

VOTE PERPETUAL FRANCHISE

Permanent Right-of-Way Through Douglas County Granted to Electric Road. BOARD REJECTS SHERIFF'S DEPUTY BILL. Power's Claim, Including Pay to Specials During Strike, Turned Down as Specified Limit Was Exceeded.

With Commissioner McDonald alone voting no, the Board of County Commissioners yesterday voted a perpetual franchise to the Omaha Electric & Lincoln Railway company for the use of any or all the roads and highways in Douglas county.

The board rejected a claim of Sheriff Power for \$24,250 for a deficiency in the fund for the payment of deputies.

During the late packing house strike in South Omaha Sheriff Power allowed the special deputies \$2.50 a day, whereas the county board only authorized \$2.

Laid Over Thursday. The franchise was laid over yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

When the franchise came up, recommended by passage by the committee of the whole, Commissioner McDonald asked that it go over to the next meeting.

Commissioners Kennard and Connolly protested that there was no good reason for deferring the franchise.

A little later on, when the board came to a resolution of Commissioner McDonald requiring a showing of financial responsibility and the furnishing of a plat of any proposed line by the promoters, this, too, was laid over for consideration with the franchise today.

Lease to Field Club. The board granted a lease to the Omaha Field club of 130 acres of the county poor farm for a term of twenty-five years, as the same time canceling one for a smaller piece of the farm that has been in existence for some time.

Liquor licenses were granted to William Hartman, Fifty-fourth and Lincoln, and Hans F. Hansen, whose saloon is located on lot 8, block 5, Brookline addition.

to the committee on bridges for tabulation. The committee will report the early part of next week. By mutual agreement of the parties the hearing on the Hitchcock protest against the allowance of the bill of the Bee for the publication of the scavenger tax list was postponed until 2 p. m. on Tuesday, January 2.

CASE PUZZLES THE DOCTORS

Man is Unconscious and They Are Uncertain Whether He is Ill or Drunk. Julius Bettinger, who has been stopping at the Hubbell house, 501 South Thirteenth street, was taken to Clarkson hospital at 8:30 last evening.

OHIO RIVER IS BLOCKADED

Four Barges Containing One Hundred Thousand Bushels of Coal Sunk Near Pittsburg. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—The channel of the Ohio river was blocked and all coal shipments stopped after 5 o'clock this afternoon by an accident to the Ohio canal.

A total of 1,750,000 bushels of coal went out of the harbor today. Tomorrow the Sprague and the Jim Wood will leave with about 1,000,000 bushels, while the shipments of the independent companies is expected to raise the day's shipments to 1,500,000 bushels.

Through Sleeper From Kansas City to Hot Springs, Ark., without change via Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain route.

Holiday Low Rates. To accommodate holiday travelers the Union Pacific has placed in effect a rate of one fare plus 50 cents for the round trip.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Defect is Discovered in City Hall Bond Proposition Petition. NUMBER OF SIGNERS NOT FREEMOLDERS. Probability This Will Invalidate the Election—Park Bonds Appear to Be Clear of Any Such Defect.

As the injunction cases in the city hall and park bond issues are to be called in Judge Sears' court today those interested in the city hall proposition met yesterday afternoon and went over the city hall petition carefully.

As far as the investigation has gone the petition for park bonds appears to be all right and this may go through the courts without a hitch.

Those who are familiar with the building say that with alterations the building can be turned into a city hall without going to a great deal of expense and that in case of an emergency the building could again be used for school purposes.

Treasurer Kept Busy. All of the force in the city treasurer's office was kept on the jump yesterday making out statements and receipts for personal taxes.

Auctioneers Kept Busy. A meeting of the members of the State Auctioneers' association was held here yesterday at the office of P. C. Caldwell in the Pioneer block, Twenty-sixth and N streets.

Goldstrom Offers Reward. Chief of Police Briggs is in receipt of a letter from Sol Goldstrom offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the men who attempted to blow the safe in his store on the night of December 27.

