THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1921.

## Wise Men From East Dispute in Light Rate Quiz

Mayor Advises Expert for City To Temper Questions With Mercy in Examining Company Spokesman.

If you expect mercy, you must how mercy to others. That was a paraphrased version

of an old saying, utered yesterday afternoon by Mayor Ed P. Smith during the electric light and power rate hearing before the city council. The occasion for this observation by the chief executive of the city arose when W. J. Henderson of New York and Alton D, Adams of Boston, opposing experts, became involved in a disputation of opinions and theories of accounting.

"I think it is untair for Mr. Adams le examine me on a statement which I did not prepare," said Mr. Hender-"It was not a question; it was son, a lot of theories.

## Advised to Show Mercy.

Whereupon the mayor adjured Mr. Adams to temper his questions losses as a property value, but it with mercy, adding that Hender- will recognize them in determining son would later have an opportunity to cross-examine Adams and that if the latter expected mercy from Henderson, he should show mercy. "I am surprised that the two wise

men from the east should quarrel among themselves," observed Commissioner Butler.

"I think they might take an example of brotherly love from the west, added the mayor, in a conciliatory

"In view of the attitude of the wit uess," resumed Mr. Adams. "No criticism on the witness,"

**Get** Acquainted HERE'S Joe. Full name is Joseph Thexton Armstrong, but in truth, fellow and mellow citizens. occasions for use of full names are much constricted in these vacuous Volthe copy " on Joe's nom e a clature

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the mayor, referring to the sale from the Thompson-Houston com-pany to the Omaha Electrict Light bones structure of the plant." Plea for Loyalty and Power company. "The best information 1 have," replied Mr. Henderson, "is that the old bonds were paid off and that, there was an actual sale of \$1,350. Due of the features of the hearing yesterday morning was a discussion on the "pain, tears and blood" suf-there was an actual sale of \$1,350. Due of the features of the hearing yesterday morning was a discussion on the "pain, tears and blood" suf-money, credit and efforts during the early years of a public utility or Due of the features of the hearing pesterday morning was a discussion money, credit and efforts during the early years of a public utility or Radicals Menace Republic, and Power company. One of the features of the hearing 000 of bonds in the new corporation. early years of a public utility or My conception of it is that it was a similar business.

new company." Rails to Link Yankton Exchange of Opinions.

"On what theory do you contend that the new company was entitled With Fordyce, Neb. to capitalize the carly losses or sacrifices?" was the next question Construction of 12 miles of rail-

by the mayor. The mayor's question precipitated read from Yankton, S. D., to For-2 general exchange of opinions of dyce, Neb., will be part of the builddepreciation and going value. Corporation Counsel W. C. Lam-bert also asked Mr. Henderson for over the Missouri river, according his opinion as to whether a new company should be entitled to any consideration for early losses, where-

the Nebraska Power company, re- Omaha will be in direct communicaplied "There are various methods of de-

termining the going value, one of which is to add to the bare bone costs of the plant the value of busi-miles, and the Yankton bridge will ness attached. Every court recog- be the only permanent crossing of nizes going value, but there are vathe Missouri river between Sioux methods of determining it. City, Ia., and Chamberlain, S. D., a rious a compilation of figures containing We have given you the reproduc-a lot of theories." We have given you the reproduc-tion cost new of this plant and also

the original cost. We are holding hack. No court recognizes early going value

Value to Rate Base.

"If a new company paid only cost court yesterday to defend Red-would it be entitled to a return on rick Raglen, negro chauffeur, who an additional amount for early was driving the hotel bus when it losses?" asked the mayor. Attorney Kennedy replied: "The and ackson street Monday night. United States supreme court has held that the rate base should be the

value at the time the rate is fixed. Miller contended that all laws are If the company has been improvi- based on common sense and that the dent the rates payers should not be punished and

that

Says Speaker at Americanization Dinner. A new birth of natriolism for every person in the United States, foreign or American born, was urged yesterday by John Lee Web- house roll No. 233, which will perster, speaker at the Americanization

Made by Webster

the validity of early losses, accrued ing program of the Yankton bridge More than 350 attended the dinner. Nebraska's Good Citizenship week, being observed all this week in the Chamber of Commerce and commercial clubs of all the cities and

The meeting was held under the Bankruptcy Petition auspices of the Americanizaiton committee of the chamber, of which Dr. E. C. Henry is chairman, J. G. Masters, principal of Cen-

