

# The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune.

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

### Hastings Appointed Policeman—Gas Franchise Asked For.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening, all the members and the mayor being present. Mayor McCabe announced the appointment of Lew Hastings as night policeman to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Samuels. The appointment was unanimously confirmed.

M. Keith Neville, having been notified to abate a cesspool nuisance on Lot 4, Block 114, asked the council for sewer facilities that he might comply with their request. The council directed a six inch lateral to be laid in the alley running east and west, the same to connect with the lateral between Fifth and Sixth streets and to be built under the direction of the city engineer.

The Municipal Ownership League petitioned that the saloon licenses be increased to \$2500 a year, the additional revenue to be used in paying various salaries. The petition was received and placed on file.

A numerously signed petition from the residents of Peniston's Addition was presented asking for some fire protection. The council was helpless to grant assistance until the water works franchise had been finally disposed of, but received the petition and placed it on file with several like petitions previously received from the Banks' Addition, the north side and other outlying portions of the city.

A complaint was entered by Joe Stone and Mrs. Armstrong stating that the alley was too high and fit overflow water ran over their sidewalks. The street commissioner was directed to abate the nuisance.

The judiciary committee having in preparation a franchise to be granted the water works company were not prepared to submit its report.

Martin E. Springer, representing the Engineering and Construction company of Lincoln, asked for a franchise giving permission to build and operate a modern gas plant in the city. The principal features of the copy of the franchise submitted were: the franchise to run twenty years; the grantee to file an acceptance of terms of franchise within thirty days from the time of its granting; and the plant to be erected and in operation within eighteen months from that time; the company not to be required to extend its mains beyond 100 feet to supply a single consumer; the price of gas to be \$1.80 per cubic foot with a 10 per cent discount for prompt payment or 15 per cent discount for consumers using in excess of 3000 cubic feet a month, the minimum charge to be fifty cents for the same time. Judge Ray being present, objected to some of the provisions of the franchise as read. The exceptions taken by him were principally as follows: the time limit eighteen months was too long a period in which to complete plant; the distance, 100 feet, too little, the company should be required to extend a main to satisfy a customer; the franchise should specify a certain required candle power and heat units; it should provide for an inspection of meters; the price, if for common gas, was enormously high, but if for carbonated gas it was about as low as could be secured; the franchise should be given to some local dealer. In reply Mr. Springer stated that his company did not ask for an exclusive franchise, and certainly would have no objection to a local dealer securing a like one if anyone desired it; that eighteen months was not an excessive time in view of the fact that before the franchise could finally be granted and a possible referendum vote be demanded, but little work of construction could be undertaken before spring; that an investigation of his record would show he had only received one franchise without building the plant; that he would be willing to have the franchise require a test of at least eighteen candle power and 625 British thermal units; that his company would be after business and hence would make any and all reasonable extensions but for self protection against any possible captious individual 100 feet was a fair distance a company should be required to build a main for a single consumer; and that on the subject of rates for consumption he would submit the maximum and minimum scale of prices paid by all cities in Nebraska using gas—the same being as follows:

York \$1.80—1.62 Grand Island 2.00 1.50 Plattsmouth 2.10—1.50 Omaha 1.75 1.15 Nebraska City 1.75 1.60 Lincoln 1.50 1.20 Hastings 1.90—1.50 Kearney 2.50—2.00, with fuel gas \$1.50. The following cities have a fixed rate: Fremont \$1.75, McCook 1.85, Norfolk 1.75, Beatrice 1.25.

Following further discussion and questioning the petition was referred to the judiciary committee for consideration and amendment.

Claims were presented and bills allowed after which the council adjourned.

## Excellent Health Advice.

Mrs. M. M. Davison, of No. 379 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy, for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor, for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health for the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy I know of." Sold under guarantee at Stone's drug store. 50 cents.

## For Sale.

For Sale, lot 4, block 79, good five room house, electric lights and telephone, lawn, shade trees, cement sidewalks. A nice home. Terms very reasonable. Price \$1,700.

Also a very comfortable little home, close in for \$900; only about \$300 cash is needed to buy this. It is well worth looking up. O. E. ELDER.

