

OMAHA TRACTION LINES VALUED AT TWENTY MILLION

New Jersey Consulting Engineer at Lincoln Rate Hearing Testifies as to Worth of System.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Sept. 10.—(Special.)—"No one would care to make investment in public utility companies at this time and under present conditions," was the testimony of W. B. Gereance, consulting engineer from New Jersey, who appeared today before the state railway commission in the application made by the Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway company for an advance in street car fares from 5 to 7 cents.

The engineer had spent considerable time investigating the plant of the company and gave the following figures as valuation of the company of date of July 1, 1918:

Real Estate	\$458,000
Buildings and Fixtures	1,302,650
Power Plant Apparatus	2,801,070
Track and Roadway	8,024,800
Electric Line	1,438,850
Shop, Tools and Equipment	231,030
Rolling Stock	524,250
Muserial and Supplies	439,920
Office Furniture, Fixtures, Stationery, etc.	26,730
Total	\$16,445,650
Less depreciation reserve	1,298,920
Total	\$15,146,730

Use Reproduction Values. Going back several years, Mr. Gereance said that it was impossible to obtain original records. Different methods were used by the different roads, but in recent years a more universal system has been used. In referring to valuations to be taken in the case of allowing rates, Mr. Gereance said that the courts were taking reproduction values rather than any other kind as the fairest way to obtain values. Figures given out in records were not always reliable and the reproduction manner of ascertaining values had become the best way to get what was wanted.

He believed that no valuation could be put on a public utility at this time only for rate making because of a continual raise in expense of operation. It was here that Mr. Gereance said that there was no chance under present conditions to make comparisons and that no one would care to invest largely in a public service corporation as long as the present conditions existed.

Fewer Ballots Cast In 1918 Primary Than Previously by 57,048

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The primary vote of 1918 was less by 57,048 than in 1916, according to the official count completed today and certified to by the canvassing board.

The total vote cast at the last primary was 134,985 against 192,033 in 1916. In that year the republican vote was 102,755, about 32,443 more than this year, while the democrats cast 86,889, 22,422 more than the primary vote this year.

Platte County Defense Council Members Sued

Columbus, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—A \$20,000 damage suit was filed in the district court by Peter F. Luchsing against C. J. Garlow, chairman and Sheriff Mark Burke, secretary of the Council of Defense, alleging assault and battery, and false imprisonment for the period of one hour without cause. The incident that gave rise to the suit started in Chairman Garlow's office. Mr. Luchsing says that remarks made by the defendants caused the trouble, and that Sheriff Burke struck him three times.

Ord Plans Pershing Day Program for Valley County

Ord, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Arrangements are concluded for a Pershing day patriotic celebration at Ord on Friday, September 13, in which all people in Valley county will participate.

Lincoln Officer and Bride Spend Honeymoon in Omaha

Lt. Thomas C. Woods and his bride are spending a quiet honeymoon at the Blackstone hotel. Mrs. Woods was formerly Miss Sarah Ladd of Lincoln. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ladd of Lincoln.

Governor Proclaims Pershing's Birthday Public Day of Rest

Official sanction has been given to the celebration of General Pershing's 58th birthday next Friday through a proclamation handed down by Governor Neville declaring the day a public holiday throughout Nebraska. In his proclamation Governor Neville says: "Let patriotism have the right of way in all the public and private schools, state institutions and in the churches and homes of the people. And to the end that it may be the more generally observed I hereby declare and proclaim the 13th day of September, 1918, a public holiday."

NEBRASKA GOAL FOR WAR FUNDS TO BE \$2,000,000

Drive for Funds for Seven War Camp Recreational Societies Will Start November 11.

Two million dollars is announced as Nebraska's share in the drive for funds the seven war camp recreational societies will wage jointly November 11 to 19.

Many Questions Up To State Federation Of Labor at Meeting

Nebraska City, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska State Federation of Labor started the second day's session by the introduction of resolutions covering a wide range. They related to the best method of anticipating the reconstruction period. Delegates are concerned over politics in unions and lack of union politics.

