

Power Company Deficit \$336,000. Officer Asserts Says Firm Unable to Set Aside Anything for Depreciation Fund—Testimony Concluded.

Mayor Smith asserts that he likes to hear an expert who understands his business, whether it be electric or hogs, if he speaks in terms which may be understood by the lay mind.

This was one of the incidental observations of the mayor during the electric light and power rate hearing before the city council yesterday.

W. S. Robertson, assistant general manager of the Nebraska Power company, concludes his testimony on cross-examination during the afternoon and was followed by S. E. Schweitzer, secretary-treasurer of the company.

Mr. Robertson, in reply to questions by W. C. Lambert, corporation counsel, stated that his company makes retirements as nearly as possible on the basis of actual costs of the units replaced.

No Depreciation Fund.

He further explained to the council that since 1917 the company has been unable to set aside anything for a depreciation fund and has indicated in red ink the accumulation of deficit thus incurred. He testified that this amounted to approximately \$336,000 since 1917.

The witness also stated his belief that the claim of stockholders for a return on their investment was paramount to a depreciation reserve, the contention of the company during the hearing being that the patrons should provide sufficient revenues in the rates paid to keep the property to 100 per cent condition.

A difference of opinion existed as to whether the deficit in the depreciation reserve should be met later by increased rates.

Change of Ownership.

Mr. Schweitzer was quizzed closely concerning the change of ownership of the plant, dating back to December 5, 1889, when he testified he began his service with the original company as office boy. He referred to the service of S. E. Wiley, T. L. Kimball, F. A. Nash and others who have been identified with the local electric light plant in official capacities.

This line of cross-examination involved many routine questions and answers, all germane to the hearing, but of only passing interest to others than the participants of the hearing.

Corporation Counsel Lambert questioned Mr. Schweitzer at length on the transfer of the plant in 1903 from the Thompson-Houston company to the Omaha Electric Light and Power company.

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Shopping with Dolly means the saving of a lot of time, trouble and effort on your part. It means a considerable expenditure of time and effort by Dolly, but it's all part of the day's work with her.

Furnishing service to Bee readers is both her labor and her pleasure. No treasure hunter ever started on the trail of buried gold more blithely and with more keen interest than Dolly rambles in pursuit of bargains.

"Dolly" is Miss Effie McClure. You'll find her a young woman with a keen mind, pleasant personality and thoroughly trained in her work. She knows the line and outs of Omaha stores from basement to garret and enjoys her daily browsing among their piles of merchandise.

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Cancer in Early Stage Curable, Specialists Declare in Address

Women of the city listened attentively to talks by Dr. Burton T. Simpson, Buffalo, N. Y., and Dr. Palmer Findley, Omaha, on "Cancer" and "The Cancer Problem," at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium yesterday afternoon.

"There is too much neglect in defects which might be of a cancerous nature," Dr. Findley said. "Every woman, as soon as she discovers evidence of growths or ulcers should consult a physician. Women are prone to be chary of physical examinations because of a false modesty. Physical examinations are necessary to the health and oftentimes result in life-saving."

"Don't be afraid to consult a physician and above all beware of 'quacks' and 'specialists.' Be sure you know who you are consulting and do as your physician says."

Dr. Simpson declared that a great percentage of cancers would not be fatal if they were discovered and treated in time.

During the lecture a series of illustrated slides were shown.

Defendant in "Poisoned Peach" Case Not Guilty

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 4.—The jury trying Carl Digre, charged with the murder of Martin Matheson last July, after deliberating 44 hours, found a verdict of not guilty at 1:30 this afternoon.

Brief City News

"Safety First"—"Safety first" will be the topic in churches next Sunday. Suit Dismissed—Suit for \$12,500

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY.

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"



A Splendid Showing of Smart Spring Hats for Men

When you buy your spring hat here you get a good one. Good hats will greatly outlast the cheaper kind, always, they give you a higher degree of satisfaction, all the time—there they are more economical.

Hats from Borsalino, Mallory, E. V. Connett, Lampton & Hubbard are now on display in all the new colorings, styles and shapes.

