

PROTEST AGAINST FRANCHISE

Omaha Suburban Company's Scheme Meets with Some Opposition. Associate Committee's Meeting Proves an Occasion for Opening Pack-ages of Contributions.

At the weekly meeting Friday of the women who are interested in the coming Elks' fair Mrs. J. Henry McDonald presided, the chairman of the Associate Ladies' committee.

The apparent inclination of the majority members of the county board to favor the franchise asked for by the Omaha Suburban Rapid Transit company has aroused some of the other franchise applicants to action.

Before the regular meeting of the board the commissioners held a secret session for more than an hour, at which the franchise proposition was thoroughly discussed.

At the regular session the board transacted considerable routine business. The bond of Harry C. Miller, county clerk-elect, was approved in the sum of \$5,000 with the American Bonding and Trust company as surety.

Invest Their Cash in Farms. Nebraska and Iowa find in Land Their Surest Source of Profit.

Farmers of Nebraska and Iowa are taking the sensible course and investing their money in something they have practical knowledge of.

More Consolidation Talk. Committee of Fifteen Meets and Discusses Plan Submitted by Sub-Committee.

The committee of fifteen appointed to prepare a plan for the consolidation of the municipalities of the eastern part of Douglas county met at the Commercial club rooms yesterday afternoon to consider the report.

ATTRACTIONS FOR ELKS' FAIR

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Considerable interest was given to the caucus by the report that the three new democratic members would co-operate with the majority represented in the caucus in the organization of the board, bringing to the members the subject of the new fifteen.

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BARNARD FOR PRESIDENT

Result of Caucus of Majority of Members of School Board. Committee Chairmanships Assigned.

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IRRIGATION AFFECTS MILLS

Increased Use of Water Causes Decrease of Power and Handicaps the Factories.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The use of the water of the Republican river in western Nebraska and eastern Colorado for irrigation purposes has increased to such an extent during the past year that the milling industry in southern Nebraska and northern Kansas is beginning to suffer.

W. G. Guthrie of Superior, Neb., and several Kansas millers are now making preparations to take legal steps to prevent the further use of the river for irrigation purposes.

His Hundredth Anniversary. Coffeyville Doctor Claims to Be the Oldest Practicing Physician in the World.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Dr. John P. Wood of Coffeyville, celebrated his 100th birthday today. Dr. Wood claims to be the oldest practicing physician in the world.

SALE OF THE RAMBLER MINE. Amalgamated Copper Company Buys It for Half a Million.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—C. M. Kirtledge of Omaha has secured the purchase of the Ramblar mine, which is situated in the Douglas copper district, south of this place.

Laying His Plans Early. Captain Herreshoff Preparing Design for New Ninety-Foot Cup Defender.

BRISTOL, R. I., Jan. 4.—Anticipating another international yacht race, Captain Herreshoff, it is understood, has plans under way to build a new ninety-foot defender.

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MAYOR WILL STICK TO POST

Somewhat Angry Over Attempt to Railroad Electric Light Contract. Insists That Contract Is Not Fair.

"If the mayor of Omaha were to take a trip to Council Bluffs an attempt would be made in his absence to push through some sort of a contract or franchise. During the remainder of my term I will not leave the city for five months."

Mayor Moore is somewhat angry over the attempt to railroad the electric light contract. "After the underhand attempt to put this contract through I shall be more insistent than ever concerning the agreement to be entered into between the city and the New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Light company."

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BOWLERS KEEP ALLEYS WARM

Omaha Hang on to Lead of City League and Germans Lose Second Place.

Club Standing. W. L. P. C. H. Tot. Av. Omaha 229 743 874 37.11 884 15-39.

Another week of play is that the Germans lost to the St. Charles in the struggle for third place, both being a tie for the position last week.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS POSTOFFICE

Congressman Smith Fails to Give Any Light on Contest. Treynor is After a Third Term.

Congressman Smith, before leaving for Washington Friday night omitted to give out any information as to his intentions regarding the postoffice appointment in Council Bluffs.

The two candidates for the office of postmaster are the present incumbent, J. M. Treynor, and State Senator A. Hazen.

On the other hand, the reappointment of Mr. Treynor is being urged by a large number of the leading business and professional men of the city.

Route of the Great Western. President Colt of Fort Dodge Road Tells How New Line Will Cross City.

President J. W. Colt of the Mason City & Fort Dodge road was in Council Bluffs yesterday looking over the route which the extension of the Great Western will take through this city.

Deserter from Fort Crook. James Smith, Arrested as Vagrant, Admits He Belongs to Company B.

James Smith, arrested Friday by Officer Gallagher as a vagrant, admitted yesterday that he was a deserter from the United States army at Fort Crook and he will be taken back there Monday.

Register of Deeds is Busy. South Dakota County Reports Volume of Real Estate Transactions for Year.

Huron, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The report made by the register of Deeds for Beadle county during the year 1901 is one of the best ever made and indicates to some extent the vast amount of business done in real estate.