

TRAFFIC BLOCKED ON THE NEW BRIDGE

Roller Slips and Trains Are Not Able to Cross for Several Hours Monday.

TWO DOZEN TRAINS STUCK

Traffic over the Union Pacific bridge across the Missouri river at this point was at a complete standstill for three hours Monday night, simply because a steel roller twelve feet long and a little more than three inches in diameter went wrong.

For two or three days the people having charge of the construction of the Union Pacific's new bridge over the river have been jacking up the old structure and putting rollers under it and on top of the piers on which it rests, preparatory to the bridge moving that is to occur next Sunday noon.

Monday afternoon, while the bridge was being jacked up and one of the steel rollers placed under the structure, the roller in some manner got into a crosswise position, throwing the rails of the bridge out of line to such an extent that it was not considered advisable to pass trains over.

Coal Dealers Must Keep Contract On Bids to the City

City Purchasing Agent Grotte was directed by the city council to notify coal contractors that if they fail to supply the city with coal according to terms of contracts entered into last spring, the coal will be bought in open market and the defaulting contractors and bondsmen held liable for expense incurred.

City Attorney Rine advised the commissioners that this procedure was proper. The council was advised that one of the coal contractors allowed his contract with the city to go by default.

Young Woman is Found Dead in East Side Saloon

Found dead in the Silk saloon at Tenth and Davenport streets Tuesday morning, May Logan, a young woman, furnishes to Omaha's police another mystery. According to the bartender's story, she walked into the place at 8:30 o'clock and asked for a drink, complaining that she did not feel well.

Coroner Crosby has the body and may hold an autopsy.

Southwest Improvers Will Hear John Lathrop

The Southwest Improvement club will meet Wednesday night at 832 South Twenty-fourth street to discuss street cleaning, street lighting, an up-town union depot and the widening of Twenty-fourth street.

Army is Asking for Bids On Supply of Oats Here

The army quartermaster's department is inviting bids for the delivery of 2,800,000 pounds of oats, delivered at El Paso, Tex. The bids when in will be opened and tabulated.

Crude Oil Advances Ten Cents a Barrel

Crude oil has advanced in price 10 cents a barrel, according to announcement made Tuesday by the Nicholas Oil company.

Not Quite Down and Out

Many a man feels that he is down and out when as a matter of fact he still has in him many years of good service that can be brought out by proper treatment. Stomach trouble often makes one despondent. It hits him where he lives, saps his strength and energy and makes him feel like giving up. Give him a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to improve his digestion and invigorate his liver and bowels, and in most cases recovery is prompt and effectual.—Adv.

BATHS advertisement for Sulphur-Chlorine Mineral Water at Brown Park Mineral Springs.

SITTINGS advertisement for The Heyn Studio, 16th and Howard, Douglas 481.

Drilling for Oil and Gas at Table Rock Under Direction of the State

Dr. George E. Condra Makes Report On Work that is Now in Progress.

EXPERTS HAVE CHARGE

By GEORGE E. CONDRA. (Director Nebraska Conservation and Soil Survey.)

The daily press has run articles under this title, bringing in the names of Mr. C. J. Hurst, who is one of the largest oil operators of Wyoming; Senator Phil Kohl and the writer.

It seems that in view of the wide publicity given to the probable presence of oil or gas in the vicinity of Table Rock a short statement should be made by this office covering a few of the points involved in the progress to date. A summary of these points is about as follows: Several years ago the writer observed the presence of an anticline at Table Rock. Later the different limestone and shale members of the structure were worked in with considerable detail and the different members traced to and connected up with the formations in Kansas.

