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TWENTY-FOUR HOUR LIGHT SERVICE PROPOSITION UP TO CITY COUNCIL

Great Need of Light in Houses and on Streets During Time From Midnight Until Five O'clock in the Morning.

The question of an all-night electric lighting and power service is before the city council and it is only a question of whether the people want it or not which will decide the matter one way or the other. There has been a good many parties who have gone to the manager, Mr. Clabaugh, lately asking him why he does not put on a twenty-four hour service. And since the company has put in its new boiler there is no question but sufficient machinery is already installed to do the work, provided a contract is made for the service by the city. There is no question but what Plattsmouth should have the service from midnight to dawn as cities of this size all over the country, which are keeping up with the procession in the way of modern utilities, have a twenty-four hour light service. What the contract would mean, is for the lighting plant to install a service from midnight to dawn of sixty 40-watt Tugsten electric burners. The expense of this service will be only \$8.00 per lamp per year, the city now pays \$17.00 per lamp per year for the midnight service. The new additional contract is for a little less than half of the

price paid for service now in use. And for the additional cost of \$40.00 per month the twenty-four hour service can be had. The whole matter was presented to the city council at the last regular meeting, and referred to the light committee for investigation. The condition of the streets in some sections of the city demand the light so the early morning travelers may avoid falling into the washouts.

Nearly one-half of the business lines in the city are around in the early morning without light or compelled to carry a kerosene lamp in order to get about. This is hardly the way the business is done in a wide-awake town. A physician or any other business man called out between midnight and dawn, goes at the risk of life or limb, which condition ought not to exist. Already several parties who have been using gas have indicated the intention, if the new contract is made, to wire their houses, if they can have an all-night circuit. The matter should be considered by the citizens right away, as the engine installed will be ready to hook on to the machinery of the light plant by October 10th.

MYSTERIOUS SHOT LAST SATURDAY

Was It an Attempt to Murder the Occupant of Room.

O. P. Edmonds says that while he was sitting in his room at O. P. Monroe's residence, at the corner of Vine and Sixth streets, last Saturday evening, some person unknown to him, took a shot at him. The incident occurred about midnight, and Mr. Edmonds was reading at the time, as is his custom frequently to read very late when he becomes interested in an article of a book, and on this occasion he sat near the west window of the northwest room in the dwelling. The curtains were drawn to within six inches of the lower sill on each side of the north and west windows. He heard the report of what appeared to him to be a rifle of about 22-caliber, the ball entering the open window and passed through the double doors, which were open at the time, and lodged in the partition on the south, falling between the plastering and the outer wall.

Mr. Edmonds immediately after hearing the report of the gun and the bullet strike the plastering on the opposite side of the room, heard, he says, a light rig drive rapidly west on Vine street, where the vehicle vanished in the moonlight.

Mr. Edmonds is at a loss to explain why anyone should make an attempt on his life, as he has no enemies known to him. There is no clue pointing to the guilty party, and the police are entirely in the dark as to the motive for the attack.

Dr. Ransom Puts in Dental Motor.

Dr. R. N. Ransom, who succeeded Dr. W. B. Elster in his dental practice in Plattsmouth, has just installed a fine new office outfit, including a \$150.00 Columbian all cord alternating current dental motor. The apparatus is attached to the electric power current furnished by the light company, and the work done is very satisfactory, giving the machinery used in the dental work a smooth even power and revolution. One can but note the difference between the smooth running machinery propelled by the motor and the jumping, irregular motion of the foot power machine. Dr. Ransom has his office fitted with the latest dental machinery and can furnish any part of dental surgery that one can get in the large cities.

Judge Beeson Returns.

Judge A. J. Beeson arrived last evening in company with his nephew, Frank Beeson, Jr., of Minatare, Nebraska, having driven a large touring car across the state. Some bad roads were encountered else the gentlemen would have arrived a day or two sooner. They left Minatare Saturday evening and made quite a run before night. The road in the western part of the state having some sand mixed with the clay, are in better condition than those farther east. The judge found plenty of work on hand when he returned and he went right at it with an air of one who knows what to do, and how to do it. Several matters were taken up and disposed of speedily.

W. S. Soper Honored.

W. S. Soper, formerly of this city, but now of Nebraska City, was yesterday elected vice president of the State Photographers' Association. The convention met at Lincoln this week, and the selection of Mr. Soper to the office of vice president is but a just recognition of a competent and skillful man in his trade. Mr. Soper is well known here and any distinction voted him by his profession will be noted with satisfaction by his Plattsmouth friends.

