

**Affinity Case Stirrs Mitchell.**

Mitchell, S. D., Sept. 8.—There was an exciting scene at the Omaha railroad depot when the passenger train from the east arrived bringing back to the city ex-Sheriff Luther W. Plotner and Mrs. Kate Quinn in charge of Sheriff Berry. A crowd of 300 men and women witnessed the homecoming of the couple, and when they stepped off the train they were jeered and hissed by the irate people. Shouts of "rotten egg them" "get a rope," "get some feathers," were frequently heard from groups of men. In the crowd was the aged father of Plotner.

Sheriff Berry placed his charges in a carriage and started for the jail and the crowd followed, gaining in numbers on the way. Over 500 people were on the courthouse lawn awaiting the arrival of the party, but the sheriff changed his plans and went to the courthouse and demanded that the crowd disperse, or at least leave the grounds. It took an hour or more for the people to leave. The prisoners were placed in an automobile and driven over town until the crowd dispersed. The sheriff then took the safest side of the situation and drove out of the city with his prisoners.

Plotner and Mrs. Quinn eloped from this city Saturday night. This act was the climax of the sensation of the day when Plotner's wife committed suicide because of her husband's actions. She was buried on Monday. A warrant was issued on Sunday evening for Plotner's arrest after he had made threats to kill his son-in-law. Hearing of the warrant, Plotner and the woman in the case left the city on the midnight train. Monday a warrant was issued charging Plotner and Mrs. Quinn with adultery, and Sheriff Berry found the pair at Omaha, where Plotner has relatives.

**Were These Bank Robbers?**

Dallas, S. D., Sept. 8.—Special to The News: A farmer from near Collins, in Tripp county, brought the report to Dallas that while his son was out hunting he was stunned by an explosion of terrific force and when he gathered himself together after this explosion he saw two men who had a number of sacks or tubes which he did not thoroughly understand, but which from his description are supposed to have been dynamite. He said that the men called him to them and talked very freely and displayed a sack full of gold pieces, currency and some silver.

From his description of the size of the bundle of currency there must have been several thousand dollars and the large sack was nearly full of gold with just a little silver. One of the men told the other man to give the boy a handful of the money, but the other one said, "No, this will be enough for him," and tossed him a \$5 gold piece and ordered him to take it and go into the brush south of them. When he had gone for some distance they mounted their horses and rode west.

No trace has ever been found of them since that time and while it was thought to have been bank robbers, there has been no report of a bank having been robbed. The matter, however, is being investigated.

**Comstock Pardoned.**

Omaha, Sept. 8.—Will G. Comstock, wealthy Nebraska cattleman and partner of Bartlett Richards who recently died at Hastings, Neb., while undergoing imprisonment for alleged land frauds, was released from jail last night on a pardon by President Taft.

**Forty Men Drawn for Petit Jury.**

United States court will convene in the federal court in this city on Monday, September 18. Judge W. H. Manger, it is supposed, will preside. The equity cases will be disposed of during the first day and on Tuesday criminal cases, only a few of which so far have been brought out of the dockets, will be taken up.

The first case scheduled is the replevin case of Anna Brooks and others versus Mabel Tomlinson and others. D. L. Johnson of Omaha is attorney for the plaintiff and M. F. Harrington of O'Neill for the defendants. The second case is that of the United States versus Condie Funk with United States Attorney F. S. Howell for the government and M. F. Harrington of O'Neill for the defendants. Mr. Harrington thinks the first two cases in which he is interested will take up several days' time.

The two criminal cases so far scheduled to come for trial in this city are those of the United States versus John Peters and George W. Cones, charged with selling government cattle. Both defendants are from Niobrara. There may be other criminal cases taken up but up to date those mentioned are the only ones scheduled. There are several bankruptcy orders for Judge Manger to sign while he is here. Jury Commissioner C. B. Durland and Deputy Clerk Olga F. Grauel sent notices to forty men in this part of the state to appear at the Norfolk courthouse at 9:30 a. m., September 19. The petit jurors drawn to appear here on that date follow:

