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Proclamation For Primary Announced

Mayor Beach Announces that Primary Will Be Held Tuesday March 12.

S. E. Beach Tues. issued a primary proclamation in which he makes it publicly known that in accordance with a resolution of the city council a primary will be held on Tuesday, March 12 for the purpose of nominating two candidates for Mayor, two candidates for Commissioner of Public Utilities and two candidates for Commissioner of Finance and Revenue. The resolution was passed by the council on January 16 but as any primary proclaimed in response to it could be only informal and not legally binding, the mayor waited until assured that all arrangements for holding it properly were made before he would take any action concerning it.

The polling places and proper election officials having been arranged for by committees of citizens desiring the primary, Mayor Beach also made them public though the city is in no way liable for any expenses of the primary which he has proclaimed. The place of primary and the judges and clerks for the primary are as follows: First ward, Biles and Buchanan's office, Judges Harry Prange, R. N. Allen, Letha Hawkins; Clerks, Nina Romberger, H. J. Gardner; Second ward, basement of Bank of Commerce, Judges, Wm. Lee, J. F. Seaver, O. M. Bryan, Clerks, F. M. Dawdy, Chas. Bardwell; Third ward, Eric Nelson's shoe shop, West Main, Judges, Fred Gray, Frank Nye, I. T. Light, Clerks, W. J. Magatagan, Miss Campbell; Fourth ward, First precinct, city hall, Judges, W. H. Smith, Thad Grady, J. M. Allen, Clerks, Leon Hurt, Mrs. Mary Nicely; Second precinct, W. M. Sharp's shop on Twelfth street, Judges, Chas. Horsch, J. S. Hollenshead, A. J. Hudson, Clerks, I. B. Hardendorff, D. E. Stewart.

UTOPIA DEFEATED THE GO-DEVILS

The Utopia club basket ball team defeated the Go-Devils last Friday on the Y. M. C. A. floor, 15 to 13 in the third game between the two teams in the tournament contest for the Schmelzer cup. The victory was the second one for the winners who are now scheduled next to play the Optimist club team.

The Utopia players were Jno. McQueen who tossed 3 baskets for his team, Everett Webber, Paul McQueen, Ernest Clark and Geo. McCune. The Go-devils were Edmond Meeker, Max Strope, Ellsworth Beeson, Herschell Barnes, and Vaughn Lighty. The latter made two goals for his team. Barnes is credited with a particularly long throw.

FINISHED TERM QUIZES AT K. U.

Wayne Fowler and Beecher Breyfogle spoke to the high school students Friday afternoon in regard to the best manner of directing their study with a view to attending the state university. The boys came down from Lawrence on the plug Thursday evening having finished their mid-year examinations and taking the opportunity to spend a few days at home. Harry Welsh also came down Thursday.

Met With Electric Light Committee

Representative of Ohio Financier Wished to Consider Leasing City's Plant

L. A. Pettet representing Albert Emmanuel of Dayton, Ohio who is the financial backer of the electric power plants at Parsons, Lawrence and Emporia, accompanied by W. S. Hyatt of Parsons who is Emmanuel's local legal representative were in the city Friday to discuss the possibility of entering into some contract with Chanute in regard to operation of the municipal electric light plant. The gentlemen had a two hour conference that evening with Chairman A. W. Hedeon and Councilman I. N. Johnson of the electric light committee. Freeman and Hayes the other members of the committee were unable to be at the meeting.

Hedeon and Johnson told the visitors that without regard to the merits of any proposition which they might present that it was practically certain that the council would not favor it at this time because the tenure of office of the present city officials had so nearly expired. Mr. Pettet recognized the situation but stated that Mr. Emmanuel was now at Hot Springs, Ark., and would come to Chanute in person and present a definite proposition if the citizens here were in any capacity willing to consider an outside concern in connection with the electric plant of the city.