Visits Avoca Precinct Schools.

County superintendent, Miss Mary Foster, returned last evening from visiting the schools in Avoca precinct. Miss Foster has enjoyed riding in the autumn sunshine and is making an effort to get her tour of the county through before the bad weather sets in. Miss Foster has made Union her base of operations this week, spending her nights with her parents in that village.

Mr. George L. Farley and Rev. L. W. Gade attended the Sunday school convention at Greenwood as representatives of the First Presbyterian Sunday school, returning last evening.

Guardian Discharged.

From Saturday's Daily. In the matter of the guardianship of Miss Lola Brownell, of Murdock, her guardian, Dr. I. D. Jones, appeared in the county court today and accounted for the funds of his ward in his hands amounting to \$1,230.00, out of which the court costs were paid and the guardian released. Beside Dr. Jones and his ward being in court, the young lady's father, Mr. William Brownell, and James B. Crane, of Massachusetts, were in attendance at the court. The settlement was entirely satisfactory to the court and parties at interest.

ENTERTAINS CHURCH CHOIR

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wurga Entertains Presbyterian Choir Last Evening.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. William Wurga entertained the choir of the First Presbyterian church at their beautiful home on South Eighth street last evening. After the usual time spent in rehearsing some innocent games, such as are calculated to amuse folks of a musical turn of mind, were indulged in. The first bit of entertainment was well suited to persons of general tastes, but especially adapted to students in advanced geography. The hostess passed slips of paper to each member of the company on which was written a "stately story" with blank spaces for the states omitted, which the guest was required to fill. Prof. Gamble's experience and travel was of great assistance to him, and he carried off the honors. The next feature was a contest in musical terms, which were represented by twelve objects placed on a table which were scanned by the musicians and from memory placed on a slip of paper furnished for the occasion. These were several members of the choir who claimed the championships in musical terms. Elegant refreshments were served, and at each plate were placed cards and the signers were required to find their proper positions for the luncheon.

Vocal numbers were furnished by Mrs. Gamble, Misses Cole and Sullivan.

A most enjoyable evening was spent and the choir voted Mr. and Mrs. Wurga the loveliest of entertainers, and at a late hour separated and departed for their homes.

SOMEONE TRIES TO RUIN THRESHING MACHINE

Some person bent on criminal mischief loaded the bundles of the grain stacks on George Stander's farm west of this city the fore part of the week, with gas pipe, monkey wrenches and other iron slugs, so that the machine which was set in to thresh the grain for Mr. Stander got a bad shaking up last Tuesday morning when a monkey wrench went into the machine.

The machine is the property of the Neighborhood Threshing Company, and was only slightly damaged. All of the outside bundles in the stacks of grain were then taken out and opened up and no less than seven or eight iron slugs, any one of which would have ruined the machine, were taken therefrom. The owners of the Neighborhood thresher have a good idea as to the identity of the culprit who committed the malicious mischief, and are waiting for an opportunity to place them in the custody of the law officers. The party who would be guilty of such a crime would not stop short of murder to gain his desired ends. Had one of the men with the Neighborhood machine been under the front of the machine, where they frequently are, getting implements from the tool box, he might have been killed, as the teeth of the separator fly in all directions when ripped out in such fashion. The penalty is the proper home of an individual who would be guilty of loading bundles with the slugs found in this stack yard.

F. J. Hennings and wife and daughter, Miss Louise, drove in from the farm this morning, and Mr. Hennings and his daughter departed this afternoon for Beloit, Wisconsin, where they will visit relatives for two weeks.

CASS COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT GREENWOOD

Meeting Is Greatly Enjoyed by the Delegates and Visitors Present James Stander of Louisville is Elected President

Mr. C. C. Wescott returned from the annual county Sunday school convention at Greenwood, last evening very much enthused and well pleased with the results of the 10th annual convention of Sunday school workers. There was an excellent attendance and splendid interest manifested by the delegates present in every session of the two days' meeting. Wednesday was an exceedingly interesting program, Dr. Hamil giving three instructive talks to the members of the convention. At the first he discussed the art of Sunday school teaching in a way which was a help to every worker present.

At 4:30 in the afternoon Dr. Hamil gave a talk on the subject of "Target Practice," during which he was ready to answer any question pertaining to the Sunday school work which anyone cared to "shoot" at him. And again, in the evening, he gave an address covering the range of Sunday school work in all its phases.