Priced \$5.00 to \$10.95

A specially Priced Assortment of Men's Caps, at \$2.00

Consisting of the newest shades, blocks and styles for spring. Sizes 6 3/4 to 7 1/2.

Main Floor



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When you buy any Dairy Products from one of our White Wagons you have our Guarantee that they are of the First Quality. Besides Milk and Cream drivers all carry Butter, Cheese, Whipping Cream and Sour Cream.

Call the office the previous day and the driver will supply your wants

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brought against the Skinner Packing company by a stockholder, E. Rhines of Essex, Ia., for recouping his holdings, changing from, was won by the company yesterday when District Judge Day dismissed the suit on the ground of insufficient evidence.

Break Into Drug Store—Burglars broke into the Patrick Pharmacy, 1802 North Twenty-fourth street, Thursday night in search of narcotics, according to Frank Patrick, proprietor.

Card Party—North Star lodge will give a card party next Friday afternoon at the Rustic Garden.

Sixth Safest—Omaha is the sixth safest city in the country, according to a notification received by Chief of Police Eberstein from the Syracuse, N. Y., safety council.

Losses \$145 in Game—A little game with two new-found friends cost Fred Equist, Denver, Colo., just \$145, he reported to police.

Paving to Start Soon—Paving of Leavenworth street from Forty-eighth to Sixtieth streets, will be started as soon as frost is out of the ground, it was announced in city council meeting yesterday, when a contract for hauling the brick was awarded the Chambers-O'Neil company.

Traffic Squad Called Out—Chief of Police Eberstein has ordered 225 volunteer traffic safety special officers to be ready for duty every night next week, in squads of 100, to quell "too much reckless driving." His order followed a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce safety traffic committee Wednesday night.

Charges Framed—P. Leon Soper paroled from the penitentiary only to be rearrested recently, declared police "framed" on him, and that he will resist being sent back to the penitentiary for violation of his parole, when interviewed in county jail yesterday.

Read Bee Want Ads.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY.

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

"Home Special" for Saturday
Pink and Chum Salmon, 10c

Saturday will place on sale a well known brand of salmon at a price that makes it the cheapest and most nutritious food obtainable. It is wholesome—nourishing and very delicious.

For Saturday only at 10c a can.
Downstairs Store.

Georgette Blouses
Special at \$2.95

It's unusual even with declining prices to find such lovely Georgette blouses at this low price. They are headed, embroidered and lace-trimmed. Most everyone needs two or three just such blouses to freshen the winter suit or to wear with the new spring outfit. White, flesh, navy, peach and gray.

Second Floor

All Women Know How Much
Dainty Neckwear
Adds to a Costume

And especially this season when the styles are so smart and are of such sheer materials and beautiful lace or combinations. Everyone welcomes this return of the Buster Brown collar and vestees of lace and net combinations and eyelet batiste. The square and round bib effect in collars of dainty lace and nets are very new and our assortment is very complete in organdy collars, cuffs and vestees.

Women's All Pure Linen
Handkerchiefs, 25c

No other handkerchiefs give the service or always seem in such good taste as plain hemstitched, all pure linen handkerchiefs, for they launder better and last longer, no laces to fray and nothing about them to fade.

Narrow Hemstitched Hand
Handkerchiefs, 15c and 20c

Dainty, narrow hemstitched hem white kerchiefs and very specially priced at 15c and 20c.

Women Will Enjoy Wearing the New
Clocked Stockings

They are so fashionable and look so smart when worn with the new style shoes. We have a large stock of black with white, brown with self clock, some in all silk, others with lisle tops. \$3.45 pair.

Silk Hose, \$2.45

Women's pure thread silk stockings made with a six-thread heel and toe and double garter top. In black, white, dark navy, rust, polo gray, taupe, pink, gold and silver. At \$2.45 pair.

Main Floor

Children Will Be Comfortable With These
Knit Bloomers

Children's knit bloomers with French band tops, in black, white, flesh pink. Priced according to size.

2-4-6 are 75c.
8-10 are 85c.
12-14-16 are \$1.00.