The visitors reported that Emmanuel had entered into a contract with Emmanuel whereby he has leased the electric power plant in that city for a 20 year term. The action was taken about fourteen months ago when the valuation of \$68,000 was placed upon the plant by disinterested appraisers. Emmanuel has begun the operation of a trolley line in Emporia. He pays the city 5 percent of the original valuation of the plant as an annual lease price. Either party may buy out the other under certain arrangements.

MRS. BROCKWAY HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Abiarrilla Brockway died at 8:25 Saturday evening February 3 at her home, 523 South Santa Fe at the advanced age of 80 years, 11 months and 3 days after an illness of some time. Her daughter Mrs. John Becker of Portland, Oregon who had been visiting here left for her home only last Thursday as her mother seemed better at that time. Mrs. Brockway is also survived by her daughters Mrs. Henry McConnell of this city and Mrs. Lou Miller of Kansas City, and her son Isaac Brockway and step-son Geo. Brockway of Hawkeye, Iowa. Her husband Isaac Brockway, senior, died just fifteen years ago on February 6.

The funeral services were conducted at 3:30 last Monday by Rev. Chas. A. Wilson at the Presbyterian church of which she had been a member for 25 years. The only out of town relatives present were Mrs. Lou Miller who arrived from Kansas City Saturday evening and Mrs. Miller's son Ray. Mrs. Brockway was born in New York state and came to Chanute in 1886. Until her advancing years compelled her to give up the work she was active in the Presbyterian Sunday school and general church life.

In connection with his monthly report at the school board meeting Monday evening Superintendent J. F. Hughes recommended that a five volume set of the new Standard encyclopedia be purchased for each ward building. It was referred to the library committee for action.

Attorney T. R. Evans Resigns to Avoid Conflict of Interests of City and His Client.

S. C. Brown was nominated by Mayor Beach for city attorney Monday evening at the council meeting following the presentation and acceptance of the resignation of T. R. Evans. The selection of Atty. Brown was unanimously approved by the vote of the council.

The ethical necessity for the resignation of Mr. Evans was because the firm of Farrelly and Evans represents Chas. Martin who has had a suit against Chanute to compel the city to carry out the action of the administration in March 1907 when it offered the Hudson Oil and Gas Co. and Chas. Martin \$7500 for gas leases owned by them west of town. The council elected in April 1907 sought to withdraw the action of its predecessors and was sued by Chas. Martin for the completion of the purchase of his leases at \$2500.

The contest has been continued in the courts until in December 1911 the Kansas Supreme Court decided adversely to the city. When Mr. Evans accepted the office of city attorney last spring he reserved the conduct of this case

and in it since that time the city has been represented by other counsel.

Prior to the appointment of Mr. Evans the leases of the Hudson Oil and Gas Co. had been assigned to Chas. Martin and thus the claim of \$5000 against the city was also in the hands of Farrelly and Evans. The Supreme Court decision makes it desirable for the firm to bring suit against the city for the larger claim of its client Chas. Martin.

Mr. Evans intended to except the Hudson Co claim also when he assumed the city attorney's duties but this was not understood by all members of the council. Even though he was not now representing Martin Atty. Evans stated that he could not properly represent the city now after having previously opposed its interests in a legal way. In accepting his resignation Nation and Filson, who made the motion to do so, and other members of the council stated their regret at losing the services of Mr. Evans. They recognized however that the legal situation made it practically necessary that the action be taken.

PLEASANT RECEPTION WAS HELD

An enjoyable and profitable evening was spent by the large crowd which attended the reception for new members held at the Christian church Fri. night in connection with the regular weekly prayer meeting service. Rev. W. M. Berkeley, pastor of the church, requested the new converts to rise while he gave them a short address. He spoke of the requirements and possibilities of the Christian life which they were now undertaking to live. Rev. Berkeley made a brief talk in presenting to Miss Besse Gross a small purse of money given by the members of the church in appreciation of her faithful service at the piano during the meetings. After a musical and literary program had been enjoyed by all they adjourned to the basement of the church where refreshments were served.

