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THE municipal ownership idea is a good thing to think about.

FROM the perusal of our exchanges the suspicion obtrudes itself that Santa Claus and Dan Cupid operated this year under some sort of diplomatical relations.

ANNIE VIO GATES, a paragraph writer on the Nebraska City Press, complains because the Elks do not invent a side saddle for their goat. Wonder if the dear girl realizes what she prays for.

IN a Christmas game of golf, press dispatches inform us, President Taft won from Major Cumming, the president of the club, "without a distinguishing score." The major was probably too modest.

THE old-fashioned charivari party—cow bells, tinware, horse fiddles, etc.—is a relic of barbarism, and should be relegated to oblivion. Come to think of it, though, a recital of how the custom originated might be interesting.

FROM its initial move in the matter the NEWS-HERALD feels that it can assure its readers that the newly reorganized commercial club will be a potent factor in disposing of the question of more light for Plattsmouth. Bull!

THIS is the way the Nebraska City Press passes out the lemons to its city council: "Study the needs of the city and get us what we need, or else write out a little resignation on a slip of paper and hand it to the city clerk—and get out."

OVER the protests of at least two of its members the city council Monday night granted a franchise to the Nebraska Telephone Company to operate its business in this city for an indefinite time. It will now be in order for the Journal to "throw a fit" over the unpatriotic act of the council in patronizing an outside concern when Platt-

mouth has a telephone company owned and operated by home people. We venture, however, that this great moulder of public opinion will smother its emotions until after the contract for the city printing is let for the next year.

THE commercial club now has an opportunity to cover itself with glory at the beginning of its organization. Let it set in motion the proper machinery for giving to Plattsmouth a free postal delivery and the populace will rise up and call it blessed.

WHAT strange things do sometimes happen! The dispatches of Tuesday announce that a receiver has been appointed for a wholesale liquor house in Ohio. The claim was made that the concern was solvent, but was being run at a loss on account of the prohibition wave.

THE Nebraska City Press relates a yarn about a woman in the western part of the state suing for divorce, one of the allegations being that the brute set a steel trap in his pants pocket, hung the garment on the bed post and retired. His wife got into the trap before midnight.

THE current number of The American Press announces the death at Chicago of Milton Bucklin, editor and manager of Judicious Advertising. Mr. Bucklin will be remembered by many of the older newspaper men of the state as having been connected with the Columbus Telegram under the regime of Colonel Parks. His column of nonpareil under the pen name of "Notlim" was always good stuff.

THE blessed New Year's Day's at hand, and we'll reform to beat the band! No more for us the low cigar, the briar or tobacco jar; no more for us the willie-waught, no more the game that hits the spot. Throw all the loathsome cards away, for we'll reform on New Year's Day! No more we'll use, e'en in a joke, the dark blue words that sizz and smoke; and we'll be humble, mild and meek, perhaps a day, perhaps a week.—Walt Mason.

IN RESPONSE to the dismal wail which goes up annually in certain quarters that the Christmas tree custom is a menace to the movement for forest preservation, United States Forester Gifford Pinchot replies that while about four million trees were used this season for that purpose the fact need not be alarming. Planted four feet apart these trees could be grown on less than 1,500 acres. This clearing of an area equal to a good-sized farm each Christmas should not be a subject for much worry when it is remembered that for

lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year.

WHEN congress gets through with plans for punishing the president for his comments upon the law which restricted the use of the secret service men to the single field of counterfeiting possibly it may occur to the senate and the house that the country would like to know why such limits were fixed.—Cleveland Leader.

## City And County

C. A. Marshall, dentist.

Something new in post cards every week. Nemetz & Co. next to P.O.

L. H. Mickle of Weeping Water was in the city Tuesday looking after business matters at the court house.

Mrs. Gardner, whose illness from blindness was mentioned in this paper some days ago, is on the way to recovery.

Henry Sanders of Cedar Creek, one of the NEWS-HERALD readers, was in the city yesterday and paid this office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Young went to Omaha this morning to take in the poultry show. Mrs. Young is a breeder of White Plymouth Rocks.

When buying candies, why not buy the best? We always have a fine line of the superior grades on hand. Nemetz & Co. next to P. O.

W. B. Banning, state senator-elect and son Hollis of Union accompanied by C. H. Taylor were Plattsmouth visitors Tuesday, coming over by auto.

