

Appeal Is Made For Protection Of River Front

Congressman Jefferis Urges Governmental Action to Stop Erosion From Florence To Omaha.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Hardly had Commissioner Larson of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce reached Omaha from last week's trip to the national capital, to participate in a discussion of the housing problem, conducted by the United States Chamber of Commerce when he wired Congressman Jefferis that the Missouri river was again liable to break out of bounds and again take toll of Douglas county's valuable lands.

Mr. Larson wired: "The Missouri river is cutting and is likely to break through the north of Carter and Old Florence lakes, endangering 3,000 acres, where residence and industries are located. Protection is needed along five miles of river front. We should have \$150,000. Drainage districts are practically organized for building of a dike."

Knowing the devastation caused by last year's freshets along the path of the river outlined in Commissioner Larson's telegram, Congressman Jefferis and Randall K. Brown, interview Chairman Rodenberg of the committee on flood control and presented to him conditions as they exist along the Missouri river on the Nebraska side of Florence to Omaha. They urged that governmental action be taken to stop erosion.

Mr. Rodenberg, who knows the situation along the Missouri river, especially in its upper reaches, said he would call in an expert from the office of the chief engineers to look over the matter and make such recommendations as would start the necessary relief, but he could not guarantee legislation in view of the crowded condition of the legislative program.

Corner Newstands Must Pay \$10 Monthly to City

The city council committee of the whole agreed yesterday to grant to the mayor authority to issue permits for maintenance of sidewalk news stands on corners at Sixteenth and Farnam and Sixteenth and Douglas streets. A payment of \$10 per month to the city will be required. It was the sense of the council that permits should not be issued for these or other locations for news stands if adjoining property owners object.

Girl Student Who Disappears Sought



Miss Blanche Spellman, 18-year-old student of Barnard college and daughter of Benjamin Spellman, prominent New York lawyer, who has mysteriously disappeared from her home. Several days ago she left home to go to school and has not been heard from since. Her parents can advance no reason why she should leave home and believe she met with foul play. A nationwide search is being made for her.

Restaurants Ordered To Sterilize Dishes

Dishes and drinking utensils in all restaurants must be sterilized after being used, according to orders issued yesterday by Dr. J. F. Edwards, city health commissioner. Dr. W. C. Herold has been commissioned to make a drive for cleaner dishes in all restaurants. "Disease germs lurk in these eating and drinking utensils," Dr. Edwards said, "and we plan to have every eating house proprietor scald tableware after it is used. Kitchens must also be kept in a more sanitary condition."

Home in Nebraska Selected for Twins Rescued From Well

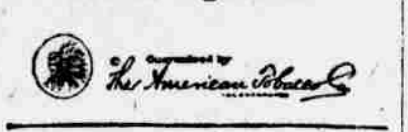
A home has been selected for Jimmy and Betty Wells, "cistern twins," who were rescued from an abandoned cistern at Thirty-third and California streets in July and for whose attempted murder "Dr." Kent was recently acquitted in district court.

Rev. R. B. Ralls of the Nebraska Home Finding society said yesterday that he had many applications for the babies and he had almost settled on a good home in Nebraska. The babies' origin will be kept a secret, Dr. Ralls says, and the little brother and sister who went through such a strenuous time at the beginning of their existence at last will have a good home where they will be taken care of.

The nurses at the Methodist hospital, who cared for the babies when they were rescued and named them, are sorry to lose their charges.



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No cigarette has the same delicious flavor as Lucky Strike. Because Lucky Strike is the toasted cigarette.



TO THE PUBLIC
To meet the changing conditions of trade and do their part in bearing the financial burdens that obtain, the Master Plumbers of Omaha have decided to reduce their charges for labor to \$1.75 per hour in place of \$2.00 as heretofore charged. Effective on and after February 1, 1921.

Illinois Central Directs Attention to the Grade Crossing Problem

For the four-year period ended December 31, 1920, there were 4,350 persons killed and 12,750 persons injured in automobile grade crossing accidents in the United States.

For the same period there were 158 persons killed and 659 persons injured in automobile grade crossing accidents on the Illinois Central System. Analysis of these cases shows that crossings considered the safest are actually the most dangerous.

A serious automobile grade crossing accident, involving personal injury or loss of life, is usually followed by a demand upon the railway for the elimination or "protection" of the crossing involved.

Crossing gates do not entirely eliminate accidents. People become educated to rely upon the gateman instead of upon their own faculties. If the gateman errs, the danger of accident is very great.

Electric warning bells do not entirely eliminate accidents. If they ring a great deal, automobilists disregard them. In addition, there is always the possibility that a bell may not be in order just at the moment of greatest danger.

Crossing flagmen are not infallible. The human element enters into most accidents, and crossing flagmen are like other human beings. Some of the most disastrous automobile grade crossing accidents have occurred at crossings where flagmen were on duty.

One of the results of crossing "protection" is to teach the public that crossings are safe. The opposite should be taught. All railway grade crossings are dangerous—the "protected" as well as the unprotected crossings. This should be impressed upon the minds of everybody, beginning with the children in the schools.

