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GRANT 25 YEAR FRANCHISE TO INTERSTATE CO.

Same Company Given A 5-Year Street Lighting Contract At A Reduced Rate.

The City Council have had two special meetings the past week, one on Tuesday evening and one on Wednesday evening. At the meetings the question of the franchise of the Interstate Power company was taken up and it was extended for twenty-five years.

In the matter of street lighting the company was given a contract for five years, at a reduced rate.

In the new contract the city will save on their street lights the sum of \$96.40 per month. In this contract the power rate and the domestic rate is also reduced one cent per kilowatt, which will mean quite a saving to the consumers of current in the city.

First Wedding Ceremony Bring Smiles To Judge

Justice of the Peace, Henry Tomlinson, was all smiles last Saturday evening. Upon being asked the reason for his apparent enjoyment of everything and the rather illuminating smile that covered his expansive features, he replied that he had good reason to feel good as he had performed his first marriage ceremony. That evening he had performed the ceremony that united in marriage John Meneuy, of Bassett, and Miss Garce V. Smith, of Stuart. It is said that "Hank" performed the ceremony with unusual care and deliberation and like and every day job. There will probably be a great demand in the future for the services of Judge Tomlinson in the matrimonial line.

Begin Work On New City Well

F. N. Shaner, of Ainsworth, arrived in the city last Monday and Tuesday morning started on the new well the city is having dug on the Beha lot on the corner of Fourth and Fremont streets. Herb Fischel, engineer for the Hensingsen Engineering company, of Omaha, who has had charge of the paving in Stuart, was down Monday looking over the preparations for the digging of the well, and A. Hanson, government engineer looking after the Stuart work, was also in the city Monday. He will also have charge of the well boring for the government, as they are furnishing part of the money for the job.

Asked To Keep Livestock Shut Up

City officials have served notice on the owners of livestock in the city that stock should not be allowed to run at large. Numerous complaints have been made to city officers within the past few weeks of damage caused to many gardens in the city by cattle and horses running loose and tramping the gardens and lawns. Owners of livestock have been warned and if they do not keep their stock up the city officials will impound the stock and the owners will have to pay damages before the stock will be returned to them.

Delinquent Tax Paying Made Easy

The last legislature made it easy for those who are delinquent in their taxes to make payment. Anyone owing three or more years' taxes may, if they pay the same on or before September 1, 1935, pay them without interest or penalties. Or, if they pay the 1934 tax in full and one-tenth of all back taxes by September 1, 1935, they will have ten years to pay the delinquent taxes, without interest or penalty. If the ten-year plan is used taxes for the current year must be paid when due and one-tenth installment by September 1 of each year. Where tax sales have been made on real estate the law does not apply.

Clarence Holcomb, a life-long resident of southern Holt, died at the home of his mother in this city about 8 o'clock this Thursday morning, after an illness of several months of anemia. We have not learned when or where the funeral will be, but he will probably be buried at Chambers.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the home is of supreme importance as the basis of our community life, constituting, as it does, an essential factor in the health and happiness of both present and future generations; and

Whereas, the National Better Housing Program is helping our citizens to build new homes and to modernize homes which they now own, thus putting men back to work, and contributing in a concrete way to industrial and business recovery.

Now, Therefore, I John Kersensbrock Mayor of O'Neill do set aside and appoint Saturday, the fifteenth day of June, 1935, to be known as National Better Housing Day; and I call upon all our citizens to join with citizens of other communities throughout the land in marking the day with appropriate observances, in order that the benefits of the Better Housing program may be brought to a still greater number of people.

John Kersensbrock, Mayor.

O'Neill Defeats Niobrara Nine

At Niobrara last Sunday the O'Neill baseball nine defeated the nine of that city with a score of 6 to 5. Howard Medlin is the manager of the O'Neill club.

Next Sunday Orchard plays here and Niobrara plays the O'Neill team again a little later.

Red Bird Baseball Team Defeats Stuart

Last Sunday on the Red Bird diamond, situated at Midway, 18 miles north of here, the red hot Red Birds and the Stuart Swatters tangled in an epic game of base ball that intensely entertained a great gathering of spectators. The score was Red Bird 11 and Stuart 9.

