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## PLATTSMOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY

### Hold Annual Meeting and Elect Officers for Year

From Tuesday's Daily. The largest and best attended meeting of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company ever held during its existence took place last evening at the company's offices in this city. The meeting was enthusiastic over the splendid showing which the company has made during the past year which the country over, had been a dull one and during which there was not much expected in the way of earning handsome sums.

In addition to hearing annual reports of the several officers all of which were flattering in the extreme, showing a very handsome profit on the year's business, the company declared its usual dividend of ten per cent payable in quarterly installments of two and one-half per cent each, and carried a handsome balance to the reserve fund. The financial showing of the company speaks volumes for the manner in which their affairs are handled and merit the approbation of all their stockholders.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Thos. E. Parmele. Vice President, Charles C. Parmele. Secretary, J. N. Wise. General Manager and Treasurer, T. H. Pollock. Directors, C. C. Parmele, T. E. Parmele, T. H. Pollock, M. H. Pollock, Peter Eveland, Edwin Jeary, John W. Reasoner, H. F. Swanback, Jacob Tritsch, Dr. J. M. Neely, and C. H. Smith.

A glance at the above list of officers and directors serves to show how powerful this company is and the high class of men interested in it. It can be stated that the stockholders of the company are in addition men of as high character and standing as those named above all of which indicates the Plattsmouth Telephone Company, a strictly home concern, is a reliable as the hills.

One of the matters discussed at the meeting was the question of improvements to the several plants under the control of the company and considerable is contemplated along these lines. In this city, the company will proceed with an extension of its cable system which has been going

on for several years past. These cables will be run to the farthest parts of the city and every possible effort will be made to give the citizens one of the best plants to be had in the state.

The matter of which form of instrument will be put in when any change is made locally has not been decided but it will be a type of instrument which will give the most satisfactory service. There is no definite figures yet ready for publication as to the probable cost of the new work the specifications and plans for which have been prepared and are now in the office of General Manager Pollock. They make an imposing display of blue prints being bound in a large book for convenience in handling. One of the plans adopted for selecting those places where the most needed improvements are to be made, is that of a large map of the city showing every house with a telephone in it and every house where lines can be run to increase the business and secure more subscribers. It shows that the plans of the company are being formed with the utmost deliberation and with a view to giving the people the greatest amount of good from their completed improvements. It also indicates that the company intends to make this year the banner one in their history. Manager Pollock giving the affairs of the company his closest attention.

With the assured activity of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company in the field this summer and the announcement from many quarters of improvements which will be made, there seems now every likelihood that this year will mark an epoch in the history of the city, in the way of prosperous times.

The meeting last night attracted a number of prominent citizens of the county to the city among them being Messrs. Edwin Jeary, Thos. Hill and A. H. Wallinger of Elmwood, Amsdell Sheldon of Avoca, B. H. Landis of Waverly, H. F. Swanback of Greenwood, John W. Reasoner of Ashland, C. E. Mockenaupt and W. G. Earhart of Louisville, Peter Eveland and Frank Gustin of Murdock.

## FROM THE CAPITAL

### Another Letter From Hon. M. A. Bates at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1, 1909. The Senate as usual, adjourned Friday noon until Monday, while the house remained in session until Saturday noon, and then adjourned until Monday 2:30 p. m. This adjournment is getting monotonous to those members who come here from the extreme southwest and northwest parts of the state, who cannot go home every time those members who live in Omaha and nearby desire. So they are compelled to stay here and lose time to gratify the wishes of those who want to put in about three or four months time to get in 60 days.

The first pay day came Saturday, and then the members were only paid \$100.00 each with mileage. The legislature convened on Tuesday, January 5, and thus it can be seen that out of the 26 days passed only 20 were paid for. According to this mode of procedure it will take until about the first of April to get in the full 60 days. The members with money can afford this kind of business, but the fellow with small means will have hard work to pull through the session and meet both ends.

