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**Local and Personal**

F. E. Garvin is reported down with the measles at the Ritner hotel.

The Episcopal guild will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Geo. Trexler.

Mrs. Wm. E. Shuman is reported quite ill with tonsillitis at her home on East Fourth street.

Walter Votaw, of the Maywood vicinity, was in the city over Sunday to visit his parents.

The ladies' aid of the Methodist church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. G. Beeler.

Last-Brown folder pocketbook book containing bills. Return to Mrs. J. E. Quinn and receive reward.

S. E. McDaniel, of Pittsburg, arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit with friends and to look after business interests.

Thirteen loans, aggregating \$16,700, were approved and granted by the directors of the building and loan association Friday evening.

Elmer Owens, who had been working at Boone, Ia., returned Sunday and will accept a position as boiler-maker in the local shops. His family arrived a week or so in advance of his arrival.

A case of measles is reported at the home of James Guyman on West Eighth street. This is the first case of the disease reported here this year.

The twenty-seventh annual ball of the North Platte fire department will be held at the Lloyd Easter, Monday, April 13th. Tickets will be on sale on and after today.

The contract for the grading of 2nd street through the Cody Additions was led this last week to John B. Tillion. This street was opened through the Hinman strip recently by the County Commissioners.

Work in the Mark Master's degree degree will be put on Wednesday evening at the meeting of the Masonic lodge. After the regular session and the degree work a banquet will be served at 10 o'clock.

I only have a few good lots left in the Dolson Addition. For a home for a man working in the Round House or Yards of the U. P., or as an investment, these lots cannot be beat. Remember the terms: \$5.00 down, and \$5.00 per month. C. F. Temple, Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crusen arrived yesterday from California and will visit relatives and friends for some time. Mr. Crusen goes to Omaha today to attend the meeting of the Union Pacific pensioners. He has purchased a tract of land near Los Angeles, upon which he and Mrs. Crusen will make their home.

Friends will be interested in the announcements received in this city of the marriage of Mrs. Hazel Napersteck formerly of this city to James Stanley Winans, of Berkeley, Cal., which occurred two weeks ago. Mr. Winans is employed at the University of California and after a month's visit at interesting places in southern California they will reside in Berkeley. Mrs. Winans was formerly Miss Hazel Shuman. X

**Total Loans of Over Million Dollars.**

The annual meeting of the building and loan association Saturday evening was very slimly attended, the election of directors bringing out only 441 of the 6,258 shares in force March 1st, 1913. Each shareholder had been notified of the meeting, personal invitations were extended by the directors, and other methods used to get out the stockholders, but they did not respond. President Patterson made an address giving a history of the first building and loan association organized in North Platte, and which, by the way, was the first association organized in Nebraska. He told of the growth of the present association, of the changes in the method of doing business in order to meet the demands made upon the association, and gave facts connected with the inception and construction of the new building and the revenue to be derived from rentals. All leases for offices in the new building are for a period of five years, and the rental will exceed \$3,000 per year.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of four directors with the result that Geo. W. Finn, J. M. Rannic and C. O. Weingand were re-elected for three years and W. H. Blalock for one year. The stockholders' meeting then adjourned, and the directors organized by re-electing the former officers. These are T. C. Patterson, president, V. Von-Goetz, vice-president; Saml. Goozee, secretary; F. E. Bullard, treasurer. During the past year the association made loans in the sum of \$167,200, and at present has loans aggregating \$561,300. During the life of the association, twenty-eight years, the total loans made aggregate \$1,247,900, and the profits divided amounted to \$320,825.39.

**Death of Mrs. Woods.**

Mrs. Edith May Woods, wife of Harry Woods, died Saturday morning at 6:55 at her home, 1532 East Fifth street. A blood clot on the brain was the cause of her death which was very sudden. Mrs. Woods has been ailing ever since her baby was born, three weeks ago, and her condition was considered serious at different times, but for the past several days she had seemed convalescent.

Mrs. Woods was the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Howes, 723 East Fifth street. She was born in Liverpool, England April 23, 1895. She came to America five years ago with her parents and they settled in North Platte. She has continued to make her home here since that time. On May 30th, 1911 she was married to Harry Woods of this city. To this union were born two children, the older two years old and the youngest three weeks. She leaves to mourn her death besides her many friends, a husband and two children, her father and mother, two brothers and six sisters.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the Episcopal church of which she was a member. Dean J. J. Bowker delivered the funeral oration. Interment was made in the North Platte cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

Maurice Fowler sold a red roan 1750 pound horse last week to a Grand Island buyer for \$307.50. This animal was raised in Lincoln county, purchased six months ago by Mr. Fowler and put in shape for market. It simply shows that good horses can be raised here; in fact Lincoln county horses have a reputation for soundness and healthfulness. The principal fault with a majority of our horse-men is that they do not raise the right kind; and then again when they do have good stuff they seldom put them in proper shape for the market.