"Radicals and other groups are graph company of Omaha were filed trying to wreck this government and in federal court yesterday.

establish a democracy in place of the rovernment which is based on re- tition states. Assets do not exceed by \$150,000, it is stated. publican principles laid down

Complainants are the Universal Alexander Hamilton, George Wash-ingtou, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and our pany, Warren Veneer and Panel other great Americans," Mr. Web- company, Mohawk Veneer company and the Alemite Die and Casting

Wauneta Flour Mill Burns,

concern. The petitioners have re-Causing Loss of \$50,000 quested the appointment of Axel Ak-Wauneta, Neb., March 1 .- (Spe- ers and Harry Hildreth, jr., as re-Wauneta flour mill ceivers. ial.)-The

burned to the ground, entailing a loss Local offices of the Cathedral of about \$50,000. The structure and Phonograph company have been equipment were insured to the moved from 1315 Farnam street to

company. made to build a new mill.



'Onward Omaha' Slogan

Ore., to join her husband, who is in the lumber business. register the "Onward Oniaha" slogan to limit its uses to "any Third Mildest Month-February, good purposes in the interest of Omaha and its development," was made by the Chamber of Commerce ,1921, has been the third mildest month in 44 years, according to M. V. Robbins, weather man.

Liable to Fines-More than 12,000 Omahans are liable to fines for not obtaining their wheel tax, City Clerk I. W. Hunter announced yesterday. Wrist Watch Stolen-Mrs. R. A Filter, 2711 Dewey avenue, was remit the continuance of the subdinner in the Chamber of Commerce. treasury on the South Side. The lieved of her wrist watch while on a house roll provides for appealing the Harney street car by a clever pickpocket, according to police.

The executive committee endorsed the national corn meal week, which school has been organized at Nash-ville, the new town five miles north is to be observed the first week in April, at its meeting vesterday, of Florence. The first services were held Sunday in the town hall.

Against Local Firm Against Local Firm

Even Up-To caual their property division Mrs. Esther Schwartz was Involuntary bankruptcy proceed-ings against the Cathedral Phono-

ordered to pay Samuel Schwartz, her husband, \$37,50, in a decree of divorce granted him in district court yesterday on grounds of cruelty. Liabilities exceed \$250,000, the pe-Engage Flying Circus - Ruth

Law's flying circus will appear in Omaha during Ak-Sar-Ben week. September 13-18. Miss Law in-spected Ak-Sar-Ben field yesterday, and declared it one of the finest in the country. Mrs Newell Freed-Mrs Mary

company, all Chicago firms. Newell, found rullty three weeks ago of murdering Joss C. Sillik, was freed Merton L. Corey is head of the yesterday when a professional bonds-man furnished \$5,000 bond, fixed by

District Judge Sears. She has appealed her case to the supreme court. Realty Values Hiking—The prop-erty at the southeast corner of Seventeenth and Howard streets was

purchased yesterday by the L, V. amount of \$40,000. Plans are being the Corey & McKenzie Printing Nicholas Oil company for \$50,000. Immediately following the purchase

**Brief City News** 

Rotary Head To Be Here-Estes

an Omaha real estate firm asked a Bec, World-Herald and Daily News 30-day option for the purchase of the respectively, pointed out the merits property at \$200,000. of their newspapers in a humorous

Dance Halt Hearing—Hearing on the application of the Columbia cubaret. Twenty-fourth and Lake streets, for a dance permit was set for next Tuesday by the city council

esterday. pany, was sued for divorce in dis Ad Managers in Debate-Richard triet court yesterday. His wife A. Carrington, Leo Wilson and Merle Minnie, charges him with cruelty and Taylor, advertising managers for the declares his income is \$600 a month



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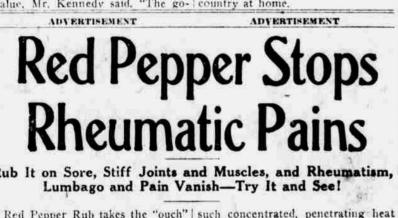
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accident was unavoidable. if the property is Miller promised to pay for the worth more than when constructed, damages to the police car. He was the company is entitled to the ap- also congratulated for his ability as





As Attorney in Polcie Court

Attorney Rome Miller. How's

Miller appeared in Central police

crashed into a police car at fifteenth

Raglen, who was arrested for reck-

less driving was discharged after

tral High school, presided.

ster declared.

The meeting was the first of a old South Omaha charter. series to be held in connection with The executive committee