

SHAW'S FRANCHISE
AMENDMENTS HEREO. P. SELLS CHANGES EXPECTED
THIS WEEK

HAS MANY ADVANTAGES

A third party from Columbus may get into the races the last of the week—City should get good Company here.

The City Council Committee consisting of Councilmen Squires, Ledwich, and Baisch have been considering the propositions of O. P. Sells, of Sterling, and O. J. Shaw, of Aurora, for putting in an electric light system in this city, and are waiting for additional information from them relative to changes in their franchises, which the Council Committee has asked for.

Mr. Sells has so far not sent in any changes for his franchise. O. J. Shaw, of Aurora, submitted his changes to the chairman of the committee Tuesday morning. Mr. Shaw states in his amended articles, that he proposes, if awarded a franchise, to install a one hundred Kilowatt dynamo, and a 220 horse power Corliss engine with boiler suitable therefor, and agrees that the plant and building shall be designed by a competent architect; that the entire system shall be installed with a constant eye to the early operation of a steam heat system throughout the business portion of the city, to the installation and operation of an artificial ice plant and the furnishing of electrical current at the lowest rates, consistent with first-class service.

A plant of this size will meet the demands of the city and will furnish sufficient current for power and other purposes for some time to come. Mr. Shaw further agrees to furnish electric service for all night, instead of simply to mid-night, as is usually the case for a city the size of Broken Bow.

According to the franchise submitted by Mr. Shaw, any differences between the electric light company and the city regarding any matter not expressly determined by the franchise, shall be referred to a board of arbitration of three disinterested persons. One to be selected by the city, one by the electric light company and the third by the two chosen as aforesaid; and at any time the city council may decide that the rates of the electric light company are not proper and reasonable, the entire matter shall be referred to a board of arbitration consisting of two persons chosen by the company and to be chosen by the city and two chosen by the four selected as above mentioned.

These two provisions give the city of Broken Bow the right to regulate the rate of the Electric Light Company and place the settlement of any differences which may arise over the interpretation of the franchise in the hands of the people.

This will insure reasonable rates from the company and gives the people all the advantages of municipal ownership without their incurring the responsibility of raising the capital for installing the plant and keeping it in operation.

Mr. Shaw's franchise provides further that if the city desires to purchase the electric light plant at the end of any five year period it may do so and the sum to be

paid by the city shall be ascertained and determined by a board of arbitration consisting of six persons chosen in such manner and under such conditions as the board of arbitration, for the fixing and determining the rates to be charged for electric current mentioned above.

Mr. Shaw in his franchise agrees to give Broken Bow what very few county towns of its size are getting and that is "all right service", and more over according to his franchise he practically places the control of the company in the hands of the people of Broken Bow. He gives them, through the city council, power to regulate the rates to be charged by his company, gives them the power to purchase the plant at the end of any five year period, should they so desire, and submits any differences that may arise to a board of arbitration.

John A. Devine.

John A. Devine who died last Thursday in Oconto, was born in Ireland on February 2, 1845. Mr. Devine came to America with his parents when a boy and settled in Pennsylvania. He married his present wife while a resident of Pennsylvania and later moved to Illinois and from there to Nebraska. He settled on the South Loup River, 18 miles south of this city, and has lived on his ranch there since that time. Mr. Devine has been a life time member of the Catholic church. The funeral services were held in the Catholic church in Oconto last Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev. Munsterman. His remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery in Oconto. Mr. Devine leaves five sons, two daughters and a wife to mourn his death.

Throughout his residence on the South Loup, Mr. Devine has been known as a pleasant, agreeable sort of a neighbor, and his many friends along the Loup will greatly miss him. The Republican joins his friends in extending condolence to the family in their sad bereavement.

J. A. Evans, of Callaway, was a city visitor Wednesday. Mr. Evans has been having pretty serious trouble with his eye, the last couple of weeks. He was doctoring his neck and face, and some of the acid he was using got into his right eye, burning it very badly, and he has hardly been able to see out of it since.

Miss Vera Eddy, came down from Merna, Tuesday morning for a few days visit with friends. Mr. Eddy, of Merna, joined Judge Gatterson Tuesday morning on a three weeks trip to Mexico and as far south as the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turner and John Turner, returned Sunday from Bedford, Iowa, where they went to attend the funeral of the Turner brothers sister, Mrs. H. A. Meek, who died in Colorado, and the remains were taken to Bedford for burial.

Ex Governor Silas A. Holcomb left Monday for Seattle, Washington, to argue a land case involving \$175,000 worth of land. Mr. Holcomb received a telegram Sunday from his client engaging his services. He will also visit his family in Seattle while there.

Miss Carrie Reed was burned quite badly Wednesday morning through the explosion of a hard coal burner. The explosion burned her face and singed her eye brows and hair.

Harvey Andrews, of Anselmo, was in town Monday.

