

TOWNS MAKE OWN CHARTERS

Such is the Import of a Constitutional Amendment by Dunn.

LOST BEFORE BY ONE VOTE

Might Tend to Give Gas Government to Omaha and the Suburbs Instead of the Dual Plan Now Used.

A bill providing a constitutional amendment which will give all towns in Nebraska of over 5,000 population the right to make their own charters is being drawn up by J. J. Dunn and will be presented to the legislature by some member of the Douglas county delegation with the support of Mayor Dahlman and the city officials of Omaha. A similar bill was introduced into the last legislature and was killed by the lack of one vote in the senate. This year the preliminary agitation has been just as strong and the smaller towns throughout the state are believed to be more favorable to the change.

"I have not decided yet," said Mr. Dunn, "whether I will draw the bill on the model of the Colorado or the Missouri amendment. Either of them would do in some respects and neither is altogether satisfactory."

In the case of Denver and St. Louis the cities and the counties have been incorporated together, which is an important question for us to consider. If South Omaha and the suburbs should be made into one city with Omaha then the whole territory could be consolidated with one government over it. Of course this will not happen for some time, and until it does we probably will have to be content with both city and county governments for some time."

PRAISE FOR CLARENCE PAINE

Mississippi Valley Historical Association Passes Resolutions Praising Nebraska Man.

In closing its session at Indianapolis a few days ago, the Mississippi Valley Historical association, convening jointly with the American Historical association and the Ohio Valley association, passed resolutions commending and praising the efforts of the secretary of the Nebraska State society, Clarence S. Paine of Lincoln. The Mississippi society is the result of the enthusiasm of Nebraska men to a large extent, and was founded in Lincoln in 1907. Mr. Paine has been connected with it from the beginning and the resolutions following were an expression of appreciation of his work.

Whereas, The Mississippi Valley Historical association has this day closed a most successful joint session with the American Historical association and the Ohio Valley Historical association, and Whereas, The Mississippi Valley association now has a membership of nearly 60 and is recognized as the most important historical agency in the Mississippi valley. Be It Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation of the successful efforts of our secretary, Mr. Clarence S. Paine of the Nebraska State Historical society, in the upbuilding of the association. From the inception of the association at Lincoln, Neb., in October, 1907, Mr. Paine has been untiring in his generous and unselfish devotion to all of its interests. To him more than to any other member or officer, is due the credit for the remarkable success, which has come to this association.

M'CORD-BRADY MEN BANQUET

Annual Reunion of the Salesmen Held at the Paxton—Go in a Body to the Brandeis.

The salesman and department managers of the wholesale firm of McCord-Brady company held their annual reunion banquet Thursday evening at the Paxton hotel. The banquet did not end the evening's fun, for at its conclusion the banqueters repaired to the Brandeis theater in a body, enjoying "The Climax," which was the attraction, immensely.

About fifty were present, many of whom were salesmen who had traveled long distances in order to be in attendance at the banquet, which they consider one of the big events of the year. There were no toasts, but W. H. McCord, who acted as toastmaster, called upon some of the older men in the service of the company for short talks.

The affair came in very good season for the big traveling men's banquet at the Auditorium last night, as all the salesmen stayed over. McCord-Brady company asserts it will have the largest delegation among local concerns at tonight's banquet.

TO WOOL GROWERS' MEETING

Omaha Will Have Representation at Convention of Fiber Producers at Portland.

Omaha and South Omaha will send a large delegation westward Saturday to attend the convention of the National Wool Growers' association, which will be held at Portland, Ore., January 2 to 5, inclusive. From Omaha will go Will A. Campbell and J. M. Guild of the Commercial club; Ross Miller and Fred Castle. South Omaha will be represented by F. S. Stricker and Joseph Shoenaker, and ten live stock commission men whose names are withheld on their plea that every time it is announced they are going out of town, they lose business because cattle raisers take their stock somewhere else.

All the party, but Mr. Campbell will stop at Home avenue to Portland to attend the Idaho Wool Growers' convention. After leaving Portland the party will return via San Francisco, the Santa Fe and the Grand Canyon to Pueblo, whence a change of cars will bear them to Denver to attend the National Live Stock show.

CONFERENCE ON CITY GAS BILL

City Dads and Representatives of the Gas Company to Meet Next Week.

Representatives of the Omaha Gas company and the lighting committee of the city council will meet next Thursday and go over the preliminary discussion of the gas company's street lamp bill of \$275,000. Assistant City Attorney Dunn and Gas Commissioner Crowley will be there to advise the city.

