Utility Expert Takes Stand in Rate Hearing

Bostonian Says He Believer Some of Power Companys' "Operating Expenses" For Replacements.

Alton D. Adams of Boston, public utility expert in the service of the city in connection with the electric light and power rate hearing, was examined closely yesterday after-

examinated closely yesterday afternoon by representatives of the Nebraska Power company and the city.

Mr. Adams stated that the company's maintenance figures for the last several years suggested to his mind the probability that at least some part of these annual totals had been expended for replacements and should not have been charged to operating expenses. He admitted that he had not checked the company's accounts closely enough to warrant a positive statement, but explained that he was only expressing an opinion.

Access to Books.

J. A. C. Kennedy, attorney for the power company, brought before the council the fact that since January 3 of this year the city's expert had access to the company's books and the company again extended to Mr. Adams the privilege of making any examination of its records he may wish, particularly to enable himself to make a positive statement on the question of maintenance charges.

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asked Commissioner Zimman. "I would say that I was mistaken in my inference," replied Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams admitted that he believed it was the duty of the con-sumers to keep the property up, otherwise the public would not be doing its duty.

Cost of Marketing Bonds.

One of the interesting points dis-cussed was the matter of how a public utility should pay the necessary cost of marketing its securities, At-torney Kennedy holding that this expense properly should be lodged against the consumers in the rates, while Mr. Adams took an opposite view, admitting that his view was not concurred in by some experts. This involved the "propriety of

bookkeeping."
Mr. Adams explained, for instance, that during his examination of the books of some public utility companies he has found items of donations to charities charged to current or operating expenses, the effect of which would be that the patrons in fact would be making the donations. He added that only 'wicked" companies would adopt such a practice and knew of no company in Omaha committing such an egregious offense.

Attorney Kennedy asserted that the expense incident to the disposition of bonds of a public utility is as necessary an expense as digging an excavation for a foundation.

Fair Valuation. connection with a discussion the company's stocks and bonds,

Mr. Kennedy said: "We have presented to you a cost figure appraisal and also a reproduction cost new and we expect that the city council will base its best judgment on these figures and in-formation and will determine a fair valuation, a fair depreciation charge and a fair return on the property. We are not here asking for any consideration on account of our stocks and bonds. When you have fixed a fair valuation, a depreciation charge and a fair return, then if the amount carned by the company in a year does not exceed a fair return, it is no concern whether the comfinanced by cash or

Mayor Smith inquired closely into Mr. Adams' separation of net earnings according to commercial power, street lighting and residential light-

General Wood Will Sail

For Philippines March 28 Washington, D. C., March 8.— Maj, G.n. Leonard Wood will sail from San Francisco for the Philip-pines about March 25, it was announced at the War department, He goes to the islands as the personal representative of President Harding to investigate and report on the question of independence for these Pacific possessions.

General Wood will be accompanied by a military aide and perhaps by Cameron Forbes, former governor genera of the islands. It is ex-pected that the mission will be absent from this country from three to four months

Secretary Weeks Outlines

Policy of War Department Washington, March 8 .- The policy of the War department under the new administration contemplates organization of the nation's military forces into "one harmonious, well balanced and effective army, consisting of the regular army, the national guard and the organized re-serves." Secretary Weeks announced

Baby Placed on Oven Door to Keep Warm, Burned to Death Ogden, Utah, March 8 .- Mrs. Kenneth Thornock of Brigham City wrapped her baby son in a quilt and put him on the oven door of her kitchen stove this morning while she went across the street to call upon a neighbor. When she returned 30 minutes later she found the baby

burned to death, Railway Official Dies
Chicago, March 8.—Charles Hillard, second vice president of the St.
Louis and San Francisco railway, died here todny. Mr. Hillard was born in England and came to the United States in 1876. He was a member of clubs in New York and

Grain Destroyed by Fire Mitchell, S. D., March 8 .- Twelve thousand bushels of oats, corn and wheat were burned last night when fire of unknown origin destroyed the Farmers' elevator at Delmont. The loss is estimated at \$18,000 and is partly covered by insurance.

Philadelphia has 19 women's aux-ilaries of American Legion posts.

Your Face and What It Tells

Has Your Husband a Long Back Head?—He's Real Lover If He Has—View the Short Back Head With Suspicion.

