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Rural Telephone Companies Admitted.

The meeting of the city council Monday night was pregnant with great things for Falls City. We feel safe in saying that no council in all our history did as much for the business interest of the town as did the council which met Monday night. Among the first things which came up for consideration was the canvass of the vote of the recent municipal election, as a result of which Barrett for Mayor, Windle and Fast for councilmen, Baker for Clerk, Bode for Treasurer, Spraggins for Police Judge, Crook for City Engineer and Mathers and Mrs. Foster for members of the School board were declared elected. The Library board asked for an additional appropriation in order that the Library may be made an absolutely free institution, this request should be and probably will be granted, and an adjourned meeting for Friday night was called that the necessary ordinance may be passed. Then came the consideration of the telephone ordinance. Mr. Leyda as Mayor made the following statement to the council:

"During a considerable part of the present municipal year there has been before the council request from a couple of rural telephone companies for a franchise that would permit them to establish a toll station in our city. The matter was referred to a committee with a view to getting the rural companies to join with the Falls City company for the greater convenience of our citizens using phones, and also as we thought, for the convenience of the better service to the subscribers or patrons of the rural companies. Your committee secured from the Falls City Telephone company a proposition to admit the Rural companies to the free use of their switchboard for the entire local system. This we believed to be a very liberal offer to the rural companies, but for some reason best known to themselves they thought proper to reject the offer, and, as you are aware, the matter was made the principal issue in the city campaign just closed, in so far as the citizens and republican tickets were concerned, and as the voters have said by their ballots in electing Mr. Barrett Mayor that they desire a franchise granted the Preston Mutual company and the Salem Rural Telephone company as they have heretofore requested, I therefore recommend that Ordinance No. 109 granting a franchise for a toll station to the above named companies, and which has been read twice before this council, be read the third time and passed as the same now stands."

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. LEYDA, Mayor.

Immediately after Mr. Leyda had read this communication Mr. Hutchings, who has all through the controversy stood as the sponsor for the ordinance and the champion of the desires of the rural companies, moved that the ordinance be put on its passage. John W. Powell, councilman from the first ward, then secured recognition from the chair and said in part:

"I have lived in Falls City all of my mature years. I have but one ambition and that is the welfare of my home city and its people. No man has any right to claim the possession of my principles or conduct. Neither am I responsible to anyone but the citizens of Falls City

for my actions as an official. I have done my utmost to settle the controversy relating to telephones in a way that I thought would be of service to both Falls City and the farmers who seek admission. I have tried as best I could to represent the wishes of my people as I understood them. The late election has demonstrated that the people of Falls City want the rural companies to be admitted. Never in my life have I stood in the way of the wishes of Falls City, neither will I do so now. I have been seeking information for the past six months as to what our people wanted. The election just over has given me my answer, and in giving it has shown me the path which every good citizen should follow. Therefore, Mr. Mayor, I second the motion to pass the Ordinance No. 209."

There being no remarks the motion was put and received the following vote:

Powell	Yes.
Hutchings	Yes.
Windle	Yes.
Burris	No.
Gehling	Yes.
McKeiver	Yes.

All the councilman voting in favor of the ordinance excepting Mr. Burris the ordinance was declared passed and the Mayor signed it as his approval of the council's action.

So has ended a long bitter struggle and that it has ended to the advantage of Falls City and the welfare of the town is a matter of congratulation among our people and of great credit to those councilmen who have so clearly indicated their desire for the advancement of the city.

A New One.

Sometime since we submitted a problem for the boys to answer that was so popular and produced so many answers that we promised another one in the near future. We now make our promise good. The rules for this contest are as follows: No one living in Falls City can compete in this one as the local boys and girls have an advantage in getting their papers before those living elsewhere. The boy or girl of eighteen years of age or less that first sends to us a solution of the problem in his or her own handwriting will be given a dollar. If several are received at the same time, the one writing the neatest letter will be given the problem.

If a fish's head is as long as its tail and half its body, and its body is as long as its head and tail, and its tail is three feet long, how long is the fish.

The Ice Problem.

Mr. Lewis Plege will have charge of the ice business here this summer, it having been arranged with Mr. Stanton and Mr. Culp, by mutual request, that such should be the settlement for this coming season. The ice houses of Mr. Culp are being used in preference to Mr. Stanton's on account of their close proximity to the railroad, thus making it more convenient, on account of the ice being shipped in. This plan saves the long haul to the Stanton ice houses.

Against An Indian Law.

C. H. Roubidoux, Louis Roubidoux and Amabel Roubidoux, representing the Iowa Indians, and Tom Campbell and Kish-Mack, of the Sac and Fox tribe, left Tuesday for Washington. D. C. They go to petition the government to prevent the enactment of a law appointing guardians for all the Indians—Hiawatha World.

