

## CITY TAKES THE ELECTRIC PLANT

Electric Light Plant, Almost Quarter of a Century Privately Owned, Is Sold to the City.

CITY AGREES TO PAY \$28,000.00

City Will Co-Operate With Club and Mayor Laub Appointed to Act As One of the Judges.

Denison is on the eve of trying the experiment of municipal ownership. On Friday the electric light plant which for almost a quarter of a century has been operated as a private plant will be taken over by the city and in the future will be under the management of the city. The date for taking over the plant is fixed in the contract which was made with the city in December and the one on file when the vote was taken to purchase the plant, and it provided that the plant shall be turned over to the city and the price as fixed by the arbitrators paid within thirty days after the report of the arbitrators is made.

The report of the arbitrators was received in Denison on March 24th and the time for settlement therefore came the middle of last week. When the time for settlement came the company appeared before the city council at its meeting on Wednesday evening and made a written tender of the plant to the city and demanded payment of the price, which was refused. It was the first time in the history of Denison that the city ever repudiated its agreement and it is perhaps unfortunate for it that it did so on this occasion.

The contract between the city and the electric light company which was entered into fairly on the 12th of December last at the time when the city was proceeding to submit the question of municipal ownership and the purchase of the plant, provided that if the vote of the people favored municipal ownership and the purchase of the plant, that the price of the plant should be arrived at by the city selecting one arbitrator and the electric light company another, and if unable to agree the two thus selected to select a third.

After the vote was taken, which was almost unanimously in favor of taking over the plant, the city promptly appointed the arbitrator and in due time the company did the same, and the two being unable to agree on the price of the plant, the third arbitrator was selected by the two previously chosen. The three parties thus selected to ascertain the value of the plant spent

considerable time in making an inventory and arriving at the value of the same, and while the three arbitrators did not join in the report a majority of them did, which made the final legal according to the contract which had been entered into.

The value of the plant as found by the arbitrators was \$31,000, which the members of the council regarded as excessive and for that reason said the agreement should be repudiated. They offered as an excuse that they thought they had exceeded their authority in entering into the contract in December, but in taking this position they ignored the ratification of the contract by the vote of the people.

We think perhaps the council would have objected less to the amount of the award and would have been more willing to abide by the agreement and to settle with the company according to the amount found by the arbitrators, but for the fact that Professor Hill, the city's arbitrator, rushed to Denison as soon as the report was made and, if reports are true, agitated against the city accepting the report of the arbitrators and paying the amount found by that body to be the value of the plant. We think it would have been better form if he had made his showing with the arbitrators and filed his minority report for public inspection, showing his inability to agree with the majority and to have let the matter drop at that rather than to have come here in the spirit he did. Professor Hill may be qualified to give legal opinions as to the construction to be given a contract, but we think perhaps it would have been as well to have left the question of the construction of the contract to the legal department.

When it became evident that litigation was liable to ensue neither the owners of the plant nor the city council relished the thought of rushing into court and exhausting the resources of the city as well as the plant in interminable litigation. A committee appointed by the council met the members of the electric light plant and in a friendly way matters were talked over and later a meeting was held between the representatives of the electric light plant and the city council as a body and it was remarkable to discover that when the choice between a lawsuit and a settlement was up how apparently reasonable all parties could become.

## BUSINESS MEN ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. A. R. Pardington, Secretary of Lincoln Highway Association, and State Consul Coan Here

MR. SWEENEY, OF CARROLL

Mr. Pardington Delivers Strong Address at Luncheon Given by Business Men at Hotel Denison.

Saturday was a red letter day for good roads construction in this locality. A luncheon was tendered Mr. A. R. Pardington, of Detroit, Mich., secretary and vice-president of the Lincoln Highway Association, and W. F. Coan, of Clinton, Iowa, state consul for Iowa, and a number of representative citizens attended the luncheon, which was held at the Hotel Denison. There were perhaps thirty or more of the business men of Denison who enjoyed the luncheon at the hotel and had the pleasure of meeting these two representative citizens who are backing the Lincoln Highway Association, and who are well selected for this important work. The affair was a most enjoyable one, and J. V. Barborka added greatly to the occasion by rendering several harp selections, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

After the luncheon at the hotel a large number of the business men repaired to the Commercial club room, where for two hours they listened to speeches by the distinguished visitors. Mr. Sweeney, of Carroll, president of the Commercial club at that place, was selected to preside at the meeting and introduced the two distinguished visitors. Mr. Coan, of Clinton, is a banker, a representative citizen of Clinton county, and has given much time toward the Lincoln highway and had much to do with having the transcontinental line adopted as the Lincoln highway through Iowa. Mr. Coan addressed the meeting and gave a brief history of the organization of the Transcontinental route through Iowa and how states to the east and west of us hooked onto this route until it was finally established from coast to coast and a greater portion of it was marked with the official transcontinental marking. Mr. Coan spoke highly of W. C. Rollins, secretary of the Transcontinental route through Iowa, who has done much to bring the route to its present high standard.

