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## LIGHTING RATE QUESTION IS TO COME UP SOON

### CONTRACT FOR STREET LIGHTING AND RATE AGREEMENT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 13

## COMPANY TO ASK FOR RAISE

### Mounting Expenses Have Forced Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. to Ask for New Light Rate.

From Friday's Daily.

The contract between the city of Plattsmouth and the Nebraska Gas & Electric company is soon to expire, as the date of September 13th marks the close of the present agreement and the company and city are faced with the necessity of a raise in rates that will average twenty per cent.

The lighting company is preparing ordinances covering the increased costs of the production of electricity and gas, which they will submit to the city council and which provide for an increase of some 20 per cent in the rates to both the city and the private consumer, and which will be at the disposal of the city government to decide upon.

The rate experts employed by the lighting company have been making an inventory of the various plants owned by this company and including the one in this city and the result of their figures demonstrated that if the plant is to be operated on a paying basis, a raise in the rates is necessary.

In conversation with Manager James Kuykendall of the lighting company he states that while the company has been compelled to make large outlays for materials and the necessities such as coal and oil to operate the light and gas plants to now face the increase in freight rates that will add \$2 to every ton of coal used in the plant and which will make their coal cost for a single month over \$600. Oil that previously cost \$250 per car now costs \$500 and to these items have been added the necessity of providing a just and equitable wage for the employees of the company that will give them wages in conformity with those paid in other lines of the same work.

In order to meet these expenses and to furnish the kind of service to which the people of this city are entitled, it has become necessary to ask the city government to permit the raising of rates to a point where the plant can be properly operated.

It is the desire of the lighting company that all fair minded citizens and the past month the company discuss the matter with their councilmen and try to arrive at some agreement that will give a readjustment of the rates which will be satisfactory to all parties, but the company feels that the raise of 20 per cent is the most logical rate that can be agreed upon and permit them to realize a just profit on their service.

Mr. Kuykendall states that under the increase in gas rates allowed by the city council, the plant has lacked \$1000 of paying its operating expense during the past month and the increasing prices of all material used will make the expenses greater each month that the plant is operated.

## DELAY ARRIVAL OF BODIES OF SOLDIERS

### First Contingent of Men Killed in Active Service to Arrive Tomorrow—Each to Have Escort.

From Friday's Daily.

The bodies of eight Nebraska and Iowa soldiers who were killed in battle during the late war arrive in Omaha some time today, instead of yesterday as was previously given out by Colonel George Penrose, depot quartermaster. This is the first consignment to reach Nebraska of men who were killed in hostilities, according to Colonel Penrose. None of the dead were Omahans.

Captain P. S. Gunion, of the local army headquarters, will be in charge of a special escort of soldiers from Fort Crook to meet the train bearing the bodies and to transfer the caskets to the trains which will convey them to their home towns. One soldier will accompany each body.

Following are the names of the dead, their organization, next of kin, and escort:

Private Irvia E. Billie, Ambulance Company No. 340 of Sanitary Train No. 313, to Fred Billie, Cere Co., Escort, Private Samuel D. Davis.

Private George H. Broughton, Company E, Thirtieth Infantry, to F. M. Broughton, Modale, Ia. Escort, Private John F. Kietz.

Private Clarence L. Debone, Company F, One Hundred and Sixth Infantry, to Ralph Debone, Ashton, Ia. Escort, Private James E. Trackwell.

## RAIN PUTS A KINK IN THE CELEBRATION

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## HAS CLOSE CALL FROM STROKE OF LIGHTNING

### During Storm Yesterday Afternoon Julius Neilson Has Close Call From Being Struck by Lightning.

From Friday's Daily.

The severe electrical disturbance yesterday afternoon that preceded the heavy rain storm resulted in the lightning striking the garage at the home of Julius Neilson, and Mr. Neilson himself had a close call from being a victim of the lightning bolt.

As the storm came up Mr. Neilson was in the house and recollected that he had neglected to close up the door of the garage and as the storm clouds were fast approaching he hastened out to fasten up the building. He had just completed this work and was standing on the porch of the house, a short distance from the garage, when a lightning bolt traveling in on the wires, struck the door of the garage that had just been closed by Mr. Neilson. Had he been two minutes later he would have received the full effects of the bolt when it struck.

The door frame was somewhat splintered by the effects of the bolt when a nail that had been protruding from the door frame was driven deep into the wood by the force of the bolt.

Mr. Neilson is feeling very thankful for his narrow escape and believes that his luck is still with him. The building was not greatly damaged by the effects of the lightning and fortunately was not caught on fire.

## MARRIAGE OF OLD CASS CO. RESIDENT

### While on Visit to Old Home, George W. Harshman, Pioneer of Aovca, is Married to Kansas Lady.

From Friday's Daily.

