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THE COUNCIL SAYS ELECTRIC LIGHTS

And From Its Action Monday We Will Have Them From a Source Able to Furnish It.

MANY ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING

Franchise Granted to Earl E. Wescott, and Light and Power From the Omaha Light and Power Company.

At but one of the members of the city council were in their places last night when the gavel of the Mayor rapped for order, and asked for the roll call and the reading of the call for the meeting; and while the call was being read the other member came in all out of breath and perspiring at every pore.

The first thing on the program after the reading of the call, was the asking of the citizens present for an expression of their opinion as to what the council should do in regard to the question of lighting the city. The first to respond to the invitation was the Rev. Salisbury who stated in clear and concise language the position which he holds, saying that we needed lights and that he thought the streets should be lighted by a system of incandescent lights. He was followed by another speaker who in the main agreed with him, but thought that better service could be gotten from a system of incandescent lights for the lighting of all portions of the city, for the amount of money expended. From there on the discussion became general, many thinking all night service was required, others held to the idea of arc lights; while still others felt equally sure that the smaller lights, distributed over the greater portion of the city, would be the better.

After the citizens present had expressed themselves, Mr. Bortenlanger, of Glenwood, was given an opportunity to speak and was followed by Earl C. Wescott and Mr. Zimmer, of Omaha, each explaining their plans and plans. More citizens having come at this time, they were asked for expressions, and among whom was Judge Travis, who is also city attorney, he giving his views personally and the interpretation of the law touching upon the matter. He thought that it would be the better plan as well as being in conformance with the law, to secure such lights as would cover all portions of the city, which was agreed to by most of the speakers which followed. Such was the opinion expressed by Judge A. J. Beeson and many other speakers. Ed. Fitzgerald who had just come in, was asked for his opinion, and in giving it he recited an experience which occurred to him a short time since, saying that he was at Sidney, Neb., and having occasion to make a train in the early morning, away before the break of day and as the tracks did not make the train he had to get out and walk. As it was a dark, stormy night, and raining, he thought probably it would be a difficult task to get to the station. But to his surprise, when he got out on the streets, which were lighted only by 16 candle power incandescent lights, he found the entire stretch which was a mile, well lighted, and with only a 16-candle lamp at each intersection. He thought that large number of small lights would subserve the purpose of lighting the city better than a small number of lights of greater candle power.

Following these remarks the council expressed their opinion, all favoring lights and some expressing their preference. In giving his ideas of what would be done, Steinkamp, of the Third ward,

as he warmed up to his subject, got quite eloquent, but in his animated interest for the welfare of the city, forgot to treat all with that consideration which should come from a representative of the people. One of the nicest and neatest talks was given by Councilman Sattler, of the Second, in which he said, "I do not approve of slightly speaking of anyone, whoever he is, who comes to us with a proposition for lighting our city, and, while I, myself, do not approve of the acceptance of the proposition of Mr. Bortenlanger, I do think we owe that gentleman a good deal of consideration, from the fact that he has brought us to where we are at the present time, and we ought for him we would not have the other proposition to consider. I do not consider it either courteous or charitable to refer slightly to him or his plan or proposition, as has been done by one of our city council."

Wescott to Get Franchise

After all had been said that anyone wanted to say, a motion prevailed to put the ordinance for the granting of a franchise to Earl C. Wescott, for the establishing and conducting of a plant in the city for furnishing light, heat and power for a period of ten years, on its first reading. After which a suspension of the rules was had and the ordinance was given the second and third reading by title, and passed. The ordinance granting the provisions as contained in the text was accepted by Mr. Wescott.

After the passage of the ordinance Mayor Gering thanked the council for the passage of the measure, saying: "You have, in my opinion, did the best thing which has ever been done since I have held the position of your Mayor, I heartily thank you for the citizens, for you have done what they have expressed in your hearing this night. Your taxes have been reduced more during the last two years than what the lights will cost, and you are to have lights, and the taxes of the city will be less with the lights than they have been heretofore without them. This makes a good showing, and is a source of a good deal of satisfaction."

The matter of the passing of the ordinance making a contract with Earl C. Wescott was then taken up, and after the first reading was laid on the table until the next regular meeting. Then came the disposition of the bills for

The Lowering of the Streets.

Which showed the figures of Magas & Osborn, to be for the entire work, (them to have the dirt,) \$5,578.70. This was given to the committee on Streets, Alleys and Bridges, along with the proposition for having the city engineer survey Main and Sixth street to see if they were on grade, and if so, to have an ordinance prepared to change the grade to conform to what would be required when the contemplated changes would be made; as a contract could not be given which would change the established grade, without first changing the grade by ordinance.

Fire Near Eagle.

