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RAIL COMMISSION DIVIDES

Members Do Not All Agree on Bonds for Funding Debts.

DECIDE NEBRASKA CITY CASE

Clarke and Winnett Favor Proposed Plan While Hall Objects—More Expense Accounts Filed for Primary Campaign.

LINCOLN, April 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The railway commission divided this afternoon, two to one, on the question of the stock and bond issue of the Nebraska Gas company. The majority, Clarke and Winnett, voted to permit the issue and Hall voted against it. The question has been before the board for some time and Commissioner Clarke for the majority filed a written opinion. Hall will file his dissenting opinion later. The commission voted to validate the \$40,000 stock issue of September 21, 1909, and to permit the issuance of bonds amounting to \$7,168,500, this being the amount of money which the owners assert they have put into the plant since they acquired it. The commission further ordered that the bonds must not be sold at less than 90 per cent face value, and further, that no dividends can be paid on stock until the commission is satisfied that the physical value of the property is equal to the capitalization and the earnings sufficient to pay for upkeep and depreciation in addition to dividends.

Where Members Differ.

The line is sharply drawn in commission and bond issue, the majority holding it has no discretion in authorizing a bond issue to fund debts, under the reading of the Nebraska law. Commissioner Hall holds it is both the law and the duty of the commission to see that the physical value of the property bonded is equal to the face of the bonds, that its authorization may be a guarantee to the investor that he has property security for his money invested in the bond. There is no disagreement on this point in the case of a new corporation or for bonds issued for prospective improvements, but the majority holds that the rule, under the law, does not apply to funding of debts, which is simply changing the form of indebtedness and not creating a new debt.

This difference between the commissioners has cropped out in several instances heretofore, but the present case is the most pointed and for this reason both views are to be set out in a formal opinion to be filed with the commission records.

More Expense Accounts.

A number of candidates filed expense accounts this afternoon, among them all the candidates for governor. R. L. Metcalf tops the list of expenditures, but is well within the limit prescribed by law. He says he expended \$635.83, while the legal limit is \$650. Jesse Newton, republican, expended \$28.18, Governor Adrich \$10, the filing fee and Nathan Wynn, prohibition, the same. W. E. Sellner, republican for congress in the First district, expended \$14.18, which according to the vote cast for congress two years ago is \$148 above the limit, but if the total number of voters in the district at the 1909 election is taken as the basis, it is under the limit.

PROMINENT BLAIR CITIZEN DROPS DEAD

BLAIR, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—Chris Schmidt, sr., father of Chris Schmidt, president of the Blair National bank, was found dead in a field at his home farm, about five miles south of Blair, on Wednesday a little before noon. He had started out with a manure spreader loaded and is supposed to have fallen from the seat accidentally or from a paralytic stroke. He fell so the wagon passed over him, but the wheels missed him, the horses going but a few feet and stopping. A neighbor who was plowing near spoke to him a short time before and found him a few minutes after. Mr. Schmidt came to Blair in 1872 and worked for the Crowell Grain and Lumber company until twenty years ago, when he moved to his farm. He leaves his widow and four sons—Otto of St. Louis, Emil of Denver, Carl at the home and Chris of Blair. He was 70 years of age and had always enjoyed the best of health. The funeral will be from the home Friday at 1 o'clock.

NEWS FROM BEATRICE AND GAGE COUNTY

BEATRICE, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The little son of J. H. Davis of Glenover was attacked and bitten in the leg yesterday by a mad dog. An ugly gash about three inches long was inflicted just above the knee joint. The dog was killed and the head will be sent to the Pasteur Institute at Chicago for examination. The wound was cauterized and the attending physician anticipates no further trouble. The mad dogs were killed in that part of town a few weeks ago.

Joseph Murray, a civil war veteran and a resident of Beatrice for twenty-one years, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. D. Davis, aged 79 years. He is survived by his widow and five children.

John Collett and Miss Edna S. Crosby, both of this city, were married at Lincoln yesterday. Mr. Collett is employed with the Adams Express company here.

C. A. Johnson, an old resident of De Witt, passed away at his home at that place yesterday, aged 88 years. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

Mrs. Frank Wilton of West Beatrice died suddenly last evening on the yard while feeding her chickens. She leaves a family of six children, all grown.

The officers of the Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association and the local druggists held a meeting here last evening and arranged a program for the annual convention of druggists to be held in Beatrice June 11, 12 and 13.

SUPERIOR ODD FELLOWS DEDICATE NEW HALL TODAY

SUPERIOR, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The Odd Fellows of Superior will celebrate the ninety-third anniversary tomorrow of the organization of Odd Fellowship in America by dedicating here a new hall to be the home of Valley lodge No. 57.