Emil Boehler, McLean; Frank R. Hufsmith, Creighton; Lew Wichelmann, Long Pine; Myron A. Wakeley, Lynch; William Campbell, Elgin; Frank E. Francis, Carroll; John T. Fletcher, Orchard; W. H. Hyland, Stanton; W. E. Hoover, Battle Creek; W. E. Harvey, Newman Grove; B. Y. High, Bloomfield; Wm. J. Hoffer, Center; G. E. Lundgren, Wausa; Lars L. Larsen, Springfield; Drayton F. Cronk, Butte; Samuel M. Wyatt, Butte; Geo. T. Lambert, Foster; Hugh H. Miller, Bassett; Ralph Armstrong, Bassett; C. J. Anderson, Neligh; John W. Blair, Spencer; John Spence, Stan-

ton; Henry F. Saunders, Hazle Mills; James S. Stringfellow, Oakdale; George Thornburg, Oakdale; E. E. Crue, Tilden; W. L. Abel, Tilden; Arthur McSweeney, Ainsworth; John E. Marsteller, Wayne; Henry G. Smith, Wisnide; Joe W. Leedom, Osmond; Clyde Rynearson, Madison; C. M. Lederer, Pierce; William E. Powers, Pierce; Emil B. Kauffman, Norfolk; Frank Killip, Norfolk; A. O. Hazen, Norfolk; P. H. Davis, Norfolk; Ben T. Reid, Norfolk; M. L. Black, Norfolk.

**Ball Season Ends Soon.**

With the end of September Norfolk will see the close of one of the most successful baseball seasons ever locally enjoyed. With the exception of only a few games, the Norfolk team has been composed of home players, who have had no financial compensation for their hard playing. The players showed that they were in the game for all the fun the national sport afforded. The Norfolk fan is now extended a hearty vote of thanks by the Norfolk ball club for patronage and loyalty.

**Play Purely for Sport.**

The Norfolk ball players, under the efficient management of Manager Stafford, Secretary Hulac and Treasurer Zuelow, went into the game from the start with the avowed purpose of not hiring any outside players, excluding a pitcher at frequent intervals. The game was played this way and only a few weeks ago one or two paid players were added to the lineup. The home players were satisfied to play the game and share alike at the end of the season, should there remain anything in the treasury. If they found the sack empty, they have declared throughout the season that they would be satisfied with the sport they have had on the diamond. The Norfolk ball fans have appreciated this enthusiasm by appearing on the rooting line in large numbers.

Before the season is ended Norfolk's ball team will have the honor of crossing bats with two state league teams, those of Hastings and Kearney. Several may exchange places with Hastings but according to arrangements it is almost certain Hastings will be the team that will come here. The state league season is over and a number of the teams are touring the state.

**Good Games Coming.**

The next game, at Battle Creek, will be with Battle Creek Sunday afternoon. This team is well plugged up and there will be some fast playing all around. Wisner comes next Tuesday and Norfolk goes to Madison next Thursday, "Norfolk day," to play Tilden. The winners of this game play the winners of Wednesday's game at Madison. Burke, S. D., comes here on Sunday, September 17, and then follow the games with the state leaguers.

It is certain that Creighton will end the ball season in Norfolk on the end of this month. Norfolk has three games scheduled with Creighton and one of these will be played on the home grounds to wind up the season.

**Three Hurt in Runaway.**

Dragged ninety feet over the Norfolk avenue brick pavement after being thrown from her seat in a buggy, Mrs. Charles Murphy of Elrod, S. D., never once lost her grasp of her year-old baby boy until her grasp was loosened by the contact of the wagon striking against a high step at Norfolk avenue and Fifth street. The baby boy is badly hurt. It was believed that at least one limb was broken. Mrs. Murphy is probably hurt internally. The left side of her face was badly bruised. Her 7-year-old daughter, Ruth Murphy, has some minor bruises and Mrs. Burrill Reed is suffering from a nervous shock and some bruises as the result of the runaway accident, which occurred at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Murphy and her two children have been visiting at the Reed farm for several days. Mrs. Reed brought them to the city to catch the train for their home in South Dakota. The single buggy was filled with baggage and a trunk. The two women, Mrs. Murphy holding the baby in her arms and Mrs. Reed holding the 7-year-old girl, sat in the seat. When Sixth street and Norfolk avenue was reached a bolt in the shafts slipped and the vehicle was forced to the sidewalk on the south side of the street. The continual bumping of the end of the shafts on the pavement frightened the horse. The axle was striking the animal on the legs. Mrs. Reed tried to stop the horse but the punishment it was receiving from the axle had its effect and Mrs. Murphy was thrown out with her babe in her arms.

