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THE CITY ELECTION.

The election of A. W. Lucas as president of the city commission today will mean that Bismarck is to have a good business administration for the time Mr. Lucas serves.

During the entire campaign there has not been a statement made that would go to prove that Mr. Lucas was not in every way capable and the Tribune believes that the citizens will make no mistake in naming him to head the city commission.

It is possible there are others who would do as well, but in taking Mr. Lucas we are getting a man who has been tried and found to be capable, honest and conscientious. Mr. Lucas has announced his platform and all the things he stands for are things that are needed in the city.

Bismarck is in a position just at the present time where the most careful administration of the affairs of the city is needed and we need successful business men at the head of affairs.

The Tribune also believes that R. C. Blattey and Christian Bertsch will be good men to name as members of the city commission. They with the members who will hold over assure the city of Bismarck of a commission that will do things that will be for the good of the city at large.

CROP CONDITIONS.

Of course, it may a little early to talk about crop conditions, but the Tribune has been in receipt of several letters recently in which there is a strain of optimism that is hard to get rid of.

Everyone seems to have idea that conditions during the winter have been just right for the starting of the crop this spring. There is only one drawback mentioned in any of the letters and that is the fact that there has been only a small amount of plowing done and the crop in some instances may be late in getting into the ground.

The late snow this spring seems to have been considered a good thing for the crops and the fact that the frost is down so deep is surely a good thing for the start and if there is only a normal amount of rainfall during the growing season there is no question but that the state will have another good crop this fall.

REGISTERING FARM NAMES.

There seems to be an idea prevalent among some that the law which passed the last session of the legislature and was signed by the governor providing for the registration of farm names requires that the registration be made with the secretary of state, but that is a mistaken impression. The register of deeds in each county is the proper official before whom the matter should be presented.

There are a good many farm owners who have taken advantage of the law and there will be more as soon as the provisions of the bill are more generally known. The idea of having a same for the farm seems to be a good one, whether there is any financial benefit or not. It would seem that it would engender a spirit of pride in the members of the family living on the farm and that they would take more interest in the work and life of the farm. Of course, where one makes a specialty of any particular line of farm work, dairy, fancy stock, or anything else, the name and especially one that is registered is of inestimable value.

There should not be a duplication of names in the same county, or at least not by owners of farms who receive their mail at the same postoffice, and there is no need of it. There plenty of appropriate names for a farm home, in many instances the location proving an inspiration for the selection of a name and in others the peculiar line of business conducted, while in some cases there are family

reasons for selecting a certain name. By all means, name the farm and have the name registered with the register of deeds. It is a good idea for the owner of a farm to have printed stationery with the name of the farm on it.

REASONS FOR THE GAS PLANT DELAY.

In a political circular issued Saturday an attempt was made to deceive the voters and taxpayers relative to the delay in acting on the Lahr franchise, which is now pending before the city commission, by making a brazen inference that the rates quoted for the use of gas are those now appearing in the franchise which is before the city commission, when in fact they are the rates given by Mr. Lahr in the franchise asked for in July, 1912, the conditions of which franchise, besides the rates is entirely different than the one now pending before the commission, and which is the main reason why the commission has failed to approve the present franchise. Quoting from the circular as to rates, "On July 15th, 1912, he (Lahr) submitted a proposed gas franchise to the city commission, this gas franchise carried the very low rates of \$1.05, \$1.10 and \$1.15 per thousand cubic feet of gas." These rates varying according to the amount consumed per month. The Northwestern Distillation & Power company met these rates and gave by far more liberal concessions to the city in other matters than the Lahr franchise, among them being 2 per cent to be paid the city on the total amount of gas consumed within the city of Bismarck.

