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WATER COMPANY MAKES THE FIRST MOVE IN RATE CONTROVERSY; FILES INJUNCTION SUIT

ACTION STARTED IN FEDERAL COURT AT LINCOLN YESTERDAY—NOTICES SERVED ON THE CITY OFFICIALS HERE TODAY.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon in the federal court at Lincoln, before Judge T. C. Munger, the Plattsmouth Water Co., through its attorneys Jesse L. Root, of Omaha, and W. A. Robertson, of this city, filed an action asking the court to grant an injunction restraining the City of Plattsmouth from enforcing the rates that were adopted at the last council meeting to go into effect on June 1st.

The water company also proposes a meter rental of \$3 while the city ordinance decrees that the company shall maintain these at their own expense. On the flat rate proposition, the water company asks that there be a charge of \$10 per annum, while the city limits the charge to \$6. In the first hydrant rental which is paid by the city from a special tax fund collected for that purpose, the water company proposes to charge \$60 per annum. The amount herebefore and which was continued in the new city ordinance is \$40 per annum. At Nebraska City the water company receives \$32 per annum, but is now pleading with the city commission for a \$10 raise.

Plattsmouth has at the present time ninety-two fire hydrants upon which it has been paying the rental of \$10 per annum. Under the new schedule of rates, \$1840 additional will pour into the coffers of the water company on this one item alone, while new extension will bring the number up to 100 and raise the additional revenue to \$2,000.

This morning Deputy U. S. Marshal J. C. McCluskey, of Lincoln, was in the city serving the summons on the various city officials, the mayor and members of the city council, who will represent the municipality in the battle on the water rate question.

Mr. L. O. Minor of the Water company, when interviewed stated that he did not know the particulars of the suit aside from the fact that the company was seeking the enjoining of the rates proposed by the city.

The head offices of the company are at Portland, Maine, where the president, Mr. George F. West, resides.

It was stated by a number of the prominent residents of the city that often in the last few months and it is believed under the conditions can be successfully accomplished.

From Thursday's Daily. One of the newest stunts of the social leaders of the city—masculine that of fishing by moonlight. Last evening as the golden orb of day descended to rest behind the seven hills of Plattsmouth, two of the young men that decorate the smart set, wended their way toward the purpling bluffs of the old Missouri river and selecting a romantic spot along the river bank cast in their hook and line and musically awaited results. One of the party, it is reported, succeeded in snaring a small minnow but the other was out of luck as he is more adept at fishing for hearts rather than fish.

As the moon shown bright, not over the moonshine, however, the two fishermen wended their way homeward, giving the unfortunate residents of the vicinity several musical selections that were much appreciated by the singers, if no one else. We are anxiously awaiting the further developments, now that this fad has been started.

From Thursday's Daily. Receiver John F. Gorder, in charge of goods of the E. G. Dovey & Son store, is still on the job as the head of the concern as the result of reaching an agreement this morning for the sale of the stock of goods that is carried by the firm. Mr. Gorder has been in charge of the stock for several months and is daily conducting the business and disposing of what is possible, without the purchase of new stock, but it has been hoped that purchaser could be found for the whole stock. The bids received today were considered not high enough and the matter will be left open for thirty days longer so that anyone who desires can make a bid on the stock.

From Thursday's Daily. Miss Katherine Lahoda departed yesterday afternoon for Omaha where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis at one of the hospitals and was accompanied to that city by Jack Lathrom, Claude Lahoda and Miss Lillian Kopschka. Miss Lahoda has been very ill for the past week and her many friends are hoping for a speedy recovery.

Have you noticed that the stores that advertise which are always filled with buyers?

An extensive line of high class stationery on hand at all times at the Journal office.

ENJOY FINE TIME

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon the young ladies comprising the Queen Esther society of the Methodist church, accompanied by their leader, Mrs. C. C. Westcott, were in Omaha to attend the convention of the Woman's Home Missionary society that is being held at the Hanscomb Park Methodist church. Last evening was set aside by the convention as Queen Esther night on the program and a very interesting time was enjoyed with the reports of the various societies and the pageant that was arranged for this part of the program. Those attending from this city were Misses Florence Peacock, Dorothy Sattler, Esther Pratt, Helen and Alice Louise Westcott, Edith Yelick, Florence Cecil, Tillie Wandra and Mrs. Westcott.

