

WILL GRANT NEW FRANCHISE

Early's Time to Build Lighting Plant Was up Saturday.

Sterling Man May Get It.

Early has shown no indications of having commenced erection of electric plant.

The additional thirty days time which was granted J. W. Early, of Columbus, in which to begin construction on his electric light plant was up last Saturday and there is nothing to indicate that he has done anything to enable him to hold the franchise. Mayor Rockwell and President Taylor of the city council were out of the city last night so that the regular meeting of the council could not be held. It is probable that a special meeting of the council will be held in the next few days and Early's franchise will be declared null and void. A proposition has come to the council from O. P. Sell's who wanted the franchise at the time it was granted to Early and the council will consider this at the next meeting. It is understood that O. J. Shaw, of Aurora, who was also an applicant for the franchise when it was up last spring, has other business which is holding his attention and he will not make an effort to get a franchise here.

FOUR HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

Four Miles East of Litchfield Last Monday.

Crew Did Not Follow Orders

Two Freight Trains Run Together Near Litchfield Injuring Four of the Crew.

A head-on collision between two freight trains took place four miles east of Litchfield, last Thursday evening. Freight train No. 45 and an extra ran together and twenty-five freight cars and two engines were jammed up into the length of five cars. No one was killed though the two engineers, a brakeman and one of the firemen were injured. These four men were under the wreckage.

The train crew on train No. 45 is supposed to have been to blame for the wreck. They failed to follow orders.

The loss of live stock was heavy. The two engines were completely demolished and 25 cars were total wrecks.

EDWARDS HAS JUMPED BOND

Did Not Appear in Court to Renew His Bond.

Said To Have Gone To Canada.

Disposed of All His Property and Left This City on Horse Back.

W. E. Edwards who was arrested some time ago on the charge of cattle stealing waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court for trial in the sum of \$250. According to law Edwards should have appeared at the last term of the district court for the renewal of his bond but he failed to do so and his bond which was signed by his father, T. W. Edwards, was forfeited. Application for an increase in the bond was made by County Attorney Gadd before Judge Humphrey several days

before the last term of the district court and Judge Humphrey refused to grant the request for an increase. Edwards was in county at that time and County Attorney Gadd got an intimation that he expected to jump his bond and made the application for an increase in the bond to \$500 in order to try and prevent his escape. It is not known just where Edwards is at this time but it is thought that he may have gone to Canada. The best information that can be obtained indicates that he left this city on horse back. Before leaving he disposed of his personal property and the crop on the place rented by him.

THREE TAKEN TO HASTINGS ASYLUM

Two Men and a Woman Found Insane By Insanity Board.

HENRY LEMON TAKEN AGAIN

MR. and MRS. W. B. Kennedy and MR. and Mrs. Hugh Kenoyer Took Them to Hastings Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kenoyer and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kennedy went to Hastings Monday to take three people to the asylum there. They took Henry Lemon, of Stop Table; Mike Tully, of McKinley; and Mary Haines, of Ansley. Lemon was taken to the asylum last winter and was allowed to return to his farm after he had recovered. His crazy spells seem to be of short duration. Tully has been working on Phil Tierney's ranch on the South Loup. His particular craze seems to have been that he wanted to nail everything up and he sometimes used shingle nails where he ought to use spikes.

A Reporter's Experience.

As an illustration of the queer ideas, at least one person has, of what would be of interest to the reading public, the reporter for this paper, a short time ago, approached a lady at the station and after the usual questions were asked and answered, the reporter received quite a shock, when she volunteered the information that her waist measure was thirty inches. As the reporter bowed thanks and moved away, she said and I wear a number nine shoe; my usual weight is 185 pounds; I wear a — with a smile and a wave of the hand the reporter assured her no other information was necessary, but by this time every one in the station was fairly convulsed with laughter.

This week the reporter solicited a news item from two fine looking ladies standing on the platform at the station and while rapidly jotting down the item noticed one of them lean slightly forward to follow the point of the pencil, when the reporter said, "don't look at my writing," as quick as a whistle she inquired, "shorthand," the reporter answered "No! Hieroglyphics," well said she of the Juno like form "you better not let them get cold."

F. M. Sharp of Dunning was in the city last week with a fine exhibit of farm produce from the vicinity of Dunning. The Blaine County exhibit brought down by Mr. Sharp won eleven firsts and three seconds which shows conclusively that the so-called sand hills around Dunning produce some fine stuff.

