

UP TO LAST POUND OF COAL

After August 15 Northwestern Will Use Oil Here Exclusively.

OLD LOCOMOTIVES OFF WATCH

New Order Covers Whole 1,655 Miles of the Big System in Three States West of the Missouri River.

Sixteen hundred and fifty-five miles of railroad in Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming operated up to the minute without burning a pound of coal is to be the next development in western rail-roading.

Beginning August 15, the Northwestern road for the division west of the river will discard altogether coal consuming locomotives, and move all their trains, both passenger and freight, by oil burning locomotives.

The Northwestern has been experimenting for some time with Wyoming fuel oil, and so successful have the results proved under General Manager Walters' direction that the complete substitution of oil for coal is now an almost accomplished fact.

"Even if the cost of the oil per pound of steam raised were the same as that of coal, which it is not, says he, 'the economy would be worth while. To take the place of our coal sheds we have erected 5,000-barrel oil tanks along the line, and while the coal sheds will remain for a time, eventually they will disappear. A locomotive can be supplied from the oil tank in much less time than it could be re-coaled, and another substantial saving comes in its continued use instead of sending it to the round-house after each run to be put in condition, which at best always requires several hours. The oil burners make little smoke, and no sparks, and the saving from damage claims for fires along the right-of-way will count up in the aggregate."

"Oil Best Test of Efficiency." "The men like the oil burner much better than the coal fire because it is cleaner and easier to handle. The new departure makes no difference in the number of the locomotive crew, but it permits of continuous use of the locomotive, and also of exact comparison of results and efficiency. The tanks are filled by an automatic measuring mechanism giving an accurate record, and soon develops exactly how much fuel is needed per mile for each run, when the locomotive is properly managed. Every change of crews thus sets up a test of efficiency upon one another, and instead of assigning a crew to each particular engine the crews may be assigned to the run and the locomotive taken up by the next crew without stop or change."

"Still another advantage we expect to reap will come from the cheaper hauling of the oil over our own lines as compared with coal. We expect to keep the road supplied with oil by twenty tank cars, which will free all our coal cars for use in regular business. We are starting out in the busy season of the year with our minimum motive power equipment, and expect it to do the work handily."

"No, I have no notion as to whether other roads in this section will go over to oil, but for our road I am firmly of the belief that with the new order effective we will have burned our last pound of coal."

Chicago Grain Firm Placed Big Order Here for Wheat

The Omaha grain market has attracted the attention of the E. R. Bacon Grain Company of Chicago, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, and a representative was at the exchange yesterday and bought 325,000 bushels of wheat for August delivery. This wheat is largely for export and is one of the largest single orders ever placed here. It is also the first time the Bacon company has ever been in this market.

Grain receipts continue heavy and considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting cars to handle the stuff in, but the shortage is not so acute as anticipated.

The grain stocks in Omaha terminal elevators at this time approximate 1,000,000 bushels. There are 182,900 bushels of oats.

Water Board May Use Dundee Mains

The board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District has reached an agreement with C. E. and J. E. George, who refused to let the board to use water mains they had laid in Dundee unless the board paid for the mains in whole or in part. The board, under the agreement, may pipe water through the mains to other territory without prejudice to the rights of the Georges or the board. The question of the ownership of the mains is left unsettled. The board claims the mains on general principles and the Georges seek to recover the cost thereof from the water district.

Father Charged With Abusing His Family

F. J. Jefferson, Twenty-seventh and Burdette streets, was haled into police court charged with abusing his family and abusing his 15-year-old son, Robert. He will be held until August 6, when his family say they intend to bring conclusive evidence as to his ill treatment of them. According to the wife and child, Jefferson flew into a rage Tuesday evening over some trivial matter and inflicted quite a serious wound by striking his son on the head with a hammer.

