

Attack Is Made On Omaha Light Bill at Lincoln

Power Company Attorney
Argues for Rejection for an
Hour Before Com-
mittee.

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Fighting his claim, with his clients' back to the wall, threatened with the absolute destruction of millions of dollars invested in Omaha, J. A. C. Kennedy, counsel for the Nebraska Power Co., pleaded and argued for an hour yesterday afternoon before the committee on cities and towns in the lower house of the legislature, which is to pass the bill.

R. B. Howell, president of the Metropolitan water district, in oratory vying with that of Kennedy, vilified the Nebraska Power Co., and presented arguments for the passage of the same bill.

The bill throws the power of calling a special election for a municipal lighting plant into the hands of the Metropolitan water district and takes it away from the city council.

At 7 last night Robert C. Dresse, chairman of the committee, called an adjournment until 4:30 Tuesday, when numerous other experiments on both sides of the proposition will be heard.

"The establishment of a competing plant such as Mr. Howell proposes would absolutely rob us of millions of dollars invested in Omaha in good faith," Kennedy declared.

"We have taxes to pay; we paid over \$300,000 in taxes the last year. A municipal light plant has no taxes. The people of Omaha would pay the deficit if our plant was gone and that means the loss of property values."

"With the Metropolitan water district controlling the gas and water plant, it could and undoubtedly would for years to come divert funds from those plants into the municipal light plant and operate for years at a dead, secret loss, probably until we were crushed."

"The bill on its face does not give us even a fair show for competition. It provides that, right on the jump, the municipal light plant would operate the street lighting system of Omaha in which we have invested thousands of dollars. That investment would be a dead loss to us at the start."

Kennedy quoted Senator Cumings of Iowa, in a statement that competition by a municipal plant and privately owned plant is utterly unfair and before a municipal light plant was placed in operation it was imperatively right that the private plants should be condemned by law a valuation established and purchased. "And," Kennedy declared, "the way for such proceedings is open to the people of Omaha."

Howell declared the Nebraska Power company carried \$6,000,000 in watered stock. He charged that there was only one method of obtaining fair treatment from a public service corporation and that was through competition. "Howell asserted valuation of the gas plant in Omaha was excessive, the purchase price was accepted over his protest and a fair valuation under present corporation methods of affording values was impossible."

Howell made capital of the recent request for increased rates of the light company. He characterized the attempt to get an increase as a "million-dollar raid on Omaha people."

"Fear lowers rates and insures a square deal," Howell said.

Howell cited certain reductions of

light rates in past years as an attempt to force a sentiment against a municipal plant.

Kennedy quoted figures as glibly as Howell to prove the light company hadn't juggled stocks and bonds to swell valuation of the \$8,000,000 variety charged by Howell.

Among Omahans present to be heard at a later date were J. E. Davidson, general manager light company; David Cole, F. D. Wead, W. F. Stoeker, ex-member of the legislature, and members of the north side taxpayers' league.

Amnesia Victim In Baltimore Is Former Omahan

Youth Suffering Loss of Memory Practically Identified as Dwight R. Powers, Formerly Ford Employee.

Identity of the youth suffering loss of memory in a hospital in Baltimore, Md., has been practically established as Dwight R. Powers, former secretary at the Y. M. C. A., and employed as a stenographer at the Ford Motor company.

He was taken seriously ill in 1913, and served on the U. S. S. El Capitan during the war.

Mrs. Kimbrough, 711 Dewey avenue, notified the police Thursday night that young Powers' mother and sister formerly lived at North Bend, Neb., later moving to Sioux Falls, S. D., where the sister taught school.

R. S. Flower, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., declared Powers served for a time as secretary there. Miss Florence Davis, Delmar hotel, declared she knew the youth in high school at North Bend. Miss Hilda Peterson, stenographer at the Ford Motor company, recalled working in the same office with him.

At North Bend friends of the family declared they understood the mother, Mrs. Jennie Powers, recently visited with the family of Alonzo Marshall in Lincoln.

R. V. Cole, secretary of the Masonic relief board in Omaha, who was notified of the lad's condition by the Baltimore Masons, and given a complete description of him, is endeavoring to get in touch with the mother or sister.

Payroll Reduced \$1,500 a Week in Defunct Hotels

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—W. E. Barkley, appointed receiver for the Nebraska Building and Investment company and the Nebraska Hotel company, owning a chain of hotels, including the Lincoln in Lincoln and the Fontenelle in Omaha, announced the appointment of E. L. May, former Beatrice hotel man, as general manager of the company's properties. At the same time it became known that a slash of \$1,500 a week was made in the payroll at the different hotels operated by the company.

Destitute Couple Given Aid by Oteo County Board

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A man and a woman from Oklahoma, trying to get to Omaha where they have relatives, were put off a Missouri Pacific passenger train here in a destitute condition. They appealed to the county commissioners for assistance and transportation was furnished them to Omaha. It was the first time in many months that the county had been called upon to supply assistance of this character.

