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NEW AUTOMOBILE SPEED ORDINANCE IS BROUGHT UP

Measure to Regulate Traffic Meets With the Approval of Almost All Present.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the city council held a most interesting session and took up two very important matters to the citizens of this municipality, that of letting the contract for the curbing and guttering in paying district No. 5 and the ordinance to regulate the speed and procedure of vehicles on the streets of the city. There was much interest manifested in the meeting by the auto drivers and owners of the city, many of whom were present at the meeting.

The new ordinance was read for the first time and laid over until the next regular meeting for its second reading. The measure is calculated to cover all vehicles, and the only one not under the ban of the ordinance is the baby carriage, and the owners of these can speed to their heart's content. The ordinance is very fair to all and satisfactory to the auto owners, as well as the councilmen, who are almost all pedestrians. It provides, among other things, that an automobile or vehicle shall keep to the right side of the street, and to turn the corners of the intersecting street shall pass across the center of the street, and in the case of a motorcycle or automobile shall blow a horn or some instrument to draw the attention of the public to the fact of their approach. It is also unlawful for any person to jump on, hang on, or be upon any vehicle without the consent of the owner. No person shall run a motor vehicle without what is known as a muffler when in use, except it may be "cut out" when within two blocks of where the vehicle is kept.

The ordinance also provides that no vehicle shall block up the street or crossings or that no dray or other wagon shall remain backed up to the curbing longer than necessary to unload stuff from the vehicle, and that the wagon shall stand so that in case of a vehicle drawn by an animal the shafts shall not protrude in a manner to cause injury to passers-by.

Every hack, cab or vehicle of the like shall be provided with at least one white light in front of the vehicle and at least one red light in the rear of the vehicle, which must be lit at least one hour before sunset and one hour before sunrise when vehicle is in use. The light section of the ordinance includes in its provisions both motorcycles and automobiles. The drivers of all vehicles, saddle horses or anything else going upon the streets of the city shall conduct themselves and the vehicle or horse they are handling in a safe manner.

For the regulation of the speed of all motor propelled vehicles the rate of speed in the city has been fixed by law at 12 miles per hour on the business streets of the city, with a speed of 10 miles over the intersecting streets and in the residence streets a speed of 15 miles an hour may be maintained, which is certainly all anyone could ask for, either from the automobile drivers or the general public which travels on foot.

It is also provided in the ordinance that no one shall drive a car who is not past the age of 16 years, nor anyone drinking intoxicating liquors before starting out with their machine. No two persons shall be permitted to ride on a motorcycle unless the proper seats shall have been provided for.

The occupation tax ordinance was laid over by consent until the next meeting for its final reading.

The matter of letting the contract for the curbing and guttering in paying district No. 5 attracted much attention and there were a number of bidders present to see what action the council would take in the matter. The bid of James Burnie was for \$5,000.32, A. D. Sears of Fremont, \$6,582.16; G. J. S. Collins, \$6,854.60; G. D. McMaken, \$5,249.50; Mid-West Construction Co., \$5,836.48. The matter was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee, which, after a comparison of the figures, awarded the contract to Mr. Burnie, provided he fulfilled the requirements of the city in regard to the furnishing of the proper bond for the faithful performance of the work.

The claims committee of the council reported that after due investigation the claims of the Nebraska Lighting Co. for street lighting for \$130, G. W. Haynie and Tom Stokes for helping survey for \$3.30 and \$1, as being

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MR. ALBERT CLABAUGH RESIGNS MANAGEMENT

Goes to Fairmont, West Virginia, to Take Charge of Plant for Large Corporation.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Albert Clabaugh, who for the past five years and a half has been the manager of the Nebraska Lighting company in this city, yesterday handed in his resignation to the officers of that corporation. Mr. Clabaugh has accepted a position with the Municipal Utilities Corporation, which owns a large number of plants in the east, and will in the future be placed in charge of the plant operated by this company at Fairmont, West Virginia, a city of some 20,000 inhabitants, which supplies the surrounding town with power and light. The position taken by Mr. Clabaugh is a lucrative one and the corporation is to be congratulated on securing such an untiring worker for the position of manager of their plant at Fairmont.

During the time Mr. Clabaugh has been here in the interests of the Nebraska Lighting company, he has been "on the job" continuously, and up to a few months ago had charge of the plant at Shenandoah, Iowa, and has contributed greatly to the improvements made in the service along the lines of the company. The handling of a public utilities corporation is a very hard job at the best, and while here Mr. Clabaugh was constantly endeavoring to give the patrons of his company the best service possible, and his departure from this city will be greatly regretted by all who have known him or have had dealings with the Nebraska company, as he was always courteous and obliging to those with whom he came in contact.