**Runway Does the Harm.**

She held heroically with one hand to the buggy, but the contact against the high approach on Fifth street broke her hold and she was picked up by men who declare the animal could have been stopped without much damage to any one had it not been for this high runaway, which further frightened the animal.

Mrs. Reed and the little girl held their seats and not at any time did Mrs. Reed stop her futile efforts to check the animal's progress. A brace pole in front of the Soneland clothing store was met by the runaway horse and the contact of the wagon against the pole broke the animal's harness and it continued alone down Norfolk avenue. Mrs. Reed and the little girl were thrown to the ground and were both taken into the Soneland store.

Mrs. Reed, when it was found that her injuries were not serious, was taken to the Union Pacific restaurant and the little girl was taken to the office of Dr. Salter, where her injuries were also pronounced not serious. Mrs. Murphy, however, was more badly injured. The entire left side of her face was lacerated and bruised from the long dragging. The child also was being treated by Dr. Salter, who was not yet ready to say how serious the injuries of mother and child were. Charles Murphy, the husband of the injured woman, is now at his home in

South Dakota. He has not yet been notified of the accident.

**FRIDAY FACTS.**

C. H. Kelsey went to Orchard on business. A. F. Magdanz of Pierce was here on business. Charles Rice returned from a business trip to O'Neill. M. D. Tyler returned from a business trip to Madison. George Davis returned from Winner where he reports a heavy rain. Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and Mrs. J. W. Dietrick went to Lincoln to attend the state fair.

Mrs. Herman Brummond and daughter Louise have gone to Humphrey to spend a few days with friends. R. G. Rohrke of Hoskins is in the city transacting business. Mr. Rohrke reports crops in Hoskins' vicinity in good shape and that the business as a whole is satisfactory.

H. S. Jaynes, formerly superintendent of the M. & O. road in this division, but now chief clerk to General Manager Trenholm of St. Paul, Minn., was in the city spending a short visit with J. W. Dietrick.

Miss Goetting of Chicago is back for the millinery season at the Killian store. W. P. Logan was called to Omaha by the death of a niece. Mrs. Logan had been in Omaha two weeks. Dr. O. R. Meredith has sold his residence in The Heights to Mrs. Enders. Dr. and Mrs. Meredith leave for the coast soon.

The regular weekly dancing party will be held in the Country club house this evening. Arrangements with a good orchestra have been made. D. C. Armstrong, F. S. Armstrong, Elton Jones and C. Sparling of Sioux City arrived in the city last night and today are starting the first work of the new sewer here.

The second game of ball scheduled for this week has been called off, this time because of the misunderstanding in the dates by the Beemer team, which was scheduled for a game on the driving park this afternoon.

Scoutmaster A. O. Hazen has issued orders to every scout in Norfolk to meet in Pasewalk grove at 8 o'clock sharp Saturday morning. Immediately after the formation of patrols the scouts will march to Stanton. Scouting will be the feature enroute.

George Spago and Frank Perry, the two Italians who were arrested on request of the Humphrey police, are back in Norfolk. Both men, it is said, were able to prove their innocence of the charge of stealing \$20 and a ring at Humphrey last Saturday night.

Dr. William G. Keen, who has been acting as assistant to Dr. C. A. McKim, left at noon for Kansas City, where he will become assistant to Dr. Kingsley of the Kansas City Veterinary college. Dr. Charles H. Baer, a classmate of Dr. Keen, takes his place in Norfolk.

Dr. C. A. McKim has returned from state veterinary work at Allen, Neb. The doctor made the round trip in his automobile. The crop conditions in the vicinity of Wakefield and Allen are very good, he says. The road between these two points was muddy as the result of a soaking rain.

