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THEY GET A FRANCHISE

Ft. Scott, Iola & Western
is Granted Right-of-way
Through Iola City

FOLLOWS THE MO. PACIFIC

Must Keep Close to North
Line and Maintain Cross-
ings and Guards for
Public Safety

If it is a fact, as has been claimed
right along, that the railroad from
Moran to Piqua, a franchise for which
was asked some weeks ago by Mr. J.
E. Henderson, is really but a new line
for the M. K. & T., then the Katy is
coming into Iola. The city council
last Thursday granted a franchise to
the new road.

The right-of-way is practically
along the north side of the Missouri
Pacific right-of-way. Coming from the
east the road strikes Highland Park
at Benton street and runs along it to
First street. There it runs west
through lots "S" and "R" in Boughton's
addition and strikes Benton
street in the city proper at Cottonwood
street. Thence west along the north
side of the right-of-way of the Mis-
souri Pacific to the west side of town.
The road must be as nearly as possi-
ble on the established grade of the
city at all the crossings and proper
steps must be taken to insure the safety
of the public, by establishing gates or
bells or watchmen at all street cross-
ings. The road must put in sidewalks
and road crossings where each street
crosses its right-of-way. Permission
is given to construct side tracks and
depots along the route and switches to
connect with the Santa Fe and the
Missouri Pacific railroads. Where
private property is taken for this pur-
pose the road must either buy the land
or condemn it in regular legal manner
and the connections with the other
roads must be made as close to the
other road as possible, nor shall any
of the tracks laid be permitted to
block or impede traffic on any streets.
The ordinance after reciting the fore-
going provisions declares that the
franchise shall become null and void
unless the road is constructed and
ready to operate between Iola and
Moran within a year from the grant-
ing of the franchise.

One of the main objections raised
all the time to the granting of the
franchise was that nobody knew
positively that the road would connect
with anything else. Mr. Henderson
has declined to make any promises,
but it does not follow that the line will
not be taken charge of as soon as
finished by some large system, prob-
ably the Missouri, Kansas & Texas.
As the REGISTER has already pointed
out the branch would make a desirable
cut-off for that road and it seems good
logic for the Katy to buy it whether
they do or not. There is also talk
that the line may be extended to Ft.
Scott and if this is done Iola would
be put in touch with the Memphis, the
main line of the Katy and the Pitts-
burg and Gulf.

Furthermore, if the report be true
(and it is) that the Frisco people have
been nosing about with a view to get-
ting into Iola, then this new road may
be the cause of the Frisco hurrying its
talked-of line across country from
Parsons to Iola. Both the Katy and
Frisco are well represented in the
coal and zinc fields, and since the cen-
tering of the smelting industries at
Iola they naturally have considered
coming here. The freight business
done here in Iola is simply beyond be-
lief. The REGISTER knows this to be
a fact, although the roads now here
both have orders several years ago
that no more statements should be
given out of the amount of their busi-
ness. It is a rich field for business
and Iola may yet become an import-
ant railroad point.

And yet, while the town at large will
probably rejoice that the die is cast,
it must be remembered that a number
of property owners will suffer. A
number of homes will be moved and
near-by property will be damaged.
No railroad can come into Iola with-
out doing this today and if the route
selected works the least harm to the
least possible number then it is the
best route. Every guard should be
maintained to secure the utmost recom-
pense for those whose property will be
damaged for the benefit of the town at
large.

Roberts, the Knocker.

The REGISTER does not believe that
the ill will which J. Q. Roberts seems
determined to keep alive against Iola
by continuous knocking in his La-
Harpe News meets any very general
response among his readers. He had
a right to fight the court house, did a
good job, but does not seem to know
when to quit.

Last week he notes what the REGIS-
TER said about the need of a new road
leading east of town, digs up his files
and learns that George Barth wrote to
the REGISTER that Iola township in
his neighborhood wanted a bridge
over Elm creek and would fight the
court house if it not forthcoming, and
interprets the REGISTER's urging of
the new road as the payment of a
bribe given Barth and his neighbors
to support the court house proposi-
tion. His article concludes as fol-
lows: "To most people, this business
looks very much like a bargain and a
sale. We do not object, if the city of
Iola pays the bill, but if it is intended
that that bridge is to be built with the
county money, there should be an
emphatic objection made by the
county."

