

START POWER CANAL IN 1913

Augustus Kountze Gives Omahans Assurance of Early Start.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN MARCH

Fremont Project Will Require Expenditure of \$5,000,000, Which Will Pay for Canal, Headworks, Power House.

That construction work will begin as early as March 1 and be continued with out delays until that portion of the Platte river power canal known as the Fremont project is completed, is the statement of the men who are behind the proposition.

The Fremont project is backed by the Kountze Brothers of New York and Omaha, Augustus Kountze of the New York bank being the fiscal agent. The project will require the expenditure of \$5,000,000, which will pay for the construction of the canal, the headworks at Fremont and the power houses and wire lines for the transmission of the electric current into Omaha.

Augustus Kountze, who has been in Omaha for a week or more looking after details in connection with the canal, assured his friends before he left for the east that the canal would be started within the time limit required by the state laws, which, in this instance, is September 15, 1913.

Take Over Power Company.

In addition to building the power canal the company in which the Kountzes are heavily interested and of which they are the chief backers, expect to take over the Omaha Electric Light and Power company and also ask the city for a franchise that will permit of furnishing light and power. The city of South Omaha will be asked to grant a similar franchise.

The Fremont project is one of three power canal projects along the Platte river. The one farthest up the stream is known as the Babcock project. It takes the water from the Loup river a short distance above Genoa, carries it onto the high prairie north of Columbus and into the shell creek valley. It carries it to a point just above Columbus, where it is dropped back into the Platte, having a fall of ninety feet, producing 12,000 horse-power.

Below this is what is known as the Blong project. To supply power, the water is taken out of the Platte just below Columbus, carried onto the ridge to the north and then through a canal, being dropped back into the river a short distance below Schuyler. This canal has a head of sixty-six feet and produces 15,000 horse-power.

The Fremont project takes the water out of the Platte just below Schuyler and carries it along the south side of the stream a distance of twenty-six miles, discharging it into a natural reservoir opposite and a short distance below Fremont.

Shorter Than River.

From Schuyler to Fremont, the Platte has a fall of five and one-half to six feet to a mile. The canal being straighter than the river and not covering so long a distance between the two points, will naturally have a greater fall. At the head works, or the point where the power will be taken up for distribution, the fall will be 150 feet, giving 2,500 horse-power, or more than double the amount used in both Omaha and South Omaha at the present time. Wired into Omaha and South Omaha, this power will be sold at nominal prices to manufacturing concerns here and those that desire to come.

While they have not been made public, it is said to be the plans of the people behind the Babcock and Blong projects to also secure franchises in Omaha and South Omaha, wire their power into the two cities and sell it to manufacturers, thus making available \$2,000 horse-power for commercial purposes.

Demands on Turkey Prepared by Allies

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Pending the assembling of the peace delegates in London, the Balkan allies are occupied in preparing a joint draft of the demands which are to be made upon Turkey and it is understood, according to communications with a view to arriving at an agreement defining their own mutual obligations.

The formal acceptance of all the powers to send delegates to the ambassadorial conference to be held in London have not yet been received, but there is no reason to suppose there will be any delay in the assembling of the conference. The position of Greece in refusing to sign the armistice remains unchanged. The Greeks are said to be continuing their campaign on the island of Chios and at Janina and their ships are closely searching foreign steamers found between the Dardanelles and Smyrna.

NEWS OF BLOOMINGTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Mrs. George W. Green, wife of the Bloomington lumberman, died in California Saturday, where she went last spring for the benefit of her health.

Plans are being made to hold a poultry show at Franklin in connection with the farmers' institute. E. N. Crawford is in charge of the work.

The old Hiler homestead of 200 acres was sold at public auction to John Mahon of Franklin for consideration of \$16,500. A band of seventeen pieces has been organized in Napoleon with E. C. Moore as leader. L. W. Copley is secretary and J. D. Kelwell is treasurer.

The Franklin County Bankers' association held a meeting at Campbell in the directors' office. Those present from other towns were: S. Y. Hart, W. A. Deary, Bloomington; A. A. Galt, G. E. Hall, Franklin; L. Minker, Wilcox; W. S. Marr, Hillroth; G. F. Gunn, Blue Hill; S. M. Hall, Bladen, who attended the meeting as guests of the association. An elaborate luncheon was served by the association to the visitors.

CUMMINS' PROPOSAL PLEASES BOTH HADLEY AND TENER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The recent proposal of Senator Cummins of Iowa for a national convention to bring together the opposing factions of the republican party, meets with the approval of both Governors Hadley of Missouri, and Tener of Pennsylvania, who arrived here late today from the governors' conference at Richmond, Va.

Appoints Democrat in Oddie's Absence

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 7.—In the absence of Governor Oddie from the state, Lieutenant Governor Gilbert C. Ross today appointed George B. Thatcher of Tonopah attorney general for the unexpired term of the late Cleveland H. Baker, who died Thursday. The commission was signed and delivered this evening.

Governor Oddie is a republican and it was expected he would appoint a republican to succeed the late democratic attorney general. Lieutenant Governor Ross is a democrat and his appointee is a democrat.

Negro is Legally Hanged in Maryland

PRINCESS ANNE, Md., Dec. 7.—In a grove of pine trees on the county almshouse farm near here, Wesley Miles, colored, was legally hanged today for an attack on the 15-year-old daughter of former Sheriff W. C. Phillips of Somerset county last May.

A crowd of 100 men and boys tore down the board enclosure surrounding the gallows to see the hanging, but there was no other interference with the officers of the law.