## Creditors File Bankruptcy Petition.

Allen Bros. of Omaha, the Callaway Milling Company and the H. J. Heinz Pickling Company of Pittsburg, Pa., creditors respectively to the amount of \$2,131, \$1,261.95 and \$58.90, of the United States Grocery Company owned by Mrs. C. B. Loudon, Wednesday filed in the United States court a petition asking that above named firm be declared a bankrupt. For some weeks this store has been closed and at one time there was a probable purchaser in the person of Butler Buchanan, who would have bought the stock if satisfactory arrangements could have been made. Efforts it is said were made to have the firm go into voluntary bankruptcy but failing in that the creditors through their attorneys Ex-Lieutenant Governor McGilton, of Omaha and Wilcox & Halligan of this city, began proceedings looking to voluntary bankruptcy. It is also reported the Odd Fellows have given notice to vacate the room and that several parties are negotiating for the rental of the same.

## Fruit Farm for Sale or Trade.

One mile to street car line, school across street, 5-room house, cellar, two chicken houses, barn for two horses, well and cistern. Lots fenced. All kinds of fruit of fine variety. Write owner, A. France, Route 4, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## RAILROAD NEWS.

Union Pacific Tax Commissioner, of Omaha, was in the city Wednesday on business connected with the company.

As an evidence of increasing business four firemen, who had been on the suspended list, were put to work Wednesday.

District Foreman Berry the other day received a beautiful souvenir postal card from Mike Salcetti in Italy. The card was no more broken than had it come from Maxwell.

William McGlone, of the Union Pacific store department at Denver, came down from that city Tuesday and accompanied Mrs. McGlone and children, who had been visiting relatives for several weeks, to their home, returning Wednesday morning.

At the two pay days this week, the east end men on Monday, and the shop force and the west end road men on Wednesday, over seven hundred and twenty men received checks at the local offices, the amounts totaling more than fifty thousand dollars.

Hereafter the local freight between North Platte and Grand Island that tied up for the night at Kearney will run through between the above points. In order to do this orders have been issued by Mr. Cahill to the Trainmaster at Grand Island that this train shall not contain more than thirty-five cars, loaded or empty.

Whether, as reported by a local railroad man, there be any truth or not to the statement published elsewhere that orders have been issued to limit the number of cars to each train, the same had not taken effect on Wednesday, for a solid green fruit train of eighty cars was iced at this terminal. The icing business is considerably in excess of that of last year.

An order, effective at once, that will mean more train crews to be placed in service, or least more business for those running, is said to have passed over the wire to the effect that until further orders no train east or west bound shall exceed sixty-five cars. Some trains have been going considerably beyond the hundred mark. To move the same tonnage therefore will give work to a greater number of employees.

## Auction.

The Faka Bros. will sell at auction in Wellfleet twenty head of native horses, Saturday, August 22nd.

## For Sale.

Section 29, town 15, range 29, and sections 13 and 23, town 15, range 30. Good grazing land. Price \$4.50 per acre if purchaser will take all three sections. Inquire of J. L. Stingley, at North Platte Meat Market.



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## Mr. Harrington on the Improvements and Needs of North Platte.

Our former townsman and highly respected citizen in remitting for The Tribune writes entertainingly and instructively concerning the progress and demands of our city. He says:

As I am a small owner of North Platte and Lincoln county real estate I note with pleasure the steady improvements going on in and around the town. I take special interest in North Platte because of the many pleasant recollections of former years. It was in North Platte that I first launched out into business. It was there that all of my children were born. The romance of youthful days and the most sacred memories that come to a man in a lifetime will always keep fresh in my memory that broad green valley in western Nebraska and the town "where the Platte River forks."

My attention is attracted to the proposition to bond the county for \$100,000.00 to build a new court house and while I am a strong advocate of public improvements I am inclined to agree with Mr. Wilcox, John Bratt and others that Lincoln county can get along for ten or fifteen years more without expending so much money for a new court house when you already have a very creditable building and one of the best blocks of ground in the heart of the city. An expenditure of \$5,000 will give you an addition in which you can build modern fire-proof vaults sufficient to protect all your books and records.

If the opinion of a non-resident would be of any interest to your readers I would venture to say that you need first of all, a large modern fire-proof hotel, at least as large as the Adams Hotel of Denver. Owing to the fact that you manufacture no brick in Lincoln county I would suggest a building of reinforced concrete after the plan of the New Ideal Building on 17th street in Denver. There is not a piece of wood used in the entire construction of this building. All of the walls, floors, partitions and stairs are reinforced concrete which becomes as hard as flint and is composed of sand gravel, cement and steel—finished on the outside with white tiling and it is considered one of the handsomest structures in the state of Colorado.

Next in my opinion, you should buy tracts of land for public parks and public play grounds. North Platte can readily afford two public parks, one on the north side and one on the south side of the tracks. The old Dillon property on the north side would make an ideal park for the residents of the Third ward and any where on the extension of Dewey street on the south would be a suitable location for the First and Second ward city park. By purchasing the land now it will be an easy matter to lay out the ground, plant trees and let each succeeding city administration add a little improvement and you will be surprised how surrounding lots will sell and residence buildings spring up so that the additional taxable residence properties will in reality pay for the parks.

