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## WATER RATE DISPUTE MAY BE SETTLED

### WATER COMPANY AND CITY DE-SIRIOUS OF REACHING A COMPROMISE RATE.

From Monday's Daily.  
The long standing dispute between the Plattsmouth Water company and the City of Plattsmouth seems to be reaching a satisfactory settlement, and if there are unexpected changes the matter will be settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

At the time of the expiration of the ten year period franchise and contract between the city and the Plattsmouth Water company, there arose a dispute over the rates to be charged for both the fire hydrant rental and the rate to the private consumers. The Water company prepared a list of rates greatly in excess of the rates charged before, and which was opposed by the city which also prepared a rate list practically the same as the rates that had been charged heretofore, with a few minor changes, and which was passed by the council as the existing rate in effect beginning with the expiration of the franchise last June 1st.

The Water company later commenced an action in federal court against the city's proposed rates, and at the same time asked the court to restrain the city from enforcing its proposed rates pending the outcome of the suit. Federal Judge Woodrough appointed a special referee to hear the evidence in the case and report back to him at an early date. He, however, denied the application for temporary restraining order, declaring the existing emergency was not sufficient to warrant it. This has left the rate schedule laid down by the city council the only one the company is able to force collection on, and will cause them some loss if a rate increase is granted, though many of those making payment at the old rate moving away and out of reach of further attempts at collection. However, it was not intended the litigation should be so long and drawn out as it has proven. Delays in the preparation of evidence to the special referee have held up the case and its court status is no further along than it was some time ago.

However, the latest delay has been due to efforts to effect a compromise of the situation and in this all parties will doubtless be better off in the end. Litigation is expensive and regardless of who foots the cost thereof, the city or the Water company, it will all eventually have to come out of the pocket of the water consumer, either in increased taxes or a higher water rate.

The experts secured by the city made a complete check of the returns of the Water company and the value of their plant, and the result proved the Water company should be entitled to an increase in rates sufficient to allow them an adequate return on their investment here—the gross increase being approximately 25 per cent.

Accordingly the parties to the suit have begun arrangements to reach some equitable settlement that will give the Water company its just increase and be correctly apportioned among the large and small consumers of the water. No one class should be forced to bear the brunt of this proposed increase, although that is one of the stumbling blocks in the way of an early adjustment of the rates.

Under the agreement proposed the gross increase will be somewhat under 20 per cent in advance of the present rate, but far below the rates set by the company, especially in the case of the small consumer who was singled out to pay the greater part of the increase.

The water company explains this by the statement that in the past, large consumers have come nearer paying the cost of their water than the smaller ones and that in the readjustment they have attempted to make each share its just amount, also that their rates are from a table worked out by the most competent rate-making engineers in the country. Do that as it may, the smaller consumer finds it hard to understand why his increase should run almost 100 per cent under the table of rates proposed by the company.

The compromise move is a good one and it is to be hoped the parties will get together. It is doubtful if a single water consumer in the city would want the company to furnish him water at a loss, but like many others in this wide world, he is from Missouri, and wants to be showed.

Let the company have its just dues, apportion them correctly between the small and large consumers and let's get this matter settled up so everyone can start the new year off with a clean slate on their water bill.

**BOX SOCIAL**  
There will be a box social given Friday evening, December 22, 1922, at the Kell school house in district No. 97. A program given by the pupils. A turkey given away. Everybody invited and ladies urged to bring boxes.  
LULA HARTMAN, Teacher.  
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## WINTER IS PREVAILING

While autumn has been lingering in the lap of winter in this locality for the past few weeks of the winter, the coy incident seems to have moved and left the situation entirely in the hands of old man winter. Yesterday morning the mercury sealed down to eight degrees below zero and the crisp, cold weather made the general public keep pretty close to the furnace and the old base burner. The snow predicted for this locality however failed to materialize.

## YEGG HELD HERE IS SENT BACK TO MISSOURI CITY

### Representative of Police Department Escorts Fred Raymer, Alias J. Burton, to St. Louis.

From Monday's Daily.  
Yesterday morning Fred Raymer, alias "John Burton," held here at the county jail for the past two weeks, was turned over to the representative of the circuit attorney's office of St. Louis, who arrived here Saturday night for the man wanted badly in the Missouri city.

