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## THE NEBRASKA LIGHT COMPANY NOW AT WORK

Making Efforts to Get Their Service Into This City as Soon as Possible.

During the past few weeks the subject uppermost in the minds of the Plattsmouth citizens has been the condition of the light service here and the prospects for its improvement, if any there was, and the complaints have been numerous and loud in regard to the matter. The lighting company desires it to be known that they recognize the great need of better service and appreciate the fact that the patrons have been put to a great inconvenience by the failure of the electric current, but they are bending every effort to rush the line of service from Red Oak to this city, and Mr. Abbott states that he expects by the first of December to have the line into this city in working order and be able to supply the patrons with the best of service. He states that the line has been placed as far as Malvern and that there is a large force of men employed by the company in extending the wires along the poles set along the Burlington right-of-way to this city, and that the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Abbott expresses the opinion that the plant here will be maintained as an auxiliary plant for the furnishing of power and that it will be overhauled and fixed up as soon as the new line to carry the service here is completed, and that the plant here will be able to carry on the work of taking care of the current in case of an accident to the Red Oak plant or to the lines leading from the different cities supplied by the Nebraska Lighting company.

The light company is also pushing their service lines from Louisville to this city to connect here with the Red Oak line and to take up the work of supplying that city. Mr. Abbott also states that the company has in view, in time, of the establishing of a larger plant in this city to supply the surrounding country, but this depends greatly upon the amount of power used by the patrons, and if the service will warrant it he thinks this will be put in, but of course this is a matter that they are not certain of as yet.

The Nebraska Lighting company has, according to the officers of the company, expended somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to \$12,000 in this city in the last month in improvements at the plant and in the re-wiring of the city, and some of the machinery at the plant has been replaced with new in an effort to afford better service, and they will ask the patrons and public to overlook the kind of service they have been receiving for a short time until the new line can be completed.

### Asks for First Papers.

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning Rev. H. Watton Haynes of Union made application in the office of Clerk of the District Court James Robertson for his first papers and announced his intention of renouncing the allegiance which he formerly gave to King George V of England, and stated his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America.

### Buildings Lots for Sale.

One lot with concrete walks, 2 brick cellars, concreted, city water, gas, cistern, and outbuildings, just west of High school building on Main street. Price, \$450.00.

Two beautiful level lots just east of Fred Range's on North 9th street. Price, \$400.00. Inquire of T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth. Tel. No. 1. 10-28-1fd

### Littleton-McCune.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCune announce the marriage of their daughter, Wanita, to Mr. Milo Littleton, which took place on Saturday at Plattsmouth. The bride wore a gray crepe de chine gown, with overdress of gray satin, and a gray velvet hat with gray plumes. Mr. and Mrs. Littleton will make their home with the bride's parents, 2320 North Twenty-eighth street, until the first of the year, when they will go to Chicago, where they will make their future home.—Omaha World-Herald.

## NEW SON AT THE W. C. RAMSEY HOME

New Son for W. C. Ramsey and Wife and New Grandson for Judge and Mrs. Ramsey.

### From Wednesday's Daily.

A new son came to the home in Omaha of Attorney W. C. Ramsey and wife last Saturday morning, October 25, 1913, at the hour of 1 o'clock. Both mother and babe are doing nicely and strong hopes are entertained that Attorney William C. will soon recover.

The grandparents, Judge and Mrs. B. S. Ramsey, are highly elated over the birth of their new grandson, making for them just two grandchildren now, and both the children of their son, Will, and his estimable wife, Mary. The little stranger has already been named Daniel Cook Ramsey, in honor of its grandfather, Hon. Daniel W. Cook, the banker at Beatrice. The Journal extends congratulations, both to the parents and grandparents, as well as to little William Cook Ramsey over his acquisition of a little brother.

## THE GUTTERING ON NORTH SIXTH STREET NEARLY COMPLETED

The work on the new curbing and guttering on North Sixth street is getting along nicely and it will not be a matter of a great while until the work will be in a state where the full benefit of the new improvement can be seen. This curbing and guttering is the forerunner of the paving of these streets, and next season it is hoped to take up the job of curbing and guttering Main street up High School Hill, and as the street will then be in good shape the cost of having it paved will not be great and it will place the city streets in splendid shape and make them the equal of any in the state. The new curbing and guttering that is being placed on North Sixth street has shown clearly that the present width of the residence streets is much more than necessary, and by means of this curbing and guttering a nice parking can be made between the walk and the curb that can be made an object of great beauty, as well as one of use to the residents along the streets that take up the curbing and guttering proposition. Let the good work in this line go on and when the Sixth and Oak streets work is done start the ball to rolling on the High School Hill work.

