

CUT GAS LIGHTING BILL

Council Declines to Pay in Full for October and November.

CLOUDY NIGHTS WERE DARK.

Company Promises to Light All but One Lamp in the Future and are to be Given Another Month's Trial. Settle for Labor on the Ditch.

[From Friday's Daily.] The city council met in regular session Thursday night with the mayor and all of the councilmen present, except Spellman and Zuelow.

The special committee on street lighting reported and recommended that the bills of the Norfolk Fuel and Light company for October and November be reduced to a fair amount for the service rendered and that the company be given the month of December as a further trial and if the service then does not fulfill the requirements of the contract as to quality of light and time of service, that then the contract be terminated.

The report of the committee was accepted and filed.

The street and alley committee reported that all claims for labor on the Park avenue ditch had been settled in full and that a balance of \$2 remained of the \$351.05, and the same had been turned over to the treasurer. They also reported that they had sold twenty-five loads of dirt, but that it had not yet all been hauled away. The report was referred to the auditing committee.

The public works committee reported that nothing had yet been done on the arches to the boilers and recommended that new doors be put in, which matter was left to the discretion of the committee. The committee was likewise authorized to purchase a car of coal at the best rates obtainable.

The treasurer's report for November was read and referred to the auditing committee, the following balances being shown: General fund, \$1,908.11; interest fund, \$2,015.83; water fund, \$495.89; road fund, \$149.56; sinking fund, \$2,527; insurance company taxes, \$219; street light fund, \$214.55.

The report of the street commissioner for the month of November was read and referred to the auditing committee.

The following bills were read and allowed, having been approved by the auditing committee:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Martin Kane, salary and expense \$64.25; C. H. Pilger, salary and killing two dogs 51.00; W. H. Livingstone, salary 40.00; Dr. Bear, two months' salary 20.00; M. D. Tyler, three months' salary 12.50; A. H. Kiesau, six months' salary 25.00; G. W. Wilkinson, three months' salary 12.50; The Chicago Lumber Co., lumber for sidewalks and crossings 135.27; The Chicago Lumber Co., lumber for sidewalks and crossings 67.00; L. C. Mittelstadt, lumber for sidewalks and crossings 61.15; L. Bruce, cleaning and drying hose after fire 1.00; W. P. Dixon, special police 14.00; Albert Degner, hardware 5.25; Norfolk Electric Light and Power Co. 8.50; Salter Coal & Grain Co., coal for city building 12.40; Nebraska Telephone Co., telephone rent for November 4.50; H. H. Miller, salary and labor 43.20; W. F. Donner, labor on the streets 3.94; C. H. Weeks, labor on the streets 10.68; A. B. Burnett, labor on the streets 2.93; John Boeck, labor on the streets 13.94; John Friday, hardware 5.00; B. C. Walter, filing saws and sharpening tools 1.00; August Graul, salary 60.00; Richard Tews, assigned to H. A. Pasewalk, hauling coal 7.05; National Meter Co., ten water meters 124.00; Wm. Brummund, grading First street 24.00; Norfolk Electric Light and Power Co., lighting pumping station 3.00; C. L. Laubsch, smoke stack for chimney on fireman's dwelling 4.60; C. E. Doughty, repairing meters 2.50; Norfolk Electric Light & Power Co., street lighting 60.00.

The bills of the Norfolk Fuel and Light company for street lighting for October and November were taken up, the auditing committee recommending that on account of the lights not being lighted on cloudy nights, the October bill be reduced \$10.54 and the November bill be reduced \$7.70, and also called attention to the fact that there has been a great deal of complaint about the quality of gas lights and that they had not been lit on cloudy nights, as they should have been. Mr. Fulton stated for the gas company that if the chief of police would light the lamp at the government building, the person employed to light the lamps would then light the rest. The October bill was al-

lowed at \$49.46 and the November bill at \$52.50.

A. J. Koenigstein stated to the council that last May he presented a bill to the council for work done by order of the board of health and the city physician and it was referred back to him to collect from the persons for whom the work was done, but that he had been unable to do so and requested that the claim be allowed. The matter was referred to the city attorney with instructions to enforce a collection from the persons for whom the work was done.

FRIDAY FACTS.

D. Baum was on the sick list yesterday.

Wm. Coffey was down from Gordon yesterday.

M. Brubacher left this morning for a visit with his son, Art.

H. Whalen of Stanton had business in the city yesterday.

C. E. Turnbull of Wayne was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Wm. E. Moore of Spencer was a visitor in the city over night.