The Municipal Utilities Corporation is a very large concern and owns power plants throughout the east, and the acceptance of Mr. Clabaugh of a position with them opens up a very bright future for him in this line of work, as he is possessed with marked ability along the line of managing a plant of this kind, and while regretting his leaving, his friends will be pleased to learn he is advancing up the ladder of success in his profession.

The Nebraska Lighting company has not as yet filled the vacancy due to the resignation of Mr. Clabaugh, and it is thought there will be no immediate appointment made to the position of manager of the plant here, as Mr. Abbott, one of the owners of the plant, is on the ground the greater part of the time overseeing the placing of the line into Louisville.

Mrs. Philip Thierolf and daughter, Miss Mina, were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they will visit Miss Elsa Thierolf, who is attending a nurses' training school in that city.

ALVO MAN IS FOUND DEAD AT PERKINS HOUSE

James Jordan of Alvo Found Dead in Bed as Result of Escaping Gas.

From Wednesday's Daily.

James Jordan, a resident of Alvo, was found dead in his bed this morning at the Perkins House, where he had spent the night, and from all appearances death was due to the leaving on of the gas jet, allowing the fumes to fill the room and cause the death of the man.

This morning about 8 o'clock an attempt was made to arouse him in order to get his breakfast, but all knocking and pounding on the door failed to bring a response, and as the door was locked on the inside the services of Harry Rice were secured, who made his entrance into the room by way of the transom, and the man was discovered lying in bed with no signs of life. The door was opened, as well as the windows, and the sheriff, as well as a physician, notified. Upon the arrival of Sheriff Quinton at the scene of the tragedy he discovered the fact that the gas jet was turned on slightly, and this had evidently been the cause of his death. It is thought that the death was accidental, as there was no good reason for the man committing suicide, apparently.

Mr. Jordan was brought to this city last evening by Sheriff Quinton to face a charge of illegal liquor selling and was to have appeared in the court this morning to answer to the charge, as he was released on his own word to appear at 9 o'clock, but the case will never be called in an earthly court. Mr. Jordan did not appear to be worried by the charge against him, as he claimed there was no case against him and that he would be released as soon as the hearing. When he retired for the night Mr. Cory, the proprietor of the hotel, accompanied the man to his room and states that he raised the window slightly, but when the room was entered this morning both the window and the transom were tightly closed.

The general aspect of the case leads to the belief that Mr. Jordan, not being familiar with gas lights, had failed to turn the jet off sufficiently and had gradually succumbed to the deadly fumes of the gas. He was a man of about 60 years of age and was single and apparently in good financial condition, as he owned property in Alvo and had quite a sum of money on his person when brought to this city, all of which was found in his garments this morning.

The sheriff impanned a jury this morning and they were taken to the hotel, where they viewed the remains, and the body was then turned over to Undertaker Streight to prepare for the inquest, which will be held this evening, as Coroner Clements will arrive from Elmwood this evening on No. 2, and after the inquest the body will be sent to the late home at Alvo for burial.

Death is Accidental.

The coroner's jury in the case of James Jordan, the man who was found dead at the Perkins House Wednesday morning, held a session last evening at the Streight undertaking rooms and brought in a verdict that Mr. Jordan came to his death through inhaling gas, which was accidentally turned on in his room or which he had blown out, and which does away with the suicide theory.

Colonel and Mrs. M. A. Bates returned last evening on the late Burlington train from Lincoln, where they were in attendance at the wedding of their daughter, Miss Lucille Bates, to Mr. Albert Clabaugh.

Birthday Party.

Yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell friends and relatives of Mrs. Russell gave her a very pleasant surprise, the event being in honor of her thirty-ninth birthday anniversary. The afternoon was most enjoyably spent by all and at a convenient time lunch was served, furnished by the friends. The hostess was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. Those present were: Mesdames George Lamphere and children, B. C. Hyde and son, Robert Richter and two children, John Toman and children, George Klinger and two children, George Luschinsky, Ralph Mullis and baby, W. E. Rowen and children, Mrs. Gobelman, mother of Mrs. Russell; William Russell and family, Tom Jennings. At a late hour all departed for their homes, wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day.

REV. AUSTIN GOES TO GENEVA CHURCH

Rev. F. M. Drulinger of Madison to Take Charge of Methodist Church Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In the assignments of the pastors of the Methodist church made yesterday at the conference at Lincoln we note that Rev. W. L. Austin, who for the past three years has been pastor of the Methodist church in this city, has been transferred to Geneva for the coming year and Rev. F. M. Drulinger assigned to carry on the work here for the church during the ensuing year. The removal of Rev. Austin and his charming family from our city will be much regretted by their friends and the members of the church, as they have made many warm friends here during their residence in our midst, and while feeling deeply their loss, the many friends will extend to them their best wishes in their new field of labor and trust they may find happiness and prosperity in the new charge to which Rev. Austin has been assigned by the conference.