### Well Pleased With Train Service.

From Tuesday's Daily. John Weichel of near Elmwood and Attorney C. S. Aldrich of that place were in the city today looking after matters at the court house. These gentlemen were well pleased over the new train service over the Missouri Pacific and the Burlington, which allows them to reach here and look after business matters and return home the same day.

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## "STATE FIRE DAY" SHOULD BE OBSERVED

What Deputy Fire Commissioner Says on the Matter and Urges Its Observance.

### From Tuesday's Daily.

The governor of the state, Hon. John H. Morehead, has issued a proclamation asking that Friday, November 7, 1913, be observed in the public, private and parochial schools of the state as a "state fire day," and that the schools hold exercises in keeping with the spirit of the day, that of seeking the means of preventing fires by the exercise of care and watching to see that no inflammable matter is left laying around where it may cause trouble. The state deputy fire commissioner has the following to say in regard to the matter:

"We wish to ask all mayors, city councils and village boards to co-operate and take an active part in the prevention of fires. At least three times a year, or every four months, city or town officials should hire from one to four men, according to the size of the town, and have them go over the business portion and inspect it thoroughly, ordering all dangerous conditions removed or repaired, alleys and basements cleaned up, etc. It would not cost each town more than from \$6 to \$36 a year to have at least three good inspections made of their village or town. It would be preferable to have men appointed from the local fire departments.

"At least once a year, say about October 1st, the residence portion of every city should be thoroughly inspected and made free from fire dangers. Rubbish should be taken away and burned, stovepipes and chimneys cleaned; particular attention should be paid to that portion of the chimney which goes through the roof, as the chimney in settling will catch on the roof, thereby pulling the bricks apart and leaving an opening where burning sparks can come through.

"Mayors and village boards should furnish teams and men and instruct street and alley commissioners to see that all inflammable rubbish and dangerous conditions are removed from property. If citizens of the state wish their fire losses to decrease and thereby have their taxes reduced, they must co-operate with this department and assist us in our campaign of teaching fire prevention. All mayors and village boards should issue a proclamation asking that fire day be made a success in their city or town."

## ARGUS GREEN DRAWS A JAIL SENTENCE

### From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday A. G. Green, long a familiar figure on the Plattsmouth streets, was arraigned in the court of Police Judge M. Archer, and when accused acknowledged that he had partaken too freely of alcoholic beverages, for which offense the police had gathered him into the shelter of the grim and loathsome prison. The judge, after a careful consideration of the matter, decided that it would cost Argus \$2 and costs to appease the sense of outraged justice, and as he did not possess the necessary amount of the coin of the realm, he was taken hence and thrust behind the prison bars again, to remain until the amount of the fine and costs had been satisfied, and it will be some days before he again roams the streets and breathes the pure air of freedom.

German Syrup of Figs, 50c size, 33c. This week only. Gering & Co.

### Doings in County Court.

From Tuesday's Daily. There was quite an amount of business transacted at the court room of County Judge Allen J. Beeson today, as a number of the large estates of the county were up for final settlement. The estates of Chris Stoehr, Ulrich Inhelder and John R. Baird were up for consideration, and the administrators discharged from their duties after a careful examination of the reports by the court.

## FREIGHT FOR THIS CITY FROM CHICAGO ILL.

Crowded Condition of the Pacific Junction Yards Causes Delay to Freight.

The matter of securing freight from Chicago over the Burlington, which was discussed at the meeting of the Commercial club last week, has caused some investigation of the situation, with the result that the fact has been developed that the freight from the east for this city does not go into Lincoln at all, as some thought it did, but is set out at Pacific Junction for transfer to this city, and the fact that it fails to arrive as soon as it should is due to the fact that the yards at that place are very busy and it is sometimes two days before the cars can be sent over to this city.

The Burlington has three or four cars a week from Chicago to this city, and they are all transferred at the Junction, and if they are delayed in their arrival here it is due to the congested condition of the yards at the transfer point. The Burlington is one of the best railroads in the country to handle their freight business and every effort is made to push out the cars to their destination, but it sometimes happens that small delays like the above delays the arrival of the cars for a short time, but the shippers in this city over the Burlington can rest assured that their cars are not carried over into Lincoln and that the fact of their being delayed is caused by the congested condition in Pacific Junction.

