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FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1912.

With beef cattle selling as high as \$8.85 per hundred and stockers at \$6.00, it is unfortunate that the number of cattle in Lincoln county is 18,000 less than two years ago.

Farmers in the eastern and central parts of the state have begun threshing wheat and the yield ranges from fifteen to forty bushels per acre, with an average so far reported of at least twenty-two bushels.

The straw vote conducted by papers at Des Moines, which has just closed, gave Taft a vote equal to all others combined.

The democrats propose to open the campaign with a jack pot of one million dollars—this much as a starter. As August Belmont testified before the senate committee that he contributed \$250,000 to the Parker campaign in 1904, he will probably be satisfied to raise that figure when it comes to contributing to the Wilson campaign this year.

The Telephone Franchise.

As there are two propositions pending before the voters, a referendum and initiative, which if decided in the affirmative are intended by the promoters to put the present telephone system out of commission and deprive its patrons of the benefit of its services, and believing that a plain statement of fact might enable the voters to come to an intelligent conclusion I submit the following: The first telephone system erected in the city was built under the provisions of an ordinance, the granting part of which reads as follows:

That the North Platte Telephone Company be and hereby are granted right of way for the erection of and maintenance of poles and wires and other appurtenances thereto for the purpose of transacting a general telephone and telegraph business through, upon and over the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of North Platte.

Under this ordinance George T. Field and his associates built and operated a local telephone system for several years when he sold his plant to Eben Warner and associates who operated the plant for some time and then sold the plant to the Nebraska Telephone Company, who are now operating it under the above original grant.

Since the purchase of the plant the Nebraska Telephone Company has entirely rebuilt the plant and given the city a first class up to date plant and have put North Platte on the map by giving us direct connection from our homes and places of business with their nation wide long distance system. A service such as this company gives us is an indispensable necessity and is a service that no other agency could supply until such times as the general government shall take over and operate a nation wide telephone system.

A careful reading of the granting part of the so-called telephone franchise quoted above discloses the fact that merely grants to the telephone company a right of way through and over the streets, alleys and public grounds for their poles and wires, just the same rights as are given to the telegraph companies and no more.

No exclusive rights are granted. No monopoly. The city is at liberty to grant the same rights to any other person or company or to establish a telephone system of its own.

At the election to be held August 6th, the voters are asked to reject the resolution passed by the city council, without a dissenting vote, consenting to the transfer of the rights under said right of way ordinance from the North Platte Telephone Company, the former owner, to the Nebraska Telephone Company, the present owner. This resolution as will be seen by a careful reading of it in the notice of election in another column does not add anything to the original grant.

The transfer of the rights of the North Platte Telephone Co. to the Nebraska Telephone Co. does not in any way prejudice the rights of the city or of the patrons of the Telephone system.

The rates of all common carriers, including telephone companies, whether owned and controlled by a domestic or foreign corporation, on all business between points within the state of Ne-

braska, are subject to regulation by the state railway commission, and under the law such rates can neither be lowered or raised without the consent of the railway commission.

The matter of rates, under the laws of the state, are beyond the jurisdiction of either the council or the voters of the city.

I hold no brief for any corporation or persons and in laying this statement before the voters I am actuated solely by a desire to conserve the best interests of the city and its people.

T. C. PATTERSON.

City Council Meets in Regular Session.

July 16th, 1912: City council met in regular session with the following members present, Mayor Patterson, Councilmen Brock, Crosby, Herminghausen, Hoagland, Owens and Sullivan. Also Clerk Temple, Engineer Meyer and Water Commissioner Welch.

A communication from Bratt & Goodman asking the city council to move the walk in front of Lot 3, block 13, Peniston's addition for the reason that the walk had been laid according to the survey of the city engineer at the time that it was laid, and now the present city engineer is having the walks on that street laid on another line, throwing this walk out of line. The communication was laid on the table, as the council had so much other business to attend to.

This being the time and place that the council was to open bids for a new pump and there being about seven bids on file and four representatives of pump companies here, the bids were opened and considered. It was found that the job of tabulating was going to take considerable time, so the council instructed the water commissioner to tabulate the bids and bring before the council tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Council then adjourned until 7:30 Wednesday evening.

July 17th, 1912: Council met in adjourned session with the following members present, Mayor Patterson, Councilmen Brock, Crosby, Frazier, Herminghausen, Hoagland, Owens, Sullivan and Tracy. Also Clerk Temple, Engineer Meyer and Water Commissioner Welch.

The different representatives appeared before the council, and described their pumps and after consideration, it was moved by Tracy, seconded by Frazier, that the bid of the International Pump Company, of Denver, Colorado, be accepted for one Ludlow-Gordon steam fly-wheel pump of a capacity of from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 gallon daily capacity at a price of \$5,915.00. Said pump to be installed and tested for this price.