The present franchise asked for by Mr. Lahr carries the following rates to consumers: \$1.70 per one thousand cubic feet, and where the total consumption of gas by the city amount to ten million cubic feet the price to consumers shall be \$1.65 per thousand cubic feet, and where the total consumption reaches twenty million cubic feet the rate shall be \$1.60 per thousand, and where the consumption reaches thirty million the rate shall be \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet. Thus it will be seen that the lowest rate in the present franchise will be \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet. In connection with the matter of the rate alone the city commission is certainly justified in weighing the matter carefully when you consider the wide difference in rates as proposed by Mr. Lahr in July, 1912, and in January, 1913.

In Mr. Lahr's July franchise there is no provision asking for a minimum rate, but in the present one he asks a minimum rate of \$1.00 per month from each consumer, whether any gas is used during the month or not. Mr. Lahr in the present franchise asks that he be permitted to delay the commencement of construction of the plant until April 1st, 1914. The commission can see no good reason why the construction of the plant should not commence within a reasonable time after the granting of the franchise.

These, together with other conditions of the franchise now before the commission, certainly justify them in going slow before binding the city to a 30-year contract.

In September, 1912, the commission passed an ordinance granting the Northwestern Distillation & Power company a gas franchise, the conditions were favorable to the city, the rates were as low or lower than the franchise introduced by Mr. Lahr in July, but the company refused to accept same for the reason that chapter 71 of the laws of North Dakota for 1911 provides that the rates and charges fixed in said franchise may be altered by the municipality every five years upon giving notice, and after a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

It was no fault of the city commission that this franchise was not accepted.

The ideas of the promulgators of the political circular appear to be that a franchise should be granted to supply the city and its inhabitants with gas, no matter what kind of a robbery is committed with regard to the rates charged, but the city commission thinks otherwise and we believe after this explanation of the situation that the citizens will approve of the action of the city commission in its delay with reference to this particular franchise.

NOTICE TO BARBERS OF STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

It is ordered by the President of the North Dakota Barbers Examining Board to hold meetings at the following places: Fargo on Monday and Tuesday, the 7th and 8th; Jamestown, Wednesday, 9th; Bismarck, Thursday and Friday, 10-11 of April 1913. All barbers working without license are ordered to meet with the board at one of these places for the purpose of taking the examination for barber license. Bring Barbers tools with you. P. L. MARTIN, Pres. EDW. RICHARDSON, Sec. (3-26-107-D.)

So Unreasonable.

"She's been very busy telling me how to rear my baby."
 "Well!"
 "But she got into a perfect panic when I asked her to take care of the child for a couple of days. You know I was suddenly called out of town."
 -Washington Herald.

A Frank Admission.

"I suppose you are interested in reform," said the conscientious citizen.
 "No," replied Farmer Cornstossel; "I approve of it. But I can't say that I'm generally expressed in a way that makes it as interesting as the continued stories."
 -Washington Star.

A Fashion Note.

Doctor (to female patient)—You've got a slight touch of fever. Your tongue has a thick coat.—Patient (excitedly)—Oh, doctor, do tell me how it fits!

News of the State

Enderlin was long on weddings last week.
 Dawson is to have a hard time dance.

The Hope Pioneer has started on its 33rd year.

Hillsboro has installed an electric fire alarm.

Fordville had a band dance that was a hummer.

The Enterprise wants better fire protection for Max.

The firemen's dance at McClusky was a great success.

The new court house at Grand Forks will cost \$167,000.

Editor Hull is making the Driscoll News a better paper than ever.

is apt to go some this summer.

Frank Wernie, who is manager of Dunn Center is the name suggested for a new town in Dunn county.

The measles are ravaging the town of Martin over in McLean county.

There were a large number of Easter weddings in the state this year.

a lumber yard at Krem, has sold a carload of automobiles as a side line this spring.

The people of Mott have hopes of having regular passenger train service by May 1.

Lack of advertising this spring is cutting down the size of some of the weekly papers.

Hettinger has a mill which is a credit to that town and which won a high award in a recent contest.

Ambrose, a leading grain center in Divide county, has shipped over a half million bushels of the 1912 crop.

The Tribune at Buford complains of the nuisance there caused by people letting their stock run at large.