## CAL STEWART IN "RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR" NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

### From Tuesday's Daily.

This city is to have the pleasure of having that most interesting character on the American stage, Cal Stewart, appear here in his play, "Running for Governor," as the advance man for the show, Mr. Roy D. Way, was in the city yesterday calling on Manager R. M. Shlaes of the Parmele theater, and made arrangements for the appearance of the show here next Monday evening. The advance man, as well as the members of the company, greatly regret the fact that they were unable to be here last Saturday evening to fill their date, owing to railroad connections, and feel that they owe the amusement-loving public of this city an apology, but in their excellent show they believe they have something that will please everyone who attends. Mr. Way, the advance man of the company, is a most pleasant and genial young man, and if the show is as good as their advance representative it is sure to please the public. The Cal Stewart company will be here without fail on next Monday night and everyone who can should attend and enjoy the treat.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.

## CITY COUNCIL IN SPIRITED SESSION LAST NIGHT

Quite a Business Session, Attended by Considerable Discussion on Various Questions.

### From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the council last evening was one filled with much excitement and discussion, as the new occupation tax ordinance was brought out for the consideration of the councilmen by the committee who have been working on it for the past two weeks. The measure is quite a lengthy one and it required some time for the city clerk to read the ordinance, by which time all the orators of the council were ready to discuss the measure.

Richey attempted to get an amendment onto the ordinance reducing the tax on drug stores from \$10 to \$7.50, but it was turned down by a very decisive vote, as the matter was explained by Councilman Lushinsky that the difference between the drug stores and the other business interests of the city was made in the fact that many of them handled paints, oils and varnishes, which was covered by a section of the ordinance, and this amount made it seem larger than it really was.

Councilman Richey, while he stated that he did not believe the ordinance to be a good one, moved to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance upon its second and third reading for final passage, after which the occupation tax ordinance was placed before the council for passage and was put through, with Patterson and Straight both voting nay, while the other eight councilmen voted for the measure.

Following the passage of the ordinance there was some lively time participated in by the different councilmen, which was started by the presentation of a resolution from the finance committee asking that \$1,200 be transferred from the business tax fund to the road fund, and which was signed by two of the members of the committee—Councilmen Patterson and Lushinsky. The minority report protesting against the report and asking that the funds be allowed to remain where they were was given verbally by Councilman Straight, who stated he thought the business men were being taxed twice to help pay the running expense of the city, as the money in the business tax fund should be used for the purpose of cleaning the business streets and in the paying of the expense of policing the streets. This was also the view taken by Councilman Richey of the Third ward in regard to the matter.

Mayor Sattler, in explaining the resolution of the finance committee, pointed out to the councilmen who were so agitated over the matter that in the business tax fund was kept the \$3,500 that the city received as their share of the saloon license money, which should be used wherever the council thought best, and he believed it wise to transfer the money rather than let the city warrants stand and draw interest when there was money to handle them available. Councilman Hallstrom sided with the mayor in the matter and thought that the license money should be distributed wherever it was needed by the city without regard to the amount collected by the city from the merchants, which amounts to around \$1,000 a year.

In order that the city could use the license money as they saw fit Councilman Lushinsky was in favor of creating a license fund and leaving the other sums collected from the merchants in the business tax fund. Councilman Buttery moved that the majority report of the finance committee be adopted, which carried by a

vote of 8 to 2, Richey and Straight voting no.

City Attorney Tidd, at the request of some of the councilmen, expressed his opinion that the city had a perfect right to transfer money from the business tax fund by resolution and that it was unnecessary to create another fund, which would force the council to revise their occupation tax ordinance. This ended the discussion of the matter of the occupation tax ordinance.

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## ALEX HUNTER IN THE LIMELIGHT AGAIN

Alex Hunter, who in years past, has become quite prominent by means of several episodes in which he figured, again got into the limelight last evening when he made a trip to the home of Claus Boetel, jr., and demanded the immediate custody of his daughter, who has been making her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hiner, up to a few days ago, when Mrs. Hiner passed away, and the little girl went to stay with her aunt, Mrs. Boetel. The mother of the girl, Mrs. Hunter, was shot, as her husband claimed, accidentally at their home, south of this city, and died as the result, and the little girl was taken to the home of her grandparents to make her home. Later Hunter was involved in a case in Iowa, being charged with the murder of a man along the Burlington tracks, near Pacific Junction, but was acquitted of this charge. He arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and last night went out to secure his daughter, but was refused the child, as it was not thought he was the proper person to have charge of her. Hunter became so loud and threatening that the police were summoned and he was taken to town and notified to leave the city. He stated he would return and start proceedings to secure his daughter.