ALLEN CO. ROCK ROAD CONTRACT LET

The movement for good roads in Neosho county's neighbor on the north is making good progress. Contracts for the construction of six miles of rock road in Allen county were awarded at Iola Tuesday. Four miles, to be built north of Iola, was awarded to the Concrete Construction Company of Iola, and two miles to be built east of Humboldt, went to Ransom & Cook of Ottawa. The 4-mile contract is for \$15,348, and Ransom & Cook will receive \$6,022 for the two miles. Work will be commenced as soon as possible. Plenty of labor is available on account of the closing of the cement plants.

To Repair Lines

Both poles and wire for repairing the telephone line to gas and water pumping stations east of town and for increasing the commercial service of the electric light plant in the city have been ordered according to the statements made to the council Monday evening by Filson and Hedeon. A motion offered by Nation instructed the electric light committee to fix up the line for telephone communication between the city fire station and the water pumping plant. Prompt connection is essential if the city is to have additional water pressure necessary in case of fire.

The purchasing committee has succeeded in securing the horse and wagon for the use of the electric light plant. Hedeon received authority for his committee to have the old wagon utilized in making a cart for light work at a cost not to exceed \$10.

THE HOW OF GOOD DIRT ROADS

"My first implement for dragging the road in front of my farm near Mailand, Mo.," said D. Ward King the Good Roads expert at the Hetrick Wednesday afternoon, "was used primarily for breaking corn stalks in my field. It helped the road and when it was broken I used a split log and I soon had the best piece of road in the United States."

Mr. King then stated that not only did he get a smooth road but also one that dried more quickly than undragged roads so that eventually it reached such a condition that he had a veritable race track within twenty-four hours after a hard rain. He explained that the good results were reached because each repeated dragging added a layer of water proof material to the road. This was packed down by travel and the road became such that no water could penetrate it and thus a well nigh perfect highway was secured.

NEW SIDE WALKS ORDERED

The council acted favorably Monday evening on two petitions for side-walks from property owners liable for the expense of their construction. A walk was asked for on the south side of Ash street from the east line of Santa Fe to the west line of Highland. It will particularly benefit the children in the Second ward who attend the First ward building explained Nation who on behalf of his committee reported favorably on the petition and moved that the walk be ordered in. The second walk is to be on the north side of Sixteenth street from the west line of Katy to the east line of Evergreen avenue. Nation's committee reported favorably on the petition on the recommendation of Johnson.

A petition was presented asking that something be done whereby the alley between Sixth and Seventh streets between Garfield and Steuben might be used without causing people to wade in mud and water. The communication was referred to the streets and alleys committee.

Mrs. H. P. Dillon, Mrs. A. Mitchell and Mrs. Anna B. Williams were visitors in Independence Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Willie Weil of Fredonia returned to his home Monday after visiting over Sunday with his sister Mrs. R. D. Gorley and brother Alfred Weil.

January Gas Bill Was Almost \$8000

Last Month the City Used an Appreciable Amount from Its Emergency Sources.

The severe weather during much of January had a marked effect upon the size of the city's gas bill for the month which amounted to \$7980.97 according to the records of city clerk Sams. The total was considerably less than the figure of \$8320.03 for January of last year but at that time the city sold approximately \$1000 worth of gas to the Zinc Co. and was also furnishing gas to the ice plant which thus necessarily increased the amount of its purchases. The January bill was considerably in excess of that for December which amounted to \$6473.82.

During the last month Chanute purchased quite an appreciable amount of gas at its emergency supply rates during the extreme weather. Its bill from the Chanute Zinc Co. at 7 cents was 1262.03 as against \$131.11 from the same source in December. From the Henry Gas Co. its bill was \$379.92 at a 8 1/2 cent rate, the amount for December being only \$9.49.

The small amount of gas secured from the P. C. C. Oil & Gas Co. at 3 cents amounted to \$14.22. The city's total bill for gas from D. H. Fisher was \$6324.80. The gas coming from the different sources was as follows: Fisher east line at 4 1/2 cents, \$658.41, Fisher southwest line at 6 cents, \$532.05, Harkness lease at 6 cents, 1984.99, Frye lease at 6 cents, 2913.12, Fisher Banner line 236.32.