There are about 8,000 grade crossings on the Illinois Central System. It would cost approximately four hundred million dollars, or substantially more than the combined stock and bond issues of the Company, to eliminate them by separation of the grades. The following is quoted from the report made by the Grade Crossing Committee of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners at Washington in November, 1920: "To eliminate all grade crossings in the United States would probably cost as much as all the railroads in the United States have cost."

Outstanding features of this question are: 1—Inability of the railways to eliminate all grade crossings at any period within present vision. 2—The unreasonableness of some communities insisting upon the railways doing things for them that cannot be done for all. Every community has its dangerous crossings.

One state could not reasonably expect the railways to eliminate all of its grade crossings unless the same thing were done in neighboring states—in all states. The same principle applies to cities and towns.

The railway grade crossing problem is usually considered from two viewpoints—the railways and the public. There is the viewpoint of engineers and firemen, which should also be considered. Their duties are nerve-racking, and the habit of automobilists in racing to crossings, and darting upon the track immediately in front of locomotives, has a great tendency to confuse and distress them. They do not want to be involved in accidents causing personal injury or loss of life. They ought to have some assurance that an automobile will be brought to a stop before it is permitted to cross a railway track.

The benefits derived from the elimination of grade crossings by the construction of overhead bridges and underpasses—the only plan promising absolute safety—accrue largely to the public in safety and convenience. Therefore, when crossings are eliminated, the expense should be divided on some fair basis between the taxpayers receiving the benefits and the railway. If the people of a community paid in proportion to the benefits received when a crossing is eliminated, demands for elimination would be less frequent. More crossings could be eliminated.

The automobile, in proper hands, is an agency of safety at railway grade crossings. It can be driven up close to the tracks and stopped in perfect safety. That cannot always be done with a spirited horse. Therefore, the increasing use of the automobile and the decreasing use of the horse should be solving the grade crossing problem, instead of making it worse.

We recognize there are crossings that should be eliminated, but the crying need is for some plan of action that will prevent loss of life and destruction of property in automobile grade crossing accidents that can be put into effect immediately. One practicable remedy, which would cost but little, would be to inaugurate a great crusade against carelessness of automobilists at railway grade crossings. Require them to Stop, Look and Listen. No automobilist who does that will ever meet with an accident at a railway crossing.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.
C. H. MARKHAM,
President, Illinois Central Railroad Company.

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Dressmakers!—Everybody!—Notions At Less Than Half of Regular Price

Here Are a Few Instances—Just Think of Buying—

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| 1.75 Brassieres | 49c | 15c Needles, per package | 5c |
| 35c Fishnet Bags | 10c | 25c Assorted Hair Pin Cabinets, | 10c |
| 15c Crochet Cotton, 2 balls for | 15c | 10c Sharp Brass Pins | 5c |
| Very Best Rubber Baby Pants, 50c and 65c goods, special, | | | 19c |

Similar Bargains Are Offered In All Items Listed Below

In Basement and Main Floor Depts.

An Extra Force of Salespeople

- Our Best Bias Tape, splendid quality, 4 for 25c
Sewing Needles; the best of gold-eyed needles; the kind you always pay 15c for; 25 needles to a package, assorted sizes; sale price, 5c
Real Rubber Jiffy Pants; assorted lot; for babies; positively the best 50c and 60c goods; special, pr., 19c
Shopping Bags; first grade fish net bags, good large size; always sold for 35c; special, each, 10c
Inside Skirt Belting; very firm and heavy; 2 and 2½ inches wide; white or black; per yard, 7c
10-yard piece 60c
Splendid Quality Lingerie Ribbons, 4 bolts for 25c
Safety Pins, first quality; every size; never sold under 10c; special, per card, 5c
Assorted Wire Hairpins, 2,880 cabinets; they are the best quality; no cheap goods; always sold at 20c and 25c; special, per cabinet, 10c
Nial Brassieres; of net, fitted with 50c and 75c Nial Shields; always sold at 1.75; special, each, 49c
American Maid Crochet Cotton; every shade; formerly sold at 15c; special, 2 balls for 15c
Pins; our best brass dressing sharp point pins never under 10c; in this sale, per paper, 5c

DRESS FORMS

We have selected the model form to be the best form on the market; this model has always sold for 18.00; it may be adjusted at neck and bust, waist and hips; also any height; each one on rollers; sizes, No. 1, 32 to 44 bust; No. 2, 36 to 48 bust; on sale for one day only.