Mr. Coan told of his visits to different points in Illinois and after considerable effort established the Illinois Transcontinental route and later that in Nebraska. He dwelt at length on the efforts that are being made by

the River to River road boosters across southern Iowa, and thought that route would compete for the transcontinental travel across Iowa. Many thousands of dollars have been raised by citizens living on this River to River road and they expect to make it one of the best highways across the state. Mr. Coan advised that the death dealing crossing near the McHenry farm be done away with if possible and if necessary to run the road directly west on Broadway and join the highway at the Belle farm. In all the route across Iowa there are only two bad crossings, the one at the McHenry farm and one at Glidden, where a party of five were killed last year. He thought that arrangements could be made to run the road north of the tracks from the sand pit and thus eliminate these two crossings.

Mr. A. R. Pardington delivered the principal address and talked most interestingly about the history of the Lincoln highway and the manner in which the road it follows came to be adopted. It was no lottery scheme that selected the route which has been adopted as the Lincoln highway, but it was the result of patient study and effort on the part of the men who head the association. Mr. Pardington was able to give an intelligent reason for the selection of almost every mile of the highway. He referred frequently to a wall map hung in the Commercial club room, showing in detail the path across the continent of the great memorial highway. As adopted the present route is the shortest and most direct from New York City to San Francisco and the speaker said that it is the longest continuous thoroughfare in the world.

When one comes to consider that it means a thoroughfare direct from New York City to San Francisco and that for centuries to come it will remain such a thoroughfare, it is not difficult to grasp the importance of the work in which these distinguished men are engaged. Every hotel, every mercantile establishment and the thousands of garages located along this great highway will find substantial support from the travel of thousands of people who will pass over this route during the year. A lemonade and ice cream stand at any point of the road, whether in town or in the country, will be patronized on account of the travel upon the highway. Mr. Pardington urged that a hard surface of permanent character was desired by the association. It is his opinion that a gravel road well built would be adequate for the hardest travel of either horse drawn or motor driven vehicles. It is a combination of the alternating forces of steel pad hoofs and rapidly driven tires with their great suction that brings about the destruction of all ordinary roads.

## OPERA HOUSE IS NEARLY READY

Was Thrown Open for Inspection on Saturday Evening and Hundreds of People Admitted.

FINISHING WORK COMPLETED

Workmen Now Busy Getting Ready for the New Cement Walks—Massive Electroliners.

The new opera house was thrown open for inspection Saturday evening and several hundred people had the pleasure of seeing the handsome new building. Practically all the electric fixtures are in place and all of the lights were turned on, which lighted the large auditorium in the best possible manner. Manager Krauth exhibited the scenery and everyone was delighted with the numerous scenes and stage settings.

John Kott, who has had the contract for decorating the new building, has about completed the work and expects to have it finished by the last of the week. The color scheme, as carried out, is pleasing indeed and we are surprised that it could be done in so short a time.

Practically all of the finishing work has been completed and as soon as the seats are put in place the building will be about ready for occupancy. Manager Krauth has not decided just when the new theater will be opened, nor has he made a selection of a play for opening night. We understand that it may be possible to secure Nat Goodwin and last week we received word that it might be possible to book the comic opera "September Morn." It may be difficult to secure a first class company to come to Denison when the opera house is ready for opening as many of the good shows have disbanded already for the summer months.

Workmen are now engaged in tearing up the old cement walk around the opera house building and getting things in shape for the new walks. The massive electroliners have been purchased, which will be installed in front of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cole left Sunday evening for Chicago, where they were called on account of the serious illness of her sister, Miss Nellie Kelly. They received the telegram Sunday morning from Chicago, stating that Miss Kelly was suffering with a bad attack of appendicitis and other complications and that an operation would have to be resorted to.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

Matter of Paving Business Section Will Occupy Attention of Club at Friday Night Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club will be held on Friday evening of this week and much important business will come up for consideration. The matter of a permanent athletic field for Denison will be discussed and plans made for its building.