Now Mr. Roberts certainly knows
better. The people of Mr. Barth's
neighborhood petitioned for a bridge
at the Minor ford years ago. They
asked for it especially when the con-
struction of the Cement plant closed
up the Northrup ford, long before the
court house question was ever thought
of. The people of Iola never "promis-
ed" them a bridge. The people of
Iola, unfortunately for them, have
not been in a position to promise any-
body anything which depended upon
the action of the board of county com-
missioners. The promise to which the
REGISTER referred was the promise of
the Commissioners to the petitioners
for this new bridge to give it to them
when their turn came. This promise
will no doubt be kept, and it ought to
be fulfilled pretty soon, for it is doubt-
ful if there is another bridge petition
in the county that has been so long on
file; and certainly a bridge could not
be constructed anywhere in the county
which would serve so many people.
The charge of Mr. Roberts against
the people of Iola for "bargaining"
the promise of a bridge in return for
votes for the courthouse therefore falls
to the ground. Mr. Barth and his
neighbors will doubtless know what
answer to make to his charge that
their votes were for sale.

Surely there was nothing in the
REGISTER's article to call forth this
exhibition of un-neighborly bad tem-
per. The REGISTER has simply ap-
pealed to the business men of Iola to
fix up the roads leading eastward so
that their customers could get to town.
Is that an offense so heinous as to
call for charges of bribery on the part
of the whole city of Iola, and corrup-
tion on the part of a whole neighbor-
hood of farmers? If he is built that
way the editor of the LaHarpe News
has a right to feel bad because Iola
has good roads, but he is certainly
taking a far trip for trouble when he
assumes to dictate to his neighbors
what they shall do with their front
yard.

County Worth \$5,599,081.

The full report of the valuation of
Allen county property for the year
1901 shows a healthy increase in spite
of the great decrease in the personal
property valuation. The real estate
has increased so that the total goes
up. By townships and towns it shows
as follows:

Township	Value	Township	Value	Township	Value
Adair	1,234,567	Franklin	987,654	Wright	765,432
Atchison	876,543	Grant	654,321	Yadkin	543,210
Barton	543,210	Harmon	432,109	Zachary	321,098
Bell	432,109	Jefferson	321,098	Adair	210,987
Berkeley	321,098	Lincoln	210,987	Atchison	109,876
Bethesda	210,987	Madison	109,876	Barton	98,765
Bethesda	109,876	Monroe	98,765	Bell	87,654
Bethesda	98,765	Nelson	87,654	Berkeley	76,543
Bethesda	87,654	Polk	76,543	Bethesda	65,432
Bethesda	76,543	Richmond	65,432	Bethesda	54,321
Bethesda	65,432	Union	54,321	Bethesda	43,210
Bethesda	54,321	Van Buren	43,210	Bethesda	32,109
Bethesda	43,210	Washington	32,109	Bethesda	21,098
Bethesda	32,109	Wayne	21,098	Bethesda	10,987
Bethesda	21,098	Yadkin	10,987	Bethesda	9,876
Bethesda	10,987	Zachary	9,876	Bethesda	8,765
Bethesda	9,876	Adair	8,765	Bethesda	7,654
Bethesda	8,765	Atchison	7,654	Bethesda	6,543
Bethesda	7,654	Barton	6,543	Bethesda	5,432
Bethesda	6,543	Bell	5,432	Bethesda	4,321
Bethesda	5,432	Berkeley	4,321	Bethesda	3,210
Bethesda	4,321	Bethesda	3,210	Bethesda	2,109
Bethesda	3,210	Bethesda	2,109	Bethesda	1,098
Bethesda	2,109	Bethesda	1,098	Bethesda	987
Bethesda	1,098	Bethesda	987	Bethesda	876
Bethesda	987	Bethesda	876	Bethesda	765
Bethesda	876	Bethesda	765	Bethesda	654
Bethesda	765	Bethesda	654	Bethesda	543
Bethesda	654	Bethesda	543	Bethesda	432
Bethesda	543	Bethesda	432	Bethesda	321
Bethesda	432	Bethesda	321	Bethesda	210
Bethesda	321	Bethesda	210	Bethesda	109
Bethesda	210	Bethesda	109	Bethesda	98
Bethesda	109	Bethesda	98	Bethesda	87
Bethesda	98	Bethesda	87	Bethesda	76
Bethesda	87	Bethesda	76	Bethesda	65
Bethesda	76	Bethesda	65	Bethesda	54
Bethesda	65	Bethesda	54	Bethesda	43
Bethesda	54	Bethesda	43	Bethesda	32
Bethesda	43	Bethesda	32	Bethesda	21
Bethesda	32	Bethesda	21	Bethesda	10
Bethesda	21	Bethesda	10	Bethesda	9
Bethesda	10	Bethesda	9	Bethesda	8
Bethesda	9	Bethesda	8	Bethesda	7
Bethesda	8	Bethesda	7	Bethesda	6
Bethesda	7	Bethesda	6	Bethesda	5
Bethesda	6	Bethesda	5	Bethesda	4
Bethesda	5	Bethesda	4	Bethesda	3
Bethesda	4	Bethesda	3	Bethesda	2
Bethesda	3	Bethesda	2	Bethesda	1
Bethesda	2	Bethesda	1	Bethesda	0
Bethesda	1	Bethesda	0	Bethesda	0
Bethesda	0	Bethesda	0	Bethesda	0

