

GRANTS LIGHT FRANCHISE

THE CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE NO. 278.

THE USE OF STREETS IS GIVEN

Sugar City Cereal Mills Company to Enter the Field—Chief of Police Kane Resigns and is Succeeded by John C. Larkin.

The city council met in regular session last night with mayor and all councilmen present except Halverstone.

The proceedings of the minutes of December 1 were read and approved. The public works committee reported that they had purchased another car of coal and that it had arrived. The fire and police committee reported that they had purchased four rubber coats for the Queen City hose company at \$4 each.

Ordinance No. 278, being an ordinance to grant a franchise to the Sugar City Cereal Mills company to erect and maintain an electric light and power plant in the city and granting them the use of the streets and alleys for that purpose, was read the third time and passed. Ordinance was declared passed, it being agreed and understood that the Sugar City Cereal mills must pay the cost of publishing said ordinance.

Ordinance No. 270, being an ordinance to redistrict the city into wards, was read the second time and under the rules was laid over until the next meeting.

I. T. Cook asked that the council take up the matter of his bills that had been laid over at the last meeting, which was done and after much discussion the bills were allowed at the amount found to be due him by the auditing committee the mayor and clerk were instructed to draw warrants for the same as soon as the amount is ascertained.

The resignation of Martin Kane as chief of police to take effect at once was presented, read and on motion accepted.

The mayor spoke at some length regarding the good work of Mr. Kane on the police force of the city and expressed regret that he saw fit to resign the position at this time and thanked him for his work in the past.

The mayor then appointed John C. Larkin to become chief of police for the balance of the year and the appointment was unanimously confirmed, and John C. Larkin declared the appointee.

The council then adjourned.

Ordinance No. 278.

An ordinance granting to the Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, the right and privilege of establishing and maintaining an electric light and power plant and erecting poles and stringing wires thereon in the public streets and alleys of the City of Norfolk, Madison County, Nebraska, as herein provided, for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting and power purposes for public and private use.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Norfolk, Nebraska:

Section 1. Authority and permission is hereby granted to the Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, to erect and install, under the conditions herein named, an electric light and power plant in the City of Norfolk, in Madison county, Nebraska, and is hereby granted the use of the streets and alleys of the City of Norfolk, for the purpose of erecting poles and stringing electric wire thereon through the public streets and alleys of the City of Norfolk, Nebraska, except as herein provided, for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting and power purposes, under the supervision and control of the committee on streets and alleys of said city or under the supervision and control and direction of some other person authorized and appointed for that purpose by the city council of said city. No poles shall be erected and wires strung on Norfolk avenue in said city except where it is necessary to cross said avenue with pole and wire lines.

Section 2. All poles shall be placed in such places and be of such a height that said poles and wires strung upon the same will not in any manner interfere with, or hinder, delay or obstruct the free and continued use of said streets and alleys by the public, and whenever requested by the committee on streets and alleys or some other person authorized by the city council of said city, the Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, shall, at its own expense, remove said poles and wires and replace them where directed by said committee or person authorized by said council to do so. In the event of the moving of a building or other property through the streets of said city, the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, will, at its own expense, upon request, remove the wires so that said building or other property may pass thereunder. Said poles and wires shall be so placed and erected as not to interfere with the poles and wires of any other company or individual, now maintaining the same in said city. The said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, shall be liable for any and all damages caused to either persons or property by reason of the erection and maintenance of such poles and wires in said city.

Section 3. All poles shall be erected not less than 150 feet apart in the business portions and 200 feet apart in the residence portions of said city and said company may be requested

to erect and place said poles nearer together if deemed advisable by the council of said city.

Section 4. The City of Norfolk shall have the privilege of the free use of said poles for any and all fire alarm systems it may hereafter use or maintain in said city, and the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, shall not charge the said city or the residents thereof a greater price for lighting the streets, residences and other portions of said city than are paid for lighting purposes in cities of similar size in this state.

Section 5. The Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns shall furnish any person, firm or corporation of said City of Norfolk, within the city limits, when requested so to do, light at the same price and upon the same terms and conditions as it furnishes light to any other person, firm or corporation in said city. And should the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, fail, refuse or neglect for the period of thirty days to furnish light to any person, firm or corporation as above provided, after being requested so to do, the said person, firm or corporation may notify the city council of said city of such failure, refusal or neglect and the said city council shall cause a notice signed by the city clerk to be served upon the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, to appear before said city council at its next regular meeting and show cause, if any, why it has not furnished light to such complaining party and the said city council may after such hearing, if it deems the request reasonable and just, by resolution require said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, to furnish such light within a certain number of days, and shall notify the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, of its action and upon failure to comply with said resolution the said city council may declare the charter and franchise herein granted forfeited.