The new building will be one of the prominent structures of Superior. It is a two-story building and cost \$12,500 exclusive of furnishings.

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Central Nebraska League Organized

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—That Central City will have a real league ball team this year seems now to be practically assured. The meeting was held last Friday in this city and was attended by representatives from St. Paul, Greeley, Stromsburg and Aurora. The representative from Osceola was unable to be present, but a phone message was received stating that Osceola was anxious to enter the league and that they would agree to any reasonable proposition.

The league was duly organized to embrace the towns of St. Paul, Greeley, Central City, Stromsburg, Osceola and Aurora and the name of the "Central Nebraska Base Ball League" was adopted. A temporary organization was perfected with M. G. Souder of Central City as president and John L. Sauls of Aurora as secretary. The following temporary directors were chosen: St. Paul, J. F. Webster; Stromsburg, William Ratterman; Greeley, John O'Malley; Osceola, R. G. Douglas; Aurora, Fred Jeffers; Central City, O. D. Burke.

FIRST BRICK CHURCH IN ASHLAND IS DISMANTLED

ASHLAND, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—With the completion of the dismantling of the brick Baptist church building at Fourth and Dey streets, which has been under way for several days, is removed the first church edifice erected in this place, which at the time it was erected was one of the finest in the state for a town the size of Ashland. The Baptist church society was organized here July 5, 1860, at the residence of Dennis Dean, a pioneer who came here several years before. The charter members were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dean, William Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arnold, Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Nancy Barnhill and Mrs. Laura Brush. All are deceased except Mrs. Joseph Arnold of Chicago, whose son, Blon J. Arnold, is the noted Chicago electrician. Rev. T. A. Miller, the first pastor for the Baptists here, had in charge the building of the brick structure which has just been razed and James H. Snell, for many years engaged in flour milling here, now retired, had the contract for furnishing the brick, the building being completed in the fall of 1871 and dedicated in 1872, being erected at a cost of over \$4,000. Church services had not been held for several years in the brick building, the organization of the First Baptist church having been merged with the Immanuel Baptist church and services conducted in the church building erected by the later on Silver street.

GRAND ISLAND MINISTER GRADUATES

GRAND ISLAND, Ill., April 25.—(Special Telegram.)—R. T. Fish of Grand Island, Neb., graduated yesterday from Garrett Biblical Institute with bachelor of divinity degree.

Two Good Indians Robbed by Woman

John Hit-Em-Up Buckman, a full-blooded Winnebago Indian, does not like the color scheme in the landscape in the vicinity of Ninth and Dodge streets. Neither does Daniel Slaughter, another Indian, who is not so bloodthirsty as his name would lead one to believe. John Hit-Em-Up and Slaughter were seeing the sights in the old tendorin district last night when they became acquainted with Miss Bulah Taylor, who, to say the least, is an entertaining if not really handsome young colored lady. When they parted company, Mr. Hit-Em-Up was loser by \$20, which he told the police had been extracted from his pocket. At midnight Detectives Helfield and Murphy arrested Miss Taylor, who indignantly denied that she would rob a good Indian. The affair will be threshed out in police court today.

Omaha Woman's Club Nineteen Years Old

The Omaha Woman's club's nineteenth anniversary was observed in the club rooms at the Metropolitan building. The art department of the club, of which Mrs. W. H. Hancock is leader, had charge of the celebration, the chief feature of which was a delightful talk on "The London Art Galleries," by Miss Sara Hayden, head of the art department in the University of Nebraska. Mrs. F. N. Hess sang and Mrs. U. L. Keefe of Walthill, Neb., of the art committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke on federation work.

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SEVEN SALOON LICENSES AT HASTINGS HELD UP

HASTINGS, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The Hastings city council has allowed seven applications for liquor licenses and in each case issuance of license has been held up on appeal of the remonstrator, U. S. Rohrer, to the district court. Three more cases are to be considered and Rohrer is expected to appeal each one. Two saloons have been licensed to open May 1, but the others can not open until they have secured favorable decision in the district court, the next term of which will begin May 6. All old licenses expired April 3, and under a law enacted by the last legislature the new licenses do not become effective until May 1.

