Krentler to Assume Presidency of GWU

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James A. Krentler, who recently stepped down as chairman of Great Western United Corp., has been named president of the Denver company.

Krentler also is president of Great Western Sugar Co., GWU's principal subsidiary.

Krentler was GWU chairman until Nov. 7, when his resignation and that of Robert G. Everett, GWU president, were announced after a special meeting in New York of GWU's board of directors.

That was the day brothers Herbert and Bunker Hunt of Dallas, Tex., announced they would make a tender offer for almost half of GWU's outstanding common stock. The Hunts already owned a sizable amount of GWU common stock, some of it acquired from Everett.

R. J. Adelman, a GWU director from Chicago, was named chairman and acting chief executive at the Nov. 7 meeting.

Krentler had been chairman for about three years, taking that post when William M. White, the founder of the company, stepped down as chairman and president. It was Everett who succeeded White as president.

A prospectus issued by GWU in August reported that Krentler owned 155,000 shares of the company's common stock. This amounts to about 7 per cent of the common outstanding.

Also announced Friday by GWU were the appointment of Jack B. Powell as executive vice president of Great Western Sugar Co. and the appointment of Robert A. Schwartz as GWU corporate secretary.

Powell has been with the sugar company for 27 years. He was named director of manufacturing in 1973 and was promoted to vice president of manufacturing in March 1974. Earlier in his career, he was district manager at Fort Morgan, Colo., and Fremont, Ohio, and factory manager at Mitchell and Gering, Neb., Brighton, Colo., and Fremont.

Schwartz has been GWU controller and continues in that post.

Succeeding Powell as director of manufacturing is Jack W. Eastman, who steps up from the post of area manufacturing manager. Eastman's area covered Great Western factories in north-central Colorado, Billings, Mont., and Lovell, Wyo.

Earlier in his career, he was factory manager in Fort Morgan and Sterling, Colo. He joined the sugar company in 1944.

Named assistant secretary of GWU was Eleanor Buffing, who continues in the post of corporate communications director. She joined GWU in 1973.