

Principals in the Water Works Transfer



Front Row, Seated—M. T. Barlow, E. M. Fairfield, J. F. Stout, J. C. Dahlgren, R. H. Howell, John Lee Webster, W. H. Bucholz. Second Row—Isaac Congdon, Patrick Healey, D. J. O'Brien, A. M. Easterling, Stockton Heath, W. R. Watson, C. L. Saunders, W. G. Ure. Top Row—C. R. Sherman, Dr. A. H. Hipple, F. D. Wead, Edgar H. Scott, Judge W. D. McHugh, Joseph Polcar.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print It.
Electric Fans—Burgess-Grandon Co.
Under-Falconer Co. 24th and Harney.
undertakers, embalmers. Douglas 357.
Talks on Religious Liberty—Religious
Liberty was the opening text and will be
the foundation of all future lectures in
the tent on Nineteenth and California
streets.

Dodds Buys in Fairacres.—J. L. Dodds
of the Dodds Lumber company has pur-
chased three acres of land in Fairacres
from F. S. Cowgill. Mr. Dodds probably
will build a home on the tract. The price
paid was \$3,600.

Diamond Ring Stolen.—Burglars ob-
tained entrance to the home of Mrs. J.
F. Walker, 1222 Park Wild Avenue, Sun-
day night and stole a diamond ring val-
ued at \$100. The Marshall Paper com-
pany's storerooms were entered and \$5
worth of fireworks stolen.

Marriage Licenses Issued.—Marriage
licenses issued in county court last month
reached a total of 238, a great increase
over the corresponding month last year,
when 232 were issued. Last month's re-
cord came close to the record of 1910, when
204 licenses were granted.

Decrease in Birth Rate.—A decrease in
the birth rate for June this year is re-
ported by the vital statistics office. There
were 214 children born, 190 white males,
110 white females, 2 colored males and 1
colored female. For June, 1911, there were
237 births. The death rate this month is
also lower than the rate for June, 1911,
being about twenty less.

Internal Revenue Fall Off.—There
was a falling off in the amount collected
by the collector of internal revenue in
Omaha for the month of June as com-
pared with June of last year of \$37,000.01.
The falling off was on the items of beer
and distilled spirits. The amount of in-
ternal revenue collected for June, 1912,
was \$339,021.74. Of this amount \$88,546.01
is corporation tax. The amount collected
for June last year was \$378,111.75, of which
\$89,606.19 was corporation tax.

BLACK HAND LETTER IS FOUND IN WINDOW

Threat of horrible death was found
pasted on the window of the home of
Jacob Longnecker and his son and
daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L.
Longnecker, Fifty-third and Emmet
streets, yesterday. The family re-
cently rented the place from Joe Wadina,
a Union Pacific railroad clerk, and the
message is believed to have been placed
upon the window by some enemy of the
Wadinas. The sheriff's office is investi-
gating.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

CITY GETS THE WATER PLANT

Formal Transfer of Company to the
City is Completed.

MONEY IS NOW ALL PAID OVER

Deed to the City is Recorded—Old
Company Remembers Employees
—Schamel is Collector
for South Omaha.

The formal transfer of the Omaha water
plant from the Omaha Water company to
the city of Omaha was made yesterday
at the United States National bank,
when the \$32,730.17 in certified checks
was turned over to the representatives
of the water company by City Treasurer
W. G. Ure. General Manager E. M.
Fairfield and Treasurer Stockton Heath
represented the water company. The
entire water board, its attorneys, John
L. Webster and W. D. McHugh, and the
city treasurer, W. G. Ure and his deputy,
Emmet G. Solomon, were present. The
transfer occurred at 10 o'clock.

President M. T. Barlow of the water
board drew the warrants for the pur-
chase price—\$43,322.72—and W. H.
Bucholz, vice president of the Omaha
National bank and the accredited repre-
sentatives of the Guaranty Trust com-
pany, trustees, and the Farmers Loan and
Trust Co., trustees of New York, signed
the warrants and received the checks.
W. G. Ure, treasurer, and Emmet G.
Solomon, deputy treasurer, signed the
checks.

Checks for Millions.