C. E. Doty and wife of near Weeping Water transacted business in this city Tuesday. Charley is one of the hustling young farmers of that vicinity.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me." J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

Herman Kleitach, formerly a resident of this city but for the past ten years residing at Weeping Water, where he is engaged in the milling business, was a business visitor on Tuesday.

W. A. Taylor and wife of near Rock Bluffs, during the holidays entertained their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Furlong, of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. She was accompanied by her daughter Grace.

George Falter is in St. Louis this week laying in a stock of spring goods and will have everything in shape soon after the building of Falter & Thierolf is ready to be occupied by the new clothing firm.

Edwin Shoemaker and George Poper two young and energetic farmers of near Nehawka, were taking in the county seat Monday. The NEWS-HERALD is indebted to these young men for a pleasant call.

Mrs. Hattie Doak and daughter Stella, of Glenwood, came over yesterday for a few days' visit with friends and relatives. Mrs. Doak is a daughter of Mr. Jackson residing on Sixth street, and a sister of Mrs. Dr. Barnes.

This is an Easy Test. Sprinkle Allen's Foot-Ease in one shoe and not in the other, and notice the difference. Just the thing to use when rubbers or overshoes become necessary, and your shoes seem to pinch. Sold everywhere, 25c. Don't accept any substitute.

Will Make Improvements. As a sequel to the passage of the ordinance granting a franchise to the Nebraska telephone company, it is said that the company is planning to spend some \$30,000 in Plattsmouth in the spring, in putting their plant in modern shape. The company will acquire a building and place a flash system in so that there will be no more turning of cranks and "hello central."

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Undergoes Operation. Mrs. John Beeson, who underwent a surgical operation at an Omaha hospital Monday stood the ordeal as well as was expected. Tuesday Judge Beeson visited the hospital and the doctor then thought her condition favorable, although the critical period would not be passed until today, Thursday. Mrs. Beeson's many friends in this city hope for her speedy recovery.

Procure Services of Evangelist. Rev. J. H. Salsbury announced last Sunday that in March or April Rev. Chester Birch a cornetist of much ability, a good singer and speaker will be in this city to assist in holding evangelistic services in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Salsbury urged his congregation to attend services during the week of prayer and thus prepare for the work to be done when the evangelist arrives.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance company of Cass county, Neb., will be held at the Hill school house (District No. 88) on Saturday, January 9th, 1909, at 11:30 a. m. For the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

J. P. FALTER, Secretary.

JACOB TRITSCH, President.

## A LIGHT IN THE AIR

Commercial Club Refers Question to Committee of Five To Solve.

The light problem seems no nearer solution now than a year ago, except that the matter is being agitated. The manner of handling the matter, referring to the light committee of the common council of the city, and by it referred to the Commercial club, and then referred back to the council and virtually nothing accomplished, reminds one of the old criticism on the British army running something like this: "The great Duke of York 'With his hundred thousand men 'First marched up the hill 'And then marched down again.' Before the light matter was taken up Tuesday evening, a constitution for the Commercial club was read and adopted, fixing the membership certificates in the club at \$5.00 per month.

The objects of the club are set out in the second article of the constitution as follows: "The purpose of the association shall be the furtherance in all practical ways of the business and community interests of Plattsmouth. To watch the condition and laying out of public highways leading into the city, encourage and promote their proper construction and maintenance, and co-operate therewith to facilitate driving over the widely practical areas; to foster, aid and encourage the continuance and development of industries, institutions and facilities already here, and the conservative location of meritorious new ones; to guard the enjoyment by the city of the best attainable railroad facilities, as well as freight and fire insurance and other rates, and against unjust discrimination in favor of other towns; to effect desirable voluntary arrangements among the merchants of the city and among other lines of business represented in the club, effecting uniform hours of closing and in other respects; to be a medium for looking after and regulating and securing of public celebrations and out-door amusements, calculated to bring trade to the town, such as Fourth of July celebrations, chautauquas, etc.; to promote better acquaintance and appreciation among our own and immediate surrounding people, of our community resources and advantages, encouraging home patronage and talking-up of the town among home people; to make a name for our city and promote acquaintance with it through the news columns of the state press and by encouraging the holding of conventions, meetings and associations in our city and by co-operation with the local press; to promote the attractive appearance of the city and its desirability as a residence town by encouraging the adoption of best landscape and architectural effects, effective tree planting, street grading, weed cutting, uniform curb lines, regularity of sidewalks, lawns, development of public park and in other ways; and in general to promote in every way practicable the growth, business interests and prosperity of the city."