Soon after our report was published oil men became interested in this location and the office here was overrun with requests for information. The field work had proven the continuity of beds between our state and the oil fields of Kansas. Then, when a prominent oil man of the northwest, Mr. C. J. Hurst, was attracted to the area by Senator Phil Kohl, it became necessary for the writer to go into the field and prove the structural relationships. This was done some five or six weeks ago. We drove over many of the outcrops of southeastern Nebraska, pointing out the limestone and shale members. Then going across Kansas and zig-zagging back and forth from east to west we observed again and again the same formations there as here. Finally after reaching Eldorado and going back to Eureka and then back to Scranton, Topeka and Lawrence, Mr. Hurst became convinced that the statements made in our publication were well founded. He saw in Nebraska a more prominent anticline than occurs in Kansas. But while on this trip we outlined to Mr. Hurst

both the favorable and unfavorable aspects of the situation in our state. We do not know positively that the Cherokee shales which yield vast amount of oil and gas in Oklahoma and Kansas extend to and under much of southeastern Nebraska. This information is lacking because of the absence of drillings. The horizon in which these shales occur is without doubt found in Nebraska. Further than this we are not very positive except for the evidence secured by drillings near our borders and a few miles south in Kansas. Certain other drillings to the north and northeast would cause us to believe that the situation is not entirely promising. Though the Cherokee shales may not occur in southeastern Nebraska in favorable conditions, there are other formations which might be the source of oil or gas.

The second and most doubtful condition is the probable presence of granite in this anticline at shallow depths. This was called to our attention by drillings made at Dubois, Neb., Seneca and Zandale, Kan. In at least two of these the well record as reported by the drillers is held somewhat in doubt. Whether or not granite was struck is not definitely known by this office. Professor Harworth of the University of Kansas and state geologist is firmly of the opinion that no granite was encountered at Dubois or Seneca. The fact is that if granite does occur at shallow depths in the vicinity of Table Rock no oil or gas of any consequence will be found. If this condition does not maintain there is a situation fully worth prospecting.

We have on different occasions been invited to Table Rock to discuss this matter with citizens who met in public gatherings. The structural relationship to Kansas fields, methods of leasing and drilling and other points were covered in these open meetings. The conclusion was reached that this area should be prospected but not on the basis of a stock subscription. It was decided that if competent and reliable persons engaged in the oil business could be induced to enter the area and make a test at their own expense it would

result in a benefit to that locality and to the state at large. The land owners attending the meeting and a few people in the town undertook to secure the leases for Mr. Hurst and Senator Kohl. To date a considerable acreage has been leased and quite an amount of this is blocked out at a point east of Table Rock. Geologists representing the oil men are at work determining the most promising place to make the first test drilling. Mr. Hurst agrees to erect a standard derrick and bring in a string of tools which will equip him to drill to a depth of 3,000 feet or more. Notwithstanding this fact a few are holding out, expecting the lessees to give them a bonus, i. e. a payment per acre above the royalties as covered in the leases. This Mr. Hurst refuses to do, stating that no practical oil operator would do so in an unimproved area so far from a known oil region. As soon as it became apparent that the drilling was to be made, several parties began an attempt to secure leases and it seems

that some of these are not in a position to drill. So far as this office is concerned, we hope the state may secure such tests as will prove the presence or absence of oil and gas, and to do so without cost to the state. It would seem that persons owning land in such places would be more ready than they have been at Table Rock to lease to men ready and willing to make the tests, especially so when the interests of the land owners are fully protected in the terms of the lease. The situation, then, is about as follows: No drilling is yet under way, but work will begin very soon if Mr. Hurst secures an adequate acreage of land at a point most desirable to him. We do not know how many persons taking leases are doing so with a positive purpose of prospecting the anticline. Some of them have the necessary financial support to do this, yet there may be more of a tendency than some would think, to secure and hold leases awaiting the result of drillings made by other parties and at large expense.

