

it is not known yet what will be the title hereafter. Mr. and Mrs. Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Miss Oakley, Miss Carson and Miss Gahan were elected members of the club. Though cards are over for this season the club has planned many outings for the summer. Before long the club will give a picnic.

The committee of four from each school district for the organization of the children, is asked to meet at the high school on Monday at three o'clock.

Miss Burr entertained on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Beman Dawes.

Mrs. Carson and Miss Carson have returned from their sojourn in California.

Mr. J. W. Bergers of Omaha, was in the city on Friday.

Mrs. Schwab, 1606 L street, proposes to sell her stock of Mexican drawn work at less than cost, and solicits an early inspection.

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"But which particular girl is in love with him?" asked Terwilliger.

"The girl who would be in love with him would not be a particular girl.—Town Topics.

Prosecuting Attorney—Are you positive you sounded your gong?

Mortorman—I am; but I don't think the victim heard it.

Prosecuting Attorney—Why?

Mortorman—There was a theater-party on my car.—Town Topics.

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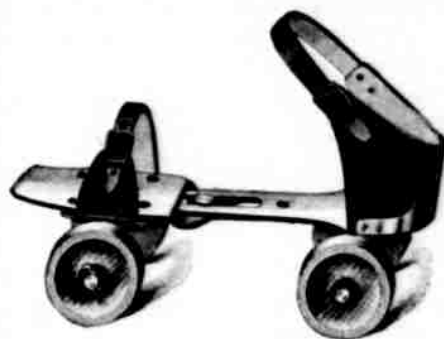
The Independent Telephone Company has requested the mayor and council for a franchise. There is no reason why it should not be granted and many very strong reasons why for the good of the people that it should. In the first place, the company plans to establish a long distance and local exchange. The company merely asks the right to do business here and agrees to pay the five hundred dollar franchise a year without asking for anything except the privilege to provide the public with a phone at lower rates than ever before. The Nebraska Telephone Company has charged a high rate and provided an indifferent service. The entry of this new company lowers the rates and will inevitably increase the efficiency of the service. The two systems together will cost the subscriber less than the single system and will double or treble the value to each subscriber by multiplying by two or three the number of subscribers.

The rates charged at present by the Nebraska company in this city are \$3 per month or \$2 per month on party circuit in private residences and \$4 per month in places of business within a certain radius of the central office, the charge thereafter increasing with the radius. This company in its charter fixes its maximum rate at \$1.50 in residences and \$2.50 in places of business per month without reference to the radius. In the city of Plattsmouth the last advertisement by the Bell Telephone company of rates is as follows: Residence 'phones, per month, 50 cents; business 'phones, per month, \$1.25. The cost of the electric fluid, of clerk hire and line men are the same in Plattsmouth and Lincoln. The fewer the number of subscribers on each line the larger the cost, but competition has given the people of Plattsmouth residence telephone connection at fifty cents a month.

At the present time there are about 800 telephones in operation in the city of Lincoln. The rates are too exorbitant for more common use. By the proposed reduction in prices the Independent company will have a list largely in excess of the present one, so that the people will receive two benefits, one a reduction of prices and the other an increase of phones. Business men, even if they have two phones, can talk to 2,500 persons for less than they now talk to about 800. All the towns in the counties east, south east and south of Lincoln are reached upon this line, comprising, among others, Plattsmouth, Louisville, Dunbar, Weeping Water, Nebraska City, Auburn, Elmwood, Syracuse and every other town in Nebraska county; Falls City and every other town in Richardson county; Pawnee City and every other town in Pawnee county; Fairbury and all towns in eastern Kansas, western Missouri and southwestern Iowa, south to St. Joseph. And of course the company will go on building until it occupies all profitable territory. In all this talk of trusts there is real feeling. The council has an opportunity on Monday night to prove that everybody doing a legitimate business can have the opportunity of establishing a branch in Lincoln.

Many of the patrons of this company who are retail dealers in Nebraska towns are urging immediate entrance into Lincoln for the purpose of reaching its wholesale district, and in this the business men will have a direct interest. The system proposed for Lincoln is a central energy, full metallic circuit and long distance instruments, which is much more rapid and efficient than the present system now used in Lincoln. As nine-tenths of the principal towns and cities in the east are successfully operating Independent exchanges, it is

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