

LICENSE OR NO LICENSE?

THE ISSUE IN THE SPRING CAMPAIGN AT NELIGH.

LARGELY ATTENDED CONVENTION

A Lively Contest Over the Nomination for Mayor, Which Goes to J. C. Jenkins—Other Candidates Placed in Nomination.

Neligh, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: A citizens caucus was held in the court house here last evening which was more largely attended than any for the past twenty years. There seemed to be an understanding that license or no license was at issue and the house was filled.

The nominations for mayor were: Capt. J. D. Hatfield, J. C. Jenkins, R. S. Payne and the present incumbent, M. B. Huffman. Motion to proceed on an informal ballot was had, and the matter proceeded when Huffman declared he was not a candidate. Jenkins also refused to run and for a time matters seemed at a standstill. M. B. Huffman broke the silence by requesting the candidates to state clearly their position on the question of license or no license. Hatfield replied he was "for high license;" Jenkins stated he was for enforcement of law, that if the majority of the citizens were for license he was, that if a drunk took up the greater part of the sidewalk he should be fined, or that if the churches got to scrapping they should be arrested—law enforcement first, last and all the time. The other candidates did not reply. Jenkins was nominated by a few votes over Hatfield. For city clerk John M. McAllister and E. S. Schofield were nominated, Schofield withdrawing and McAllister being declared the nominee by acclamation. For city treasurer Wm. Lambert, Police Judge R. Wilson, Engineer W. L. Staples, with councilman from the First ward, C. L. Wathes and from the Second, George Romig.

The opposition will run a ticket of their own and the end of the beginning is not yet.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES

Scott Holbrook is on the sick list. R. Fenske was in Norfolk this morning from Wayne.

John N. Ellerman of Fairfax was in Norfolk yesterday.

A. S. Ambruster of Stanton was in Norfolk last night.

Dr. J. H. Mackay has returned from his trip to Omaha.

Wm. Zutz of Hoskins was in the city, the guest of his son Ernest of the Norfolk National bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Long returned this morning from a ten days' visit with friends at Verdigré.

August F. Filton, father of Mrs. Fred Karo, has returned from a four weeks' visit in southern California.

Miss Emma Nordwig is visiting with friends at Pierce.

Harry Lodor will go to Chicago for the rest of this week.

Attorney H. F. Barnhart of Pierce was in Norfolk this morning on business.

Frank Phillips and Lou Williams of Hoskins were transacting business in the city yesterday.

O. A. Harshman of Omaha was in the city yesterday visiting his brother-in-law, F. W. Koerber.

William P. Mohr, a prominent real estate dealer of Spencer, was in Norfolk this morning on business.

L. G. Locke, cashier of the Gross State bank at Gross, Neb., was in Norfolk on business this morning.

Miss Laura Schultz has finished her course at the dressmaking school and returned home to Pierce Saturday.

Miss Opal Olmstead went to Stanton today to visit with Miss Grace Klopp, who is home from Doane college for a few days.

P. V. Lewis, owner of the townsite of Meadow Grove, was in town this morning enroute to Madison to attend the meeting of the commissioners.

Dr. Kucera of St. Paul, Minn., sojourning in the city yesterday, the guest of Dr. W. H. Pilger. He was on his way to Verdigré, where he will practice in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport of Elgin are visiting with his mother, Mrs. Mary Davenport, while enroute home from Sioux City where they have been visiting with Will Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smith, who have been visiting several months with their son and daughter, and who is interested in the Anthes & Smith store here, left this morning for Madison, Iowa, their home.

George Fox, for many years a resident of Norfolk, arrived in the city at noon today for a visit with his son, Wellington Fox. Mr. Fox has been located at several different points since leaving Norfolk.

W. M. McDonald of Meadow Grove and W. C. Crook of Deer Creek, deputy county assessors for their respective precincts, were in the city this morning on their way to Madison to attend the meeting of the commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Alexander of South Fourth street are entertaining a young lady who arrived this morning and has concluded to make that her home permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith have moved from Madison avenue into the house at No. 437 South Fourth street. Fred Baumelster, living east of the city, began today the construction of a new double building to be used for barn and granary.

The Tuesday night club held a very enjoyable dancing party at Marquardt hall last night. The music was furnished by the Columbus orchestra.

A special conclave of Damascus commandery, No. 20, K. T., will be held in their asylum on Friday evening, for the purpose of conferring the red cross degree.

The pretty Chinese girl in the Window at the Christoph drug store, giving a China-Lee demonstration, proved to be an attraction to a goodly number of persons this afternoon.

Oscar Uhle has rented the Eble building, owned by William Berner, and will move his grocery store into it about May 1. This is just next door west of the Cole building, which he now occupies.

Dr. Taylor, who has been living at Center, Knox county, is moving today, with his family, to Montana, where he will settle. He and his family passed through Norfolk this morning enroute west.

Spring dawned today with a beautiful morning, but the weather grew worse instead of better and by noon the air was raw and disagreeable. The forecast is for generally fair weather, but colder tonight.

