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LIGHTING PROPOSITION EXTENDED BY THE MANAGER

Prepared to Materially Reduce Rates in Residence Section If Contract Is Secured for City Lights.

From Wednesday's Daily.

During the past month there has been considerable controversy over the lighting question here and the city council has been debating the positions of the Nebraska Lighting company, which is the company at present giving service to the city, and the McKinley interests, that have been asking a franchise, and the question has been one filled with the greatest of interest to the consumers of electric current in this city. The Nebraska Lighting company states, through its manager, Mr. R. C. Wood, that they have been ready for the past few months to reduce their rates to private consumers, but as the contract for street lighting was soon to expire, desired to have both the lower rates to private consumers and the renewal of the street lighting contract settled at once and had hoped to be able to put the lower rates in force in November, but have been delayed. The figures on the rates as given out are as follows:

Thirteen cents a gross for the first thirty kilowatts of current used, based on 60 per cent of the connected load of the service.

Nine cents for the next sixty kilowatts used on 60 per cent of the connected load.

Seven cents a gross for all in excess of the amount of current used as stated above.

A deduction of 1 cent on each kilowatt used will be given for the prompt payment of the bills.

This was a rather complex problem for some of those interested and a proposition as to the flat rates was asked for and given as follows:

Thirteen cents for the first ten kilowatts.

Ten cents for the second twenty kilowatts.

Eight cents for all over thirty kilowatts.

The company states that they have been anxious to put the rates first mentioned, which are the cheapest, into force for the last few months, and had it not been for the delay over the street lighting they would have been placed in force. The management of the company here believes that the rate is as low as can be secured in other towns of this size and are anxious to see them tried out, as it has been a contention of Manager Wood since coming here that a lower rate would allow them to add a great many more additional subscribers to the use of the electric current and thereby increase the business of the company so as to more than withstand the lowering of the rates made. They are also willing to enter into a two-year contract with any person who desires, that the rates will not be raised from the figures given in their first proposition.

The putting into effect of these rates depends upon the securing of the street lighting contract, as otherwise if others are given this the Nebraska company will reserve the right to regulate their rates to suit their conditions.

The inquiries of the citizens has led us to give this statement from the management of the company here in order that they can understand more clearly the situation from their standpoint as to the rate question, as they feel that since they have desired to reduce the rate several months ago this fact should be known.

Miss Gladys Kaffenberger Ill.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Miss Gladys Kaffenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kaffenberger, for the past few days has been confined to her home on High School Hill suffering from what was feared at first would be an attack of appendicitis, but is at present seemingly slightly improved and her condition is such that her family and friends feel much more assured as to her soon being restored to health.

Will Make Their Home Here. From Tuesday's Daily.

O. K. Reed, the engineer in charge of the interests of the Monarch Engineering Co. in this county, is spending a few days in Wyoming, where he has gone to lay out some work for the company there. Mrs. Reed will join him at Ogallala, Nebraska, where they will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. Reed's parents in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are expected in the near future to commence housekeeping here and to make this their permanent home in the future.

FARMERS OF CASS COUNTY LOSE A NUMBER OF HORSES BY A STRANGE DISEASE

From Tuesday's Daily.

The farmers throughout Cass county are very much agitated over the prevalence of a strange malady among the horses on the different farms, which seems to baffle the veterinarians, and in almost every case has proven fatal. The disease made its appearance here in the fall and has continued since that time, gradually spreading through different sections, although the heaviest losses have been in the central part of the county. The number that have been lost in the county in the past few weeks is estimated at about fifty.

Some of the farmers have lost their most valuable animals so that the financial loss so far is about \$10,000. One farmer, Will Carper, living near Manley, has lost several animals. Most of the others who reported have lost only one so far. The disease is thought to be a form of forage poisoning and it is noted that it is taken only by those animals that have been feeding in pastures and corn fields. Veterinarians have just given out the opinion that the disease is also on the new corn which has been fed, shelled or on the ear, and they recommend that farmers feed old corn and oats. The report comes from Nemaha county that horses are also dying there from what is said to be corn stalk disease, probably the same disease as here. The appearance of the fatal disease among the horses of this county strikes the farmers especially hard as they have suffered such a great loss this fall from the ravages of hog cholera. Thousands of hogs have been lost in the past three months, single farmers losing as many as their whole herds of forty and fifty hogs. Vaccination is being practiced almost universally. Something of the extent of the practice of vaccination may be judged from the fact that one veterinarian of the county has administered something like \$2,000 worth of vaccine since cholera made its appearance this fall.