The matter of paving eighteen blocks in the business section of Denison will occupy the attention of the club. Inasmuch as a majority of property owners on the streets proposed to be paved are in favor of the proposition, it is probable that the Commercial club will endorse the petition which was submitted to the council Tuesday of last week. The business men feel that Denison should make this improvement and that with the many new buildings it would only be fitting that a goodly amount of paving should be done during the year.

It is hoped that every member of the club will be in attendance at the meeting Friday evening and take an active part in the proceedings.

## SEVERE STORM AT SCHLESWIG

Small Twister Moves Residence From Its Foundation During Storm—Furniture Badly Damaged.

Schleswig, April 27—(Special to Review)—A severe storm visited this place on Sunday and considerable damage was done by the high wind which assumed grave proportions at one time.

A small twister, not unlike a cyclone, passed over the south part of town and caused considerable damage in its path. While seemingly of no consequence it carried sufficient force to move a cottage occupied by Henry Wittmach from its foundation. Furniture in the house was tossed about, causing considerable damage. Outbuildings and trees were slightly damaged in the path of the storm.

Frank Connelly, who has been employed at the Bulletin office as ad compositor, has resigned his position and will leave the latter part of the week for his home at Carroll. Mr. Connelly is an expert compositor, but finds that indoor work is too confining and expects to take a vacation of several months.

Mr. Julius Bamberg has resigned his position at the Lamborn drug store and will leave on Friday of this week for Sioux City. We understand he has a position in a town near Sioux City.

## CONTEST FOR BETTER LAWS

The Current Events Club Starts a Movement for Better Lawns, Parkings and Alleys.

THEY WILL OFFER GOOD PRIZES

City Will Co-Operate With Club and Mayor Laub Appointed to Act As One of the Judges.

The Current Events club have arranged for a contest which it is hoped will bring about better care of the lawns, parkings and alleys of our city. The club has been working for some time on a plan to bring about better conditions along this line and it was only after a thorough investigation of study of plans used by larger cities that the contest was decided upon.

The entire city will be considered in the awarding of the prizes and a set of judges will have the matter in charge and decide late in the summer whose premises have been most improved. The committee will consist of one member of the city council, one member of the Current Events club, and the third judge will be secured from away. This is a move in the right direction and we trust that all of our citizens will enter heartily into the spirit of the contest and that there will be a lively interest in the beautifying of Denison.

Below we print the proposition which is made by the Current Events club.

"1st. That the prize be some article for lawn decoration or utility. (This is so that the gift may be suited to the particular person to whom it is awarded.)

"2d. That every resident of Denison may enter the contest and that the prize be awarded to the resident whose property shows the greatest improvement and care; the best kept lawn and parking, the neatest garden, the nicest flowers and the most sanitary and best kept alley.

"3d. That this plan be presented to the city council and their cooperation solicited."

We understand that the council is in hearty sympathy with the foregoing proposition and anxious to see it made a big success.

Attorney Jacob Sims spent several days in Des Moines the fore part of the week on legal business. While at Des Moines he went over to Iowa City to visit his children, James and Katherine, who are students at the State university.

## Our Prompt and Intelligent Service Has Shown Results by Ever Increasing Business in All Departments



For This Week We Are Showing Advanced Styles in Dresses

For early summer wear made up in the voiles, tresses and gingham. 25 high grade voile dresses for graduation, sizes 14 to 36. These are all made up in the voile skirt and waist with an underlay of net, all trimmed with a satin edge trim. The skirt is shown in the pointed side here in the pinks, blues and all new colors shown for summer wear. Priced at \$9.85, \$13.50 and \$14.65. 100 ladies' high grade gingham dresses. This is one of the most complete lines of dresses we have ever shown off the floor for summer wear. We positively guarantee style, comfort, wear and fit. All new styles will be shown in this lot, priced at \$5.69, \$3.98, \$4.50 and up. 100 children's gingham and percale wash dresses are offered this week at a substantial saving. You will find dresses in this lot that could easily be retailed at \$1.50, but as it has always been our policy to sell merchandise at a saving to yourself we offer the entire lot at 69c, 95c and \$1.33 each.

### Dainty Muslin Wear Priced for This Week at Substantial Savings

50 night gowns made up in a high grade muslin, designed with a V yoke, and edged with a dainty embroidery edge, run with ribbon. This is a value that we could easily sell for 75c, priced at 49c each. 25 high grade gowns made up in extra quality muslin with a hand embroidered front. This gown is trimmed with Irish lace trimming and run with a dainty white ribbon. This is a garment that we could get at least \$1.50 for, priced at 98c.

