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MORAL QUESTION INVOLVED

Two Telephone Systems Injure More People Than It Can Help.

RESPONSIBILITY RESTING ON CITY COUNCIL

Possibility of Extending Service Small and Certainty of Increasing Cost to Users Unavoidable.

The members of the city council and the citizens of Omaha will recognize some important moral questions involved in the second telephone proposition as they become familiar with the facts. One of these questions is:

Is it right to give any company the power to force the second telephone into about 2,500 business places in Omaha and thus levy an additional expense of about \$125,000 a year upon the business men of the city?

I have shown by the presentation of facts pertaining to the experience of other cities that wherever there has been telephone competition, in a city as large as Omaha the Bell telephones have not been dispensed with, but have increased in number; that the Bell rates have been generally maintained, and that competition has placed many thousands of dollars of additional expense upon the business men, who are required to have both 'phones. But, it may be argued, the business men will receive an additional service commensurate with the additional expense put upon them, for they will be placed in telephonic connection with many residences which are now without telephone service.

For the sake of argument we will grant that the independent company, if it starts in business, will have as many as 1,000 exclusive residence 'phones, meaning that it will succeed in placing its 'phones in 1,000 residences which are without the Bell 'phones, although this is scarcely possible in view of the low residential rates of the Bell company here, and if the business rate of the independent company is to be \$4, as has been intimated, it would cost the business man just that sum per year for these 1,000 additional residence connections, or 4 cents per connection. The exorbitance of this charge may be appreciated by considering the fact that at present the business man with an individual line 'phone in the Bell exchange pays \$4 for a service with 1,000 residence connections, or only 1.7 cent per connection. The additional service to be gained in Omaha from the establishment of a second telephone system will cost the telephone users a great deal more, per possible connection, than the present service of the Bell company costs. This is indicated clearly by the foregoing illustration, and, further, it is the established fact in every city where there are two companies in the field.

If the independent company comes in with a residence rate of \$20 per year, as has been intimated, 1,000 residences use its 'phone to the exclusion of the Bell 'phone the aggregate annual saving to these 1,000 householders would be \$6,000, because 1,000 residence 'phones in the Bell exchange, at \$4 each, would cost just \$4,000 more than 1,000 residence 'phones in the independent exchange, at \$3 each. Now, if 2,500 business men can be beguiled into putting in the independent 'phone at \$4 each, they will be taking on an additional telephone expense aggregating \$10,000 per year. \$6,000 a year, the independent telephone proposition means to assess \$125,000 a year of additional expense against another class of users. It is just such experience as this that prompted Alderman John F. Dornhoff of East St. Louis, Ill., in a paper presented to the League of American Municipalities to say:

"In voting a franchise to any public service corporation it is the duty of the city government to protect the interests of the whole, and not merely a part, of the community. A city government has no right to impose a burden upon one class of citizens in order to bestow a benefit upon another class."

Alderman Dornhoff showed by figures that telephone competition in East St. Louis saved one class of users \$4,800 per year and cost another class \$15,854 per year. And every city of any importance which has two telephone systems is having the same experience in this respect.

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COMMITTEE ON THE OFFERS

Men Appointed to Consider Application for Headquarters of Woodmen of World.

Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted by the executive council of the Woodmen of the World Saturday morning. The matter of the removal of the headquarters of the sovereign camp from this city in the event of the decision of the supreme court being adverse to the interest of the order in the matter of the taxation of the \$2,000,000 reserve fund was discussed. The discussion culminated in the appointment of a committee of five, with Sovereign Commander J. C. Root as chairman, John C. Yates, W. A. Fraser, C. C. Farmer and J. E. Fitzgerald to investigate the matter and consider the propositions of the several other cities for the location of the headquarters, so that an immediate removal can follow a possible adverse decision of the Nebraska supreme court.

The contract for bonding the sovereign and subordinate officers of the order was let to the National Surety company of New York. The most favorable terms were obtained. W. E. Joyce of New York, the personal representative of the National Surety company, conducted the negotiations to their successful issue.

The individual members of the council were entertained at luncheon at the Commercial club by W. E. Joyce of the National Surety company of New York at noon Saturday.

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ECHOES OF THE ANTEROOM

Improved Order of Red Men.

The great state council of the Improved Order of Red Men will hold its annual meeting in Ancient Order of United Workmen hall, South Omaha, Tuesday, October 10. The indications are for a very large attendance from all over the state, with visitors from adjacent states.

Yah-mah-dah-si-rits No. 2 has changed its meeting place from the Continental block to the new Rohrbough building at Nineteenth and Farnam streets. All visiting Red Men are cordially invited to meet with us. The next regular meeting will be held Monday evening, October 7. The meeting nights are each Monday evening.

Bankers Union of the World.

Fraternal lodge No. 3 held a largely attended meeting Thursday evening. A large class of candidates was initiated. After the regular business session the evening was given over to dancing and miscellaneous social diversions.

Knights of the Macabees.

Owing to the Ak-Sar-Ben parade next Thursday evening, Omaha tent No. 35 decided to hold no meeting that night. The next meeting will therefore be held October 12. A valuable prize has been offered for members securing the greatest list of new members before November 1.

Fraternal Union of America.