Hazelton has already organized its ball team for the coming season, and with Link Giel for manager that bunch.

The Pioneer Press wants that famous band at Mott reorganized and rehearsals started for the summer season.

The Study Leader has changed management and F. B. Ellsworth has returned to give way to James B. Hedges, who will be the publisher.

The Willow City Eagle endorses Governor Hanna's reappointment of William Master of that town as a member of the state board of pharmacy.

Editor Fritchette of the Michigan Arena sent the Westhope Standard man a thoroughbred pointer pup and Editor Drake says he will get his share of chickens after this.

The failure of the legislature to make an appropriation to pay for the balance due for the silver service of the battleship North Dakota necessitates another effort to raise the money by popular subscription.

THE MARKETS.

MINNEAPOLIS.
 1 Hard 87 3-8; 1 Nor 85 3-8 to 86 7-8; 1 Nor reg arr 85 3-8 to 86 3-8; 1 Nor choice arr 86 7-8; 2 Nor 83 3-8; 3 W 81 to 82 1/2; 1 Dur 88 1/2; 2 Dur 86 1/2; 4 Corn 46 to 47 1-2; 3 W O 50 1-2 A; arr same; 3 Oats 27 1/2 to 29; Barley 40 to 45; Rye 53 to 55 1/2; arr same; Flax 124 fourth arr same; May 85 7-8; July 88.

DULUTH.
 1 Hard 87 3-8; 1 Nor 85 3-8 to 86 1-4; 1 Nor of 84 3-4 to 85 fourth; 2 Nor of 81 3-4 to 83 3-4; Spot Dur No. 1 90 1-4; No. 2 87 1-4; May 91 3-4; Oats of 29 3-8 to 30 3-8; Rye of 53 to 56; arr same; Barley of 40-58; selected Flax of 123 1-4; Flax arr 123 1-4; May 124 3-4; July 125 3-4; Sept 128 1-4.

St. Paul.
 CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000; killers, 10 to 15c lower; steers, \$5.75 to \$5.50; cows and heifers, \$4.50 to \$7.00; calves, steady, \$4.25 to \$8.00; feeders, 10 to 15c lower, \$4.50 to \$7.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,300; 5c lower; range, \$8.80 to \$8.95; bulk, \$8.85 to \$8.90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500; steady; lambs, \$4.50 to \$8.00; wethers, \$4.50 to \$6.10; ewes, \$2.25 to \$5.75.

Chicago.
 HOGS—Receipts, 55,000; light, closed 10 to 15c higher; others steady at Saturday's average; bulk of sales, \$9.15 to \$9.40; light, \$9.20 to \$9.62 1-2; mixed, \$9.00 to \$9.45; heavy, \$8.75 to 9.35; rough, \$7.75 to \$8.90; pigs, \$7.10 to \$9.25.

CATTLE—Receipts, 20,000; generally steady; beefs, \$7.00 to \$9.10; Texas steers, \$6.60 to \$7.75; western steers, \$6.85 to \$8.10; stockers and feeders, 6.00 to \$8.00; cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$8.00; calves, \$6.00 to \$9.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 20,000; steady to 10c lower; native, \$5.90 to \$6.75; western, \$6.00 to \$6.75; yearlings, \$6.85 to \$7.85; lambs, native, \$6.90 to \$8.90; western, \$7.25 to \$8.90.

HOME BAKERY.

Strictly fresh home baked bread, cakes, cookies, pies, etc. You will like our splendid home baking—try it. Phone 4623, 216 Sixth St.—(Adv)

State Capitol Run

Hall Has New Clerk.
 Eugene Walla of Jamestown has been appointed as a clerk in the office of Secretary of State Thomas Hall and will start in his new work this morning.

Abstract Company Incorporates.
 The Barne, County Abstract Co. has incorporated with a capital stock of \$5,000. The incorporators and first board of directors are as follows: Ernest G. Wanner, Theodore Henry and G. H. Henry, all of Valley City, and is really a combining of the two old abstract companies there.