The Red Bird battery was Ernest Schollmeyer, Bill Tomlinson, Bill Conard and Herman Schollmeyer; Stuart's battery was Johnson and Hungerford. Hits: Stuart, 11; Red Bird 11. Hank Martin failed out a three bagger and a two bagger; Flannigan, for Stuart, also manufactured a two-base ticket for himself. Eight of the Red Bird athletes fanned out and 12 of the Stuart players found only atmosphere while going through motions over the home plate.

Mumps Spoil Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Matthews went down to Omaha last Sunday, where they will spend the week visiting relatives and friends and incidentally taking in the sights of the city.

It is hard luck when you have not enjoyed a vacation for three or four years to have a measles case of the mumps spoil it all. But that is what happened. Mrs. Matthews woke up Tuesday morning with a "real case" of the mumps and rather than go into quarantine in the metropolis they came home Tuesday afternoon. Tough luck!

J. J. McDermott, of David City, was in the city last Sunday visiting old friends and looking after business matters. Mr. McDermott was engaged in business in this city for several years, leaving here about three years ago for Rising City. He is now located at David City. Robert Hancock, who had been attending school here, returned to David City with him, as his parents are now residents of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mason, formerly of Norfolk, moved to this city last week and are now living in the Harry Haffner home in the western part of the city. Mr. Mason is the representative of the Loose-Wiles Cracker Company in this territory and moved here because this was a much more convenient place from which to make his territory each week.

Frank Latenser, of Omaha, a member of the firm of John Latenser & Son, architects, was in the city last Saturday. Mr. Latenser is the architect for the new court house and is keeping in touch with the progress of the matter at this end. He left Saturday evening for Neligh.

Students of St. Mary's Academy held their annual picnic at Oak View park last Thursday afternoon.

THOMAS MCKENZIE DIES TUESDAY AT A NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Had Made Arrangements For His Funeral Before He Left Here For Norfolk.

Thomas McKenzie died at a hospital in Norfolk last Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock, after an illness of about three weeks, of cancer, at the age of 77 years. The body was brought to this city by Biglin's and the funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating, burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Thomas McKenzie was born in Ohio on January 11, 1858, and was 77 years and five months old at the time of his death. He was left an orphan at an early age and was raised by an uncle, Peter Winn.

They left Ohio and moved to eastern Iowa, and then later to the western part of the state, and in 1882 came to this county and Thomas McKenzie took a homestead northwest of this city where he had made his home ever since, except one year that he lived in Arkansas.

For fifty-three years he had been a resident of this county and was a man that was universally well liked by everyone. Although he never married he always took great pleasure in the company of young people and many of the young men and women in that section of the county will always remember Tom McKenzie for his many acts of kindness to them during their youthful days.

He was always busy and attended strictly to his own business. By hard work and strict attention to business he prospered and at the time of his death was the owner of a section of Holt county land, with two sets of improvements thereon.

Before he went to the Norfolk hospital three weeks ago he evidently realized that the end was near. Before leaving he made arrangements with the Biglin funeral home to have his body brought back for interment here. He also attended to several business matters, showing that he realized that the end was not far away.

Tom McKenzie was a good citizen and the friend of everyone, and his death will be deeply regretted by a large number of friends in the northern part of the county, who have known and loved him for many years.

City Tennis Courts Not A Children's Playground

The City Tennis Courts in the eastern part of the city were built by FERA labor and the material costs were paid for by money raised by the tennis players of the city and a donation by Mayor Kersensbrock. A great deal of time and money has been expended to make these courts not only a benefit to the city but a place where one may enjoy a set of tennis on good, well kept courts.

In view of these facts, those people who contributed towards the raising of this money, and who helped with the work connected with the building of the courts, do not feel that they are asking too much when they request all people who are not wearing tennis shoes to keep off the courts. Also that parents keep their small children from using the courts as a playground.

Also, they wish to request that children who play tennis, refrain from using the courts after 5 in the evening and on Sunday afternoon, as this is the only time that the majority of the older people are able to play.

Country Club Notes

Present indications point to the largest attendance of record at the annual golf tournament. Among the distinguished visitors will be Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Green, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Green will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Froelich at the Charles Stout home. It will be recalled that Mr. Green was the United States Attorney at Chicago for a number of years and among the many famous cases in which he appeared are the Insull case and the Capone trial. At present Mr. Green is associated with William Froelich in the law

business. They have been fast friends for many years and worked through the Capone prosecution from the time it was first started.

