

Motion to Dismiss Plea for Higher Phone Rate Fails

Representatives of Nebraska Towns Lose in Fight to End Hearing — Tax Question Raised.

Lincoln, Neb., May 22.—(Special Telegram)—The Nebraska Railway commission today refused to dismiss the application of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company for an increased rate as requested this morning by attorneys representing Nebraska towns in a fight against the attempt of the telephone company to increase its rate.

The motion for dismissal was made on the ground that the application was not made in the interest of the party most interested, the American Telephone and Telegraph company. Representatives of the towns claimed that at previous hearings it was shown that the American Telephone and Telegraph company owned a majority of the stock of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company and that the application for

an increase should be made in the name of the foreign corporation. The hearing on this application was resumed again today with representatives of Northwestern subscribers at Omaha, Grand Island, Alliance, Butte, Fullerton, McCook, Mason City, Norfolk, North Platte, Dannebrog and St. Paul being present.

The methods of the company in computing valuation of the various exchanges was under fire by representatives of the towns. It was agreed by all concerned that the total valuation of the company's holdings in Nebraska was \$15,000,000, although the question was raised as to whether the company paid taxes on that amount. Efforts to ascertain from W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner, the value of taxable property listed by the company were unavailing as the law provides that telephone company valuations shall be fixed in each county and not by the state. The state fixes the valuation of the railroads but not the telephone companies, Osborne asserted.

Federal Grand Jury to Reconvene Friday

The federal grand jury was recalled yesterday by United States Attorney Kinsler to convene in the federal building next Friday.

The jury at its last session three weeks ago returned indictments against many prominent men.

Judge Woodruff, Mr. Kinsler and Marshal Cronin will go to North Platte Wednesday night to convene court and hear arrangements, returning to Omaha by Friday morning.

Hixon Cited for Contempt in Failure to Pay Alimony

William Hixon, barber and former policeman under J. Dean Ringer, has been cited to appear before District Judge Sears to show cause why he should not be punished on a contempt charge.

According to Hixon's first wife, who filed affidavit, Hixon has not contributed to his children's support for nine years. She claims \$1,500 is due her now.

The decree gave Mrs. Hixon the custody of her two children. Mrs. Hixon states that Hixon who has remarried has deeded his property over to his second wife.

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SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF SNOWBALL LAMB BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER IX. Circus Tricks. Joinnie Green had been to the circus. And of course he wanted to try a good many tricks that he had learned there. At first he made old dog Sport perform for him. But



switch and brought the end of it across Joinnie Green's cheek. It was a stinging smack. And Joinnie Green cried "Ouch!" After that he stopped his day-dreaming until the milking was over. And then he went back to the woodshed and gazed at the four paper hoops leaning against the woodpile.

Again Snowball answered, "Baa-a-a!" when he attempted to get Spot to jump through a hoop of fire, the old dog refused flatly to play any more. That was why Joinnie went to the pasture and brought Snowball back to the farmyard.

"Now Snowball," said Joinnie Green, "I've been to the circus and seen ever so many kinds of trained animals—horses and elephants and dogs and monkeys and seals. But I didn't see any trained lamb. If you pay attention and learn what I try to teach you maybe you can and I can join the circus next year."

"All right!" cried Joinnie. "Now you just jump through this wooden hoop!" But it didn't prove to be as easy as all that. Joinnie Green had to work a long, long time before he succeeded at last in teaching Snowball to obey him. And then, after Snowball jumped through the hoop in as graceful a manner as anybody could quite satisfied.

"You'll have to learn to jump through a paper hoop if we're going to be taken along with the circus," he told Snowball. Again Snowball answered "Baa-a-a!"

"All right!" said Joinnie. "I'll make some paper hoops. And tomorrow we'll see what you can do." So back to the pasture went Snowball. And into the woodshed went Joinnie Green. And there he stayed all the rest of the afternoon. He laid newspapers down upon the floor and trimmed them neatly with his mother's shears. He made flour paste in the kitchen. And when milking time came he had four fine hoops all covered with newspapers.

Joinnie wanted to make one more. But his father came along and happened to nick up a barrel stave, remarking that it was just the thing to make a boy jump to his work. So Joinnie decided, for some reason or other, that four hoops would be enough to practice with. Of course when he and Snowball joined the circus they would need dozens of hoops. But the wasn't really any hurry about that.

So he went for a milk pail and trotted off to the barn, where he sat down on his three-legged stool and began milking the Muley Cow. He couldn't help thinking as he sat there and sent streams of milk tinkling down upon the bottom of the tin pail, what a fine scheme it would be to build a hoop big enough for the Muley Cow to jump through. It ought to be easy to teach her. For everybody knew that she was a famous jumper. She made more trouble, jumping the fence, than all the rest of Farmer Green's herd.

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