Gov. Hanna at Chautauqua.
 Rev. Karr, well known over the state and just at the present time much interested in the promotion of the chautauqua at Valley City, was in Bismarck Monday and called on the governor. Mr. Karr was successful in persuading Governor Hanna to take part in the opening exercises of the chautauqua next June. He states that great preparations have been made to give one of the best programs ever attempted the coming summer.

Property Exempt From Taxation.
 There has been considerable interest manifested in S. B. 23, which was introduced by Senator Talcott, and which will become a law on July 1. There was no emergency clause attached. The bill read to amend session laws of 1911 and as a matter of fact it is a change back to the law as it stands in the code at the present time. The personal property exemption has been placed back at \$50, where it has been \$10 for the past two years. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are practically unchanged. Section 6 makes it plain that dormitories and boarding halls in educational institutions must not be operated for profit if they wish to be exempt. Section 7 remains unchanged and 8 is the same, with the exception that properties of sororities, fraternities or organizations of college students.

Following is the bill given in full: Chapter—S. B. No. 23—Talcott—Property Exempt From Taxation—An Act to Amend Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1911, Relating to Property Exempt From Taxation.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Section 1. Amendment.—Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1911, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 Section 1484. Property Exempt from Taxation.—All property described in this section to the extent hereinafter limited shall be exempt from taxation, that is to say:

1. All public school houses, academies, colleges, institutions of learning, with the books and furniture therein, and the grounds attached to such buildings, necessary for their proper occupancy, use and enjoyment, not to exceed forty acres in area, and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit; also all houses used exclusively for public worship and the lots and parts of lots upon which such houses are erected.
2. All land used exclusively for burying grounds or cemeteries.
3. All property, whether real or personal, belonging exclusively to the state or to the United States.
4. All buildings belonging to the counties, used in holding courts, for jails, for county offices, with the ground, not exceeding in any county ten acres, on which buildings are erected.
5. All land, houses and other buildings belonging to any county, township or town, used exclusively for the accommodation or support of the poor.
6. All buildings and contents thereof, belonging to institutions of public charity, including public hospitals under the "wheat line" or institute, a freight rate equal to the short haul rate. The notice of appeal sets up that the law under which the commission has acted is unconstitutional, inasmuch as it deprives the appellants of their property without due process of law and is so vague, indefinite and uncertain that it would be impossible to comply with the same." The case will be heard before the district court of Ward county, April 8, at which time the railroad commission is to hold a stated meeting at that point covering the 8th, 9th and 10th of April for the transaction of any business which may come before the board.

Railroads Will Appeal.

The board of railroad commissioners were Monday served, jointly, by the Great Northern and Soo lines with a notice of appeal from the commission's recent order to those companies to either establish physical connections between the two lines at points where the roads intersect on the "wheat line" or institute a freight rate equal to the short haul rate. The notice of appeal sets up that the law under which the commission has acted is unconstitutional, inasmuch as it deprives the appellants of their property without due process of law and is so vague, indefinite and uncertain that it would be impossible to comply with the same." The case will be heard before the district court of Ward county, April 8, at which time the railroad commission is to hold a stated meeting at that point covering the 8th, 9th and 10th of April for the transaction of any business which may come before the board.

This case arose on the application of the National Briqueting company of Kenmare for the institution by the commission of the short haul rate on the Great Northern for shipments of lignite coal to points on Great Northern branches which could more cheaply be reached via the "wheat line" if eyes at intersecting points were installed. At the hearing which followed, last February, the Great Northern resisted both the installation of wyes and the institution of the short haul rate on the ground that the law was unconstitutional, but as the law was plain, the commission made the order which is now being contested in court.

The case is a very important one, as it affects every railroad crossing in the state where the installation of wyes or institution of short haul rates would make easier the shipment of merchandise from one road to another and thus greatly benefit shippers generally, so naturally the outcome will be awaited with interest.

"THE ARRIVAL OF KITTY."