## CHARLES M'CAULEY SUFFERS GREATLY FROM EXPOSURE

Charles McCauley, who was reported as being found lying on a sand-bar near the mouth of the Platte river, was brought home late yesterday afternoon, suffering greatly from the injuries he received from the exposure to the cold, and as a result of his lying out in the winter temperature he had both feet quite badly frozen and may lose the toes on both feet as a result. He remained on the bar over night and yesterday morning crawled on his hands and knees from the river to the pumping station of the Plattsmouth Water company, where he arrived about 11 o'clock in very bad shape, and word was at once sent to this city and a conveyance sent up in the afternoon to bring him home. When he was brought home he was suffering intense pain from his feet and a physician was at once summoned to look after him and he was made as comfortable as possible. It seems that on the afternoon when he went out to the bar to hunt he had gotten into water over his waders and his feet had been allowed to remain in their wet, soggy condition until the exposure to the cold wind resulted in their freezing.

### Barn Dance.

There will be a barn dance given at the home of G. A. Meisinger, six miles west of Plattsmouth, on Saturday evening, November 1. There will be good music and a pleasant time for all. You are invited to attend. 10-30-31d-1twkly

Remember that the T. J. Sokol society will have another of their excellent dances at their hall on Saturday evening, and make it a point to be on hand and have a good time. The Holly orchestra will furnish the music.

## MEETING OF EQUAL FRANCHISE LEAGUE

Mrs. Haller of Omaha Addresses League, and Delegates to State Convention Selected.

The Equal Franchise League, at their meeting yesterday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. E. H. Westcott, was given a most delightful treat in having with them Mrs. Harriet H. Haller of Omaha, one of the most prominent social workers in the metropolis, who came down from her home for the purpose of addressing the ladies at their meeting.

The address of Mrs. Haller was much enjoyed and appreciated by the club members, as she is a lady with a very broad mind, and in her active life has often come in contact with the problems that confront the modern life, and her remarks were given in a deep, thoughtful manner that brought the purpose of the organization clearly to the front and cleared away many false impressions that had been allowed to grow in the minds of the public as to the cause of the equal franchise movement. Mrs. Haller called the attention of the members to the changed condition of modern life that had robbed the fireside of the home as the unit around which the life of the community moved, and that these changed conditions had made it necessary that women enter into the life of the active world more and more as the conditions drew the home life more toward that direction. The women of today were taking up this movement as to retain their sphere of influence in the home and as the life of the community entered into the home, so must the woman enter into the life of the community. Mrs. Haller answered the question as to the discontented woman who wanted the ballot, by stating that it was the happy, contented women who by this means desired to aid the oppressed of their sex.

At the close of the very interesting address the members were given the pleasure of two very delightful musical numbers, a vocal solo by Mrs. Westcott, given in her usual charming manner, and a most pleasing instrumental number given by Mrs. A. O. Eggenberger, which greatly charmed the ladies by its beauty. The club at its meeting yesterday also elected their delegates to the state convention of the societies, which will be held at Lincoln November 6 and 7, and the following ladies were chosen to represent the local club: Mrs. Agnes Chapman, Mrs. T. E. Parmele, Mrs. Major Hall and Miss Mathilde Vallery.

### Back to Yampa.

The Journal is in receipt of a letter from our excellent young friend, Charles S. Stone, from Yampa, Colorado, in which he orders his paper sent to that city again, and that he is once more owner of the Bank of Yampa. Charles sold the Bank of Yampa a few months ago, and after a summer's rest, he returns to Yampa to make his future home. Charles is one of the finest young fellows in the land, and we will wager a coonskin that he has a host of friends in and near Yampa who will rejoice over the fact that he is to become a citizen of their town again.

### Annual Meeting of Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Cass County, Nebraska.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company of Cass County, Nebraska, will be held at the Heil school house in Eight Mile Grove precinct on Saturday, November 1st, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting. J. P. Falter, Secretary.