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COUNCIL MEETING

The city council met in special session Tuesday evening and acted on the petitions for the coming election, April 4. R. H. Mathew filed for mayor and is likely to land the burgomaster job for the next year as no one filed against him. In the first ward W. D. French and C. C. Cooper will contest for the aldermanic honors of that ward.

There is no contest in the Second ward, O. F. Peterson being the only one to file. The license issue will again be voted upon, both the "wets" and the "drys" having filed petitions to submit the question to the voters of the city. Apparently there is no great discussion of the question and opinion on the probable result is much divided, some claiming that the drought of the past year has been of much benefit to the town and surrounding country and others maintaining that the town is ready for the funeral march on account of the absence of groceries. The result of the vote at this election will probably settle the fate of Loup City as far as the saloon question is concerned for all time.

The applications for the contract for street sprinkling were received and the contract was awarded to G. H. Hosier at \$90 per month. It was also stipulated that at times when it was not necessary to sprinkle that Mr. Hosier would be employed dragging the streets. This should insure the streets being kept in the best condition they have ever been in and the general public will, no doubt, appreciate the absence of the dust nuisance this year.

The same afternoon the township board held a meeting and appointed a library board as follows: John W. Long, W. F. Mason, Dr. S. A. Allen, Albert Johnson, and William Hancock. The board will consider the site question and will not lack for material to work on, as about all the available realty in the city is on the market for library sites, well supported by convincing arguments (by the owners) of why their particular site has advantages that cannot be found in other tracts. It is said that a proposition has been made to induce the city to turn over the two lots now owned by it north of the court house square and purchase two lots adjoining for a site. Several good locations are on the list and there is no doubt that the library board will select one that will meet the approval of all except, possibly, some of the owners of other lots. The board, fortunately, is made up of the township's representative men and it is a sure thing that they all have the best interests of Loup City and community at heart and will do their utmost to please one and all.

The Carnegie Corporation has acknowledged receipt of the application, and asked for some additional information regarding the population

of the city and township, which was promptly furnished. It is not known just when the corporation will see fit to take further action, but we understand that the applications are acted on in the order in which they are received.

LITCHFIELD EVENTS

Alfred Flint made a business trip to Ravenna on Friday of last week. Rev. Troy left on No. 40 Wednesday for Gothenberg, via Grand Island.

Our hog buyer, C. E. Achenbaugh, shipped a load of hogs to Omaha on Sunday.

Lew Williams was out inspecting his political fences, which he found in good condition.

George Hager arrived home on No. 39 Tuesday from Franklin, Neb., his old stamping ground.

Our supervisor, Fred Richmond, made a flying trip to the county seat on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webber were passengers to Grand Island Tuesday morning to consult a dentist.

Mrs. Mary Reuland is suffering from an attack of the grip which developed into pneumonia.

Mrs. Charles Duncan made a flying trip down the road on No. 40 and returned on No. 39 Wednesday.

Charles Givens shipped a load of cattle and a mixed load of cattle and hogs to the South Omaha market on Sunday.

Master Walter Anderson has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia but is somewhat better at this writing.

Thomas Haller blew himself for a new Ford which he purchased of George Lang. Go to Alfred Flint and get it insured.

Dr. Boyd, the well known veterinary of Mason City, died at Central City and was buried there on Sunday, the 19th of March.

Homer Hockett sold six head of fine hereford heifers to L. B. Hickman for which he received \$400. He delivered them on Tuesday.

Carl Halberson bought himself and lady a brand new Dodge Brothers automobile of George Lang last week. No Ford for me, says Carl.

Mrs. M. B. Myers returned from an extended visit to her daughter and Mrs. L. E. Wetling, on No. 39 last Wednesday. Helen was disappointed.

Mrs. D. W. Titus returned from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Holdrege Monday evening. D. W. went down the road to meet her.

Dr. P. L. Hall, of Lincoln, the banker, was up looking after his land interests here Saturday. He returned Sunday. J. S. Teuksbury accompanied him here.

R. L. Farnsworth is fixing up an old Stevens, open pan cooler for use

A LESSON IN PREPAREDNESS BY BART

IF I'D HAD MY BOOTS ON I'D HAVE STAMPED IT OUT, THEN AND THERE!



in his hotel business. This cooler was bought by Alex Flint thirty years ago for his meat market.

Our stock feeder J. S. Duncan, purchased cattle at a public sale near Ansley the other day, and casually brought home a \$20 draft that he was smooth enough to win in a lottery.

Homer Hockett's little girl has had a very serious attack of pneumonia but is now improving. Mrs. Friend, a trained nurse left a case in Omaha to come home and take care of her.

A. L. Fletcher received a letter from Mrs. Fletcher Tuesday. She did not arrive at High River, Calgary, Canada, until Saturday morning. The funeral of her brother was held on Sunday.

George McKenzie, manager of the Fairmont Creamery station, and checker player's rendezvous, who went to Grand Island for an operation, is reported doing well and writes us he expects to be home the end of this week.

