

CONSERVE COAL, DEALERS AVER STOCKS ARE LOW

Danger of Shortage is Not Acute, But Fuel Men Say Consumers Should Exercise Much Care.

While Omaha is not up against any alarming coal shortage, dealers assert that the time has arrived when the supply must be conserved. Dealers say that at this time it is not so much a question of the kind of coal, as it is the actual coal.

Stocks of coal are not reduced to the extent of all the bins being empty, but there are a good many of them that are. Hard coal has been shut out of this territory by the stop of freight traffic in the east and not much is expected within the next few days. There is considerable of it en route, but generally it is believed to be tied up on sidings east of Chicago.

Again, a good many of the shipments have been commandeered in cities where coal famines existed.

The semi-anthracite from Arkansas is about as hard to get as the Pennsylvania coals and the supply is running low. Many of the dealers report their bins empty and are not accepting orders for this kind of coal.

There is a fairly large supply of soft coal on hand. Illinois coal is about off the market on account of the home and eastern demand. West Virginia coal is rather plentiful, but prices for it are about the same as on anthracite.

Kansas coal is coming along in fairly heavy shipments and as a result the steam plants and manufacturing establishments keep well supplied.

The shortage in many of the kinds of coal has increased the demand for that from Iowa. It is reported that the Iowa mines are being worked up to capacity and that Omaha is taking more of the coal than ever before.

Wyoming and Colorado are sending vast quantities of coal into this territory and, according to dealers, had it not been for these fields, the coal shortage in Omaha would have been very alarming.

So far as can be learned, local dealers are sticking to the prices fixed by the fuel administration, though there are instances where it has been reported that extra charges have been made for delivery. However, at the offices of such dealers, they assert that delivery charges are the same as they have been and that the trouble with customers has been that, owing to a shortage in some of the kinds of coal, they have been unable to fill orders with the old and familiar varieties.

Poker Chips and Grape Juice In Wilhelm's Traveling Bag

A black traveling bag was presented by the membership committee of the Commercial club to the retiring chairman, H. O. Wilhelm, at the noon meeting. Mr. Wilhelm has been identified with the committee for nearly two years, and most of that time has been chairman. He was chairman when the club reached a membership of 2,000, and again when the club made a short campaign and brought the membership up to 2,150. When Wilhelm opened the grip he found it partially equipped. He found a bottle of grape juice, a flock of poker chips, a deck of cards, a billiard ball, and several pads of membership application blanks.

SEED CORN OUTLOOK FAR FROM BRIGHT

Special State and Federal Committee Reports on Conditions in Nebraska; Fair Prices Are Fixed.

The special committee appointed by the government and the Nebraska State Council of Defense to investigate the seed corn situation and to suggest plans as to how best meet the problems incidental thereto has reached the following conclusions:

"From reports gathered which reveal conditions in the several counties of the state as to the quality of the 1917 crop, it appears that in nearly all the counties its germinating ability is very poor and great care will have to be taken in selecting ears which can be relied upon to grow. In a number of counties there are stocks of the 1916 crop and most of this corn can be relied upon for seed. It is very imperative that these old stocks shall be first used to supply the demands of the communities in which they are located.

"County Councils of Defense and all local authorities must see to it that no seed corn is shipped out of their communities until full provision is made for their own seed corn requirements, thus avoiding the necessity of having to ship in seed which is not so well adapted for that particular locality. The committee feels that it cannot place too great emphasis as to the absolute necessity of doing this.

"The question of establishing a price for seed corn has had the most careful consideration of the committee and it has decided that the following prices are fair and equitable to both buyers and sellers of seed corn:

"The price of seed corn in the state of Nebraska shall be not more than \$5 per bushel for pure strain (not mixed) graded, guaranteed 90 per cent germination test or over and delivered to consumer.

"Mixed corn, or corn of inferior quality should be correspondingly lower in price.

"The price of seed corn selected from the crib by the consumer shall be not more than \$3 per bushel."

Dakota County Farmer Faces Disloyalty Charge

William Bartels, after narrowly escaping lynching at the hands of citizens of Homer, Dakota county, was arrested and brought to the Douglas county jail. The arrest was made by federal officers under orders from Attorney General Gregory. Bartels is charged with being an alien enemy and will probably be sent to Fort Douglas, Utah, for internment.