Harry Hull was given \$20.25 damages in his suit against his mother, Mrs. H. F. Haase, in connection with a popcorn wagon which was once in his possession. Hull sued for the recovery of the fixtures left in the wagon when it was taken. F. L. Estabrook, Herman Krahn, E. M. Ziesche and George Dudley were the jurors.

A Bonesteel man arrested by Patrolman Kennedy last night on the south side was turned loose this morning. The man declares he was doped some where and that his cap, coat and \$200 were taken from him. "I drank one glass of beer," he says, "and that's the last I knew until I was here in jail." The police were able to find his cap and coat but they give no credence to his story of losing the money.

Blood in large quantities, mixed with the broken fragments of a beer bottle on the North First street bridge, which spans the mill dam, show evidences of a reported fight which is said to have occurred on this bridge a few nights ago. From the amount of blood which stains the sidewalk on this new bridge it is clearly seen that the wounded person must have received a hard blow. The police were busy yesterday endeavoring to fathom the mystery of the blood and glass, but they report they have been unable to find anything.

Patrolman Mike Kennedy of the south side reports that section of the city is being annoyed by dogs which are becoming a great nuisance. In reporting this fact to the chief of police, Patrolman Kennedy declares that the official duties and that something should be done toward aiding that official in giving some aid to the south side people from the undesirable dogs. Chief Marquardt has two complaints from south side people who declared some of the dogs are becoming serious nuisances.

Dr. Lorenza Schrock, an osteopath from Broken Bow, is in the city and has purchased the business of Dr. O. R. Meredith, who leaves Sunday for California. Mrs. Schrock declares she has been in Norfolk before and was favorably impressed with this city. Her husband, Dr. Schrock, also of Broken Bow, will be in Norfolk to take up the business with his wife within a few weeks. While Mrs. Schrock is an osteopath, her husband is a medical doctor. The new doctors will take up the offices formerly held in the Cotton block by Dr. Meredith.

The tearing up of the old passenger platform near the old Union Pacific depot has yielded the workmen some odd coins. The platform has been in its place for a number of years and the workmen proved their prediction that some coins would be found underneath when they commenced operations. Cracks in a depot platform are means of the loss of many coins carelessly handled by the hurrying

passengers. The depot is already being moved from its present location. Within a few days the old structure will be standing on the ground where workmen will convert it into a freight depot and there will be room enough for the contractor's crew to work on the new brick station.

**South Side News.**

The Aid society of the Second Congregational church met with Mrs. H. C. Dick yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. B. Thompson of Niobrara was at the Junction between trains last evening on her way to Omaha. Miss Margaret Oberly of Madison transacted business here yesterday.

Miss Madoline Meyers of Creighton visited friends here yesterday. Miss Verna Mayhew returned from a week's visit with friends in Omaha and Fremont Wednesday evening. Miss Lenore Moolick, whom she accompanied as far as Omaha, left that place Sunday for Hampton, Ia., where she will spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. R. R. Wescott.

Newspaper Men Admitted. Concord, N. H., Sept. 8.—Newspaper men will not be excluded during the taking of the depositions in the case of George W. Glover, of Lead, S. D., against Henry M. Baker, executor of the will of Mr. Glover's mother, Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, according to a ruling made by Chief Justice Robert M. Wallace of the superior court. Former United States Senator William E. Chandler appeared before Judge Thomas F. Clifford to give his deposition and senior counsel for the plaintiff in the case argued that newspaper men and others should be admitted. Justice Clifford ruled in favor, but exceptions to the ruling were taken by counsel for the defense, so the matter was sent up to the chief justice, who decided in favor of public hearing.

A Revolution Ends. Guayquil, Ecuador, Sept. 8.—The revolution started last month by Gen. Flavio Alfaro in an effort to take over the reins of government from Emilio Estrada, the regularly elected president, is ended. The republic is entirely quiet. Gen. Alfaro and his supporter in the revolutionary movement, Gen. Paez, will sail for Panama today in the steamer Peru. The report that Col. Carlos Alfaro was killed when his rebel command was defeated by federal troops near Juplaja, is untrue. Col. Alfaro escaped and fled to Daule where he now is disbanding his force in exchange for amnesty.