Section 6. The City of Norfolk may, whenever the said poles and wires or other appliances of the said company are in the way of or interfere with the construction of any improvement the said city may be in the process of constructing within its limits, require said company to remove the same at its own expense.

Section 7. The City of Norfolk hereby reserves the right to pass or enact any reasonable rule or regulation governing the actions of said company, in erecting, maintaining and operating said plant and in lighting said city and furnishing power thereon as shall from time to time be deemed necessary and expedient for the protection of lives, property or health of the citizens of said city and to insure a fair, equal and full supply of light and power by electricity to all persons desiring the same.

Section 8. The City of Norfolk, Nebraska, reserves the right to purchase of said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, the said electric light plant and works and all of the property, rights, franchise, herein granted including everything appertaining to and connected with the said plant at any time after five years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, and if the parties are unable to agree upon the price of said plant, then the value of the same is to be determined by three appraisers, one of said appraisers to be selected by the said company, its successors or assigns, one by the city and the third to be selected by said two appraisers so appointed, and the amount fixed by said appraisers shall be paid for said plant by said city upon possession being given, but the said city is required to give at least six months' notice of its intention to purchase the same.

Section 9. This franchise is granted upon condition that the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, shall complete said lighting plant, and have the same ready for operation within one year from and after the passage of this ordinance and published as required by law, and in the event of the failure of the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., to erect and operate the said plant within said time this ordinance shall be void.

Section 10. The rights herein to said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors and assigns, shall be for a period of twenty years from and after the passage of this ordinance.

Section 11. Should the Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the terms and conditions of this ordinance, the city council of the City of Norfolk, may by resolution declare the charter herein granted forfeited and may require the said Sugar City Cereal Mills Co., its successors or assigns, to remove all poles, wires and other appliances from the streets, avenues and alleys and public grounds of said city.

Section 12. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 15th day of December, 1904.
Miner C. Hazen, Mayor.
S. R. McFarland, City Clerk.

PLANS IN ABEYANCE.

Mill Company Not Ready to Announce Its Intentions.

Asked regarding the plans for using the city franchise granting the use of the streets and alleys for the purpose of erecting and maintaining an electric lighting and power plant, Mr. Bridge representing the Sugar City Cereal Mills company, said that there was nothing to give out as yet, the arrangements for installing the system being incomplete.

It is doubtless the intention of the mill company, however, to use its water power plant in producing electricity for public and private use.

A HEAVY SNOW LAST NIGHT

NORFOLK AND NORTHERN NEBRASKA AWAKE COVERED.

WITH A THICK WHITE BLANKET

During the Early Stages of the Storm it Looked as Though There Might be an Old Fashioned Northwestern Snowing Stopped, Though, Later.

Norfolk and northern Nebraska woke up this morning under a blanket of heavy, white snow.

During the night the layer of crystals had fallen softly from somewhere and during the early part of the day there was little sign of abatement. Later, however, the storm ceased.

The wind whipped into a stiff northwest breeze and there were prospects early today that a blizzard might ensue. Luckily the merchants and homekeepers were allowed to shovel off the snow, and keep the walks clear.

If S. Claus, Esq., insists on using a cutter next week and the temperature does not become too warm, the promises of last night are that he will be accommodated in making his rounds according to the rules of mythology. The snow that fell was damp and heavy and it will take a high wind to move it. There is a disadvantage in the fact that quite a wind prevailed during the fall of the beautiful and it is not laid on the ground as comfortably level as it might, but it is the heaviest of the season and furnished the proper inspiration for Christmas cheer for the little folks.

TESTIMONY IN HOLDEN CASE IN

Contrary to expectations Defense Offers no Evidence.

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 15.—After examining forty-two witnesses in the case against William Holden the state rested at 3 o'clock yesterday. To the surprise of all, the defense also announced that it would rest. It was expected that it would put on about ten witnesses, as Holden has claimed all along that he is not the man who did the job. The evidence is considered very strong against the defendant and he is positively identified by a number of responsible and competent witnesses.