Joe Hummel Has Park Lakes Ready For the Skaters

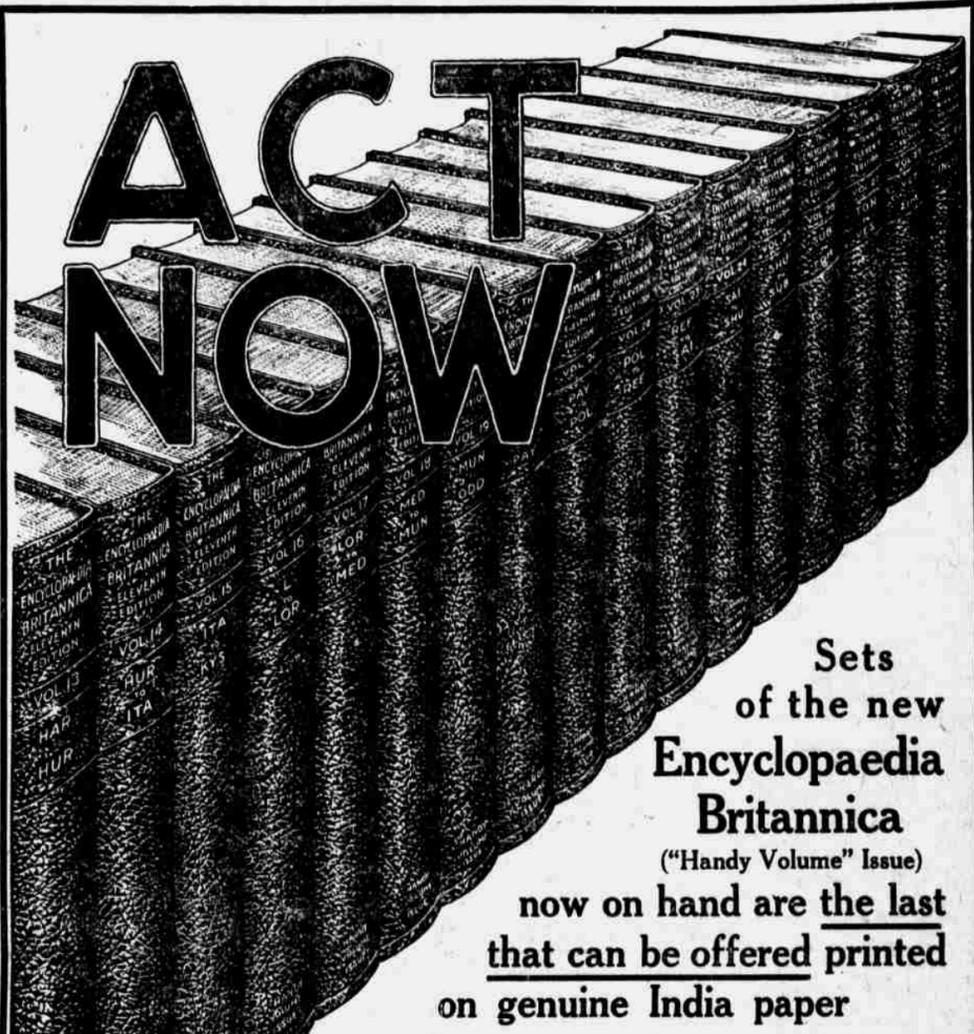
Information given at park headquarters bids the lads and lassies enjoy skating at Morton, Spring Lake, Riverview, Hanscom, Curtis Turner, Fontenelle, Komtze and Miller parks. Commissioner Hummel explains that the surface of Carter lake is uncertain and he would not recommend skating on that lake for a while. Two acres of the area of an excavation for a new lagoon in Fontenelle park have been flooded for skating and a shelter has been provided with small stoves. This is the first skating in Fontenelle park.

Small Fire at Orleans. Orleans, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The interior of the Woodman lodge hall and a small quantity of

goods in J. O. Stromberg's general store were damaged by fire, smoke and water about 6 o'clock Saturday evening. The fire originated in the floor and ceiling. The loss is covered by insurance.

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No. 2 Cans Early June Peas, can... 10c
No. 3 Cans Golden Pumpkin or Hominy, can... 12 1/2c
The best Tea Balls, lb... 12 1/2c
Fancy Golden Santos Coffee, lb... 20c
Dried Fruits for Your Xmas Puddings, Pies and Cakes
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The best Lephorn Citron, lb... 25c
Seeded Raisins, pkg... 10c-12 1/2c
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Fancy Evaporated Apples, lb... 17 1/2c
Fancy Cooking Figs, lb... 18c
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Fancy Cleaned Currants, lb... 25c
Fancy California Prunes, lb... 10c
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