The rule that all local entrants must have paid club dues in advance of the tournament will be enforced as usual. It is urged that all who contemplate joining the club for 1935 pay dues at this time in order that they may share in the pleasures of the approaching festivities.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for the Fourth of July celebration. A splendid display of fireworks has been ordered for the occasion.

SCHOOL NOTES

Now that the annual school meeting is over, we wish to call the directors attention to the necessity of being prompt in sending their annual report to the county superintendent.

The annual Eighth grade exercises were held on Friday, May 31. We were very much surprised at having such a large crowd, due to the fact that some of the roads were nearly impassable.

I want to express my thanks to all those who made such extreme sacrifices in bringing their children to the exercises.

Miss Junana Butler, of Ewing, carried off high honors in the county, having an average of 98 and four fourteenths per cent, second place honors went to LaVern Wilson, of Ewing, having an average of 97.5 per cent. We had a total of 256 graduates this year.

We are expecting an announcement to be made in a few days in regard to the Study Center set-up, for this summer. The plan will be much the same as it was last year with some variation in the type of organization. Those desiring to take Study Center work for the summer should await further announcement from this office.

Accused of Not Giving In Property For Taxation

August Trines, a farmer residing in Steel Creek precinct, was before the County Board of Equalization last Tuesday. Mr. Trines was accused of not giving in all of his property for taxation and cattle were added to his tax schedule for the year 1934 and the penalty of 50 per cent was added as provided by law. Then it is alleged that this year he failed to give in his property for taxation and was hauled before the board on legal process. After several hours of discussion of the matter he agreed to pay his back taxes and the Board met him half way and agreed to waive the penalty for 1935.

No Auto Licenses Unless Taxes Paid

According to a law passed by the last legislature when the auto owner goes to the treasurer's office next December or thereafter to get his license for the year 1936 he will have to pay his automobile taxes before he can secure a license.

The law gives the office of the county treasurer a good deal more work. Hereafter it will be necessary for the county treasurer to certify to the county assessor a list of all cars registered, giving the names and addresses of the license applicant, make of the car, motor number, color, kind of wheels, number of cylinders, seat-capacity and weight, and this must be done by June 1. Hereafter separate tax receipts will be issued when automobile taxes are paid.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sullivan, of Lincoln, came up Thursday morning to attend the funeral of Thomas McKenzie. Mr. Sullivan was a former resident of this county, his father, W. H. Sullivan, being one of the first settlers on Honey Creek near the old home place of Mr. McKenzie. The family moved to Lincoln about 40 years ago where they have since made their home.

Mrs. M. A. Summers, living northeast of this city, returned last Friday from a month's visit with relatives and friends in Omaha. She said she had a very enjoyable visit while in the metropolis and visited many old time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heitman, accompanied by James Tuor, left last Saturday night for Madison, S. D., visited relatives there over Sunday and returned Sunday night.

EXERCISES HELD BY SENIOR CLASS OF ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Rt. Rev. Monsignor McNamara Presents Diplomas To 12 Graduates.

Commencement week at St. Mary's began with the Alumni Banquet on Sunday evening, June 2. It was attended by 103 members and many were kept away by the heavy rains and floods of the previous week. It was a very congenial and happy gathering.

The jovial and capable toastmaster, William Beha, kept everyone in the best of spirits and the toasts were hearty and sincere.

A special feature of the occasion was the Dutch scheme carried out in decorations and waitresses, and an outline of the life and work of Mother Magdalen Daemen, the foundress of the Congregation of our Franciscan Sister, was given.

On May 10th of this year, they celebrated the centenary of this foundation at Heythuizen, Holland in 1835.

On Tuesday, June 4, a class play was presented by the Seniors in the K. C. Hall at a matinee and in the evening, "The Town Talkie," was enjoyed by all and "Old-fashioned Mothers and Old-fashioned Dads," by Peter Price, won great applause.

Class Day Exercises were carried out on Thursday, June 6, at 8 p. m. The program was well rendered and everyone decided it was one of the nicest we ever had.