Schroeder, the cashier who was shot, was decidedly positive, and said that after he fell from the shot and after Holden left the bank he crawled to the vault door and locked it and then crawled to a side door looking out on the street and saw Holden riding away on his horse. The case will be argued tomorrow and given to the jury. The prosecution of the case will cost Platte county considerably over \$1,000.

TITLE TO SUGAR FACTORY

THOSE WHO GAVE TOWARD BO-NUS, WILL HOLD SHARES.

CONTRACT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

General Manderson of Omaha, Attorney for the American Beet Sugar Company, and General Manager Howe, Were in Norfolk.

Donors to the beet sugar factory in Norfolk are to receive, as a corporation in which every man who gave shall hold shares in proportion to his donation, the title to the big building that shelters the present plant, the boilers and the 240 acres of land that were given fourteen years ago. This has been determined by members of the guarantee committee who met in the office of A. J. Durland, with General Manager Howe of the American Beet Sugar company, and General Manderson, attorney for that company.

The first contract which was drawn up was not quite satisfactory to the sugar representatives, in that it did not place personal responsibility upon the donors for any suits or damages with which the company might meet. General Manderson suggested that the donors, as a corporation, take title to the property and this has been determined upon.

The contract has been sent for signatures now. And the property will be hung up as a prize to a new industry.

Fine plush and fur robes and horse blankets. Large assortment. Reasonable in cost. Paul Nordwig.

DAVID M. OWEN IS DEAD

Member of the Firm of Railroad Contractors Passes Away.

David M. Owen, senior member of the firm of Owen Bros., railroad contractors, died this morning at his home in Omaha. His brother, H. E. Owen, lives in this city but is at present in Chicago. The senior brother formerly lived here but for some time past has made his home in Omaha. No particulars of Mr. Owen's death have been received. The many Norfolk friends of the brothers will be exceedingly pained to hear of his demise.

Mr. House.

Mr. House died today at his home five miles north of Norfolk, from pneumonia.

GOT HIS MONEY BACK.

Farmer Slaughtered the Calf That Was Fattening on His Wad.

Adam Kopetsky, a farmer living west of Duncan in Merrick county, lost \$60 in currency Sunday evening. He had the bills in a tobacco sack and he felt sure that he had dropped it while feeding his stock. He also had a strong suspicion that a calf had eaten it, sack and all. He slept one night over the matter and then slaughtered the animal. The money was found in one of the stomachs—some of it partly digested, but in such a shape that he had no difficulty in having it redeemed at the bank. The bills will be sent to Washington. The calf was one which Mr. Kopetsky wished to keep, but concluded he wasn't worth \$60.

Battle Creek.

Col. T. D. Preece is one of the busiest men of the county. Tuesday he cried a big sale for the A. D. Cattle company here. Wednesday he was the chief attraction at a sale seven miles south of Newman Grove and Thursday he was selling things twelve miles south of Tilden. Friday he went Warrville to help R. L. Warner out.

Mrs. Martha Mudge and two youngest children, of Cody, are visiting here this week with her grand mother, Mrs. Martha Barnes, and other relatives.

Clyde Austin absented the farm of Ralph Simmons, south of town, for the coming year.

Chas. R. Flores is in Iowa this week in the interests of his new patent buggy curtain fastener. Otto Fuerst has charge of his business during his absence.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simmons in Highland Park.

Mrs. George Sougvenier and children of Inman are visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Thatch.

A. A. Axen went to Columbus on business Wednesday.

Revival meetings were held at the Baptist church this week and were well attended. They were conducted by Rev. Jos. Cassalot of Liberty, Mo., and by Rev. T. M. White of this place.

Borgelt brothers of Beemer visited from Monday to Thursday with John and Henry Host.

Mrs. E. F. Hans went to Columbus Wednesday for a three-days' visit with relatives.

J. F. Massman arrived here Wednesday from Wentzville, Mo., for an extended visit with his uncle, Henry Massman, and other relatives.

W. J. Phipps and C. M. Phipps of Payette, Idaho, arrived here Wednesday for a two-weeks' visit with relatives.

L. M. Wolfe, of Duff, Rock county, is here with seven carloads of horses and cattle, which he is selling here for the A. D. Cattle company. Mr. Wolfe is daily posted at home by the Norfolk News.

BOB SEILER HURT IN RUNAWAY

Horse Became Frightened—Eye Badly Gashed and Teeth Broken.

