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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1911.

The City Hall Bonds.

The fact that the proposition to vote \$15,000.00 bonds to build a City Hall and Home for the Fire Department, has been presented by the unanimous action of the mayor and council...

There is no doubt but they have given this matter careful consideration and that they are only asking for what they consider the best interests of the city demand.

The estimate of the architect is that for \$15,000.00 the city can erect a two-story building 44 feet by 80 feet, with pressed brick and stone trimmings; one half of main floor to be used for the fire apparatus and horses for the hose wagon; the other half of the main floor to be devoted to the city offices...

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It is proposed to erect this building upon the city lot on the corner of Vine and Front streets, facing east on Vine.

According to the published election notice the bonds will be issued for twenty years with option of paying after ten years and they will draw five per cent interest.

It will take \$750.00 per annum to pay this interest. A levy of one mill on the present valuation would produce about \$850.00, making the interest and leaving small balance for the sinking fund, which balance would increase from year to year as the valuation of the taxable property increased.

By the erection of this building we would save the rental and maintenance expense the city is now paying upon the several house houses we are now maintaining and the rental of a downtown office on the grade for the water department, which will soon have to be provided for. These savings would fully equal the one mill tax levy necessary to pay the interest and principle of the bonds.

The present arrangement, with the city offices and records scattered over the city and the records subject to loss and fire and our fire department housed in miserable shacks, is a disgrace to the city. There is not a city in the state of half the size of North Platte but has a substantial City Hall with suitable offices for the City Officers and a home for their Fire Department.

It is high time that North Platte was getting into the procession with the other progressive towns of the state.

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' League sends out the statement that in Nebraska, a license state, there were 424 convicts in the state penitentiary during the year 1910 as compared to 890 in the penitentiary of the state of Kansas, a prohibition state; that 192 were "admitted" to the penitentiary of Nebraska in 1910 as compared to 268 for Kansas; and that the totals of prisoners in the penitentiaries and county jails in 1908 were 921 for Nebraska and 2,172 for Kansas. The figures, it is asserted, are from the biennial reports of the wardens of the two penitentiaries and, as to the number of prisoners in penitentiaries and jails, from the annual report of the United States commissioner general of immigration.

While there might be some difference in the matter of the number of convicts in the penitentiaries, on account of the unprecedently reckless use of pardons and paroles in this state, yet even this feature, undoubtedly somewhat in favor of Kansas, would not make up the entire difference. It may be urged and it will be urged that no attention should be paid to this statement because it comes from an organization interested in the continuance of the manufacture and sale of liquor. However, the unbiased and open mind will probably want some proof of the error or untruth in the reports of the wardens and of the United States authority before declaring that the figures are absolutely valueless. It would, of course be a fact necessary for an intelligent and logical conclusion, to know how many of the Kansas felons are such for violations of the liquor laws.—Grand Island Independent.

Cody Talks in Omaha.

Colonel William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," confirmed the report that he would run for the first United States senator from Arizona while in Omaha Monday, Arizona, one of the territories that is importing congress to admit it to statehood, is understood to be strong for Cody, and he declares his willingness to run if the citizens wish him.

Buffalo Bill also stated that in case the United States got into a war either with Mexico or over the Mexican trouble he would offer his services to the United States army as scout. Colonel Cody was appointed chief of scouts in the war with Spain, but did not serve, as the war was over or nearly so when he received his appointment.

Colonel Cody stopped in Omaha to see Bill McCune, who has had charge of the Indians in the Buffalo Bill show ever since it was started in Omaha in 1883. Mr. McCune is now in the Wise Memorial hospital, a complication of diseases having placed him there recently.

"Arizona should have been admitted this year," said Colonel Cody in speaking of his candidacy. "However, we will surely be admitted next year, and then will be the time for chopping wood."

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Mrs. Millard Asks for Divorce.

The following from the Omaha Bee of Wednesday will be of interest to old residents of North Platte who were acquainted with Mrs. Millard when as a girl she lived in this city:

Mrs. Frankie Barton Millard has instituted proceedings in district court to secure a divorce from her husband, William B. Millard. Mrs. Millard charges desertion and asks for the custody of the three younger children. The suit was filed late Monday afternoon by W. H. De France, attorney for Mrs. Millard.