George W. Harshman, well known resident of this county for a long period of years, but who has been living in Kansas for some time, has decided to embark upon the sea of matrimony and during his recent visit to the old home was married at Council Bluffs. In speaking of the marriage the Nebraska City News says:

"George Harshman, aged 71, well known in this city and Mrs. Cordelia Carter, 41, of Hutchinson, Kan., were married in Council Bluffs, Ia., last Friday. The groom is a pioneer resident of Cass county, living near Aovca. Mrs. Harshman has lived in Hutchinson for several years. They expect to make their home in Kansas where the groom owns a large tract of land. Mr. Harshman is one of the pioneers of Cass county and years ago was one of the best wrestlers in the west. He and family were all wrestlers and he seemed to take a delight in such pastime. His sons and daughters were taught to wrestle and take part in other athletic exercises. Mr. Harshman and sons have wrestled here often and for a goodly sized stake, using the old, old theater building on First corner, between Sixth and Seventh streets, which was reconstructed by the Eagles for their home. These exhibitions were before the time of "Farmer" Burns and his followers. The Harshmans had matches in nearly all of the towns in this part of the state and Mrs. Harshman in her younger days was an athlete and was able to handle any of her sons or her husband in a bout. This family were among the first wrestlers that were developed in this section of the state."

## CLARENCE L. BEAL RETURNS HOME TODAY

From Friday's Daily.

This afternoon Clarence L. Beal returned from Omaha where for the past three weeks he has been at the Immanuel hospital, recovering from the effects of the accident that resulted in the loss of his right foot. Clarence has stood the long period of suffering in splendid shape and his courage and hopefulness has greatly assisted him in the bearing of his misfortune. This young man enjoys the friendship of a host of residents of the city and county and that he is back home is a great pleasure to these as well as the members of his family.

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Louisville, like Plattsmouth, appears to be in disfavor with the weather man, when it comes to putting on a community celebration, and yesterday the registered trap shoot, ball game, boxing exhibition, dance, etc., were all seriously handicapped by the intermittent visits of old man J. Pluvius.

Louisville people had anticipated a large crowd of visitors at their gala day events and had arranged to accommodate them in excellent manner, but they failed to reckon with the serious effect rain would have on the program.

Although the sky was heavily overcast from dawn, many took a chance on the elements and by noon the neighboring towns on the Platte were fairly well filled with people from over the county.

One of the events of the afternoon was a ball game between Louisville and Springfield, arch enemies for championship honors. The game was played between frequent light showers, until the last half of the ninth, when, with the score 4 to 2 in favor of Springfield, the bases filled with Louisvilleites and two down, a sudden downpour made further play out of the question. Andy Graves, of Omaha, was on the mound for Louisville in the opening innings, but it wasn't Andy's kind of a day and the visitors scored their four runs all off the veteran Armour pitcher. Later a young Louisville lad took the rubber and pitched air-tight ball, while the Louisville boys annexed their two scores and came dangerously close to spilling the beans.

The next big event of the day was the scheduled eight-round boxing exhibition between Andy Schmader, of Louisville, ex-heavyweight champion of the navy and Alexander, of Iowa, who has who has won eight rounds and although Schmader was the Indian will probably be the long-armed boy three times, once in the first round, when he caught him with a sharp blow on the nose, breaking the bone. Seeing himself outpointed, Alexander depended on clinches to tie him over the eight rounds, and in this was successful, although Referee Fitzgerald kept them fighting in the open considerable time.

Before the bout Lamson and his manager stepped upon the platform and issued a public challenge to the winner, which means that Schmader and the Indian will probably be matched for Labor day at Fort Omaha.

Following the main bout, a six round preliminary between Frank Schmader and Frank Blotzer was in order. Although Blotzer didn't take the count, the referee halted the fight by the middle of the first round when Schmader was reigning blows repeatedly upon his opponent.

The American Legion post of this city sponsored the fight and sent a number of its members to assist in the work of ushering, ticket taking, etc. The receipts, while very good considering the night, will scarcely pay the promotion expense, leaving little or nothing for Schmader, his manager or the Legion. Had the weather been good, the story might have been much different. Take a number of those from Plattsmouth remained in Louisville over night, while those who attempted to drive home found themselves in for a long hard siege on the road.

The musicians for the base ball box dance drove in from Omaha about 10 o'clock, and although the dance was proceeded with, little if any more than enough to pay for the lights was realized.

The boxing exhibition proved satisfactory to the majority of the spectators, although there was some little "hollering" against the clinching tactics of Alexander. This was no fault of Schmader's however, as he would have welcomed more open fighting than was done. The crowd was very patient during a rather long wait for Alexander to appear on the platform and while scattering raindrops were warning them that

## LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS GROW

### Report of Year's Business Shows Those Institutions in State Have Made Great Record.

From Friday's Daily.