GRANDMA GOODWIN CELEBRATES EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY LAST MONDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday was the eighty-second anniversary of Mrs. E. E. Goodwin, one of the pioneer residents of the county, who has made her home near Myard for the past few years. Mrs. Goodwin was born in Virginia, and lived there for several years after reaching womanhood, and later came to Iowa, where she resided for a number of years before locating in Cass county, where she endured all the hardships of early days and laid the foundations of a competence that is ample for her care in her old age, and assisted her family in securing their start in life. Mrs. Goodwin was brought in yesterday by her son, R. L. Propst, and spent the day here at the Propst home and feels little the weight of her years, although the trials and privations of early days were laid upon her. In remembrance of the occasion she received from friends all over the country postcards and these cards filled a large-sized basket and the tributes of the friends were received with the greatest of pleasure by this worthy lady and she feels very grateful in being so generously remembered.

Very Clever Little Sign.

One of the cleverest little window signs that we have seen for some time is that displayed in the window of J. P. Perry's barber shop, where Mr. Perry, who is also the agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company, has a display of his machines. The sign is: "Prof. J. P. Perry, Music Instructor; Singers Turned Out Every Hour." The idea is a very clever one and has attracted quite a little attention from the passers-by.

Sell your property by an ad in The Journal.



RECEIVES A FIVE HUNDRED POUND BALE OF COTTON SHIPPED FROM TEXAS

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning W. E. Rosencrans, the real estate man, received from Texas a large 500-pound bale of cotton that was secured by him several weeks ago at the plantation of William G. Schuetz, near Flowella, Texas, and was shipped here that the residents of this city could have the pleasure of viewing this specimen of the great southern staple. The cotton is of extra fine quality and before the outbreak of the European war was worth on the cotton exchange of the south \$70 a bale, but the price has now slid down to \$35 a bale, due largely to the fact that most of the cotton grown in the United States is exported each year to England and Germany to be made into cotton fabrics, but since the war has closed the markets of these two manufacturing countries the southern people have suffered greatly from the depreciated cotton values, but as the war ceases the price will leap to more than its previous price, as the demand will far exceed the output, and there are a great many of the American investors who are buying up the cotton to hold until after the war, as the manner in which the cotton is put up makes it easy to handle and hold for an advance in price. The cotton of Mr. Schuetz was ginned and baled at Falfurris, Texas, a short distance from his home. This bale of cotton has a peculiar significance to Mr. Rosencrans, as he sold to Mr. Schuetz some two years ago the land on which it was raised, and the productiveness of the soil is a source of pleasure to him, as it demonstrates the value of the land there. Since moving to Texas Mr. Schuetz has added to his land holdings until today he has a splendid plantation of some 465 acres devoted not only to cotton, but fruit and other farm products that yield equally as well as the cotton in the balmy southern climate.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT ARRIVES AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ERIC BACKSTROM

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Christmas season of 1914 is bound to always be one filled with the most pleasant of memories to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Backstrom of this city, as there arrived last evening at their home in the south part of the city a most winning little daughter, whose advent was hailed with joy by the happy parents. The little girl is the first child in the family, and as a consequence is the object of much admiration from the parents, as well as the other relatives of the family. The proud father was on the street today wearing one of those very winning smiles of a happy father, and it is reported that Grandpa Gust Johnson is also one of the happiest men in town over the new addition to his family.

Visits With Brother Here.

Eugene F. Sets of this city is enjoying a short visit from his brother, T. C. Setz, who has charge of a large ranch northeast of Fremont, Neb., being master mechanic and engineer of the entire establishment. Mr. Setz is also very prominent in the I. O. O. F. work in this state, being a past district deputy grand master, and is a member of Talmage lodge No. 217. His visit here is being greatly enjoyed by his brother and family. He is also a minister of the Christian church.