Officers of Nebraska Retailers



Here are officers of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, who closed their convention here Thursday.

C. H. Freadrich of Lincoln was elected president of the federation and M. A. Hostetler of Shelton, treasurer.

H. S. Filesbach of Scottsbluff was elected president of the state association of dry goods and ready-to-wear merchants.

Carl E. Appen of Lincoln is the new president of the shoe retailers. Furniture dealers elected E. S. Munson of Lincoln as president of their organization.

Farm Congress Planned For Chadron in February

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Farmers of Sheridan and Dawes counties are collecting exhibits of poultry, corn and potatoes that assures Chadron having one of the largest farm congresses ever held in western Nebraska. The meeting will be held February 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The state university will show motion pictures of Nebraska resources and films from the federal government will also be shown free of charge. The first three days will be devoted to the show and the last day to a meeting of the Dawes county farm bureau.

Speakers from the state university and men of national reputation will address the sessions.

No Violence at Nelson When Leaguers Left City

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—County Attorney H. A. Brubaker, Sheriff C. C. Gates and Mayor C. E. Jensen of Nelson, Neb., have informed the state government here that there was no violence in the invited departure of Nonpartisan league organizers from Nuckolls county. They have been instructed to avoid violence and keep in touch with the state government.

COAL High Grade Springfield Dist. ILLINOIS ALL SIZES THOROUGHLY SCREENED, DELIVERED \$11.00 Per Ton Consumers Coal & Supply Co. Dealers in Good Coal. Doug. 0530. Doug. 0530.

New "Blue Sky" Bill Before Lower House

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A new "blue sky" bill was thrown into the lower house hopper Thursday afternoon. Briefly it provides for a tighten-

ing up in the issuance of permits for incorporation to money making projects in Nebraska. It also provides a means for a more careful scrutiny of methods used by concerns and holds the heads of companies more directly responsible for their agents.

A measure was introduced several days ago to kill the present "blue sky" law. Governor McKelvie, in his message to the legislature, stated that there should be a big change in the law as it now stands. The bill introduced today was prepared with a view to supplanting the old statute.

Galvanized iron boots have been invented in Germany for miners working in wet coal mines.

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Harry Bernstein Says:-

"Want All Coats Given the Rush Act" Make a Final Clean-up of All Winter Coats

—in two big lots, every high grade and popular priced coat in our stock MUST GO!

LOT 1—

Fine silk Plush with large fur collar; cloth coats of velour and silvertone, all with dandy, serviceable linings; at our former prices they were the best popular-priced line of coats in Omaha! Now

Actual \$30 Coats! **\$15**

Actual \$35 Coats! **\$15**

Actual \$40 Coats! **\$15**

Actual \$45 Coats! **\$15**

Actual \$50 Coats! **\$15**

Actual \$55 Coats! **\$15**

(Coat Section—Second Floor)

LOT 2—

Yukon Seal Coats, Baffin Seal Coats and other fine fur fabric coats of silk Plush, trimmed with Raccoon and Oppossum collars, and beautifully silk lined throughout, and cloth coats of fine velour, Bolivia, silvertone, etc.; some with large fur collars, all beautifully lined with best of silk. Now

Actual \$60 Coats! **\$25**

Actual \$65 Coats! **\$25**

Actual \$70 Coats! **\$25**

Actual \$75 Coats! **\$25**

Actual \$85 Coats! **\$25**

Actual \$95 Coats! **\$25**

(Coat Section—Second Floor)

A remarkable buying opportunity that will startle the dress buyers of Omaha! \$14.95

A dandy assortment of popular style dresses in materials of Fine Wool Tricotene, French Serge, Taffeta and Satin; on sale Saturday only. Actual \$35.00, actual \$40.00, actual \$49.50, actual \$55.00, actual \$59.50 values.

A Pointed Message—

from **H. R. Bowen Co.**

—This ad tells you how to save and where

Your Bed Room Can Be Furnished Like This for \$138.50

For Saturday Selling High-Grade Three Piece Bed Room Suite In American Walnut for \$119.50

Consisting of Chest of Drawers, Full Size Bed and Dressing Table

We are exclusive selling agents for the well known Sealy Mattresses

See that your mattress has the Sealy label on which is a guarantee that the manufacturers have made the mattress as good as a mattress can be made.

