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THE CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Franchise Granted to Nebraska Telephone Company--Light Question Postponed.

From Tuesday's Daily. The meeting of the city council last evening was remarkable for the large amount of business which it transacted in a short space of time. The passage of an ordinance granting a new franchise to the Nebraska Telephone Company, and leaving them free to establish whatever rates they saw fit to charge so long as the state railway commission held them to be reasonable was the chief feature of the meeting. Weber and Neuman fought the ordinance hard and endeavored to have a limitation of rates placed in it but they were unsuccessful as they could muster only three votes against it. The three voting against the franchise were Weber, Neuman and Mendenhall, the remaining seven councilmen voting for it.

The session opened with Acting Mayor Sattler in the chair and all the members present. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, a communication from former Mayor Gering was read extending his thanks to the council for their resolutions praising him adopted at the last meeting and cordially inviting the members to call upon him in his new location in Omaha. On motion the communication was placed on file.

A communication from Street Commissioner John Janda resigning his office was promptly accepted. Mr. Janda resigns to embark in other business and will leave the city in a few days.

Then came the ordinance granting the new franchise to the Nebraska Telephone Company. This ordinance is printed in full in another column of the paper. It gives the telephone company an unlimited right to the streets and alleys of the city, providing they remove their poles from Main street east of Seventh street and place their wires in a conduit or cable, this to be done within six months from the passage and approval of the ordinance. No mention is made of rates to be charged by the company in the new franchise, although they were limited under the old one which is expressly repealed. A motion by Weber to refer the ordinance to the judiciary committee brought Steinkler to his feet as he desired to amend it. He understood that the telephone company was making its annual estimate of expenses for the ensuing year and wanted to know just what the city intended to do with them. He understood that the expense of changing the system in the business district would be pretty heavy and for that reason the company wanted to know if the city would require it. He moved to amend by suspending the rules, have the ordinance read a second and third time by its title and placed upon its final passage. This was seconded.

Falter called the attention of the council to the fact that the city had been trying for some time to get the poles on Main street removed and now was the chance. He thought the ordinance ought to pass. He thought the company would spend about \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the way of reconstructing their plant. Thought the amendment proper.

Weber, in a way, was not opposed to the ordinance but he remembered how the people had protested in times gone by against the action of the council in giving away valuable franchises and privileges and did not feel like being hasty. Another thing he objected to was the fact that the ordinance did not fix rates. He called the attention of the council to the fact that under this ordinance, the State Railway Commission would fix rates deciding what were reasonable rates. He was there to protect the people. He spoke of the home company and believed in protecting it.

Steinkler did not believe that Weber understood the situation. The Nebraska people already had a perpetual franchise, this having been decided by the courts. It had cost the city money to find out the rights it had. The company now wanted the privilege of removing the old poles and placing its line in streets and alleys. He was not bulldozing or trying to harm people. Competition would keep phone rates down. If the Nebraska Company raised their rates out would go their phones. As matters stood the citizens could be no worse off than they were.

Schulhof wanted to know as to the rates now charged and how they were charged.

Steinkler laid down the law governing the powers of the State Railway Commission as he understood them, and pointed out that the new

rates of the company could be contested if considered too high.

Sattler read the old franchise under which the company was operating and that section which fixed the rates for commercial houses at \$24 per year and residences at \$12.

The amendment was then adopted those voting aye being Falter, Schulz, Slatter, Steinkler, Bookmeyer, Schulhof, Vondran, Mendenhall, Nays Weber and Neuman.

Weber then offered an amendment limiting the rates to be charged to \$24 for commercial houses per year and \$12 for residences per year.

Neuman spoke of repealing the present ordinance and leaving the patrons with no protection against exorbitant rates.

Schulhof contended the State Railway Commission would fix reasonable rates if contested.

Falter referred to the act of the last legislature in conferring power on the Railway Commission to fix rates and gave his understanding of the law.

Weber contended that if the council had the right to vote privileges it had the right to fix rates and was satisfied the intention of the Nebraska Company was to have the Railway Commission fix a higher rate in this city. He again made a plea for protection for the home company and wanted the same rates charged by both companies.

The Weber amendment was lost, those voting in favor were Sattler, Weber, Neuman and Mendenhall. Nay, Falter, Schulz, Bookmeyer, Steinkler, Schulhof, Vondran.

The ordinance then passed the only change from the vote on the Weber amendment being that Sattler who had voted for the amendment then voted for the ordinance, the vote standing 7 to 3 for it.

