

SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resignation of Councilman H. J. Schluntz and D. O. Dwyer Appointed to Vacancy

The city council met last night in regular session with all members present except Vordran who came in a few minutes after the meeting convened and was marked present. Acting Mayor Sattler presided and the sufficient young city clerk Dr. Elster was on hand with his winning smile to compile the minutes.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and also of the special meeting on the light question were read and approved.

The mayor then read the resignation of Councilman H. J. Schluntz of the First ward who resigned on account of leaving the city permanently, which resignation was unanimously accepted.

The finance committee was not ready to report, owing, as Chairman Steimker said, to there being too many bills on hand not properly O. K'd.

The chief of police failed to make his regular report and acting Mayor Sattler asked the city clerk to instruct him to make the same on the first of every month as has been the custom.

City Clerk Elster reported that he had collected the magnificent sum of \$710.65 for the treasury and proudly exhibited the receipt of Treasurer Clement to back up his statement. This included \$688 received from the county as the city road fund.

City Treasurer Clement reported a balance in the treasury on the first of the month of \$7,533.46, his report being referred to finance committee for action.

The finance committee then reported the following claims against the city which they recommended be allowed and warrants drawn for:

Jos. Fitzgerald, salary	\$50.00
Jas. Skoumal, poll tax	3.00
Olive Jones, salary	25.00
Platts, Tel. Co., rent	1.50
Ben Rainey, salary	50.00
Jas. Donnelly, salary	45.00
Public Library expense	1.15
J. V. Egenberger, fuel	14.25
Jas. Mirasek, street work	4.73
Mike Sedlak, poll tax	3.00
J. V. Egenberger, fuel	14.50
M. Areher, salary	30.00
Phil Harrison, street work	3.15
W. B. Rishel, street work	1.23
Chas. Bates, hauling cinders	1.40
M. Herold, stationery	.50

To the claims committee: C. L. Martin, livery 3.00. Mendenhall brought up the matter of the absence of Chief of Police Fitzgerald and inquired as to allowing his claim for services during the time he was away.

Steimker explained that he understood Fitzgerald was to have a vacation of ten days but stated the city had paid out \$6 for special police during his absence. He moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

Schulhof wanted the salary of Councilman Schluntz included in the claims allowed which was accepted by all.

Weber wanted some information as to the time Fitzgerald was absent and who authorized his absence.

On suggestion of Sattler, Mendenhall explained that Fitzgerald had asked him to excuse him for a vacation of a week or ten days but stated that he had told him he had no authority to excuse him. He thought Fitzgerald had been absent about ten days or two weeks.

Sattler stated that he told Fitzgerald it would be all right so far as he was concerned to go on a vacation but the council would have to settle the matter of salary.

The motion to adopt the report of the committee carried by the following vote: Aye Falter, Steimker, Bookmeyer, Schulhof, Vordran, Mendenhall—6. Nay, Sattler, Weber, Neuman—3.

Chief of the Fire Department Anton H. Koubek presented a report severely criticizing the arrangement of the East Fourth ward schoolhouse declaring in case of fire the children could not be safely gotten out and he also severely criticized the condition of the steam pipes at the Columbian school. He ended his report by the statement that if the school board did not attend to these matters and arrange to protect the lives of the children he intended taking the matter up with the state authorities.

Vordran stated he had called the attention of the local school board to the matters complained of and they had promised through Mr. Roberts to see the evils complained of were remedied. On motion of Weber the matter was referred to the school board.

The report of the condition of the equipment of the several fire com-

panies were referred to the fire and water committee.

The report of the police judge showed two arrests in January and nothing collected. Two commitments to jail both tramps.

The report of the judiciary committee was the next listed on the call but before it could be taken up Councilman Neuman sprung what looked for a few minutes as if a bombshell. He wanted to know what had become of the communication referred to that committee some time since relative to purchasing the waterworks.

Before he got any definite statement as to the status of the matter inquired after, he went into the matter of the proposed lighting contract and also of the matter what the city was paying for water and from his figures he deduced the fact that the city with the money it would pay out in ten years for light and water combined could be built a good plant capable of supplying its needs. He believed that the city could issue \$60,000 in bonds and build a good light and water plant. He figured out from what the city had paid in the past that the city would pay in twenty years \$62,194.18 for light and \$120,000.00 for water or a total of \$182,194.18 an amount which would buy two light plants and three water plants. He wanted cheaper light and water for the city and he spoke very pointedly about the duty of the council to get after this.