Main Floor

"Buy a Book a Week"

- Useful Books for Every Need.
- Lewis—Making Money From Hens.....\$1.50
 - Valentine—How to Keep Hens For Profit.....\$1.50
 - Pellet—Beginner's Bee Book for.....\$1.25
 - Bennet—The Flower Garden for.....\$1.25
 - Duncan—Home Vegetables and Small Fruits.....\$1.00
 - Patterson—Small Boat Building.....\$1.00
 - Brower—Piano Mastery.....\$3.00
 - Brower—Vocal Mastery.....\$3.00
 - Lutz—Practical Drawing.....\$2.50
 - Conover—Dreammaking Made Easy.....\$1.00
 - Chapman—What Bird is That for.....\$1.75
 - Hudson—Birds in Town and Village.....\$4.00
 - Blanchard—Bird Neighbors for.....\$5.00
 - Reed—Bird Guide.....\$1.00
 - Rogers—Tree Guide.....\$1.25
 - Larson—Thinking For Results for.....\$1.00
 - Meredith—You Can Buy Will You.....\$2.00

Unusually Smart Style Line Featured in the

—NEW—
Spring Frocks

Priced at \$35.00

Perhaps never were the styles and the fabrics more beautiful than for the coming season. Soft, clingy and wonderful in color, the fabrics adapt themselves well to the clever drapings that are seen in the various models, which are invariably simple as to style. One group priced at \$35.00 includes beautiful taffeta and crepe de chine frocks in a varied assortment of styles and colors.



Favored New Modes Expressed in These Women's Suits at \$25.00 up

Women who are looking for Easter suits that are different will certainly be pleased with the unusual assortment here. So varied are the styles that detailed description is impossible—some are strictly tailored, others loose jacketed models, a few cleverly stitched with hand embroidery in afternoon models.

The suits of coarser materials for street wear are also extremely popular and are here in a splendid selection and marked at the lowest prices consistent with quality.

Children's Milan Hats, \$3.95
Special for Saturday
Fine Milan, trimmed with wide ribbon streamer effects in black, brown, and navy. Very much underpriced for Saturday at \$3.95.

Second Floor

Girls' Dresses and Suits Are More Attractive Than Ever

This season's styles are especially adapted for the junior girl's apparel—for what could be more youthful than the taffeta frocks in bouffant styles, with little ruffles, airy panels, big sashes and tunics, embroidered with high colored yarns—or the

SPECIAL SATURDAY
Gingham Play Dresses \$2.95

Gingham play dresses, checks or plaids, dainty organdie collars and sashes. Both light and dark colors. Sizes 6 to 10.

Junior Dept.



New Clothing in Step With Spring

New Models—New Styles—New Patterns

New Spring Suits, \$30, \$35, \$42.50

Our clothing needs no introduction. They always keep in step with the season. The tailoring is of the superior kind that good dressers demand. The materials are a clear indication of extra quality and the styles are the leading ideas of the foremost designers. There are browns, blues, grays and fancy mixtures from which to select.

Fourth Floor

The Farsighted Golfer Is Already Getting Ready for Play

On these warmer days of spring the greens are covered with golfers eager for the first games of the season. We have prepared for them a complete stock of golf suits and knickerbockers. If you are going to play soon and you will be certain to do so, come in tomorrow and get yourself a new outfit.

Fourth Floor

Men's Union Suits \$1.75

It will be a relief to get into these medium weight Egyptian cotton union suits, after wearing the heavies all winter. \$1.75.

Men's Spring Gloves \$3.50 to \$6.00

Brown and grays predominate. You'll like the capes for spring. \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Main Floor

Silk Hose 65c

Solid colors and new spring shades and combinations. Buy for the entire season. You'll save considerable over the new prices—65c pair.

Men's Knit Neckwear \$1.00 and \$1.50

A special purchase of men's knit ties will be placed on sale at this remarkable price. All scarfs are made with slip-easy bands in great variety of neat color combinations.

Madras Shirts

Never before have we had as complete and beautiful a showing of madras shirts for spring. From Beau Brummel, the finest of color combinations and plain white. Ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.50.

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