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## DRAFTS ELECTRIC LIGHT FRANCHISE

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL TAKES FINAL ACTION ON MEASURE

### TO BE VOTED ON BY PEOPLE

Franchise gives the people the right to purchase and people may change the rates of the Company—  
Plant first class.

The city council meet Wednesday evening at the city hall for the regular meeting. After some water works, and gas light matters had been settled two representatives of the Ladies Library Association were heard and a committee consisting of Councilmen Ledwich, Kimberling and Squires was appointed to consider the feasibility of undertaking to get Andrew Carnegie to give the city \$10,000 for a library building and the committee was instructed to report at the citizen mass meeting Tuesday evening. In order to get the donation of \$10,000 from Carnegie the city must guarantee \$1000 per year for the maintenance of the library.

The matter of an electric light franchise was then taken up and the committee appointed at the last meeting read a franchise which Chairman Ledwich stated embodied the best features in each of the two franchises which had been submitted for their consideration.

The committee asked leave to further consider the matter and report at a special meeting to be held Friday night.

The Committee held another session this morning and completed the franchises which the Council will recommend that the people grant to whoever the council thinks best, provides that the party who gets the franchise shall begin the work of construction within 120 days, and shall have the plant completed and in operation within one year.

It provides for a sliding scale on residential lighting beginning at sixteen cents per 1000 watt hour and running down to ten cents, and for the commercial lighting the rates begin at fifteen cents per 1000 watt hours and run down to eight cents. The cost in each case decreases as the amount of current used increases.

The city agrees to take twenty five arc lights for a period of five years at the rate of \$7.50 per month for all night service. The company to which the franchise is granted must establish, maintain and operate without cost to the city an arc light or an arc of incandescent lights at each corner of the public square.

The city retains the right to purchase the plant after it has been in operation ten years and the price to be paid for the system is to be determined by a board of arbitrators.

The franchise requires that the plant shall be first class and that the construction throughout shall be modern and up to date.

A board of arbitration may be selected at any time that the council feels that the rates of the company are not reasonable and proper and this board has power to fix the rates of the company.

The franchise gives the city the right to purchase the plant, the right to fix the rates of the company and requires that the plant shall be a good one.

## NEW ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

President Cornet Has Five Strong Programs For Next Winter.

President Cornet of Custer College has made arrangements with the Western Redpath Chautauqua Company to furnish five entertainments for a lecture course to be given under his personal management in the city next winter. Three of the entertainments for which he has contracted are numbers which the company had planned to put on at the Chautauqua here next summer and they will be taken off the Chautauqua program in order to supply President Cornet with a complete course of strong entertainments.

The course will probably begin sometime in November and Mr. Cornet may later decide to add another number to the course making six entertainments. The five arranged for are very highly recommended by manager Teagarden and will consist of an illustrated lecture on the Panama canal, a popular lecture, music by a male quartette, a cartoonist, and an impersonator and his company.

President Cornet states that this course will be run independent of the entertainment course put on by the young people though he desires to in no way build up opposition to the young people's entertainment.

## MOORE WINS IN POOL HALL CASE

The onster proceedings brought by the Anti-saloon league of Mason City to put Chas. Moore out of the pool hall business in Mason came to trial before Justice T. J. Wood of Mason today and the justice found in favor of Moore. The people of Mason City voted to have no pool halls and the city council passed an ordinance prohibiting them but Mr. Moore put in his hall regardless of these and the action was brought up by the Anti-saloon league to compel him to quit business.

## FARMERS ADOPT CONSTITUTION

Another meeting of the farmers interested in the forming of a farmers mutual shipping association was held at the court house Wednesday afternoon. A constitution and by laws was adopted by the association and the committee on membership reported that it had secured about fifty members.

George O. Waters acted as chairman of the meeting and C. W. Beal pushed the pencil that recorded the minutes.

Another meeting for the election of officers and the further perfection of the work of organization will be held next Wednesday at 2 p. m.

The trial of Messrs Amos and Hirely of Westerville in county court last Friday on the charge of running a disorderly pool hall in Westerville resulted in a victory for the defence. County attorney Gadd seems to have had sufficient evidence to prove his charges but the court held that the charge made against the men did not constitute a violation of the law and turned them loose.

C. W. Bowman has sold the Nello Marshall farm of 160 acres in section 35-18-20 to H. Lomax. The consideration was \$5350.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PAST WEEK

DINNER AT THE PHOENIX.

Mrs. C. H. Kennedy, entertained a few friends at one o'clock dinner, at the Phoenix Cafe Thursday. Covers were laid for Mesdames Palmer, E. M. Thompson and D. W. Thompson.

COUNTRY CLUB.

