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BOARD HAS BOND PROBLEM

Nebraska City Gas Company Case Perplexes Rail Commissioners.

QUESTION OF WATER ARISES

Decision Must Be Reached Whether Any Conditions Warrant Authorization of Inflation Paper for Corporation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special.)—The hearing today before the railway commission on the application of the Nebraska Gas company to issue \$5,000,000 in bonds brought out forcibly the line of cleavage which has been apparent in the board for some time. The differences are not personal, but go to the very basis of the policy of the commission in matters of capitalization of public service corporations.

T. L. Hall holds to the theory of the law that it prohibits the issuance of either stocks or bonds unless tangible property is shown to exist to the face value of such securities and that the board must have evidence of such facts before it before authorizing the issuance of any such stocks and bonds. The other two members, Dr. H. J. Winnett and Henry T. Clarke, Jr., hold to the view that such actual valuation of property is not necessary in all cases regarding bonds, but that money put into a property, though it may have been dissipated as capital, might rightfully be considered in permitting issuance of stock in a company like the one in question, which has just come through bankruptcy.

Just as the argument between the commissioners was getting down where it was interesting Dr. Winnett, who is chairman of the board, said the commission would take the petition under advisement and debate out the question among themselves.

History of Case.

It appears from the statement of Frank Gouver, who presented the petition, that at the time of foreclosure the face of the bonds and other items amounted to \$2,500,000, and that the original company had paid, altogether, \$2,000,000 into its projects. The bondholders bought it in for the spot price, \$5,000, and since that time had put in by means of loans and bills amounting to \$2,500,000. Their petition is to be permitted to organize by issuing \$5,000,000 in bonds to pay floating indebtedness and for betterments and extensions. Commissioner Clarke has a different opinion, and the statement from Gouver that the former bondholders now own the plant would have taken the bonds, as they were not marketable, to pay the \$2,500,000 which they had advanced and that they would be taken over at less than that.

Mr. Hall suggested that if such was the case there would be nothing left for betterments, and that as Mr. Gouver had admitted the company was losing money every month on the basis of its present producing and serving capacity, the public would be benefited by the reorganization of the company. Commissioner Hall sought to ascertain from Mr. Gouver what the physical value of the property as a going concern was, but Mr. Gouver said he did not know but that at one time the bondholders had been offered \$47,000 for it and that he guessed it was worth between \$50,000 and \$50,000.

Question of Improvements.

On the question as to how the company expected to make improvements, when the petition was granted, there did not appear to be such differences between the commissioners, but all through the hearing it was evident it was two to one on the question of holding companies down to capitalization on the value of tangible property. Both Mr. Hall and Mr. Clarke lauded their contributions on the practice of the New York commission, which is operating under the same law as Nebraska, but they differed as to what the New York commission had decided. How the question would be decided remains to be seen, but there is every reason to believe that in executive session the discussion is likely to be warm. Mr. Hall insists that the company bring in an inventory showing it has \$5,000,000 worth of property, clear of incumbrance as the basis of that amount of stock and the proceeds of any bonds issued above the stock shall go into the property, while it is evident the other two do not consider it necessary that the stock should represent tangible value equal to the face of the stock.

Mr. Gouver pleads that the company hope to make the property profitable by better management and thus obtain from profits the money for improvements and to put value behind the stock issue.

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Pioneer Woman of Seward County Dead

SEWARD, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Henrietta Benninghoven died at her home here Friday, aged 72 years. She was the widow of the late Gottlieb Benninghoven, agricultural editor of the leading German daily papers in Chicago and St. Louis. She was one of the pioneer women of Nebraska, and came here in 1877. Following her husband, who had settled here a year before, she crossed the ocean alone with her eight boys in seventeen days. The city council at Bremen endeavored in vain to persuade her from emigrating. Emperor William, the first, stood sponsor to her eighth son, William, at his christening. This boy later served in the United States army during the Philippine war. Mrs. Benninghoven was the mother of nine boys, all of whom are living today, highly respected in their community. Mrs. Benninghoven was the picture of health and looked remarkably young for her age, till she was stricken with apoplexy a few years ago, a recurrence of which ended her eventful and highly interesting though laborious life.

OAKLAND PUBLISHERS ASK DAMAGES FROM BANK

TERKAMAH, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Dutton Brothers, publishers of the Oakland Mail which was recently closed by the Oakland State bank under chattel mortgage proceedings, in answer to the petition of the bank for judgment upon their notes, allege through their attorneys that the bank obtained control of said note rather than they had given through misrepresentation. They ask for damages in the sum of \$2,000 for the injury they have sustained in the closing up of their place of business. An interesting feature of their answer is that the original capital for the establishment of the printing business at Oakland was furnished by their mother, a soldier's widow, out of pension money and that she herself in getting them a start had assisted them by her own labor in the print shop. The case will come up at the coming session of the district court which convenes on Monday, March 18, with Judge Troup presiding.