COUNTY DIVISION
IN LEGISLATUREPROVIDES FOR DECISION ON MAJOR-
ITY VOTE ON QUESTION

HAS PASSED 2nd READING

Introduced by. Bushee by request, and is said to have been drafted by Miller of Sargent.

A county division bill came up for the second reading in the Legislature on the 23rd of Feb'y and was ordered sent to the printer on the 23rd. The bill is for an act to amend Section 4429 of Cobbe's Annotated Statutes for 1907, relating to the erection of new counties, and to repeal said original section, as the same now exists.

The object of the bill is to so amend the law that a majority of all votes cast on the question will decide whether or not the county shall be divided instead of requiring a majority of all the votes cast at the election. The bill was introduced by B. K. Bushee, by request. It is claimed that the bill was drawn by Representative Miller, of Sargent, and that he requested Bushee to introduce it. The bill if passed will amend the Section above mentioned, so as to make it read as follows.

"If it shall appear that a majority of all votes cast on the question at any such election, in the county interested, is in favor of the erection of such new county or counties, the county clerk of said county shall certify the same to the Secretary of State, stating in such certificate the name and territorial contents and the boundaries of such new county or counties; whereupon the Secretary of State shall notify the Governor of the result of such election, whose duty it shall be to order an election of county officers for such new county or counties, at such time as he shall designate, and he may, when necessary fix the place of holding the election, notice of which shall be given in such a manner as the Governor may direct. At such election the qualified voters of said new county or counties shall elect all county officers for said county or counties, except as hereinafter excepted, who shall be commissioned and qualified in the same manner as such officers are in other counties of the state, and who shall continue in office until the next general election for such officers, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and who shall have the jurisdiction and perform all the duties which are or may be conferred upon such officers, in other counties of this state."

VanCott & Roeker received a car load of furniture Tuesday evening. The second story of their building is all completed and will be used to display the line of furniture they are putting in.

Mrs. Fred Hayes and her brother, W. J. O'Brien, left this morning for Alliance to spend a week visiting with their sister Mrs. Copsey.

E. C. House sold W. J. Wood's ranch three and one-half miles west of the city to Vincint J. Steadry last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Joyner came down from Merna Tuesday.

SOCIETY ITEMS

County Club Meets.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simmons entertained the Country Card Club, in honor of their guests, Mrs. Depew and Miss Linsey of South Bend, Indiana, at their pleasant home Southeast of the city. Progressive high five was played at four tables. Mr. Davis received the game prize, a lovely hand painted picture, the work of Mrs. Simmons. At a late hour a delicious supper was served, after which there was a most enjoyable impromptu program of vocal and instrumental music and readings. Immediately after the program, rugs were removed, the clock turned back, a violin tuned up, and dancing was enjoyed until the wee small hours. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames J. H. Anderson, T. B. Morris, J. E. Wilson, J. Woods, L. Davis, Mrs. Effie Bean and Mr. E. E. Squires.

Baptist Reception.

Tuesday evening the ladies of the Baptist Church, tendered a reception, to their new pastor and his wife Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Norwood, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pigman.

The hours were from eight until eleven, and during that time the members of the congregation but with few exceptions, took advantage of this opportunity to meet them in a social way.

Mesdames, Pigman, Pickett and Apple were the reception committee.

The pleasure of the evening was considerably heightened by the pleasing and appropriate remarks of Messrs. Amsherry and Pigman, and by a program consisting of music and readings.

Refreshments consisting of ladyfingers and punch were served from a temporary booth, by Mrs. Kimberling and Mrs. Apple.

The affair will long be remembered by all those present.

Rev. Norwood comes here from Central City.

For Mrs. Graves.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. G. L. Gatterson Mrs. J. Izard and Mrs. W. H. Sanders entertained the Ladies Guild of the St. John's Episcopal church at the rectory in honor of Mrs. Anson R. Graves, wife Rev. Anson R. Graves, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Kearney. Mrs. Graves spoke to the Guild on the work of the Diocese of which she is the president. At four o'clock the members and friends of the church were invited to meet Mrs. Graves in formally. After a pleasant social hour, a delicious supper was served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Homer Bruce, Mrs. Edward McComas, and Mrs. E. C. House.

Dinner Party at the Grand Central.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cadwell entertained at a three course seven o'clock dinner last Saturday evening at the Grand Central Hotel, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Barton, of Lincoln. Mr. Barton is state auditor. Covers were laid for ten. A table in the dining room was reserved. The decorations were American beauty roses and candle sticks with white candles and red shades. Those who partook of the feast were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Judge and Mrs. A. R. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McComas, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cadwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Barton of Lincoln.

BZHU CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willing entertained the Bzhu whist club at their pleasant home, Wednesday evening, the usual number of

games were played, after which a dainty supper was served. The guest of honor was Mr. Walter J. Woods, who formerly resided here, and was one of the organizers of the Club, who's home is now at Aberdeen, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb were also present.

Dinner Party.

