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WOULD BUY CRETE EXCHANGE

Rail Board Gives Hearing on Telephone Controversy.

LINCOLN COMPANY WOULD SELL

General Manager Harris Declares Conditions in Nebraska Are Just Two Years Ahead of Bell Company Change.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—A hearing was on before the State Railway commission this afternoon on an application of the Crete Telephone company for permission to buy the Crete exchange of the Lincoln Telephone and Telephone company and to consolidate the two exchanges there. The company operates 800 phones on four exchanges, the others being at Denton, Kramer and Pleasant Dale.

The company offers \$25,000, part in cash and part in preferred stock, and the same has been accepted by the Lincoln company subject to the approval of the commission.

R. H. Ireland is president of the company and G. B. Miller secretary, and the capital stock has been increased to \$150,000, of which \$100,000 is paid up. Permission is also asked to raise the business phone rate from \$2 per month to \$3 and to do away with the four-party residence service at \$1 per month. A petition in connection with the application signed by the Commercial club and several hundred residents of the city attest to the popularity of the deal.

"The Lincoln company is not withdrawing from Crete for any business reason," said General Manager Harris today, "but because its officers believe themselves morally bound to make good their pledge voluntarily given when the Bell property in this section was purchased, that it was not seeking a monopoly, but would sell to other independents at points where dual system existed, or would buy the other exchange to meet the desires of the local people. We have consistently carried out this policy everywhere over the South Platte, and this transfer today marks the close of the various negotiations carried on by us. At but four points in this section are there two exchanges serving a community. These are at Red Cloud, Harvard, David City and Brainard. At these points our long-distance connections are available to the other exchange, but we have never been able to either buy or sell the local property. North of the river the Bell company has connections with practically all independent exchanges.

"President Woods made it clear at the time the Bell property was taken over that it was not an attempt to divide the state between the two big companies to monopolize the business. He voluntarily stated that whatever benefits accrued to our company should be shared in by other independents in our section; that not only would their long distance and toll line connections be preserved, but that they would be greatly enlarged because the facilities of the Bell would also be added, and that where a community was being served by two exchanges, thus placing a double burden upon telephone users, we would either buy or sell in order to meet the demand of the public for consolidation and the elimination of the two telephone nuisances. These pledges we have kept. We now own no exchanges in Richardson, Polk, Hamilton or Nemaha counties, and we are practically out of Fairview, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster.

"The truth is that the Lincoln and the Nebraska Telephone companies are just two years ahead of the telephone procession in the country. The agreement made with the government by the American Telephone and Telegraph company, which meets with such general approval of the public and among independent telephone companies in other sections, merely gives to those sections now what two years ago we gave to Nebraska, universal service. Wherever we have sold an exchange our toll line and long distance lines remain upon the local switchboards, and over these lines connections can be secured to wherever telephone wires penetrate."

NEBRASKA HENS AMONG THE TOP NOTCHERS

MEAD, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—At Mountain Grove, Mo., the greatest egg-laying contest ever entered into is now going on. It began December 1, last, and will end November 20 of this year. In this contest the very best strains of layers are competing. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, England, Germany, British Columbia, Canada and the United States have pens there. Nebraska is represented by three pens. Out of a total of 108 pens, or 1,600 egg-laying machines, O. E. Henning of Mead has won the great race with first and fifth places in their respective classes. The single comb Black Orpington pen, with 111 eggs, weight 216 ounces, and the single comb White Leghorn pen, 108 eggs, weight 187 ounces.

NORTH PLATTE VALLEY WATER USERS MEET

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The North Platte Valley Water Users' association met at this place in annual meeting yesterday. The vote on officers will be canvassed by the board of directors. It is probable that J. T. Whitehead is re-elected president and that C. R. Elliott of the Dutch Flat and Carl Knowles of this place were elected directors.

A committee was selected to confer with the county commissioners with a view to co-operation in the establishment of a county telephone exchange. The telephones for official business connected with the project cost 75 cents an acre for each acre under irrigation by the system during the last year. Steps were taken to urge upon congress the adoption of a plan of payment extensions such as was adopted at the meeting when Judge Will R. King of the reclamation commission was here during the summer.

NORFOLK VOTES BONDS FOR TWO NEW SCHOOL HOUSES

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Bonds amounting to \$47,000 for two new school buildings carried yesterday by a large majority.

\$15.00 for suits, coats and dresses that sold up to \$65.00. On sale Saturday, Julius Orkin, 1519 Douglas street.