The constitution was adopted by a full vote of the club, officers are to be elected the first Thursday in January. After the articles were adopted, Hon. R. B. Windham proposed a set of resolutions which he read, directing Congress to vote bonds to the amount of \$500,000,000 for the purpose of improving the water ways of the United States. In support of the resolution Mr. Windham said he had seen the time when the Missouri river was navigable, as many as three large steam boats tied up at the foot of Main street unloading cargoes. That now the products of the country were so great and so rapidly increasing that the railways of the country could not handle the traffic. And that business was retarded on that account. That by an expenditure of the above amount the river and other important water ways could be put in navigable condition again. The club immediately passed the resolutions.

The light question was then brought to the front. Mr. A. Clabaugh for the Nebraska Lighting Company and Mr. Bortenlanger for himself laid their separate propositions before the club. The Nebraska Lighting proposition was the same as has been given in the press several times. This proposition would place itself in condition to furnish and at as reasonable a charge as other cities of the size of Plattsmouth are obtaining light. The Bortenlanger proposition was rather visionary and contemplated the expenditure of \$30,000 and a bond issue of \$30,000 one-half of which should be absorbed by home capital. His plant would not only furnish light and power, but would conduct a cold storage and artificial ice business as well.

It would be a nice thing for the town if made a success, but as the scheme was largely theory, and depended on bond issue to be partly sold here, the plan did not appeal to the capitalists present as the practical way out of the light difficulty. Mr. Windham made a good talk on the light question. He had investigated the question to some extent, and had corresponded with the city officials of many of the towns of about the population of Plattsmouth, and invariably got a raise on electric lighting much below the offer of the Nebraska Light company's offer.

Many others were called on and several short talks were made by different citizens. Mr. Weber, former manager of the Nebraska Light company, made a very interesting speech in defense of the company, and before taking his seat took occasion to compliment Mr. Bortenlanger's scheme and said as an engineering feat the plan merited praise. It was finally determined to have the president of the club, Mr. Falter, appoint a committee of five to confer with the Light committee of the council and try to work out a plan whereby the city could obtain light. The committee was directed to meet at the office of Mr. Falter Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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A New Firm. From Chicago comes the interesting news that Dick Lee, the well-known cattle salesman, has joined forces with his brother Thomas B. Lee, as Manager and Head Cattle Salesman at Chicago of the Lee Live Stock Commission Co., a strong and rapidly growing house. Both brothers are to be congratulated.

Visit City Wednesday. Wallace Philpot and son, Bert Philpot and wife and daughter came in from Mount Pleasant precinct in Bert's fine touring car Wednesday. The gentleman called at the NEWS-HERALD office and left funds to gladden the heart of the printer. These young farmers are engaged extensively in the cattle feeding business and know how to get money out of it.

The New Year will be ushered in tonight by several social gatherings in various parts of the city. A leap year ball at Coates hall will be one of the events. Last chance, you know.

## MURDOCK

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Frank Buell is now on the local telephone exchange.

Miss Anna Newmann was an Omaha passenger Wednesday.

L. Hornbeck has given up the idea of going to Oklahoma at this time.

A Mr. Rieckhoff from Missouri is visiting Henry Riecke and friends.

Paul Schewe shipped a car of hogs to Omaha from South Bend Monday.

Miss Marie Martens of Plattsmouth is staying with the family of Mr. H. R. Neitzel.

Charles Rager and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Rager's parents and relatives.

Wm. Gerdes, wife and baby were up from Lincoln and spent Christmas with the "old folks."

Markets: Wheat 91c, corn 48 to 49c, butter 20c, eggs 25c, cream 28c, hens 8c, oats 40c, hogs \$5.25.

Leslie Rush and family left for Belgrade, Neb., shipping out a carload of household goods Tuesday night.

John Oehlerking is home for the holidays from Naperville, Ill., where he is attending the Evangelical college.

The Misses Bertha and Catherine Goehry visited the O. P. Stewart family at Farragut, Iowa, over Christmas.