Last Saturday Mrs. L. H. Jewett entertained a party of long time friends, at a one o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for eight. The affair was entirely informal. The guests brought their fancy work and spent a delightful afternoon. Mrs. Jewett was assisted by Miss Janie Cooper. Those present were Mrs. C. U. Richardson, Mrs. W. S. Cooper, Mrs. Emma Sidwell, Mrs. D. W. Thompson, Eureka, Calif. Mrs. J. A. Renquist, Benedict, Miss Mary Van Landingham, of Paris, Texas.

Kensington

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. E. W. Simons gave a delightful Kensington to a few of her neighbors at her home, in honor of her guests. A variety of fancy work was in evidence. The hostess served five o'clock tea.

Those present were, Mesdames Wilson, Anderson, Davis, Morris, Mrs. Depew and Miss Linsey of South Bend, Indiana.

TED LESERV BADLY INJURED

Found in B. & M. Yards at Alliance unconscious Monday Morning.

Ted Leserv left last Sunday evening for Alliance, and was found unconscious in the yards at Alliance Monday morning. Leserv with Roy Gallington and Frank Davies got on the blind baggage Sunday night in this city, and Gallington and Davies who returned to the city yesterday morning, stated that they all planned to get off at Alliance and that Leserv got off first. They claim they went back and tried to find him after they got off, but were unable to do so. On going up town the city marshal of Alliance requested them to leave and they got back to Dunning before they heard that Leserv had been hurt.

Leserv got off the blind baggage about five o'clock that morning and when found later was taken to the hospital where he is at the present time. Leserv's father went to Alliance Monday night and has been there with his son since that time. He stated that Ted had recently sold some land and should have had about \$1600 though the officers report having found but \$600 in his pockets.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
Security State Bank

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$ 106,048.70
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	188.32
Bonds, stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	3,215.21
Banking house furniture and fixtures	7,000.00
Due from national and private banks and banks	6,957.73
Checks and items of exchange	6,209.55
Cash	10,618.29
Total	\$ 140,138.49
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 35,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,747.50
Individual deposits	88,790.93
Time certificates of deposit	5,915.19
Post office deposits	10,365.45
Due to national and private banks and bankers	6,349.99
Bills payable	5,000.00
Total	\$ 140,138.43

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss.
COUNTY OF CUSTER, ss.
I, E. D. PICKETT, notary public of the above named county, do hereby certify that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.
W. A. GEORGE, Director
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1909.
E. C. HOUSE, Notary Public.
My Commission expires March 17th, 1914.

QUARANTINE MAY
BE LIFTEDGOVERNMENT INSPECTOR WILL AS-
SIST THE CATTLEMEN

CATTLE MUST BE CLEANED

Dr. Pritchard is Making This City His Headquarters And Will Inspect The Whole County—South Loop Country in Good Shape.

Custer and Dawson counties have been taken out of the Hyannis and North Platte territories and placed under the charge of Dr. Pritchard for the inspection of scabies on live stock, with the intention, should conditions be favorable, of suggesting to the Department of the Bureau of Animal Industry, at Washington, the advisability of raising the quarantine from the two counties and if possible to get same lifted before the next shipping season.

This suggestion to the Department depends wholly upon the degree of cleanliness of the stock of said counties, and the activity of the stockmen in dipping same and making a thorough disposition of the condition, under the proper supervision, should the stock be found infected or exposed during inspections made by the inspectors the present year. The same holds good, should they have been pronounced, heretofore, infected or exposed and no compliance made, under the proper supervision.

The stockmen of Dawson, through their willingness and activity have done considerable in accomplishing a clean up of the disease in their county. Nearly 30,000 head of cattle were dipped in Dawson county last fall. This will certainly make a marked difference in the condition of their cattle when again inspected the coming summer.

Speaking of Custer County and conditions found last season by Dr. Pritchard during his inspections on the South Loup and south of same to the south county line. Dr. Pritchard said we found scabbies existing in one herd of 87 head. This part of the county will receive another careful inspection the coming spring and early summer, a more favorable time to find scab, should such exist, and all herds found scabby or exposed will be promptly placed in close quarantine until they have been dipped in a recognized dip and under proper supervision.

"The northern half of Custer County will also receive a careful inspection for the disease and wherever stock is found infected or exposed they will be placed in close quarantine and owners of same will be required to dip them in a recognized dip and under proper supervision. There have been several cases reported already in the northwestern part of this county, and we hope every stockman, who has been or may be notified of such condition existing in his herd, will act promptly with the inspector in stamping out the disease."

I am as willing to assist the stockmen of this county as I was those of Dawson county, and I am also as interested in the eradication of the disease and the lifting of the quarantine from the counties of the stockmen themselves. What we want is a thorough cleaning up of the condition. One which will have some tendency to keep a quarantine off when once it has been lifted." Broken Bow is Dr. Pritchard's Official Station for this territory.