

### Engineer Cites Cuts in Expenses of Bell Company

Technical Expert Testifies at Phone Rate Hearing—Tells of Economies Effected.

Lincoln, April 18.—(Special).—F. L. Rhodes of the engineering department of the American Telephone and Telegraph company occupied the witness stand during this morning's session of the hearing of the Northwestern Bell company before the state railway commission on telephone rates.

His testimony was technical and had to do with the economies represented in the contract between the Northwestern Bell company and the parent organization.

Mr. Rhodes told about a saving of \$2,000,000 per year on one item resulting from the discovery and use of a metal alloy as a substitute for platinum in making certain electrical contacts.

He said that the multiple use of wires has been developed by employing electric currents of different wave frequencies so that half a dozen conversations can be carried on over one wire circuit at the same time.

The railway commission has received a copy of resolutions adopted by the Douglas county board of commissioners, declaring that a telephone rate increase at this time was an unwarrantable burden on the citizens and business interests of the country. A reduction of rates instead of a raise should be ordered, the county board asserts in the resolution.

### Cuban Borrower Sent to Jail on Vagrancy Charge

Domingo Jose, who claims to be the son of a wealthy Havana (Cuba) planter, was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Police Judge Foster on a vagrancy charge yesterday.

Dressed in dapper clothes and silk underwear, Jose had borrowed money from acquaintances in Omaha, where he has been for less than a month, with the promise that his father would soon send him several hundred dollars from which he would repay them. From Frank Vadrick he borrowed \$10, and from Roy Koukal, Hotel Rome, he borrowed \$35.

Jose admitted to detectives that his father was unable to send money.

### Lawyers, Beware, Another Prisoner Pleads Own Case

Attorneys look to your fees. Another prisoner, La Otte Cole and Dave Gilinski, yesterday pleaded his own case in county court.

Ed Zaloudek was accused of illegal possession, manufacture and sale of liquor.

He successfully defended himself on all counts but the manufacture charge, on which he was fined \$100.

In the course of cross-examination of witnesses, he and Deputy County Attorney Henry Beal engaged in a little verbal tilt, but were calmed by Magistrate Crawford.

### Musician Often Hit Her Instead of Keys, Wife Says

Instead of striking the ivory keys of his piano, her musical husband frequently struck her, Bess Morse, 23, alleges in petition for divorce from Warren Morse, 25, filed yesterday in district court by her attorney, Max Fromkin. She alleges cruelty.

The Morses were married in Council Bluffs December 30, 1920, according to the petition which states the husband now is in California playing in movie orchestras and cabarets. The wife is working in Omaha.

### Orpheum Receipts Will Go to Benefit Actors' Fund

Receipts of the Friday afternoon vaudeville performance at the Orpheum theater will be turned into the benefit actors' fund for the National Vaudeville Artists, Inc. More than 600 theaters in the United States and Canada will hold this benefit performance again this year as they have for past seasons.

Funds derived from this testimonial matinee are to provide each member of the National Vaudeville Artists with an insurance policy for \$1,000. There are more than 10,000 members.

### More Members Sought in Visiting Nurses' Body

Visiting nurses who are just completing a campaign for dollar-a-year memberships realize there are many Omahans who may have been overlooked in the solicitation for members and who desire to be affiliated with this humane work. These persons should get in touch with Visiting Nurse headquarters, 501 city hall, it is announced. The nurses hope to attain a membership of 5,000 and report they already are near their goal.

### Pawnshop Holdup Suspect Nabbed by Police in Chase

After a short chase through the Uncle Sam restaurant, a youth about 23, who gave his name as Gus Balazak, was arrested by Detectives Treglia, Lickert and Slezewski at Fourteenth and Douglas streets yesterday afternoon.

He is held for investigation as a suspect in connection with the two recent daylight pawnshop holdups. He told police he is a busboy at the American hotel.

### Creditors and Heirs Both Claim Money; Up to Court

Who is to get \$2,000 insurance left by Patrick King of Aurora, Neb., has been put up to B. H. Dunham, referee in bankruptcy, yesterday. Creditors and heirs both claim it. The insurance company, to avoid litigation, paid the sum into federal court, to be disposed of as decided by the hearing.

### Woman Seeks Word of Son

Mrs. N. R. Alexander of Newark, Ark., has appealed to police here to locate her son, J. R. Alexander, 23, of whom she has not heard since he was in Omaha last October.

### Organization Theme of Pastor Before Club

The missions of organization was the theme of an address by Dr. J. W. G. Fast, speaking yesterday at the Omaha Lions club luncheon at the Hotel Rome.

"Organization is a star of great magnitude in this modern day and life," Dr. Fast said. "Modern life is expressed through organization,

and organization is a splendid idea when its members put heart and soul into it and co-operate for the good of the individual and the development of personality. Nothing can be accomplished in a big way by individual effort. Men must stand together, for divided they fall." Dr. Fast recently succeeded Dr. Titus Love as pastor of the First Methodist church.

T. B. Dysart, attorney, asked the support of the club in the sale of bonds to finance the new Elks' clubhouse.

### Western Nebraskans Lead on Grand Jury

Western Nebraska men make up the largest part of the federal grand jury, impaneled Monday, to sit in Omaha May 1. Several stock fraud cases are to be considered for possible indictment. Sixty narcotic and a large number of liquor cases will be submitted.

Will Chauk and Walter E. Mote,

Chadron; S. R. Derryberry and C. M. Newton, North Platte; M. E. Gooch, Crawford; Lincoln G. Simon, Sidney; C. H. Mossman, Merriman, and H. C. Loutzenheiser, Gothenburg, are among the westerners. Others in the panel of 23 are: J. A. Amsherry, Mason City; Arnost Andrews, St. Paul; U. S. Cain, Fremont; Chris Hanson, Hemingford; Samuel Huston, Grand Island; Karl K. Kerl, West Point; J. F. McPharland, Rushville; E. E. Rusicka, Schuyler; R. A. Scott, Sutherland; R. A. Thomas, Pender; E. P. Thomp-

son, Lyons, and W. W. Wilkinson, Blair.

Omaha jurors are E. F. Brando, 506 South Thirty-first; Lester E. Klapp of the Klapp Printing company and Frank Wilcox, insurance man.

### Damage Suit Revived; Plaintiff Now Dead

An attempt to revive a \$100,000 damage suit, the original plaintiff in which is now dead, featured a hearing before Federal Judge Woodrough yesterday.

John O. Veiser and J. C. Travis filed the suit against the Missouri Pacific railroad on behalf of Albert Allen of York, Neb., injured in an auto accident at the Belt line cross-

ing and Twentieth street, April 8, 1921. Allen died the next day. Yale Holland, defense attorney, argued for dismissal because the man's name was Oda L. Allen, and because he was in no condition following the accident to authorize the filing of any suit in his name.

An recess was taken pending the arrival of the dead man's sister, who is expected to testify her brother told her to bring the suit. A partly-blind brother, who lives in Omaha, testified his brother was conscious very little of the time between the accident and his death.

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