The latest information concerning the funeral of Mrs. Fannie Graham, who died at Everett, Wash., last week, was contained in a telegram from A. J. Durland, who was in Everett, stating that he would bring the remains here for burial, but it was not stated when they would arrive.

Cresighton News: The state banking board has authorized the Farmers State bank of Crofton, Knox county, and its articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state this morning. The incorporators are D. A. Matthews, G. H. Bly, Charles Ruden, J. W. Talcott and J. B. Kuehn. The capital stock amounts to \$50,000, all paid up.

Fred Grim, secretary of the Farmers Mutual insurance company of northern Nebraska counties, went to Plainview yesterday afternoon to attend to business for the company. At the meeting which was held in Norfolk some days ago Robert Ruhlow of Plainview was elected a director, but he has declined the position and Mr. Grim went to Plainview to find out who in that territory could be appointed.

The new wing at the Norfolk insane hospital is practically finished and the work of getting it in shape for use is all done with the exception of completing one of the tunnels. The workmen on this underground passageway are this week laying off because of the weather. When it is completed the institution will be able to accommodate seventy more patients.

To be able to send the strains of music from six different instruments all into one little telephone wire and all at the same time, is the feat of Oswald Reiche, the young musician of many talents who lives south of the city. He is now telephoning his friends in town and, from the farm several miles away, gives them a concert while they hold the ear-phone.

Amerine & Hight are today moving their cement block factory from the basement of the Eiseley block to the Blakeman & Coleman transfer building near the Creighton depot. Special sheds have been built by Blakeman & Coleman for the factory and they have been leased for a term of months. "We will be nearer the depot and can ship easier from that location," said Mr. Amerine.

Charles Jauch, formerly of Norfolk but now of Bazille Mills, arrived in the city last night and remained over until noon today, enroute home from South Omaha, where he had been with stock. He struck a low and dragging hog market. He says that there is snow to a depth of eight inches all over Omaha and that there is much more snow south of here than in this section. At West Point on the way home, he says, he first sighted snow-laden land.

An excursion left yesterday noon for Oklahoma, a number of northern Nebraska people taking advantage of the cheap rates. The fare was \$13 for the round trip. Among those who went from Norfolk were Fred Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wegner and Fred Lehman. The Wegners go to visit their brother, Herman Wegner, formerly of Norfolk, later of California and now of Oklahoma. Mr. Lehman went on land business. Jack Burt of Creighton was one of the passengers on the excursion.

Madison Chronicle: Early this week a letter was received at the postoffice from a point in Iowa, bearing a most puzzling and unique address. Aside from the name of the sender on the upper left hand corner of the envelope, no name appeared but in the lower left hand corner was pasted the picture of a young woman. On a post card addressed to Postmaster Secor the writer states that the letter is for a lady 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight 120 pounds and a dressmaker to whom he wishes it delivered. The letter has been shown to a number of people but so far the fair addressee has not been found.

"We people up in Boyd county have a warm spot in our hearts for The Norfolk News," said Dr. Beatty of Butte, who was in Norfolk. "I notice that within a week you have scooped the Omaha papers every day on some item of big importance, to say nothing of a lot of other exclusive stuff. We who used to live in Omaha were interested in the street car wreck at South Omaha, which you gave to us twenty-four hours earlier than any other paper. Then there was the France mine horror and the Colorado wreck and a dozen other things that have come in the same way. And then another thing we like The News for is the fact that you help boost our country. You do that, and we appreciate it."

PLANS FOR NEW STATION

THE PROPOSED NORTHWESTERN BUILDING IS A BEAUTY.

ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE STATE

Plans Were Shown to Remonstrators Last Evening and an Effort Made to Harmonize the Differences Over Closing Park Avenue.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Blue prints of plans for the proposed new passenger station of the Chicago & Northwestern have been completed and are in the hands of the officers of the company at this place. The plans contemplate the erection of a splendid structure 140 feet long by twenty-four feet wide, built of stone and brick, with a heavy massive roof, relieved by a central projection. The building will thus occupy a space of nearly a half block long, while the train platform will extend practically the full length of two blocks. The passenger station contemplated in the plans does not include a freight depot, which is to be built to the south of the passenger station within the two blocks, provided the proposition of the company is accepted and the street vacated so as to make possible the erection of the station according to plans submitted.

The interior of the station is divided into two large waiting rooms, one for women, 24 by 32, and the other for men, 22 by 24. Opening off from each of these are to be toilet rooms, conveniently arranged for use of patrons of the road. Between the two, occupying in part a large bay window, is the ticket office and a passage way from one room to the other. At the south of these rooms is to be a baggage room 19 by 30. The interior arrangement is very similar to the handsome new station of the Northwestern and Missouri Pacific at Lincoln.

The station if built will be one that the citizens of Norfolk will be proud of, and General Superintendent Hughes gives assurance it will be the best station on the line of the Northwestern west of the Missouri river, with the exception of the union stations at Fremont and Lincoln.