YOUNG PEOPLE SPRING SURPRISE ON THEIR FRIENDS

Miss Bernese Newell of this City and Mr. Roy Fuller of Miami, Fla. Married Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McCluskey occurred the marriage of one of the well known and popular young ladies of this city, Miss Bernese Newell, and Mr. Roy Fuller of Miami, Florida. The wedding came as a surprise to the host of friends of the bride as only a few of the very closest friends were aware of the nearness of the date of the happy occasion.

The bridal party was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover who witnessed the service. The marriage lines were read by Rev. McCluskey and the ceremony while simple was very impressive.

At the conclusion of the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Fuller motored out to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gerner near Cedar Creek where they will enjoy a short stay before returning to this city.

The bride is one of the talented young ladies of Plattsmouth and has spent her lifetime here, and is a daughter of Hon. W. H. Newell and wife, and has been quite active in the church and social life of the community and with her unusual dramatic talent has been very prominent in the various local activities. The groom is a well known real estate dealer of Miami, and has been very successful in his profession in the South. He is known to a number here having been a visitor here in the past.

To the newly weds will be extended the warm wishes for their future welfare and happiness and they will deserve any of the good fortune that may be their lot to receive.

LIGHTING COMPANY HOLDS FINE PICNIC FOR EMPLOYEES

Manager Kuykendall Arranges Most Pleasant Event that is Enjoyed by Everyone.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the employees of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company enjoyed one of the pleasant social gatherings that have characterized the regime of J. B. Kuykendall as the district manager of the company here. On this occasion the members of the families of the employees were also invited to participate in the afternoon and it was truly an occasion that will long be very pleasantly remembered in every way.

The scene of the picnic was near the Burlington bridge and there were some fifty to participate in the happy occasion.

Mr. Kuykendall served as the master of ceremonies and William Highfield as the chef of the occasion, and the array of sports and boating which had been planned by Mr. Kuykendall served to keep the crowd in the best of humor.

At 6 o'clock the announcement was made that supper was ready and the members of the picnic party in a very few minutes made great inroads on the good things in store for them.

NO. 1 WILL STOP In order to give Plattsmouth the best train service possible the Burlington has arranged to have No. 1, the west bound passenger train due here at 6:15 in the morning, to stop for passengers, Mr. Baird, who was in Lincoln this week secured the consent of the company to making a stop of No. 1 here regularly instead of for passengers east of Pacific Junction. This will be a great advantage to the visitors here over Sunday from Omaha, who can return to Omaha on this train in plenty of time and not make necessary their return Sunday evening as heretofore. This is a good train for the city as it makes excellent connection from Chicago and is one that will be appreciated by the traveling public.

COL. BATES PASSES 80TH MILESTONE

BORN IN LONDON, OHIO, JUNE 2, 1842.—HAS RECORD OF ESTABLISHING PAPERS.

From Friday's Daily. Today at his home in this city Col. M. A. Bates is observing the passing of the eightieth milestone on the highway of life and despite his years of strenuousness he is still a vital factor in the newspaper work in which he has been engaged for the past fifty-eight years. While not as active as in the years past he is still a keen observer of the march of progress and unwavering in his allegiance to the things American and democratic.

Milford A. Bates is a native of the state of Ohio, having been born at London, Madison county, June 2, 1842, the son of Sylvanus and Eunice, pioneer residents of that portion of the state and where he spent his childhood days. While a youth in his home city he entered the employ of the Madison County Chronicle as an apprentice and the romance and lure of the printers' ink formed so firm a hold on his youthful character that he has since been a laborer in the field of journalism, both as printer and writer. In this career he has come in touch with many of the political leaders of the nation at the different periods of their greatness and these are still vivid memories of which men. While a boy he was a page in the Ohio state senate in 1855-58, and there was attracted by the appearance of General James A. Garfield, then a member of the legislature and later destined to fill the highest office in the gift of the American people. From the atmosphere of political association in the legislative halls it was an easy step into the newspaper game and here Col. Bates has found his real career.

Like many others of the young men of the nation Mr. Bates found in the dawn of the days of '61 an inspiration to do their part for the cause of their country and he joined the Union army then forming to maintain the unity of the states of the union. He was a soldier in the 70th Ohio infantry for three months and re-enlisted in the 40th Ohio regiment.



COL. M. A. BATES

imental band and which was assigned to the brigade of his former friend, Gen. Garfield. On the expiration of his enlistment at the end of eight months he entered the 95th Ohio where he served until discharged from the service.