Charles P. Traver, now in the real estate and contracting business in Omaha, visited his parents over Christmas.

The local Evangelical church is holding a series of revival meetings to which the public is most earnestly invited.

We understand that Charles Gaebel, Sr., of near Louisville is in a critical condition and hardly expected to survive the year.

Mrs. Henry Borenmeier who has been in one of the hospitals at Omaha for her health returned last week somewhat improved.

Emil Kuehn has purchased the fine residence corner of Arnes Gerdes, and it is his intention to erect a dwelling thereon in the spring.

Miss Alva Thimigan who has been staying in Lincoln the past several months came home here to spend Christmas with her mother.

C. L. Miller, wife and two youngsters left for their home in Ogden, Utah last Monday having passed an enjoyable two weeks with relatives here.

We are informed that the Christmas ball given at the local hall given by Ole Carr was well attended and that a good time was had by those present.

Mrs. William Wilken left for South Dakota last Tuesday where she will spend the next month visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kuestermeier, and family.

Henry C. Backmyer surprised his good wife with a more than ordinary Christmas present, his gift being nothing more or less than a beautiful Cornish pig.

Christ Eichmann is advertising his sale for Monday, the 18th of January, when he will offer eight fine head of horses, eleven head of cattle and other goods at auction.

The Lutheran church North of Murdock was the scene of a fine Christmas eve exercise last week, when all the school children took part in a long and well rendered program.

Henry Borenmeier had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last Monday. He had just bought the team of sorrels from Nels Peterson, and it will take \$200 to find a match for the animal left.

Quite a number of sales are being

advertised to take place in January. Among them may be mentioned Carl Rissman, Wm. Renwanz, Oscar Zaar, and Christ Eichmann.

John Leis and family of Jackson, Neb., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John M. Leis. They have not been in Murdock for something like eight years and are pleased at the changes they note.

Miss Everett, the efficient lady clerk at Martin & Tool's store is behind the counter again, after an absence of about two months, in her old home in Iowa where her mother was a long time ill and finally died.

Mr. A. J. Muth came down from Omaha to spend Christmas with his wife and baby who are stopping with die grosseltern, Mr. and Mrs. Will Langhorst. Mr. Muth reports business prospects as most encouraging. He is a traveling representative for Fairbanks Morse & Company of Omaha.

Lute Jones was in Murdock last Monday and informed the writer that his brother-in-law Dan Steele, who formerly lived here, but was now back in Iowa with his family, had attempted to commit suicide with a butcher knife and that at present he did not know whether the attempt would prove fatal.

Henry Westlake and family entertained a large number of relatives over the Christmas holidays, among those present being Mrs. Westlake's father, Captain McKay and granddaughter of Palmyra; John Westlake, wife and two children of White Lake, S. D.; John Shank and wife of Lincoln and their son Freddie of Avoca.

Rev. A. Brauchle and family are entertaining all their children during the holiday season. Miss Laura came up from Plymouth, where she is engaged in teaching, their daughter and family from North Loup arrived Tuesday of this week, and a nephew by the name of Ehlers from Billings, Montana stopped on his way back to see his parents in Iowa.

We had the pleasure of attending the Christmas evening exercises at the local Evangelical church last Thursday and dare say that a more appropriate and well rendered program was hard to find. All the little folks did themselves proud; the singing was good and the closing piece, a cantata by a large number of young ladies was especially fine, the Queen speaking and acting as to the manor born. The church was tastefully decorated and the large Christmas tree so beautifully lighted made a scene not soon to be forgotten. Everyone present was remembered by well filled sacks of good things to eat, a fitting climax to the crowning season of festivities—Christmas.

Most of our readers will remember Will Knaup who used to work for Henry Borenmeier and later moved to Hitchcock, S. D. About six weeks ago while building a cellar on his farm up there, he had the misfortune to have a large rock fall on his leg so that the limb was broken in three places between the knee and ankle. Will was alone at the time. He rigged up a sled by the use of some rope and an end-

gated and had his horses thus drag him about 1-2 miles to the nearest neighbor who then hitched aid and took him to town where medical aid was applied. The weather was cold and he was almost dead from loss of blood, cold and the excruciating pain that he suffered. Talk about nerve and your heroes. He is now able to move about by the use of crutches and it was not necessary to amputate the leg as was at first feared.

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