

MAYOR SATTLER'S OPINION ON THE WATER FRANCHISE, AFTER DELIBERATION

Favors a Ten Year Franchise and Advises the Council to Give Mr. West a Franchise for That Time, at the End of Which He Thinks the City Will Be in Shape to Purchase Plant.

Much speculation has been made as to the standing of Mayor Sattler on the water franchise, and a Journal reporter interviewed him this morning. The mayor was not in the least backward in giving his view on the subject, and in substance, it is about as follows: He favors a ten-year franchise, with reasonable rates for the rental of hydrants and to private consumers. If this cannot be obtained the city should build its own plant, as the sentiment of the people is growing that way. I do not favor a twenty-year franchise for the simple reason that we are giving Mr. West this franchise free of charge, and if the city wanted to buy this plant at the end of ten years they would be compelled to pay dear for what they are giving away now. I consider in ten years from now, if the city will keep on paying off on the bonded indebtedness as we have done in the past ten years, and the levy for the sinking fund is kept up as it has been, the bonded indebtedness will be reduced from \$199,000 to less than \$120,000, and the city should be financially so shaped to build their own plant, as all first-class cities are doing. I do not want to ask anything unreasonable, as Mr. West has come here and bought the plant and his intention is to spend more money to improve the

same, he should have fair treatment, but at the same time it is the council's and my own duty to secure the best franchise for the city. Every citizen ought to work with the council to secure the same; if we do not look after our own interests no one else will. I do not favor the purchase of the plant at this time, if a reasonable franchise can be obtained, as the bonded indebtedness of the city is too great, being \$178,000 at this time; but if such a franchise cannot be obtained, the city has the right to vote bonds for the building of a municipal plant, and take the earnings of the plant to pay the bonds. There is no question in my mind that it is a paying proposition, as other cities of our size have made it pay. If they can, our city can, as we have just as capable men to place at the head of such a plant as they have. I will ask the city council to make a fair proposition to Mr. West for a ten-year franchise, and if refused by him, to place it before the taxpayers at the spring election, vote bonds and build their own plant. I have had talks with several business men lately, and I find the sentiment growing that way, if a reasonable franchise cannot be obtained. I will do all in my power to secure a reasonable franchise from Mr. West, if the same can be obtained.

Mail Wagon on Fire.

From Saturday's Daily.
There was some excitement at the rear of the postoffice building this morning when N. H. Isbell discovered his rural mail wagon on fire. Mr. Isbell has accustomed himself to using artificial heat in his long drives during the winter season, and to get this has a small soft coal burner in one corner of his wagon. This morning the draught was a little better than common and the stove grew so hot that the adjacent woodwork caught on fire. The fire was extinguished with a few pails of water before the fire company could be called out. This is the second narrow escape Mr. Isbell has had within the week, and he hopes it will be the last.

Loses Valuable Mare.

Walter Scott had the misfortune last Wednesday to lose a valuable mare with lockjaw, caused by the nag running a nail in its foot. The animal was an extra fine brood mare valued at about \$200, and one that will be difficult to replace.

For Typewriter ribbons call at the Journal office.

Sells Little Farm.

From Saturday's Daily.
George Schanz, who has resided in this city since November 5, 1887, has closed a deal whereby he parts ownership with his fine five-acre farm home in South Park. J. B. Cotner of Blue Hill becomes the owner and will bring his family here not later than March 1, and occupy the place. The consideration for the deal is \$4,350, and the place is well worth the money. Mr. Schanz does not know just what he will do, but he does not think of leaving Plattsmouth after living here so long. He will probably rent a place for a while, and buy later.

Papa Newland Now.

Will Newland and wife are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, which was born to them Tuesday night. If you have wondered why Will wore a broad smile this is the reason. He is looking forward to the time when his son will be foreman of the lumber yard, and the old man will be on the retired list. May the youngster flourish like a green bay tree and be a comfort to his parents, is the wish of the writer.

New Orchestra in Town.

The Plattsmouth orchestra, a new musical organization of the city, under the leadership of Thomas Svoboda, has just had some neat cards struck and will be right in the front rank of musical entertainers in the city. This orchestra is fast winning popularity and has already secured some flattering contracts. It will furnish the music at the Catholic Sokol hall on the night of January 20.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ADDS ANOTHER SCALP

The Contest Between Plattsmouth and Nebraska City Teams Results in Favor of Our Boys.

From Saturday's Daily.
The Plattsmouth high school basketball team have won the C. E. Wescott's Sons \$10 pennant, and covered themselves with glory in a hard-fought contest with the Nebraska City high school team at Coates' hall last night. The game during the first half was against the home team, and all through this part of the game the Plattsmouth team evinced much nervousness, causing them to fail to score at critical points in the game.