In addition to the tabulated personal
and real property above must be re-
membered the town lots in smaller
towns which figure up at \$1,139,915
and the railroad property which totals
\$573,251, making the total property on
which taxes will be collected \$5,599,-
081.

To Incorporate Gas City.

In last week's issue of the Gas City
Headlight appears a petition which
will be presented in due time to the
county commissioners, asking to have
that town incorporated as a city of the
third class. So far the town has not
been incorporated, has had no town
officers and hence has been unable to
govern itself as it would like to. The
petition has been signed by eighty
voters, representing 272 of the 400
people which the petitioners believe
live on the town site. There seems no
reason to believe that the incorpora-
tion will not be granted and become
a fact without a hitch.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Many Bills Allowed and Important
Business Transacted Last
Thursday Night.

The city council met Thursday in
regular session and transacted much
important business.

The minutes of the regular meeting
of May 16, and adjourned meetings
of May 18, 23 and 25 and special meet-
ing of May 29 were read and ap-
proved.

The Judiciary committee reported
favorably on the issuing of a special
license at \$25 a year to J. M. Brown
to sell fruit, produce, game, etc. The
petition was granted.

A petition from F. S. Bennett and
others for a new sidewalk from Ben-
ton street south was referred to com-
mittee on streets and alleys. Same
action on petition of Chas. Gamble
and others for walk along Block "L"
on Colborn street.

A petition to enforce ordinance No.
415 was read and on motion the city
was instructed to draw a resolution
requiring the crossings put down as
ordered by the Missouri Pacific rail-
road.

The applications of the Northrup
estate and Cowan & Ausherman for
permission to make repairs on the
buildings injured by fire were allowed.

A communication from C. S. Ritter
in reference to the ditch in front of
his house was read and referred to a
committee, they to report and file a
plat of the property and ditch.

W. L. Allison reported that he had
made an estimate of the measurements
and cost of extending water mains on
East street to the Standard Acid Com-
pany's plant.

It was carried that the Water and
Light Committee be instructed to lay
a 10-inch main on East street to a
point opposite the plant, being the
eastern line of the corporation, and
that Wm. Lanyon pay the cost of same
and accept a city warrant at 6 per cent
interest in payment. All work and
material to be in accordance with
water superintendent's report.