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Callaway Citizens Object to Move to Take Off Train

CALLAWAY, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—W. R. Cahill, general superintendent; R. A. Bussinger, general passenger agent; W. D. Clifton, traveling freight agent, and J. R. Stockham, traveling agent, all of the Union Pacific, spent Wednesday in Callaway, and while here presented to the business men a proposition that the train service on the Kearney and Black Hills branch be reduced to at least one train each day. The men pleaded that under the present service, with one passenger train, one motor each day and one freight train every other day was a losing proposition for the company, and that all business had dropped off to such an extent on all of their lines that they must in some manner curtail expenses.

As a dispatch to the daily papers from their head office in New York City, on exactly the same date that the men were in Callaway pleading poverty, stated that the Union Pacific would declare a 25 per cent dividend, amounting in all to \$5,000,000, these representatives of that road received but little encouragement from the citizens here for the elimination of any of their train or any change in the present train service other than to give its patrons along the branch a freight train each day instead of every other day.

Julesburg Couple Elope to Oskosh

OSHKOSH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Esther Dwyer, a pretty girl of 16, well known here and niece of W. W. Bower, eloped from her home at Julesburg, Colo., with a young man by the name of Thomas Wright and were married by County Judge Gumaer here last night. Just after the ceremony, Sheriff Cook received a message from the irate father of the girl requesting him to stop the ceremony and, if too late, to separate the couple, which was done. The father is expected today and the young people believe that they will be forgiven. The groom is in the restaurant business at Julesburg.

NOTES FROM STELLA AND RICHARDSON COUNTY

STELLA, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. John Nussbaum of near Verona have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Amelia, to Nat Titus of Nemaha, next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Curtis Williams has started to establish a herd of dairy cattle. He will use the Holstein-Friesian breed and has already bought five heifers. He is recently a student at the Agricultural college in Lincoln and will follow the methods as taught by that institution.

Tid Dustin has sold his quarter-section farm southeast of Stella to Enno Reinhold of Talmage for \$15 an acre. Mr. Dustin purchased this farm about four years ago for \$100 an acre.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shellenbarger will celebrate their golden wedding Saturday, January 10. They will hold a reception at their home and give a dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Aml, who lives across the street. Mr. Shellenbarger is an old soldier. He is nearly 82 years old and his wife is sixteen years his junior. They were married in Illinois and have lived in Stella thirty-one years.

KEARNEY WILL TACKLE LIGHT PROBLEM AGAIN

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—In order to get the city of Kearney lighted as good as any city in the state, the city council has called a special meeting for next Monday, at which time it will consider two propositions. The first is to install a system and let the local company furnish the power, and the second to install a complete municipal plant. A special election will be called and from \$40,000 to \$15,000 in bonds will be voted. A complete electroliner system is planned. An ordinance now under an injunction in the federal court at Grand Island, will be repealed so that the new action can be taken. This ordinance called for the removal of all poles and wires from the streets of the city. The franchise of the local company ran out last spring and the council refused to renew it.

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Three Men Fall Into Icy Water When a Scaffold Breaks

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Three bridge workmen in the employ of the H. T. Ward company of this city had a fall while at work on a steel wagon bridge across the new drainage canal on the Nemaha river, just south of this city, yesterday. The men, Patrick Shaughnessy of Tecumseh, Edward Heisenreiter of Culbertson and John Rector of Nebraska City, were working on a scaffolding twenty-four feet in the air. The scaffolding gave way and the men and scaffolding fell into sixteen feet of water. Heisenreiter was the most seriously injured, suffering severe cuts on his face and mouth, and he came near drowning before his associates could rescue him, for much of the lumber fell on him. He was unconscious when taken from the water and remained that way for some time. Shaughnessy was struck over the head by a heavy timber and rendered unconscious, but he was not badly lacerated. Rector has a sprained knee and his ear was torn as was his flesh elsewhere. Shaughnessy was taken to his home and the other men to the hotel where they board, and Dr. G. J. Rubelman gave the required surgical attention to all. They are recovering nicely.

West Point Knights Elected. WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The newly elected officers of St. Joseph's branch No. 463 of the Catholic Knights of America at West Point for the year 1914 are as follows: President, Very Rev. Dean Ruesing; vice president, Frank Rozak; treasurer, William Stieren; financial secretary, Ferd Walter; recording secretary, John H. Linde; sentinel and sergeant-at-arms, Theodore Gentrup; trustee for three years, Anton Gentrup.

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