Mrs. Millard makes no charges in her petition other than the one of plain desertion. She states that on December 26, 1906, her husband deserted her and that for the space of four years and more since that time he has been willfully absent.

Mrs. Millard before her marriage in November of 1883 was Miss Frankie Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Barton. Mr. Millard is a son of ex-Senator Joseph H. Millard. There are four children, all boys: Barton, 25 years old; Joseph H., 16; Henry Ray, 12; Willard B., jr., 10.

Mrs. Millard states in her petition that it would be to the best interests of the minor children that she be given their custody, as the father resides in a small mining camp in a remote section of Montana and is without sufficient means to support them. She also says that they have been wholly supported by her since the time that their father deserted her.

Opposed to Merger Plan.

The Independent Telephone company of Omaha is one of the independents that is opposed to the merger plan. Lysle I. Abbott, receiver for that company says:

"It is an open secret among telephone officials who are pushing this merger litigation, both Bell and independent, that the plan is to merge operating companies in the South Platte territory into one large company under Independent management and to merge all the companies in the North Platte country into one large company under Bell management."

"The next step planned is for the two companies to agree upon some basis to increase the rates and to jointly secure such increase from the railway commission showing that the increase is necessary to put their business upon a sound footing. While no one has made the statement to me, I am convinced that the result in the near future will be to put all telephones in the state, or at least in the cities, on the basis of measured service. This will very materially increase the revenue of the companies and, of course, increase rates to users."

"As my own conclusion, no statement having been made to me or in my hearing, I predict that the Bell, if the legislative plans succeeds, will soon purchase enough of the stock of the South Platte Independent to take control of the company and thereby get control of the telephone industry of the state. This control will be absolute and perpetual for two reasons."

"First: Because capital will not in-

terest itself in independent companies, knowing that any time agents of the Bell can purchase the controlling interest in the independent companies and by its well known business methods make the minority interests valueless.

"Second because the proposed law will give to the railway commission the absolute power to any that no municipality or locality shall permit the establishment of a competing company except upon the granting of a certificate by the railway commission that such company is a public necessity."

According to best available statistics it cost Japan \$685,000,000 to achieve what is called its victory over Russia. Its present national debt is \$1,125,153,411, which amounts to \$21.50 per capita. It is paying out under the head of "interest and other annual charges" \$76,283,536, as compared with \$21,803,000, which the United States is paying, and the United States revenues are about treble those of Japan. The people of Japan are said to be paying 20 to 30 per cent of their incomes for taxes. The debt, according to some of the Japanese newspapers, is more than the nation can endure. Surely it would not occur to sober intelligence to think that a nation so overwhelmed financially would wantonly seek war against any other power, especially one like the United States.—Bee.

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Legal Notice. James W. Potter, otherwise J. W. Potter, George M. Potter, otherwise George N. Potter, Eva D. Potter, Clyde W. Potter and Hazel Potter non-resident defendants will take notice that on the 14th day of March, 1911, Emma J. Turpie and Mabel W. Turpie, filed their certain petition in the District court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, the object of prayer of which said petition are to quiet the title of the Plaintiff, Emma J. Turpie, in the West Half and of the Plaintiff, Mabel W. Turpie, in the east half of that certain tract of land situate in Lincoln county, Nebraska, and described as follows: All that portion of Section nine (9), in township Thirteen (13), north of range thirty (30) west of the 6th p. m. lying south of the south channel of the South Platte river and east of the public road now intersecting said section nine (9), in a northerly and southerly direction, against the defendants and each of them; and for a decree finding that the defendant, James W. Potter took title to the said described lands by warranty deed from the Union Pacific railroad company in the name of J. W. Potter and the defendant George M. Potter took the title to said lands by warranty deed from James W. Potter; and that at the time of the execution of said deed to George N. Potter, the defendant, James W. Potter was an unmarried man; and that Cyrus N. Streeter was a duly authorized Justice of the Peace of Eaton County, Michigan, and qualified under the laws of the State of Michigan to take the acknowledgment of said James W. Potter to said deed; and for a decree quieting the title in the plaintiff against the defendants, Clyde W. Potter and Hazel Potter, against the sale of said described lands by Eva D. Potter, guardian of Clyde W. Potter and Hazel Potter, minors, and the proceedings of and prior to said sale; and for decree finding that the notice of the order to show cause upon the application of said guardian was published for the required length of time and in the manner directed by the court and as provided by law and that the day set for the hearing thereof was duly adjourned by the court; and that the notice of the sale in said proceedings by said guardian, was published for the required length of time and in the manner provided by law; and that said sale and the proceedings therefor were in all respects due and regular; and that the said defendants, Clyde W. Potter and Hazel Potter are precluded and estopped from claiming any interest in said premises, by reason of any defects or irregularities in said guardian's sale and proceedings prior thereto, that certain mortgage made and executed by the defendants as part of the consideration for said premises upon said guardian's sale and taken in the name of the defendant, Eva D. Potter, was as a matter of fact taken by said Eva D. Potter in her capacity as said guardian; and for such other and further relief as justice and equity may require.