Society News.

The Shakespear club met with Mr. W. W. Abbey Tuesday. Miss Banks was present and read the report of the Weeping Water convention. The usual lesson was had and a pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent by the members.

Miss Elizabeth Miller entertained about twenty young people on Monday evening in honor of Jennie Bresman and Ella Miller of Omaha. It was a very delightful social affair, as Miss Miller's talent as a charming hostess has often been demonstrated.

Mrs. Dr. Allison was hostess to the Young Ladies Kensington of the Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. Refreshments were served during the evening and the girls are indebted to Mrs. Allison for a most pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gist entertained about forty guests at an Easter party given in their beautiful home on Chase street last Friday night.

Many pleasing and unique features of entertainment were provided, chief among which was a "musical romance." A printed story was handed each guest in which were blanks, the object being to have the guests fill out the blanks. These blanks were represented by either some song or the name of some opera.

Mrs. Gist would play a few strains from the song or opera and from hearing it the guests were asked to identify the number and fill out the blanks. Easter suggestions were prominent throughout the entire evening.

The prizes were Easter lillies. Refreshments of unusual excellence were served at a late hour and the guests departed for their homes after an evening of unusual pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings entertained the neighborhood whist club on Monday evening. Mrs. Bert Reavis was the winner and Ned Towle brought up the rear. Refreshments were served and all present had the usual good time.

About fourteen guests were entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Geo. Dietrich of Hastings, by Mrs. Norman Muselman at her elegant home on Lane street. Cards were played at three tables and formed a part of the evenings pleasures. The daintiest of refreshments were served during the evening.

The Sorosis club enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant meeting with Mrs. A. E. Hill on Wednesday.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold an exchange at the J. C. Tanner store Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Crook entertained a few friends on Wednesday of this week.

District Convention.

The district convention of the Knights & Ladies of Security will be held in Falls City April 25th 1906. This is a very progressive order and the convention will be one of interest and pleasure.

An Artist.

The display window decorations at the Wahl store are about the finest we ever saw, and Mr. Speer is to be congratulated for his splendid work on the same. The white and purple color scheme is nicely blended, the white being given the preference as the symbol of Easter time. "Rock of Ages" is one of the novel features in the display.

Supervisors Meet.

The board of supervisors has been in session this week and has spent most of its time in allowing the bills created by the last term of court. The judgment obtained by Mrs. Constantine against the county at the last term of court for \$2,000.00, because of her injury sustained in a bridge accident last summer was ordered paid. The two remaining cases occasioned by the same accident were settled for \$350.00 each.

Several of the ladies of Falls City headed by Mrs. J. R. Wilhite waited on the board and requested that seats be put in court house yard for the accommodation of those who desired a place to rest while in town. It is sincerely hoped that the board will grant this request as it is a consumption devoutly hoped for. The board drew a jury for the June term of court.

At Grand Opera.

Among those who attended the Grand Opera at Kansas City during the week were, C. F. Reavis and wife, D. D. Reavis and wife, T. J. Gist and wife and Anita Wilson.

Severe Windstorm.

The windstorm last Saturday evening was quite severe, several miles south of this city, almost assuming the proportions of a small cyclone. It did considerable damage at the Fred Zorn home and at the Fetzer place.

Engineer Engaged.

The official board of the drainage company have appointed A. M. Munn of Nebraska City as engineer in the proposed drainage work. This work will mean many advantages and money to Falls City folks, and should create great interest.

Mr. Jaquet and George Hall have beautiful easter windows, either is well worth inspecting.

It is remarkable the number of our people who are now openly expressing their gratification over the passage of the telephone ordinance who were before non-committal on the proposition. If these people had possessed the nerve to express their opinion several months ago, the matter would have long since been disposed of. If you have an opinion, speak up, don't be a cotton tail.

There are men in Falls City that we could do a great deal better without. There are men in Falls City with malice enough in their makeup to do almost anything to injure their enemies, and the fact that their conduct tends to injure the town is of little or no concern to them so long as it accomplishes some injury to their enemies.

The only remedy is for the people of this community to refuse to contribute to the support of such people until they have been taught a lesson that will result in their being good.

Will Grush was in town Wednesday and while here assured a Tribune reporter that the farmers were very grateful for the generous way the council had treated the rural telephone companies Monday night. He said that our merchants would immediately see the beneficial results from the council's action in a renewal of trade relations between them and the rural subscribers. Personally, we shall feel very disappointed if Monday night's action does not result greatly to the advantage of the local business men. Falls City has done its part and the farmers should be just and do theirs.

Ray DePatron spent Sunday here.

Ike Lyons, Jr. is at home this week.