M. S. Anderson has been appointed post master at Etna vice J. T. Edwards resigned.

POSSIBLE WATERWAY SCENERY



If the Big Corporations Secure the Water-Power Rights of the Country at Large, as President Roosevelt Feared.

SOCIETY ITEMS

By Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders.

CLANS ENTERTAINED.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Xanders entertained the Hill Neighborhood Clans at the rectory. The affair was entirely informal and apparently much enjoyed by the various tribes.

ODD FELLOWS SURPRISED.

At the regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge last Monday night about twenty-five members of the sister Rebecca lodge called upon them. The call was a surprise and in honor of the 58th organization. Refreshments were served by the sisters and the evening spent in a delightfully social way.

THEATRE PARTY.

Judge and Mrs. C. L. Gutterson entertained their guests during the county fair by giving a theatre party in their honor last Thursday evening at the opera house. The Benjamin Stock Co. presented "Tempest and Sunshine." The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Len Wilson, Merna; Miss Laura Cutler, Merna; Mrs. Stady, Buffalo, N. Y.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY.

A very pleasant surprise was given Tuesday night for Ray Lanphear, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lanphear, in celebration of his twenty-first birthday. Verbal invitations were issued to about twenty-five young ladies and gentlemen, who met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holcomb. Just as Ray was thinking of retiring the company of young people appeared upon the scene, taking him completely by surprise. Games formed the evening's entertainment. Late in the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. Lanphear. Ray was presented with a handsome gold ring, perfume and a number of books.

FASHIONABLE BREAKFAST.

Mrs. Alpha Morgan entertained at a nine o'clock breakfast Tuesday morning in honor of Mrs. Stady of Buffalo, N. Y., who is the guest of Mrs. Len Wilson of Merna. The shades in the dining room were drawn and the room brightly lighted by lamps and individual candles in brass candle sticks placed upon the table. Covers were laid for ten. Beautiful hand painted place cards were used. Resting on a centre piece beautifully embroidered in nasturtians was a vase on which was a conventionalized design of nasturtians and filled

with the same bright flowers with their spicy fragrance. Mrs. Joe Molyneux and Mrs. Len Wilson presided at the table. A delicious and substantial course breakfast was served. Those present and invited were: Mesdames Molyneux, Leonard, Hayes, Gutterson, Rublee, Lonergan, Xanders, E. R. Purcell, Cox, G. Turner, Mrs. Len Wilson, Merna; Mrs. Stady, Buffalo, N. Y.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

Last Monday afternoon the regular weekly meeting of the Shakespeare Club was held as usual with Mrs. C. L. Gutterson. The occasion proved to be a sort of Wayside Inn, between the reading of all the historical plays of the great myraid author, ending with his King Henry the VIII, and taking up of his fanciful plays beginning with A Mid Summer Night's Dream. In connection with the plays, the historical research has extended from the Renaissance, or New Birth, through Queen Elizabeth's reign. Monday afternoon Mrs. A. H. Stuckey was hostess at the intellectual feast prepared for and served table-d'hote at this Wayside Inn. The first course consisted of apt quotations from Henry the VIII. This was followed by a most substantial course, everything being served a-la-Henry the VIII. Miss Ada Bowen played his light, airy and graceful dances as interpreted by German. Mrs. Rublee had prepared an unsavory dish on the rise and fall of far reaching and death dealing human ambition, as illustrated in the lives of Henry's greatest minister, Cardinal Wolsey and his successor to royal favor Archbishop Cranmer. It fell to Mrs. Frank Taylor to serve his Majesty the King, and this she did, it is almost needless to say in no uncertain way. Miss Ada Bowen sang the song that occurs in the play, called Orphans with his Lute, arranged by Parker. Mrs. Gutterson was the last one who contributed to this intensely interesting intellectual banquet; she served, "The Reformation," English and Continental style.

Russel—Leserv.

Mrs. Elis E. Russel of Loveland, Col., and Col. Leserv were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage last Tuesday evening at six o'clock. Rev. Thompson performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a cream cloth suit.

After the ceremony Col. and Mrs. Leserv enjoyed their wedding supper at the Commercial

Hotel where they will spend a few days before leaving for the east to visit relatives of the bride.

Mrs. Russel arrived in this city last Saturday and is a woman of prepossessing appearance.

Hewitt-Lloyd.