Nebraska Stands High In Third Liberty Loan

The following is a list of the states which had a 60 per cent or larger over-subscription in the Third Liberty Loan:

State	Quota	Sub.	P. C.
1. Delaware	\$3,961,850	26,396,400	196
2. Alaska	687,828	1,727,250	152
3. Arizona	4,768,756	11,175,430	134
4. Dist. of Col.	12,876,000	15,292,230	119
5. Montana	9,009,000	17,632,750	95
6. N. Dakota	8,500,000	17,100,400	86
7. Nevada	4,378,442	4,725,230	83
8. Kentucky	35,826,450	43,672,600	71
9. Connecticut	41,242,500	70,319,650	66
10. New Mex.	1,378,442	1,539,650	66
11. Iowa	17,050,000	17,211,450	64
12. Nebraska	30,918,650	50,654,850	63
13. Kansas	29,320,350	47,290,700	62
14. Alabama	14,249,000	23,153,850	62
15. Wisconsin	52,600,000	86,484,250	61

Corn Crop of Nebraska Damaged by Hot Wind

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 10.—Reduction in the 1918 Nebraska corn crop of 60,762,000 bushels because of lack of sufficient moisture and hot winds during the early part of last month was estimated today in a September 1 report issued by the United States bureau of crop estimates and the Nebraska board of agriculture. The estimated production of corn on the first day of last month was 209,785,000 bushels, while the report issued today places the condition of the crop at 56 per cent of a normal, indicating a production of 149,023,000 bushels.

Commission for Crosby

North Platte, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles H. Crosby has received his appointment as first lieutenant and left tonight for Newport News, Va. He had 17 years' army experience, serving in Cuba and the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, was 12 years regimental quartermaster-sergeant in the regular army.

When a "Feller" Needs a Friend Try

POST TOASTIES
—says Bobby
Real Corn Flakes That Save Wheat

NATIONAL UNITY AIM OF RUSSIANS OPPOSING SOVIE

Yoke of Bolsheviki Thrown Off by Elements in North Fighting for Invisible Russia.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Contact has been established by the Russian embassy here with the newly organized independent governments in northern Russia and Siberia. Ambassador Bakmeteff, who long ago repudiated the bolshevik regime, is recognized by the American government as the official representative of the Russian people in the United States and the new governments which are co-operating with American and allied forces have a spokesman in Washington.

From the government of the north at Archangel the embassy today received an encouraging dispatch telling of activities there in co-operation with the allies and of the purpose of the new government to set up again a great and indivisible Russia.

Telegraphic communication has been re-established between Irkutsk, Ekaterinburg and Samara, according to information reaching the State department today from Siberia. This was accepted as setting at rest the reports which reached Washington yesterday by threatened recapture of Samara by the bolsheviks, aided by German artillery and indicated that there is no material change on the newly established eastern front which is being maintained by the Czecho-Slovak forces.

Assistant Secretary Long of the State department said today that the Czecho-Slovak front from Vladivostok to the Volga river practically had been liberated and that aid and supplies were being rushed to them by the allied governments as expeditiously as possible.

Shriners Raise Large Sum For Red Cross at Hastings

Hastings, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Following a stirring patriotic address by J. F. Fitzgerald of Tangier Temple, Omaha, the Mystic Shriners last night raised \$2,550 in 25 minutes for the Red Cross. A tub was placed on the platform at the Kerr opera house where the Tangier of Omaha, Sesostris of Lincoln and Tehama of Hastings, held a joint ceremony for the delivery of the charter to Tehama by Imperial Potentate Elias Jacoby of Indianapolis.

Governor Neville Asks Nebraskans to Register

Governor Neville exhorts all residents of the state between the ages of 18 and 21, and 31 and 45, to register under the new selective service act. His proclamation follows: "The president of the United States having designated Thursday, September 12, 1918, as registration day throughout the nation, I call upon all Nebraskans who have reached the 18 years, and who have not reached the age of 46, to report, unless they are now registered, to their respective registration places and be catalogued for such service as the nation's welfare may demand."

City Firemen of Lincoln Given Increase in Pay

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Firemen of the city of Lincoln were last night granted an increase in pay by the city commission. Chief Sommers is raised from \$2,000 to \$2,400 a year, the first assistant raised to \$130; assistant chief, \$120; mechanic, \$115; lieutenants, \$110; first class firemen, \$95; assistant engineers, \$100; second class firemen, \$85, and third class, \$75. This is for full time with no compensation when called on duty during off time.

Bottle of Formaldehyde In Vault Foils Robbers

Kankakee, Ill., Sept. 10.—A small bottle of formaldehyde accidentally placed in the vault of the Farmers State bank at Buckingham saved thousands of dollars early this morning when bandits attempted to reach the safe within the vault. The robbers blew open the door of the outer vault, the force of the explosion bursting the bottle of formaldehyde. The fumes were so intense that the robbers were unable to get to the safe.

Former Beatrice Boys Killed

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—John and Emil Kraup, brothers, formerly of this city, were killed on the French front in July, while fighting with Canadian troops. There were born and brought up here and after removing to Canada enlisted with a regiment there.

British Destroyer Lost

London, Sept. 10.—The admiralty announces that a torpedo boat destroyer was sunk Sunday as the result of a collision during a fog. There were no casualties.