COUNTRY LIFE CONGRESS AT BROKEN BOW POSTPONED

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—Owing to the recent heavy fall of snow in the county it was found necessary to postpone the Country Life congress that was to have been held here this week to Thursday and Friday of next week, March 21 and 22. It will be a two days' session and a much stronger program than was originally mapped out will be presented. The meeting will assume the form of a big conference, at which time both audience and speakers will have an opportunity to take part. Discussions of various important subjects to the ruralite will be indulged in, and it was largely for this reason that the officers of the congress decided to hold a two days' rather than a one day's session.

CITIZENS' PARTY AT LEXINGTON NAMES SLATE

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The citizens' party held a caucus in Aubels' hall and placed in nomination the following officers for the coming spring election: Mayor, F. Zimmerer; clerk, Joe Lemmer; treasurer, A. P. Wieser; engineer, A. P. Smith; councilmen, R. Emerson, Will Vorwalder and Isaac Nixley; members of the school board, J. A. Byrnes and F. L. Temple.

FARMERS' ELEVATOR MEN TALK SHOP AT HASTINGS

HASTINGS, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Elevator State association held a local meeting here yesterday. About twenty companies were represented by more than twice that many people. The grain men of Hastings and Miss Barnhill of Lincoln gave a supper at the Hotel Hotel, at which forty guests were present. Insurance and taxation were the most important questions discussed and definite action will be taken on both.

NEWS NOTES OF ALLIANCE

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for Celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

ALLIANCE, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The Catholic community in this city has made elaborate arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's day on Sunday. The program for the day is high mass at 10 a. m. and a St. Patrick sermon by Father Donnelly, pastor of the parish; at noon a banquet will be served in the Knights of Columbus hall by the ladies of the parish, and in the evening a vocal and instrumental entertainment, consisting of thirteen numbers, besides speeches by Representative Walter H. Kent, who will speak on "Faith and Fatherland," and Mr. F. M. Bromme, whose theme will be "Irish in America."

The severe storm experienced in the east last night has utterly demoralized the Burlington train service here today. Westbound train 4 arrived here four hours late, and train 6 over six hours behind schedule, both having stuck in the snow on the east end of the Alliance division. Freight service was temporarily suspended. From two feet to six inches of snow fell over the entire county Thursday.

The Alliance High school declamatory contest was held in the opera house last night, a large audience being in attendance. There were eleven contestants, four in oratorical, two in humorous and five in dramatic exercises. Fred Sweeney was declared the winner of the oratorical, Pauline Montgomery of the dramatic and Leone Mallory of the humorous contests.

The police were Superintendent Desmond of Crawford, Fredrick W. Kriebel of Nemadji and Judge Schell of Bridgeport.

The district court will be held in Alliance on March 22 at which delegates from Minnatare, Scott's Bluff, Mitchell and Bridgeport will participate.

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Merrick County Boys Are Heirs to Part of Big Estate in Russia

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—If an estate can be settled in Russia before the present treaty lapses, two Merrick county boys will be advanced from comparative poverty to men of means worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 each. The two boys are Charles R. Emry and Paul Anthony Emry living a few miles north of Silver Creek. The father of the boys is Albert R. Emry of New York. The family formerly lived in New York, but when the boys were still lads the father and mother disagreed and parted, and the mother came west bringing with her the boys. Later she married a man by the name of Phegley, residing in Union. There was a rich uncle in the family named Rnoch Emry. In his advancing years he became unbalanced and was confined in an eastern asylum. During one of his lucid intervals he was released from the asylum, and collecting about \$100,000 of his wealth, he left this country, and locating in Russia invested in securities there, and increased his fortune tenfold. He later became insane again, and was confined in various asylums over Europe, at one time being in the paupers' asylum in Berlin. He finally died last summer in the government asylum in Moscow. He had named the boys among his heirs, as he left no direct descendants, and their father also came in for a part of the estate. There threatened to be a contest between the father and sons and other heirs, but now an agreement has been reached, and heirs are being taken to secure the wealth left by the uncle in Russia. A decree has been entered in the county court here this week setting up the terms of the agreement between the boys and their father. Attorney E. E. Hovs has been appointed attorney for the boys who are minors.

NOTES FROM CALLAWAY

License Will Be Issue in City Election and Will Be Voted on Direct.

CALLAWAY, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The citizens' party held its caucus and placed in nomination J. H. Decker and D. P. Young. These two candidates made the race a year ago and were defeated only by 100 or three votes. The temperance people have placed in nomination Fred D. Pinnell and Dr. M. E. Shriver. There will be but two trustees to be elected, the third elected last year holding over. For the first time the question of license or no license will be decided by the voters direct and will appear upon the ballot as a separate issue.

The Callaway high school will hold its declamatory contest at the opera house on Wednesday evening, March 23.

While working on a dray and handling heavy freight, Arthur Denny was so seriously injured yesterday that he will be confined to his home for some time.