TO SECURE A SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Belles Lettres Reading Club is planning for an entertainment in the Elks hall on Tuesday evening, February 20th for the benefit of the scholarship fund which is maintained by the State Federation of Women's Clubs for aiding poor girls of Kansas to secure an education. This fund which was started two years ago has now accumulated a total of \$2200. The offer of the Federation is to lend a maximum of \$300 to any girl to assist in paying the expenses of attending school. The beneficiary is pledged to repay the money later but no interest is charged for the use of the money.

At the last annual meeting of the Federation the Chanute delegates of the Belles Lettres club pledged the proceeds of an entertainment to this fund and it is for this purpose that it now plans the February 20 program. During the evening there will be readings, tableaux and the minuet dance. For the latter Colonial costumes will be in evidence. No admittance will be charged to the ball but an offering for the fund will be received from the guests.

STATE SCHOOL FUND CAN NOT BUY

City Clerk Sams received word Friday from the commissioners of the state school fund that they do not have the funds to purchase the issue of the park bonds. The city can now dispose of them to private parties but it was necessary that the bonds be first offered to the state school fund in accordance with the state law concerning bonds of municipalities.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

A delightful surprise was given John Trammell at his home 1616 S. Edith Thursday evening, the occasion being his 55th birthday. He received some very beautiful cards from the guests. The evening was spent with games and music. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening. The guests departed at a late hour wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Mean Temperature Low for January

Broke Records Even as Did the Minimum Recorded Last Month.

Not only was the minimum for January of 17 degrees below zero on the 12th the lowest reached during the time that Chase Brown has kept government records in Chanute, but the mean temperature of 23 degrees for the month was much the lowest of the three years. In January 1911 it was 36 degrees and in 1910, 34. The mean temperature at Lawrence was 16.54 degrees according to the report prepared by Prof. H. P. Cady of the University which continues the record kept by Dr. F. H. Snow from 1868 to 1908. The lowest temperature at Lawrence being 20.5 degrees below zero was exceeded only twice during the preceding January's or only four times in all the 44 year period if the February record is included.

The thermometer in Chanute registered below zero six different mornings during the month. The maximum of 66 degrees was reached on the 26th making a monthly range of 83 degrees which is larger than for the two previous years. The range for January 1911 was 81 degrees, the maximum and minimum being 73 and 8 degrees below respectively. For January 1910 it was 74 degrees the high and low figures being respectively 73 degrees above and 1 degree below for the month. The monthly range at Lawrence this year was 77.5 degrees as the maximum there fell 9 degrees below that for Chanute.

The precipitation in Chanute was but .51 inch as compared with .78 inch and 1.62 inches in 1911 and 1910. At Lawrence no rain fell during the month and the rainfall including melted snow amounted to only .37 inch. The seismograph at Lawrence recorded slight earthquake tremors on six days during the month.

TWO WERE BEFORE WILFONG

Chas. Miller was assessed a fine of \$5 and costs of \$3 by Police Judge Wilfong last Friday and was able to pay up promptly. He had been arrested by Chief Schwartz about 4:30 the day before in a pool hall on the charge of being drunk and had reposed in jail during the night. Frank Williams was given a fine of \$2.50 and costs of \$3.50 and was released on giving bond for payment. Chief Schwartz locked him up that evening for hanging around the jail and trying to talk with Miller.

DEATH OF AUGUST ANDERSON

August Anderson died about 8:15 Monday evening at his home, 806 N. Grant, after an illness of two weeks. The funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Swedish Baptist church by Rev. G. Blom. Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife and a married daughter, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, who lives on his old home farm about four miles northwest of town. A brother J. P. Anderson lives on a farm a mile farther west. Mr. Anderson was one of the pioneers of this community as he came in 1869. He moved from his farm into Chanute about eight years ago.