Negro Lynched for Murdering Planter

BUTLER, Ala., Dec. 7.—Asariah Curtis, a young negro, was hanged by a mob near here early this morning after he had confessed to having killed B. B. Bush, a planter, whom he and three other negroes held up. The negroes waylaid Bush on a country road. After Curtis was captured and placed in jail the mob formed, stormed the jail and hanged him near the scene of his crime. The other prisoners were not molested.

Steamship Easton Released from Reef

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 7.—Released at 7:15 p. m. this evening, the steamer Easton of the Booth line, escaped from the clutches of the Iroquois reef, and proceeded under its own steam to Port Arthur. All on board are safe. It is expected to arrive in Duluth tomorrow afternoon.

ACTRESS WINS HER SUIT AGAINST KLAW & ERLANGER

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Edith St. Clair, actress, won her \$25,000 suit against Klaw & Erlanger today, when a jury declared her contract for that amount with the theatrical firm valid. The verdict came after a sensational trial, during which Abraham L. Erlanger charged a lawyer with blackmail and declared the contract was made under duress to save annoyance to his wife, who was ill at the time and who later divorced him.

Miss St. Clair, under the agreement, was to receive \$2,500 a year for ten years. The contract was lived up to for only one year, the testimony showed.

BEER IN ELECTION BOOTH

Witness Tells of Member of the Board Drinking.

SOME OF THE BALLOTS ARE TORN

Judge of Election Recites the Hard Time He Had to Get the Ballots Counted in Second Precinct of the First Ward.

That there was beer on the table where the ballots were being counted in the second precinct of the First ward during the night; that several members of the election board drank freely and finally fell asleep; that ballots were torn and scattered on the floor, and that there were other irregularities, were points brought out in the testimony taken in the election contest case in which Arthur C. Fanoest, republican, is contesting the election of J. H. Grossman, democrat, to the state senate.

James Conoran, 141 South Eighth street, one of the judges of election in that precinct, gave this testimony. He said Charles Lemme and other members of the board drank freely of the beer that was on the table. He testified that some fellows coming back from uptown where they had been late to learn the election returns had brought the beer to the polling place about midnight of election night. According to the testimony, Ed L. Barry and Charles Lemme, two of the board, went to sleep on the tables near morning.

"Mr. Lemme had the keys," Conoran testified. "The next morning some fellows got him to go out to the saloon at the corner of Seventh and Pacific streets. Some of the members of the board told me to go and get the keys from him or have him arrested. I went into the saloon and found him at the bar drinking with some other fellows. I asked him for the keys to the boxes and he gave them to me. If he hadn't I intended to have him arrested."

Could Not Hurry Them.

"When some of the board drank too much and refused to do any work I tried to hurry them up, but couldn't do it. I touched nothing to drink. They cursed me and told me I was too stingy to drink. I didn't want my liquor if I wanted any, but that I wanted to get through with the work. Anyway I have not been drinking since I came back from the springs. "When I tried to get them to get at the counting, after they would lay off for fifteen to twenty minutes at a time, they got mad, so I didn't say very much. I didn't want my head pounded to pieces. I had a notion to pull up stakes and go to Council Bluffs I was so disgusted, but I didn't know what the law might do to me for it."

"Four or five of the ballots got torn in the confusion during the night, and I gathered them up, fitted them together where I was sure they belonged and pinned them together."

Lewis Kaplan, James Banks and John Reves, all judges of the second precinct of the Third ward, testified during the morning. Three more witnesses are to testify Monday. The hearing was adjourned to Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

In the report in The Bee Friday of the contest a typographical error made the story read "Second precinct of the Second ward." It should have been "Second precinct of the First ward."

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New Oleo Inquiry Starts in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—An investigation of alleged violations of the internal revenue laws in the manufacture of oleomargarine was begun today by the federal grand jury.

The inquiry was ordered by Federal Judges Landis and Carpenter and was the discovery of a new process in the coloring of oleomargarine. The large manufacturers have been used for several months is said to be responsible for the present investigation.

Harriman Officers Finish Conference

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 7.—Operating officials of the various Harriman railroads, who met here yesterday to discuss train schedules and other traffic details for the coming year, finished their work this evening. No important changes were made, it was said, in the schedules. The representatives of the Southern Pacific, including General Manager W. H. Scott, started for San Francisco this morning. The Portland and Omaha officials will leave tonight and tomorrow.

BREAKING OF PLATE CAUSES WRECK ON PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 7.—John J. Dohoney, marshal of the state railroad commission, has filed with the commission a report on the Glenloch wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad on November 27, in which he gives the cause of the disaster as "the breaking of a column cap, or plate, on which the bridge girders found their support." The report says that six minutes before the derailment, a train of seventy-five empty coal cars passed over the bridge.

WILSON GOES TO WORK ON MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 7.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson today began the final stages of his vacation in Bermuda by beginning work on his message to the New Jersey legislature. He has practically concluded his period of recreation and social engagements and expects to work steadily from now until he starts on the homeward voyage.

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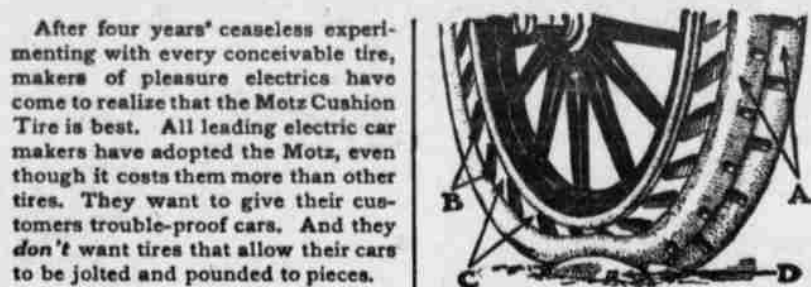
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