Returning to his Ohio home at the end of the war he felt the unrest that was drawing the greater part of the veterans westward to find homes and he too joined the westward flowing stream of pioneers and located at Monticello, in Christian county, where he established his first newspaper, and it was in this city that he was married on April 16, 1865, to Miss Virginia Barnett. He made his home in Monticello for the greater part of his stay in the state of Illinois, but during the time that he was a resident of that established many newspapers and at one time was at Spencer, Indiana, in charge of the Owen County Journal. In the array of papers that he placed in the state of Illinois were the Greenback Herald at Tower Hill. At the death of the wife in 1881, Col. Bates decided to move from the Illinois home and accordingly was for a short time at California, Missouri, and from there moved to Winfield, Kansas, and was engaged in work as the advance man of one of the large Indian shows than so popular, and later returning to his first love—the newspaper game—was in charge of a paper at Winfield, owned by Judge Tipton, noted jurist of the early days in Kansas and later Col. Bates moved this paper to Hopkins, Missouri, where it was dedicated as the Hopkins Herald and which he

continued to publish until removing to Grant City, Missouri, in 1884, when he purchased the Grant City Times, continuing there until 1892. While a resident of Hopkins, Col. Bates was married to Miss Sarah Carpenter, July 3, 1884, and who is assisting him today in the observance of the birthday anniversary. From Grant City Col. Bates and family removed to Memphis, Missouri, where he secured the Scotland County Democrat and operated it until 1896, and in which he was assisted by his two sons, T. B. and R. A. Bates, for a greater portion of the time. After disposing of this paper he was engaged in work in several of the small cities of Missouri until 1900 when he was called to Lewistown, Montana, to serve as editor of one of the leading papers owned by Senator W. A. Clark, then political leader of the state and engaged in the famous Clark-Daly fight in the democratic party. From there he returned to special field work in a number of the small Iowa towns until 1902, his sons, T. B. and R. A. Bates, having purchased the Plattsmouth Journal, he came to this city to reside and has since been here as editor. The Journal has under the ownership of Mr. R. A. Bates, the present publisher, grown greatly in the past years and during this time Col. Bates has taken an active part in the advancing steps of the paper.

Politically always a democrat, Col. Bates was in 1908 persuaded by his friends in Cass and Otoe county to enter the race for representative and was given a good majority and served in the 1909 session of the legislature from this and Otoe county.

CITIZENS OF CASS COUNTY PROTEST TRAIN CHANGE

Residents of Weeping Water, Manley, Avoca, Otoe and Other Points at Lincoln Today.

The proposal of the Missouri Pacific railroad to withdraw their daily passenger train from the line operating from Auburn to Omaha through Avoca, Weeping Water, Manley and Louisville, has drawn forth a storm of protest from the residents of these places and they are making a determined effort to retain the present service that is badly needed in a number of places.

Weeping Water has connections with Lincoln on the Union Pacific but the change will give them only one train a day to Omaha and this by a mixed freight and passenger train that is at present operated on a tri-weekly schedule, but which under the new arrangement would make one round trip daily.

The railroad has contended that the operation of the train was at a loss of \$40,000 a year, owing to the lack of patronage given it, and they have therefore appealed to the state railway commission for the permission to make the change in their service as to eliminate the cost of the one train. On the other hand the residents of the towns affected urge the starting of the train from Auburn an hour earlier in the morning and returning an hour later from Omaha, and contending that the change in time will give a greater patronage to the company.

This morning the matter was taken up by the state commission and the Missouri Pacific company representatives as well as the parties interested in the change were at Lincoln to lay their case before the state board for action.

C. E. Butler, of Weeping Water, was the spokesman for the Cass county delegation and a number from Avoca, Otoe and Manley were also present to add their voice to the general protest. W. J. Ran, J. L. Breckenridge, Herman Deane and Rudolph Bergman were among the Manley citizens to gather to protest the change in train service.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT MURRAY THIS WEEK

Thirty-Third Yearly Gathering of U. P. M. C. of Omaha Presbytery on June 8th and 9th.

The thirty-third annual convention of the United Presbyterian Missionary societies of Omaha Presbytery, will be held in Murray on next Thursday and Friday, June 8th and 9th. The following program will be presented:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:00 O'Clock
Mrs. J. W. Dodds, presiding.
Song service, Congregation.
Devotional, Mrs. W. C. Davidson, North Bend.
Words of Welcome, Mrs. W. S. Smith, Murray.
Response, Mrs. J. H. Vance, First Omaha.
Business session, consisting of (a) Minutes, (b) Roll call, (c) Reports of secretaries, (d) Discussion and questions, (e) Two minute reports from societies, (f) Report of treasurer.

