

ISSUE IN CITY LIGHT PLANT

Safeguarding Life and Property and Enforcing of Law Are Paramount.

PRESENT PRIVILEGES GOT BY DECEPTION

Edward Rosewater Answers President Nash by Citing a Few Undeniable Truths of Recent Municipal History.

To the letter of Mr. Nash of the electric lighting company, the following open letter has been addressed in reply: OMAHA, Oct. 24.—To E. A. Nash, President Omaha Electric Light and Power Company: Your evasive disclaimer of publicly naming me as the selfish instigator of the proposition to relieve your company from the task of supplying Omaha with electric arc lamps at the end of your contract, December 31, 1904, simply raises a question of veracity between yourself and a gentleman who is not on the staff of The Bee and could have no motive for misrepresenting you.

Facts Controvert Denials. Do you deny that you secured the franchise for electric light wiring conduits by playing a confidence game on the mayor, council and the public generally by the assurance that "western capitalists identified with your electric light and power company" would build the "Platte river power canal" if your company were granted the right to lay conduits in Omaha?

Responsibility for Life and Property. You will, of course, deny that you have obstructed the passage of the ordinance to compel proper wiring and are not responsible for the impending increase in fire insurance rates. I presume you will persist that all these complaints were baseless and malicious, and even if true that municipal ownership of the water works would be the true remedy.

For myself and many others the cheapening of electric lights is of comparatively secondary consideration. (6) public safety and public safety cannot be assured until the municipality does its own public lighting. In support of this assertion I need only point the clause in your contract which calls for one circuit to run into the city electrician's office for testing electric light currents.

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and Mrs. Frances W. Shebert of Chicago were united in marriage, Rev. E. Combs Smith, pastor of the church, officiating.

AGED MAN AND WIFE IN COURT

Husband Gets Fifteen Days on Complaint of Woman, Who Charges Drunkenness.

A little scene in the domestic drama of Jacob Neu and wife has been enacted in police court. The aged couple appeared before the police magistrate; the husband on the charge of being drunk and abusing his wife and the wife as complaining witness against her illegitimate husband. Neu was sentenced to fifteen days by Police Judge Berka.

As the man was being led back to the detention room he glanced at the bent form of his wife, who was weeping her way out of the court room, wiping a tear away with the corner of her shawl as she edged her way out. The husband went one way; the wife the other. The pathos of the scene was infectious. Even the regular court habitués were moved to a sense of pity with the scene. The next prisoner was called and the mills of justice were again in motion.

THREE MORE WANT DIVORCE

Two Women and One Man Ask Court to Sever the Tie that Binds.

The day brings forth the usual number of divorce proceedings in the district court. Edward C. Witting asks to be separated from Rose Witting who, he says, on one occasion hit him with a hatchet and was guilty of great cruelty at numerous other times. This couple was married during November, 1896, in Omaha.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Twelfth and Ohio streets, is holding a rummage sale this week. Dora Wilson has filed a petition for divorce from Charles Wilson. Non-support is the cause and the plaintiff asks the custody of the three children. The pair were married during 1897 in Council Bluffs.

FIRST KILLING FROST COMES

Precipitation is Sunday, Little Later Than Usual, but Nothing is Hurt.

"The first killing frost of the season (with nothing to kill) and in fact the first severe frost in this immediate locality, visited us Sunday morning," vouchsafed Weather Forecaster Welsh. "There were one or two light frosts during September, but our first heavy frost was Saturday night."

BOOTLEGGING IS THE CHARGE

Alleged Selling of Liquor to Indians Results in Arrest of Three Parties.

Deputy United States Marshal Eides came down from Niobrara Saturday night, bringing with him Ulysses Grant Zimmerman, charged with selling liquor to Indians. Zimmerman was taken to preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner B. F. Chambers at Niobrara, and in default of \$300 bail was remanded to the Douglas county jail, to await the action of the federal grand jury.