Fire destroyed the farm home of M. McFall, three miles south of town, late Wednesday evening, the loss amounting to about \$4,000. \$1,000 insurance was held upon the building and furnishings. Another house occupied by Mrs. McFall's mother and sister, is located just east of the old house, and there Mr. and Mrs. McFall will make their home. —Eagle Beacon.

For Rent

Three-room house, \$6, Fourth and Elm four room house, \$7, Chicago avenue; three room house, \$5, South Park. HENRY E. GERING.

Back From the Black Hills

John Kirkham and his mother, Mrs. Jane Kirkham, who have been in the Black Hills for the past three weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Kirkham's son, B. L. Kirkham, returned home Saturday evening. While away they visited all points of interest in the Hills, making their headquarters with the family of Mrs. Kirkham's son Bert. They enjoyed their visit greatly, and pronounce the climate as being the finest in the world. The Journal is pleased to learn that the Northwest Post is prosperous under the management of Messrs. Fellows and Kirkham.

THE BURLINGTON CAR SHOPS

The Lincoln State Journal Contains Some "Bosh" Regarding Their Removal

The following appeared in the Sunday's issue of the Lincoln Journal:

While it is said that the Burlington management has not arrived at a conclusion as to what will be done with the Plattsmouth car shops, and that no action along this line is liable to be taken within the next few months, the prediction comes from a good source that within a year the shops will be in process of removal to Havelock. It is said the buildings at Plattsmouth wrecked by the July flood have not been repaired, and that they probably will not be. "No reason exists for maintaining car shops at Plattsmouth and locomotive shops at Havelock," it is said. Plattsmouth is not a suitable location for car shops now, since the development of the big system in the west and the change will come, probably within the next year.

"It is understood that some improvement decided upon for the Havelock shops will not be made until after the first of the year, coming under the appropriation for the year to come. An addition to the boiler shop and some other improvements are in prospect for next year."

A Burlington man discussing the Plattsmouth shop proposition says the company has a great deal of money tied up in buildings at Plattsmouth and the move may be made gradually for this reason. It may be planned to use the buildings in some way as long as they will last without expenditure for repairs, but he thought that during the year to come the repair shops will be removed to Havelock, or possibly to Lincoln. The new yards west of the city will accommodate such an institution, ample provisions for growth of the mechanical plant and for more track room having been made in the original plans. The belief, however, is strong that the location will be made at Havelock.

There is no word of truth in the above, and the reporter who penned the article ought to have known it had taken the trouble to have made the proper inquiry before writing the above. There was but one department of the shops totally wrecked by the flood and that was the paint shops. And the rebuilding of these is being completed just as rapidly as it possibly can be done. The State Journal has a large number of patrons in Plattsmouth, and it is very distasteful to them to read this mistatement. We would advise the managers of the State Journal to lecture their reporters on the subject of "To tell the truth," before that paper makes any more such mistatements in regard to the removal of the Plattsmouth shops.

Buy Campbell Bros.' Circus.

W. P. Hall, of Lancaster, Mo., has purchased the Campbell Bros.' circus, and will take possession of the same at the close of the present season. It will be remembered that the show was here early in the spring, and for a month after leaving here met with all kinds of bad luck, one of the brothers becoming insane and another one dying. Some time ago Mr. Hall bought the Walter L. Main shows, which he had on the road one season under the name of the Wm. P. Hall Shows. He sold the show, however, and has since given his entire attention to horse raising. The Journal people have known Mr. Hall for many years. He started in life a poor boy, and has gradually arose to one of the most extensive horse buyers in the United States, and is very popular in all the localities where he purchases horses. The Campbell show, after the winter quarters at Lancaster and will there be placed in readiness for next season's tour under the direction of Mr. Hall. He carried some fine horses with his former circus and will no doubt carry some fine stock with his new aggregation.

Arm Injured

Yesterday afternoon Victor Nixon and Robert Black were doing some grading and while endeavoring to fill a scraper, Victor slipped and injured his arm in such a way that it was thought it had been broken. A physician was called but on thorough examination, could find no fracture, although he pronounced the arm as being in a very sore and strained condition, with the prospects that it would be kept in a sling for some time.

Hard Times for Papers.

The price of print paper is constantly advancing and printing material of all kinds is from 10 to 35 per cent higher than it was three or four years ago, and yet many of the newspapers of the country are selling their products at the prices that they obtained a few years ago. The result is they are losing money and losing it fast. The question is how long can they continue to do so. One thing is certain, there must be a readjustment or there will be fewer newspapers.