The anniversary of Mondamin lodge No. 11 last Monday evening was a decided success, the hall being well filled by members and friends. The program, vocal and instrumental, was well rendered, after which the balance of the evening was devoted to dancing. Monday evening this lodge meets in Rohrbough's new building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets.

Union Veterans Union.

Vicksburg Regiment No. 1 will hold its next regular meeting in Barlight's Society hall, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, Friday evening, October 6, at 8 o'clock. Arrangements have been made for the use of this hall by the organization, which will occupy it on the first and third Friday of each month. The Ladies of the Garfield Circle No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic, will occupy the hall afternoons of the same days for their meetings. A campfire will be held immediately after the close of the regular meetings. Refreshments consisting of beans, coffee and hardtack will be dished up by the women of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Garfield Circle Aid society held an enjoyable meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. L. Metcalf. Refreshments were served and by special dispensation Mrs. Metcalf's mother was initiated into the order as an honored member. Beginning with October 6 the circle will meet in the new hall at Nineteenth and Farnam.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

At Omaha Court No. 110 last Tuesday night a committee was appointed to confer with like committees from other courts to make arrangements for the coming of Supreme Chief D. W. Gerard October 26. The next meeting will be held in the new hall in the southwest corner of the new Rohrbough building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets. Every member is urged to be present next Tuesday night, as matters of importance and for the welfare of Omaha Court No. 110 will be discussed at that time.

Woodmen of the World.

Of United States camp No. 23 Paul B. Harm was elected banker for the remainder of the term. Consul Commander William Lampmann will be united in marriage Tuesday to Miss Wilcox, daughter of Major Wilcox, and Thursday afternoon at Fraternal hall the marriage of Sergeant Hoover of the degree team will be formally celebrated. This will make five members of this camp who will have taken unto themselves wives during the month.

Prof. W. C. VanNess of the Iowa State Normal school, Denison, and Rev. G. H. Schlegel will speak at the unveiling ceremony of Omaha-Seymour camp No. 16, Woodmen of the World, at Myrtle hall Wednesday evening, October 12. Prof. VanNess is a well known educator, and camp No. 16 has arranged the service in the evening at the forest so he can be heard not only by Woodmen, but citizens generally. The services will be open to the public. The T. K. quartet and Miss Louise Shaduck are on the musical program, and Miss Cora M. Hitchcock will deliver the poem. The ritualistic services will be conducted by the Seymour degree team.

Masonic.

W. T. Burke has resigned as secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies, which office he has held for years, and is succeeded by Carl E. Herring. Mr. Burke gave as his only reason for resigning too much private business affairs.

NEW PASTOR FOR ST. MARY'S

Rev. Lucius O. Baird of Ottawa, Ill., Accepts Call to Congregational Church.

Rev. Lucius O. Baird of Ottawa, Ill., has accepted the call to the pastorate of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church and will preach his first sermon November 13. His letter of acceptance was received by Prof. A. H. Waterhouse as chairman of the committee having in charge the selection of a pastor yesterday. The pulpit was vacated in the spring by the resignation of Rev. Robert Yost, who accepted a call from a Presbyterian church at Joliet, Ill. He was a Presbyterian before coming to Omaha. During the summer the pulpit was filled by Dr. Jenkins of the Presbyterian Theological seminary and on occasions various ministers who were candidates for the church.

AK-SAR-BEN'S LITTLE MEMENTO

Beautiful Souvenir Being Sent to the Knights by Samson for Current Year.

Accompanying the royal commands to attend the coronation ball of Ak-Sar-Ben XII, Samson the faithful chancellor, is sending out a handsome souvenir. It is in the form of a desk tray, of solid and massive silver, most beautifully engraved and chased. The design shows a steer's head at either apex of the oval, with a border of wheat, corn and sugar beets. In the center is a mounted knight, with a visor raised, as if to view the glorious prospect unfolded on the Plains of Quivera. The souvenir is one of the handsomest and most useful ever sent out in honor of a change in dynasty.

Of Interest to Travelers.

"I travel in the southern states," says Mr. E. B. Cross of Melita, Va. "While driving had a sudden attack of cholera morbus, with severe cramping pains in the stomach. A customer of mine at the first store I stopped at recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and two doses of it set me right. I now carry a bottle of this remedy in my grip constantly, as do many other traveling men. I unhesitatingly recommend it." The constant change of drinking water and diet often causes disorders of the bowels. For this reason no one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this remedy. It is almost certain to be needed.



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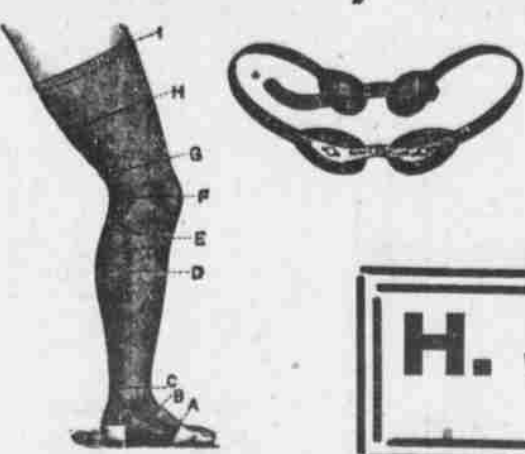
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