

### Dazey to Have Electric Lights

A movement has for some time been under way to build a line for the carrying of electric current from the power plant at Valley City to the towns of Sanborn, Rogers and Dazey, and the farms along the route of the line.

The Dazey Commercial gives the following account of the project:

The plan is as follows: A stock company will be organized to build the high tension line from the corporate limits of Valley City to the village limits of each of the three towns which will be served. Each town is to build its own lines within the corporate limits. These lines are to be leased by the company owning the high tension line and the patrons will be served by this company. The company has agreed to pay the villages an annual rental for their lines sufficient to take care of the interest on the bonds or warrants issued to construct the lines and also retire the said bonds or warrants in a period of twenty years. Thus it will not cost the taxpayers of the villages a single cent in excess taxes.

The rate which will be charged to the patrons will be 15 cents per kilowatt for lighting purposes and a power rate with a sliding scale down to eight cents per kilowatt. This is from three to ten cents per kilowatt cheaper than the rate which is being charged by any of the small town lighting plants near here and in addition we will have the advantage of twenty-four hour service while most of the small towns do not have any service except at night and many of them have service only for a few hours each night. The service which we will have will be exactly the same as that had by Valley City residents.

While Dazey is to be the end of the high tension line according to present plans, it is by no means the end of the possible future construction of the company. The company will be organized with a capital stock of \$50,000.00 and it is the intention of those promoting the deal that as soon as the Sanborn-Rogers-Dazey line has been completed and the service started that extensions will be built to other nearby towns as soon as a demand for electricity in those towns is received. And it is no remote possibility but a very near probability that within ten years every hamlet in the county of Barnes and practically every farm as well will be enjoying real twenty-four hour electric light service with Valley City as the distributing center.

Since Monday evening, Mr. Stee and Mr. Schmidt have visited each of the towns and are drawing up plans and specifications for each town, showing where the lines within the village limits will need to be located. They also have gone over the territory between Valley City and Dazey and have picked out three different routes where the line can be constructed and each will be about the same length so that the farmers who appear to be the most enthusiastic over the matter will be the ones who will have the line past their farms and we believe it is a conservative statement to make when we say that a farm with the line running past it and able to enjoy the advantages which twenty-four hour electric light and power service gives, is worth at least five dollars more per acre than it is without the service.

As soon as the necessary legal steps have been taken work will be begun on the construction of the pole line with the idea of having the "juice" turned on as soon as possible.