All bills for labor on file allowed. The city attorney was instructed to draw ordinances ordering sidewalk in the northwest part of the city.

There being no further business, the council adjourned.

Announcement

I herewith announce my candidacy for county commissioner on the republican ticket and ask the support of all citizens and pledge to conduct the county affairs in an economical and business way if elected.

IRA L. MILTONBERGER.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

July 10, 1912
The following claims were allowed on the bridge fund:
Henry Linemeyer, lumber for bridges in road district 21, 78.55
Maxwell lumber and grain company, one car of lumber 520.99
John W. Greeno, part payment on lumber, 150.00
Checked and approved books of county clerk for past six months, and find a balance of fees earned and on hand \$61.25. Total amount of fees earned 1,920.40

Whereupon the board adjourns to July 11, 1912
C. W. YOST, County Clerk.

July 11, 1912 Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Streitz, Roberts, Whites and county clerk. Checked and approved books of clerk of district court and find fees earned for first and second quarter, 1,472.53
Checked and approved books of sheriff and find balance of fees earned first and second quarter, 352.98

Whereupon board adjourns to July 14, 1912

Miss Julia Nolen will return tomorrow from an extended visit in Wood River with her brother and other relatives.

Messrs. Harry Burroughs, of Scotts Bluffs, and Jack Boyer, of Gering, arrived here Wednesday and will accept employment in the Davis garage.

J. H. Stafford, of Omaha, general store keeper of the Union Pacific, spent a few days here this week on business while enroute west.

State Superintendent Jas. E. Dezell who attended the district convention of superintendents this week, left for Lincoln Wednesday.

For Sale—Two good registered Hereford bulls, 4 years old, also two yearlings. Inquire of Wm. Edis, North Platte, Neb.

Long Line to be Opened. The main line of the Burlington road from Puget Sound to the Gulf of Mexico will be opened for business about October next, according to an announcement made by Vice President Byram. Arrangements have been made for an enlargement of the Burlington shops in Denver.

Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the Republican State Convention called to meet at Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 30th, 1912, for the purpose of adopting a platform and selecting a state central committee, the republican county convention for Lincoln county is hereby called to meet at North Platte, on July 25th, 1912, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing ten delegates to attend said state convention and for the selecting of a county central committee and for such other business as may come before the convention.

The basis of representation from the several precincts is based on the vote cast for Francis G. Hamer for judge of the supreme court in 1911, general election allowing one delegate for every 20 votes or major fraction thereof is as follows:

Table listing precincts and delegates: North Platte No. 1, 1; North Platte No. 2, 1; North Platte No. 3, 1; North Platte No. 4, 1; Antelope, 1; Birdwood, 1; Brady, 1; Buchanan, 1; Cottonwood, 1; Cox, 1; Payne, 1; Deer Creek, 1; Dickens, 1; Jefferys, 1; Fox Creek, 1; Garfield, 1; Galien, 1; Hall, 1; Harrison, 1; Homan, 1; Hooker, 1; Ken, 1; Table, 1; Leigon, 1; Maxwell, 1; Roberts, 1; Miller, 1; Merrill, 1; Nichols, 1; Nowell, 1; Osgood, 1; Sutherland, 1; Poehann, 1; Plant, 1; Rosedale, 1; Rogers, 1; Somerset, 1; Sunning, 1; Wagon, 1; Walker, 1; Wallace, 1; Well, 1; Wilcox, 1.

It is recommended that the precinct caucuses be held in the several precincts on Saturday, July 20th, 1912, and that at said meeting precinct committees be chosen for the ensuing year, at the same meeting that delegates are chosen to attend the county convention. All delegates should be furnished with proper credentials certified to by the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting at which they are chosen.

E. H. EVANS, Secretary. O. E. ELDER, Chairman Republican Central Committee.

For Sale.

For sale on easy terms the ne qr section 5-13-31, sixty acres in sec. 2-13-31, and block 3, South Park addition to North Platte, Address, H. E. Nichols, Sterling, Colo.

Notice to Bidders.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of county clerk of Lincoln county up to 12:00 o'clock noon, August 1st, 1912, for replacing stringers per unit quantity and replanking per lineal ft. South Platte river bridge at North Platte, all material to be furnished by Lincoln county.

C. W. YOST, County Clerk.



Repair Work

Isn't necessary if you have us in, stall your plumbing. If you are thinking of alterations, give us the

First Opportunity

of estimating, as we recommend all of our work, which is always performed by first-class skilled mechanics, consult us.

