

LIGHT PROJECT GETS HEARING

Binford Citizens Take Kindly to the Proposed High Tension Line From Cooperstown.

Since the organization of the new electric light corporation at Cooperstown, which has for its purpose the erection of a large power plant in that city and the building of a high tension transmission line to serve all the towns in Griggs county and also tap the towns in adjoining counties, besides serving farmers along the route, the proposition has become a mooted one in Binford.

Last Friday, C. S. Christianson, present owner of the Cooperstown Light and Power Co., and Engineer Stee, of Valley City, were in Binford and laid before our citizens a concise preliminary outline of the plan. Owing to the small attendance, and that all interested should be given an opportunity to hear the proposition explained thoroughly, a mass meeting was called by the village board for Monday evening at the opera house. This meeting was largely attended. Trustee Lewis presided, and after explaining the reason for holding the meeting, introduced Engineer Stee. Mr. Stee is heavily interested in the Valley City electrical system which is serving nine towns from a large central plant located at Valley City. He reviewed the progress made in electrical development since the first electric bulb was invented in 1882, up to the present time. Though the electric industry is comparatively new, great advancement has been accomplished. High tension systems are in operation in many parts of this state, and many more are under construction.

The plant at Cooperstown will be built amply large to handle all the present requirements, with provision made to enlarge the plant, should it become necessary.

So far as the village of Binford is concerned, the proposition is this: That the village purchase the plant we have, and lease the distribution system, such as the pole line and wire, to the Cooperstown company for a term of 20 years, at a figure sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the invested capital during the 20-year term, and the village to retain the property at the expiration of that time. Also to grant the company a 20-year franchise.

The following letter from Mr. Christianson, will explain further details:

Cooperstown, N. D.,
Feb. 20, 1920.

City of Binford, N. D.

Dear Sirs:

For the information requested I am herein setting forth the proposition that we are giving the neighboring towns in this county in the extension of our High Tension Electric Light and Power Line, and which is as follows: The Village or City into which we build furnishes the distribution systems, transformers, and cut overs, and which system is rented to us with a franchise for the period of twenty years with privilege of renewal, and for which rental and franchise we pay a certain percentage of the valuation of distribution system transformers etc., which will cover the interest on the warrants outstanding for the system, transformers, etc. and enough to cover the indebtedness of the original system or its valuation at the end of the twenty-year period. At the end of the twenty years we will stand ready to return the distribution system, in good condition, except for the ordinary and usual wear and tear of the same.

In this manner we give the village or city the opportunity to make use of their distribution system, which they have on hand usually. Further, it permits us to avoid that item of taxation as the distribution, transformers, etc., are owned by the municipality, and this will permit us to govern our rates to give the consumer the benefit of this voided expense.

We intend to charge 15c per K.

W. as light; 8c per K. W. on motor; and 5c for heating purposes. This we consider fair and reasonable at this time.

At this time we are arranging to put on towns to the north and south of Cooperstown, N. D., and we are in position to handle your city on the above proposition, and give 24 hour service, as soon as the proper formalities are entered into, such as the consent of your council and the sanction by proper procedure to validate our entry into your city.

Very truly yours,

Cooperstown Light & Power Co.,
C. S. Christianson.

The sentiment of those present at the Monday evening meeting, seemed practically unanimous in favoring the proposed change. However, an election will be necessary to decide the question of issuing bonds to purchase our present system, which is privately owned. A petition, signed by the required number of freeholders, was presented to the village board this morning, praying that the matter be submitted to a vote at the regular village election, to be held Tuesday, March 16.

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Scandinavians of the state are protesting the attempt of a group of Nonpartisan league politicians to cover up and defend the recent state library scandal, and one petition of protest, was signed by over 100 residents of the Hatton district.

The protest signed by the Hatton district Scandinavians explains itself, being as follows:

"As American citizens of Scandinavian descent, we, the undersigned hereby protest against, repudiate, and condemn the Scandinavian Educational association recently announced at Bismarck as not representing any body, religious, social or political among our citizens of Scandinavian ancestry, but simply the work of certain self-styled educators doing the Townley gang's bidding. We repudiate each and every one of the organizers of said association as men not up to the average standard of citizens of Scandinavian origin, either in moral understanding or political independence, and as political creatures unfit to be the educators of any American citizen, young or old, be he of Scandinavian descent or not.

"We indorse the splendid work of Mr. Burtness and his co-workers in the legislature and urge Governor Frazier to clean up the Board of Administration by discharging Rev. Totten, Muir and all others who aided or defended the Stangeland program of placing among our young folks atheistic books—Blatchford and Upton Sinclair—slushy, sexual stuff by the Swedish writer, Ellen Key, and Bolshevism by Trotzky and others.

"We respectfully ask every independent newspaper in the state to publish this protest and to inform the public at large that people of Scandinavian descent, no matter where found, have always been believers in clean literature, and supporters of home, school and church, and that the hand-picked Townleyite creatures who went on record at Bismarck as indorsing the Stangeland program, speak only for themselves and the Townley gang, and do not in any way represent the millions of American citizens of Scandinavian descent throughout the great Northwest of our country."

Music by Henry Ford.

For Sale—One Ford car with Piston rings; two rear wheels, one front spring. Has no fenders, seat or plank; burns lots of gas. Hard to crank. Carburetor busted, half way through. Engine missing; hits on two. Three years old; four in the spring. Has shock absorbers and everything. Radiator busted, sure does leak. Differentials dry; you can hear it squeak. Ten spokes missing. Front all bent. Tires blown out. Ain't worth a cent. Got lots of speed; will run like the deuce; burns either gas or tobacco juice. Tires all off; been run on the rim. A darn good Ford for the shape it's in.