During the pastorate of Rev. Austin the church here has advanced in every way and his ability along the line of strengthening the church was recognized by the members of the church at Geneva, who sent a committee to wait on Bishop Bristol at Lincoln and request the calling of Rev. Austin to that place in recognition of his ability.

Rev. Drulinger, who comes to this city from Madison, Nebraska, is very highly recommended by the church authorities to the members of the church as a man of strength and ability in the work of the church and the members of the Methodist church here will extend him a hearty welcome. Rev. Austin will probably occupy the pulpit here next Sunday and will have charge of the prayer meeting services tomorrow night and will then take up his work in the new field.

Asks for Citizenship Papers.

From Wednesday's Daily. Quite an unusual event occurred in the naturalization department of the district clerk's office yesterday afternoon when Miss Marie Kaufmann filed application for her naturalization papers. This is the first woman to apply for citizenship here at this office. Miss Kaufmann was born in Switzerland and was brought to this country by her parents when a babe, but her father failed to take out his citizenship papers and Miss Kaufmann is compelled to do this in order to take advantage of the protection afforded American citizens by the government.

Mrs. W. E. Potter and Mrs. Eugene Meremer of Glidden, Iowa, and Mrs. G. W. Hallstadt of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who have been here for a few days visiting with their cousin, Mrs. James Sage, departed this morning for their homes.

MISS LILLIAN BOOKMEYER IS WEDDED TODAY

Talented Plattsmouth Girl Married Today to Walter Freeman of Iowa City, Iowa.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning at 7 o'clock at St. John's Roman Catholic church occurred the marriage of Miss Lillian Bookmeyer of this city and Mr. Walter Freeman of Iowa City, Iowa, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father M. A. Shine, rector of the church. The wedding was a very quiet one, attended only by the immediate family of the bride. Following the wedding the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Barbara Bookmeyer, where a very charming wedding breakfast was served, and the young people departed later for Somerset, Iowa, where the summer home of the groom is located, and after a short visit there will go on to Iowa City, where they expect to reside.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Bookmeyer and is a young lady of rare musical talents and has the reputation of being one of the finest pianists in this part of the state, and for the past few years has conducted several classes in music in the metropolis.

The groom is a prominent resident of Iowa City, where he is one of the officials of the county, and is to be congratulated on securing as charming a bride as Miss Bookmeyer to share his future with him.

The best wishes of the many friends in this city will accompany the young people on their journey to their future home.

JUDGE B. S. RAMSEY TAKEN TO LINCOLN FOR TREATMENT

This morning Judge B. S. Ramsey departed for Lincoln, where he will be given treatment at the state hospital in that city. The judge has been very irritable for some time past, and his condition has greatly alarmed his family, as it was feared he was growing worse, and on Tuesday evening he became quite violent and drove his wife and one of the neighbors, Mrs. George Brooks, from the premises, and it is claimed struck Mrs. Brooks with a small club, with the result that a complaint was filed with the insanity board, who decided, on account of the unfortunate condition of the judge, to send him to the inebriate hospital in the hope of effecting a cure. The condition of the judge will be deeply felt by his friends throughout the county, as he was one of the ablest men who occupied the district bench, and it is hoped he will receive benefit from the treatment and be able to return to his family and friends here, cured and in good health.

Small Crowd at Benefit.

The benefit given last evening at the Gem theater by the ladies of the Woodman Circle was not as largely attended as it should have been, owing to the bad weather that prevailed all last evening. The program of pictures offered the patrons was excellent and despite the small attendance the ladies will realize a small sum, as quite a number of tickets were sold by the ladies throughout the city.

Returns From Eastern Trip.

This morning "Uncle" Tom Kennish returned from his extended trip to eastern points, feeling very much pleased with his trip and as frisky as a kitten. Mr. Kennish made a visit at most of the prominent cities along the Atlantic coast and feels that he has had one of the times of his life.

Mrs. Henry Boeck Better.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Boeck will be delighted to learn that she is getting along nicely from her illness and that it is expected to be able to bring her home to this city tomorrow. Mrs. Boeck was taken sick while on a visit at the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kime, near Nehawka, and for a time her condition was very critical, but the improvement in the last few days has been so marked that her husband and physicians think it possible to bring her home.

Fine Boy at Wetenkamp Home.

Last evening the good old stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Wetenkamp, near Myrard, and left with them a fine bouncing boy baby, who is, in the opinion of the parents, just about the finest little man that ever made his appearance, and Grandpa Charles Warner is also quite elated over the addition to his descendants. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the father is gradually growing more calm.