CALLAWAY DAIRYMAN IS UNDER ARREST

BROKEN BOW, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—At the instance of Deputy Commissioner Miles P. Hanson of Lincoln, County Attorney Beal today issued a complaint against Joe McClure, a dairyman of Callaway, charging him with violating the pure food law by selling illegal milk. Samples of the milk sold by McClure were taken some time ago by Inspector Harnly, and when analysis was made at Lincoln the fluid was found to contain only 24 per cent of butter fat. McClure will be brought to Broken Bow for trial on Thursday.

Hall Legislative Results.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—It will require the official count of the three counties to decide whether ex-representative R. H. West of Wood River or Frank Harwood of Greeley has received the democratic nomination for senator for this district embracing Hall, Howard and Greeley counties. The republican nomination went to Edward Williams of this city, until recently deputy state fire warden. For representatives the democrats have chosen Mr. O'Malley, a well-known young farmer of Alda, and Dr. Kelley of Alda. The republican nominees are F. H. Stusser of this city and M. J. Weldon of Wood River.

New School House for Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The Hastings Board of Education has accepted architectural plans for additions to two school buildings, the estimated cost of both being \$32,000. Plans are being prepared for a new building to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Battle on Between Bond Companies After Saloon Business.

PRICE LIKELY TO BE CUT DOWN

Story of Reformation Will Be Told in Portrayal of Historic Characters at High School Auditorium Under Church Auspices.

Those who say they have first-hand knowledge maintain that there is a spirited battle on between the several bonding companies who are seeking to get the business of the saloonmen of the city. It is understood that there are three companies in the field. At first it was given out that the saloonmen's bond would cost \$150 together with the indemnity bond.

Now it is asserted that the whole face of the matter is changed and the saloonmen will get the best of the bargain because of the dispute between those who are anxious to get the bond business of the saloonmen. From \$150 it is said the price of the bond has come down to \$75, with the betting in favor of another fall to \$50.

There are yet a few days in which to settle the dispute, before the Fire and Police board will be called upon to decide the dispute.

Story of Reformation.

Over 100 people will participate in the portrayal of the historic characters of John Knox and Mary, Queen of Scots, which will be held tonight at the High school auditorium under the auspices of St. Luke's Lutheran church.

The play purports to be the story of the Scottish reformation and the actors have labored long and earnestly to bring out the fine points of the different characters out of whose lives historians and romancers have built such wonderful life stories.

Besides the actual history of the play which will be worked out in the plot the story will be increased in effectiveness by some eighty odd stereopticon views which will assist the audience to a fuller understanding of the life and times of Queen Mary and John Knox. The doors will open at 8 o'clock this evening. The principal characters of the play will be:

"Tallying of the Clans," chorus of 100. Story of Mary, Queen of Scots. Scene of Puritans and Students, twenty-five men. Story and views.

Scene, John Knox interviewed at the court of Mary, Queen of Scots; 100 participants. Scene of Queen Mary's execution. Closing march, all participating.

Burial of Mrs. Francis.

Followed by a large concourse of friends and relatives the body of Mrs. Jennie Francis, one of the most beloved women of this city, was taken to Prospect Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon for burial. The services were held at the late residence of the deceased, 825 North Twenty-second street. Rev. Dr. R. L. Wheeler and Rev. James M. Bothwell presided at the house and grave.

The speakers in eulogizing the Christian life of the dead woman recalled her pious practice of keeping an open Bible before her every day. Mrs. Francis was known for her amiable and charitable disposition.

New Vaudeville House.

H. C. Wright, a theatrical operator of Chicago, has leased the Richey building on Twenty-fourth street and after a thorough remodeling will convert the place into a modern vaudeville house with a capacity of 1,000 people.

Together with Mr. Wright there are Omaha capitalists interested in the venture, which will be made one of the most complete of its kind in the city.

The new house will be made thoroughly fireproof and six exits have been arranged for. Besides the vaudeville feature there will also be the daily exhibition of new moving pictures.

Constable P. C. Caldwell was yesterday appointed agent of the National Personal Rights league, which acts as a censor on moving picture shows and child hiring institutions.

The league has its headquarters in Chicago and has agents and commissioned representatives throughout the country. It is the business of the agents to exercise a supervision over all the pictures and performances in theaters.

Magie City Gossip.

Mrs. Dr. A. A. Oaks and daughter Beatrice of Hastings, Neb., are visiting with Mrs. Oaks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mayfield.

John Hinchey will return home Saturday after a two weeks' stay at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Pennant lodge No. 225, Woodman of the World, will hold a meeting tonight at 243 N. street.

Pennant lodge No. 286, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will hold a meeting this evening at 234 N. street.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Lefler Memorial church will serve dinner at noon today at the Miller restaurant, Twenty-sixth and O streets.