H. E. Barnhart came down from Pierce on the early train this morning.

L. A. Taylor of Omaha visited at the home of W. H. Blakeman yesterday.

S. W. Shibley and wife of Fairfax, S. D., were visitors in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Wayne was a visitor to Norfolk yesterday from Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huse, sr., went to Wayne and Ponca today for a visit with friends.

Miss Anna Wantlin came down from Battle Creek yesterday to visit her brother, George.

Mrs. A. W. Ladd of Albion is visiting at the home of Conductor W. F. Fox on South Tenth street.

C. D. Jenkins returned home last evening from Kalamazoo where he has been visiting his son, Corl, for a few days.

The annual election of officers of Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., will be held Tuesday evening, at the regular session, and members are urged to be present.

A year ago this week, Norfolk and this section of the state was buried beneath a heavy coating of snow. This year merely a thin layer is spread over the district.

The dancing party which was to have been given this evening by Mrs. P. A. Shurtz and Mrs. F. R. Bellamy for Miss Olephant, is rendered impossible by the sudden illness of Mrs. Bellamy at whose home the party was to have been.

The drawing for W. O. Hall's horse and buggy took place this afternoon in the presence of a number of ticket holders. Ticket No. 32, held by S. S. Wagner of Sioux City, was the lucky one. P. F. Sprecher and P. F. Bell acted as judges and Walt Craig drew the numbers.

C. A. Weston and Frank Weston have returned from Red Oak, Iowa, where they were called by an announcement of the sudden death of their father. While sitting in a chair at his home he died and the Norfolk relatives departed at once for the old home to attend the funeral.

The state board of public lands and buildings, which was to have been in Norfolk yesterday or today to look over the site for the hospital for the insane, had not yet arrived from Lincoln up to noon today, but may reach here on the evening train. It is possible that the board is waiting for Auditor Weston to get his affairs straightened out so that he may accompany them.

L. Wood, who came here some time ago with the intention of starting a jewelry store in the Richards block, has been having trouble to get his fixtures here. They were shipped in a car from Randall, Kan., four weeks ago, and have just been located at Greenleaf, Kan., not more than 150 miles from the place they started from. Mr. Wood came in last night on a hunting trip for the fixtures, after an absence of a week. The railroad company assures him that the fixtures will be here tomorrow, and as soon as they can be unpacked and set up he will open up his store.

Parish pays 25 cents cash for eggs.

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INJURED IN A RUNAWAY

Myron Collamer Suffers a Cracked Rib.

HORSES BECAME FRIGHTENED.

Alarmed by the Actions of a Spirited Colt by the Wayside, the C. P. Parish Delivery Team Ran Away, Overturning the Wagon and Groceries.

[From Monday's Daily.] A fractured rib for the driver, Myron Collamer, a badly damaged wagon for the C. P. Parish grocery and a free distribution of food along Norfolk avenue, was the chief result of a rather disastrous runaway that occurred during the middle of the forenoon on the west side.

Mr. Collamer was taken at once to his home, corner Madison avenue and Fourth street, and the injured rib was cared for by a physician. He is suffering slightly from the cracked rib but is not at all seriously injured.

The team of horses drawing the delivery wagon were passing an enclosed field at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Twelfth street when a spirited colt within the wire fence became suddenly hilarious and so frightened the delivery team that the animals made a lunge and a desperate effort to get away.

They drew the wagon into the driveway at the home of H. Gerecke and there struck a tree. Meanwhile the vehicle was overturned, its contents spilled and Mr. Collamer thrown out.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Miss Reaves of Emerick was in the city.

John White of Stanton was a city visitor over night.

C. E. Turnbull was in town yesterday from Emerick.

A. W. Lucke was in Norfolk from Fairbury yesterday.

John McKenzie was in the city from Stanton on business.

E. A. Clements was a visitor yesterday from West Point.

Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Bordett were in Norfolk from Pierce.

Mrs. Whitney of Battle Creek was in the city yesterday.

Miss Martindale came down from Pierce on the early train this morning.

Geo. W. Talbot was an over night guest in Norfolk from Fullerton.

Mayor C. S. Smith of Madison had business in Norfolk this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Burwell of Gordon were Norfolk visitors over night.

F. M. May of Brookings, S. D., transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Josephine Ludman was a visitor to Norfolk yesterday from Humphrey.

Dr. Bertha Allman has returned from Petersburg where she was called to attend a patient.

Editor H. S. Pershing of the Pierce Leader, and son Carl, were in the city this morning on business.