The Country Club was entertained last Friday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. Woods, at their home just south of the Fair grounds. High five and dancing were the order of the evening Mrs. Russell won the first prize, a box of Chocolates. A dainty midnight supper was served.

DUPLICATE WHIST.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor entertained a few of their friends at their home on the southside Progressive duplicate whist was played at three tables. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Those present were, Messrs and Mesdames, House, H. Bruce, Leonard, J. Ledwich, F. Taylor, and Arthur Ledwich.

O. E. S. KENSINGTON.

Mrs. Joe Molyneux and Mrs. E. R. Purcell entertained the ladies of the O. E. S. at a Kensington, Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Molyneux. Thirty members of the order were present. A variety of fancy work was in evidence. The President requested Mrs. Dodds to read a number of chapters from a book giving the experience of a "Penderfoot" in southern Cal. The only decorations in evidence were house plants.

After a short business session a fine supper was served by the hostesses.

TEACHERS ENTERTAINED.

Last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jewett, entertained at their pleasant home, at a seven o'clock dinner, the teachers of the Public schools of the city.

Covers were laid for seventeen. The place cards were decorated with sprays of violets. The table was arranged to form the letter T. The decorations were red carnations, and candle sticks with red shades. The four course dinner was served by the Misses Bessie Orr, Eleanor Richardson, Janie Cooper. A feature of the dinner was the wonderful carving, by Prof. McIndoo, who proved himself, without mention an expert. Those present were Prof. and Mrs. McIndoo, the Misses Clark, Hills, McConnell, Detweiler, Downey, Keaton, Ware, Simmons, Snyder, Farrell, Findley, Crumley and Fulton.

Shakespeare Quartette Meet.

The members of the Shakespeare Quartette, Mrs. Chas. Gutterston, Mrs. Tom Stucky, Mrs. Edward McComas, and Mrs. Frank Taylor, held their weekly meeting, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Taylor. These ladies, ardent admirers of the great poet, author, and dramatist Shakespeare, banded themselves together early last fall, for the purpose of studying in a thorough and systematic manner all of his plays taking them up in chronological order. King Henry the V. is now engaging their attention. History and tradition are searched for details, so that nothing of the least importance, escapes their attention, relating to the period 1413-1422 when Henry was King of England. Searchers for information concerning Shakespeare or his plays, are referred to any one or all the mem-

bers of this intensely interested Quartette, of authority on the subject.

PRESBYTERIAN RECEPTION.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a very delightful reception, Wednesday evening at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jewett, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey.

A great many of the members and friends of the church availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting the new minister and his family, in this pleasant way.

At intervals during the evening the guests were treated to a number of vocal and instrumental selections.

Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was lighted by the soft light from many shaded candles. The table decorations were, red carnations and smilax; red candles and shades. Miss Pearl Hunter sat at one end of the table and cut the ice cream, Miss Sybil Guthrie at the opposite end and poured the coffee. The Misses Farrel and Hipsley served the guests.

LUNCHEON.

This (Thursday) afternoon, Mrs. C. W. Richardson and her daughter Mrs. E. M. Thompson entertained at a three course four o'clock luncheon, in honor of Mrs. D. W. Thompson, of Eureka, Cal. Early in the afternoon a button hole contest was announced and the guests were soon busily engaged working them. Mrs. Charlie Cox received the prize, a dainty pin tray, for having done the nicest and neatest work.

The luncheon was served at two tables in the dining room. Covers were laid for eighteen. The decorations were large bunches of scarlet carnations and maiden hair ferns. Misses Janie Cooper, Eleanor Richardson, and Nell Rector served the luncheon.

The guests were Mesdames, J. Christman, Jewett, J. Bruce, Eastman, Cooper, Cox, Gadd, C. Kennedy, J. Gaudy, Palmer, Drake, Glass, K. Mullins and Miss VanLandingham.

## DIVISIONISTS ARE PUTTING UP A FIGHT

The state papers report that a number of people from Callaway Ansley and Sargent are down to Lincoln this week looking after the interests of the divisionists in the State Legislature.

Through the influence of Representation Miller, of Sargent, a bill has been introduced and has passed the second reading and gone to the printer. From there it goes to the general file in the House and waits for its turn to come up for passage. It may be advanced faster and come up for consideration earlier if the sifting committee so directs. Just what will become of the bill remains to be seen.

Among the divisionists who are in Lincoln working for it are: R. E. Brega, George H. Lafleur, William Warren, John Moran, and W. T. Hayes, of Callaway; Clarence Mackey and T. T. Varney of Ansley; A. V. Hartley and R. L. Hicks of Sargent.

John S. McGraw went to his farm on the Middle Loup the first of the week and returned Wednesday with a fine lot of ducks. He says he never saw better shooting than can be found on the Middle Loup now.