WATER IS AGAIN PLAYING PRANKS ON IOWA SIDE

The Missouri river is up to its old tricks again and is doing considerable damage in the vicinity of Polson, fifteen miles below Council Bluffs, where it is cutting into the Iowa shore. The Burlington has a large force of men at work dumping rock into the stream to prevent the current from washing out the rip-rapping put in last year.

Opposite Polson a wide sandbar has formed along the Nebraska shore, which has thrown the current against the Iowa side, and the stream is eating inland. It is said a number of valuable farms south of Polson are threatened with destruction.

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL VISITS HERE.



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Main Extensions Held Up Pending Transfer of Funds

R. Beecher Howell, general manager of the metropolitan water district, will continue to hold up water main extensions and other improvements until City Treasurer W. G. Ure transfers \$1,000,000 now to the credit of the city to this new district. Howell's program prepared months ago is being carried out to the letter. At first improvements were held up on the excuse that the water board would soon take charge of the metropolitan district and would then be omnipotent. Now the boss of the board of directors of the district intimates that no step will be taken until the controversy with Ure is settled.

Ure may be enjoined by the city from transferring this money to the new district. The water board delayed to take any action to force him to transfer the money when he flatly refused to do so. This was the program of delay instituted by Howell.

Since it is probable the city or some taxpayer will seek to enjoin Ure from transferring this money, on the ground that it is the property of the city of Omaha and no other corporation, the water board has decided to delay improvements as long as possible. The board's attorney has advised them of the fact that they cannot contract for extensions unless this money is secured.

Traveler Pities Saloniki; Scene of Much History

"Poor Saloniki, she has had a grievous time of it in the last two thousand years," said R. W. Clifdale of New York, passing through Omaha. Clifdale was formerly at the famous Turkish airport in connection with some foreign missionary work.

"It is interesting that this town of Saloniki should now have been the center of another great and bloody struggle since it has already been the scene of so many former ones, and especially since it is so closely related to the history of the early spread of Christianity. Saloniki is the very city that in the days of Christ was known as Thessalonica. The Turks have cut off the 'Thee' as they have out up a great many other things in that unhappy country."

"It was to this very spot that the Apostle Paul made his journey about 52 A. D. to look after the interests of the Christian church established there. It was to the inhabitants of this city at that time that he later addressed his two letters known as Thessalonians I, and Thessalonians II. During his stay in Thessalonica the Apostle Paul preached and worked at his trade as a tent maker. The cut stone cottage in which he is said to have worked at his trade is still pointed out to visitors there."

OMAHA PEOPLE RECEIVE SHARE OF A BIG ESTATE

Julius Kessler, a well known traveling salesman of Omaha, and Mrs. Streeter, widow of the late Ed Streeter, are beneficiaries under the will of the late Charles D. Black, senior member of the well known tea and coffee firm of Chase & Sanborn, who gave evidence of great-heartedness and personal interest in each individual employe of the firm by a most generous provision, the amount bequeathed aggregating about \$250,000.

Each traveling salesman, fifty-five in number, receives, according to the length of service, from \$20 to \$2,000. Mr. Kessler gets \$1,500. To all other employes who have been for a continuous period of one year or more in the employ of the firm in any of its various departments recognized as the office department, salesroom department, shipping department and factory department, \$200 each.

In addition \$1,000 each is given to the widows of five traveling salesmen. One of these is Mrs. Streeter.

After many private bequests to relatives and friends there follows a lengthy list of educational and charitable institutions who are generously remembered.

DERMODY TO HANDLE BIG WYOMING IRRIGATED TRACT

Vincent D. Dermody recently sold out his fire insurance business which he found he could not take care of on account of his rapidly increasing land business. He has just returned from Chicago where he was appointed general agent by the Northern Wyoming Land Company for 15,000 acres of irrigated land located in Clear Creek district, Johnson county, Wyoming. There is 15,000 acres of this land in alfalfa and 12,000 acres farm land in wheat and other small grains. The Northern Wyoming Land company is now spending \$500,000 building a railroad from Clearmont to Buffalo, the county seat of Johnson county. The company also owns coal mines and oil fields in this district. Mr. Dermody intends putting this land on the market at once and sell it out in small farms and will continue his main office at 446 Bee building, this city.