Miss Maude Clark has accepted a position in the Norfolk office of the Singer Manufacturing company.

A. Amerine is building a very substantial new house on South Eighth street, between Taylor and Pasewalk avenues.

The household economic department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. A. J. Durland Monday afternoon at 2:30.

A gentleman from Tilden reports that Robert Ward, an old settler of that place, is very low with Bright's disease and not expected to live.

M. Nichols, the Foster stockman, was in Norfolk this morning. "Your paper," said Mr. Nichols, who is one of the enthusiastic readers of the new News, "saves the price of a telegram to market every day in the week at just 1:30 o'clock."

The carload of new stock for the Wood Jewelry company has at last arrived and Mr. Wood is today installing it in the Richards block for the holiday rush. This car was delayed many days in Kansas through railroads.

At the special meeting of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company, held last night in Fremont's hall, Venus Nenow was elected to represent the company at the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, which is to be held at Fremont during January.

Christmas is three weeks away, but the spirit of Christmas giving is already manifest, and some of the merchants report good trade in holiday goods. Some splendid displays are shown by the merchants of Norfolk and many are making their selections while the stocks are large and complete.

A fine new feature in the way of lighting has been installed in Beeler Bros' store which has proven very successful. It is an electric light which is diffused by centrifugal means so that the large retail room is as light at night as it is in the daytime. Colors are accurately distinguished through this medium after night, it being one of the most successful in this respect that has yet been invented.

Among the travelers in Norfolk for Sunday were: E. H. Derby, H. H. Schneider, F. N. Connelly, G. O. Oie-

son, R. C. Hudson, W. D. Webster, A. F. Stearns, M. Scheurman, M. G. Bowers, G. W. Gardner, C. L. May, J. E. Murphy, T. H. Brice, George Moeller, B. H. Aronson, B. P. VanStickle, C. J. Conwell, J. V. Zuby, Jack Beekle, George H. Spear, Otto Tappert, C. A. Blakely, C. H. Sims, W. C. Coleman.

W. H. Woodruff of this city suffered from a stroke of paralysis at his home on North Eighth street last night. Mr. Woodruff is quite totally paralyzed on his left side and will probably be unable to move for a long time. He had just been at the woodshed for a bucket of coal and was returning through the kitchen door when he was seized by the stroke and fell over against the wall of the building. A physician was summoned and everything possible is being done to make the afflicted man comfortable.

Dr. C. A. McKim was one of the persons interested in the telegraphic report in regard to the disastrous fire in Salina, Kan. It is there that his mother and brother are situated now. The fire was in the wholesale grocery house of H. D. Lee, a millionaire to whom Dr. McKim last spring sold his fine black team of horses. Mr. Lee at one time considered Norfolk as a wholesale center and even recently stated to Dr. McKim that if an inducement were offered he would locate here with a large plant.

The change to better in the weather conditions, that has long been expected and desired appears to have come with today and the sun shines brightly and warmly over this section of the state. The temperature last night went to two degrees above zero, ending the spell of cold, cloudy and threatening weather with one of the low temperatures of the season. During the night the river was frozen over, but the ice is so thin that it would be dangerous for anyone to venture upon it, and the boys are warned to stay away. The ice on some of the ponds is in fairly good condition, however, and the boys who are fortunate enough to possess skates have been enjoying the privileges afforded in this line of sport to the limit.

A CORN EXHIBIT FOR FARMERS

Handsome Prizes Have Been Offered For the Exhibits at Lincoln Next Month.

Farmers of the state will have an opportunity to win \$900 in premiums at the winter corn show to be given at the state university January 18 to 22. Prizes have been offered by the Nebraska commission of the Louisiana Purchase exposition and the state board of agriculture. The following rules and regulations have been announced:

1. Each exhibit shall consist of ten ears, and must have been grown by the exhibitor in the season of 1903, and no exhibitor shall make more than one entry of any one variety in class A, but may enter any number of exhibits for class B.

2. All exhibits must be put in place by the owner, without expense to the association, not later than 12 o'clock m. of Tuesday, January 19, 1904, or sent by freight or express prepaid to the secretary to reach him not later than 6 o'clock p. m., Saturday, January 16, 1904.

3. The corn in class A shall be judged by the scale of points adopted by the association at its meeting on September 3, 1902, and by the variety of standards adopted by the committee of the association having them in charge.

4. Judging shall begin at 12 o'clock m. on Tuesday, January 19, and shall be completed as soon as may be thereafter, when the exhibits shall be thrown open for the inspection of the public.