Another interesting feature of the convention was a report by Miss Brown on the national Sunday school convention which was held in Washington in May. Take it all round, the convention just closed was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The weather was ideal, and the hospitality of the Greenwood people was equal to the occasion in every way, the delegates were made to feel at home and were royally entertained

by the good people of the village. The officers elected at the convention at Greenwood, September 28 and 29, for the Cass County Sunday School Association for the year 1910 and 1911, are as follows:

- President—James Stander, Louisville.
- Vice President—A. E. Wachtel, Union.
- Secretary—Mrs. C. E. Noyes, Louisville.
- Treasurer—S. J. Ambler, Weeping Water.
- Superintendent, First District—Jesse Perry, Plattsmouth.
- Superintendent, Second District—Selma Marquardt, Avoca.
- Superintendent, Third District—Nora Eveland, Murdock.
- Superintendent Elementary Department—Emma Jordan, Alvo.
- Superintendent Teachers' Training Department—C. C. Wescott, Plattsmouth.
- Superintendent Intermediate Department—B. F. Judkins, Eagle.
- Superintendent Adult Department—L. W. Gade, Plattsmouth.
- Superintendent Home Department—H. T. Squires, Wabash.
- Superintendent Temperance Department—W. L. Austin, Plattsmouth.
- Superintendent Visitation Department—Minnie Metzger, Cedar Creek.
- Superintendent Literature Department—Mrs. J. B. Hungeate, Weeping Water.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL PAPERS

Publishers Worried Enough by Such Attempts on the Part of Congress.

From Friday's Daily. Publishers of the United States have been pestered enough by attempted government control, through official whim without the authority of law, and should henceforth be let alone in the conduct of their business and not be subjected to increased annoyance and interference from the federal authority.

The following recently appeared in the Des Moines Capitol, "Editor Fay, of Lyons, Iowa, has been called to Washington city because his subscription list is not so well paid up as the law requires. He will have to explain to the government officials why he has not compelled his subscribers to pay up according to the postal rules. An inspector had visited him two months previously and his list was said to be pretty thoroughly paid up, but evidently it was not sufficiently so. It seems a little tough that country editors have to be hauled up before the government under the charge of violating federal laws just because they do not eternally keep dunning their subscribers for the small sum they owe on subscriptions; but it is like the end of the world, no one knows when it cometh, and no editor knows what day the inspector may pop in and ask to see his list. And if too many subscribers are behind on their paper it means trouble with the government. It puts an editor in such shape that he is compelled to force his collections unless he has an unusually prompt paying list of subscribers."

We do not vouch for the truth of this story, but if true it proves that the spy system is in full blast in the postoffice department and the constitution under which we live is being violated.

One of the bad features of the proposed law is to give the obnoxious spy system a legal standing which now it does not possess.

A Neat Profit.

In March, 1906, Bert Pollock bought 620 acres of land in Cheyenne county, Nebraska, paying \$3 per acre for same or a total of \$1,860. Today he sold 400 acres of same for \$25.00 per acre, or \$11,500, and has the remaining 160 acres left for which he can get \$4,000. Making him a net profit of \$13,600 on an investment of \$1,860, in four years.

Mrs. Cam Seybert was a Plattsmouth visitor today, where she spent the day with friends.

L. H. PHEBUS RECEIVES DESERVED PROMOTION

From Friday's Daily. Traveling Storekeeper Curtis of the Burlington service, was in Plattsmouth yesterday and visited the local storehouse, and notified L. H. Phebus, who has been clerk in the storehouse here, that he has been promoted to chief clerk under C. M. Britt of the Burlington storehouse at McCook, Nebraska. The promotion of Mr. Phebus was not a surprise to his many friends here, as he has been known as a very careful and competent clerk, performing every service allotted him with entire satisfaction to his employers.

Putting in Curb.

From Friday's Daily. Guy McMaken, for the firm of H. C. McMaken & Son, is working a force of men straightening up the curb and preparing to place the curb on the west side of Fourth street today. It is altogether probable that the curb will be run into the forms on this part of the job this week, so that M. Ford can begin to fill the washout next to the court house and place the paving in at that point next Monday.

The large shade trees bordering the walk on the west side of Fourth street will be allowed to stand, which will be a pleasing bit of news for the adjoining lot owners, as the trees are fine protection from the heat in summer. The trees on the pathway adjacent to the government lot on Vine and Fifth streets will no doubt be taken out, as the walk will be made to extend across the entire parkway of twenty feet.

Son Comes For Mr. Voght.