C. H. Wall, of Lushton, Neb., who has lived amongst us for a number of years, came in on No. 39 Wednesday. He informs us that he has sold his farm, Walter Brigham of Tarnov, Neb., being the purchaser. It has been rented to Lee Woolsey.

John Kiesel, the only original job, with his son, arrived home from Florida where John has some land. Friday, John leaves for there to winter, trap, hunt and fish. He reports improvements going on down there and lots of good times.

V. L. Chipman was over here on business Tuesday. Our old friend T. H. Elsner accompanied him with Mrs. Elsner and his son, A. F. Elsner. T. H. is out for county treasurer. He is well and favorably known by many of the old timers on these valleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Potter had a very pleasant auto trip to Hazard, Pleasanton and Ravenna, Tuesday. They had to face the wind storm home and Mrs. Potter's complexion is a good old nut brown. Never mind, Mrs. Potter, it is a good color to wear.

James Butler, brother of Mrs. E. W. Gowin, started for his home in Illinois, Monday. He came to be present at their fiftieth wedding anniversary and made a protracted visit. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gowin accompanied him as far as Kearney where they will visit with their daughter, Mrs. Sam Sincley.

Social at School District No. 51.

District No. 51 will hold a "tin sale" social at the school house on Friday evening, March 21. Miss Lula Lofholm is the teacher at this school and extends a cordial invitation to all to attend. A short program will be given.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN ON.

The Union Evangelistic meetings began last Sabbath with a splendid audience both morning and evening. The Erwin Brothers came to us very highly recommended, and they are certainly making good.

We predict that with a choir of a hundred and twenty voices, under the leadership of Horace Erwin, the people of Loup City will have an opportunity to hear some of the greatest gospel singing and soul thrilling music they have ever heard.

The evangelist, W. A. Erwin, is one of the strongest gospel preachers we have been privileged to listen to. He is a master of the scriptures and he stays close to his text.

This meeting is a concerted effort of the churches of Loup City for the salvation of the unsaved and the moral uplift of the community.

Every citizen should be interested in these two things regardless of whether he is a christian or not.

We want every man and woman, every boy and girl in this community to help and be helped in these meetings. Come, you will miss something if you do not.

H. L. Cook, a former resident of Howard county is a candidate for the republican nomination for Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. Mr. Cook is being opposed for the nomination by H. F. Beckman, who has held the office for two terms and is asking for the third term. As many people in this part of the state made the acquaintance of Mr. Cook during his twenty-five years residence at St. Paul it is believed that he will receive a large vote in Howard and adjoining counties.

BREAKING THE SHACKLES.

An important decision has been handed down by the supreme court of Nebraska affirming the right of newspapers to discuss the fitness of candidates for public office and to advise voters of their affiliations and leanings. This decision is especially important for the reason that under latter day construction of the statutes newspapers have been virtually muzzled and prevented from publishing anything personal of a derogatory character, the theory having been adopted that such publication constituted libel, civil and criminal or both, even though the published statements might be entirely true. This decision of the Nebraska supreme court would, however, be more satisfactory had it been subscribed to by a full court instead of by four of the seven judges—Sedgwick, Letton, Rose and Fawcett affirming, and Morrissey, Hamer and Barnes dissenting, for the principle upheld by the decision is so just and reasonable that it should not be called in question.

The majority opinion is written by Justice Sedgwick, who holds as a primary proposition that "a public statement to the voters in regard to the qualification and fitness of a candidate for public office, made while such candidate is seeking nomination and election, is a communication of qualified privilege," and that a defendant publisher need not be held for libel even if the statement is untrue, if made in good faith, and belief in its truth, and if there should be sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable man in belief of its truth. This rule under the decision, will hold good whether it be a statement of the newspaper or a communication by an outside party.

Evidence and pleadings in the case are discussed very exhaustively by Judge Sedgwick, but the whole question, he says, comes back to the point of whether the person making the

WAR HURTS BUSINESS

In some ways, the ultimate consumer is realizing the influence that war is having on the price of commodities that he must buy. In a larger way, the retail dealer is realizing how practically every line of goods carried on his shelves is, in price, moving upward. But it has not yet come home to either of these classes, what war is doing to business as emphatically as it has come home to the jobber and is being emphasized and put up to him day by day.

In a general way, we know how many lines have made tremendous advances; but how these advances reach down in a multitude of ways to a multitude of commodities, only the jobber has this information daily spread before him. To place large orders to-day may mean that a saving is made over what might have to be paid tomorrow, but with a market entirely unsettled, there is the constant danger in heavy buying, of being left suspended with a surplus when a reaction comes and no one can figure when that reaction may arrive.

