Christian church convention is in progress. The idea of this plan is to get eastern delegates interested in Nebraska and have them visit certain sections of the state with a view of settling on Nebraska soil first and Burlington soil second. A vast amount of books, booklets and other advertising matter is being distributed among the delegates.

While Nebraska is being well advertised, Colorado attractions are being brought to the attention of the people of the convention. Leonard Thompson of Denver has charge of the Colorado department. P. P. Fodrea is looking after Nebraska's interests.

ONE LINE ONLY TO BE BUILT

Agreement Said to Exist on Salt Lake-Los Angeles Connecting Railroad.

Persistent rumors are in circulation despite the denial of Senator W. A. Clark, that terms have been effected between him and his partner, R. C. Kerens of St. Louis, on the one side and Harrimans and controllers of the Santa Fe on the other, whereby but one line will be built from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, thus averting a bitter and never-ending war, which would have been precipitated if the two lines, originally contemplated, were constructed. It is said that either the Clark-Kerens faction or the Harrimans will build this single line. This story is in direct line with that printed in The Bee a day or two ago that as a result of the amicable settlement of differences by Clark and Harriman the latter would be given full sway north of Salt Lake City on to the Pacific coast and Clark would control the intervening coast territory south.

The prediction is made that when the Clark-Harriman-Santa Fe love feast is over and the combine announced Clark and Kerens will be found to be members of the principle transcontinental railway systems.

ROWLEY MAY PLEAD GUILTY

It is Understood that County Attorney Will Dismiss All but One Case.

It is understood that Martin S. Rowley will plead guilty in district court soon to the charge of forgery, and that the county attorney will dismiss the three cases against him other than that in which he will make such plea. The alleged offense is defrauding the Armour company of South Omaha out of various small sums by securing, in his capacity of timekeeper, various sums for men to whom it was not owing or who had no existence. Mr. Rowley has been in the county jail since his arrest last April, and in June was tried on one of the charges of forgery and found not guilty by the jury.

In district court there is little activity at present except for some city tax cases in Judge Dickinson's court, some minor suits in other courts and the Heap embezzlement case, which has had the floor in the criminal court ever since Monday.

CHANCE FOR LOSERS TO WIN

Men's Ping Pong Tournament Will Be Held, Excluding Champion McGee.

A men's ping pong tournament will be held in the club's parlors in the Bee building October 30, in deference to the wishes of a number of those who were contestants in the former men's tourney and failed to win prizes. For the mental comfort of all concerned it is announced now that Jerome McGee, the captor of all the laurels in the first competition, will not enter this tourney. He has agreed to stay out so that others may have some chance of getting in on the ground floor. Mr. McGee is the acknowledged champion of Omaha in this line of sport, and some of his friends go so far as to claim him as the peer of the entire west. With Mr. McGee out of the race first honors lie equally near six men, and the contest is therefore expected to be very interesting. It is expected that forty or fifty will enter, whereas only thirty-two were in the former.

OIL MAGNATES ARE EXCITED

Omahans Hear that Their "Gusher" in Wyoming is "Gushing" Nicely.

City Comptroller Westberg received a telegraph message Thursday which, although it was brief, started a fresh excitement among the oil magnates of the city hall. This message read as follows:

Well on 22 doing fifty barrels daily without shooting. Good for fifty when shot.
L. E. NEBERGALL.

L. E. Nebergall, the sender of the telegram, is general agent and manager of the oil properties of the Omaha-Wyoming Oil company. This company is made up entirely of Omaha men and nearly all of the city officials and a large number of their subordinate employes are interested.

Kansas City Joint Raided.

LONGFORD, Kan., Oct. 17.—Two hundred people last night wrecked the building in which Riseman's "joint," or illicit saloon, was conducted, smashed twenty cases of beer and ten kegs of whisky and tarred and feathered a woman inmate.