He is a farmer and owns 360 acres of land near Homer. He is not a citizen of the United States. He has been extremely free in expressing pro-German sentiments and has refused to buy war bonds or to contribute to any war activities, according to authorities.

Ordinance to Regulate Power Co. Before Council

Ordinance proposing to regulate Nebraska Power company was received by city council and referred to committee of the whole for discussion. It is proposed to require the company to install service connections to any building within 300 feet of a regular service distributing wire; also to abstain from holding incoming tenants liable for any unpaid obligations of former tenants of a building.

MRS. C. T. KOUNTZE SAYS RED CROSS NEEDS BIG CLUB

Movement Started to Obtain Use of Exclusive Social Headquarters for Period of War.

Mrs. Charles T. Kountze is behind a movement to induce members of the Omaha club to turn over their building to the Red Cross for the period of the war. The Omaha club has housed the most exclusive social functions of the city.

"It is the most patriotic thing the men could do. After the war, they could have their building back again. The club house is centrally located at Twentieth and Douglas streets, and is ideal for Red Cross needs," said Mrs. Kountze.

"The new Athletic club, now nearing completion will fill the need for a club house. Most members of the Omaha club will go to the new club anyway, so the building might as well be put to a good purpose."

Fairfield Not Enthusiastic.

E. M. Fairfield, president of the club directorate, said he had not been consulted on the project. "I do not think much of it, but if the women bring up the matter, it will be discussed at the annual meeting and election Friday night."

"What would you judge the sentiment of the members to be if the request to give up the building should be made?" Mr. Fairfield was asked. "I do not think the members would give it up unless they thought the need was urgent," he replied.

"The women say you don't use the club building very much and the Athletic club will take its place," he was told.

"Well, they don't know. And why don't they apply to the Athletic club for space to do their Red Cross work?" he retorted.

Present Quarters Too Small.

"The present Baird building quarters are entirely too small for the work we turn out and there are no more rooms to be secured there on account of long leases held by other tenants in the building. A real factory output of work is demanded of us by war needs, yet our women are carrying on this work under almost sweatshop conditions. The rooms are small, dark and too crowded for us to turn out the amount of work we should and we are forced to turn away from 10 to 20 women each day because we have no place for them to work," said Mrs. Kountze.

"The public shop has doubled in the month since it was opened, but I feel that it will take only a short time before even the new quarters will not be large enough to house their work."

Mrs. Kountze, who heads the women's service department, has personally canvassed all downtown buildings considered suitable for Red Cross work in an endeavor to find larger quarters. The rental of some which Mrs. Kountze judged suitable are prohibitive and the payment might arouse criticism of the Red Cross society, she feels.

TELLS OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WORK

Superintendent of Public Schools of Columbus Says Must Interest Pupils.

"We must interest the youngsters when they enter the seventh grade. They must be living and not losing their time," remarked J. H. Francis, superintendent of public schools at Columbus, O., in Omaha who addressed the midyear high school students who were graduated at the Auditorium last night.

Mr. Francis was discussing the work of the junior high school, a comparatively new institution in American public school life. He stated that Columbus has five junior high schools in operation, the courses of study being divided into academic, commercial and manual training and embracing seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

"When a pupil, particularly a boy, reaches the seventh grade, he needs something to interest him and to hold him in school as long as possible. We have learned that the regular academic courses fail to hold most of these pupils, or at least not interest them," he added.

The Columbus educator explained that a boy or girl who has completed

a junior high school course in his city is prepared to enter business life with a fair working knowledge of the business he or she will engage in. Those completing the junior high school academic course are prepared to continue their education through the still higher institutions of learning.

"Blind Bootlegger" Comes To Grief in Police Court

John Williams, said by the police to be the "blind bootlegger" sought for some time, was arraigned in police court Thursday morning on a charge of illegal possession of liquor. A quart bottle of whisky was found in his pocket when he was arrested at Thirteenth and Chicago streets, according to testimony.

"Haven't got \$100 about you, have you?" asked Judge Fitzgerald.

"Lawd, man, I haven't got a nickel," answered Williams. "Thirty days," said the judge.