COUNTY AND STATE TO BLAME

Dr. Connell So Answers Accusation Against County Hospital.

IS ABSOLUTELY CRIMINAL

Forty Persons Are Obligated to Sleep and Live in Room Hardly Fit for Fourteen—Superintendent Robinson Not at Fault.

Dr. Ralph W. Connell, city health commissioner, is all wrought up over the stirs thrown at Superintendent Ed M. Robinson of the county hospital agent the disclosures of improper treatment of patients there.

"Robinson is no more to blame than you are," said the health commissioner. "The disgrace is the disgrace of the state of Nebraska. It is absolutely criminal the way patients are herded out there. I don't care whether they are insane or poor or sick or what not, it is a disgrace to the county and to the state of Nebraska to crowd forty persons into a room where fourteen could not live comfortably."

"More Space Demanded." "Provision ought to be made at once for an increase of space at the county hospital. It is imperative. It is a crime to neglect it. This is a civilized age and it is barbarous to treat the sick and the infirm as they are being treated at this hospital, through no fault of Superintendent Robinson."

"Why, what could you or anyone else do if placed in similar position. You would simply be up against it. It is a known fact that forty people are housed where it would be unsanitary to house eleven, and yet Robinson, who is making the best of a bad situation, is being blamed. I tell you he is not to blame. It is the fault of Douglas county and the state of Nebraska."

Autoists Advised to Avoid Benson

Speed limit, six miles an hour. This rule of the road of Benson and the new motorcycle cop are causing the automobilists of Omaha no end of trouble.

The other evening a member of the Omaha Automobile club was politely stopped by a man on a motorcycle who told him that his tail lights were out. The autoist thanked the man, lit his lights and went his way. Next day he received word from the justice of the peace of Benson to appear and show cause why he should not be fined.

Omaha autoists are being arrested every night for exceeding the six miles an hour limit.

Now comes the secretary of the Omaha Automobile club and advises members of the club to stay away from Benson. He points out that there are two good roads, one on each side of Benson, which may be used without driving through the village.

Max Baehr of Cuba Visits in Omaha

American Consul Max J. Baehr, who represents our government at Cienfuegos, Cuba is in Omaha with his son, on his way to his home in St. Paul, Neb. He is accompanied by Thorwald Hoff, who is the Norwegian consul at the same place, and who has been at Kansas City looking after some business interests. Mr. Baehr has now been in the consular service continuously for fifteen years, and ranks fourteenth in the line of seniority. Incidentally, he has bought a new Hudson car, in which he is going to make the rest of his trip from Omaha.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ARE COMING BY SPECIAL TRAIN

The movement of Knights Templar to the annual convocation, to be held at Denver, August 10-14, starts Saturday, when St. Ed Demar commandery of St. Louis will arrive over the Wabash at 9 o'clock in the morning and leave over the Union Pacific. The St. Louisans will occupy a special train and will make a trip through Yellowstone park prior to the Denver meeting.

The big movement of knights through Omaha will occur Sunday, August 10, when sixteen special trains will arrive from the east. It is not known how many will attend the Denver meeting, but the Union Pacific has already scheduled twenty-six special trains from Omaha to Denver for the week of the convocation.

CLIFTON FINDS GROWING CORN IN GOOD CONDITION

Traveling Freight Agent Clifton of the Union Pacific is just in from a trip through Buffalo, Harlan, Dawson, Sherman and Merrick counties, Nebraska, and reports that while rain a needed, corn continues in very fair condition.