5. The exhibits shall be under the control of the committee on judging during the show, and shall become the property of the association when the awards are announced.

6. Competition shall be open to the state, but no general seedman, contract grower or jobber in seed grains shall compete.

Class A—One hundred dollars shall be paid in cash premiums for named varieties of field corn, to be judged under rule 8. The premium money shall be prorated to all exhibits scoring above 70 points, on the basis of points scored above 70.

Class B—Fifty dollars shall be paid in cash premiums for the five best collections of field corn, any one collection to be grown by the exhibitor; number of varieties, amount of corn and general excellence to govern—first, \$15; second, \$12; third \$10; fourth, \$8; fifth, \$5.

1. Each exhibit shall consist of thirty ears, and must have been grown by the exhibitor in the season of 1903, and no exhibitor shall make more than one entry of any one variety.

Rules 2 to 6, inclusive, are the same as those governing the distribution of premiums provided by the state board of agriculture.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid in cash premiums for named varieties in field corn, to be judged under rule 3. The premium money shall be prorated to all exhibits scoring above 70 points, on the basis of points scored above 70.

Nothing speaks more emphatically for a neat, progressive business man than nicely printed stationery—The News does it.

MEETING OF EDUCATORS

Program for th State Association at Lincoln.

FOR THE HOLIDAY VACATION.

Teachers of the State Have a Pleasant and Profitable Way of Spending a Few Days Open to Them—Educators of National Prominence.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The program for the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association at Lincoln to be held on December 20 and 21 and January 1, is complete and has been published. It contains the promise of being the most interesting and profitable session ever held in the association's history and there are thirty-seven previous annual meetings to afford comparisons.

Superintendent D. C. O'Connor of this city, who is a member of the executive committee, knows to his personal satisfaction that the session will be one to attract the teachers from all portions of the state and it is expected that there will be an unusually large enrollment. He has been attending the meetings of the committee during the preliminary arrangements and is confident that there will be no disappointments on the part of those attending.

Miss Mamie Matrau, one of the successful primary teachers of the Norfolk schools is on the program for the primary session on Thursday afternoon. Her subject will be "The Beauties of a Primary Teacher."

Mrs. J. M. Pile of Wayne, a member of the national educational committee of the Federation of Women's clubs, will take part in the Thursday morning general session, the subject assigned her being "Some of the Vital Needs of Our Public Schools."

Educators of national prominence who are to be present and make addresses are James H. Canfield, formerly chancellor of the Nebraska university but now librarian of Columbia university; Frank E. Robertson, a lecturer of national fame; Miss Adelaide Holton, supervisor of the primary schools at Minneapolis, Minn.; Miss Clara E. Cooper, supervisor of primary work of the Omaha public schools; William Wallace Stetson, superintendent of instruction for the state of Maine; William Gardner Hale, one of the best known Latin scholars of America and head of the department of Latin, University of Chicago; Edward Alsworth Ross, advisory editor of the American Journal of Sociology and associate of the Institute of International Sociology.

Charles B. Hanford and his company, favorably remembered in Norfolk, where they have appeared several times, will present Shakespearean entertainments and Katherine Willard will appear in "The Power Behind the Throne."

The state spelling contest, art exhibit, music, receptions and other features will add to the pleasure of the session. Reduced railroad and hotel rates will be offered and everything leading to first class entertainment and intellectual treats is planned.

The divisional meetings have splendid programs arranged, and the general sessions will be of more than ordinary interest. The meeting should and undoubtedly will attract the attendance of almost every public teacher in the state who can arrange to attend and will prove of value to themselves as well as to their work.

Many of the teachers in and about Norfolk will no doubt arrange to attend the session.

MONDAY MENTION.

J. H. Mossie was in the city from Wayne.

J. W. Stewart of Wisner was in the city.

Jos. Stewart was down from Tilden Saturday.

W. R. O'Brien of Atkinson was in the city yesterday.

J. A. Meistrick was in Norfolk yesterday from Hadar.

R. Hamilton was in Norfolk yesterday from Columbus.

George D. Butterfield was in Omaha on business Saturday.

Miss Martha Preuss was in Norfolk yesterday from Pierce.

Roy Odell of Yankton, S. D., was in Norfolk over Sunday.

Orin V. Lamb of Sioux Falls, S. D., was in the city Sunday.

W. M. Robertson was a passenger for Pierce this afternoon.

Thomas Duer of Wisner was in Norfolk today on business.

Eugene Austin visited with Pierce friends yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. S. Wells and Miss Annie McBride were in Omaha on Saturday.