That Noyes is a prohibitionist in the fullest sense of the term has been fully demonstrated in the several bills he has introduced inclining that way. But the manner in which the bill restoring the right of Ft. Crook to have a saloon if they wished certainly demonstrated to Mr. Noyes the temper of this body on the subject. The temperance people who have bills to introduce on that question send them to Noyes for introduction. Another one of his freak bills is anti-treating law, which will meet its Waterloo when the time comes.

It has just come to light that some of the state officials have been granting some of their assistants \$1,800 per year when the law designates the amount they shall have at \$1,500. As they have been caught at this trick now they want this legislature to increase these salaries to \$1,800. But it will never be done. It is more probable, however, that they will be compelled to return that amount which does not belong to them back into the state treasury. Thus the taxpayers of Nebraska see the necessity of an investigation of the books once in a while after the republicans have been at this helm for several years.

Auditor Barton came to the conclusion the other day that he would not pay the employes of the senate until the force was reduced to 49. But when several of the members went to him and gave him to understand that the previous senate (which was republican, of course) has six more employes than the present body and that a further investigation of the state offices which had more help than allowed by law would be made, he had nothing further to say on the subject, but made out the warrants for all employed.

It will be remembered that when George Spurlock represented Otoe and Cass counties in the legislature he was the author of the bill changing the manner of electing county commissioners from being elected by districts to that of an election by the county at large. This legislature will restore the old way, and a bill has already passed the House to this effect. Everybody knows the present law is unjust and that it was introduced and passed for a certain purpose in Cass county.

A strong effort will be made in this session to submit a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote at the next election. It is a question in my mind as to whether such a scheme would pass this House, although there are many here who favor such a proposition. As to myself, I am decidedly opposed to women voting, although it is the opinion of many that most of them would vote the democratic ticket.

So far there has not been many lobbyists in either house. This would indicate that democrats are not so easily influenced as republicans. Heretofore, it is said, they have been very numerous.

The democrats are on to the republican members in their efforts to secure big appropriations and endeavor to have this legislature make as large a deficit as the republican legislature did two years ago. But let the people watch the actions of this body, and when it adjourns, it will be one unanimous voice among

the democrats of the state: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." They are not going to refuse any needful appropriations, either.

The "hot time" is not yet, just watch until we get ready to act upon the bank guaranty and county option, then is the time when the fun will begin. The county optionists, when they see they cannot get in their work on county option, they will shift to statewide prohibition and favor a constitutional amendment to that effect, and voted for or against at the next election.

M. A. B.

## SPLENDID SHOWING

### Livingston Loan and Building Association One of Largest in State

From Tuesday's Daily.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Livingston Loan & Building Association held last night was one of the most successful and prosperous meetings held in many years. There was a fine attendance of members, a great many being present in person, and a large number who were unable to attend sending in proxies to be voted. Out of 1,980 shares in the association 1,723 were represented in the meeting.

The annual election of officers was held, the old officers being chosen for another year by unanimous vote. The officers are as follows:

President, D. B. Smith. Vice President, C. A. Marshall. Treasurer, C. G. Fricke. Secretary, Henry R. Gering. Directors, H. M. Soennichsen, F. G. Egenberger, Henry Herold; to succeed the late W. A. White, Carl G. Fricke.

Building Committee, D. B. Smith, C. A. Marshall, F. G. Egenberger.

The past year has been in line with all others since the formation of this reliable building and loan association, being a very prosperous one. As was usual the ten per cent annual dividend was declared, rounding out a long record of twenty years in which this association has never failed to earn and pay ten per cent on its shares. This is a record which few building and loan associations or other corporations in fact, can point to and is a splendid testimonial to conservative and safe management. Its investments have been so conscientiously handled and such excellent judgment has been displayed in them that even panic years did not cut the dividend.

In addition the meeting last night added \$734.55 to the reserve fund of the association, making an excellent showing for the association and indicates a conservative and safe policy which must impress all familiar with investments.