The bond of B. S. Ramsey as city attorney in the sum of \$600 was then submitted and approved, the sureties being W. C. Ramsey and C. C. Metzger.

Claims Allowed.
The following claims were allowed by the council and the pay of the city fathers was also voted to themselves:

Wilson Reinforced Concrete	Co. cement pipes	\$270.00
Lee Cotner, salary	6 25	
Geo. Mann, salary	6 25	
Geo. McDaniels, salary	6 25	
Karl Hammersack, salary	6 25	
Peter Evers, salary	6 25	
Al Janda, street work	19 65	
Phil Harrison, street work	10 86	
C. W. Baylor, coal	6 50	

The following claims went to the Claims Committee for investigation, Gus Pein, salary \$6.25. Objection was made to Pein's bill as he had been absent from the city for the past three months. Cass County, boarding city prisoners September, October and November, \$60.20.

A report was received from the retiring street commissioner on the quantity of tools on hand which went to the streets committee.

The judiciary committee asked further time on the water works proposition which was granted.

The claims committee reported favorably upon the claim of L. A. Moore for \$8.15 for lumber used and the same was ordered paid.

The streets committee reported the street commissioner's report as O. K. which was filed.

The fire and water committee reported the various hose cart foremen's reports as O. K. which also were filed.

The gas and lighting committee asked that further time be granted and that a special meeting be held in the near future to determine the light question. This was granted and the meeting will be subject to the call of Acting Mayor Sattler.

The police committee reported the reports of the police judge and marshal as O. K. which were filed.

Schulhof reported that the walk up Wintersteeg Hill which had been ordered repaired had not been so and he wanted it done instantly as several people had fallen through holes in the walk already. A motion to have it done and charged to the property carried unanimously.

On motion of Steinkler the marshal was instructed to notify the school board to look after the walk around the Columbian school before it vanished completely.

A motion to adjourn then made caught Falter in the act of unloading an invitation from the Commercial Club to meet with that body tonight at Coates Hall. He finally got the invitation out of his system after the council had adjourned.

TWO SISTERS PUT ON TRIAL TODAY.

Charged With Death of Captain J. Clayton Erb.

THEY PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Victim of Shooting at Country Home Was Prominent National Guardsman and Politician and Husband of One of the Defendants.

Media, Pa., Dec. 29.—In a crowded courtroom here today the unusual spectacle was presented of two sisters called upon to plead to the charge of compassing the death of the husband of the one and the brother-in-law of the other. Both of the women pleaded not guilty.

Owing to the prominence of the victim in the case, Captain J. Clayton Erb, who was a well known politician, national guardsman and lieutenant to Israel W. Durham, the Republican leader, interest throughout Pennsylvania is focused on the trial. One of



MRS. J. CLAYTON ERB, the defendants in the case is Mrs. Florence Erb, and the other is her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel. They are each charged with voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, the charges growing out of the death by shooting on Oct. 6 of Captain Erb at his country home, Red Gables, at Village Green, Delaware county. Media is the county seat of Delaware county.

Shot in Family Quarrel.
It is charged by the prosecution that Captain Erb was shot by Mrs. Beisel after a bitter family quarrel at Red Gables following a long series of domestic dissensions. Captain Erb had forbidden his sister-in-law to visit the house, but she was admitted by Mrs. Erb. Returning to his home unexpectedly, Captain Erb found his sister-in-law there and ordered her from the house. A quarrel and the shooting followed. The charge against Mrs. Erb is that of being an accessory to the shooting.

Mrs. Beisel's plea is self defense, and Mrs. Erb denies any complicity in the shooting. Servants will be called upon to testify to the relations of the deceased and the two defendants and to the occurrences on the day of the shooting.

Since the tragedy Mrs. Beisel has been confined in jail, but Mrs. Erb has been out on bail. The latter is a beautiful young woman, a fine equestrienne and has been prominent in society.

U. S. WARSHIP AT WILLEMSTAD.
Cruiser North Carolina Follows Close Behind Des Moines.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 29.—The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived here. The Des Moines was in communication with another American war vessel about five miles outside the harbor. The second warship is believed to have been the cruiser North Carolina, and after the two vessels separated she proceeded west.

Reliable information has reached here that General Celestino Castro, the former president's brother, who was stationed in Caracas in command of Venezuelan troops and who was reported to have come over to the side of President Gomez, has crossed the Colombian frontier. Several others among the Castro adherents have also left the country.