H. R. Warde Sundayed in the city. Dr. Jacobs was in Norfolk Sunday morning.

W. F. Harris and Miss Verna Sweet were in Norfolk yesterday from Meadow Grove.

E. R. Gurney, the Fremont banker, was in Norfolk yesterday greeting former friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lenser of Tilden were guests of Norfolk relatives and friends over Sunday.

The carload of jewelry which has just arrived for the Wood Jewelry store went through a wreck in Kansas and some of the glass and woodwork

of the cases is quite badly damaged. Despite this, however, Mr. Wood will open and expects to remain in Norfolk. He has bought property here.

Geo. W. Beckard's cabinet shop has been moved east a couple of lots which have been leased for the purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Whitney of Omaha visited at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. I. Powers, over Sunday.

Superintendent of Construction Falm has returned from Yankton, S. D., where a new government building is shortly to be started.

Miss Ethel Doughty has accepted a position with the A. Hoop piano company and will be in the store on South Fourth street every afternoon.

Will Hubbard and wife of Dixon, Neb., are in the city, guests at the home of F. W. Beck. Mr. Hubbard is editor of the Dixon Herald.

The Francis Green theatrical company passed through Norfolk yesterday enroute. They have been playing along the Bonstedt line of the Northwestern railroad.

A party was given at the home of Lowell Brakley Friday evening for her little friends. They were invited for half past seven and played blind.

The Ladies Missionary society of the First Congregational church will meet with Mrs. C. B. Durland on Thursday afternoon, instead of on Tuesday.

E. R. Hayes came home from Carroll, Iowa, where he has headquarters for the Chicago Portrait company and visited over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hayes.

Harry Barnes, the Battle Creek banker, was in Norfolk this morning. He says that George Berry, the ranchman, has already shipped in 10,000 sheep for feeding this winter. Four thousand came yesterday.

William Stein has sold two blood-hounds to the sheriff of Boyd county to be in readiness to track any robbers who may venture that way. The dogs are from the Oakdale stock, owned by William Comstock.

The dinner and sale conducted by the Ladies guild of Trinity church in the store room next door to the postoffice on Thursday last, after all expenses had been paid, left a balance of \$231.29 in the society treasury.

The Sugar City aerle of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has issued invitation to a large number of persons in Norfolk and the surrounding territory for a magnificent ball to be given on New Year's eve. The noted Wisner band will furnish music for the occasion.

"It was the quietest Saturday night in Norfolk for many a moon," said Chief of Police Kane in regard to the lack of drinks and disorderlies which was evident at the end of the week. Not one single man was lodged in jail, which is quite a remarkable record for a Saturday night.

Miss Nellie Williams arrived last night from Montana, where she is teaching school, and Mrs. Sheehan is expected here from Rongis, Wyoming, tomorrow. Both are daughters of George Williams, and have been summoned home on account of the serious illness of their little sister, Lydia, who has been very low for some days.

Wallace Sackett, business manager of the "Lost River" theatrical company, was in Norfolk today making arrangements for the appearance of that excellent play at the Auditorium on December 14. Mr. Sackett is a son of William Edgar Sackett, secretary of the United States Industrial commission and political editor of the New York World.

BATTLE CREEK.

M. L. Thomsen was on the sick list this week.

Wm. Waud of Valley was here on business Monday.

The Baptist Junior league will hold a fair Saturday at the opera house.

Jake Moore shipped one car load of hogs to the Omaha market Monday.

James Thompson of Norfolk was here Tuesday on his regular business trip.

H. C. Chrisman and G. Kaufman shipped one carload of hogs together Tuesday.

Jack Kost of Norfolk was here visiting Monday with relatives and friends.

Pet. Krueger, assistant station agent, is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Miss Agnes Carberry, one of our high school teachers, was visiting friends at Norfolk Sunday.

Willard Brink returned Tuesday from Norfolk, where he had been employed at the sugar factory.

LeRoy Leach, the champion rifle marksman, was producing his shooting arts here Monday afternoon at the driving park.

Geo. S. Berry received seven double-deck carloads of sheep from Wyoming Monday, which he is going to feed on his ranch north of town.

A meeting of the voting members of the Lutheran congregation will be held Sunday noon after the main services. Miss Martha Preuss of Pierce arrived Sunday for a visit with relatives.

One hundred nicely engraved cards make an appropriate Christmas present for a lady. With plate, they cost \$1.75 for 100, at The News office. Place orders ten days in advance of time cards are wanted.