These checks were drawn as follows:
First National bank of Omaha, \$1,583,750;
to the Guaranty Trust company; Omaha
National bank, \$1,458,970.17, to the Farm-
ers Loan and Trust Co.; Merchants Na-
tional bank of Omaha, \$750,000, to the
Farmers Loan and Trust Co.; United
States National bank of Omaha, \$315,000
and \$15,000 to the Farmers Loan and Trust
Co. The money transferred by check to
the Guaranty Trust company, amounting
to \$1,583,750, will go to the stock-
holders.

Following the formal transfer of the
checks and the deed, which W. D. Mc-
Hugh and M. T. Barlow had recorded at
9:30, the water board and representatives
of the old water company adjourned to
the offices of the company in The Bee
building. Here General Manager E. M.
Fairfield wished the board success.

"The water company cheerfully turns
over its property to the city today," said
Mr. Fairfield. "We have forgotten all the
little animosities and hope you will be
successful."

Howell Accepts Plant.

Water Commissioner Howell accepted

in behalf of the board, expressing his
pleasure over the happy conclusion of
the long story of litigation and saying
he was perfectly willing to let bygones
be bygones.

Witnessing the transfer of the plant
were the following: C. R. Sherman, Dr.
A. H. Hipple, F. D. Wead, Edgar H.
Scott, W. D. McHugh, Isaac E. Congdon,
F. C. Healey, D. J. O'Brien, M. T. Bar-
low, E. M. Fairfield, J. F. Stout, James
C. Dahlgren, R. H. Howell, John Lee
Webster, W. H. Bucholz, Stockton Heath,
Joseph W. Polcar, W. R. Watson, Senator
Charles L. Saunders, W. G. Ure.

Allow Discounts Tuesday.
Offices of the water company were
closed until noon yesterday, but it was an-
nounced that patrons who paid water
rentals Tuesday would be given the regu-
lar discounts allowed for payments on
the first day of the month.

Water Commissioner Howell was given
a big bouquet of roses, carnations, daisies
and ferns by the members of the board.
"To the commander, from his comrades,"
was written on the card attached to the
bouquet which was placed in his new
office in the water company's old offices.

Money for the water plant is in New
York and no exchange will be paid. Had
the money been transferred to this city
the exchange would have amounted to
\$4,000. Interest on the water bonds
amounts to \$315,000 yearly.

R. B. Busch and W. J. Barber have
been appointed appraisers to fix the value
of the company's physical property. Busch
was named by the city and Barber
by the water company. These two
will name a third.

Treasurer W. G. Ure has named Fred
Schamel to collect South Omaha rentals.
Harry Riesenman will represent the treasur-
er at the water board offices in The
Bee building and accept rentals.

Two deeds will be retained in the water
company's former offices in The Bee
building by Mr. Fairfield and Mr. Heath
for a month, until the business of the
company is completed.

The Omaha Water company yesterday
took judgment against the city for
hydrant rentals for the last half of 1911
in the sum of \$49,303.90, and for the first
half of this year in the sum of \$47,540.20.

Postal Receipts Show Increase for Month and Year

The postal receipts of the Omaha post-
office for June show an increase of
\$1,004.42 over the receipts of the corre-
sponding month last year. The receipts
for the year ending June 30, 1912, show
an increase over those of the preceding
year of \$35,046.35. The figures of gross re-
ceipts are as follows:

For June, 1912.....\$59,400.58

For June, 1911.....58,396.16

Increase.....\$1,004.42

For year ending June 30, 1912.....\$1,058,437.43

For year ending June 30, 1911.....1,023,391.08

Increase.....\$35,046.35

Railroad Rate Case Being Heard Here

Testimony was taken in the federal
court room in the railroad rate case in
which Omaha merchants hold that a
discrimination in freight rates from Pitts-
burgh to other eastern points has
been made in favor of Chicago and St.
Louis as against Omaha. Examiner
John H. Burchmore, representing the
Interstate Commerce commission, heard
the case. William N. Glass of the Lee-
Glass-Andersen Hardware company
testified that there was an unjust dis-
crimination that visibly affected his
business. W. S. Wright of the Wright &
Wilhelmy Wholesale Hardware company
testified that the effect of the Kindell
rate adjustment which went into effect
in 1910 was to decrease by a large per-
cent the tonnage handled in his business.

He said: "The question resolves itself
into one of two things, we must either
give up our profit or give up our busi-
ness." He said the rate prior to the
Kindell adjustment was satisfactory.