American Walnut—Adam Period Bed Room Suite

Large Vanity Dresser	Former Price \$105.00	Sale Price \$52.50
Chiffonette	59.50	27.00
Full Size Bed	49.50	26.50
Large Dresser	65.00	32.50

Other Suites at Money Saving Prices

Complete 8-Piece Period Dining Room Suite for \$156.75

For Saturday Selling More Money Savers

\$ 2.00 Clothes Bars	.95
3.00 Step Ladder Stools	1.65
8.00 Oak Dining Chairs	3.75
14.00 Mahogany Leather Diners	5.85
12.50 Walnut Leather Diners	5.50
11.00 Kitchen Cabinet Bases	5.95
47.50 Oak Dining Tables	16.75
47.50 Oak Buffet	16.50
57.50 Oak China Cabinet	26.00
56.00 Walnut Serving Table	24.25
51.50 Mahog. Tea Wagon	21.75

Jacobean, Quartered Oak, William and Mary Dining Suite

64-inch 8-Foot Extension Table	Former Price \$125.00	Sale Price \$52.50
60-inch Buffet	150.00	69.75
Dining Chairs, to match	15.00	5.25
Host Chair, to match	22.50	8.25

Luxurious 2-Piece Suite

Of beautiful Queen Anne Suite—Not only distinctive in design, but of the very best workmanship. Has loose cushions, of the best spring seat construction and is upholstered in fine grade of broadcloth velour. For Davenport and Rocker

A 3-Piece Mahogany, Tapestry Upholstered, Living Room Suite Like This for—\$87.00

Davenport, full spring cushion	Former Price \$110.00	Sale Price \$42.50
Chair, very comfortable	47.50	22.00
Rocker, to match	49.50	22.50

\$575 \$245

Money Saving Values for Saturday In Our Drapery Department—1st Floor

Saturday Specials

Easy Mahogany Rocker, former price \$14.50, **\$ 6.45**

Strong Oak Rocker, former price \$9.00, **\$ 3.85**

Quartered Oak Writing Desk, former price \$22.00, **\$ 8.65**

Quartered Oak Ladies' Writing Desk, former price \$32.50, **\$12.95**

Quartered Oak Book Case, former price \$47.50, **\$21.50**

Large Pumed Oak Book Case, former price \$77.50, **\$32.50**

Mahogany Table Lamp Base, former price \$17.50, **\$ 6.25**

Scrims, Voiles, Marquisettes and Curtain Nets

40-inch Marquisette in white or ivory; best quality mercerized grade; former values 85c per yard. Sale price, per yard **39c**

Fancy Bordered Voiles in white and ivory shades; former values \$1.00 per yard. Sale price, per yard **49c**

36-inch Grandines in cream shades with all-over patterns in blue, rose and gold; former value \$1.25 per yard. Sale price, per yard **65c**

36-inch Curtain Nets in ivory color; exceptional values that have been selling at \$1.00 and \$1.50 per yard. Sale price **59c**

50-inch Madras in rose, blue, green and gold; solid colors; former values up to \$3.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard **\$1.95**

38-inch Madras, all colors and beautiful patterns; former values up to \$2.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard **95c**

30-inch Madras in solid colors and some two-tone effects; former values up to \$1.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard **75c**

Bed Spread Special

Plain Crochet Spreads, hemmed and square corners, one price.

\$ 6.00 Spreads for **\$2.95**

\$ 7.00 Spreads for **\$3.60**

\$ 7.75 Spreads for **\$3.75**

\$ 8.50 Spreads for **\$3.95**

\$ 9.50 Spreads for **\$4.95**

Spreads with Crochet cut corners—Beautiful designs, good quality, full size.

\$ 9.00 Spread for **\$4.45**

\$ 9.50 Spread for **\$4.95**

\$12.50 Spread for **\$5.95**

\$13.50 Spread for **\$6.95**

Remarkable Values in Blankets and Comforts for Saturday Selling.

\$ 4.00 Blankets **\$1.95**

\$ 5.50 Blankets **\$2.95**

\$ 6.50 Blankets **\$3.95**

\$ 8.50 Blankets **\$4.95**

\$ 9.00 Blankets **\$4.95**

\$10.00 Blankets **\$5.95**

\$11.50 Blankets **\$5.45**

\$12.00 Blankets **\$5.95**

Comforts

\$ 8.00 Comforts **\$2.45**

\$ 7.50 Comforts **\$3.45**

\$ 7.00 Comforts **\$3.75**

\$ 4.00 Comforts **\$3.95**

\$12.00 Comforts **\$6.45**

\$17.50 Comforts **\$8.95**

\$19.00 Comforts **\$9.95**

Crib Blankets

\$2.00 Value, each **\$1.39**

\$1.75 Value, each **.89**

BOWEN—Howard St., Between 15th and 16th

Spring Millinery

Specially Priced Saturday

Here is a sale that will meet with a rousing welcome. We just received a special purchase of the season's prettiest modes. The assortment is large and varied and includes all the desirable shapes and materials in

Visca Straw, Faillie Silk, Combination Straw and Satin, Novelty Straws, Batavia Cloth, Gros de Londres, Etc. Values to \$10.

Chic Sailor, Off-the-Face, Chin Chin Effects, Poke Bonnet, Popular Turban.

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