So long as legitimate, wholesome, clean comedy appeal to theatregoers so long will "The Arrival of Kitty" continue to be a standard attraction. The announcement that it will be presented at the Bijou theatre in this city should be welcome news to local amusement seekers as the comedy is one that should receive a liberal patronage. Wit and humor with pretty musical numbers are features of the production and the comedy will be presented by a cast of exceptional merit.

In Season.

"Is love of country strong in your breast?" asked the patriot.
 "Only in warm weather," said the man with the comfortable home in town.—Newark News.

The Obstacle to Happiness.

There is in all of us an obstacle to perfect happiness, which is weariness of the things we possess and the desire for the things we have not.—Mme. de Rillux.

COMMUNICATION

Saturday evening there were distributed about the city several hundred dodgers which purported to give a true statement of facts concerning various acts of members of the city commission. The facts themselves were not especially daagting to anyone but the dodger was so cunningly worded that serious inferences could be drawn from it.

It was directed especially against Mr. A. W. Lucas who has been a member of the Board of City Commissioners for the past our years and who is now a candidate for the presidency of the board. It states that Mr. Lucas swore in a statement made to the Dunn and Bradstreet agencies that his stock of merchandise on January 1st, 1913, amounted to \$117,000.00. This statement is untrue. Mr. Lucas, in his statement to these agencies said that his stock of goods on hand, his accounts on his books, due from his customers, store fixtures, farm lands and city real estate, etc., amounted to \$117,000.00. Anyone at all familiar with retail business during the past three years can well imagine the amount of accounts outstanding with such a firm as the A. W. Lucas Company with the tremendous business it does. Besides this the stock was figured in at practically its retail value and not at its wholesale value. Whoever wrote the paper in question will have to deduct a great many thousands of dollars from the amount he named before he can arrive at the actual value of the stock on hand, in fact, he will have to deduct at least one-half from the figures he gives.

The assessment of the A. W. Lucas Company will compare favorably with that of any merchandise stock in the city.

As a member of the City Board of Equalization, Mr. Lucas always insisted that his stock be put in at a higher value than that of other merchants. Any member of the board can vouch for this statement.

As a matter of fact there is not a personal property assessment in the city which is put in as high as it should be. Real estate, comparative to speaking, bear at least fifty per cent more than it should of the burden of taxation. Look at yourself, Mr. Voter, did you ever list your silverware, your watch, your own or your wife's jewelry? Did you ever tell the assessor the real truth about the value of your property?

Mr. Voter: Do you remember about three years ago that Henry J. Geierman, city commissioner, died? Do you remember that flags were displayed at half mast in all parts of the city through the great respect which citizens bore for Mr. Geierman? Do you remember that Mr. Geierman was regarded by practically everyone to be the best city commissioner Bismarck ever had? If Mr. Geierman was such a splendid man, (and he was a splendid man), who should not Mr. Batty, who occupies the same position with the International Harvester Company, be as good a man for the same position. Is a man to be damned just because he works for a corporation? Does that make a criminal of him? Mr. Batty, by attending to his own affairs, is not so well known as some of our citizens, but those who do know him admire him and respect him.

As to the auditorium, it is a matter of record that Mr. Lucas did give the taxpayers of Bismarck some \$60,000.00. It is not a question as to whether or not he might have saved the city \$60,000.00, but he did save the city \$60,000.00. Nor was it Mr. Lucas' fault that the building of the auditorium has been delayed. Mr. Lucas is only one of the five members and the delay will have to be put on other shoulders.

As to the purchase of the site for the auditorium it is not true that J. P. Jackson and F. E. Young had this property listed with them for \$470,000. It cost the Wachter Dray and Transfer Co. \$550,000 in the first place and just before the city bought it Mr. Wachter informs us that he was offered \$750,000 for the property.