Daniel Baum, Jr., and others of Omaha
were also on the stand. Among the at-
torneys representing the railroads were
H. A. Scandrell of Chicago, representing
the Union Pacific; R. B. Scott of Chi-
cago, representing the Burlington; Fred
C. Wright of St. Louis, representing the
Missouri Pacific; and Mr. Widdecomb of
Denver, representing the Colorado &
Southern. E. J. McVann represented the
interests of Omaha merchants. The
hearing involves complaints from Wichita,
Kansas City, Sioux City, Des Moines,
Topeka and other points.

O'BRIEN SAYS PEOPLE ARE HELPING WATER SITUATION

D. J. O'Brien, member of the water
board, is pleased with the manner in
which patrons of the water works have
responded to the order to shut off sprink-
lers except between the hours of 6 and 8
o'clock in the morning. "Sunday night I
visited several sections of the city and
found the order being almost unanimously
obeyed," he said.

BELL ABSORBS INDEPENDENT

Omaha Automatic System Goes at Re-
ceiver's Sale for \$995,000.

NEW YORKER GETS FRANCHISE

Plant and Charter Bring Price of
Million Dollars—Bonded Inde-
pendence of Bankrupt Con-
cern is Three Million.

The Nebraska Telephone company
bought the Omaha Independent plant at
receiver's sale for \$995,000 just before 1
o'clock Monday afternoon.

The franchise went to Francis S. Hut-
chins, a New York lawyer, on his bid of
\$5,000. The proposal for the plant and the
franchise total \$1,000,000, which was fixed
by decree as the least amount that would
be accepted. No other offers were made.

Casper E. Yost, president of the pur-
chasing company, offered the bid. After
the sale he said he could not tell how
soon the company would take charge of
the property as the court would first
have to confirm the sale. He said part
payment would be made with bonds of
the independent company held by the
Nebraska, as the court had decreed might
be done, and the rest would be cash.

"The rates will be the same for the
Nebraska Bell telephone as heretofore,"
he said, "as we are contemplating no
change."

One Franchise for Both.

Asked why the Bell people did not buy
the franchise also, Mr. Yost said they
could operate the plant under the Ne-
braska franchise.

Mr. Hutchins did not say what he ex-
pected to do with the franchise, and
merely stated that he was a New York
lawyer of Twenty-seventh and Pine
streets. He was asked if he represented
a company and he said he did not. "I
simply bought it as an individual," he
said. Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Yost left
the federal building together after the sale.

Mr. Yost and other representatives of
the Nebraska said that it was hard to
make a physical connection between the
two systems as this had never been
successfully done, but said that the logi-
cal thing to do would be to eventually
merge the two systems so as to give uni-
versal and uniform service.

Few Persons Are Present.

The sale had been set for 11 o'clock
noon. When Receiver Lysle I. Abbott ar-
rived at the east front door of the United
States court house to hold the auction
there were scarcely a dozen men pres-
ent to witness the sale. President Yost
of the Nebraska Telephone company
soon arrived and deposited with Mr. Ab-
bott a cashier's check on the United
States National bank for \$100,000 as an
expression of good faith and indicated
that he would be a bidder. He was told
that the auction would be held open
until 1 o'clock and he promised to be
back before that time. Just before 1
o'clock Mr. Yost with a few other repre-
sentatives of the Nebraska Telephone com-
pany arrived, as did also Mr. Hut-
chins. Mr. Abbott again asked for bids,
announcing that there was but a minute
left. Mr. Yost stepped forward and said:
"The Nebraska Telephone company bids
\$995,000 for the property without the
franchise." Mr. Hutchins said: "Francis
S. Hutchins bids \$5,000 for the franchise."
After waiting one minute until exactly
1 o'clock Mr. Abbott pronounced the
property and the franchise sold. Hutchins
immediately wrote out a check on the
First National bank of Omaha for the
\$5,000 and gave it to the receiver.

The total indebtedness of the Independ-
ent Telephone company is something over
\$3,000,000. The final decree of foreclosure
was entered April 20, 1912.

G. H. Pratt, construction superintendent
of the Nebraska Telephone company,
said there would be no change in the
policy of that company and that it would
continue to do what it considered the
best for Omaha.