Bids for Supplies. City Clerk Gillin will receive bids for supplies for the city up to noon on Saturday.

Travelers Object to Law. Proposed Insurance Measure Works Hardship to Such Organizations. Arthur L. Sheets, secretary of the Western Travelers' association, left last night for Chicago, where he has arranged for a meeting of the legislative committee of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers' organization.

Announcements of the Theaters. This afternoon in "Don Caesar de Bajan" and this evening in "Othello" Mr. Charles B. Hanford will make his annual appearance at the Boyd theater.

Yesterday at the office of P. C. Caldwell in the Pioneer block, Twenty-sixth and N streets. Three dozen members of the association attended this annual meeting. Colonel I. C. Gallup of this city was chosen president and P. C. Caldwell secretary and treasurer. An examining board was named, composed of Peck of York, Smith of Shelby, Gallup of Booth, Omaha and Caldwell of South Omaha.

Bids for Supplies. City Clerk Gillin will receive bids for supplies for the city up to noon on Saturday. Already a number of bids have been filed and it looks as if plenty more were to follow from the number of inquiries at the clerk's office for bidding blanks.

It looks to me, said Clerk Gillin last night, "as if nearly every dealer in the city was going to bid on supplies this year. If so the council will have considerable work in tabulating the bids."

Single City Gospel. Coal—J. B. Watkins & Co. Tel. 31. R. Trapp has secured a building permit for a dwelling on Drews bill.

George H. Brewer and wife are home from Illinois, where they went to attend the wedding of a relative.

Dr. T. H. Ennor has made arrangements to leave on Monday for El Paso, Tex., where he has business interests.

Joseph Keenan, whose hands were quite badly frozen a few nights ago, is doing nicely at the South Omaha hospital.

Fred Scott, an employee of the Nebraska Telephone company, has returned from Sioux City where he worked after the fire in the replacing of broker, telephone wires.

Goldstrom Art Calendar given free with all purchases of one or more of his choice line of liquors for family use.

Nebraska Clothing Co. Fifteenth and Farnam. PRE-INVENTORY CLEARING

Men's Gloves, 50c. Men's fine unlined Dog Skin Gloves that are worth 75c—Tomorrow's Clearing Price— 50c. Men's Underwear, 45c. Twenty-seven dozen men's underwear, placed in one lot—Priced for quick clearing. Men's Caps, 45c. Tomorrow you can take your choice from strictly high grade caps at a popular price—in all shapes and styles worn this season worth 75c—tomorrow for 45c.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK. NEW TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN Kansas City, Mo., Coffeyville, Little Rock and Hot Springs, Ark.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY and IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE. The Thermal, Radio-active waters of Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be rendered conveniently accessible by the new train service over the Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route.

Removal Sale. I CAN RIP ANY SHIRT BUT CAHN'S. Albert Cahn, 219 S. 14th St. Shirt Maker and Men's Furnisher.

KEYSTONE. NUT \$6.00, LUMP \$6.25. OUR LEADING SOFT COAL. GOSS-JOHNSON BROS. COAL & SUPPLY CO., 1519 FARNAM ST. PHONE 1307.

THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. The Best of Everything. THE ONLY DOUBLE-TRACK RAILWAY BETWEEN THE MISSOURI RIVER AND CHICAGO. Please See Local Columns for Extraordinary Holiday Rates.

THE GRAND PRIZE AND RIZE WINNER AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION WAS AWARDED HUNTER BALTIMORE RYE BECAUSE OF ITS SUPERIORITY OVER OTHER BRANDS AND FOR THE HIGHEST ORDER OF MERIT IN ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A PERFECT WHISKEY.

MENEDDOTT—Henry J., December 2, 1904, aged 53 years. Funeral Sunday, January 1, 1905, at 2 p. m. from the residence of his father, Fred Meneddott, 321 S. 10th Avenue. Interment Forest Lawn cemetery. Friends invited.