Generally, over the counties visited, there was a heavy rain last Friday night. It helped the crop wonderfully, but did not put it beyond the danger line. Mr. Clifton is of the opinion that with rain during the next week, the corn crop throughout central Nebraska will be close to the normal. However, should rain hold off longer, great damage would result.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS WILL GIVE TROLLEY PARTIES

This afternoon the Sunday school of the McCabe Methodist church will take its annual trolley ride. A chartered car carrying the young people will be run from Fortieth and Farnam streets to Florence and return.

Friday night the Zion Baptist Sunday school will have its annual outing. It will be a trolley ride from Twenty-fourth and Lake streets to Florence, the return including a tour of some of the lines of the city. There will be three cars in the excursion.

H. E. FREDRICKSON LANDS BIG TROUT OUT IN WYOMING

The New Era of Walden, Colo., prints an article to the effect that H. E. Fredrickson, formerly of Omaha, and now of Filmore, Wyo., is entitled to the championship for catching the largest trout ever known to have been hooked in that locality.

It is related in the item that the trout was thirty-two inches long, weighed nearly six pounds, that it took about an hour and a half to land the trophy and that it was caught in water barely deep enough to cover it.

Death on the Gallows is sharp, short agony. The lame back of kidney trouble is daily misery. Take Electric Bitters for quick relief. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

HEAT DOES NOT STOP SUIT SALE

Brooks' Half Price Event Goes Merrily On, Heat or No Heat.

But Summer Will Soon Pass and Regular Prices Are in Order When Fall Arrives.

Seems as though the weather has not registered enough heat to offset a man's desire to visit Brooks, the Clothier, in the City National Bank Building.

Hot-torrid-baking though the atmosphere has been—Omahans are still aware that a HALF PRICE on ANY suit in the house MEANS something—something worth while.

Consequence is that "Brooks" is selling suits—dozens and scores of 'em each and every day during even this hot season.

Men are realizing that "Summer Sales" are off the moment the Fall is on—they won't be able to buy 20 suits at \$10 in a short time from now; they won't be able to pick up 25 suits for \$1.50 or 30 suits for \$15; neither will the 35 suits go at \$1.50 and the 40 grades at \$20.

So you see there is some reason for your being active even in so hot a weather. Shake off your drooping spirits; look up Brooks at his cozy, cool establishment at Cor. 16th and Harney Sts.; see whether or not you can find something tempting in the way of a smart suit of clothes at HALF PRICE.

50c Ladies' Silk Hose in all colors 25c
\$1.50 House Dresses, Kimonos, Wrappers, Combination Suits, Petticoats, Corsets, Corset Covers, Princess Skirts, Gowns, Chemises, Drawers, choice at \$3.50 Ladies' Linen Auto Coats for . . . \$1.24
\$10.00 Dresses, at each \$3.75
35c Dressing Sacs, at each 15c
75c and \$1.00 White and colored Waists . . . 45c
\$2.50 Rattan Suit Cases, at \$1.19
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Misses' and Women's White Duck Button Shoes, sale price \$1.24 and 98c
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Misses' and Women's Sea Island Duck Pumps and Oxfords, button or blucher, per pair . . . 98c and 89c
\$3.50 Men's Panama Hats for \$1
\$1.50 and \$1.00 Men's Straw Hats for 45c
\$3.50 Men's Oxfords, Russian tan, gun metal and patent button or blucher, all sizes, new styles . . . \$1.75
\$2.50 Men's Sample Oxfords in the vic patent and gun metal, sizes 6 to 6 1/2, big bargain at 75c
75c men's and boys' Tennis Oxford for 25c
\$1.50 Men's Trousers . . . 75c
75c Men's Porcs or Balbriggan Union Suits for 39c
50c Men's Silk Hose . . . 19c
50c Men's Belts or Suspenders for 23c

WANTED 25 SHOE SALESMEN

25 Experienced Sales Ladies in Cloak, Suit and Ladies' Furnishings.
25 CASH GIRLS
THE NOVELTY CO.
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REST AND HEALTH TO MOTHER AND CHILD.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over SIXTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, WITH PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN; CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. It is absolutely harmless. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

THE FAIR STORE

1121-1123 Farnam Street.