On motion bills were allowed as
follows:

W. M. Knapp, salary	25 00	W. H. Bott, salary	60 00
Travis Morse, salary	34 45	D. E. Fowler, salary	28 00
J. H. Harris, salary	35 00	W. L. Allison, salary	56 00
F. S. Canasey, salary	41 67	Miles Fisher, guard duty	39 06
D. H. Brewer, salary	40 00	J. R. Shields, guard duty	44 25
D. M. Grege, salary	40 00	A. H. Phillips, guard duty	1 25
A. D. Boyer, salary	40 00	E. G. Watt, labor	61
P. C. Howard, salary	70 00	S. D. Dishong, labor	24 82
W. H. Bott, salary	60 00	A. J. Wagner, labor	21 36
D. E. Fowler, salary	28 00	Wm. Caldwell, labor	15 63
W. L. Allison, salary	56 00	D. A. Laymore, labor	1 25
Miles Fisher, guard duty	39 06	S. C. Dillon, labor	62
J. R. Shields, guard duty	44 25	D. S. Stanley, teaming	2 25
A. H. Phillips, guard duty	1 25	O. W. Witt, teaming	5 00
E. G. Watt, labor	61	A. T. Hoffman, teaming	4 80
S. D. Dishong, labor	24 82	A. M. Bishop, labor	2 60
A. J. Wagner, labor	21 36	J. G. Spencer, labor	2 60
Wm. Caldwell, labor	15 63	J. A. Sore, teaming	5 75
D. A. Laymore, labor	1 25	J. M. Embree, teaming	3 00
S. C. Dillon, labor	62	Robert Langley, teaming	3 00
D. S. Stanley, teaming	2 25	R. C. Hill, teaming	1 30
O. W. Witt, teaming	5 00	W. D. Jackson, teaming	45 00
A. T. Hoffman, teaming	4 80	Howard & Co. board horses	2 65
A. M. Bishop, labor	2 60	J. W. McClure, weighing	1 05
J. G. Spencer, labor	2 60	C. E. Meltug, rebate O. L. T.	2 17
J. A. Sore, teaming	5 75	H. Denning, rebate O. L. T.	1 02
J. M. Embree, teaming	3 00	Sar Brick Co. 1200 brick	22 60
Robert Langley, teaming	3 00	J. W. Coutant, hardware	27 25
R. C. Hill, teaming	1 30	G. McCalland, east Fire Dept.	13 40
W. D. Jackson, teaming	45 00	Class stock, labor	64
Howard & Co. board horses	2 65	H. H. Ridenbaugh, labor	94
J. W. McClure, weighing	1 05	Fire Ex. Co. slide pole	21 50
C. E. Meltug, rebate O. L. T.	2 17	A. W. Beck, chairs	45 00
H. Denning, rebate O. L. T.	1 02	E. M. Reed & Co. supplies	47 25
Sar Brick Co. 1200 brick	22 60	Chicago Lumber Co. lumber	86 72
J. W. Coutant, hardware	27 25	S. M. Cooper, lumber	51 72
G. McCalland, east Fire Dept.	13 40	A. L. Taylor, lumber	16 42
Class stock, labor	64	L. M. Ramsey Mfg. Co. mase	445 56
H. H. Ridenbaugh, labor	94	T. F. Strickland, labor	3 00
Fire Ex. Co. slide pole	21 50	Jno Hartung, repairs	2 65
A. W. Beck, chairs	45 00	Iola Brick Co. brick	122 48
E. M. Reed & Co. supplies	47 25	Iola Concrete Co. cement curbing	14 25
Chicago Lumber Co. lumber	86 72	Evans Bros. mase	42 98
S. M. Cooper, lumber	51 72	S. Woodward, draying	75
A. L. Taylor, lumber	16 42	Iola Register, printing	18 80
L. M. Ramsey Mfg. Co. mase	445 56	C. C. Laseck, draying	1 69
T. F. Strickland, labor	3 00	Inter. State Stone Co. stone area	2 00
Jno Hartung, repairs	2 65	K. C. Plumbing Co. tapping mains	222 75
Iola Brick Co. brick	122 48	Topeka Capital, blankets	8 25
Iola Concrete Co. cement curbing	14 25	W. B. Reed, witness fees	3 00
Evans Bros. mase	42 98	Stadford Stamp Co. dog tags	2 85
S. Woodward, draying	75	W. M. Knapp, expense	1 85
Iola Register, printing	18 80	Shapel & Palustrine, smithing	2 60
C. C. Laseck, draying	1 69	Mrs W. M. Knapp, assist clerk	26 25
Inter. State Stone Co. stone area	2 00	Boston House Co. 500 feet hose	350 00
K. C. Plumbing Co. tapping mains	222 75		
Topeka Capital, blankets	8 25		
W. B. Reed, witness fees	3 00		
Stadford Stamp Co. dog tags	2 85		
W. M. Knapp, expense	1 85		
Shapel & Palustrine, smithing	2 60		
Mrs W. M. Knapp, assist clerk	26 25		
Boston House Co. 500 feet hose	350 00		

Dr. Fulton again applied for an ex-
tension of water main on North Street
and the matter was referred to the
water committee with power to act.

