

NASH TO ASK FOR FRANCHISE

Electric Light Company to Go Before City Council Monday.

TO ASK FOR FIFTY-YEAR GRANT

Will Offer to Pay Bonus of Thousand Dollars a Month into the City Treasury for Privilege of Doing Business.

Negotiations between F. A. Nash, president of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, and certain members of the city council have progressed so far that the light company will petition the city council to grant it a franchise to do business in Omaha at the meeting of the committee of the whole next Monday afternoon, unless present plans are changed. The electric light company franchise matter is now in the higher courts.

A tentative draft of the franchise has been drawn and circulated among members of the council, who have been invited to confer with Mr. Nash. The draft asks for a franchise for a period of fifty years, for which the electric light company agrees to pay \$1,000 monthly during the life of the franchise into the city treasury.

While the company asks a fifty-year franchise, it is not in the least willing to take one for twenty-five years, and agrees to pay a fixed sum each month, in addition to the royalties and occupation taxes. The royalties and occupation taxes, however, are not mentioned in the franchise as drafted.

Other Franchises E. P.

Rumors that the Central Bluffs Street Railway company has decided to ask for a lighting franchise has been given credence by the officials of the electric light company to such an extent that in retaliation they have decided to ask for a street railway franchise. Officials of the company have stated that sufficient money has been subscribed by Omaha capitalists to float a company for street car purposes, but the request for the franchise is contingent on the action of the street railway company in asking a lighting franchise.

Lively competition is anticipated if the lighting company asks the franchise to present its petition to the council Monday afternoon. Arrangements have been made to have attorneys for the company at the meeting to present the company's side of the case.

The street railway company, it is said, is conversant with every move made by the electric light company and will have its representatives at the meeting also. The latter company has entered the lighting business, at the present time supplying power to many private concerns in the downtown district.

No discrimination in rates is promised by the lighting company. It has proposed to grant it. It agrees to give the same rates to consumers of equal amounts of light or power under similar conditions and taboos all rebates. All consumers will have the same service and no favors are to be shown.

City May Use Poles.

Certain privileges are also granted. The company agrees to permit the poles and standards to be used for the purpose of placing and maintaining wires that may be necessary for the use of either the fire or police departments.

The city is given authority to reasonably extend the present conduit service and the company agrees to lay conduits in such districts in advance of paving. The service is to be metered and the city is given the right to test the meters at any time. However, service which is furnished on a flat rate, is exempted from this provision. The city comptroller is given authority to examine the books of the company at any time to verify the statements as to expenses and earnings.

Amount of Royalty Paid.

For the year 1910 the electric light company paid to the city treasurer \$15,562.82 in royalties, and for the first four months of the year, \$3,765.89 as occupation tax. For 1910 the company paid \$19,123.36 in royalties and \$18,071.57 for occupation tax.

The draft of the franchise, as drawn by the Electric Light company, and handed out to members of the council follows:

Section 1.—That the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, its successors and assigns, is hereby granted the right and authority to construct, install, maintain, acquire, use, maintain and operate in, under, through, over and upon the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of Omaha all necessary, convenient or appropriate conduits, poles, standards, wires, cables, lamps, appliances and appurtenances for the purpose of supplying and selling electric current for lighting, heat, power and all other commercial and domestic purposes and for the purpose of conducting a general electric light, heat and power business.

Section 2.—The rights, privileges, authority and franchise hereby granted shall be and remain in force for a period of fifty years from and after the final approval of this ordinance by the electors of the city of Omaha and its acceptance by said company, but the rights, privileges, authority and franchise hereby granted shall not be exclusive.

Section 3.—Upon the acceptance of said company of the franchise hereby granted by the city of Omaha all of the rights, privileges and authority of said company under its present franchise and any other franchise heretofore granted by said city, shall be terminated and extinguished.

Section 4.—Said company shall make no discrimination in rates between consumers of an equal amount of light or power, with the same demand and under the same conditions, and rebates are prohibited.

Section 5.—The city comptroller of the city of Omaha shall have the right and power to examine the books of said company for the purpose of verifying the statements as to earnings and expenses.

Section 6.—The city of Omaha shall have the right to reasonably extend the present conduit district and in such districts so reasonably extended from time to time said company shall lay conduits at its expense of paving.

Section 7.—The service furnished by said company (except as hereinafter provided) shall be metered and the city of Omaha shall have the right to test all meters at any time. The provisions of this section shall not apply to service which said company may furnish at a flat rate or to service of a similar character which it may hereafter furnish at a flat rate.

Section 8.—All conduits, poles, standards, wires, cables, lamps, appliances and appurtenances shall be so constructed and maintained by said company as to conform to such reasonable regulations as may be now or hereafter provided by ordinance.