The game was called very late, owing to the train on which the visiting team arrived being some hours behind schedule time. A much better attendance was enjoyed than was expected, and while the crowd waited for the Nebraska City team to appear, a game was put on between the Bull Frogs and the Hooligans, which ended in a victory for the Frogs, the score being 6 to 4.

Those who attended the game last night were highly pleased at the splendid manner in which the home team acquitted itself. The enthusiasm during the last half of the game ran very high, and the game had many exciting incidents. The score at the end of the first half was 18 to 10 in favor of the visitors. But our boys were learning their methods and how to block them, and in the second half they got down to business and made good what was lost, and plenty to go on. The score at the end of the game stood, Nebraska City, 24; Plattsmouth, 35. The game was umpired by Prof. Larson of this city and refereed by Prof. Annawall of Nebraska City.

The Nebraska City players were: Sulzer, Clark, Gilmore, Crawford, Porter, Gilmore. The home team: D. Arries, R. Larson, Glen Edwards, Lester Dalton, M. Arries, C. Schlater and E. Noble. Timekeeper and official scorer, Mr. Hubble.

The next game will be Friday or Saturday night, January 26 or 27, being a return game with Auburn, and will take place in this city. A return game with Malvern will be played about March 1 and a return game will be played with Glenwood some time in February.

Here From California.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mrs. C. A. Atkinson, daughter of Colonel M. A. Bates, arrived last evening from San Diego, Cal., her home, for an extended visit with her father and mother, brothers and sisters. Mrs. Atkinson is a sister of T. B. and R. A. Bates and will divide her stay with the families of each one. Mrs. Atkinson left San Diego last Monday evening coming direct through in a sleeper, and but one stop was made for any length of time and that was one hour at Denver. Mrs. Atkinson visited here about five years ago, and while she comes from a great deal warmer climate, the severe cold weather here does not have the least effect upon her and we feel greatly elated to know that we are to have her with us for some time.

People Suffering.

It has been hinted that there are several poor families in the city that have really suffered for the want of fuel. We do not know whether the report is true or not, but it would not be a very severe task for some of our authorities to get busy and visit some of the poor families who are said to be suffering for the necessities of life. No persons should be allowed to suffer simply because they have no means with which to purchase fuel and enough to eat and wear.

L. A. Meisinger and cousin, Carl, from west of the city, were in today looking after some business matters, and while here called at the Journal office for a brief visit, and L. A. enrolled his name for the Daily Journal.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Time, tide and opportunity wait for no man; you know it; you never had an opportunity wait for you; this one won't. If clothes quality is what you want, here's your chance to get the best, and save from 25 to 50 per cent of the regular price. Finer goods you never saw; and such prices for them were unheard of before:

\$10 buys Suits or Overcoats which sold at **\$15 and \$16.50**

\$14 buys Suits or Overcoats, which sold for **\$18, \$20 and \$22.50**

\$18 buys Suits and Overcoats which sold for **\$25, \$27.50 and \$30**

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LOOKS LIKE UNCLE SAM WAS VERY HARD UP

The Mail Box Attached to One of the Lamp Posts at Postoffice Looks Like It.

The appropriation of \$50,000 by the United States congress for the Plattsmouth postoffice is probably exhausted. This may be the reason that no funds were in sight when the skilled mechanic attached the mail box to the lamp post outside the east vestibule of the new building. The manner of attachment and the material used reminds one of pioneer days when times were hard and money a thing read about, but seldom handled by ordinary mortals.

Have you ever seen a settler drive in from his claim, in the old days, with a tug or two of his harness mended with bay bail wire or the neckyoke held up at one end with the same, or possibly a piece of barb wire? When nails gave out the same sort of wire was used to attach rails to the fence post and fasten up the stable door. In some instances, where the bail wire was not handy the clothes line wire was pressed into service and the harness mended with this.

Have you observed the galvanized sheet metal mail box chained to the lamp post aforementioned and further secured with a smooth clothesline wire? If you have not you should take a minute of time and take an inventory of the expense, and note the skill which must have been employed in twining the wire in the tender and clinging manner about the post, causing the galvanized box to nestle there in cold as well as warmer weather.

Our attention was first called to the ornament by a minister, whom we found observing it and at the same time trying to restrain his laughter. When a piece of work is so grotesque and anti-time as to cause the minister to laugh it certainly merits the attention of ye scribe. It is to be hoped that the next congress will provide sufficient funds to allow us a modern box with modern fixtures attaching it to the government property.