By MABEL WARNER RUGG

NOTHER point for employers, and all people interested in the head from the ear to the back of the skull. The long, or protruding, back

head denotes that a man possessing will be a good fellow and will plan his work ahead, while the man with the short, or cut off back head will be likely to plunge into things without sufficient fore-

Study Those Back Heads. Men and women who read this article study the back head of the man who gets up to put forward an

Speaker Urges

Iowa Ex-Governor Advocates Vigilance Committees to Guard Against Crime.

"More neighborly gatherings and closer community spirit among business men of the cities will bring back the man-to-man attitude of the good old days," said W. L. Harding, ex-governor of Iowa, in a speech beore members of the Lions' club at their meeting at the Rome hotel yes-

"When we were boys and lived in the small towns and villages, we gathered together at the spellin' bees, lebating societies and other small town festivities. In this manner we enjoyed ourselves, but also became more intimate with our neighbors. There was a friendly feeling among

"Now, as business men in the cities, we should not isolate ourselves with business activities, but set aside some time each day when we can get out and mingle withour fellow singers. business man.

"The present crime wave is pre-valent in all cities. The police department is not to blame. zens are careless. In the old days communities banded together for the mutual protection of all, - They should do the same today by forming vigilance committees in every community, armed and ready to answer any call. When thieves and robbers learn that men are arming themselves and are prepared to protect their homes, there will be a decrease of burglaris and robberies.

Former Grand Exalted Ruler Of Elks Passes Thorugh City Though suffering severely with physical disabilities, Rush L. Hol-land, former grand exalted ruler of the Elks, was not too ill to accept personal homage of representative Elks yesterday afternoon when they him at the Union station and escorted him to the Hotel Fontenelle or a two hours' rest.

Mr. Rush was enroute with his wife from his home in Colorado Springs to Rochester, Minn. He will undergo an operation at Mayo Bros.

hospital.

Judge W. S. Sears, exalted ruler of the Omaha Elks; Otto Nielsen, Miner, secretary, and Moses O'Brien, former private secretary Mr. Holland, made up the party that escorted their guest to the hotel. He left at 6 o'clock for Rochester.

Living Expenses in Omaha Reduced 16 1-3 Per Cent

M. Gillan, manager of the bureau, said yesterday that living expenses in Omaha have been reduced 1

ideal. Voters, study the back head of the man who appeals for your vote on some public question. If his head is short in the back, investitice the back head. Note the length of you accept his preachments as sin-

Cere convictions.

The short back head may be balanced somewhat by other characteristics. But in itself it is a nega-

Answers to Questions

Editor's note: While these articles are being published Mabel Warner Rugg will undertake to answer all questions from Bee readers on character and analysis and vocational choice. Send the letters care of The Bec.

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> Friday Night Music Night At Omaha Automobile Show Music will be the outstanding feature of the 16th annual Omaha Automobile show, according to Clarke

> G. Powell, manager. Three orchestrass have been en gaged for the entire week. R. Olesen, who has had charge of the music for the past several years, will have charge this year. He will conduct the orchestra in the main Audi-torium each day. The programs will include classical and popular

Friday night has been selected as Music night. Aside from the special music to be played by the or-chestra, the Ak-Sar-Ben male chorus of 75 voices will make its 1921 debut. This chorus has been in training for several months getting into shape the songs and musical numbers to sung at the Den shows during

There will also be numerous vocal and instrumental solos by Omaha

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Testimony of Lawson Denied

Asserts Wife-Slayer Was Not Threatened by Mate; Case Expected to Reach Jury Late Thursday.

The evidence in the trial of Burnell Lawson on the charge of murdering his wife will be completed some time today. Arugments and the charge to the jury will then take some hours. It is expected that the jury will retire late Thursday.

Eulalie Wortsmith, sister of the slain wife, was called to the stand yesterday afternoon by the state after the defense rested. She denied much of the testimony of Lawson, who had declared he was troubled almost continuously with headaches, had little appetite and that his wife frequently threatened him with harm he left her and her sister.

