THE BEE: OMAHA, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1920.



Return of R. B. Howell to Omaina Brings Question of Purchase to Foreground In City Council.

The return of R. B. Howell, gen-eral manager of the Metropolitan Water board, from a five weeks' outing, has brought the gas plant appraisal controversy to the forefront, and already has indicated a lack of unanimity of opinion among mem-bers of the Water board.

start.

The main question is: Shall the city accept or reject the appraisal of \$4,500,000 as made by the court of condemnation February 6? The city has the alternative of

rejecting the appraisal by the pas sage of an ordinance within 60 days from the filing of the appraisement. Such an ordinance, signed by City Commissioners Ure, Zimman, Rirger and Towl, is pending before the city council.

Await Howell's Advice.

Inasmuch as the Water board would assume management of the gas plant if the city purchases it. the city commissioners wish to hear from Mr. Howell and members cf. the Water board before taking final

the proposition of the city accepting the gas plant at the appraised valuation. P. C. Heafey and C. M. Wilhelm do not care to commit themselves for jublication. Fred D. Wead is known to be against the appraisal. General Manager Howell is not ready, to announce his position

To Analyze Data.

"During my absence this depart-ment prepared a lot of information for me on the gas question and I wish to analyze the data before mak-wish to analyze the data before making a definite statement," General veyed to a smokestack where they Manager Howell of the water board are incinerated. Odor control has said. "As for the gas company ob-taining a franchise if the city re-jects the appraisal, I will say that there is a law which expressly pro-

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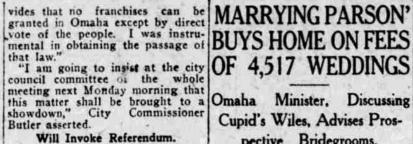
dominant feature.

The world-famous economy motor is still a

Briscoe was building light-weight cars when

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others were only thinking them.



pective Bridegrooms. Mayor Smith and Commissioner Butler have stated that if the coun-Rev. Charles W. Savidge. Omaha cil passes the ordinance to reject the appraisal, they will invoke the referendum and bring the ordinance before the people for disposition. Mayor Smith takes the position marrying parson." has received approximately \$30,000 in wedding fees in the 43 years he has been per-forming marriage ceremonies, he

that the city can buy the gas plant said yesterday. at the appraised valuation and that

He had just finished pronouncing the knot-tying words for the 4,157th the Water board can assume management with a gas rate of \$1 at the

Battalion Chief and Driver Injured When Car Runs Into Fence Battalion Fire Chief John Coyle Fire Station No. 5, South Side, was slightly injured at 10 yesterday morning when he was thrown from "I suppose the fees given me will

morning when he was thrown from Admonitions to Bridegrooms. the emergency car in which he was going to a fire at Twenty-fifth and Here are some admonitions Rev. Savidge offers prospective bride-L streets. The accident occurred at grooms in regard to fees to minis-Twentieth and L streets. William ters:

Hawley, driver of the car, suffered minor injuries also. "The fee should not be less than minor injuries also. Chief Coyle suffered cuts about the face and a bruised right arm. He ty of places to use the money. A

was taken to his home at 1615 Evans man ought not to be married more than once in his life and he can af-Hawley said something went ford to be generous. wrong with the steering knuckle of "It is had form for the bridegroom

A canvass of the Water board the car that caused it to swing from to turn to a minister and ask, 'How much do I owe you?' or, 'What is the charge.' the charge." "The bridegroom should have his

offering in his pocket and quietly hand it to the minister."

Second Fee Smaller.

"I believe the fee offered is usually

less in the case of a second mar-

Towl Back From Chicago

And Study of Deodorizing City Commissioner Towl has re-turned from Chicago, where he in-vestigated methods of suppressing offensive odors in the stock yards increased his income since his first

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offensive odors in the stock yards district, with a view of deodorizing He described the Chicago method in this manner: "They have condensers to absorb the soluble gases, and the insoluble the soluble gases, and the insoluble "All of my extra cash I contri-

buted to charities of various sorts," he says. "Then I came to the con-clusion it was my duty to provide for my old age. In the last 18 years, I have paid for a home and made

part payment on a farm of five acres south of Omaha."