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Iowa Boosters Stranded. Their Boat Sticks in the Mississippi River Over Night. Moline, Ill., Sept. 8.—The Iowa steamer Sydney, with 620 eastern Iowa "boosters" on board, struck a rock reef in the Mississippi river yesterday evening. Early today the boat was still stranded half a mile out from shore in three and one-half feet of water. The passengers were loaded on two big sand barges and hauled to

Davenport.

The Sydney, which left Dubuque, Ia., in the morning loaded with the mayors of three Iowa cities, four boards of aldermen, hundreds of merchants and professional men and four bands, had fairly easy going till it began its passage down the harbor channel leading into the Moline lock.

When in sight of the lock gates, the boat struck the rock bottom and before the captain could get under control, it had swung around and become stranded.

**THIS WOMAN KEEPS SECRET.**

Woman Mayor of Hunnewell, Kan., Won't Tell What She Learned. Hunnewell, Kan., Sept. 8.—"My present duty is to keep a secret and, though a woman, I shall keep it."

This was the reply made by Mrs. Ella Wilson, mayor, made upon her arrival here today to all questions concerning the result of her conference in Kansas City, Kan., yesterday with I. W. Trickett, special attorney appointed by Gov. W. R. Stubbs to restore peace between the woman executive and her obdurate council of men.

So Hunnewell, for months without an effective government, now awaits the next meeting of the council next Monday when the secret is expected to come out. From Mayor Wilson's confident manner it is believed the question of dealing with the rebellious council will be solved at that meeting.

**CLUSTER LIGHTS FOR DALLAS.**

New Electric Light Plant Opens, Electroliters Will be Installed. Dallas, S. D., Sept. 8.—Special to The News: The new electric light plant has been formally opened and Dallas is now one of the best lighted towns in South Dakota. A celebration was participated in by hundreds of people from the adjoining county, and the people from almost every section of Gregory county and Tripp county can see the electric lights which are now displayed on the top of the water tower. This added improvement will be a great convenience to the thousands of people who will register for Mellette county lands in October of this year.

The electric system of lighting the streets, which is used in the large cities of the east, will be installed and in consequence the streets and alleys will be as light as day.

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Rev. George Bloedel of Battle Creek Heights went to Chicago Saturday to meet his wife, who went there about two weeks ago for a visit with her parents. They will return this week.

Members of the Baptist church of this district held a conference here the middle of this week. Victor Hoffman returned Saturday to the Lutheran college at Springfield, Ill., where he is being educated for the ministry.

The Madison boosters arrived here Tuesday afternoon from Norfolk for a brief visit and were welcomed by a large crowd. Mayor F. H. Davis of Madison made a fine little speech.

Miss Clara Flood went to a hospital at Council Bluffs, Ia., Wednesday for an operation for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her father, Frank Flood, and aunt, Miss Jennie Flood.

W. A. Sutherland is acting marshal during the absence of Marshal Frank Flood this week. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and children went to Dorsey, Neb., Thursday for a visit with their sister, Mrs. Herman Eyl, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lampert, Jr., the latest young couple married, went to Oakdale Wednesday for a visit with relatives of the young bride.

**SUGAR PRICES BOOSTED.**

New York, Sept. 8.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced 10 cents a hundred pounds.

**SHOULD RETURN MONEY BET.**

Referee of Gotch-Hackenschmidt Match Makes Statement. Chicago, Sept. 8.—Ed Smith, the referee of the Gotch-Hackenschmidt wrestling match, has issued a statement saying all bets on the Gotch-Hackenschmidt contest are off, no matter where they were made. Smith says:

"All bets off regardless whether made in the park or elsewhere. Money should be returned to persons who made bets."

Many stakeholders of small bets did not know whether to pay the money to the Gotch followers or to return the money to the bettors. It was maintained by many that Smith's calling off of all bets merely referred to bets made at the ringside or in the park at the time of the match. It was said that Smith took such a course in order to protect the promoters.

**UNCLE JOE HAS FAST RIDE.**

Whizzes Around Race Track at 64 Miles an Hour—No Politics. Indianapolis, Sept. 8.—"Thank God there is no campaign this fall," said former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, who was in the city, "and I shall make no political speeches. I am not talking politics now for this reason, what good would it do? I'm going back and hustle, I'll have to, if I pay my debts this winter."