Former Fire Chief Charles Bowman arrived in the city Saturday from his homestead north of Keystone to finish moving his household goods out on his claim. He has already taken out three loads and says that the rain will make the roads much better and allow him to move his goods more easily. He says he will not put in much of a crop this year on account of having to build.

The rain Saturday evening was much heavier a short ways west of here but at Sidney there was practically none. Several parties were out in cars Sunday and announce that the roads between Hershey and Sutherland were very muddy and that travel was very difficult. H. G. Knowles, pastor of the Christian church will verify these facts from real experience with a motorcycle.

The North Platte tennis club was formally organized a few days ago by the election of Will Otten president and Horton Munger secretary. Those who desire to become a club member are requested to see the secretary at as early date as possible.

The Pennsylvania railroad company laid off 1,250 men at the Altoona shops Friday. Since December 1st the number of employes on the line between New York and Pittsburg has been reduced from 142,000 to 117,000, or a total of 25,000.

**Resident Lots.**

I have some of the best resident lots in the city listed, and if you are going to build this spring, you cannot afford to buy without looking over my list. C. F. Temple.

**Argument Against Granting Franchise**

Editor of Tribune:

I have read so many articles in both of the newspapers of this city, all in favor of granting the franchise to the North Platte Electric Company, that I think it no more than fair that the other side of the case be presented. The situation that confronts us is that Willis Todd is asking the city of North Platte to vote him a franchise for electric and gas purposes; in other words he is asking to make a contract with us, and if the majority vote in favor of it at the election to be held next Tuesday, we will have made and entered into a solemn, legal contract for 25 years, which will be enforceable against us in the courts. Let us then look at this contract and see if we wish to agree to its terms and conditions.

In the first place, this contract is with Willis Todd, "his heirs, successors or assigns," and it is not with the North Platte Electric Company. Why is this? I do not know, but I note that this language gives him full power to sell or assign this franchise to whomever he may please, and we have no assurance as to who will be the holder and owner of this franchise at anytime in the future.

It is to be noted that this is a very broad grant of an electric franchise for 25 years. The North Platte Electric Company now has an electric franchise which will not expire for 13 1/2 years. Is this not sufficient? Why should we now grant another electric franchise? Why do the new owners make so much haste to ask it before we have scarcely become acquainted with them? Will it not be sufficient to wait until the present franchise expires and then make a new contract with them if we then deem it advisable? Perhaps we would then be ready and willing to do so. On the other hand, we may be so dissatisfied, that we would want nothing to do with them.

Section 8 of this franchise provides that every customer for electricity or gas shall install a meter for each purpose. It then provides that this shall be installed by the owner of the franchise, without any restriction being made as to the expense thereof or the charge to be made therefor.

By section 10, it is provided that the owner of the franchise agrees, to commence the work of constructing or reconstructing a plant or plants for electricity and gas within six months. But there is absolutely nothing contained in the entire ordinance as to the size or cost of the plant or plants to be constructed.

By section 12 of the ordinance, it is provided that not to exceed 12c shall be charged per kilowatt for electricity, and this it is claimed is a reduction in the present rates. The ordinance however, does not contain any provision for a lower rate where a quantity of electricity is used, and under the new ordinance, the company could charge more for electricity than is now charged, where the customers uses more than 30 kilowatts per month. This same section also provides that gas shall be sold for \$1.50 per cubic foot, but not a word does it say as to the kind or quality of the gas, nor the number of British Thermal Heat Units that 1,000 cubic feet will produce. This is the standard and recognized way of fixing the quality of gas, and the language of such an ordinance should definitely state how many British Thermal Heat Units 1,000 cubic feet of the gas will produce.

The 14th section of the ordinance provides that the city of North Platte shall have an option to purchase the plant upon certain terms and conditions. In the first place our experience with the North Platte Waterworks Company, with a purchase clause quite similar, was so disastrous, that we shudder to think of another similar transaction. This section provides that if we do purchase the electric and gas plant we must purchase "all the property rights, good will, going value, privileges and powers of every kind possessed by said grantee under this ordinance. By our votes, we will create this good will, this going value and these privileges and powers which we will be granting to Willis Todd for nothing, and yet if we wish to purchase the plant, we will have to pay for these very things which we have given away. Manifestly this is very unfair.

The ordinance contains many other unfair propositions, but space will not permit referring to more at this time. On the whole it is a very one-sided affair. Personally, I should like to see a gas plant erected in this city, that we may have the use of gas in our homes and elsewhere, but if we grant this will not have any assurance that we will have the benefits of gas in our homes. Not one word does the franchise contain to the effect that the company will on demand lay the pipes or mains in the streets or alleys so that any citizen demanding the same make connection therewith. A few years ago we granted a gas franchise to the North Platte Electric Company and it put in a plan, large enough for one family. This ordinance does not require Willis Todd to do any more. But we are told that we may just as well give this franchise away to Willis Todd, because it is of no value anyhow. If it is valueless, why do they seek it

with so much effort and expense? The truth is that the franchise is of great value and if granted we will find it will be the basis for the issuance of many thousands of dollars of bonds, upon which we will be compelled to pay interest for many years, in the way of high prices for gas and electricity.