"I never knew him to complain of headache," declared Eulalie Wortsmith. "And, as for appetite, our midday meal always cost us from \$3 to \$5 and I have seen him eat six roast pork sandwiches as a midnight Regarding the time Lawson's wife

hit him with a water pitcher, Miss Wortsmith testified she and her sister had not threatened him with harm if he did not return. "I threw his clothes out after him," said Eulalie, "but he came back at 4 the next morning."
Ed Wortsmith of Little Rock.
Ark., brother of Eulalie and of the

be placed on the witness stand. He sat in the court room with his head bowed in his hands continually. Merchants Flocking to

dead girl, arrived yesterday and will

yesterday: "It was the biggest open-ing day we have ever had." Yesterday there were 1,100 merchants in the city. At noon the pisiting merchants were entertained at

of the Chamber of Commerce said

By Sister-in-Law M. E. Smith & Co. During the day the visitors were taken through the various manufacturing and jobbing Last night was athletic night at

the Auditorium. A program of boxing, wrestling, a battle royal and a calisthenic drill by boys and girls of the Bohemian Catholic Sokols was

By Thursday, more than 2,000 outof-town merchants are expected to be in the city. Rodney to Have Home.—Rodney, 3-year-old child found abandoned at the Union station February 1, will be adopted within the next two

Odd Fellows to Celebrate

Anniversary on April 30 Celebration in Omaha of the 102d anniversary of the birth of the Inde-pendent Order of Odd Fellows in America will be held in the Municipal Widow auditorium Saturday afternoon and More than 10,000 Odd Fellows and

their families are expected to be in Omaha for the celebration which will include speaking, conferring of decorations and three distinct and elaborate ceremonies open to the public in the afternoon. In the evening, the celebration will

lose with a grand military ball given by the patriarchs militant of Greater Omaha. Leo's 15-piece or-chestra will furnish the music for the

Sisters Dispute in Court for

street, defendant in a replevin action for the recovery of a player piano, acted as her own attorney and used her sister, Mrs. E. Deck, 1944 South Twenty-eighth street, as her star witness in fighting the case, in municipal court yesterday. Margaret Johnson, 712 North

Twentieth street, asserted she had given Sadie the piano while she, Margaret, was getting a divorce from Omaha for Market Week her husband. When the divorce was With 450 out-of-town merchants obtained, Sadie refused to return the Omaha Monday to attend the an- piano, according to Margaret. nual Market Week opening, mem-bers of the Market Week committee until this morning.

Who says "Breakfast is Ready?"

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Brief City News

Injured in Jail .- J. T. Vaughn when he fell from a platform in an upper cell of the county jail where he is a prisoner, Monday night.

Raise Dance Fee.-Mayor Smith's ordinance to raise dance permits from \$1 to \$2.50, and tacking an additional fee of \$5 a day on cabar-ets was passed by the city council yesterday

Wants Money Back,—William H. Hotze filed suit in district court yes-terday against M. F. Shafer, W. F. Shafer and Lee Swindler, asking the return of \$20,000 which he says he invested in stock of the American Bank building company.

weeks by some good family, Mrs. A.

A. McGraw, superintendent of the Child Saving Institute announced Widow Inherits Estate.-The late Frank T. Ransom, pioneer Omaha attorney, left practically all of his \$30,000 estate "to my beloved wife, life I have had," to quote the last sentence of his will, filed in county

court vesterday. Notified of Suit.—Mrs. Louise Wade, 63, yesterday received notification at her home, 3013 Evans street, that her husband, Louis Wade, 72, has sucd her for divorce in Dallas, Texas. The Wades had been married more than 40 years, but have been separated since 1896.

Chinese Store Robbed.—The business place of C. Fong, 714 South Seventeenth avenue, at Possession of Player Piano Chinese and American clothing by Sadie Burke, 1248 South Sixteenth a burglar who entered sometime bemorning, according to Fong's report

> Child Prodigy.-"Bobby" North, 4 on of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. North 4820 Capitol avenue, is Omaha's latest child prodigy. He reads Lincoln's Gettysburg speech without dif-ficulty, and succeeded in reading part of President Harding's inaugural speech, although he never has attended school.

Hummell Files.-J. Hummell former city park commissioner for several terms, filed his petition yes-terday for election to the city com-Walter S. Jardine, also a former city commissioner, C. S.

dissioner preparatory to filing.

asking him to find him a wife. Art Exhibition.-The seventh an l exhibition of paintings by Rob-F. Gilder, Omaha's veteran

Orphans Cared For.—Mary and John Newell, 16 and 14, respectively, the surviving children of John New-ell, Langdon court, who was found nore's Gallery, 1517 Dodge street.

dead in an elevator shaft of the Marriage Annulled .- Because Mrs. pany, will make their home with Jessie Deering had not been divorced six months from her first husband, her marriage to Fred. E. Williams, farmer at Lewellen, Neb., was annulled by District Judge Sears yes.

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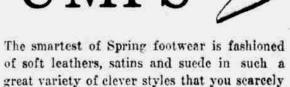
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