

THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE

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TELEPHONE.

Since the publication of our last issue in which we commented on the telephone monopoly, we have been asked to be "fair" with local enterprise. We intend to be. This paper will go as far in support of Falls City and its business interests as any other publication. But, if to be fair means that we must remain silent in the interest of a few men, who are injuring not only a large number of our citizens, but are injuring the city as well, we must decline.

This paper desires to succeed. We would be very glad to have the free use of a long distant telephone. We would greatly appreciate the printing of the local company, both of which have been offered us since the publication of last weeks paper. But if to accept such favors means that we are to defend this monopoly when it conflicts with the business interest of Falls City, again we must decline. We will have to raise enough money in some way to pay our telephone bills and try to struggle along without their printing account.

One further preliminary word; This paper is not for sale. Neither can it be frightened from following its sense of duty by threats against it, its business or the business of its friends. We have every intention of being fair but if a guerrilla warfare is to be inaugurated because we choose to put the public in possession of facts of interest we will try to meet it in a legitimate but none the less effective way.

We contend that a monopoly is wrong in theory and practice.

There is a telegraph ordinance in this city under which the Western Union telegraph company does business. Every other telegraph company may come into Falls City on the same terms under which the Western Union is operating.

Is there a valid reason why the telephone ordinance should be so radically different from the telegraph?

The Bell telephone company was given its franchise in this city without charge. This company is one of the most arrogant and grasping of western corporations. It leaves nothing of value in Falls City but takes much of value out of Falls City.

The Falls City telephone company obtained its local franchise without the payment of a dollar. The inter-state telephone company offered fifty per cent reduction to the local patrons if it were given equal rights with the Bell company and the local company. At the suggestion of the local company this was denied by the city council.

This reduction which such competition would put into the pockets of local patrons now goes to the Falls City company under its contract with the inter-state. The city gets nothing, the citizens get held up, and we are asked to be fair and say nothing about such a graft.

The three farmers mutual companies along whose lines there are many hundreds of farmers who desire admission to this city. This has been denied them. These farmers are patrons of this city. They leave many thousands of dollars with our merchants every year. Do you not think we could well afford to be as generous with them as we are to the Bell company and the local company?

To let in the Rulo, Verdon and the Dawson-Salem farmers companies, will extend the business limits of Falls City to every home on these lines. It will permit several hundred farmers to talk with our business men from their own home. It will add greatly to our market and increase the business of every physician, every lawyer, every grain merchant, every undertaker, every butcher, every dry goods merchant in fact every business man in Falls City. And all this is to be denied in the interest of a few wealthy grasping men.

When the Dawson-Salem company asked permission to enter this city its interests were made known to the council by such men as Mr. Grush, Mr. Hummel, Mr. Wertz, Mr. Ayers and others. The writer has personal knowledge of two farmer subscribers on this line who were formerly regular customers of this city, who have not traded a dollar here since the action of the council and because of such unjust discrimination. We have heard of many others who have pursued the same course.

The streets of Falls City belong to the people of Falls City. Is there any reason why they should be used to the detriment of the people who own them, and in the interest of the few men who control the local company?

Suppose a merchant should ask for the passage of an ordinance putting a tax of one thousand dollars on every other man who desires to conduct a like business in order that the merchants should enjoy a monopoly? What

**STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Southeastern Nebraska Building and
Loan Association.**
OF AUBURN, NEB., ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1904.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
First mortgage loans	\$140,140 82	Capital stock paid up	\$149,745 09
Stock loans	1,050 00	Reserve fund	8,000 00
Real Estate	7,853 16	Undivided profits	6,769 37
Furniture and stationery	118 45	Interest, premiums and fines	16,982 30
Cash	5,868 22	Advance interest and premium	141 85
Delinquent interest, premiums and fines	4,580 42	Certificate fees	81 00
Expenses and taxes paid	4,504 74	Rents	340 35
Dividends paid and credited	12,635 90		
Real estate sold on contract	3,458 25		
Real estate bought for building site	1,850 00		
Total	\$182,059 96	Total	\$182,059.96

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1904

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand July 1, 1903	\$ 7,300 97	Loans	\$ 46,109 82
Dues on running stock	15,383 19	Expenses	4,334 13
Interest, premiums and fines	17,298 03	Stock redeemed	40,415 05
Loans repaid	47,024 00	Cash on hand	5,868 22
Full paid stock	22,600 00	Dividend on F.P. stock	7,139 09
Rents	340 35	Insurance and taxes	78 00
Certificate fees	81 00	Real estate purchased	9,317 18
Insurance and taxes	16 15	Undivided profits	142 02
Real estate sales	2,721 50		
Profit and withdrawal fees	638 32		
Total	\$113,403 51	Total	\$113,403 51

STATE OF NEBRASKA }
Nemaha County } ss.

I, R. M. Gillan, secretary of the above named Association, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said Association is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. GILLAN, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of July, 1904.
CHAS. O. FRENCH, Notary Public.

This Association has grown to be one of the strong financial institutions of southeastern Nebraska. By its liberal plan of operation many of this and other towns are today enjoying the pleasure of their own homes and paying for them with the money usually paid for rents. Call and see us if you are thinking of buying or building a home and stop paying rent, or if you will begin now and take stock in this association it will only cost you 25c, 50c or \$1 per month on the share (or \$100) and this will earn for you not less than 10 per cent per annum, and at maturity you can draw out 100c on the \$ and buy or build you a home.

WHITAKER BROS., Agents
Falls City, Nebraska

would the community think of such a brazen proposition? Why is not one line of business as much entitled to such unlawful protection as another?

We have heard the claim made within the last few days that the local company is not prospering. We are willing to meet this statement if the company makes such contention. Suffice to say here that the stock of this company has been increased quite recently from five thousand dollars to twenty thousand dollars and that a further increase to thirty thousand is now in contemplation, the extra ten thousand to be sold to residents of Falls City in order that the local influence of the company may be enhanced.

Understand us, we have no objection to a man making money. We are not objecting to the local company making money. We do

object to the city council subserving the interest of this company by protecting it in its monopoly to the palpable injury of every business interest in the city and to the annoyance and inconvenience of the farmers upon whom the financial welfare of Falls City depends. Repeal this ordinance.

How many persons know the meaning of the letter R at the head of all physicians prescriptions? How many physicians know what it means? It is derived from the Latin word recipe, meaning to take. The little dart over the tail of the R is the symbol of the god Jove, the Latin god of Jupiter, and invests the writer with authority from this pagan god. Therefore the letter R in prescriptions properly read "by Jupiter take this." Thus civilization linked with a and a pagan age.