OWLS HOLD PICNIC AT EAST OMAHA SUNDAY

Owls of all sizes, vocations and ages
gathered at Lakeside park in East Omaha
Sunday afternoon for the first annual pic-
nic of the New Order of Owls, nest 1512
when a program of boating, dancing, foot
racing and refreshments was enjoyed.
Fully 200 members of the lodge attended
the affair, together with their families.

The feature stunt of the afternoon was
a fat man's race of 100 yards for gent-
le men up the scales at 200 pounds or more.
The lodge has an enrollment of about
twenty members of the police force and
half of that number were on hand for
the race. A more corpulent string of
Olympic "tryouts" could not have been
found anywhere.

At the tape Patrolman Al Risk was
first, with Patrolman Pat McCabe a close
second.

Other races resulted as follows:
50-yard dash, married women: Won by
Mrs. Tucker.

50-yard dash, girls over 15 years: Won
by Elizabeth Donnelly.

100-yard dash, men's free-for-all: Won
by Hugo Wessel.

50-yard dash, boys under 15 years: Won
by Peter Donnelly.

Wonderful Doings at Kilpatrick's!

The response to Sunday's announcement of our

GREAT JULY SALE

Was so great that we have no time to write details
of Tuesday's offerings. We failed to secure enough
expert shoe salesmen to give quick service, but did
the best we could—we do not believe that such
amazing shoe values were ever seen in Omaha.

\$5.00 Shoes, \$2.95
all new styles

More for Tuesday and a continuation of sales in all
other sections.

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BRANDEIS ESTATE TAX FIXED

Board of Equalization Agrees on a
Compromise Figure.

COURTNEY BUILDING REDUCED

Board Will Take Up Realty Values
with a View to a General In-
crease—To Raise Tele-
phone Tax.

Estate of the late Emil Brandeis was
valued at \$100,000 for assessment purposes
by the board of equalization after Deputy
County Attorney George A. Magney had
recommended this be the figure.

A deputy assessor valued the estate at
\$140,000, this being the total of insurance
on Mr. Brandeis' life. Outside of the
insurance the estate has no valuation so
far as taxation is concerned, Mr. Bran-
deis' holdings in the Brandeis companies
being taxed through them.

John L. Kennedy, attorney for the
Brandeis interests, told the board most
of the insurance money probably was
taxed this year before the companies paid
it to the beneficiaries and under the

law it could not be retaxed.

When Mr. Kennedy offered to com-
promise on a \$100,000 valuation Mr. Mag-
ney advised that the offer be accepted,
as in a lawsuit the county might be able
to collect no taxes at all.

Valuation of the Courtney building,
owned by the Brandeis interests, was re-
duced from \$40,000 to \$13,000 and the
American theater building from \$60,000
to \$40,000. The board at a later date
will consider complaints that the Bran-
deis building valuation, \$200,000, and the
Brandeis Theater building, \$400,000, are
excessive.

The board will take up realty values
with a view to general increase. The Ne-
braska Telephone will be called upon
to show why its personality valuation
should not be increased from \$1,400,000 to
\$1,900,000.

EMPRESS OF GERMANY

REPORTED IN BAD HEALTH

BERLIN, June 30.—It is learned from an
authoritative source, despite denials, that
the health of the empress is causing
anxiety to her physicians. The empress
returned recently from Bad Nauheim,
where she had been taking the cure, in
such condition that the attending physi-
cians advised complete withdrawal from
all functions.

Through Trains Put On Over Milwaukee From Chicago West

Through service over the Milwaukee, the
Northwestern and the Union Pacific was
established yesterday. The trains over
the Chicago roads came in according to
schedule and went on west without cre-
ating any excitement.

At the Union station about the only
thing that indicated any change in the
old methods was the fact that the Union
Pacific trains waited for the arrival of
trains off one road, instead of two.

When No. 1 on the Northwestern ar-
rived it was immediately picked up by
a Union Pacific engine and whirled away
westward.

When No. 1 on the Milwaukee arrived,
instead of the cars being switched over to
the siding on which were the cars of the
Northwestern, they were taken in tow
by a Union Pacific engine and carried
west. It was simply a deal by which
one train did not wait for the other.

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Business Success.

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New York City,
April 9, 1912.

MR. PHILIP J. ALLSTON,
135 Columbus Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

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warrants me in pronouncing them the most
valuable remedies within my knowledge.

I say this after consulting eminent
physicians and the use of many prepara-
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skin troubles that I feel it my duty to
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