Commencement in St. Patrick's church was held at 10 a. m., Friday, June 7, when twelve graduates received the honors from Rt. Rev. Monsignor McNamara.

A splendid and appropriate address was given by Rev. E. J. Applebaum, of Clearwater, Nebr., in which he stated that such a graduation from a Catholic school is a "Triumph for God," a "triumph for religion" and a "triumph for the state."

He stressed the fact that pupils graduated from a Catholic high school, go out into the world, fully equipped spiritually, to combat and overcome the evils and temptations that surround them. It will not be for lack of knowledge in morals and religion and citizenship, if they do not make good. Godless education he said is the great cause of the disorders and crimes in our country today, for if children are not taught to be responsible to God, neither will they obey their parents nor the state and cannot make good citizens.

The following are the programs for the various events:

Class of 1935
Jeanne M. McCarthy, Valdictorian; Mary Virginia Agnes, Salutatorian; Arthur Dailey, Edna Donson, Thelma Genereux, Michael Harty, Loretta Miller Dorothy Morrison, William McNally, Peter Price, Hugh Ryan and Lester Shoemaker.

Officers—Hugh Ryan, president; Mary Virginia Agnes, vice president; William McNally, secretary; Arthur Dailey, treasurer.

Class colors—Sunflower and Dalft Blue.

Class motto—"God, My Light."

Class flower—Sweetheart Rose.

Class Day Program

Greetings, Mary Virginia Agnes; History I, Michael Harty; History II, Edna Donson; Piano solo, "Star Play," Thelma Genereux; History III Arthur Dailey; History IV, Hugh Ryan; Piano Solo, "Desir de Amour," Jeanne McCarthy; Class Roll, Peter Price; Class Colors and Motto, Dorothy Morrison; Chorus, "God, My Light," Class of '35; Class Phrophecy, Loretta Miller; Class Will, William McNally; Piano Solo, "Hungarian Rhapsody" Lester Shoemaker; Farewell, Jeanne McCarthy; Grand March de Concert, Mary K. Coyne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kersensbrock and children went down to Osmond Sunday afternoon and spent the afternoon and evening visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weir accompanied them as far as Plainview where Mr. and Mrs. Weir spent the afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. Weir's sister.

Roy Griffin, for many years the manager of the Golden Hotel, but now engaged in the hotel business at Hartington, was in the city for a few hours last Friday.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Ed Jenkenson of this city, submitted to a major operation Friday, May 31. She improved rapidly and went home Monday evening of this week.

Mrs. Joe Petr of south of town, came in June 1 for treatment for her eyes. She went home Friday the 7th, feeling much better.

Freman Arbo of this city was operated on for gangrene appendix Saturday night, June 1. He was taken home a week later, where he will remain in bed a few days convalescing.

Clarence Holcomb, of Chambers, came in Monday evening, and was given a blood transfusion for Anemic condition. His sister Viola, was the donor. He went home the next day.

Mrs. Orton Young from near Opportunity, submitted to an operation for acute appendicitis Tuesday evening. She is convalescing nicely at the present writing.

Will Kennedy, of Inman, was in the hospital Wednesday morning for medical treatment.

Anyone who on leaving the hospital, were obliged to wear garments or binder belonging to the hospital, will do us a favor to return them as we are running short.—O'Neill General Hospital.

It Must Have Been Exceedingly Heavy!

Rev. A. J. May of the Methodist church here is having a hard time of it these days. His daughter, Mrs. Van Dahl, is in Holdrege where she is recovering following a serious operation and Mrs. May left to be with her daughter. Rev. May has been baching and, like all men, he undertook to do some extra fine cooking and baking.

Rev. May, so one of his friends reported, decided to make some jonnice cake or corn bread. After mixing corn meal, soda, salt, sour cream and shortening, the mixture was placed in an oven. On opening the oven the minister is said to have gazed skyward and, finding nothing floating, looked downward to find the bottom of the oven bent floorward, so the story runs.

Group One Contracts Ready For Signing

Group I corn-hog contracts are being typed and will be ready for signature the first of next week. These contracts are for those who are operating exactly the same land as was covered by one or more contracts last year and where the hog base is unchanged. Individual notice will be mailed to each signer telling him when and where to sign his contract. The group 2 and 3 contracts will not be ready for some time yet.