Nebraska's building, savings and loan associations increased their assets by \$12,000,000, made loans for the building of 2408 new dwellings and financed the purchase of 4888 dwellings already built, during the fiscal year ending June 30 last.

These are the striking features of a statement made public by T. J. Fitzmorris, secretary of the Nebraska League of Savings and Loan associations.

The statement contains official reports from 45 leading associations of the state covering their business operations during the twelve months. Their assets total \$72,171,811, an increase of 610,994,794, or 18 per cent. The twenty-eight associations not reporting had in 1919 assets totaling \$5,002,670. Should these associations show the same percentage of growth reported by the leaders the total of all associations of the state will amount to 777,924,481, an increase of \$12,300,907 over the fiscal year of 1919.

Secretary Hart of the State Bureau of Banking said in his report for 1919 that the associations "transacted the largest volume of business in their history, showing an increase of 88,616,513.86 or 15 per cent in twelve months. The report for 1920 will disclose that gain by about \$3,500,000."

A substantial contribution for the relief of the housing situation was made by associations throughout the state. Returns from 45 associations show a total of 2498 loans for new homes and 4888 loans on dwellings already built. Loans for new home average around \$2,500, which means a direct investment of \$6,000,000 in Nebraska homes and the addition of that sum to the taxable wealth of the state.

Omaha holds first place in the development of these mutual institutions. Complete reports from its nine associations show assets totaling \$48,782,214 or 62 per cent of the state's total. Lincoln, Beatrice, Fremont, North Platte, Columbus, and Grand Island are up in the millions and going strong. Norfolk joined the million class during the year.

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## GIVES A KITCHEN SHOWER FOR BRIDE

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The bride-to-be received a large number of very attractive and useful presents from the members of the party and the young ladies were entertained most charmingly at a four-course luncheon. The table was arranged in the yellow and white decorations, yellow candles shedding their pleasant glow over the scene while the white floral decorations added their beauty to the scene. The place cards were very artistic in the form of tiny cupids and made a pretty addition to the decorations of the table. The hostess was assisted in serving by her sisters, Mrs. Edward Egenberger and Mrs. Ralph Wilcox.

Following the dinner the members of the party enjoyed the evening in music, both instrumental and dancing. Those in attendance were: Misses Adelia Sayles, Hermie Spies, Rose Mae Creamer, Agnes Bajec, Norine Schulhof, Lura Malsinger, Florence and Mary Egenberger, Mrs. Marie Spies Cline of Havelock and Mrs. Alvin Range.

## STATE CONVENTION OF W. C. T. U. HERE

### Plattsmouth Society of Temperance Organization to Be Hostesses to State Meet September 16.

The state convention of the W. C. T. U. of Nebraska, is to be held in Plattsmouth this year and the date set is September 16th. The ladies of the local organization at their meeting this week made a part of the plans for the gathering that will be attended by the representatives from all over the state to participate in the meeting.

The occasion of the meeting of the ladies of the temperance organization should be recognized with the cooperation of the citizens in seeing that the visitors are properly entertained during their stay in the city. The meetings will be held at one of the local churches, either the Presbyterian or Methodist, both of which have large and well arranged auditoriums that will be ample to care for the delegates from the various societies.

This is the first time in a long period of years that the state meeting of the W. C. T. U. has been held in this city and its coming here is a recognition of the splendid local organization of the Plattsmouth ladies societies.

## RETURNING FROM TRIP TO CHASE COUNTY

### W. E. Rosencrans and Party Find Conditions There of the Best and Crops Bringing Great Results.

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning W. E. Rosencrans and party returned from a trip of three days out in the wheat fields of Chase county where they were viewing the great wheat crops of that locality and the general conversation of the party was of the wonderful crops that they had viewed during their stay in the western portion of the state.

For the past few years Mr. Rosencrans has been interested in the land in Chase county and the splendid results secured by the purchasers of the land there many of whom have secured their farms through him, is very gratifying to this gentleman.

The party occupied their own full-sized car of Omaha and at Imperial the car was switched on the siding and there they made their headquarters during their stay, enjoying automobile trips out over the great wheat fields whose yield this year are making many of the land owners independent of Omaha and a crop. In one instance a farm in that county has given a yield of wheat that has made \$80.08 per acre and has more than paid the price of the land in the year. There are many former residents of the county that have purchased land at \$60 per acre that are today realizing from thirty to forty bushels of wheat per acre on their farms and the result will more than pay for the price of the land.

This speaks well for that portion of the state and the wonderful crop is not alone confined to the wheat crop but the corn through that portion of the state is booming and promises a crop almost as great as that of the wheat and which will help swell the production of that portion of the state into one of the record breaking crops of years.