D. DeHaven is spending the week here.

Geo. Funk was down from Dawson yesterday.

George Lyons is home from the state University.

Jim Powell and W. S. Leyda were Rulo visitors last Friday.

R. C. James made a business trip to Humboldt on Friday last.

Dr. Houston made a professional trip to Verdon on Wednesday.

Meeker Cain is the recipient of a new piano, a gift from her father.

J. M. Schoenheit of Kansas City now reads this weekly news edition.

If it rains Easter Sunday—but why waste time in useless speculation?

Maud Graham is expected home from Chicago to spend Easter with her parents.

Elta Boose and Beulah Greenwald came home from Lincoln during the week.

David Julian Cain was the guest of Neal Marion Giannini at supper Monday evening.

Elizabeth and Katherine Heacock are home from the University during the Easter week.

Wilma Cline has resumed her studies at the state normal, having returned to Peru last Monday.

Stella Shock is spending a few days vacation from the Lincoln University with her mother in this city.

P. F. Scott of Pawnee City was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday, and from here he went to Auburn.

Born on Friday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Giannini a son. Just notice that paternal look on Lloyd's face.

S. C. Barlow of Dawson was visiting with old friends here last Saturday and remembered The Tribune in his rounds.

Mrs. Mace Atwood was up from Leavenworth the first of the week settling up the probate affairs of her late husband David Atwood.

Billy Veach didn't do much at the Kansas City shoot this week beyond making a score of 196 out of 200. If there are any shooters that can beat this kind of shooting they didn't show up at Kansas City.

Some Falls City merchants are meeting the mail order houses on their grounds and are sending out catalogues describing their merchandise with prices attached. When you receive these make comparison and see if you can't buy your goods at home just as cheaply as you can buy them abroad. It pays to trade at home under any and all circumstances.

It certainly pays when you know the goods purchased are backed by the guarantee of a business man whom you know personally and who can always be found at his place of business ready to make all promises good.

Mrs. V. G. Lyford left Saturday for Lincoln on a brief visit to her daughter, Mabel, who is a student at the university. She was joined by Mr. Lyford on Tuesday and they were accompanied home by Mabel.

Chas. F. Zoeller of Preston was a Tuesday visitor here.

Uncle John Bauer came down from Verdon Tuesday.

John Oswald returned Friday from a business sojourn in Preston.

Rev. Haskins was an M. P. passenger for Kansas last Monday.

Moses Royer was over from Morrill, Kansas the past Saturday.

Mable Lyford is home from the University at Lincoln for a vacation.

Mrs. Neal returned Friday noon from a brief visit with Rulo friends.

BORN—On Tuesday, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Davies.

J. B. Varner was a business visitor in Kansas City the first of the week.

Mrs. C. Smith left the first of the week for her new home near Troy, Kansas.

The last week in Falls City has demonstrated that it pays to be on the square.

Prof. McDonald of Shubert was a pleasant caller here while in town Saturday.

L. A. Ryan of St. Louis is visiting with his many friends here at his former home.

A. W. Thompson of Humboldt was in the city Tuesday, the guest of Milo Shields.

C. W. Rumsey of Bancroft spent Sunday here, the guest of his cousin, Una Snidow.

J. G. Butterfield of Sabetha, Kansas was among the Saturday guests at the City hotel.

Fred Stotts of Shubert was a Saturday visitor in this city, and while here called at these quarters.

The infant son of Ward Knight and wife which was born last Saturday, died on Sunday morning.

Clarence Simmons returned last week from Omaha where he has been engaged in deputy work.

Mrs. Chas. McCreery went to Omaha yesterday, and will visit with her sister Mrs. Rose O'Rorke.

Quimby Hossack came down from the Lincoln University on Wednesday, and will spend his Easter vacation with his parents, John Hossack and wife.

D. N. Hitchcock, who has been stopping in this city for several months in the interests of the Manitou Bathing Co., left Monday afternoon for Omaha.

A Falls City girl in describing a thin man said the other day, "He is a sort of an ingrowing mop, honestly girls, he is so skinny that his legs look like number II on a door."

We are in receipt of a dollar from James Hatfield of Seneca, Kan., with the request that we send him our valued paper another year. He says he is lost without The Tribune and we appreciate such a letter.

F. H. Hummel of the Sunny Slope farm has sold the ten months old double standard Polled Durham bull, Sterilith 3d, weighing 800 pounds, to L. F. Newbold of Minden, Neb. It was nicely bred Crickshank.

"Lige" Dowie seems about to join the also ran class. Zion has revolted against him and appointed another leader. His son Gladstone the unkissed, has thrown the old man down and Mrs. Dowie is telling tales out of school. Altogether it looks like Alec has been given the double cross for fair.