Gillespie Out Early As Legislative Candidate

Our Representative L. G. Gillespie got his name in the daily press the other day. Lloyd has decided to be a candidate for the legislature in the first session of the unicameral legislature and he thought he would file for the position at once and wrote for a filing blank. He was informed by the secretary of state that there were no blanks printed yet and that he would have to wait unless he supplied a blank himself. Lloyd believes in getting into the field early.

Mrs. John Bellin had a six-foot high step ladder fall with her several days ago and she is in her bed suffering shock and possible internal injuries, and has been in a somewhat serious condition as a result of the fall. Children are believed to have moved the ladder in her temporary absence, causing the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Bellin married last May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady, Harry and Billy Jo, left last Friday for Casper, Wyoming, where they will spend a few weeks visiting relatives and will then go into Colorado, visit relatives and take a cabin camp for the summer months. Henry will probably put in considerable time angling for trout in the Colorado mountain streams.

Mrs. H. J. Birmingham entertained the Martez Club and ten guests at her home Tuesday evening. Mrs. C. E. Lundgren, Mrs. Homer Mullen, Mrs. C. F. McKenna, Mrs. John McManus, jr., and Mrs. P. B. Harty were the prize winners.

FINANCIAL WORRY GIVEN AS CAUSE OF FREIZEN'S SUICIDE

Funeral To Be Held At 2 O'Clock Friday At The Presbyterian Church In This City.

Suffering from financial worry and ill health Franz Freizen, 61, hung himself in the garage at his farm home two and a half miles north of this city last Monday night. The body was discovered by his son about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Franz Freizen was born in Russia on September 14, 1872, and came to the United States when a young man. He lived for a time at Litchfield, Nebr., and was united in marriage at Henderson, Nebr., on January 20, 1895, to Miss Agnes Janzen. To this union seven children were born, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living and residents of this county, except one daughter, Mrs. Agnes Unge, of Munich, N. D., and all of his children were present at the funeral, and they with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are: Marie Dick, Frank, Klas, Henry, Pete and Mrs. Eva Goertzen, of O'Neill and Mrs. Agnes Unge, of Munich, N. D.

Mr. Freizen and his family came to this county in the spring of 1915 from Litchfield, Nebr. They lived here for five years and then moved to Munich, N. D., where they resided resided for three years and then came back to Holt county. For the past ten years Mr. Freizen has made his home on the Babcock farm north of this city.

Mr. Freizen enjoyed fairly good health until the last few years, when illness and successive crop failures, added to financial worries, is believed to have preyed on his mind to such an extent that he is believed to have become temporarily deranged and while in that condition ended his life. The family retired about 10 o'clock that evening and it is believed that he waited until all the members of the household had gone to sleep when he went outside, into the garage, locking the door after him, and hung himself to a rafter in the garage and there his body was found the next morning by one of his sons, after he got the garage door open. Sheriff Duffy was at once notified and Undertaker F. J. Biglin went out and brought the body to town.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Gatz Beer Truck Up-Set

The large Gatz beer truck went into the ditch last Tuesday afternoon, while coming out from Omaha with a load of beer. The accident occurred a few miles east of Fremont. Frank Wyant was driving and Robert Davidson was riding with him. Wyant was injured and taken to a hospital in Fremont, but we understand that he was suffering more from shock than any serious injury. The truck went clear over and when it stopped was resting on the top with the wheels in the air.

As soon as word was received here William Gatz and Al Strube left for the scene of the accident and they came home during the night with the truck and its load. It was able to come up on its own power, although considerably damaged.

The O'Neill High School Band will give a concert on the streets of O'Neill every Saturday evening during the summer months, commencing at 8 o'clock. Uniforms have been ordered and a telegram was received from the manufacturers Monday stating that the uniforms would be here in three weeks.

Fishermen report catfish scarce but increasing with the same excessive proportion of carp in the Elk-horn. Cold weather is believed to have caused poor biting of the finny ones up to this time.

The young folks gave a picnic at the Country Club Tuesday evening honoring Miss Mildred Agnes and her brother, Harlan, who leave at the end of the week for Sioux City, where they have secured positions.