The personnel of the shareholders of this association is that of the best and most reliable citizens of the community, men who have been successful in business for themselves and who have carried out the affairs of the association with the same careful regard to good management they display in their own affairs. It is a pleasure to commend such excellent business judgment.

### Tift-Rhoden.

On January 20th, 1909, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ruben F. Tift of Rightsonville, S. D., formerly of Iowa, to Miss Bessie F. Rhoden, of Chalkbutte, S. D.

A most beautiful and impressive Rev. Frank Heart of the Congregational church.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rhoden who are so well known near Murray and Greenwood, Neb.

The bride was reared to young girlhood near Murray, thence moving to Greenwood where she grew to young womanhood and in 1907 with her parents moved to South Dakota, where she formed a circle of happy young people and by and by met her betrothal.

The bride is a sister of Frank L. Rhoden of Murray, also having many more relatives near there.

The bridal party were accompanied on their bridal tour by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shrades of Chalkbutte, a sister of the bride.

Mr. Tift is a most highly respected young man with an abundance of friends.

The happy young couple are at home to their many friends six miles south of Chalkbutte, where the groom has a most excellent homestead prepared for their future happiness.

## CITY WILL BE LIGHTED SOON

### Council Decide to Advertise for Bids for Contract

From Tuesday's Daily.

At last there seems some prospect that away in the future this city will have light. Constant hammering by the press and public is responsible for the action which gives indication of getting some relief from the intolerable conditions which prevail in this city in the way of lights. At a special meeting of the city council held last night upon call from Acting Mayor Sattler it was decided to advertise for bids for furnishing the city with light. This meeting was quietly called by the acting mayor and no one save the immediate members of the official family were notified, the city clerk getting his information when the council was ready to proceed. This is probably just as well as some progress was made toward getting what has been fought for so persistently and long.

The members assembled at the council chamber at the usual hour, all present save Councilmen Steinkler and Weber who for some unexplained reason were not present to give their advice or take a stand on the question which came up. After roll call, the light committee presented a resolution instructing the city clerk to advertise for bids for six arc lights of 1200 c. p. and eighty-two incandescent lights of thirty-two candle power, forty watt Tungsten lamps for the period of five years, each bid to be accompanied by a certified check of fifteen hundred dollars as an evidence of good faith. All bids to be in the hands of the

city clerk by Monday, February 22, three weeks from last night.

Nothing was said in the advertisement or the resolution for it as to when the lights were to be in operation, this being left to be settled when the contract is made. This report which was unanimously adopted was made by the entire committee which had finally agreed upon a course of procedure which will without doubt end in producing the light so strongly fought for.

The action of last night, of course, postpones further proceedings in the matter for three weeks after which time the bids will be opened, the checks examined and an award made. The advertisement is to be inserted in the Plattsmouth Journal and some electrical paper of wide circulation, the matter of selecting the latter being left to the city clerk. While the postponement of a question is not always desirable, in this case it seems to be an indication on the part of the council to do what is right in the matter and make the final selection of the lights upon the basis of responsibility and preparedness to carry out the contract.

All citizens interviewed today join in commending what looks like a step toward securing the lights wanted. Many condemn the delay but this was because they did not understand the position of the council in the matter. If all steps taken in the future are in line with those taken last night, the city will be assured of lights within a very short time, say by the middle of May or June.

## SURPRISE FRIEND

### Delightful Evening in Honor of Otto E. Lutz

Last Saturday night a number of the young friends of Otto E. Lutz, gathered at the young man's home in the southern part of the city and gave him a pleasant surprise party. The young gentleman was completely taken by surprise and for sometime did not really understand what was going on. As soon as he had recovered from his surprise he started in to make his friends have a pleasant evening and he succeeded beyond any question. Various games and pastimes were indulged in and there was some delightful music had. At midnight a most delicious luncheon was served by the parents of the young man, Mr. and Mrs. John Lutz, and everyone who had the good fortune to attend departed for home feeling that the evening had been excellently spent.