It is absolutely impossible to publish an average weekly newspaper for less than \$1.50 per year and receive any profit, and many publishers advocate advancing the price to \$2 per year. A few years ago when paper was cheap and material of all kinds could be bought at a low figure the subscription price of newspapers all over the land was generally reduced to \$1.25 and even \$1 per year, and the price has continued at these profitless figures in a majority of cases in spite of the fact that everything that enters into the making of a newspaper has rapidly advanced. It is hard to understand why a publisher refrains from charging a legitimate and living price. The merchant does not hesitate to charge more for his goods with every advance in the market. The same is true in every other line. The farmer receives more for his products than a few years ago; the laborer receives higher wages. There has been a gradual advance all along the line except by newspapers. Some publishers, have gotten out of the rat and have advanced their prices to a profit basis. The rest must follow their example. There is not enough honor about running a newspaper to offset a continual deficit.

THAT PARCELS POST AGAIN

Certainly the People of the West Do Not Want This Law

The parcels post law is again being agitated. Certainly the people of this country do not want such a law and particularly the western jobbers and retail merchant. The western people and country merchant will have to interest themselves in this question, unless they want the east to entirely rule the west and thereby drive the small merchant out of business.

The postmaster general has spoken in regard to the parcels post system and he will enforce it. A recommendation from an official source, much with the present administration, and the coming congress will have so much to say for that different members will make concessions and the result will be that many objectionable laws will be passed.

An endorsement by this republican administration should not be final, but it will have a great bearing on the case and the little merchant throughout the west should be on guard doing something before it is too late.

The parcels post law is one entirely in the interest of the larger dealer and the department house of the east and against the small dealer of the west. When the government enters into competition with the railroads and the express companies in delivering sixteen pounds and less packages cheaper than they can be legitimately carried then will the large houses prosper at the expense of the smaller.

Nebraska ought to be awake to this question and instruct our representatives to vote to do. Our merchants ought to use a few postage stamps in their own behalf.

In From Colorado.

Lower Davis, who has been making his home at Colorado City, Colo., for the past ten years, came on Saturday evening and will visit with friends and relatives for about a week. Mr. Davis is employed in the coach shops of the Colorado Midland Railway, and has been in the same position for a number of years. In speaking of Colorado, Mr. Davis said while times would be considered as being pretty fair by some, they were not what they had been since the strike of a few years ago, and that the state in all its industrial affairs had felt and was still feeling the effects of the strike, in the causing of a partial stagnation of business, as compared with what it had been before the trouble occurred.

Wolves Getting Bold

Wolves are surely becoming numerous in this vicinity. Sam Strubling killed one the other morning on Mill creek almost in the center of town. —Louisville Courier.

BOTH DREW THEIR PAY

A Simillar Case to the Murdock School Trouble

Relative to the controversy which has been mentioned of the school at Murdock, in which they have two teachers on their hands, one hired by the old board, and the other by the new board, some years since a similar case came before the courts here, from the celebrated district number 38. In this case the director, C. L. Stull who was just ending his term, hired a teacher, one Douglas Shinn, whom the new board refused to recognize, they hiring Miss Unruh.

The new board, when Shinn went to teach at the opening of the school, turned him out, whereupon he sued, and finally in the court recovered for the entire term, while the other teacher taught the term and drew her pay as well. This matter came up during the term of Judge Spurlock, and of course was decided by that legal light.

Dan Cupid Gets Busy.

Three marriage licenses were issued in Lincoln yesterday to Cass county people. Judge Cosgrove, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of County Judge Waters, deceased, found himself in a veritable epidemic of matrimony, on taking charge of the office yesterday morning, says the Lincoln News: "Three couples, two of them from Cass county, were married by his honor. Miss Ollie Jordan of Eagle, with Papa and Mamma Jordan, have been in Lincoln since yesterday with young Joseph Vickers, who wedded Ollie this afternoon, waiting for the opportunity to secure a marriage license. It was not till this afternoon that it was possible. Vickers and Miss Jordan were the first of the trio of couples to stand before the new county judge." The following parties from Cass county were also united in marriage by Judge Cosgrove at the same hour of the first named: Jesse L. Wall and Freda A. Redolph, of Eagle, and Freeman M. Grove and Cordelia M. McCurdy, of Ayle. The Journal extends congratulations to all of them, with the hope that if any trouble overtake them that they may be little ones.

Wedded During the Carnival.

How pleasant it is to go to the Ak-Sar-Ben, see the sights and have a fine time in the big city, with all its decorations, its grand displays, its illuminations, and parades and under the spell as join their lives at the wedding altar. Yesterday at Omaha two couples from this county while enjoying the festivities at the fall carnival, found time amidst the glitter and glamour of the occasion, to stand away to the court house and secure permits and get married. One of these couples were from this city and the other from Louisville. George Barr and Miss Elizabeth Elledge from this place and Chester Eager and Bernia Ervin from Louisville, were the couples who took advantage of the fall festivities at Omaha to fool their friends by getting married. May they never see the hour that they will regret their actions on this occasion.