Commerce at noon today, explaining the work of his office and discussing economy campaigns in the United Mr. Lorimer's visit to Omaha was arranged by Mrs. C. G. Ryan of Grand Island, in charge of the women's economy campaign in the state, and the Chamber of Commerce. Ac-

cording to David Larson, commis-sioner of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr: Lorimer is an authority on practical economy. J. C. Metcalfe, secretary of the

STRIKE LOOMS Women Automobile Dealers Give Men Real Merry Chase



The success of the only two women automobile dealers attend-ing the Automobile show in out-selling several of their male com-petitors is giving every salesman plenty to worry about. The women are Mrs. Iola Muff of Crete, Neb, and Mrs. Gertrude Hall of Tabor, Iowa. Mrs. Muff sells Buick and Hup-Witness Describes Looting of Thorne Company Store selling the Automobile dealers attend-ting the Automobile dealers attend-buck cars, G. M. G. trucks and tractors. Both women have regis-tered several sales during the week and their technical knowledge and comprehension of mechanical feat-tures has surprised many of the men. Mrs. Muff and Mrs. Hall were of the Nebraska Buick company at Hotel Fontenelle. Witness Describes Looting of Thorne Company Store

Of Thorne Company Store Harry Miller descrided the planning and execution of the burglary of the F. W. Thorne company store, 1812 Farnam street, on the witness stand in District Judge Troup's **New Credit Manager Joins** riage, unless the man has greatly court Thursday, where Robert Rule is on trial for breaking and enter-

E. H. Ward, who has been office Miller pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering the store and credit manager of the Pittsburgh Glass and Paint Co., for the soon after his arrest, and is now past 15 years has joined the Burgessserving six months in the county Nash organization as credit man-

ager. Mr. Ward came to Omaha 15 He said he and Bill Davis and Robert Rule planned and executed years ago from Mt. Vernon, Ill. He "We planned it on January 14," men in the city and is also very prominent socially, belonging to the is one of the most prominent credit

he said, "and on the night of Janu-ary 15 we went to the store. I Athletic club and Field club, and opened a skylight on the roof of an active member of the Rotary the store and Rule let Davis down club.

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Men and Women Restoring Douglas County Records Demand Higher Wages.

Alleging that they have been treated with gross unfairness, 24 employes of the county treasurer's office presented a petition to the board of county commissioners yesterday demanding that their pay be

adjusted to a decent living basis. The signers of the petition are 10 girls and 14 men who are employed in restoring the county treasurer's records destroyed in the fire of Sep-tember 28, 1919.

The petition was headed by John Connelly and was signed by every clerk engaged in restoring these records. Further action may be taken unless the county commis sioners meet the request.

The women were employed at a salary of \$100 a month and the men at \$125 a month. On Decem-ber 31, 1919, the county commissioners passed a resolution to pay

through the window, and then went manship and accurate to the last degree.

out and got them." Miller said Rule had "double-crossed" him by failing in his crossed" him by failing in promise to get him a lawyer. his

degree." Across the table, at another big book sat pretty Kathryn Havlicek in a sky-blue sweater. "I just don't know how we are going to live on it," said Kathryn. "There's a big difference between the \$50 we expected to get every Burgess-Nash Stores Here

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two weeks when we came here and the \$38.50 we got this last pay. "No, I don't buy any \$20 shoes with mine. I wear my old ones and my old dresses. I hope the county South Fourteenth street, dr AMONG CLERKS IN COURT HOUSE commissioners will see the justice of our position."

cruelty.

as, cruelty. Eleanor Ryan from Neil Ryan,

Street On Way to Work Joseph Summott, painter, 1233

South Fourteenth street, dropped dead at 17 yesterday morning in front of the Waters-Barnhart Print Divorces Granted Mary Poppas from Daniel Pop-ing company, 416 South Thirteent street. Death was due to hear trouble Police Surgeon Edstrom

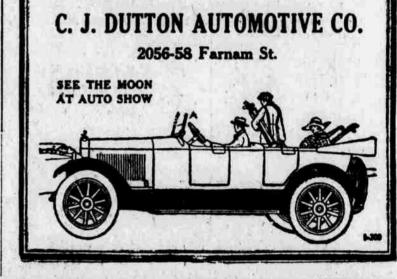
Mr. Summott was on his way to work. Identification of the body Joseph Hag from Minnie Hug, cruelty. "earl Adamson from Andrew Adamson, cruelty. Was not made until several hours after the body had been taken to Hulse & Riepen's funeral home. He was 28 years old.



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