Insurance Man Who Broke Back in Fall Dies in Hospital

C. M. Smith, Omaha insurance man, who suffered a broken back Wednesday morning when he fell from a third story window, died in a hospital at 2 o'clock Thursday morning. Smith was found lying between the Hudson and the Athlone apartment houses.

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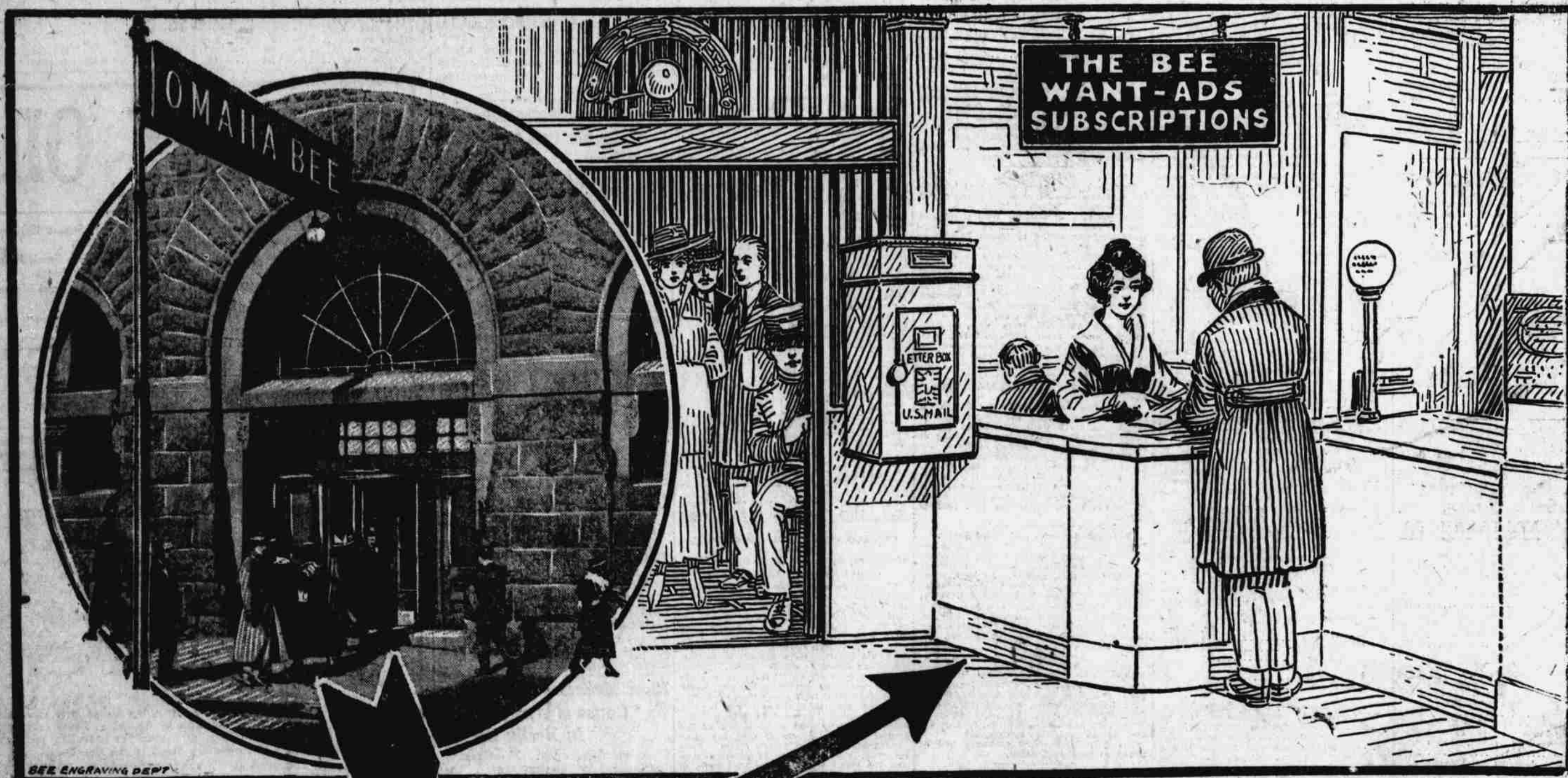
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