"Tanked Up" Here.

From Saturday's Daily.
Train No. 1, the Burlington flyer, which passes through Plattsmouth every morning about 6 o'clock, merely pausing to whistle, paid us a visit this morning. Her water tank was empty when Pacific Junction was reached, and the water tank being frozen up so that water could not be taken there, Mr. Johnson took his train over and pulled No. 1 into the Plattsmouth shop yards, where plenty of water could be had and where she "tanked up" and started for Denver somewhat late.

Superintendent of the Shops William Baird has just received a letter from Mrs. Baird stating that she and Robert are doing fine in southern California. The weather is fine and they eat their meals with the windows and doors of their residence open.

LOCAL NEWS

From Saturday's Daily.

A. Kaffenberger of near Cedar Creek visited Plattsmouth yesterday between trains, returning on the Schuyler in the afternoon.

Albert Nickels drove up from his home this afternoon and boarded the fast mail for Omaha, where he was called on business.

William Puls, sr., and son, Louis, were Plattsmouth visitors today, having driven in from their home in Mount Pleasant precinct.

Miss Edna Propst came down from Omaha this afternoon and will spend Sunday with her parents, R. L. Propst and wife, at Mynard.

County Commissioner C. E. Hoebner departed for Murray today and thence to his home at Nehawka to spend Sunday with his family.

A. M. Holmes of Murray, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Rawls and family, for a few days, returned to his home this morning.

Henry Thierolf of Cedar Creek returned to his home yesterday afternoon on the Schuyler, after visiting Plattsmouth friends for a couple of days.

William Puls was in from his farm home, west of Murray, today. He came in for a visit with friends and the transaction of business matters.

John Wyckman, who has been on the relief for the past two weeks, owing to an injured limb, resumed his duties in the Burlington shops yesterday.

County Attorney G. H. Taylor left for his home at Union on the morning train today, where he will spend Sunday with his mother and family.

Mrs. W. H. Seybert and daughter, Honor, and Mrs. A. F. Seybert of Cullom arrived on No. 4 today to spend the day with Plattsmouth friends.

John McNurin and wife returned from Cullom this morning, where they have visited relatives for a few days and looked after their farm at the same time.

R. C. Bailey, the Maple Grove blacksmith, drove in from his home this morning in time to take No. 15 for Omaha, where he went on a business errand.

James Terryberry returned from the farmers' convention at Omaha this morning, where he has spent two days learning how to keep the trusts from getting his hard-earned wealth.

County Commissioner C. R. Jordan, who has been aiding the other members of the board of county commissioners in checking the treasurer's office, secured the services of James Donnelly and left for his home yesterday.

Miss Alice Johnson of Denver, who has been visiting her parents, Henry Eikenbary and wife, and was present on the occasion of the celebration of their golden wedding on New Year's day, departed for her home today.

Miss Emma Rush, who has been visiting at the home of J. W.

Tritsch for a time, departed for her home this morning. Mrs. Tritsch drove in from her home this morning, bringing Miss Rush to the station. Mrs. George Hild and Miss Ida Hagel accompanied Miss Rush as far as Omaha, where they spent the day.

W. J. Martin of Lincoln, traveling representative for the J. D. Adams' leaning wheel road grader, was in the city yesterday to interview the county commissioners, but found them too busy checking the county treasurer's office to talk about road machinery.

Mrs. Claude Mayfield departed for Omaha this morning to remain a few days until her husband can find new quarters in which to reside, the fire at the Barnes' residence yesterday having greatly damaged Mr. Mayfield's household goods, they being tenants of the damaged building.

A. J. McKinney Improving.

The numerous friends of Comrade A. J. McKinney will be pleased to know that he is improving daily and will soon be so far recovered from his long seizure of sickness as to be able to be on the street again. Mrs. McKinney has been sick also, for a time; she is also getting better, we are glad to state.

Holds Contests Next Week.

From Saturday's Daily.
Miss Mary Foster, county superintendent, will visit her parents over Sunday going down tomorrow morning. Next week, Monday and Tuesday, she will attend the Nebraska State Teachers' association at Lincoln. Later in the week she will conduct contests in the schools at Greenwood, Eagle and Elmwood in mental arithmetic and spelling.

Removes Shop.

I take this method of informing my patrons that I have moved my carpenter and repair shop from Sixth and Pearl streets to the old Peter Bates' shop on Seventh street, just south of A. O. U. W. hall. All carpenter work and furniture repairing solicited. J. E. Mason.

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