Steimker took the floor and combatted Neuman's theory vigorously. He had been unable to figure any such amounts as the Fourth warder had counted up. He couldn't see where the city could make money. He recalled the fact that the city had ventured into the municipal lighting field at one time and during the course of five or six years it had come out some \$34,000 in the hole on the deal. He spoke of the practice of employing political friends to run the works and of how much such friends had cost the city in the past and he also took occasion to refresh his opposition to the former deal and how he had argued the matter with former Councilman W. J. White. He had always opposed the municipal ownership idea and then he inadvertently upon the political pull which always resulted in wrecking such enterprises. He spared no political party in his invective against them and stated that he delivered no political speech. He waxed stronger and spoke of the idea of taking over the water plant as ridiculous as the city was not in a financial position to do so if it cared to. He declared the plant to be worn out anyway and as almost so much junk. He favored the best interests of the city as he saw it and he was opposed to trying to carry out such a deal.

Acting Mayor Sattler tried in vain to cut off the talk as there was nothing before the house to talk on, and told Neuman that he had been considered with him before and he did not care to listen to any more discussion. He finally permitted Neuman to have another minute to answer his Third ward colleague and in that minute Neuman made the most of it. He declared that he had been misquoted by the councilmen from the Third who evidently misunderstood him. He insisted that \$60,000 would put in a joint light and water plant sufficient to meet the needs of the city, and then went into details as to the service given by municipal plants given in Germany. In that country they had been a pronounced success. He referred to the failure of the local plant under municipal ownership and declared one reason was because the people would not pay their light bills. He stated that on examination of the books, however, it was evident that the plant had done better under municipal than private ownership and if it had been properly run from a business standpoint it would have paid handsomely.

After the storm over the water had subsided, the judiciary committee reported a resolution appropriating \$600 for payment to the Plattsmouth Water Company on account, the same not to compromise in any way the rights of either party in the litigation now pending between the city and the company. On the passage of the resolution all voted aye.

The judiciary committee also reported favorably on a bill of \$8.75 in favor of the Plattsmouth Water Company for water used for street sprinkling and all voted in favor of allowing it. Steimker inquired as to what the water was used for and wanted any street sprinkling in Jan-

uary stopped. It developed the bill was for October and November.

The claims committee through J. W. Bookmeyer, acting chairman since the resignation of Schluntz, reported on some bills which raised more noise. He reported the following bills favorably and asked they be paid:

C. L. Martin, livery	\$3.00
H. L. Asemissen & Son, mdse.	3.90
Chas. Zilka, drying hose	1.75

Steimker at once took the floor and inquired into the Martin bill. He said these livery bills for the chief of police were getting to be a chestnut. He wanted to know who authorized these bills and why. He wanted the claims committee to explain and then scored the committee for reporting claims without investigation which he said had been done in this case.

Bookmeyer stated that the claim had been O. K'd by the chief of police and he had confidence enough in the chief of police to believe he wouldn't have signed it if he hadn't had the buggy. The council could vote as it pleased but he had confidence in the police.

Steimker objected strenuously to the marshal signing his own bill and getting authority for the expenditure from no one else. He would not favor paying the bill without due investigation. He moved to amend the motion to adopt by allowing all bills except Martin's.

The amendment of Steimker prevailed and the Martin claim went back to the claims committee.

On motion of Bookmeyer the meeting scheduled for the 22nd, was to be on the 23rd on account of the former date being a legal holiday.

The acting mayor then appointed D. O. Dwyer as councilman from the First ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Councilman Schluntz. The appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Aye—Falter, Sattler, Weber, Steimker, Bookmeyer, Vordran and Mendenhall—7. Nays—Neuman, Schulhof—2.

An ordinance to allow the hanging of electric signs and prescribing the method of putting them up was then presented and read the first time.

Falter stated that he had produced the ordinance at the request of business men who desired to put up such signs on Main and Sixth streets.

He believed it would be unnecessary to light Main and Sixth streets if this ordinance passed as the lights put up by the merchants would fully the bill. He knew of a half dozen merchants who were ready to put up these signs. He moved to suspend the rules, read the ordinance a second and third time by its title and place it on its final passage.

This brought Bookmeyer to his feet with a rush. He protested against allowing any one kind of signs to go up. If a man wanted a gold-leaf sign put up, he had a right to have it. He made a strong speech in favor of wooden signs and the painters and protested against the invasion of such modern signs as the electric.

Steimker moved to refer the ordinance to the judiciary committee to report at the next meeting, which motion prevailed.

The judiciary committee and the committee on streets, alleys and bridges were then on motion of Falter, selected as a joint committee to meet with Mrs. Virginia McVicker and her counsel and see if he damage suit against the city could not be settled. The committee being limited to paying the court costs so far as the case had gone as a money consideration. Falter stated that he had been informed by Mrs. McVicker's counsel that a settlement on this basis would be made if the city would allow the walk to be placed where Mrs. McVicker wanted it and would do no further grading.