### High Quality Combination Suits Made Up in Nainsook

These are trimmed with fancy val lace and run with a dainty ribbon. Bottom is bloomer style, trimmed with lace and run with ribbon. This is a gown that we could easily retail at \$2.50, specially priced for this week at \$1.49.

### Snug Fit Jersey Silk Underskirts

For this week we offer 25 Snug-Fit jersey underskirts, regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 values at \$3.95. These are shown in all colors.

### 50 Silk Messaline Underskirts

These are skirts that are sold by some dealers as high as \$3.00. Priced at \$1.48. All colors are shown in this lot.

### Ladies' Coats

25 ladies' high grade coats for spring wear. These coats have been received on our floors inside of the last week. Priced for this week at \$7.98 and \$8.95.

### Special in Women's Bungalow Aprons with Dust Cap

These were sold regularly by us at 69c, specially priced for this week at 49c each.

### IN MENAGH'S SHOE STORE

Special values are offered for this week at substantial savings, in both men's and women's shoes. 50 pair of men's work shoes shown in the single sole and split muleskin uppers. This is a shoe that was formerly sold by us at \$2.00. Priced for this week at \$1.49. Men's High Grade Dress Shoes. We offer 100 pairs of men's high grade dress shoes made by the Wm. Kneeland Co., South Braintree, Mass. This shoe is considered by all dealers to be one of the highest class shoes on the market. All \$5 shoes \$4.39; all \$4.50 shoes priced at \$3.89.

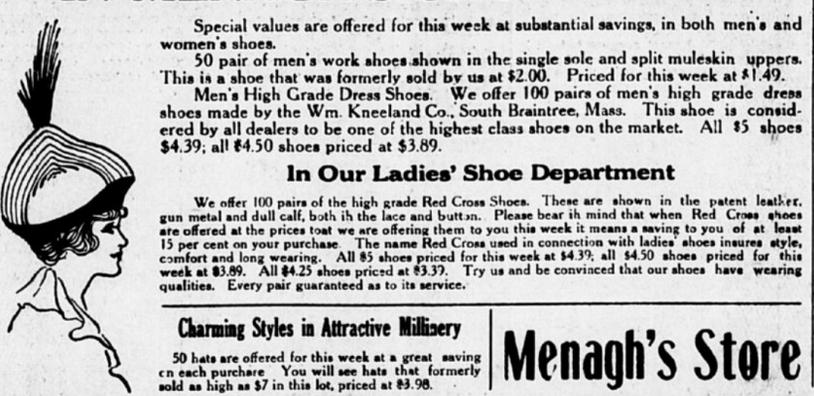
### In Our Ladies' Shoe Department

We offer 100 pairs of the high grade Red Cross Shoes. These are shown in the patent leather, gun metal and dull calf, both in the lace and button. Please bear in mind that when Red Cross shoes are offered at the prices that we are offering them to you this week it means a saving to you of at least 15 per cent on your purchase. The name Red Cross used in connection with ladies' shoes insures style, comfort and long wearing. All \$5 shoes priced for this week at \$4.39; all \$4.25 shoes priced at \$3.75. Try us and be convinced that our shoes have wearing qualities. Every pair guaranteed as to its service.

### Charming Styles in Attractive Millinery

50 hats are offered for this week at a great saving on each purchase. You will see hats that formerly sold as high as \$7 in this lot, priced at \$3.98.

### Menagh's Store



Are you in doubt about the selection of your new spring corset? A great many women are, and still a greater proportion think they are not when they really are. We feature the R. & G. corset because we have them in a complete variety of styles. Of course you understand that this year the figure demands absolute flexibility. We ask you to visit our corset department if you are in doubt as to the selection of your corset, and have our able assistants show you the numerous styles that we carry, and be convinced that the R. & G. corset stands alone as to the style, fit and wear. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

### SHOWING OF NEW SKIRTS

We offer 25 high quality new style skirts for this week at substantial savings. These skirts are all shown with the three tiered ruffle effect, and priced at \$4.98 and \$5.98.



### A Very Fortunate Purchase of Ladies' Suits

enables us to offer you this week some very phenomenal values. Garments that were made to retail at \$27.50 and \$32 are seen in this lot. Your unrestricted choice at \$12.85 and \$15. Now is the time for you to take advantage of these low prices to enable you to get a garment at at least 50 per cent saving on your purchase.