A great deal of praise is due to that enterprising young citizen, Keith Neville, who unaided and alone has assumed the financial responsibility of building a handsome opera house which has long been needed in your city. Capitalists are slow to invest money in opera houses in small cities because as a rule they have not been considered paying propositions and I sincerely hope that your people will make the Keith Opera House a paying proposition from the start by liberal patronage.

Every time I visit the new Public Bath House of this city, I think what a splendid thing it would be if old North Platte could afford to build one. You will have to see one of those Modern Municipal bath houses to appreciate their worth. The large swimming pool will accommodate 150 or 200 at once. There are many little rooms containing shower bath apparatus only. I believe the Union Pacific Railroad Co. could be interested in such a proposition in connection with a new Y. M. C. A. building. Clean well paved or graded streets and alleys, good roads leading out into the country have been talked of and I trust I will see some valuable improvements in that direction when I next visit North Platte.

Yours Truly,  
M. C. HARRINGTON.

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## LOCAL MENTION.

Mr. Porter, of the Star Bottling Works, went to Gothenburg Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Mabel Covington is visiting at Cheyenne having gone to that city Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Frieberg was a passenger on No. 11 Wednesday, leaving for a visit at Fort Morgan, Col.

Wesley Wilcox and three children left Wednesday morning for several weeks touring of the Rockies.

For Rent—Front bed room. Inquire of Mrs. Blanche Owens, 421 west 9th.

The Reverend George A. Beecher, who had been in the city for several days, left Tuesday night for Winona, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCall, of Omaha, are visiting relatives in the city, having come in from the west Wednesday morning.

Editor Trotter, of the Brady Vindicator, transacted business in the city Wednesday, having come up on the local Tuesday evening.

For Sale—A good milch cow and a gentle saddle pony. Inquire at the Star Livery Barn.

R. B. Lucas and wife, of Rockwell City, Iowa, parents of Mrs. Albert Muldoon, are visiting at the Muldoon home, having arrived from the east Wednesday evening.

Conductor and Mrs. Fent and children of Grand Island, after visiting Mrs. Fent's mother, Mrs. Baker on South Dewey street for several days, left for the west Wednesday morning.

Misses Oleon, Munger and Mickelson came down from Hershey Thursday morning, later in the day Misses Oleon and Munger went to Denver and Miss Mickelson returned to her home at Hershey.

Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin and sons went to Hamburg, Ia., yesterday for a visit with relatives. Mrs. McLaughlin has been in poor health for some months and makes the trip in the hope of being benefited.

Mrs. M. E. Scott, who has been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beeler, returned to her home at Cuba, Ill., Wednesday morning. Mrs. Scott will be met at Galeburg by her husband.

Highest cash price paid for grain by The C. F. Iddings Co.

Miss Julia Burklund, of Sutherland, was in the city Tuesday to consult with the County Superintendent on school matters. Miss Burklund will teach the school south of Sutherland this year and will begin her work next Monday.

An automobile touring party of five from Kansas City, spent Tuesday night at the Union Pacific hotel, having come from Denver via Cheyenne. The tourists experienced considerable discomfort on their homeward journey due to the heavy rains in the west.

Wanted—A good girl for general housework.—Apply to Mrs. A. B. Hoagland.

The Payne Investment Company Tuesday, through Mr. Stroup sold 160 acres of unimproved irrigated land between North Platte and Hershey for \$5000. The purchaser was a Mr. Pinion from near Ashland, Neb. Mr. Pinion will begin erecting buildings within several weeks preparatory to moving upon the property in the spring. This same real estate firm had a party of Table Rock land buyers in the valley Wednesday.

A scene that appealed to the sympathy of many took place Wednesday morning in the Union Pacific waiting room. A father, with three small children, the youngest a babe of thirteen months, came in from Iowa and was doing his best to properly care for the little ones. Inquiry revealed the fact that the mother had recently been taken to the asylum and the father was bringing the children to the home of his sister living in McPherson county, some thirty miles northwest of the city. The gentleman spoke most kindly of the helpful and considerate treatment he had received from the trainmen and passengers along the route after the conductor had learned of their deprivation of a mother. Here in North Platte some one, he knew not who, brought him a bucket of milk for the baby. Genuine human sympathy for those in distress is by no means a lost art among us. The heart still beats lovingly for all the unfortunate and none attract greater help than motherless little children.

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