There is a general opinion among the city officials, expressed but frequently hinted at, that the bill will never be settled without further litigation. The city councilmen are shy about deciding such a huge proposition and are anxious to fob the responsibility onto the courts.

Desperate Shooting pains in the chest require quick treatment with Dr. King's New Discovery. Prevents pneumonia, flu and H. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

BRANDEIS STORES Great Clearing Sale

Great Clearing Sales of MUSSED Handkerchiefs

Before Christmas, they sold at 25c, 35c and 50c each—Saturday at each, 12 1/2c

Women's and men's all pure Irish linen hemstitched handkerchiefs—plain hems, some with initials, fine Swiss embroidered—also embroidered all linen, all pure linen hand embroidered initials, in fancy folding boxes. They are worth up to 50c each. Many are mussed from handling during the Christmas rush—large bargain square, at, each—

12 1/2c

EMBROIDERIES

MANY WORTH UP TO 25c yard, at 7 1/2c yard

Fine Swiss, Nainsook and Cambrie, medium and wide embroidery edgings, bands, insertions, beadings and galloons—net, open work designs—excellent needlework—many worth up to 25c a yard. The window display has attracted great attention—big bargain square at, yard, 7 1/2c

Clearing Sale of Hosiery

Women's fine imported cotton and lisle hosiery, mercerized and dull finished lisle, fancy embroidered and laces; light colors, black and tan—spliced soles, double heels and toes—at, pair, 25c

Women's, men's and children's fine cotton hosiery, embroidered, heel and toe patterns, etc., full fashioned, regular and fur sizes, fleeced and cashmere children's fine and heavy ribbed school hose, 15c

Men's fine Cotton and Mercerized Lisle Finished Hosiery, fancy embroidered and clocks, also split soles, double heels and toes, at, per pair, 12 1/2c

Women's Fleece Lined Undervests and Pants Regular and extra sizes—very good quality pure white—special for Saturday at, each, 39c

Children's, Boys' and Girl's Vests, Pants and Drawers Extra heavy and medium weights, all sizes—special for Saturday at, each, 19c

IN CUT FLOWER DEPT.—Main Floor Just received a lot of beautiful Japanese air plant baskets; makes a fine table fern dish—regular price \$1.00—59c Saturday at, 25c Loose Air Plant, at 15c per bunch; two for, 25c

Holiday Stationery at 1/2 Price The boxes of Christmas Stationery that have become more or less damaged at half price.

BOOKS at HALF PRICE An After-Christmas Sale of Books damaged during our great holiday book selling, will go at half price; on special bargain tables at, each, 15c, 25c, 48c and up

BRANDEIS STORES

Bandit Bounty Case Up Before Munger

Arguments in Union Pacific Robbery Award Controversy in Progress in Federal Court.

Further argument in the Union Pacific robbery reward case was heard Friday morning before Judge T. C. Munger of the United States district court. The controversy this time is over the petition of intervention filed by Elizabeth T. Hayes, principal of Brown Park school. South Omaha, for the purpose of settling the demurrer to the petition filed by the Union Pacific. Miss Hayes is one of several persons claiming reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the five highwaymen who held up a Union Pacific train near South Omaha more than a year ago. Three of the robbers were sentenced to life imprisonment. Two, Mathews and Shelton, appealed.

Miss Hayes is asking for \$30,000 of the \$25,000 reward offered by the railroad. Several detectives and others are claiming the reward. The Union Pacific railroad filed a bill as interpleader to force the claimants to settle the matter among them, to which a demurrer was asked and granted. Miss Hayes was represented at the hearing Friday morning by Attorney James Kinair. Judge Munger took the case under advisement.

Judge T. C. Munger arrived in Omaha from Lincoln Friday morning and will return Friday afternoon after deciding some routine court matters.

AFRAID OF THE HOME FOLKS

Newly Weds from Audubon, Ia., Fear the Show of Rice Snow to Come.

Because, they said, they did not want to be showered with rice, Robert W. Raebel and Esther White, of Audubon, Ia., came to Omaha to be married. This dread of the nutritious but soiled and uncomfortable vegetable, also inspired them to exert considerable strategy, so that Audubon people should not learn of their departure and give them a pre-nuptial shower. The groom heroically banished

himself to the smoking car and the bride sat bravely alone in the chair car. They were married at the parsonage of the First Methodist church by Rev. Frank Lynch and returned to Audubon.