12.50
Main Floor—South

- Hooks and Eyes; rustproof; excellent grade; all sizes; white or black; always sold at 10c; special, card, 2½c
Sanitary Belts; flesh color or white; all sizes; regular 65c grade; special, each, 25c
Pearl Buttons, best grade; regular 10c and 25c goods; special, per card, 10c
Boned Belting; black and white; formerly sold at 50c; special, per yard, 15c
Real Human Hair Nets; these are the best grade; cap and fringo style; all shades; regular 15c value; special, each, 5c
Best grade and extra large Sanitary Napkins; packed 1 dozen in a box; per box, 49c
Rick Rack Braids; best grade; regular 15c value; special, 4 bolts for 25c
Shopping Bags; made of extra heavy materials; special, each, 25c
Elastics; garter length, enough for 1 pair of garters; 1 inch wide; jasper color; good material; special, 10c
Narrow, flat and cord Elastic; white and black; regular 6c and 10c goods; special, 3 yards for 10c
Fast Colored Darning Cotton; all good shades; regular 5c goods; special, 5c

Infants' New Spring Dresses

New crisp, fresh spring dresses for little misses, 2 to 6 years; dainty baby models and a variety of harmonizing shades with hand embroidery; wee little patch pockets; some are smoked, others are belted; made straight line; formerly sold for 3.50; special, each, 1.98
Third Floor—East

Another Big Lot of Wash Laces

13,936 yards in all, beautiful "Zion" wash laces, 1 to 4 inches wide, suitable for camisoles and underwear; val laces and insertions; Normandy vals; beading top vals; this is an extraordinary purchase; many patterns and designs to choose from; values 15c to 25c; special, yard 5c
Main Floor—Center

Infants Good Tub Dresses

Pretty little checks and stripes; also solid colors; various attractive models; all these are new spring line just fresh from the market; mothers, you can't get too many of 1.59 them at this price.
Third Floor—East

Huck Towels Worth 1.25

All linen huck towels; hem-stitched ends; 17x34-inch size; jacquard borders; regular 1.25 values; special, each, 75c
Main Floor—South

Here We Are Again With Some More Values in Practical Footwear

Men's Rubbers
First quality rubbers, bright or dull finish; storm or low fronts; some with rolled edge; sizes 6½ to 10; were 1.50; special, per pair 79c

Women's Alaska Rubbers
To fit military heels; best grade of materials throughout; sizes 2½ to 4½; were 1.50; special, per pair 59c

Little Boys' Army Shoes
Uppers of specially tanned leather to withstand hard wear; overweight soles; sizes 9 to 13½; were 3.50; special, per pair 2.45

Women's House Slippers
One-strap style; made of black dongola kid; bow on vamp; sizes 3½ to 8; special, at, per pair 2.00

Men's Hood and U. S. All Rubber Arctics
4-buckle style; well made in every detail; sizes 7 to 12; formerly sold at 4.00; at, pair 1.95
Basement—Arcade

Toweling Worth 25c

Full bleached linen weft crash toweling; fancy blue borders; soft and absorbent quality; a regular 25c per yard value; special, per yard, 19c
Main Floor—South

High Quality Damask Table Cloths

One lot of all linen cloths, made in Belfast; a very high quality damask; slightly soiled; in the 72x72-inch size; values in this lot up to 12.50; to clean them up quickly, special, 5.98
Main Floor—South

House Furnishings at Lowest Prices

Garbage and Ash Cans
14-gallon size; made of corrugated galvanized iron; with 2 side handles; tight fitting cover; regular value, 2.49; special, each 1.79

Oil Heaters
With black steel drum and black Japanese trimmed; medium size; special, each 4.79

Golden Rod Washing Powder
Golden Rod Washing Powder, large pkg., special 19c
Fifth Floor—West

"Wizard" Mop Set
No. 55, extra large Wizard mop, regular 2.00 value; with 55c hot oil of Wizard Oil; special 1.89

Mazda Lights
Do you need new light bulbs? Tuesday we offer 25 watt, regular 40c Mazda bulbs, each at the special price of 27c only

Fine Quality Italian Silk Hosiery

Fancy lace designs, in many different patterns; also in the plain Italian silk and the net patterns; all silk to the top with pointed heel effects, popular colors of black, cordovan, medium gray, white, silver and gold; mostly first quality of 5.00 to 6.00 values; very special, per 2.50 pair.

Women's Winter Weight Union Suits

Heavy winter weight wool plaid union suits; high neck, long-sleeve styles; a broken line of sizes; all from regular stock, but most of them are soiled from handling; were 3.00 and 3.50; special, per suit, 1.95
Third Floor—Center

Children's Odd Lot Union Suits

Odd lots of children's wool and part wool union suits in natural and white; not all sizes; all are from regular stock, but some are soiled; these are the well known makes of Munsing and Thomas Dalby; 4.00 values, special, 2.00; 3.50 values, 1.75
Third Floor—Center

Exceptional Values in Corset Covers

Trimmed with lace and embroidery; insertions and edgings; ribbon run; made of nice soft finished lingerie cloth; regular 65c values; special while they last, at 25c
Third Floor—Center

Women's Shamrock Lawn Handkerchiefs

Fine Shamrock lawn; in white and colors; with fancy colored borders; hemstitched; good size; were 19c, 8½c
Floor—East

Boys' Good School PANTS

Boys' School Pants—Extra good quality, durably made; of dark, plain gray or striped chevrons and corduroy; full cut; for boys 6 to 16 years; pair, 1.49
Basement—Men's Store

One Lot of Men's Dress Shirts

One big lot of men's dress shirts; in percales, madras and other good wearing materials; collar attached and neck band styles; sizes 14 to 17½; special, each 75c
Basement—Men's Store