General Superintendent Hughes and C. C. Wright of the legal department of the Northwestern, who was in the city yesterday, invited a number of remonstrators against the closing of the street so that this station can be built, to meet them at Mapes & Hazen's office last evening for the purpose of exhibiting the plans, in the hope that town pride would actuate the remonstrators to withdraw the remonstrance and injunction, which are acting as a clog to prevent the erection of the building. Those who attended on behalf of the remonstrators were W. R. Hoffman, Frank Estabrook, Mike Enders, P. F. Bell, H. A. Pasewalk, V. Newow, and others, with their attorney, Judge Powers. These gentlemen are the leaders in the effort to prevent the closing of the street, and they are representative of the 84 who signed the petition addressed to the city council some time ago remonstrating against such proposed action. Besides, a number of members of the Commercial club, who have been working to secure such a station, were present.

Superintendent Hughes explained the plans in detail and made the statement that for the railroad company to erect such a building it will be necessary to have ground extending at least 600 feet in a continuous strip along their track. This would necessitate closing Park avenue across their right of way. It was stated by the superintendent that if the company is allowed to put up the building as per plans that it is also the intention to clear away the old stock yards and other disagreeable features of the neighborhood, and that all that portion of the grounds not occupied by buildings and platforms would be nicely parked. The reasons were explained why the company could not move the station either one block north or a similar distance south, and that it is necessary to have that particular street if the plans are carried out.

Asked what the company will do if the street is not vacated, Mr. Hughes replied that all it can do is to put up the usual wood station in vogue at other towns along the line. The cost of the usual station is \$2,200, while the one proposed will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. This seemed to be a surprise to some of the remonstrators, who carried the idea that the company would build identically the same station whether the street is vacated or not. They were assured that this could not be done and would not be done, and it was practically up to them whether they would stand in the way of the city securing the station or make it possible to get it.

After a considerable desultory discussion of the matter, Mr. Wright submitted two propositions: That the whole matter go to the district court at an early date as possible, and that a stipulation be entered into that the finding of that court be considered final, and that neither side appeal to the supreme court. This, explained Mr. Wright, would dispose of the matter at an early date and would allow the company to commence work on the building right away if the decision were in its favor, and if not then work would be commenced upon the ordinary station which the company builds at other towns in Nebraska. He said the company could not wait for the case to run through the supreme court for a year before putting up a

station here, and it has no disposition to do so. The other proposition was that the injunction proceedings be withdrawn, and when the council passes an ordinance vacating the street it at the same time name a board of appraisers, who shall be empowered to assess damages to property in the neighborhood resulting from the closing of the street, and that either the company or the property owners may appeal to the courts if the findings of the board are not satisfactory. These propositions seemed fair and several of the remonstrators expressed the belief that an amicable adjustment of the differences might be brought about along some such lines. The matter was taken under advisement by the remonstrators with the promise to confer with their associates.

Mr. Hughes assured his hearers that the erection of this handsome station in Norfolk is a matter of personal pride with him, and he hopes the citizens may get together on the matter. Since the burning of the old depot he has worked incessantly to secure consent of the officials of the road in Chicago to make this appropriation, and now that this has been accomplished to him to see an ordinary station built.

A STRENUOUS MEETING

ONE OF THE HEAVIEST COUNTY SESSIONS OF THE YEAR.

MUCH WORK FOR COMMISSIONERS

Contracts to be Awarded for Bridges and Addition to Jail—Assessors Meet With Board to Fix Schedule of Personal Property Rates.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The county commissioners are holding one of the most important meetings of the year at Madison, commencing today. The chief features to be disposed of are the opening of bids for bridges, opening of bids for addition to jail, and a meeting of deputy assessors with the county assessor and commissioners.

The contract will be awarded for all the bridges that will be needed in the county during the year. An advertisement for bids was published in December for this purpose, but before the contract was awarded it was found that a technicality had not been complied with and the commissioners decided to readvertise.

The addition to the jail is designed to provide more suitable quarters for the insane patients who must necessarily be detained there for a short time before being sent to the hospital. During the last year Madison county had fifteen of this class of people, and the commissioners are doing the right thing in providing better accommodations for them than the prison cells which the jail now contains.

Commissioner Harding, who was in town this morning and went to Madison on the Union Pacific in company with Commissioner Taft, stated that a new cause for expense has suddenly appeared at the court house. When the furnace was put under the building a year or so ago, workmen undermined a portion of the wall in excavating for the furnace and the result is that the wall above has commenced to settle perceptibly. This has had to be met by extending the foundation much deeper.

The deputy assessors and the county assessor meet with the commissioners for the purpose of fixing schedules of values on personal property that will equalize the assessment throughout the county as far as possible.

This is one of the most strenuous meetings that will be held during the year and will likely continue for several days.

WOMAN UNDER TRAIN.

Unknown Passenger Narrowly Escapes Injury Under Moving Wheels.

An unknown woman narrowly escaped injury or death underneath car wheels at the Union Pacific station this morning. When the train for Madison started to leave the platform of the station the woman tried to get on and, slipping, fell under the wheels. The train was stopped just in time to save her. She then boarded an outgoing train.

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