Mrs. A. W. South and children of Chicago, who have been here visiting at the home of Mrs. South's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, for a short time, departed last evening on No. 2 for their home.

Train Is Delayed.

The heavy snow and cold weather of the past few days has had a decided tendency to put all trains on the "blink" as to time, and especially the through trains from the west. No. 2 over the Burlington was late Sunday afternoon from plowing all night and day through the snow banks of the west, and yesterday this train was an hour and fifteen minutes late, arriving here at 5.45, when it is due at 4.30. The delays are unavoidable, however, as there is nothing that will overcome the weather when winter sets in earnest, and the traveling public will have to make the best of it.

MUST PAY THE PENALTY OF DISTURBING THE PEACE AT THE SKATING RINK

This morning there was a complaint filed before Judge Archer which is an outgrowth of some trouble created at the roller skating rink on Tuesday evening, and the party whose actions there were so warlike will have to face the music. It seems from the charge made that one of the local liquor men became well lit up with liquor on Tuesday evening, and going to the rink secured admission, and after getting on the floor his condition was noticed by the proprietor of the rink, Mr. C. M. Lowe, who, calling him to one side, requested him to get off the floor, as he was in no condition to skate, as his own private skate was all he could handle.

The man received his money back and walked out, apparently perfectly peaceable, but after reaching the street was seized with a desire to make war on all who had interfered with him, and as is stated, loudly offered to do up any who would take him on. He took his position on the small runway that leads from the walk to the rink and made a pass at several persons, and finally struck a lad who was coming out, knocking him over the banquette down into the snow. He was then removed by some friends to a place of safety, where he could vent his wrath without injury to himself or anyone else.

Mr. Lowe decided that he would make a complaint in the matter, and this morning the warrant was issued by the court for the man's arrest on a charge of fighting and disturbing the peace. The proprietor of the rink since coming here has tried hard to make his place one where ladies or children could attend without being offended in any way by the actions of the skaters or bystanders, and has been very successful so far and it is to be regretted that incidents such as noted above are brought on. It seems that where a person was in such condition that they would seek retirement and not infest public places where they not only make a poor impression for themselves, but also annoy all those who are there to enjoy themselves in a peaceable manner.

Masquerade on February 13th.

The Plattsmouth Turn-Verein have made arrangements to give their annual grand mask ball on the night of Saturday, February 13th. Further announcement will be made as to the date and full particulars as to the details of the ball.

Issues Marriage License.

From Tuesday's Daily.
This morning a marriage license was issued in the county court to Mr. Arthur Hoffman, aged 32, and Miss Oretta Mable Kreider, aged 23, both of Weeping Water. The parties will be united in marriage on Christmas day at the home of the bride in Weeping Water.

GEORGE REED, FORMER RESIDENT OF WEEPING WATER, VISITS HIS FRIENDS HERE

From Tuesday's Daily.

George Reed, a former resident of Weeping Water was in the city yesterday and today visiting with his old friends here. Mr. Reed has just returned home from Morocco after a sojourn there of some seventeen years as a missionary in assisting in the spreading of the doctrine of the Christian religion through that country. Mr. Reed first became interested in the Y. M. C. A. work and later took up the work on a larger scale and was sent abroad, where he has completed years of the hardest service possible and feels that he has earned a right to a short rest from his work for the Master in the foreign field. The visit of Mr. Reed was very much enjoyed by the old friends who had been closely associated with him in the county in Sunday school and other lines of the religious work and they were well pleased to see that he is looking so well and has stood the long residence abroad in such splendid shape.

PILFERERS GET JUDGE BEESON'S CHRISTMAS TURKEY

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning County Judge Allen J. Beeson received by parcel post a package that came from our neighboring city of Union, and which contained therein a remarkably fine turkey of good weight and which was fat and juicy, having been raised on the John Larsh farm, southeast of Union, where there are quite a number raised each year, and the judge received the flower of the flock.