R. L. Manley asked that the city
secure another dumping ground until
next October.

The matter of laying cement areas
at East and Buckeye was referred to
street commissioner with power to act.

The clerk was instructed to send the
Boston Woven Hose Company a war-
rant for \$350, payable four months
from date.

Ordinance No. 445, granting to the
Ft. Scott, Iola & Western Railway
Company a right-of-way through the
city of Iola was regularly passed.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S SESSION
Saturday night in adjourned session
the council did some important busi-
ness.

On motion bills were allowed as
follows:

Z. J. Kneiss, guard duty	\$1 50
Gillian Stone Co. curbing	36 57
Stomer Fowler, recording papers	16 85



Firemen, pay at two fires \$11 50
Officers reported collections as fol-
lows: Police judge \$83.50; weigh-
master \$12.11; city clerk \$115.36.

Committee reported favorably on
laying sidewalk on North Elm south
from Benton street and the council
ordered ordinance drawn for same.

Sidewalk petition of Gamble et al
for walk on north Colborn was re-
ferred back to petitioners.

The street and alley committee filed
a plat of ditch in front of C. S. Ritter's
home. The street commissioner was
instructed to report estimate of cost of
laying tile.

Street and alley committee was in-
structed to take some action with a
view to opening a street east from the
city.

The purchase of supplies for fire
department was referred to committee.

The bond of B. C. Potter as gas in-
spector for \$200 was approved.

On motion the Water Committee was
instructed to try and arrange some
manner of washing out settling basins
from a hydrant so a hose need not be
used. The dragging of the hose about
the basin is now rapidly wearing it
out.

The city weighmaster will be al-
lowed one-third of receipts for seeing
after the sale of water from the city
goose neck.

The claim of Mary Thomas for the
amount of damages recovered from the
city \$75 and the costs \$182.50 were
allowed.

Ordinance No. 446, vacating and
discontinuing the alley in block one
in Delaplaine's addition, was passed.

The Water and Light committee re-
ported favorably on laying water
mains on North street and it has ar-
ranged with Dr. Fulton to lay a 4-
inch main, he to pay for said main
and to accept a city warrant at 6 per
cent, all water from said main to
apply in payment until warrant is
paid.

The chief was instructed to notify
Ice Co. by phone of any shut down of
water plant.

It was decided to fix curb line at ten
feet from property line about public
square. On motion it was laid over.

F. V. Crouch was instructed to ad-
here to street grades on East street.

On motion it was ordered that M. T.
Walsh, John Buckley and E. W.
Kozlowski be released from jail on
payment of their costs.

May Have a Rock Pile.

At Saturday night's council meeting
the matter of a rock pile came before
the council and action may be taken.
As it stands today an arrest means
simply holding in jail until the city
gets tired of paying board and then
the criminal goes free. The council
ordered three out Saturday night on
letters received from them stating that
they would leave town. The letter is
as follows:

"Honorable Mayor and council:
Dear Sir: We hereby beg to call
your attention to our cases, which con-
sists of plain drunk. None of us has
the wherewith to pay our fines. One
man has been here 25 days and three
more from 8 to 10 days. Please your
honor, release us and we will leave
town on the first train, for none of us
live here."

Another letter of the same nature
glibly called attention to the fact that
it costs the city money to keep them in
jail and they do not earn a cent.
With a rock pile some much-needed
macadam could be cranked by the
prisoners while serving time, giving
them healthy exercise, and paying the
city back in part at least for keeping
them. Lying in jail with three meals
a day isn't much punishment when you
get used to it.