This was the last thing done and Councilman Steimker who had adjourned the council once that evening, got in his deadly work again and this time the adjournment went.

Celebrates With Friends.

County Judge Beeson and wife were made the recipients of a very pleasant surprise party at their home last evening, the occupants of a number of the offices in the county court house turning out in numbers to help this popular couple celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary. As a unique device to make the surprise as startling as possible, the party all backed up for the occasion. Thus disguised and each one with some article of tinware as his or her gift, the entire body in couples and singly descended upon the unsuspecting household. The effect of this invasion of the ebony hued citizens upon the Judge and his better half can well be imagined while the impression produced upon the younger Beesons had, better be imagined than seen.

The evening was spent in really riotous celebration of the happy event. The many present talked and sang and danced until it came time to indulge in a feast of oysters, celery, cake and coffee which was hastily provided for the delectation of the assemblage by Judge and Mrs. Beeson. It had been agreed that Register of Deeds Schneider

was to deliver an address to Judge Beeson and wife commemorative of their passing the tenth milestone of conjugal bliss, and he did his part well, so well in fact, that the Judge when he rose to respond found himself unable to obtain the floor and express his feelings at the outpouring of their many friends. Every-time the Judge started to speak Mr. Schneider happened to remember something he had omitted in his address and commenced all over again. Judge Beeson finally abandoned his attempt and let the crowd have all the fun they wanted without restraint. Space forbids going into details over some of the highly humorous occurrences of the evening, but it is suffice to say, the evening was the best ever put in by the crowd.

Those attending were D. C. Morgan and wife, Jas. Donnelly and wife, W. K. Fox and wife, W. K. Jr., H. A. Schneider and wife, N. H. Isbell and family, Mrs. Minor, Mrs. A. Beeson, Misses Mary E. Foster, Alma Larson, Teresa Hempel, Anna Hassler, Mia Gering, Gertrude Beeson and Katie McHugh.

Many Sleepless Nights, Owing to a Persistent Cough, Relief found At Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the *Burley, Colo. Bulletin*. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

IN HONOR OF FRIEND

Mrs. E. D. Cummins Entertains for Mrs. W. L. Cooper

Mrs. E. D. Cummins most delightfully entertained in her elegant home Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. W. L. Cooper.

During the afternoon an interesting contest was enjoyed. On the seven tables in the parlor were arranged games of various kinds that tested the guessing abilities of the guests. On one table there was dissected advertising matter to be put together in proper form. At another the authors of well known quotations were to be made. One other table bore the name of Abraham Lincoln and the guests were required during eight minutes to make as many words as possible from the letters in the name. Household necessities, well disguised, tested the guessing abilities at another table.

Mrs. J. W. Gamble sang several musical selections accompanied by Miss Kittie Cummins, who also gave several instrumental selections most acceptably. Miss Mildred Cummins, recited, in her usual pleasing manner, two humorous selections.

The three course luncheon served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mrs. John Crabbill, Miss Kittie and Miss Mildred Cummins, was a thoroughly appreciated portion of the entertainment. Mrs. James Donnelly received the first prize for being the best guesser. Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Donnelly received the same number, but the latter won the prize by guessing the nearest the number of the page of a book that was opened for that purpose.

On leaving the guests expressed the great pleasure afforded them by the hospitable hostess and expressed great regret at the near departure of the guest of honor, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, who is soon to depart for Bloomington, Ill.

Those present were: Mesdames W. L. Cooper, J. N. Wise, A. W. Atwood, J. H. Salesbury, W. D. Jones, J. M. Roberts, J. H. Donnelly, C. H. Smith, D. C. Morgan, J. B. Martin, Wm. McCauley, F. R. Whitaker, C. R. Moran, N. Kountze, J. H. Becker, John Fight, Herman Asemissen, Carl Asemissen, X. Hanks, W. H. Newell, C. A. Rawls, G. L. Farley, Wm. Baird, Fred Morgan, W. E. Rosen-crans, W. W. W. W. Gamble and W. Lotshaw.

Mrs. M. F. Steimker departed last evening on No. 2 for Burlington, Ia., where she is called by the sad mission of attending the funeral of her sister who had reached the ripe age of eighty years. The death of this venerable lady occurred yesterday and Mrs. Steimker received a message notifying her of the sad occurrence in time to enable her to get away last evening. Owing to the pressure of business, Mr. Steimker found himself unable to leave greatly to his regret.

TO HOLD CAUCUS

Democratic Members of House of Representatives to Get Together

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2, 1909. Bills are now being introduced at the rate of about fifty per day in both House and Senate. Some of them are of minor importance, and will never reach a third reading and will be indefinitely postponed, which means killed for all time to come.

It seems very strange that we find no republicans opposing appropriations, no matter how great they may be. They are better organized in this regard than the democrats. "Pile up the appropriations" is their watchword, and they are "holding fast" to this motto.