State Physician to War

Lincoln, Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Dr. W. H. Crutcher of the orthopedic hospital has notified the board that it will have to dispense with his services as he leaves for war September 18.

Brandeis Stores

\$1,000,000

As this Sale progresses, more and more women are beginning to realize that THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT to prepare for the future. With hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise in this store, bought at prices which prevailed months and months ago, we are able now to lend a helping hand at a time when economy means more than it has ever meant in this age.

Buy Now, Is the Best of Advice and when it is backed by the right merchandise at the right prices, you should not hesitate an instant.

BATH TOWELS

4,800 Pieces in This Immense Stock

Huck Towels, Bath Towels and Bath Sheets

We have had remarkable Sales of Towels before—but this year these low prices mean more than they ever have before—because the prices in the wholesale market are higher than we have ever seen them. Make up your mind to this—NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY—a stock of towels laid away for future use will be a good investment.

HOTEL and BOARDING HOUSE KEEPERS--- As Well As housewives--SHARE IN THIS BIG SALE

Here Are the Prices on the Towels

9c Huck Towels	15c Huck and Turkish	25c Huck and Turkish	39c Huck and Turkish	59c Huck and Turkish	79c Turkish Fancy	99c Turkish Plain White
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5c WASH CLOTHS, BIRD'S-EYE WEAVE, AT 3c
SPECIAL ALSO—Bath Sheets or Blankets, at a saving of 33 1-3% from the regular price.

Kimonos, House Dresses, Aprons, Petticoats Prepared With Big Stocks at Modest Prices

Here again, this \$1,000,000 Sale brings an announcement of very unusual offerings of just the things you need right now. We prepared months and months ago for a shortage and now we are able to invite you to choose from most complete stocks at low prices.

\$1.98 A good heavy Flannel Kimono in fancy floral designs, cut Empire style, satin ribbon trimmed, in a beautiful assortment of colors and styles, all sizes worth \$3.98.	\$1.49 Cotton Foulard Petticoats in the regulation foulard patterns and colors, pleated or fluffed flouncings, worth twice the price if purchased today.	\$1.95 Ladies' Gingham Dresses, fast colors, plain and plaid trimming; stripe or assortment of bright plaids; straight line or waist effect, values to \$5.00.	\$1.35 Red Cross Aprons in the regulation cut, full length; V neck, long sleeves, button at cuff; belt and pocket. Extra sizes, special, at....\$1.98	\$1.50 Cotton Crepe Kimonos, fancy designs; high waisted or elastic belted styles, navy blue, light blue, pink, rose, Copenhagen and Gray; all sizes, value to \$2.50.
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Beautiful assortment of Kimonos, in Serpentine Crepe, all new patterns and desirable shades; elastic waist line, also straight robe effects, with ribbon frills and satin folds.....\$3.50 to \$5.98

Creme de Chine Kimonos and Dinner Negligees, made up in all the newest shades and styles from the plain Pullman robe in Crepe de Chine or Satin up to the Fancy Ruffled Negligee....\$8.98 to \$25.00

Kimonos and Negligees, trimmed with beautiful soft-laces and suggestions of ribbon, in Crepe de Chine foundations with Georgette and lace jackets; in pink, turquoise, rose and Copenhagen....\$19.00 to \$45.00

The New Brocaded Terry Robes, in breakfast coat (beautiful color combinations, straight line effects), trimmed with satin ribbon facings; very fascinating indeed, priced at.....\$19.00

Flowered and Bordered Satin and Silk Kimonos, in beautiful colorings, plain or accented plaited styles, Empire effect—\$10.98 to \$19.00

Warm Bath Robes, of fancy Beacon Blankets, in plaids, figured and bordered effects, shawl or sailor collars and collarless styles, trimmed with patch pockets, satin ribbon facings and frogs and fastened with either new belt or cord and tassel; some made in Mandarin and full length effects; all sizes, 36 to 46. The prices range from \$5 to \$15

House Dresses and uniforms for nurses and maids, in white, plain striped and fancy gingham, prices range from..... \$1.50 to \$15.00

Bungalow Aprons are in great demand right now and we are showing a wonderful assortment of these. Styles and patterns almost too numerous to mention; Gingham and wide belt and patch pocket effects; Rick-Rack trimming, also very desirable Percales, in light and dark colors, trimmed with bias folds or contrasting plain folds, all sizes (regular and extra) \$1.50 to \$3.98

Petticoats, fancy flowered and plain Heatherbloom Cotton Taffetas, and Cotton Foulard, also dotted and embroidered effects, in all colors and black; regular and extra sizes..... \$1.25 to \$3.95