The table given by a writer of the record delivered Saturday night states that it is a terrible thing that our assessed valuation has not been increased the past few years because there have been so many additional buildings erected here and because there are so many more people living here now than formerly. If he knew the first thing he was talking about he would realize that this low assessed valuation had saved the city many thousands of dollars every year simply through the fact that if we keep our valuations down we save on the amount of tax we have to pay the county and state, amounting to some \$2,000.00 or more on every hundred thousand dollars of assessed value. If the assessed valuation of the city is low, thank your lucky star that you have people on the board of equalization who know this and who try to save the taxpayers money rather than to run the valuation away up.

Mr. Koffel states that he is going to reduce your water and electric light rates. He cannot reduce your water rates for the franchise given the water company states explicitly what rates they will be allowed to charge. Goodness know they are high enough but neither Mr. Koffel nor any other man can reduce them if the water company does not want to. The electric light franchise is not so explicit as the water franchise as regards rates and perhaps they can be reduced, but you must bear in mind that these rates have already been reduced some of the past year, largely through the work of Mr. Lucas.

As to the gas franchise, Mr. Lucas is in favor of one and anyone familiar with the various franchises presented to the city commission and who is familiar with the many matters in connection with such things must know that they should not be granted in twenty-four hours, but should be carefully studied and the facts in the case gone into. Should a man be thought a criminal simply because he is careful

to see that the city is getting the best deal possible?
 The statement of taxes given in the address to voters on its last page, gives sundry items about certain people whose taxes have been increased the past few years. Perhaps they were not taxed enough in the first place, and then again it is just as easy to find people on the tax list whose taxes have been lowered in the past few years, poor people's taxes at that. No matter how careful the Board of Equalization is there is sure to creep in discrepancies in the values. The Board only has a few days to go over the thousands of items on the list and any man who thinks the job is a picnic, let him try it once.

Mr. Lucas has always been a public spirited citizen. He has always been a liberal donor in time and money to any object for the betterment of the city. He has lived amongst us for many years. He is proud of his record and is willing to stand on it as a man and as a citizen. Don't blame all the mistakes of the Board of City Commissioners onto him. He has done well. He is not a newcomer in our midst. We all know him and we know that he will do the best that is in him for Bismarck. We don't know his chief opponent for the office very well. He may be all right, but there is no way in which to prove it. He has not done anything especially to warrant his receiving Bismarck's chief gift from the hands of its citizens. We have not a word to say against him as a man, but we do have many words to say for Mr. Lucas. Vote for A. W. Lucas for President.

As to Mr. Batty, just remember that he occupies the same position with the same company as did Mr. Geierman. That ought to be some recommendation for him.

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 Taxpayer.

The Weather

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Bismarck	30	NW	6	0	pt. cldy
Calgary	28	W	4	0	clear
Devils Lake	30	W	10	0	clear
Duluth	28	NW	20	20	clear
Edmonton	24	NW	4	0	cloudy
Helena	32	SW	4	0	cloudy
Minneapolis	36	SW	4	0	snowy
Mohead	32	W	6	0	clear
Pierre	38	SE	4	0	cloudy
St. Paul	28	NW	14	10	clear
Spokane	40	NW	16	14	clear
Seattle	40	S	4	0	cloudy
Spokane	38	SW	8	0	cloudy
Williston	30	SW	12	0	pt. cldy
Winnipeg	24	SW	6	0	clear

A—Lowest temperature
 B—Direction of wind
 C—Velocity of wind
 D—Precipitation, inches
 E—State of weather

Weather Forecast
 Till 7 p. m. Tuesday.
 For North Dakota: Fair tonight and Tuesday, not much change in temperature.
 For Bismarck and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions
 Quite well settled weather conditions prevail generally. The storm center which caused such cloudiness and unsettled condition during past two days is now over the lakes, and is followed by higher pressure which will result in fair weather tonight and Tuesday with not much change in temperature.

KUPITZ

The Leading Grocer
 Nothing but first-class Goods

Florida Oranges, Grapefruit and Pineapple

Messina Lemons

Camembert Cheese

Swift's Premium Bacon and Ham

Comb Honey

Boston Head Lettuce, Tomatoes and Cucumbers

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