Section 9.—Said company shall at all times when so requested by the authorities of the city of Omaha permit its poles and standards to be used for the purpose of placing and maintaining thereon any wires that may be necessary for the use of the fire department or police of said city.

Section 10.—Said company shall pay to the city of Omaha the sum of \$1,000 monthly throughout the period covered by this ordinance.

MUST NOW FACE TWO CHARGES

Will Whelan is Held for Theft of Automobile and Also for Forgery.

Two charges, based on alleged bogus checks and the theft of an automobile, stand against Will Whelan, arrested Wednesday morning.

Omaha Boy Forges Ahead by His Persistent Industry

Hard work and persistent effort has landed an Omaha boy to the position of assistant cashier of the Live Stock National bank at the age of 25 years. Saturday, Frederick W. Thomas takes up his new duties in the reorganized bank at South Omaha.

Since a youth industry has been a marked characteristic of Mr. Thomas who went through the Omaha High school in three years, a little more than when he went to Germany and studied for a year. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in three years and two months.

Graduating from the University of Nebraska three years ago he worked with his father for a year and went into the Corn Exchange National bank when that bank was made a national institution. Last October he was married to Miss Marion Heiler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Heiler.

Mr. Thomas is one of the youngest men in the entire west to hold such a responsible position as that which he has accepted with the South Omaha bank.



FREDERICK W. THOMAS.

Thirty Thousand Trees to Be Given Away on Saturday

Interest in Arbor Day to Be Aroused by One of Omaha's Leading Stores.

To the end that Arbor Day in Omaha shall be a success, not only in the number of trees planted along the public thoroughfares, but in the crystallization of a spirit of civic pride among the school children, 30,000 catalpa will be given away Saturday at the Brandels stores. The principal object is to supply the school children, but trees will be given to others who apply at the store on that day.

By way of example to create interest in the Arbor Day movement, Arthur Brandels has planned to plant rows of catalpa trees on both sides of the road for two miles leading to his farm north of the city.

As has often been expressed by Omahans who are filled with civic pride and who are doing all in their power to beautify the city, there has not been sufficient interest shown in the past in tree planting. All of the most beautiful cities of the country are those in which trees have been set out in abundance and cultivated. In making this offer to the school children it is the desire to arouse the growing generation to the importance of beautifying the city, which some day will become theirs.

A great deal of interest is already being taken in the movement by the boys and girls, and indications are that there will be an immense crowd on hand Saturday to receive the gifts offered. The tree distribution will be an all-day affair, conducted on the Douglas street side of the store, and the firm hopes there will be enough trees to go around.

NOVELTIES ARE VERY SCARCE

Omaha Trade Boosters Having Difficulty in Securing Souvenirs for the Trip in May.

VALUABLE PRIZE DOG IS SHOT

Coach Dog of High Degree is Murdered by Some Unidentified Person Tuesday Night.

A highbred Dalmatian dog, the property of L. M. Peck, 291 Manderson street, was shot and killed by some unidentified person Tuesday night.

Pioneer a Vestryman of Trinity Forty-Five Years

Henry W. Yates, selected for the twenty-fifth time senior warden of Trinity cathedral, Omaha, has been an officer of that church for forty-five years. He became a vestryman in 1867, and from a vestryman was elected senior warden twenty-five years ago.

Mr. Yates is also treasurer of the Trinity cathedral chapter of the diocese of Nebraska, of the Episcopal church, and is a trustee of the Clarkson hospital.

Resides being one of the prominent churchmen of Omaha, Mr. Yates is one of the pioneer citizens of Nebraska. He came here before the civil war, and in 1862 established the Nebraska National bank of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates are at present in London, having been making a tour of southern Europe and Palestine. They sail for New York Saturday and will return to Omaha Monday.

Other officers elected by the vestry for the coming year are: Junior warden, E. W. White; vestrymen, F. H. Davis, S. D. Barkalow, G. C. French, George H. Thummel, C. C. George and Philip Potter.

ROCK PILE READY FOR WORK

City Engineer Has the Rock and Hammers and Lot.

AWAITS NOW THE LABORERS

Council Establishes It by Resolution After Mayor Dahlman Had Voted One of Similar Nature Last Week.

The rock pile, which was ordered established by the city council Tuesday, is all ready for business. City Engineer Craig stated Wednesday morning that the police judge can send hoboes and petty criminals who tarry in the city jail to the haven of labor when he sees fit.

The fence around the two lots on Tenth and Nicholas streets, where the rock pile has been located, has been erected and sufficient rock provided to furnish employment for many weeks. Hammers will be provided on application to the city engineer, who states that he has enough on hand to supply the immediate needs.

Work was begun on completing the details last week, after the council passed a resolution which was afterwards vetoed by the mayor. Despite the disapproval of the chief executive the council got a plain resolution through Tuesday night, creating a rock pile.