Those present and taking part in this very enjoyable party were Misses Mary Schwartz, Estelle Geis, Cecil Hawkenbary, Emsie O'Neill, Etta Hyde, Edna Luschinsky, Luella White, Amanda Sattler, Olga Sattler, Pearl O'Neill, Catherine Lutz, Messrs. William Bell, Earl M. Geis, Charles E. Bell, Clarence Ledgway, Ed. Ofc, Harry E. White, Frank E. Cook, Otto E. Lutz, Henry Lutz, Otto Bullin, Roy Denson.

### Social Amenities.

It is told of a Swede working in the quarry, that he attended a revival meeting at Elmwood last week, and when asked by a gentleman if he did not want to work for Jesus, replied, "Naw, I gaze nod, I haf goot a chob in Van Court's quarries an' I gaze I verk for him yet avile."—Weeping Water Republican. The real trouble with Weeping Water, Bro. Oliver, is that she is so out of date, backward, sleepy and run down at the heel, we doubt if she has found out who Jesus is.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

Mrs. Minnie Jochim of Louisville, was a very pleasant visitor at the Journal office last Monday, coming in to renew her subscription to the paper. Mrs. Jochim is one of the lady readers whom the Journal delights to have call as she always has pleasant word for our efforts to please the public and can easily overlook our many shortcomings.

## GETS A PROMOTION

### Dr. J. B. Jack of Burlington Relief Transferred to Chicago

Announcement is made of the appointment of Dr. J. B. Jack at present surgeon for the Burlington Voluntary Relief at Omaha and this city, to a position in Chicago, Ill., in the medical department. Dr. Jack will be succeeded here by Dr. H. H. Blodgett of Omaha who came down this morning with Dr. Jack and was made acquainted with the citizens and railroad men. Dr. F. M. Conlin of Omaha accompanied the party. Dr. Jack during his period of connection with the Burlington, has made a great many friends in this city who have been much gratified at the mark of appreciation the company officers have bestowed upon him by his deserved promotion. In addition to his pleasant personality, Dr. Jack enjoys a high reputation as a surgeon of much ability whose wide experience has been used to its utmost and with great advantage to both himself and the company. While regretting his departure for other fields everyone in Plattsmouth joins in wishing him continued and increasing success. Dr. Blodgett who succeeds him bids fair to be a fitting successor, and that he will soon take his place in the affections of all the former's friend whom he will meet, is the belief of all.

Lee Applegate, the popular citizen from near Union, is looking after business matters in the city today coming in on the morning Missouri Pacific train. Lee is greatly interested in the adoption of the Torrens system of land transfers upon which the Journal will have something to say in the future.

### Strange Animals.

Jessie Blunt while out hunting Monday on the big or rather, Speck's island south of the city unearthed what he variously believes to be three large panthers. He describes the animals as being about two and one-half feet high, long bodies covered with brown fur, and as creeping about stealthily through the undergrowth which covers the island. He avers that these animals showed fight upon his approach and that they behaved much as untamed denizens of the forest are said to behave when approached by the human kind. Jesse was heavily armed with a rifle and a belt of soft nosed bullets. Espying the animals he hastily drew a bead upon one of them but owing to the thick underbrush his shot did not take effect. The bullet which he fired struck a young sapling some three inches in diameter and the soft nosed bullet spread cutting the tree to the ground as neatly almost as an axe. The report of the gun alarmed the animals who made way before he could get to them again. He states that some of the islanders think the animals to be lynx but he adheres to the panther story.

### Reads the Journal.

C. E. Mockenaupt, one of the Journal's good readers from near Manley, was in the city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company and today returned to his home. He is one of the best farmers in the county in addition to his other excellent business qualities and his good judgment is shown by the fact that he ties to the Journal for his account of home happenings. A few days since Mr. Mockenaupt purchased a ment in the shape of a fine span of mules whose weight is 2700 pounds. These he will find invaluable adjuncts in his farm work.