THE GUARANTEE CLOTHING COMPANY 1519-21 DOUGLAS ST. CLEARING SALE Men's Suits and Cravenettes \$7.50 Men's & Young Men's Pants \$1.65 Extra Special Saturday Only Men's Sweater Coats, \$1.00 Values—25c

Courtney's Omaha's Pure Food Center A Few Suggestions for the New Year's Dinner: Fancy Layer Raisins, Mixed Nuts and Home Made Candies, Sweet Apple Cider, Oranges, Tangerines, very fine Grape Fruit, a few very fancy Apples, Wine Saps, Roman Beauties, Arkansas Blacks, etc.; Butter Nuts, Black Walnuts, English Walnuts, Jumbo Pecans, Fancy Candies and Candle Shades; Mince Meat Plum Pudding, Sautéed and Shelled Nuts.

Stop! -- Think! One death in every ten in your locality is caused by Tuberculosis. You can help stamp out this disease. How? Use Red Cross Christmas Seals on your Holiday Letters and Packages. Cost—One Cent Each. Anyone may sell them. Everyone should buy them. Distributing headquarters for Nebraska: 807 Brandeis. Phone Tyler 1687. ADDRESS TUBERCULOSIS SECRETARY.

Here's LIQUID JOY Luxus THE BEER YOU LIKE HAVE A CASE SENT HOME CONSUMERS' DISTRIBUTOR JOHN NITTLER 3224 So. 24th Street Drexel's Boys' School Shoes Healthy boys make strong men. If you want to keep the boy healthy, keep the boy's feet warm and dry. You don't do this with ordinary boys' shoes. Get the kind that wear that the boy can't wear out in a week or two. Our boys' shoes will wear twice as long as the ordinary boys' shoes and we guarantee them, too. They cost a little more—but the value is far greater than the difference in price. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2 \$2.00 Sizes 10 1/2 to 13 1/2 \$1.75 Parlor Base Ball for the Boys. One game free at Drexel's with each purchase of Children's Shoes. DREXEL 1419 Farnam Street. TWENTIETH CENTURY FARMER ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

Ladies Attention! Tomorrow, Dec. 31, is the Last Day of the Great Fur Auction It's to your advantage to come in and see the remarkable values in Furs which are almost being given away. Fur Scarfs and Muffs have auctioned off as low as 25c. Fur Sets have auctioned off as low as \$1.00. Fur Coats have been auctioned off as low as \$5.00. Fur Lined Coats have been auctioned off as low as \$8.00. Men—This is also your opportunity. Fur Caps have been auctioned off as low as \$1.00. Fur Collars have been auctioned off as low as \$1.50. Fur Coats have been auctioned off as low as \$5.00. Fur Lined Coats have been auctioned off as low as \$8.00. Remember—Tomorrow, December 31st, is the last day. Tomorrow the auction will start at 10 A. M. and will continue until 10 P. M. 204 North Sixteenth Street Alaska Fur Mfg. Co. RECEIVERS' ASSISTANTS

Hayden's Meat Dept. Last Call for This Year Martin Reum, manager Meat Dept., says the prices are still down. Geese 12 1/2c Chickens 11 1/2c Pork Roast 10c Pork Chops 12 1/2c Hindquarters Mutton 6c Forequarters Mutton 5c Pot Roast, 8c, 7c and 6c Round Steak 12 1/2c Chuck Steak, 3 lbs. for 25c No. 1 Bacon 17 1/2c Picnic Hams 11 1/2c DON'T FORGET TRY HAYDEN'S FIRST IT PAYS

Take home a bottle of liquor for your New Year's Celebration. Maryland Rye Whisky, 6 years old, per full quart bottle, 75c; per gallon \$2.50 Tennessee White Corn Whisky (Moonshine), per full quart, 75c; per gallon \$2.50 8-year-old Kentucky Whisky, per full quart, \$1.00; gallon, \$3.00 Most any standard brand bottled in bond whisky, per full quart bottle \$1.00 WINES California, Port, Sherry, Reising, per quart bottle, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c California Claret, per quart, 25c, 35c, and 50c; gallon, 75c, \$1.00 White Tokay Wine, very fine, per quart bottle, .50c Imported German Champagne, pint bottle, \$1.00; per quart, \$2.00 Madeira, Muscatel, Sherry, Port, Tokay Wines, imported from Spain, per quart bottle, \$1; pint, .55c Home Made Wine, per gallon \$1.00 Telephone your order and we will deliver it. CACKLEY BROS. WINE MERCHANTS 121 North 16th St., Opposite Postoffice Both 'Phones.

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