The marriage of Miss Mildred Hewitt and Mr. Charles W. Lloyd was solemnized at five-thirty o'clock Tuesday evening, Sept. 14, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hewitt, at Juniata this state. The Rev. Chase of the United Brethren church officiated. The bride and groom were unattended.

Immediately following the ceremony a wedding supper was served. Only the near relatives of the bride were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd were the guests for a few days of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ben Kellogg at Oakland. They arrived in the Bow the first of the week and are at present the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huckleberry. Two years ago the groom came to this city from South Bend, Indiana and is a member of the firm of Lloyd & Huckleberry.

ONE KILLED ONE INJURED

Steel Truss Falls on Two Men Near Masou City.

One man was killed and another badly injured by the breaking of a chain on a railroad wrecking crane Tuesday evening at a bridge being constructed by a gang between Mason City and Litchfield. The men were attempting to swing a five ton steel truss of the bridge and had it hoisted in the air when the chain broke and the two men were caught under it.

The dead man is O. L. Cole. He has a sister living in Denver and the body was shipped to Denver this morning. His neck was broken and the right shoulder and side were crushed. He was about 30 years old.

The injured man, Edward C. Kingston, is about forty years of age. His home is in Phillips, Wyoming. He has two sisters living in York and one in Gardner, Kansas. His right leg was crushed below the knee. The leg was amputated above the knee this morning. He is in the city hospital.

The two men had been working with the gang but a short time and owing to their inexperience did not take proper precautions to avoid accidents. Both of the men were rendered unconscious by the fall. Cole never regained consciousness. Kingston came to soon after the accident.

Iver Johnson was arrested on the fair grounds last Friday by Sheriff Kennedy. Johnson was wanted in Grand Island on the charge of stealing a suit case. Sheriff Dunkel of Grand Island came up Friday evening and got him.

Sheriff Kennedy went to Jefferson City, Missouri, Monday to arrest a man who is charged with obtaining some stuff of Walter Harris under false pretenses. The fellow claimed to be representing a Denver commission firm and got Harris to ship the stuff and when the sightdraft reached Denver the bank informed Harris that no such firm was doing business in Denver and they knew nothing about such a firm.

COUNTY FAIR GREAT SUCCESS

Large Program Was Carried Out as Advertised.

Crowds Largest in History.

Ten Thousand People Saw the Performance Last Thursday—People Well Satisfied.

The county fair last week was the most successful in the history of the county. The program advertised was so strong that many of the people thought it would not be carried out and were agreeably surprised to find that everything advertised actually appeared. The only disappointment of the whole fair was Sorenson's inability to get his aeroplane to fly. This was due to the fact that the wind did not blow hard enough. He had made a flight in good shape at Berwyn a few days before and confidently expected that he would be able to repeat the trick at the fair but the wind failed him on Wednesday and Thursday and he broke it all to pieces trying to get it to fly Thursday.

Dr. Carver's wild west show was a great success and the diving horses and the girl who rode one of them off the forty foot tower were the sensation of the fair. The racing was good. The relay races were especially exciting.

The exhibits of farm produce were hardly as good as would be expected. A partial list of the prize winners is printed on page three. The remainder will be published next week.

LET THE DIVISIONISTS ANSWER

If Callaway, Sargent and Ansley want chatauquas why don't they go down in their pockets and pay for them like Broken Bow does.

If Callaway, Sargent and Ansley are so anxious for county seats why don't they offer to pay the expense of transcribing the records for the new counties and not ask the tax payers to foot the bill?

If Callaway, Sargent and Ansley are so anxious to boom their towns for county seats, why don't they offer to build new court houses for their respective new counties and not ask the tax payers to further their selfish ends.

If Callaway, Sargent and Ansley are so anxious for a full set of county officers why don't they advance some reason why the tax payers should go down their pockets for \$300,000 or more dollars to build court houses, transcribe records and support three extra sets of county officers.

If the town booming division leaders of Callaway, Sargent and Ansley are so anxious to boom their own property interests, why don't they offer to give bonds guaranteeing to pay any additional taxes that may fall on the farmers of the county through the building of three court houses, transcribing three sets of records and supporting three sets of officials? The town boomers are the fellows who will get the benefit of a division of the county and they ought to be willing to pay for what they get.

About twenty-five members of the city commercial club went to Callaway in automobiles this morning to take in the Callaway fair.