The officer coming for Raymer was Jake Buckhannon, special officer assigned to the circuit attorney's office and the prisoner handcuffed to his captor, was taken back to St. Louis on No. 4 yesterday morning. Mr. Buckhannon states that Raymer has been well known in the criminal circles of St. Louis as a burglar of the "vegg" variety and had on two separate occasions been placed under arrest the last time being caught with a quantity of explosives as he was in this city. He secured his release from jail in St. Louis on a \$1,500 bond signed by David Israel, a St. Louis hotel man, and Raymer had then proceeded to skip out of the city, leaving the bondman to stand the charge.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

### Miss Jennie York and Mr. Cecil J. H. Parks Married at the Office of Judge Allen J. Beeson.

From Monday's Daily.  
This morning at the office of County Judge Allen J. Beeson occurred the marriage of Miss Jennie York and Mr. Cecil J. H. Parks, well known young people of this city.

The ceremony was performed with much impressiveness by the judge and the bridal couple was attended by Mrs. Herbert Thacker, sister of the bride, and Mr. Wells, a friend of the groom.

Following the wedding the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents in the south portion of the city where they were showered with the well wishes of their friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar York and has grown to womanhood here and where she has made a large circle of warm friends who learn with much pleasure of her marriage.

The groom has resided here for the past few months and is employed as a switchman in the local yards of the Burlington, and is a young man very highly esteemed by those who have the pleasure of knowing him. Mr. and Mrs. Parks will continue to make their home for the present at least.

## TEAM IS LOST

Saturday afternoon M. G. Stava, one of the farmers residing south of the city, drove in to look after the week-end trading, making the journey from the farm with his team and wagon. The team was hitched on one of the state streets and the owner proceeded to look after what business he had and which consumed some time and when he returned to get the team and start home they were missing. A search was made, but it failed to reveal the missing horses and wagon and the owner had concluded that they were gone for good and it was impossible to find a trace of them.

Later in the evening, shortly after 9 o'clock William Grebe noticed a team standing on one of the side streets and having been informed of the fact that the Stava team had been missing, proceeded to investigate and found that they answered the description of the horses belonging to Stava. They had evidently been driven by someone as they showed signs of travel but there was nothing missing from the wagon and the owner was well pleased when he was notified the team had been located.

Farm loans now made at 5%.—Seal S. Davis, 201 Plattsmouth State Bank Bldg.

## AGED RESIDENT CALLED TO HIS LAST REWARD

### GEORGE P. HORN PASSES AWAY LAST NIGHT—WAS NINETY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last night George P. Horn, one of the old residents of this community, completed the journey of life and at the ripe old age of ninety-one years and eleven months, passed to his final reward at the home of his son, Henry Horn in this city.

The life of Mr. Horn has been one filled with abundant blessings and the sorrows that enter into the making of the span of mortal life and to him was given the honor of living far beyond the allotted time of man, and which he has spent as a useful citizen of the community and a loving and kind father to his family. George P. Horn was a native of Germany, having seen the light of day February 3, 1831, in Hesse-Darmstadt and where his parents, Peter and Catherine Horn, were born and passed their lifetime. Of the family of eight children, George was the last of the original family, the others having all preceded him in death.

In common with the youth of his native land, the deceased was placed in school at the age of six years and received a practical education that would fit him for the battle of life and at an early age he was trained to the art of industry. On attaining his majority he began to desire a great opportunity for development along the lines of agriculture and he could find in his native land and decided to emigrate to America, the land of promise and opportunity to the young men and women of the old world at that time.

Leaving the old home he departed for Antwerp and secured a passage on a sailing vessel for the new world and after a stormy voyage of forty-seven days he arrived at New York and entered on the life that was to be crowned with abundant success.

Proceeding directly westward he settled in Tazewell county, Illinois, where he was somewhat of a pioneer as that country was then very thinly settled with the sturdy men and women of German ancestry who came there to make their home.

After a few years residence in Illinois Mr. Horn was married on October 9, 1856, to Miss Eva Volk, the daughter of John and Christine Poesinger Volk, pioneer residents of that community.

The wedded life of this estimable couple was spent in the pleasant farm life of the Illinois home and to their first child came eight children, one of whom, Conrad, died in infancy and another son, Isaac M., on attaining his majority, the happy life of the family was saddened on November 11, 1876, when the wife and mother was called to her long rest.