Without a change in war conditions, other conditions may change so that where great scarcity exists to-day, there may be more abundant supplies tomorrow and the consequent recession in prices. In steel and iron lines, in copper and brass, in every line in which metal enters, in paints and oils, in harness and leather goods of every character, in dry goods and clothing, especially in lines where fast colors are demanded, jobbers in such lines are practically sitting up nights trying to keep on a level basis with the tremendous advances and many

fluctuations that occur. As a result of the tremendous advances in the wholesale market and the great uncertainty as to the future that exists, it has become a practical impossibility for jobbers in these lines mentioned, to quote a price to-day that will last for a week. So, it is becoming almost universally a necessity for wholesalers in these lines so greatly affected, to simply say that they will fill orders to the best of their ability and price them on shipment at the prevailing price of that day.

To catalogue goods at present, to attempt to follow catalogue prices, is an utter impossibility on the part of jobbers in these lines so greatly affected by war conditions. Two of the largest jobbing houses in Lincoln have been at work for months on new elaborate catalogues that involve a large outlay of money and run into many hundreds of pages. These two firms selected as an illustration, have been obliged to abandon entirely, work on their catalogues and put all prepared copy aside until times change so that they can quote in their catalogue something like settled prices.

The retail trade is realizing and appreciating fully the conditions that confront wholesalers in these war time days and it is to their credit that they are co-operating largely and not expecting impossible things in the way of price quotation or even impossible things in supplies from the houses with which they trade and which on their part are doing their utmost to give the best possible service and the best possible prices to retail dealers who have been long

charges and the newspaper printing them do so with proper motives and with reasonable ground to justify the opinion. It is held to be a mistake to treat opinions thus expressed as statements of absolute fact.

The dissenting opinion applying to the case on which the decision was based, Judge Lee S. Estelle of Omaha vs. the Omaha Daily News, was written by Justice Barnes, and dealt with that particular case. A further dissenting opinion, written by Justice Hamer, applied to the general phases of the question. In the opinion of Judge Hamer a newspaper should be held to strict account for what it publishes in a campaign and where a candidate is attacked without sufficient justification he would prescribe the severest punishment.

In commending this decision of the supreme court the Hub has no intention of defending a wide license for newspaper discussion, either for itself or for newspapers generally, because it believes that the liberty or "freedom of the press"—which has not been enjoyed in this state during the past generation—should be exercised with caution and conscientious deliberation. There are many times, however, when a newspaper should be permitted to tell the truth regarding candidates for office or persons in office if thereby the public interest is served, and where the telling of the truth is without malice or intention to do such candidate or official a personal injury. Most newspapers, indeed, can be trusted to discriminate and those who cannot or will not can very readily be brought to book under reasonable construction of the law of libel.—Kearney Hub.

James W. Conger filed for the republican nomination for Clerk of the District Court last week. Mr. Conger came to Sherman county thirty-three years ago and is well known all over the county. He has held the position of rural mail carrier for more than nine years. Mr. Conger is well qualified for the position that he seeks and would make an efficient and accommodating county official.

Daily sells for less.

ZIMMERMAN FOR SENATOR.

In another column of The Northwestern will be found the announcement of W. D. Zimmerman, of Loup City, as candidate for the democratic nomination for State Senator from the Fifty-seventh senatorial district. Mr. Zimmerman has long been a business man of Loup City and also been identified with local and state politics. He has announced his intentions of making a vigorous campaign for the nomination. While The Northwestern is, of course, hoping that the next senator from this district will be a republican, at the same time, if the voters will otherwise and the district goes democratic, we know of no one



W. D. Zimmerman.

whom we would rather see elected than Mr. Zimmerman. Of his ability there is no question, and the interests of the district would certainly be properly represented. Mr. Zimmerman only consented to become a candidate at the earnest solicitation of his many friends in the district, and it is something of a sacrifice on his part to accept the nomination as his many business interests demand the greater part of his time. At present Mr. Zimmerman is in the southern part of the state on business and on his return will immediately begin a campaign throughout the district.

Saturday Millinery Bargains

Every lady in this community is most cordially invited to call and inspect the new spring creations that will be on sale next Saturday. We feel that they will appeal as strongly and as irresistibly to you as they did to us when we purchased our stock.

Prices as well as Styles are Attractive

In this Saturday offering you will find beautiful hats that are exact copies of eastern models—noted for SMARTNESS and CLEVER IDEAS. Features this spring: Gorgeous colors, Applique Effects, Lacquered Foliage Flowers, Fruits, Nuts, Crepe Flower and Lisere Ribbon. Blocked Hats in Lisere Straw, China and Belgian Pipings.

A large shipment of Easter Hats will arrive for this sale.

Busy Bee Hat Shop
MISS HATTIE FROELICH

You Need Not Be A Banker To Wear HIGH ART CLOTHES

We have models this spring especially adapted to those conservative gentlemen who, while particular about their dress, do not desire some of the extreme fashions that are popular this current season.

High Art

The "Director" stands foremost among these models as one that will stamp the wearer with prosperity and that luxurious conservatism usually found in the custom tailor's finest product.

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