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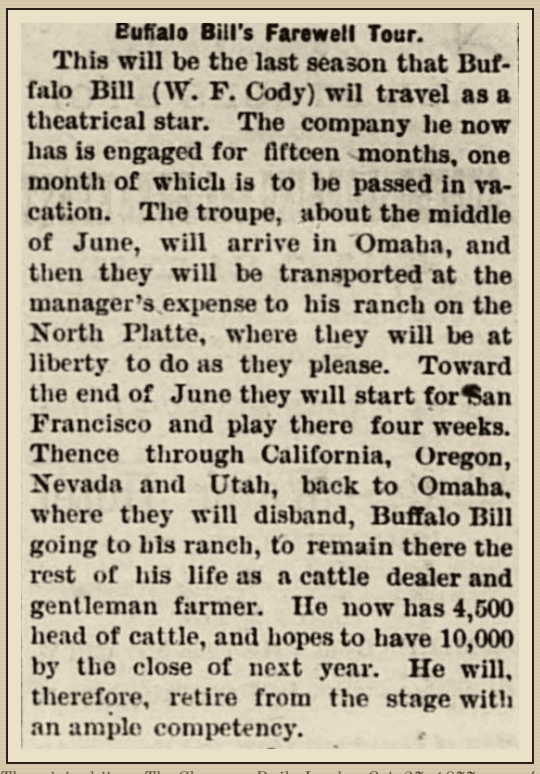
BUFFALO BILL'S FAREWELL TOUR.

The scout will quit the stage for his cattle, the paper reports

THE CHEYENNE DAILY LEADER · CHEYENNE, WYOMING TERRITORY · OCT. 27, 1877

The Leader printed it plainly: "This will be the last season that Buffalo Bill (W. F. Cody) wil travel as a theatrical star." ("Wil" is the Leader's spelling.) The tour would run to San Francisco and back to Omaha. There the troupe would disband, and Cody would go to his ranch on the North Platte "to remain there the rest of his life as a cattle dealer and gentleman farmer." He had 4,500 head and hoped for 10,000.

The rest of his life turned out to be busy. His stage company kept touring for several more seasons. In May 1883 he opened his Wild West at Omaha, and it ran, in one form or another, for about thirty years. In 1910 he set out on yet another round of farewell tours, which took nearly three seasons to finish. A good farewell, it seems, bears repeating.



Buffalo Bill's Farewell Tour.

This will be the last season that Buffalo Bill (W. F. Cody) wil travel as a theatrical star. The company he now has is engaged for fifteen months, one month of which is to be passed in vacation. The troupe, about the middle of June, will arrive in Omaha, and then they will be transported at the manager's expense to his ranch on the North Platte, where they will be at liberty to do as they please. Toward the end of June they will start for San Francisco and play there four weeks. Thence through California, Oregon, Nevada and Utah, back to Omaha, where they will disband, Buffalo Bill going to his ranch, to remain there the rest of his life as a cattle dealer and gentleman farmer. He now has 4,500 head of cattle, and hopes to have 10,000 by the close of next year. He will, therefore, retire from the stage with an ample competency.

The original item, The Cheyenne Daily Leader, Oct. 27, 1877, page 4. Courtesy of Chronicling America, Library of Congress.

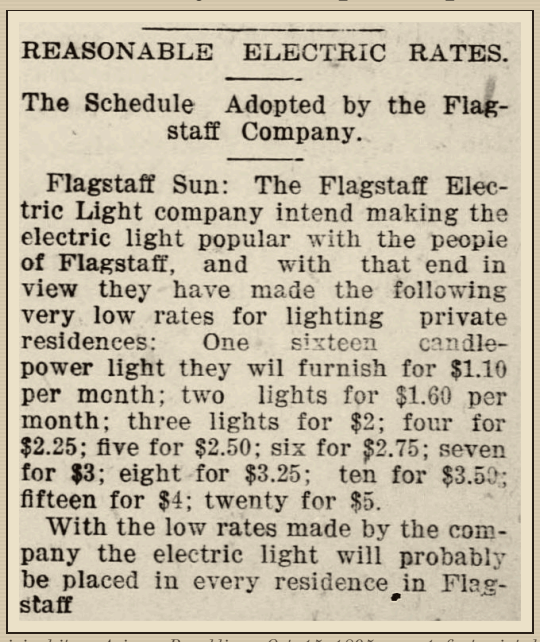
REASONABLE ELECTRIC RATES.

The Schedule Adopted by the Flagstaff Company.

ARIZONA REPUBLICAN · PHOENIX, ARIZONA TERRITORY · OCT. 15, 1895 · FROM THE FLAGSTAFF SUN

The Republican passed along a notice from the Flagstaff Sun. The Flagstaff Electric Light company meant to make electric light popular in town, and it posted rates for private homes: one sixteen-candle-power light for $1.10 a month, two for $1.60, three for $2, ten for $3.50, and "twenty for $5." The Sun's forecast was that the light "will probably be placed in every residence in Flagstaff."

Sixteen candle power was the usual size of a household lamp in those years, about the light of sixteen candles burning together, with no wick to trim. Read the schedule twice and the arithmetic does the selling. One lamp cost $1.10 a month. Twenty came to a quarter apiece.



REASONABLE ELECTRIC RATES.

The Schedule Adopted by the Flagstaff Company.

Flagstaff Sun: The Flagstaff Electric Light company intend making the electric light popular with the people of Flagstaff, and with that end in view they have made the following very low rates for lighting private residences: One sixteen candle-power light they wil furnish for $1.10 per month; two lights for $1.60 per month; three lights for $2; four for $2.25; five for $2.50; six for $2.75; seven for $3; eight for $3.25; ten for $3.50; fifteen for $4; twenty for $5.

With the low rates made by the company the electric light will probably be placed in every residence in Flagstaff

The original item, Arizona Republican, Oct. 15, 1895, page 1, first printed in the Flagstaff Sun. Courtesy of Chronicling America, Library of Congress.

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The electric-rates item first appeared in the Flagstaff Sun, as reprinted by the Arizona Republican.