Freeman Continues to Show Improvement

Victim of Shooting Has Chance for Recovery—Both Women Are Still Held.

Recovered from the effects of the anesthesia administered Wednesday, Earl Freeman, though still in a dangerous condition, was said to be much improved Wednesday morning. The wounded conductor is firm in his conviction that he will recover from the wounds inflicted by his wife, Mrs. Freeman was in a much calmer frame of mind Wednesday morning at the police station.

SMITH BEFORE FEDERAL JURY UNDER WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

First Criminal Case to Come Before the Federal Jury at the April Term.

The first criminal case to be taken before a jury in the April term of the United States district court was begun this morning, when Frank Smith was brought up for trial for the alleged transportation of women for immoral purposes. The trial will last for two days. Smith is alleged to have brought Eva Latham from Kansas City, Mo., to Omaha early this year. He was arrested after having been in the city but a few days. Eva Latham was also arrested and the two people have been in the county jail since. Smith was brought before Judge W. H. Munser last week and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Only One-Tenth Down And One Per Cent Per Month Until Paid, Buys a Lot in "Bonnie" Dundee-



Buy in Bonnie Dundee!

The opportunity you have longed for—the FIRST disposal of "Dundee District" property on terms like these—is offered you on

Saturday, April 22

Next Saturday—"Arbor Day"—the time of all times to visit that suburb beautiful—the "Dundee" District. 'Tis but a short trip out there—20 minutes from 16th and Farnam, and not one of these specially offered lots is over three blocks from the car line.

Take any West Farnam car, marked Dundee; get off at the entrance of the Happy Hollow Country Club on Underwood Ave., and walk one block east.

There you will see our signs and meet our salesmen, who will be on the ground all day Saturday. As you step off the car you will be right in Happy Hollow, which is part of Dundee, while beautiful Fairacres is a close neighbor.

Arrange for a future home away from the city's turmoil; do what you've set your heart upon doing for years; own a lot in "Bonnie Dundee."

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COME Saturday--A white stake in the center of each lot bears the lot and block number. Liberal Discounts will be offered for all cash paid at time of purchase. An absolute clear abstract of title given with each lot sold; a warrant deed when payments are completed. Additional information may be secured from us in the meantime. Write or call.

Remember, It's Saturday, April 22

George & Co., Agts., Ninth Floor, City National Bank Bldg.

"LIQUOR OUT OF POLITICS"

Initiative and Referendum Puts it to People—Harrington.

HE WILL ANSWER METCALFE

Trinity Stalwart Discusses Bryan's Stand on Saloon Question—Says Public is Pleased with the Last Legislature.

Mike F. Harrington, stalwart of stalwarts and regular of the most regular in the democratic party, in Omaha Wednesday morning made the prophecy that the liquor question is out of politics for good.

"The passage of the initiative and referendum act by the recent legislature has put county option out of politics for good and all," said Mr. Harrington, "and every body will be glad of it. The initiative and referendum constitutional amendment will undoubtedly pass at the 1912 election and after that if the people want to submit a county option bill or a prohibition bill under its provisions they can do so and political parties will not be involved. Even if the next legislature should pass a county option law it would have to go to a vote of the people anyway, because the liquor interests could very easily get enough signatures to start a petition for a referendum and the legislature could not put its law into effect until it had submitted it at a regular election."