Change Proposed Road No. 334. The commissioner appointed to view the change in proposed road No. 334. Commencing at station No. 12 on proposed road No. 334 about 20 rods east and 10 rods north of the southeast corner northeast quarter of north-west quarter of section 30, township 14, range 33 and running thence southeast to the quarter section corner between northeast quarter and southeast quarter of the northwest quarter section 30-14-33 thence east one-half mile on quarter section line of the northeast quarter section 30-14-33 to connect therewith with Second Street in the city of Sutherland, Neb., and to vacate all that part of proposed road 334 between station number 12 and station number 0, has reported in favor of the change, with the following exception in the petition the road is to jog north at the northwest corner of the Gummery land, jog not to be a square jog, but the center of the road is to be the northwest corner of the Gummery land, from that point the said road is to run east along the north line of the Gummery land taking the entire 66 feet for the public road from the Wilson land, and all objections thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before May the 8th, 1911, or such road will be established without reference thereto. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION. To the Electors of the city of North Platte: Notice is hereby given that at the annual election held in the city of North Platte, on the 4th day of April, 1911, the following proposition shall be submitted to the electors of said city, viz: "Shall the City of North Platte issue its bonds in the sum of \$15,000.00, in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, dated July 1st, 1911, due in 20 years from date, but payable at any time after the end of ten years, at the option of said city, to draw interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, principal and interest payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Nebraska in the City of New York. Said bonds to be used for the purpose of obtaining money with which to erect a city hall to accommodate the city officers and city records, the fire department and fire apparatuses, and the police department. And shall the proper officers be authorized to levy and collect a tax annually in the same manner as other municipal taxes may be levied and collected, in an amount sufficient to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as they mature, in addition to the sum authorized to be levied in Section 32, Article 3, Chapter 13, Compiled Statutes of the State of Nebraska for the year 1909, on all the property within said city, as shown and valued upon the assessment rolls of the assessors of said city. Said bonds to be negotiable in form?"

The ballots to be used at said election shall have printed thereon: Issuing \$15,000.00 of the bonds of the City of North Platte for the purpose of erecting a city hall to accommodate the city officers and city records, fire department and fire apparatuses, and the police department, and for levying and collecting a tax annually to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as they mature.

Issuing \$15,000.00 of the bonds of the City of North Platte for the purpose of erecting a city hall to accommodate the city officers and city records, fire department and fire apparatuses, and the police department, and against levying and collecting a tax annually to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as they mature.

Section 2. Those voting in favor of said proposition shall mark their ballots with an (X) after the paragraph beginning: FOR issuing \$15,000.00 of the bonds of the city of North Platte. Those voting against said proposition shall mark their ballots with an (X) after the paragraph beginning: AGAINST issuing \$15,000.00 of the bonds of the city of North Platte.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1911. Attest: (Signed) CHAS. F. TEMPLER, City Clerk. (Signed) THOS. C. PATTERSON, Mayor.

LEGAL NOTICE. In The District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. In the matter of the Application of John Gaudin, Guardian of Egbert Martens, an incompetent person, for leave to sell real estate.

ORDER. On reading and filing the petition duly verified by John Gaudin, Guardian of the person and estate of Egbert Martens, an incompetent for license to sell the following described real estate to-wit: The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the East Half (E 1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the South East Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Ten (10) North, Range Th