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This Great House of Bargains on SPECIAL SALE

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Two Pair of Trousers

Will make that Suit last a few months longer. You can't afford to overlook Nicoll's present offer to include An Extra Pair of Trousers Suit and Extra Trousers \$25 to \$45

Nicoll's Standard Blue or Gray Serge in Three Weights and Three Shades with extra pair of Trousers The sort of fabric that anchors your trade to us. \$25

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A Drive in Hammocks

Up to \$12.50 Hammocks, \$6.50 Heavy brown canvas Couch Hammocks, spring bottom and well padded cushions—while they last \$6.50 Standard Hammocks, well made, strong and durable, up-town prices \$4 to \$5.00, while they last \$3.00

FREE—All Hammocks delivered and set up on your porch in Omaha Council Bluffs and other Omaha suburbs. OUT-OF-TOWN ORDERS filled at above sale price, including package and drayage charge.

Scott-Rawitzer Company

11th and Harney St. Everything in Canvas Products

Fortune or success have often come through a little want ad. Have you read the want ads yet—today?

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Misrepresentation

There has been no misrepresentation of facts by the gas company in its rate-reduction franchise advertising. There will not be any.

The rate-reduction franchise is a fair measure from the consumer's standpoint. The better its provisions and terms are understood, the better we shall be satisfied.

When we state that the quality of the gas supplied in Omaha is not excelled by any other city in the United States, and is better than in the great majority, we base our statement upon a government report—namely, Circular 32 of the Bureau of Standards at Washington.

We now repeat it. In TRYING to make it appear that we have misrepresented facts, the rate-reduction franchise objectors strangely ignore the difference between total, or gross heat units per cubic foot, and net heat units per cubic foot. The Bureau of Standards points out the difference.

"Net heat units" means gas of higher heating value and higher manufacturing cost than the same number of total or gross heat units.

The amended Funkhouser ordinance, which fixes the quality of gas in Omaha, reads:

"The heating value of the gas to be not less than 600 B. T. U. NET per cubic foot."

Gas of a value of 600 British thermal units NET in Omaha must contain approximately 650 total or gross heat units.

Des Moines has never had municipal gas heating value requirements of any kind. This was the condition when the 90-cent rate case was decided in the lower courts.

A PROPOSED gas standard ordinance in Des Moines calls for 600 gross heat units, meaning a difference of 50 heat units per cubic foot less in Des Moines than in Omaha.

Some of the Des Moines city officials have advised against passing this ordinance. It may increase the cost of gas making, and the Des Moines rate case is still in the courts.

Although these are the facts we had not made the claim that gas could be sold 10 cents cheaper in Des Moines than in Omaha because gas of higher quality was supplied in Omaha, or because there is a difference in the cost of coke and other materials in favor of Des Moines.

What we did show was that by using the figures of the court in the Des Moines case and the report of W. D. Marks on the Omaha gas situation, there was a difference of 10 cents per thousand cubic feet in the cost of supplying gas in favor of Des Moines.

Presumably Mr. Marks figured costs in Omaha as low as he could.

Part, but not all, of this difference of 10 cents per thousand feet appears to lie in the excessive taxes imposed upon gas in Omaha.

Des Moines is greater than Omaha in area, but a large part of the former city consists of farm land, taxed as such, and, of course, not reached or served by the gas company. Omaha has 65 miles of gas mains more than Des Moines.

The Des Moines rate is still in litigation and the Des Moines Gas Company has no intention of withdrawing its appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

NO MISREPRESENTATION BY THE OMAHA GAS COMPANY HAS BEEN NAILED BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO MISSTATEMENT OF FACTS.

The date of the gas rate-reduction franchise election is August 19th. To vote for lower gas you must be registered at the County Court House not later than August 9th.

OMAHA GAS COMPANY