Missouri Pacific Methods

Wednesday the Missouri Pacific took one hundred people to Omaha with the promise that they would be taken back to Nebraska, from where they had gone, that evening after the parade. When they had gotten aboard the train they were told that as the engine had been broken, they could not go on that train but must go via Plattsmouth and Union and that a train would be there to take them to Nebraska. On arrival at Union there was no train and they telegraphed to the train master about it, who answered back: "You will have to stay or walk home." With one hundred people to care for and only one hotel in town and ten seats in the depot, about thirty started to walk home and were caught in the rain about half way from Union to Nebraska, which completely drenched them, ruining the ladies clothes. This is the second time they have been treated this way by the Mo. Pacific, but they say it will be the last time.

Young Sheldon in St. Louis.

Lincoln Journal: "George Lawson Sheldon, the 11-year-old son of Governor Sheldon, had an experience in St. Louis that was not on the program. He had accompanied his father on his trip down the Mississippi river and at St. Louis took pity on a cripple newsboy whom he met on the street and tried to aid him by selling papers for him. Young Sheldon was then attacked by rival newsboys and a lively tussle was in progress when the police came to the rescue of the governor's son.

Taken to Portland

Peter Merges came to Omaha last Friday and made arrangements to remove the remains of his wife to Portland, Oregon, where he is making his home. Mr. Merges came to Plattsmouth Saturday evening, and visited over Sunday with friends, returning to Omaha this morning on the early train where he expects to depart during the day for Portland, where he will bury his wife. In conversation at the Burlington station this morning, Mr. Merges said that he should have liked to have stayed in Plattsmouth for a few days to have seen his many friends but he could not at this time. He is employed in the city engineer's office at Portland.

THE SCHOOLS OF CASS COUNTY

Miss Mary E. Foster the Most Competent to Supervise Them.

There is no person in Cass county more thoroughly qualified to discharge every duty as county superintendent of schools than Miss Foster. She has years of practical experience as one of the best qualified teachers. She has lived in this county the greater part of her life, and is a lady of education, refinement, respectability and experience, and it is an unquestioned duty of every parent in the county who has a child attending school to give Miss Foster a loyal, earnest and trustworthy support. There should be no question about her election to this position, which requires and demands the constant and most careful personal attention of one who is eminently fitted for the place. Sex is no bar to the proper conduct of this office, and many counties now have women county superintendents. At the recent primary election in York county Miss Alice Florer defeated her male opponent, and is now the republican candidate for this office in that county. Miss Jennie C. Weeth defeated the present incumbent, in Sarpy county, at the primary, and is the democratic candidate for county superintendent, who has been nominated for that position. The Journal could cite its readers to numerous other such instances in this and other states where lady superintendents exist, and they are giving general satisfaction. The fact is, in many counties, as in Cass, there are six or seven women teachers to where there is one male teacher. We seriously doubt if there is one male to ten female teachers in this county at the present year.

The voters of Cass county desire a superintendent who is qualified to fill the office, and in supporting Miss Foster they can rest assured they are voting for a lady who is well fitted for the office.

Another Plattsmouth Boy Climbing

Yesterday morning Geo. Smith came in from McCook, where he is now general foreman of the Burlington shops, and visited with his parents and other relatives in the city yesterday. Mr. Smith grew to manhood in this city, having come here when he was small and learned the machinist trade here. From here he went to other places where he worked as a machinist. Among the other roads for which he worked was the Union Pacific. He has been working for the Burlington for a number of years past and has just recently been appointed as the general foreman of the shops at McCook. We are well pleased to see the deserved promotion of Mr. Smith in this case, as he is eminently well qualified for the position which it has been the result of the good work and ability manifested, to merit. His many friends here will be more than pleased to know that his faithful work is being recognized; and well pleased at his promotion.

Take Care of Your Cattle.

As some people have of late been somewhat careless about letting their cattle run loose on the streets, the Mayor has instructed the chief of police to take up all cattle that may be seen running loose in the city and place them in pond. Those that have cattle would do well to look after them or they will have to pay charges on them. It is a nuisance to have cattle parading over the well kept lawns and flower beds, to say nothing of the damage which they do to gardens.

Will Make Plattsmouth His Home

I. J. Decker, of Iowa, this state, who has been visiting with his half-brothers, the Tulene boys, for the past few days, departed this afternoon for home. While here he purchased the James Baucoucie place of twenty-five acres, and will return shortly and make this place his home.