Bob Seiler, the liveryman, was the victim of a bad runaway shortly after noon today. As he sat in the seat above the eye, several teeth were broken out and he was bruised badly in a general way. His horse became frightened at the whistle of a locomotive.

DRUNK CAUSED EXCITEMENT.

He Walked into the Home of A. P. Pilger, and Went to Sleep.

An intoxicated man recently caused considerable consternation on the west side, and brought out courage in the womenfolk of that vicinity to a marked degree. The fellow, after drifting about on Norfolk avenue, wandered into the home of A. P. Pilger, on Madison avenue. Mrs. Pilger, nothing daunted, asked the intruder what he wanted. The fellow gave a no very definite reply, curled up in a chair and went to sleep. Mrs. Pilger telephoned to her brother, George Davenport, who proceeded immediately to the house, intent on throwing the fellow out. Meanwhile Mr. Pilger, reaching the neighborhood, was informed that a drunken man had been visiting other homes near by, and began, with other men, searching for the wayward tramp. Arriving home late, Mr. Pilger explained that he had been delayed trying to locate the drunk. "Take a look into the kitchen," said his wife. And there, still sleeping, was the man. Officer Pilger, a brother, was notified and arrived with a cab to jail the obnoxious individual.

DISHES DIDN'T BREAK.

A Peculiar Experience With Wares Bought in Norfolk.

G. A. Barker of Meadow Grove had a peculiar experience with a shipment of dishes which were purchased in this city from the store of Hoffman & Viele, and which gave proof of glibly expert packing. The dishes were being taken into the country from Meadow Grove, when the team ran away, overturned the wagon and hurled the box of dishes thirty feet, dropping the frail china on the hard ground. Mr. Barker said that he wouldn't have refused a \$5 offer for the entire lot at that moment, as the box was bruised wide open. Examination showed every single bit of a dish to be unbroken, and the whole lot perfectly sound.

NEW MILL MAY START HERE

LOCAL PARTIES REPORTED TO BE INTERESTED IN DEAL.

KANSAS HERE INVESTIGATING

It is Said That F. J. Keller, Formerly of Norfolk But Lately of Fremont, is Thinking Seriously of Returning to Go Into New Plant.

Mr. Van du Zee of Leavenworth, Kan., and F. J. Keller of Fremont, were here yesterday, interviewing local parties with reference to starting a 250-barrel mill in this city. The local parties, not denying that there is a movement on foot to this end, said further that they had nothing at present for publication.

Tracy & Durland last week sold a quarter section of land ten miles west of Pierce to Catherine Jewett of Stanton county, the consideration being \$27.50 per acre. On Tuesday they sold a half section five miles southwest to Phillip Keller of Leigh, the consideration being \$27.50 per acre. Yesterday the same firm sold a half section three miles southwest of Foster to A. L. Eddenfield of Stanton county for \$20 an acre. The places are all improved and the new owners will occupy them in the spring.

Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, via the Northwestern line, will be in effect from all stations January 7, 8 and 9, 1905, with favorable return limits, on account of annual conventions, National Live Stock and Wool Growers' associations. Two fast trains through to Colorado daily, only one night. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

FARMERS ARE LUCKY FOLKS.

Thomas Sullivan Would Send Roosevelt a Vote of Thanks.

That this year has been a mighty good one for farmers was declared by Thomas Sullivan, of Jackson, Neb., a widely known farmer of Dakota county, who was in Sioux City on business.

"Yes, sir, we farmers are a mighty lucky lot just now," Mr. Sullivan said. "Everything a farmer has to sell is bringing good prices. Our corn crop is about 85 or 90 per cent of a full crop and it is bringing in about 39 per cent more than did the corn crop at this time a year ago."

Mr. Sullivan said he was willing to give President Roosevelt credit for the favorable weather conditions.

"I don't think it would be out of order," said the broad shouldered Nebraskan, "to send to the president a written testimonial of our recognition—a testimonial written in wheat and corn."—Sioux City Journal.

SHIP OUT SUGAR FACTORY

FIRST LOAD OF MACHINERY HAS GONE TO COLORADO.

TWO CARLOADS YESTERDAY

The Dismantling Process is Now Going on Rapidly, and Before Long But the Memory of the Sugar Making in Norfolk Will Remain.