The death of the wife brought the breaking of the old home and in 1881 Mr. Horn came to Cass county, Nebraska, and purchased 329 acres of land in Eight Mile Grove precinct, but later returned to Illinois and in the year 1885 came here and has since made his home here.

After the death of the wife Mr. Horn made his home with his son, Henry Horn, and for fifty-nine years the son has looked after the care of the father in a most devoted manner, assisted by the other members of the family and their loving kindness softened the blow that the death of the wife had brought.

In the years that Mr. Horn has spent here he has been one of the highly esteemed residents of the community and has been one of the leaders in the agricultural development of the county.

A few years ago the family of Henry Horn moved from the farm to this city and the deceased has since resided here with them.

To mourn the passing of this good man there remains six children: Mrs. George Nickle, Pekin, Illinois; Geo. Horn, Omaha; Henry Horn, Plattsmouth; Mrs. W. A. Becker, Myrand; P. A. Horn, Cedar Creek; J. J. Horn, Creighton, Nebraska. There are twenty-two grandchildren and six great grandchildren surviving as well as a number of other relatives in this state and Illinois.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 18.—During a recent heavy snowstorm in eastern South Dakota hundreds of English Sparrows were found dead in different towns, including Spencer and Alexandria, and mystery surrounds the cause of their death. Other hundreds of the birds were flying about at night and appeared badly confused, bumping into the glass fronts of business houses, in many instances with such force as to stun them for a time. The deaths of so many sparrows are supposed to have been due to peculiar electrical conditions prevailing during the snowstorm.

## SUFFERS A RELAPSE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The report received here today from the Presbyterian hospital in Omaha states that Tom Robb, who has been here for several weeks suffering from the effects of the wounds received here in a shooting affray on November 15th, has suffered a slight relapse and his condition is not as satisfactory as it has been. Members of the family state that the wound has not healed in a satisfactory manner and the condition may make it necessary to perform another operation as it is thought that possibly a piece of cloth may have lodged in the cavity of the wound.

## BUYING GROWS BRISK AS THE HOLIDAY APPROACHES

### Attractive Store Windows Invite Shoppers Into Business Houses to Choose Xmas Gifts

As the Christmas season approaches the shopping of the season is apparently growing more brisk as the last gifts for the season are being sought for by the residents of the community. Despite the very extraordinary condition that has prevailed in the community for the past months, the trading is very pleasing and all of the stores seem to have done a good business with several more days yet to go before Christmas rolls around.

The merchants have been carrying on a well planned advertising campaign for several weeks that has stimulated the Christmas trade and attracted many to the city who otherwise would not have been here and once here the visitor realizes that there is real opportunity in the Plattsmouth stores to secure the very best lines of holiday goods at the lowest possible prices.

## WILL AID NEEDY OF PLATTSMOUTH CHRISTMAS DAY

### Elks Preparing to Put out the Usual Baskets to Homes of the City Where they are Needed.

With the practice of the precepts of the order, one of which is the giving of their aid and comfort where needed, the Elks lodge of this city is arranging to hold their annual custom of the distribution of baskets filled with Christmas cheer among the needy families of the city on the great day of the year.

This custom has been carried out for the past years by the local Elks lodge and as the result of their thoughtfulness many a home has been made happy where otherwise it would have been devoid of the cheer of the yuletide.

This is a splendid work and the Elks are to be congratulated on their spirit of helpfulness toward their fellow men.

## HOLDS FINE SERVICE

From Monday's Daily.

Last evening, Dr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, district superintendent of the Omaha conference of the Methodist church of Nebraska was here and held the regular quarterly meeting of the church board.

Dr. Kirkpatrick spoke at the evening service, his sermon being on "The Religion the World Needs Today," and was a very inspirational discourse of the troubles that are today infesting the earth and causing the weakening of the moral fabric of the world. The superintendent made an earnest plea for a return to the faith of the fathers and the practices of the Christian faith as a panacea for the troubles of the world.

Following the evening service, the conference of the church was held, the superintendent meeting with the different official boards of the church and discussing the plans for the coming year and the problems of the church here and the general state of the church.

## SEVEN ARRESTS MADE UNDER DRY LAW IN THREE COUNTIES

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—A big cleanup has been made of violators of the prohibition laws in three Nebraska counties by deputy state sheriffs assisted by local officers. The raids produced seven arrests and capture of six stills and 29 gallons of whiskey and 400 gallons of mash.