TWO WRECK BLOCK TRACK

Serious Accidents on Southern Pacific Delay Trains on the Overland Route.

Two serious wrecks on the Southern Pacific have inconvenienced the trains on the Union Pacific. All the eastbound trains have been from four to six hours late, and No. 4, due here at 6:35 Sunday afternoon,

UNCLE SAM NEEDS MUCH HELP

Government Offers Many Openings to Young Men and Women.

CHANCES GIVEN IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

Various Classes of Work in Various Parts of Country Are Available for Those Who Pass Examinations.

"There never was a time when this government offered as many tempting means of employment to young men and women," said a prominent civil service government official. "These openings are to be found in the civil service. They are of various classes and in various places, all offering pleasant employment at lucrative or promising salaries. I don't know what better a young man or woman of good character and a fair education who has to make his or her way in the world can do than enter the civil service. The positions are there as long as they do their work properly and they are given excellent hope of reward for faithful services by the promise of promotion."

TOO MANY OF SAME NAME

Neils Alfred Peterson Changes Cognomen in Order to Get His Mail.

Neils Alfred Peterson now comes into court, bringing his name in a suit case, and asks the district bench of Douglas county to grant him a separation from this ancient and honorable title and to bestow upon him the more pleasing name of Neils Alfred Hollinbeck.

ABLE TO SEE WOODEN MONEY

Man Not So Drunk but That He Knew the Change He Was Getting.

"Faddy Kelley, you are charged with being drunk, what do you plead?" asked Police Judge Berka of the prisoner. "Judge, I was cleaning a cistern on Friday and Saturday and was just after coming downtown when I met an old friend whom I had not seen for a week and I says to me friend—"

SHERIFF COMES FOR MAN

Oskaloosa Officer Takes Prisoner Arrested in Omaha Back to Face Charge.

Sheriff Albert Jones of Oskaloosa, Ia., returned with Joe Johnson, arrested in Omaha last week by Sheriff Neil Johnson, who is wanted at Oskaloosa on the charge of grand larceny. It is said he stole a quantity of goods from his roommate. He was arrested while calling for the plunder at an Omaha express office.

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did not reach Omaha until Monday noon.

STEAM COAL PRICES BAD

Market Demoralized Because of Cheap Rates to Some Points.

RAILROAD TARIFFS ARE SECONDARY NOW

Kansas City Glutted with Product and Result is Omaha is Called on to Absorb Part of Surplus.

Prices for steam coal are so badly demoralized that the matter of rail freightage doesn't play a very important part at this time. The large users of steam coal, the packing houses, the smelter and street car company, are protected by contracts and do not care particularly whether the Northwestern cut is met or not. Railroaders are not accumulating steam coal as they have been in the habit of doing for some time. They are not using it for ballast and they are not burning nearly as much for fuel, the dry weather inducing the purchase of block coal. The shutting down of many mills all over the country through the impossibility of getting wheat to the mill except at higher prices than the millers feel warranted in paying, also caused a large amount of surplus steam coal to be thrown on the market. Kansas City has been glutted with the fuel, the cheap rates the roads are giving that city being responsible therefor. The result of the glut in Omaha has been called upon to absorb much of the surplus. "There is so little profit in steam coal dealers cannot afford to store it, pay demurrage or handle it more than once," said a local dealer. The result is coal has been sent here in the last few weeks and sold for the freight and demurrage and consumers can about make their own prices. These conditions are not normal and a change in the weather to winter temperature would quickly increase the demand and absorb the supply. The steam coal market is not yet having any material effect on prices of other grades of coal.

OPERATIONS A FAD.

Patient Gradually Awakens to the Fact the Latest fad in operations has been the appendicitis fad; before that the fad for rectal operations (piles, etc.) held sway. Hundreds of patients were frightened and hurried into hospitals, operated upon and robbed of their last dollar, when the trouble was a simple case of hemorrhoids or piles only, easily cured at home with a simple remedy costing but fifty cents a box.

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