Charles Voght, the old gentleman who wandered away from his residence Wednesday evening of this week, appeared yesterday morning at the home of Arthur Sullivan some distance south of Plattsmouth, yesterday afternoon. The sheriff went out and brought Mr. Voght to Plattsmouth and notified his son at Lincoln, who came on No. 2 last evening and took his father to Lincoln, where he will have the old gentleman reside with him. Mr. Voght is quite aged and it is quite possible that the murder of Mrs. Shera weighed on his mind heavily, and living so near the place, in his enfeebled health, caused him to have turns when his mind would be unbalanced. A change of scenes will no doubt restore him to his normal mental equilibrium.

For Sale.

264 acre farm, 4 miles west of Plattsmouth one and half miles from grain elevator, well improved, and known as the Jacob Horn farm. For further particulars see Mrs. W. Hassler, Plattsmouth, Neb.

MRS. M. A. DICKSON HAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE

From Saturday's Daily. Mrs. M. A. Dickson, yesterday afternoon, was made the recipient of a more than pleasant surprise given by a number of her friends. The occasion was in honor of her birthday anniversary and the friends who assembled at her charming home celebrated it in a manner which will be long remembered. The time was very delightfully spent with cards, music and social conversation, there being several games of cards played.

The friends had come armed with eatables and at a convenient hour a delicious luncheon was prepared and served to which the assembled guests and hostess did ample justice. As a memento of the auspicious occasion, there were some dainty fruit jellies, jams and the like, left with Mrs. Dickson, who could not feel other than highly pleased at the kind remembrance of her friends, as she had not been keeping house this summer and had not had an opportunity to prepare these delicacies for the winter season.

After extending congratulations and best wishes for many more anniversaries, the friends departed for their homes. Those who participated in this most enjoyable occasion were Mesdames L. B. Egenberger, Will Smith, M. Whelan, W. H. Scott, J. H. McMaken, Dan Smith, Fred Egenberger, R. M. Schales, C. W. Baylor, J. C. Peterson, W. H. White, of Omaha, Will Slater, Guy McMaken, Val Burkle and Eva Reece.

Bar Docket Out.

The clerk of the district court, James M. Robertson, has just received the bar docket for the October term of the district court. There are fifty civil and eight criminal cases listed on the docket for the term. And twenty-five law cases and twenty-five equity cases. The civil cases consist of twenty-five.

The criminal docket is not as large as at some former terms of court, but the cases for trial are some of the most important which has been before the court for some time.

Mayor Brown Here.

Mayor L. B. Brown, of Kanosha, was in the city today on business, and reports everything quiet in his village. The town of Kanosha never had a more efficient police force than at present, and trade with the merchants is good.

L. C. Wiles and wife visited the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival today, going on the morning train.

ATTEND THE HARVERT HOME FEAST AT MURRAY

From Saturday's Daily. The Presbyterian people at Murray gave a feed last night as a sort of dedication of their new kitchen, and to celebrate the occasion, three automobile loads of Plattsmouth people motored to that village last evening and partook of the hospitality of the Murray membership. The bill of fare consisted of oyster soup, celery, chicken salad, sliced tomatoes and other delicacies. The decorations were profuse, consisting of autumn flowers and harvest home products; in fact, the occasion was a harvest home feast. There was a fine program, a large crowd and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the Plattsmouth contingent.

Those attending from Plattsmouth were Dr. Cummins and wife, D. C. Morgan and wife, William Baird and wife, Rev. L. W. Gade and wife, John Crabb and wife, and Prof. J. W. Gamble and wife.

The Epworth League Social.

The Epworth League social given last evening at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Adamson, in this city, in the nature of a farewell to Mrs. Bertha Todd and her brother, Mr. Clyde Adamson, was a very pleasant event, and those present enjoyed a most delightful evening. The program had been arranged by Miss Alice Tney, and consisted of games and music. After the company had enjoyed the games for a time, an excellent program was carried out. Among those singing solos were Don York, Clyde Adamson and Jennings Selvers. Instrumental solos were furnished by Waldemire, Soenichsen and others. A reading by John Falter was appreciated very much. Punch and fruits were served in the dining room. All present expressed themselves as enjoying the occasion hugely, but regretted the departure of the guests of honor.

A Fish Story.

W. D. Jones, a man whose word is never questioned, was at Cedar Creek yesterday with two other good men, who saw him make the catch, and he says he can prove it by both of these men, that Mr. Jones caught a black bass which weighed more than 20 pounds. The gentlemen who were with Mr. Jones were Judge Nowell and Edwin Frickie. Mr. Frickie captured a fish weighing 3 pounds.

Cam Seybert, Marshal of Louisville, was a business visitor in Plattsmouth last evening.