The officers discovered new tricks in the booze industry and Deputy State Sheriff Carl Schmidt had a revolver pushed into his face by a woman at Ravenna. The officers said they bought two gallons of whiskey from a farmer near Campbell that was made largely from corn cobs.

The time is short now to remember the friends far away. Send a card of greeting. You can find all kinds at the Journal at the most reasonable prices.

## WOMAN'S CLUB HAS ITS CHRISTMAS PARTY LAST NIGHT

### Mrs. I. W. Egenberger is Hostess to Ladies and Occasion is Marked by Christmas Tree.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last evening the Plattsmouth Woman's club held a delightful social session at the home of Mrs. John Linter, Sr., with Mrs. I. W. Egenberger as the hostess of the occasion and one of the most delightful gatherings of the year is reported by the members of the party.

It was the Christmas party and to add to the realism of the occasion each member was requested to bring a present not costing over a small amount that would be placed on the tree for distribution and much fun and delight was occasioned when the various gifts were handed out and opened by the members of the party. Adding to the Christmas spirit were the decorations of bells and the bright red and green of the holiday season. The tree and decorations were under the charge of the committee composed of Mrs. Christ and Miss Minnie Guthmann.

The program was in charge of Miss Florence Balser and Mrs. B. C. Doolan and was well arranged in every way and had a number of real treats for the party. The ladies joined in the singing of the Christmas carols while Mrs. E. G. Shallenberger and Mrs. Ed Roman gave a pleasing vocal duet, Miss Helen Perry acted in pantomime the song, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," which was very beautiful.

Miss Patricia Flynn gave one of her charming solo dancing numbers during the evening. The refreshment committee, composed of Mesdames H. A. Schneider, Edna Shannon and S. S. Chase, had been busy and served a very delicious repast that was fully appreciated by all of the party.

## FIRES 11 SHOTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE

### DeWitt Miller Found Kneeling with Automatic Rifle at His Feet—Was Out Hunting.

DeWitt, Neb., Dec. 18.—John Seek, 41, head miller at the DeWitt mills, fired eleven shots from an automatic rifle into his chest before he found a vital spot that killed him yesterday afternoon, according to Deputy Sheriff Robert Warren of Geary county, who was here today investigating the case.

Ralph W. Venrick, undertaker, said that a square, two and one-half by five inches, drawn around the region of Seek's heart, would contain all the bullet wounds.

An autopsy has not been performed, but Mr. Venrick said he believed that in his desperate attempt to end his life, Seek finally clipped a pulmonary vein and died from an internal hemorrhage. He apparently aimed at his heart, but Venrick said he did not believe he hit it. Six bullets went entirely through the body.

The shooting occurred while Seek and a companion, Joe Divicek, were out on a hunting trip.

"You go on ahead and scare up some rabbits," Divicek said Seek told him.

"I had just gone ahead thirty or forty yards when I heard a couple of shots," said Divicek. "I ran back and saw Seek down on one knee with the rifle aimed at his heart, his finger on the trigger, pumping bullets into his chest."

Divicek ran to town for aid, but when they returned the man was dead. Seek was a bachelor and had lived here twenty years. Close friends said he has acted queer of late and he is believed to have been a victim of hallucinations.

## PIONEER METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER DIES

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 18.—Rev. Jacob Adrance, 77, pioneer Methodist preacher of Nebraska and Colorado, and the first Methodist pastor to preach from a Fremont pulpit, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Burrill, here today.

He had a circuit of twelve pulpits when he came to Fremont in 1857. In 1859 he was transferred to Denver and delivered the first sermon ever preached in Denver.

Fifty years later he and his wife were honor guests at the jubilee anniversary of the occasion. In 1879 he located on a farm near Fremont, where he resided for 29 years. He is survived by two daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Word was received today of the birth of a granddaughter of Rev. Adrance in Long Beach on the day her grandfather passed away. Mrs. Adrance died 14 years ago. Funeral services are to be held in Fremont Thursday afternoon.

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## WILL BE MARRIED

From Tuesday's Daily.  
This morning H. R. Schmidt accompanied by Mr. Robert Stock of Murdock, was in the city and while here Mr. Stock secured the necessary license for his forthcoming marriage to Miss Esther Schmidt, which will take place at the Schmidt home on Thursday afternoon. Both of the young people are well known and very prominent in the social circles of Murdock.