Miss Helen McComas who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. John Squires for the past two months returned last Saturday to her home at Brownville.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN CLIFF

Farmers are spending plenty of money in bettering their conditions

The Republican is pleased at all times to make note of the improvements which are being made in one part of the county or another.

W. J. Rice, of Cliff, has submitted the following writeup of Cliff township showing the tendency towards better improvements and an improvement in the farm conditions and farm life.

Cliff is a part of Custer County and the great state of Nebraska. Its lands are as rich and productive as the valley of the Nile. The people of the township are fast improving the character of the buildings and other improvements, and are raising a better quality of horses, cattle and hogs.

The farmers are coming to learn the value of Alfalfa and other tame grasses, all of which grow splendidly and make valuable products.

The winters are comparatively mild, and live stock of all kinds passes through the cold weather in a good healthy condition.

The fall wheat crop in Cliff township will be short this year owing to the fact that less wheat was planted last fall.

Along the line of improvements it is interesting to note that eight new farm houses have been built in Cliff township in the last year at a cost of about \$12,000. Four new barns have been erected costing about \$18,000. Nine new wells have been put down costing about \$3500. A new church is about completed on Cliff table which when completed will have cost about \$3000. Many of the other farmers in this township are contemplating building this coming summer.

Land is now worth from \$35 to 50 per acre. Under these improved conditions which come along the line of what Ex President Roosevelt and his country life commission have been striving for the people are happy and contented.

The public sales being conducted here show that live stock of all kinds is bringing fancy prices

The ducks and geese are plentiful and furnish plenty of sport.

Last but not least the political pot is over the fire and unless we all look out the thing may tip a little and someone will get scalded.

## LON ASH LOOSES AN INJURED EYE

Lon Ash who was taken to Omaha about two weeks ago to have his eye treated by Dr. Gifford underwent an operation Tuesday to have the eye taken out. The eye was hurt through striking a harrow tooth in such a manner as to have it fly and strike him in the eye. The case seemed to be a serious one from the start but hope of saving the eye was not given up until the first of this week and the operation to remove the eye took place in Omaha Tuesday.

Marriage Licenses.

Wm. F. Haumont, Elton, 26  
Phyllis K. Govaerts, Elton, 21  
Martin C. Jensen, Hazard, 25  
Karen C. Jacobson, Mason City 21  
Olje Olson, Round Valley, 23  
Stella Haumont, Round Valley 18

J. K. Hermon, returned last Sunday from Clyde, Kansas where he was called, by the illness of his mother, Wednesday Mr. Hermon received word that her illness had taken a serious turn.

## COMMITTEE ON CALLAWAY ROAD

J. S. MCGRAW, L. CUSHMAN APPOINTED TO TAKE MATTER UP.

### GOOD ROAD BADLY NEEDED.

People of Callaway already have a committee but new one may be appointed—Probable location.

The president of the Commercial Club has appointed J. S. McGraw and L. Cushman as a committee from Broken Bow to confer with a committee from Callaway, on the location of a good road between the two cities. During the agitation for the appointment of a committee last summer Callaway appointed a committee on the road but this committee was not met by a committee from Broken Bow, and so much time has elapsed since its appointment that another committee may have to be appointed by the Callaway people.

The location for the road which the Broken Bow committee now is considering is a road running straight west on the section line to the west table and then down Turner Valley. The committee believes that this is the last road that can be secured

A large proportion of the people of Broken Bow are enthusiastic over the location of a good road, and the people along the proposed route seem to be taking considerable interest in the matter. It is stated on good authority that a number of the farmers along the route mentioned are willing to donate their land where the road crosses them, and some have signified a willingness to put up some money to see the road go through.

A prominent citizen of this city who is enthusiastic over the question of good roads in all parts of the county made the following statement to a representative of the Republican:

"Throughout all my residence here I have been an advocate of good roads and have advocated the idea that we ought to be willing to spend our money liberally in improving the roads because we get two, yes five, dollars worth of comfort out of every dollar we spend in making them better."

"Take, for example; this proposition of a road to Callaway. As things are now it is practically impossible for a man to haul a load to Callaway from here or to Broken Bow from Callaway to say nothing of the inconveniences encountered in traveling with light rigs. And what applies to us and to the people of Callaway in this road applies equally to the farmers between the two cities. With good roads the farmers can haul heavy loads and do it easier. It takes less time and horse flesh and consequently means a saving of time and money to hire."

"A good road is not only a matter of convenience, but it is a saving of time and money. When a man has a good road to travel over he will save time, horse flesh and money enough to pay him back several times for what he spent in helping to put the road in condition. We not only want good roads to Callaway, but we want good roads everywhere."

Supt. H. M. Pinckney returned Tuesday from Chicago where he went to attend the National Teachers Association.