R. F. STUART, Shop Phone 369. Res. Phone 683 217 East Sixth Street.

MALARIA headache, biliousness, indigestion, rheumatism, pimples, blotches, yellow complexion, etc., are all signs of poisons in your blood. These poisons should be driven out, or serious illness may result. To get rid of them, use Thedford's Black-Draught the old, reliable, purely vegetable, liver medicine. Mrs. J. H. Easler, of Spartanburg, S. C., says: 'I had sick headache, for years. I felt bad most of the time. I tried Thedford's Black-Draught, and now I feel better than when I was 16 years old.' Your druggist sells it, in 25 cent packages. Insist on Thedford's

July Clearance Sale.

The merchandiss lines enumerated below are offered to the public at the following loss:

- One lot 15 cent French Gingham at 10 cents per yard.
All our 60 and 70 cent Wash Goods to close out at 39 cents per yd.
One lot 50 and 60 cent Silk Mulle, all shades, to close out at 25 cents per yard.
One lot of 25 and 50 cent Wash Goods to close at 15 cents per yd.

Ready-to-Wear Department.

All our washable Dresses washable Skirts, washable Coats, washable Suits and washable Waists at

One-Third Off.

This means that a dollar's worth of merchandise costs you 66 cents. These prices are for cash only.

We must clean out our entire summer stock in order to make room for our mammoth fall stock.

These inducements are not made on trashy goods, but on that high class of merchandise which The Leader has reputation of carrying. Do not delay too long; you need these goods now and now is the time to buy.

Many other lines are offered at reduced prices; to quote all would require too much space.

THE LEADER, J. PIZER, Proprietor.

The only store that offers the public real bargains in first-class merchandise.

You'll Never Be Disappointed by moldy jellies and preserves if you seal them with Parowax (Pure Refined Paraffin). Absolutely air-tight. Easy to handle. Inexpensive. STANDARD OIL COMPANY NEBRASKA Omaha. At Grocers and Drugists Everywhere.

DR. HARRY MITCHELL, Graduate Dentist. Telephone Red 456 505 1/2 Dewey St. North Platte, Nebraska.

DR. J. S. TWINEM, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon. Special attention given to confinement and children's diseases. Office Phone 135 Res. Phone 253. Office McDonald State Bank Bldg.

A. J. AMES, MARIE AMES, Doctors Ames & Ames, Physicians and Surgeons. Office over Stone Drug Co. Phones Office 273 Residence 273

Estimate of Expenses. I, Chas. F. Temple, city clerk in and for the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, hereby certify the following estimate of expenses was made by the mayor and city council of the city of North Platte, Nebraska, for the fiscal year 1912 the 2d day of July, 1912. BONDS AND INTEREST. To pay interest on \$1000,000.00 water bonds 2500.00 To pay interest on \$29,000.00 sewer bonds 1200.00 To pay principal on one sewer bond \$1000.00 1000.00 GENERAL FUND. To pay the salary of city officers 2500.00 For streets and alleys, sidewalks, crossings etc. 5000.00 For sewer maintenance and flushing 1000.00 For lighting streets and alleys 3500.00 For incidental expenses of the city 2500.00 POLICE FUND. To pay salaries and incidental expenses 2500.00 FIRE FUND. To pay salaries, incidental expenses, hydrant rental and for supplies 5000.00 LIBRARY FUND. To pay salaries, supplies and incidental expenses 2000.00 WATER FUND. To pay salaries, repairs, extensions and improvements and incidental expenses for operating the water plant 30,000.00

Statement of the Condition OF THE MUTUAL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION, of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 30th day of June, 1912. Certificate No. 32. ASSETS. First mortgage loans 454,000.00 Stock loans 1,000.00 Cash 7,419.56 Delinquent interest, premiums and fines 707.50 Expenses and taxes paid 1,359.35 Total 462,116.42 CAPITAL STOCK PAID UP 485,138.34 Reserve fund 8,400.00 Undivided profits 22,580.28 Other liabilities 44.80 Total 516,163.42 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1912. Balance on hand July 1, 1911 3,352.09 Dues 99,483.50 Interest and fines 85,129.80 Loans repaid 41,309.07 Miscellaneous fees 809.00 Taxes and insurance 136.25 Total 182,178.71 EXPENDITURES. Loans 70,000.00 Expenses 1,198.53 Stock redeemed 93,861.05 Cash on hand 7,419.56 Taxes and insurance 101.73 Total 182,579.87 State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, ss: I, Samuel Goetze, secretary of the above named Association, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said Association is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 1912. CLARE BRIDGEMAN, Notary Public. C. O. WINGLATS, J. F. T. REDMOND, Directors. V. VONGOTTZ, J.