## BURLINGTON ATHLETIC CLUB IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED

### Association for the Benefit of Employees of Railroad Here will be Launched at Once.

A new club is being organized in this city which will be known as the Burlington Athletic club. Its purpose as is announced will be to bring the shopmen together to spend pleasant and sociable evenings. The club rooms will consist of a music and reading room and a gymnasium. The entertainment programs will be varied, including dancing, luncheons and other forms of entertainment. The environments will be pleasant enough to bring out the employees of the railroad company and their ladies and it is hoped by those who have the proposition in charge to make it a real social club for the railroad people.

The proposition is now being placed before the shopmen and it is hoped to have the organization in operation in a very short time so that it will afford a pleasant recreation place during the coming winter months and evenings when the spirit of good fellowship will be found prevailing.

## GIVES SHOWER FOR BRIDE

From Monday's Daily.  
The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Smith in the south portion of the city was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Saturday evening when a large number of relatives and friends gathered to tender to Miss Erma Smith, one of the brides of the Christmas season, a very pleasant miscellaneous shower. The marriage of Miss Smith to Mr. Fred Baker will occur on Christmas day.

The evening was one of the rarest enjoyment and spent in games of all kinds at which much merriment was derived and the bride to be was showered at an appropriate hour with handsome and useful presents from the friends who were in attendance. During the evening a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served that added to the pleasures of the occasion.

## CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Our old friends J. M. Young and wife are today celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary quietly at their home here. Mr. Young is now sixty-nine years of age and Mrs. Young sixty-five and they are enjoying to the utmost the happy event that marks their marriage. They were married in this city on December 19, 1897.

**From All of Us to All of You!**

We can't get around to say "Merry Christmas" in person to all our friends.

So we take this opportunity of extending to you and yours the very heartiest holiday greetings from every one of us.

May this Christmas be the most joyful you ever knew!

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME  
PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA  
Member Federal Reserve

## ENJOYS A VERY FINE CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

### W. C. T. U. Entertained at Home of Mrs. Charles Troop Yesterday Afternoon Pleasantly.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U. were very delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Mrs. Charles Troop on Chicago avenue at the annual Christmas party of the society and which was quite largely attended by the membership.

In keeping with the occasion the rooms were attractively arranged with the decorations of the Christmas season, a large tree and the mantelpiece hung with stockings bearing out the thought of the season of good fellowship and kindness. During the afternoon the ladies enjoyed a number of very interesting and pleasing Christmas stories given by Mrs. John F. Gorder, Mrs. J. E. Wiles and Mrs. H. G. McCluskey which were given in the usual charming manner of these talented ladies.

As a feature of the afternoon two duets were given by Misses Edith Farley and Catherine Schneider, who were accompanied by Mrs. G. L. Farley at the piano and this added to the very pleasant afternoon. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served that completed the fullness of an afternoon of both profit and pleasure.

## SERIAL NUMBERS OF BILLS BROADCAST BY WIRELESS

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—James W. Helm, cashier of the Kansas City federal reserve bank, stated here tonight that he had telegraphed the board of governors for authority to offer a reward for the apprehension of bandits who stole \$260,000 at the Denver mint.

R. B. Jones of R. B. Jones & Sons of this city, with whom the loss is insured, announced a reward, but did not designate what it would be, other than saying it would be "liberal."

C. A. Worthington, deputy governor here, said tonight that the entire amount stolen comprised \$5 notes of the Kansas City federal reserve bank, the serial numbers of which were broadcast tonight by radio. The notes, Mr. Worthington said, were new and crisp.

The serial numbers were from 20-852,001 to 20-876,000 and from 20-940,001 to 20-956,000.

## DAVENPORT KLANSMEN GIVE MONEY ON VISITS

Des Moines, Dec. 18.—The Ku Klux Klan made its debut in Davenport Sunday at St. John's Methodist church. During the evening services five Klansmen, fully robed, marched up to the altar and left a letter giving the principles of the order and \$25 in greenbacks to the Rev. Frank Court, the pastor.

A similar visit was made to the Salvation Army meeting, where \$25 was also left.

Smoking sets, humidors and ash receivers in all styles and prices at the Journal office.