When the worthy judge unrolled the covering and gazed on the great American bird his heart swelled with pride and visions of the feast that was to grace his dining table on Christmas day rose to his eyes, and in fancy he could almost taste the toothsome fowl that had been raised especially for his honor's use on Christmas. The fact of the arrival of the turkey was imparted joyfully by the judge to all who happened to be in the court house and everyone expressed their wish that he might enjoy it to the utmost. But here the plot thickens and the villain, deep-dyed, enters upon the scene, and with a cunning equal to that of Dead Shot Dick, proceeds to shatter the judge's dream of a Christmas feast.

The fowl was placed outside on the window sill to keep cool until the proud owner departed for dinner, and it was this step that caused the grief of the judge, as someone, during his absence from the office, crept in and secured the package containing the turkey and replaced it with one that however contained, not a turkey, but a small rabbit, an old pair of shoes and several paper weights which made a package similar to that which had contained the turkey, and this bunch of junk the judicial gentleman carried homeward with him, rejoicing each step over the pleasure he and his family would have in their feast. What happened when the package was opened has not been revealed so far, but there are several persons in the court house who are thinking seriously of preparing a series of indentments to which they can flee when they next meet the usually affable judge, and they will probably be well justified in their move.

F. H. Greenwald, wife and son, of Mitchell, S. D., arrived in this city this morning for a short visit with the former's sister, Miss Carrie Greenwald, and were passengers to Falls City this afternoon, where they will visit for a time with Mr. Greenwald's mother. His sister, Miss Carrie, accompanied them to Falls City, where she will spend Christmas with her mother.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Members of the Association Are Looking Forward to the Date for a Genuine Good Time.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The alumni association of the Plattsmouth High school are arranging for the holding of their annual banquet in this city in a very short time and the members of the association are looking forward to a splendid time that will be a record-breaker in the annals of the organization. The committee that has charge of the affair will see that the wants of the inner man are well looked after at the gathering and will see that a sumptuous menu is prepared to be spread on the banquet board. They expect also to have as one of the speakers of the evening Prof. E. L. Rouse, formerly superintendent of the city schools here, but who is at present one of the leading instructors at the Peru state normal, and the members of the association who were students here under Mr. Rouse look forward with much pleasure to his being with them. J. W. Gamble, another of the former superintendents, will also be present if possible to take part in the renewing of old ties of friendship with the young men and women with whom he was associated in the schools here.

An association of this kind is one that promotes the best feeling among the former students of the school, as it brings back memories of the good old days when as boys and girls they journeyed up the hill to the High school and received the foundation of their education that was to fit them for the battle of life and the pleasant friendship founded there among the students who have since taken their ways of life that may lie far apart are renewed around the banquet board, and many incidents of interest and pleasure recalled to their minds that no other occasion would bring back to them. The forming of this association was a mighty good move and it is to be regretted that it was not taken up years ago and the many hundreds of former students enlisted in the movement that recalls the memories of the school days. The list of those graduating from the school numbers many who have since become notable in different lines of business and professions, and to be present at this gathering would be a pleasure and their advice to those just starting into life be very valuable.

SANTA CLAUS AND HIS AIRSHIP AT KROEHLER BROTHERS' STORE

From Wednesday's Daily.

Those people who do not believe that Santa Claus is strictly up to date in his mode of traveling should pay a visit to the store of Kroehler Brothers, where, in their west window they have the jolly St. Nicholas seated in a miniature Zeppelin airship, and he is headed right for this city. The window is certainly a very clever one that shows much ability and skill in preparing and it has attracted a great deal of attention, especially from the youngsters, who are well pleased to gaze upon the likeness of the one who makes their hearts so bright on Christmas eve. The window is one of the neatest in the city prepared during the holiday season, and the Messrs. Kroehler deserve much praise for their cleverness in this line of work, as the machine is all home-made and is a most pleasing feature.

Mrs. Mike Lutz Improving.

Mrs. Mike Lutz, who was taken to Omaha last week to be treated at one of the hospitals in that city, is reported as being slightly improved and her family feel much more assured over the prospects for her ultimate recovery than they have for some time, and at her present rate of improvement she will not be confined there long.