The third grade students, under the di-

rection of Misses Gertrude Holmes and Mary Sheehy, will present "Hiawatha" at the Jungmann school Friday afternoon.

Chester Dudley, an employee of a cattle dealer at the Union Stock yards, was arrested yesterday for an alleged assault upon Louis Strickler, another employe. The police claim the trouble arose over the placing of some cattle.

We wish to sincerely thank our neighbors and friends for their deeds of kindness, tender words of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings before and after the death of our beloved wife and mother, S. W. Francis, M. H. Francis, Mrs. Alma May Foote, George S. Francis.

Miss Gordon Makes Her Debut as Reader in "The Melting Pot"

That America is the crucible which is to cause both Jews and Gentiles to lose customs, creeds, prejudices and desires and become Americans, excited and uniting their efforts toward the upbuilding of a great kingdom of God, is what Israel Zangwill, the Jewish dramatist, expressed in his powerful play, "The Melting Pot."

Last night at Temple Israel Miss Jennie Gordon, an Omaha girl, made her debut as a dramatic reader with this play.

The reading was under the auspices of the Young Men's Hebrew association, and it was also the first public entertainment given by that organization. The church was filled with a most representative audience. Members of practically every denomination in Omaha were present.

The ideal held by Zangwill that America is the crucible, or melting pot, through which all nations will become reconciled to God's command of "love ye one another," is expressed by David Quixano, a violinist. His parents were massacred at Kishineff, in Russia, and following their death he comes to New York. There he meets and falls in love with Vera Revendal, daughter of Baron Ravendal, a Russian nobleman, who hates the word of Jew. The racial distinction is brought to bear upon the young couple and the brilliant speeches which Quixano explains his views about the melting pot and the inconsistency of developing hatred for one race, instead of love for all races, was beautifully brought out by Miss Gordon. She possesses a good voice, pleasing personality, besides an intimate knowledge of Zangwill and the characters in his play.

Miss Gordon expects to make her debut upon the chautauque circuits this fall, and her reading from "The Melting Pot" will be in her repertoire.

Henry Cox, violinist, opened the program. Walter E. Graham sang a baritone solo.

Investigate Killing of Constable Woods

The inquest over the body of J. A. Woods, constable, killed Tuesday by Sebastian Puglisi, a Sicilian, will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Coroner W. C. Crosby.

The funeral of Woods will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home, 2222 North Eighteenth street, interment in Forest Lawn cemetery. The arrangements for the funeral are not completed.

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The Midwest Life is now offering the new policies which the officers have been perfecting for the past two years. One series provides that in case of accidental death the company will pay double the face amount of the policy. The same series also has a provision that in case the insured becomes totally and permanently disabled no further premiums are payable. Another series has the latter benefit only. Still another has neither benefit. The premiums on this last series are quite low. For instance, a \$5,000 life policy costs \$28.30 at age 30. An ordinary life policy at the same age only \$18.84.

The policies are written in plain English with no hidden meanings. They represent the best there is in modern life insurance. We would be pleased to answer any inquiries from those intending to buy insurance or from any one who would be interested in selling these policies. Call or write.

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For further particulars as to prices ask any dealer in electric supplies.

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Fortune or success have often come through a little want ad.

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Post Tavern Special

—Just as good as any chef.

—This delicious breakfast porridge—first served at the Post Tavern in Battle Creek—is now sold by grocers for family use.

Post Tavern Special is a delicate, rich blend of choice wheat, corn and rice, creating a new and winsome flavor.

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Women's Misses' Suits

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Hundreds and hundreds of high class suits will be sold Saturday at about half of their actual worth. All the new materials, colors, styles—in all sizes—are included.

Watch Friday Evening Papers for more particulars. See our window display.

\$10 \$15 \$20

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9 O'clock School Shoes



Little Girls Will Jump Rope

You can't stop them. It's hard on the shoes, and hard on the parents' purses. You'll find that

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will stand rope jumping and other severe strains better than any other children's shoes made. The superior process of sewing, the extended vamp under the tip, and the high quality of the leather used makes 9 O'clock School Shoes the ideal shoes for the children and the most economical for the parents.

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Haydens Saturday Greatest Underwear Sale Ever Held

We bought over five thousand dozen Ladies', Men's and Children's fine Knit Underwear—vests and pants, shirts and drawers; union suits in hibernian, hile thread, mercerized cotton all the best underwear made. Surplus stock of manufacturers, on account of the late season, sold to us at 50c on the dollar, and we will sell all this fine underwear the same way. Watch for the greatest bargains we have ever offered in Saturday sales

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