After having ridden at the rate of sixty-four miles an hour in a racing automobile around the course of the Indianapolis speedway, Mr. Cannon departed for his home at Danville, Ill.

**SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.**

Lowry will have its annual market day on Friday. Excavation for the new union depot at Watertown has begun. The state normal school at Springfield opened Tuesday with an unusually large attendance.

The barn and granary of Charles Kemp of Hartford was struck by lightning and burned. An Indian agricultural and live stock fair is planned for the Cheyenne agency some time in October.

J. E. Copeland of Elk Point has a copy of the first number of the Maryland Journal, dated August 20, 1773.

Judge E. G. Smith of the supreme court is preparing an article on the late Senator Moody for publication by the state historical society. An article on Senator Kittredge by T. E. Roberts also will be published by the society.

**GENE SULLIVAN WINS FIGHT.**

Gets Decision at Spencer in Ten Rounds with Heavier Man. Spencer, Neb., Sept. 8.—Special to The News: Gene Sullivan of O'Neill defeated Earl Jackson in a six-round bout at the opera house Wednesday night before a good sized audience. Sullivan easily won the decision and emerged from the ring without a mark and in pink condition, while his opponent was groggy and weak. The fight was a clean one and clearly showed that Sullivan had Jackson outclassed in every way, yet the latter is a much heavier man. In the sixth round Sullivan almost put his man out with a fierce swing to the jaw. Jackson was down for eight seconds. Sullivan forced the fight from start to finish. Sullivan weighed 133 and Jackson 160.

**AVERY IS HONORED.**

Head of Nebraska University Named on Chemistry Delegation. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 8.—A delegation made up almost wholly of college professors named by Alexander Smith, administrative head of Columbia university, New York, to represent the American Chemical society at the national conservation congress in this city the last of the month, was announced at the headquarters of the congress today. It is composed of:

Prof. E. H. Kesser, Washington university, St. Louis; Chancellor Samuel Avery, University of Nebraska; Prof. Herman Schlundt, University of Missouri; Prof. E. H. S. Bailey, University of Kansas and Dr. E. A. Bernard, St. Paul laboratory of hygiene, Indianapolis.

**MORE COTTON THIS YEAR.**

Washington, Sept. 8.—The first cot-

ton ginning report of the season issued today by Director Durand of the bureau of census department of commerce and labor, shows that 771,415 bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned from the growth of 1911 to September 1, compared with 353,011 bales of the growth of 1910, ginned to September 1, 1910; 388,242 bales for 1909 and 402,229 bales for 1908.

**LA FOLLETTE IS ACCLAIMED.**

Minnesota Followers of Wisconsin Senator, Adopt Resolutions. Minneapolis, Sept. 8.—More than 300 progressive republicans from the four corners of Minnesota at a banquet hall with acclaim Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin as the logical standard bearer of "advanced republicanism" in the next presidential convention. Resolutions pledging support to the Wisconsin senator, "first, last and all the time" in the contest for the presidential nomination were adopted. They read:

"Political and industrial conditions are unsatisfactory as a result of the influence of the special interests in government. This influence is maintained by controlling political parties and electing business agents instead of statesmen to public offices.

"The servility of politicians to the standpoint demands of unfair business has become intolerable, but without opportunity for direct legislation the average citizen is helpless. To accomplish desired results organization is necessary. The Progressive Republican league proposes laws that will prevent corrupt elections as well as insure control of government by the people themselves.

"We therefore endorse the national progressive movement in the republican party and promise our support to an aggressive campaign for its fundamental principles.

"We further approve the campaign now in progress to secure control of the next national republican convention for the purpose of nominating candidates whose public record and personal convictions are in harmony with these principles and we declare it to be our conviction that the ability, patriotism, and record of the honorable Robert M. La Follette as a lawmaker and executive makes him the leader of the progressive movement in the United States and the logical nominee of the republican party for president at its next national convention, and,

"We pledge ourselves to work for his nomination and election first, last, and all the time."

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT ROW. Mayor and Council at Stanton Can't Agree on How to Run It. Stanton, Neb., Sept. 8.—Special to The News: For some time there has been some friction in the management of the electric light plant of this municipality. The mayor and council