BURLINGTON CROP REPORT IS ISSUED

General Conditions Point to About Half a Crop on the Omaha Division.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Burlington's crop report for the week ending last Saturday is out and it makes no change from the previous week on the estimated yield of Nebraska corn. The Omaha division of the road, covering the northern and north-eastern section of the state, shows up with an estimate of 55 per cent of an average.

Superintendent Allen in making his conclusions believes that there are many fields in the territory of the Omaha division where the crop will be fully up to the average and many others where the yield will be exceedingly small, thus bringing the average down to a trifle above half a crop.

The Lincoln division continues at 29 per cent of a normal crop, with some fields south of the Platte yielding as high as forty bushels per acre. These, however, are scarce, and are those that were especially well cultivated during the entire growing season.

Inability to do fall plowing is a serious handicap to the farmers of the south half of the state, as it is preventing them from sowing the usual acreage to fall wheat. The recent rains helped some, but owing to the ground being thoroughly dried out, the precipitation of one week and two weeks ago did not soak deep enough. Mr. Allen is of the opinion that unless there is a heavy fall of rain within the next few weeks the winter wheat acreage throughout the south half of the state will be reduced fully 50 per cent below that of last year. On the McCook division, unless heavy rains come soon, he places the acreage of winter wheat for next year at 10 to 25 per cent short of this year. Potatoes, taking the state as a whole, are estimated at half a crop with sugar beets fully up to the average.

Relative to pastures, they have improved very much since the rains and the third crop of alfalfa in many localities promises to be fair. The fruit has been seriously damaged and the crop of winter apples is put down as about a failure.

Sophomores Elect New Officers.

The sophomore class at the local High school held their regular class meeting at the High school building after the close of school yesterday and elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Raymond Larson; vice president, Myra Stenner. The class also elected as the advisor to the students Prof. A. O. Eggenberger of the High school. This is the class that will leave school in 1916, and they have made a fine record for themselves so far in their work.

UNITED IN WEDLOCK IN LINCOLN YESTERDAY NOON

The Ceremony Occurred at the Lincoln Hotel and Was a Very Quiet Affair.

Yesterday at high noon, at the parlors of the Lincoln hotel, in Lincoln, occurred the marriage of Mr. Albert Clabaugh and Miss Lucille Bates, of this city, in the presence of the parents of the bride, Col. and Mrs. M. A. Bates, of this city, and Governor and Mrs. John H. Morehead and daughter, Miss Dorothy. The wedding ceremony was performed by Canon A. H. Brooks of St. Luke's Episcopal church of Lincoln, the beautiful and impressive service of the church being used to unite the lives and hearts of the young people.

The bride was very charmingly dressed in a costume of white broadcloth and carried a spray bouquet of white bride's roses caught with ribbon. The costume of the mother of the bride was of lavender silk and she carried a handsome bouquet of pink roses. Miss Dorothy Morehead appeared in a charming toilette of Copenhagen blue silk, and Mrs. Morehead in a costume of dark blue broadcloth. The gentlemen in the party were all attired in the conventional black. After the wedding ceremony the bridal party sat down to a most elaborate wedding luncheon in the private dining room of the hotel.

The newly wedded couple left on No. 3 for the west, where they will visit for a few days at Denver and Colorado Spring and then return to this city for a week, and then leave for New York and Baltimore, where they will visit at the home of the groom's parents, and from there will visit the national capital en route to their future home at Fairmont, West Virginia, where the groom will take charge of the commercial interests of the plant of the Municipal Utilities corporation in that city.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Col. and Mrs. M. A. Bates of this city and a young lady of unusual musical talent, and who has attended both Christian college at Columbia, Missouri, and the University School of Music at Lincoln, where her talents were received with much praise by the instructors, and the musical circles of this city will feel greatly her loss from their midst.

The groom has been located here for the past five years as the manager of the Nebraska Lighting company, and is a young man of splendid business ability, and his receiving the call to new and larger fields of work is a well deserved recognition of that fact. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Clabaugh, of Baltimore, Maryland, where the family has been prominent in the banking business for many years, being among the oldest families in the state. The many friends here of the contracting parties will extend to them their best wishes for a long and happy wedded life and much success and happiness in their new home.

Return to California.

Morgan Waybright and wife, who have been visiting here for the past few months at the home of Judge and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, departed this afternoon for their home at Los Angeles, California. While on their trip back to Nebraska Mr. and Mrs. Waybright took advantage of the occasion to pay a visit to their old home in Virginia, returning to this city about three weeks ago, and they now return to the Pacific coast to escape the chilling weather that has swept down on this part of the west.

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