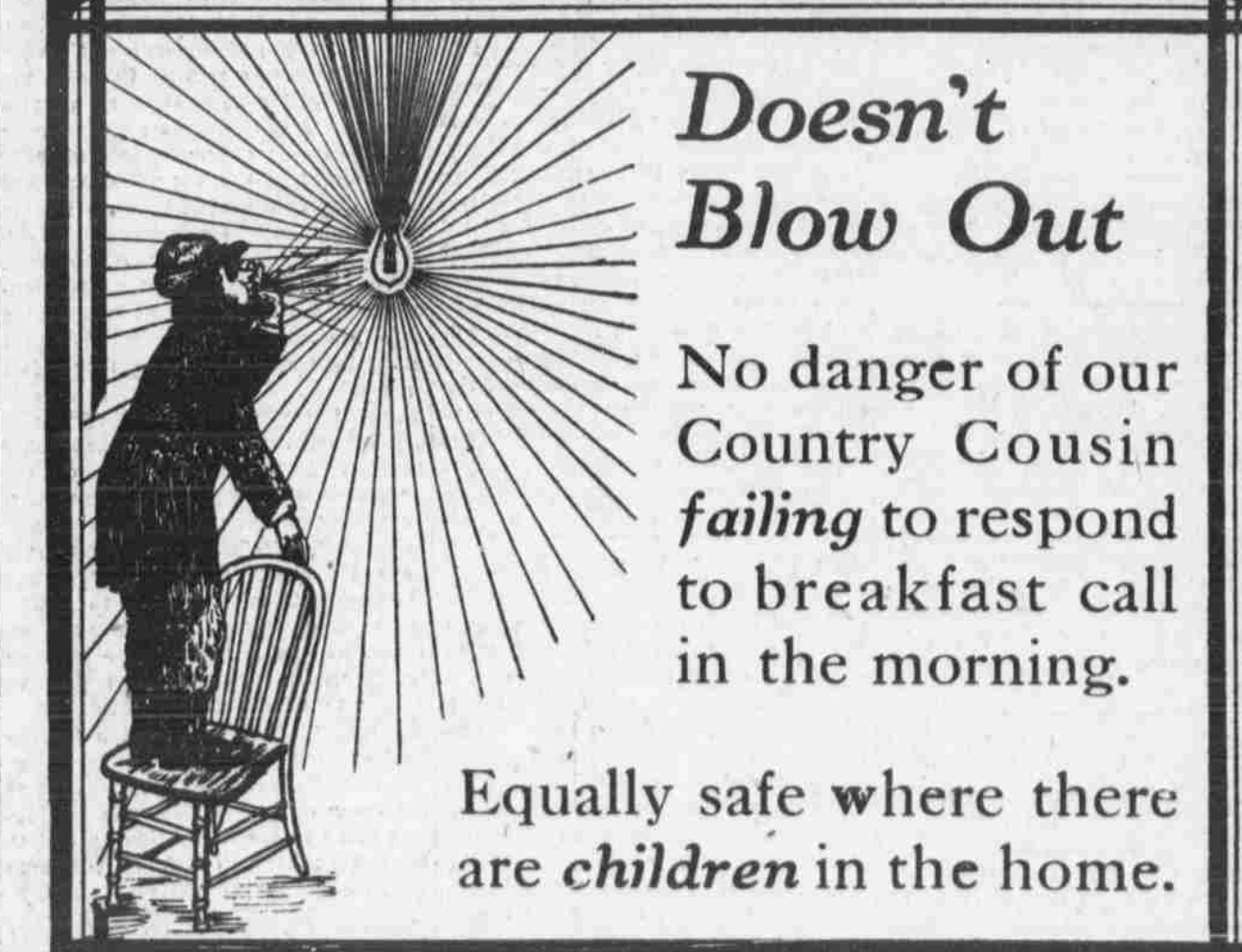
"As far as the democratic party is concerned the recent discussion of the liquor question will soon be forgotten. I intend very soon to write an answer to the speech made at the Bryan birthday banquet by Mr. Metcalfe in which he referred to the Grand Island convention in terms which showed that he thought he was tricked. I am sure myself, that even Mr. Bryan himself would have withdrawn from his stand on the liquor question if he could, and it certainly was his fault that the question was submitted to the convention, as it was. I for one will not stand for a minute with any movement to keep Mr. Bryan from going to the national convention, and, although I have been asked to go myself, I would not accept an honor at the expense of recognizing him. Mr. Bryan more than any other man who ever was in public life has been cursed with his 'kitchen cabinet,' and with the exception of a few in Douglas county he has not permanently injured his standing by this transitory liquor trouble."

"People Are Satisfied."

"The people of Nebraska, regardless of party feeling, are satisfied with the work of the last legislature."

Mr. Harrington is keeping well in mind the fact that the democrats held a slight majority in the last legislature. He is willing, however, to give the republicans credit for a generous share in what was accomplished.

"The veto of the nonpartisan judiciary," said Mr. Harrington, who drew both the constitutional amendment, which failed to pass, and the Lee bill, which was vetoed as a political measure, "hurt Governor Smith to the extent of making it possible for the democratic party to elect three judges to the supreme court at the next election. The present composition of the court, all republican, will undoubtedly be changed at the next election and the democrats will get at least two. The other may go to the populists. The nonpartisan judiciary constitutional amendment—not the one which was vetoed, but the one



Doesn't Blow Out

No danger of our Country Cousin failing to respond to breakfast call in the morning.

Equally safe where there are children in the home.

Omaha Electric Light & Power Co.

Land Bureau

Learn Where It's Best to Farm

Thinking about buying land? Want to know the soil and climate best suited for certain farming? Our Land Bureau gives free information about soil, climate, conditions in all parts of the country. We have gathered data and can tell you what you desire to learn.

Write the Land Information Bureau, The Twentieth Century Farmer, Omaha, Neb., today and your questions will get prompt attention.

Free Information

Jewels and lace worth \$600 were stolen from the home of J. E. Ruge, Twenty-ninth and Pacific streets, by burglars Tuesday night.

The thieves broke into the apartment by prying open a window.