

Nebraska
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Light Rain in Clay
 CLAY CENTER, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—A shower of an inch of rain fell here last night. It comes too late to do much good to the corn. The wheat in this section is about all threshed, averaging about twenty bushels per acre.
 OHIOVA, Neb., July 31.—About .35 inch of rain fell here last night.

Nebraskans Laud Richard L Metcalfe
 WASHINGTON, July 31.—(Special Telegram.)—In the history of Washington there has not been a more notable gathering of Nebraskans than was held this evening at the residence of Auditor for the Treasury and Mrs. William E. Andrews on the occasion of the Nebraska association's reception and farewell meeting in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Metcalfe, who leaves Friday for the Isthmus of Panama, where Mr. Metcalfe will take up the duties of commissioner to the canal zone, the position carrying the title of governor.

Notwithstanding Washington had late this afternoon the most severe electrical storm in the city's history, the Nebraskans in Washington turned out in large numbers to pay fitting tribute to Mr. Metcalfe and to his wife as well, the latter being as much lauded in the speeches made by eminent men, including the secretary of state himself, as was the future governor the Canal zone.

PILGER MARRIED MEN'S TEAM WINS FROM WISNER
 PILGER, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—The Wisner married men's baseball team, heralded as the champion team of its kind in this part of the state, met defeat at the hands of the Pilger married men's team Tuesday afternoon on the Pilger diamond in an interesting game.

COMPENSATION ACT DESCRIBED FOR BALLOT
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 LINCOLN, July 31.—(Special.)—On request of Secretary of State Watt, Attorney General Martin has prepared a form for the referendum ballot on the employers' liability act. It will go on the ballot as follows:

"The purpose of this act is to prescribe the liability of employers, to establish an elective schedule of compensation for injuries received by employees in the course of their employment, to modify common law and statutory defenses and remedies in such cases, to regulate the procedure for determining such liability and to provide the methods for paying compensation thereunder. When employer and employee elect to embrace its provisions this act applies to every employer employing five or more persons, including the state and its governmental agencies, except employers of household servants, farm laborers and railroad companies subject to congressional regulation."

YORK FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE BY HANGING
 YORK, Neb., July 31.—(Special Telegram.)—J. N. Darnell, who lived northwest of this city, committed suicide this morning about 5 o'clock. He went to the barn, sat on a pile of hay and stabbed a knife into his throat, then tied a rope to the rafters in the barn and hanged himself. He was 33 years of age and well to do.

Notes from Beatrice
 BEATRICE, Neb., July 31.—(Special.)—Gus Bower, a farm laborer, says he was robbed of \$9 in cash Tuesday night at a local hotel. The matter was reported to the police, but no trace of the thief has been found.
 George Henry Lammell of Homeville and Miss Celia E. Bunnell of Beatrice, were married yesterday afternoon by Judge H. D. Walden.
 Samuel Blvens of this city has been selected as slipper for the National Coursing meet to be held at Wymore the first two weeks in October, and the touring meet at Red Oak, Ia., booked for October 15, 16 and 17.
 A separator and one horse were burned yesterday afternoon at the farm of Albert Johnson, five miles east of Beatrice. A locomotive set fire to some bundles of wheat, and the flames spread so rapidly that the threshermen were unable to check them. The machine was owned by David Workman, and the loss will amount to about \$500. It is partially covered by insurance.

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President C. B. Clovis of the Commercial club was elected president of the association to fill the place made vacant by the death of the late J. A. McVaid. The route to be traversed by the new road will run from Nebraska City to Hamburg, this state, thence north to Shenandoah, thence to Red Oak, Elliott, Griswold, Lewis and this city, thence north to Exira, Audubon, Mapleton, Manning, Arcadia, Storm Lake and from Storm Lake to Spirit Lake over what is now known as the Air Line, which it is expected will be merged with the new road. The markings of the new road will be two red bands at the top and bottom and a band of white in the center, with white bars connecting the center band with the end bands.

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Culls from the Wire
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 Mrs. Mary Armstrong Dean, the 15-year-old bride of Iowa, Kan., who disappeared mysteriously three days after her marriage, was released last night from jail and will return to her husband.
 Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of Chicago public schools, who tendered her resignation a week ago because of friction with certain members of the board, announced yesterday she had decided to retain her position.
 Cincinnati voted yesterday to have a new city charter, but the vote was so close that it required next to the last precinct of the 49 in the city to decide the result. One hundred and twenty-five yes votes was the majority.
 Two persons were killed and about fifty injured when two passenger coaches of a mixed freight and passenger train on the Lancaster & Chester railway plunged through a trestle and fell about fifty feet into Hooper's creek, seven miles from Chester, Pa.

SHIPPERS ELATED AT RESULT
 Iowans Like Decision Reducing Rates to Hawkeye State.
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Will Not Accept School
 The state officials late today gave definite reply to the proffer of residents of Shenandoah of the property of Western Normal college to be used as a branch normal school. The Board of Education found it has no authority to take over and operate the school and no money for support. The state executive council declared it would not be a good precedent to take over the school without means to handle it. Hence the offer was reported and the committee from Shenandoah went home disappointed.

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NO. 17

Arguments Against the Rate-Reduction Franchise

We present below some of the arguments offered by those who think the people should vote down dollar gas.

The thousands of gas users in Omaha who are interested in fighting the increased cost of living are well qualified to judge the weight of these reasons why they should not support the rate-reduction gas franchise, which will save them more than \$700,000 during the next 5 1/2 years alone.

Here is what the opposition says:

"Wait."
 Fight the gas company in the courts. The people should not have been allowed to vote upon the franchise. A saving of \$700,000 to gas consumers is "trivial."
 The gas company is willing to make a settlement of the rate war.
 "Mayor Dahlman is not much of a business man."
 "Club the gas company."
 "Dollar gas boneheads."
 "The gas company will pay the cost of the franchise election." (It has to under the law.)
 Philadelphia money as well as Omaha money is invested in the gas company. The manager of the waterworks thinks the gas company doesn't understand its business, and ought to make gas from coal instead of from coke and oil.
 The gas company is running a publicity campaign, and has sent a copy of the

rate-reduction franchise to every voter.

Dr. Delos F. Wilcox of New York doesn't think the rate-reduction franchise is up to date.

Corruption in San Francisco, Pittsburgh and other cities.

The price of gas in Manchester, England. (Quality not stated.)
 "Liars."
 The gas company prefers to discuss the issue now before the people (the rate-reduction franchise) rather than the local personal and political fights of the last thirty years.

The gas company will not need to make expensive enlargements and extensions to its property during the next five years.

The Denver waterworks case decision. Don't trust the men the people elect to office and over whom they have the power of recall.

"Bunco game,"
 "A lot of rubes,"
 "Played for suckers,"
 "Strategic position."
 The price of gas in other cities, regardless of the many variable items which must be taken into consideration in order to make fair comparisons.

Will these arguments of the rate-reduction franchise objectors prevent YOU from getting lower gas rates NOW and making a fair settlement of a question of importance to 24,000 gas users?

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