The democrats will hold a caucus next Wednesday night at the Lincoln hotel for the purpose of ascertaining who are with us and who are against us. Thus far the democrats of the House have not "pulled together" in the manner they should. We can spare a few of those who have been patted on the back by the republicans who see that in that way they can keep at least the half dozen who have been acting with the opposition with them. We want to know who can be depended upon to stand for democratic principles, and those who are democrats only so far as their interests are at stake. With a united democracy we can accomplish much, but without it we cannot stand.

The bill to stamp all notes, mortgages, etc., passed the house this week. This is a measure that has been clamored for and was up before the legislature two years ago, but was in some manner side-tracked.

It is the general opinion that the joint committee of the Senate and House on banks and banking will agree and report on a guarantee proposition this week, and report a measure that will be acceptable to the democrats.

A large number of exponents of woman suffrage will be here today to labor for a constitutional amendment giving them the privilege to exercise the right of franchise, and will appear before the committee on constitutional amendments. So far they have been the only lobbyists that have been excluded from either floor. If other lobbyists are excluded we think it no more than right that they also should be. One class of lobbyists is no better than another.

There is considerable opposition to many of the appropriation bills before the House, and when they come up for final action the amounts will be sliced right square in two, as they should be.

The House and Senate will probably adjourn Thursday evening in honor of the commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated on the day following. Each body appointed a committee to assist in arranging for the event. The House committee consists of Wm. J. McVicker, Uncle Dan Nettleton and M. A. Bates. The exercises will occur at St. Paul's church at 7:30 in the evening, and will be presided over by Mayor Brown. A splendid program has been arranged for the event, and the members of the legislature will attend in a body.

There seems to be considerable opposition to the present high school law, and several bills have been introduced to abolish the present system. It behoves those in the rural districts who favor the present law to get a move on them.

Speaker Pool is not only very popular with the members of this body, but he seems to be much so with the outside world, from the number of handsome bouquets he is receiving. This week he received a very large and handsome bouquet as a mark of esteem from the 4,000 traveling men of Nebraska. Charley deserves this recognition.

It is thought now that according to an expression of the members of the House that county option will be very close when it comes to a vote. There are a few who favor a state-wide constitutional amendment. But so far as I am individually concerned, I will vote against either measure, if there is not another vote with me.

The general impression is, that according to the manner in which business is being conducted, that we will not get in the full sixty days before the first of April. It is safe to say that the farmers in this body will be anxious to get in some farm work before that date.

M. A. B.

Geo. N. LaRue of Union, a member of the soldier's relief commission, came in this morning for the meeting of the commission to a check up on the commission accounts for the last year. This work will be done on the arrival of Jos Mullen of Elmwood another member of the commission today. Judge J. W. Johnson of this city, is the third member of the body which will meet with County Clerk Rosenkrans.

IF

Money Talks

and it does

We should sell you an overcoat

THIS WEEK

Any overcoat in stock at one fourth off for cash.

Our Loss-- Your Gain



C. E. WESCOTT'S SONS.

"Where Quality Counts."

Glenwood Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, preparing to move soon to their new home near Plattsmouth were given a pleasant surprise on Saturday night by some of their old neighbors out in Center. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond.

James Glenn is now located across the river at Plattsmouth, having moved there from Silas, Iowa. Mr. Glenn was in Glenwood yesterday greeting old friends and looking after business.—Mills County Tribune.

A Happy Marriage.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Beeson of the county court united in marriage Henry Hrz, aged 25 and Miss Maggie Anna Meisinger, aged 17, both of this vicinity. Mr. Hrz, the groom, is a son of William Hrz, and is a well known and popular young man with a host of friends who extend their congratulations upon his venture into matrimonial life. Miss Meisinger is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger, and is a young lady with many friends in the country all of whom greatly rejoice in her good fortune. The young people will make their home near this city. The wedding party attracted general notice as the bride was charmingly attired for the occasion.

Finds Much Brass.

Louisville, Neb., Feb. 8.—Marshal Mayfield found a considerable amount of brass hidden behind a cobshed on the north side of town, which is thought to have been taken from the ruins of several buildings which were destroyed by the tornado which visited this place last spring. The metal was stored in sacks and was half buried in a clump of bushes. John M. Jackman, who owned a mill which was blown to pieces at the time of the storm, missed the brass fittings from his engines when the debris was cleared away and since the loss was discovered an attempt has been made to discover the thieves. The material which was found includes a large amount of engine fittings, and it is believed that much railroad brass is contained with the metal supposed to have been taken from the mill and other buildings destroyed by the storm. Mr. Jackman has been notified and will come to Louisville to identify the brass.