Many rainbow promises are made that if we vote the franchise much money will be spent here for improvements, which will not be spent if we turn the franchise down. A few years ago the Nebraska Telephone Company told us the same thing, and the we voted their proposition down quite unanimously, they put in their new modern plant anyhow. If the North Platte Electric Company puts in a new and modern electric plant, it will not be because we favor it with this franchise, but because it is actually necessary.

Very truly,  
Wm. E. SHUMAN.

P. S. I, too "swear that I am not on pay roll of the North Platte Electric Company, never have been or ever expect to be."

**Loans! Loans!**

I have money to make you most any kind of a loan you want. Either Building & Loan or private. On farm or city property. C. F. Temple.

C. O. D. Cleaners and Dyers. Next door to the Ritner Hotel. tf

**NOTICE.**

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the mayor and city council will hold a special meeting at the hour of eight o'clock p. m. (central time) Tuesday, April 28th, 1914, in the council chamber for the purpose of making assessments and levying taxes for the construction of sidewalks built by the city along the following described property:

- Lot 4, block 87, of the original town of North Platte, walk 4 ft wide, 328 feet long, 912 sq feet at 11c..... \$100 32
- Lot 5, block 87, of the original town of North Platte, walk 4 ft wide, 132 feet long, 528 square feet at 11c..... 58 08
- Lot 1, Block 172 of the original town of North Platte. Walk 4 ft wide 9 ft long, 36 sq. ft. at 10c... 3 60
- Lot 1, Block 35 of the original town of North Platte. Walk 4 ft wide 9 ft long, 36 square feet at 10c..... 3 60
- Lot 1, Block 107 of the original town of North Platte. Walk 4 feet wide 149 feet long, 596 square feet at 11c..... 65 56
- Lot 8, Block 64 of the original town of North Platte. Walk 4 feet wide 83 feet long, 332 square feet at 11c..... 36 52
- Lot 7, Block 64 of the original town of North Platte. 4 feet wide 66 feet long, 264 square feet at 11c..... 29 04
- Lot 5, Block 13, Penniston's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 79 1/2 feet long, 318 square feet at 11c. Filling for the above walk, 9 yards Sand at 75c per yard..... 6 75
- Lot 6, Block 13, Penniston's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 62 1/2 feet long, 250 square feet at 11c Filling for the above walk, 9 yards. Sand at 75c per yard..... 6 75
- Lot 7, Block 13, Penniston's Addition 4 feet wide 62 1/2 feet long, 250 square feet at 11c..... 27 50
- Filling for the above walk, 11 yards. Sand at 75c per yard..... 8 25
- Lot 8, Block 13, Penniston's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 79 1/2 feet long, 318 square feet at 11c Filling for the above walk, 11 yards. Sand at 75c per yard..... 8 25
- Lot 8, Block 6, Penniston Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 79 1/2 feet 318 square feet at 11c..... 34 98
- Lot 5, Block 11, Penniston's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 79 1/2 feet long, 318 square feet at 11c Filling for the above walk, 12 yards. Sand at 75c per yard..... 9 00
- Lot 7, Block 1, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 50 feet long 200 square feet at 11c..... 22 00
- Lot 6, Block 2, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 67 feet long, 268 square feet at 11c..... 29 48
- Lot 9, Block 7, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 50 feet long, 200 square feet at 11c..... 22 00
- Lot 10, Block 7, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 67 feet long, 268 square feet at 11c..... 29 48
- Filling for the above walk, 3 yards. Sand 75c per yard..... 2 25
- Lot 1, Block 2, Taylor Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 67 feet long, 268 square feet at 11c..... 29 48
- Lot 9, Block 1, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 50 feet long, 200 square feet at 11c..... 22 00
- Lot 10, Block 4, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 67 feet long 268 square feet at 11c..... 29 48
- Filling for the above walk, 33 cubic yards at 75c per yard..... 24 75
- Lot 9, Block 4, Taylor's Addition. Walk 4 feet wide 50 feet long 200 square feet at 11c..... 22 00
- Filling for the above walk, 29 cubic yards. Sand at 75c per yard 21 75

All of the above described property being in the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In addition to the above amount interest and advertising fees will be charged.

All persons interested will file their objections, if any they have, to the assessing of taxes against the above described property and for the above described purpose on or before 8:00 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, April 28th, 1914, as above stated.

C. F. Temple, City Clerk.

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- Increased number of factories induced by lower power rates.
- A new fire-proof power station giving steadier and better light.
- Installation of a new system of street lighting, giving North Platte a more attractive appearance day and night.
- We ask every voter to make it possible to help us boost the city by favoring the new ordinance.

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**Improvements Will Be Made at Once.**

**North Platte Electric Co.,**

E. B. PERRIGO, Asst. Geol. Mgr C. R. MOREY, Local Mgr

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