THURSDAY EVENING 7:30 O'Clock
Mrs. J. H. Vance, presiding.
Song service.
Devotional, Mrs. W. C. Davidson.
Appointment of committees.
Report of delegate to W. G. M. S. convention, by Miss Lydia McCague, Central King's Daughters.
Special music.
Address, Rev. Paul Calhoun, Central Omaha.
Offering.
Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 O'Clock
Mrs. J. E. Dodds, presiding.
Song service.
Devotional, Mrs. W. C. Davidson.
Home Missions, Mrs. Albert Gordon.
Discussion.
Questionnaire conducted by Mrs. W. M. Jackson and Miss Emily Robinson.
Value of Young Women's Work to the Young Women, Mrs. Clark Carnaby.
Luncheon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 O'Clock
Mrs. J. E. Dodds, presiding.
Foreign Mission Work, Mrs. Paul Smith, Sudan.
Questions and discussion.
Reports of committees.
Election of officers.
Presentation of new officers.
Prayer.
Adjournment.

GIVES SHOWER FOR FRIEND

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon a very enjoyable shower was given by Misses Agnes Young and Nora Baughman at the Baughman home in honor of Miss Beulah Henry, whose marriage to Mr. Earl Schwenneker is to occur soon. The home was very charmingly arranged with decorations of the spring flowers and the time was spent by the ladies in preparing a scrapbook for the bride-to-be, as a remembrance of the friends from her girlhood up. Each guest presented Miss Henry with their favorite recipe, and as well the guest of honor was tendered a number of very handsome presents.

Dainty refreshments were served at a late hour and the guests departed wishing the bride-to-be much joy and happiness in her new home. Phone the Journal office when you are in need of job printing of any kind. Best equipped shop in southeastern Nebraska.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

From Friday's Daily. The many friends over Cass county of former county commissioner, Charles R. Jordan, of Aivo, will regret to learn that Mr. Jordan is in very serious condition at his home as the result of a stroke of paralysis, and he is now in a semi-conscious condition the greater part of the time and as the stroke has affected his throat, he is unable to use the vocal chords and has for the past several days been lying in a state of coma.

A VERY PRETTY HOME WEDDING AT LOUISVILLE

Miss Esther Noyes and Mr. Lloyd Schneider Married at Home of Bride's Mother.

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Rachel Noyes at Louisville, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Miss Esther, to Mr. Lloyd Schneider. The home was very handsomely arranged for the occasion with a profusion of the spring flowers and in the parlor a handsome bridal arch of white syringa and roses formed a very beautiful setting for the happy event and beneath its lovely blooms the two young people took their station to have their hearts and lives joined as one.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Edith Stander sang very sweetly, "I Love You Truly," and as the notes of the song were hushed Miss Stander played very charmingly the "Lohengrin Wedding March," to which the bridal party entered the parlors for the ceremony. The bride was gowned in a very beautiful creation of white Canton crepe and carried a bouquet of bride roses. Miss Noyes was attended by Miss Grace Noyes, her sister, as bridesmaid, while Mr. Lawrence Meisinger attended the groom, as best man.

The beautiful ring service was carried out and made a most impressive ceremony for the event that was to join in wedlock these two estimable young people.

Following the wedding the bridal party and guests were served with light refreshments and the newly wedded couple showered with the well wishes of their friends and relatives who were in attendance.

ACCIDENT AT THE SHOPS

From Friday's Daily. This morning while a delivery gang was handling steel sills at the Burlington shops in this city, the rubble car on which they were conveying the sills overturned, and as the result the men, who were on the car were in danger of having very serious injury. As the sill fell from the car it caught the right foot of Johnnie Newton as well as the left foot of John Hable and very severely bruised the lower portion of the leg. While the injury was very painful the workmen are fortunate that they did not suffer even more severe injuries from the result of the accident. The sills weighed 2,700 pounds.

ARRIVAL OF NEW DAUGHTER

From Friday's Daily. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Baumeister in Eight Mile Grove was gladdened last evening when a fine little daughter arrived to make her home there in the future. All concerned are doing very nicely.

VERY PLEASANT EVENT

On Wednesday at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha a fine son and heir was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dunbar of this city. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and the occasion has brought the greatest of pleasure to the proud and happy father.

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