Ethel Roosevelt Makes Debut.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, last night made her formal bow to society. Preceding the dancing in the east room of the White House, which began at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt received the guests in the blue room. Miss Roosevelt's gown was of soft white satin, trimmed with crystals. The guests numbered about 400, only unmarried members of the younger set participating in the dancing. At midnight the music ceased and the guests partook of a supper, which was served at small tables arranged along the lower corridor and adjoining rooms.

Coopers Are Denied Bail.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Judge Hart has refused bail to Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Senator Carmack.



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THE COLORADO SOUTHERN DEAL

General Manager Holdrege Will Inspect New Acquisition.

One of the features of the aftermath of the great Hill-Colorado & Southern deal is brought out today in the shape of the announcement that a great merger of Texas ranches in the territory adjoining the Colorado & Southern Railway is being formed by James J. Hill. This merger it is stated will comprise 7,000,000 acres of land valued at \$75,000,000. This land lies in the Texas Pan-Handle and covers a vast area, greater than many states. It comprises the lands which a few years ago were pronounced worthless but which in the last five years have been rapidly settled up and has proven to be as fine land as lies out of doors. There are a great many people in this vicinity who are interested in this property, it having been sold out at prices ranging from five to twenty dollars per acre recently while some five years ago it could be bought for from fifty cents to one dollar. The taking hold of this property by Hill means its rapid development and, incidentally, a great profit to himself. It also means to build up a vast territory of riches for his new road to drain and means the creation of a great system of the

Colorado & Southern and Fort Worth & Denver railways in conjunction with the Burlington.

Another piece of news is that Geo. W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri River, departed yesterday on a tour of inspection of the new road. This probably means that this road will be added to Mr. Holdrege's already extensive territory and that the new road will be operated largely from Omaha with subsidiary headquarters at Denver and Fort Worth.

Additional information of an interesting nature is also given out from Chicago to the effect that it is now the intention of Mr. Hill to construct a low grade route from Billings, Mont., on his Great Northern road to Denver, where connection with the C. & S., will be made an outlet for the Pacific coast lines to the Gulf and a through Hill route for lumber and other products. The announcement also states that a low grade route will be built from Kearney to Billings connecting with the Denver-Billings route at Iron Junction, Wyo. This also means a freight route to contribute to the success of the new Gulf line.

Farewell Party.

From Tuesday's Daily. A farewell party was tendered Geo. M. Porter and wife last evening at the home of E. B. Perry in the western part of the city, by a large number of their friends. This party took place just previous to the departure of these most estimable people for their new home in Lincoln to which point they departed this morning.

There was a great many present and the evening was delightfully spent. There was music in abundant quantities furnished chiefly by Misses Mollie Godwin and Myrel Mullis, both accomplished musicians, while the remainder of the evening was taken up with games and amusements of various kinds. The closing feature of this more than pleasant evening was an oyster supper given by the hosts of the evening for the departing guests.

Those who were present and contributed to the success of the farewell were Misses Anna Porter, Ada Porter, Edith Buzzell, Carrie Becker, Blanche O'Neill, Mollie Godwin, Myrel Mullis, Minnie McKay, Cella Taylor, Stella Gooding, Daisy Perry, Messrs. Jas. Hunter, Ralph Mullis, Oscar Wilson, Everett Gooding, Byron Gorton, Burton Gorton, Ratio Taylor, Jesse Perry, Geo. Porter, Jesse Brady, Henry Perry, Hallie Perry.

Flash lights (pocket)—Gering & Co.

Is Doing Well.

From Tuesday's Daily. Joseph F. Swoboda, formerly of this city, but who has been living for some time past at Lawrence, Neb., paid the Journal a very pleasant visit yesterday. He is doing quite well in his new home and this year he enjoyed a very good crop which at present prices will bring him in a good sum. He is looking fine and hearty and his many friends are glad to know that he is prospering so well. For a number of years he has been a subscriber to the Journal and he finds that he gets a lot of news from his old friends from its columns. His visit was much appreciated. Mr. Swoboda took second prize for wheat at the state fair at Lincoln, a fine showing for this state and for his farming abilities. As he realized 52 1/2 bushels to the acre it can be seen that he did extra well.

Narrow Escape From Fire.

A special from Elmwood, under date of December 27, says: "L. F. Langhorst came near having a serious conflagration in his department store last evening. When lighting the gas jet in the west show window some celluloid Christmas goods became ignited and blazed nearly to the ceiling. By prompt action by those in the store the fire was extinguished before the fire department was called out, with but little damage resulting. Willie Langhorst, son of the proprietor, had his hands badly burned in putting out the blaze."