Word has been received here of the death of Lars Eliat at Gotthenburg on Tuesday. Mr. Eliat was one of the early settlers of this community, being a farmer and stockman and the owner of a large tract of the best land on Tallin table. About three years ago his health became so bad that he was compelled to quit the farm and moved to Callaway, where he went into the live stock business. Last fall, together with Mrs. Eliat, he went to California, but found that the climate was doing him no good. He started upon the return trip home, but upon reaching Gotthenburg became so much worse that he could not make the drive on to his farm home.

Eldridge Breeding, an old and respected citizen of this locality, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Pochman, west of Callaway, after an illness of several months.

J. J. Callison, foreman of a steel laying gang on the extension of Stapleton was attacked by a number of Greek laborers and badly injured. He was rescued by Superintendent Brown and the train crew and brought to this city in the caboose. He will recover. The Greeks have been discharged and replaced by Italians.

OTOE COUNTY NEWS NOTES

Mail Service is Suspended—Funeral of James Dickey Held Friday.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—The storm of Wednesday and Thursday has again completely blocked all of the roads in the county with snow and the rural route carriers have been unable to get over any part of their routes. It has been over three weeks since any of them have been able to get out, and just before this last storm they were all able to get out about five miles each day and return. Now they are unable to get even over that portion. The farmers report the drifts five and six feet deep in many of the roads, both east and west, and north and south. It may be a week before the roads are opened so the farmers can travel, let alone the mail carriers.

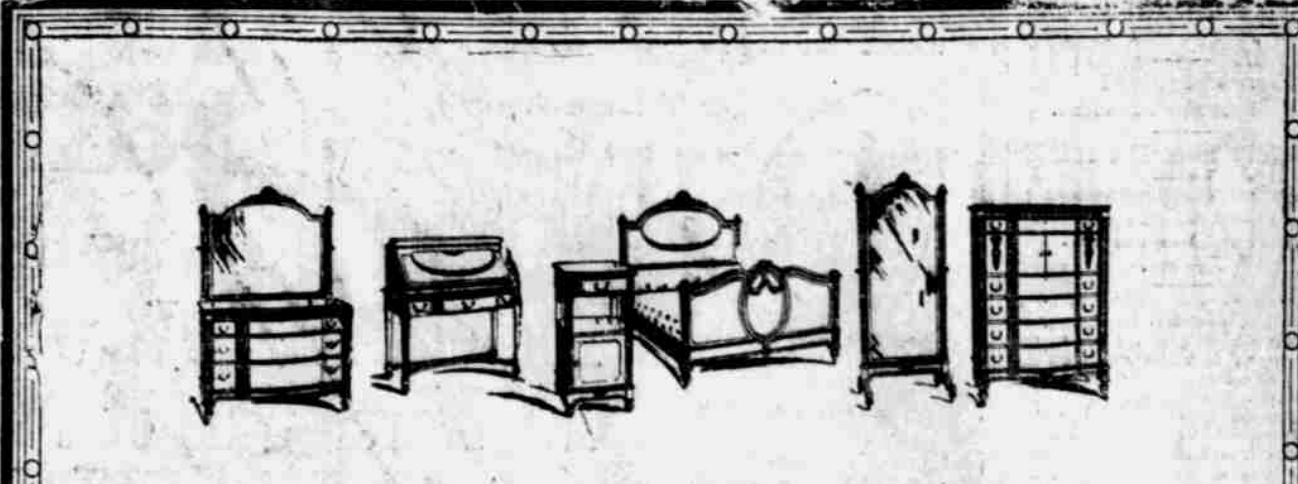
The funeral of James Dickey, who died Thursday from a stroke of paralysis, was held yesterday afternoon. He was born in Brunswick, Mo., and graduated from the school at that place when he was 14 years of age. He came to this city with his parents in 1864 and had since made his home here. After the death of his father, Judge H. H. Dickey, one of the leading men of this section, he became a recluse.

Company C gave a reception in honor of their newly elected captain, Fred B. Butt, and Major Clyde McCormick, who was their captain prior to his election as one of the staff officers of the regiment. A banquet was spread and a general good time was had. Among the side attractions for the evening was a wrestling match between Terry and Rosenberger, in which the former won in two straight falls.

E. K. Brantley, Charles Johnson and H. H. Bartling go to Falls City in the morning to attend the meeting called to form a new base ball league to be composed of teams in southeastern Nebraska. They have secured the necessary amount of money for backing to maintain a strong team here for the coming season.

Emil Jacobson, one of the leading farmers of North Branch precinct, has filed for county commissioner on the democratic ticket. W. F. Moran has filed again for the office of county attorney on the democratic ticket.

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Notes from Trenton.

TRENTON, Neb., March 16.—(Special.)—District court for this county closed nearly a two weeks' session here yesterday, Judge Perry sitting last week and Judge Dungan this week. Several important cases were tried, though but one criminal.

John Payton of this place has filed as democratic candidate for state senator.

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