While at Imperial Mr. Rosencrans met Charles Shopp who is now handling 1,000 acres of land the greater part of which is in wheat and which is showing wonderful crops in both the wheat and corn. Mrs. Shopp, who has been in poor health for some time is reported as showing but little improvement so Mr. Rosencrans informs a Journal representative.

The trip to the west has been a revelation to the members of the party who were from eastern Nebraska and western Iowa and among whom were a number from Cass county and they have all returned more than pleased with what they have seen of the great country.

## PROVISIONS OF LAW COVERING PETITIONS

### Amendment to Section 2140 Prevents Candidates at Primaries From Running by Petition.

From Friday's Daily.

The friends of Clarence L. Beal, who have been circulating petitions for his nomination for the office of clerk of the district court by petition, have been meeting with much success in the securing of signatures but the fact of the primary election law seems to bar the filing of the petition or the acceptance of the nomination by the popular young man who has been urged by his friends to accept the nomination.

The 1915 session of the Nebraska legislature passed an amendment to section 2140 of the revised statutes of Nebraska that seems to dispose of the matter as this portion of the law says: "Provided no person who has been a candidate for any office at a primary shall be a candidate by petition or certificate of nomination to the office for which he was defeated."

It has been very disappointing to the many friends of Mr. Beal throughout the county who have been very desirous of his making the race this fall.

Edward Rummel and wife were in the city today, driving in to attend to some trading with the merchants.

## TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR OF RAIN HERE

### TWO INCHES OF RAIN FOLLOWS SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM IN THIS CITY

## LIGHTNING SEVERE OVER CITY

### Neighboring Country is Soaked in Storm Which Was General Over Eastern Portion of the State

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon and early last evening this community was visited by one of the heaviest rains of the summer and which was preceded by a severe electrical disturbance that did more or less damage to property over the city.

The humid atmosphere gave warning of the approaching storm and the clouds banking in the north and west about three o'clock foretold the coming of the summer storm and at 4 o'clock the opening of the storm came with very severe lightning that filled the heavens with its keen flashes and a number of places over the city were struck by the lightning bolts. At the Central school building the tower was struck and a part of the corner of the tower was badly splintered and will take some time to repair the damage. The garage of Julius Neilson was also struck by the lightning but the damage was slight.

Following the electrical storm the rain came down in sheets and continued for almost an hour and the Main street was well filled with several inches of water. The second storm following close on the first brought another violent downpour and two inches of rain was registered as the result. The Washington avenue sewer that had been filled to its capacity by the first downpour was overflowed and a great stream of water was sweeping down Washington avenue into Main street and while not reaching any dangerous stage Sixth street was filled from curb to curb with the flood water and those who found it necessary to cross the street were compelled to wade knee deep in the water or wait for some friendly driver of a truck or wagon to ferry them across the street.

The nearby towns suffered a much heavier rainfall than this city and at Nebraska City the storm approached the violence of a thunderstorm with four inches of water falling and a terrific electric storm accompanying the storm. Greenwood was also visited by the storm and some three inches of rain reported there as well as the heavy electrical disturbances that characterized the storm throughout the state.

While the storm was not so severe at Lincoln where only 1.3 inches of rain fell the lightning was more severe and caused the death of one man who was struck while standing on his porch watching the storm.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

### Yesterday Afternoon at the Court House Occurred the Marriage of Miss Fanchon Rousome and Mr. Chester A. Stalup, Both of Omaha.

The young people were united in wedlock by Judge Beeson and the ceremony witnessed by Miss Melba Stenerson and Mr. C. H. Blaze, who accompanied the young people from the metropolis. After the wedding the bridal party returned to their home in Omaha.

## POCKET BOOK LOST

### Gent's purse, containing two checks, one for \$609.00, made in favor of John Becker and signed by A. L. Becker, and one for \$35.00 signed by James A. Wilson, also some small change. Lost either in Plattsmouth or on road between Plattsmouth and Union. Finder please leave same at the Journal office, or notify John Becker, Union, for reward. d&w.

From Thursday's Daily.

The surroundings along Rocky Point and below the ferry landing seems to be the favorite spot of the Plattsmouth people for their recreation and promenades, especially on Sunday, when the number of people visiting there is quite large and the beauty and restfulness of this pretty spot seems to appeal strongly to the lovers of nature among the young and old alike.

The lofty bluffs that crown down on the river drive, covered with their wealth of green foliage and trees make a restful sight for the eye while their shadows make a grateful shade from the heat of the summer sun in the afternoon and along the banks of the river in the evenings or on the Sunday afternoon many parties may be found enjoying a rest and the delights of a picnic. The great river flowing peacefully along the side of the banks also makes a part in the symphony of nature that is found in this picturesque portion of Nebraska.

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