The first two carloads of machinery which for the past thirteen years had been used in operating the Norfolk sugar factory, were shipped out of this city yesterday to Lamar, Colo. As soon as the plant stopped running, the tearing up process began and it will be but a very short time before the big building shall contain no trace of the one time complete equipment for the making of the sugar.

MONDAY MENTION.

Dr. P. H. Salter was in Omaha yesterday.

George Offenhausser has returned from a trip to Omaha, preparatory to holiday business.

Walter Starkey left this morning for Hawarden, Iowa, to spend his holidays with his mother.

Miss Annie McBride is expected home Saturday noon from Evanston, Ill., where she is a student in Northwestern university, and will spend her holiday vacation in Norfolk.

E. P. Weatherly went to Wayne today to attend court.

Burt Mapes will leave tonight for a business trip to Spokane, Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter went to Omaha yesterday and will return this evening.

Judge Boyd of Neligh passed through the city, enroute to Wayne to hold court.

William Baker of Baker, Neb., visited in the city yesterday with his sister, Mrs. W. W. Roberts.

John L. Decker of the Madison Star-Mall force was in the city today, soliciting business for his paper.

Miss Daisy Martin, who has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Davenport, for the past three weeks, will return to Atchison, Kan., tomorrow morning.

Mrs. W. R. Hoffman has just recovered from a severe surgical operation in an Omaha hospital and will be at home again within a week after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield have gone to Chicago, and will return

next Wednesday. Enroute, they stopped for a time in Omaha yesterday afternoon.

A ten pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gray, 1214 South Third street, Saturday night.

Miss Bertha Denzin of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived in the city on the noon train to visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John F. Boeck. On her way to Norfolk she visited a short time with friends at Kansas City, Mo.

There was a crimson blaze in the home of Charles Jackson (colored) on Braasch avenue toward morning today. A fire alarm was turned in and the department responded in the cold. When the cars and trucks arrived, it was found that the home was not needed.

The friends of Miss Edith Barrett gave her a surprise party Saturday night at the home of her parents, corner of Norfolk avenue and First street. The occasion was in celebration of the young lady's sixteenth birthday. Flinch was a feature of the amusements and refreshments occupied no minor place in the evening's program.

The funeral of Ferdinand Haase was held from the residence yesterday afternoon, a very large number of old time friends joining in the last tribute to the memory of the departed pioneer. Although the day was a bitterly cold one, and in spite of the storm that threatened, the throng that gathered from all over Madison county gave evidence of the high esteem in which Mr. Haase, during his long residence in Norfolk, had been held.

Mrs. Emma Burnett, formerly of this city, writes from Ringwood, O. T., that she is very much impressed with the new world there, especially the red soil which is said to be very productive and raises fine crops. There is plenty of fine timber, and good water. People use wood for fuel altogether, and seem prosperous. Many small towns sprang up along the line. Ringwood is a nice little town of 300, has two elevators, two banks, seven stores, two hardware stores, one hotel, one restaurant, one school building, two churches, and three livery barns.

Norfolk has had weather in variety during the past twenty-four hours. Yesterday morning was almost like a spring day, but early the wind whipped around to the north and prevailed with considerable intensity. For a long time it continued warm and ate its way through the snow and ice with surprising felicity, enlarging the bare spots and diminishing the snowfields. Then little siftings of snow fell and very soon the breeze turned chilly then cold, and this morning the minimum record showed at but four above zero, and the wind was changed to the south, promising another rise in temperature.

The News telephone rang. "This is Mrs. F. J. Keller," said the voice. "Where did you get your information that Mr. Keller was interested in a proposed new mill for Norfolk? I'm sure it will injure Mr. Keller very much. You say you got it from a reliable source? And that its publication was requested. Great thing to do. Didn't his partner know any better than that? I'm sure it will injure Mr. Keller very much. I would like very much to have you stop my paper and send me a bill. If you please." The information that Mr. Keller was interested in a proposed new mill for Norfolk, was not only authorized, but was dictated. The News refuses to be responsible for alleged damage done to individuals through their own deeds and publishing of those deeds.

NEW FEED STORE.

Carter & Lowe is Name of New Firm Starting Tomorrow.

Carter & Lowe is the name of a new business firm in Norfolk. In the building formerly occupied by the American and Pacific express companies, Messrs. Carter & Lowe will tomorrow begin operations with a new feed store. Both are well known in Norfolk. Alvin Lowe has been in the stock business of late.

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