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THE DOINGS OF OUR CITY DADS LAST EVENING

The Light Matter Still Hangs Fire, and the Same Laid Over to the Next Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the city council, which was held last evening, was as smooth and peaceful as a summer's dream, with nothing to disturb the serenity of the occasion. The regular meeting was to have been held on Monday evening, but as this was Washington's birthday it was necessary to put the meeting over until the later date.

There was nothing further doing in the settlement of the light question, as the papers in the case have been sent to the office of the Nebraska Lighting company in the east and have not as yet been returned to Manager Woods in this city to arrange for a final windup of the matter. The members of the council and the manager of the light company have been working hard on the proposition and all desire keenly to have it disposed of, and the head offices of the light company seem to be the only stumbling block in the question, as according to the statements made at the meeting last evening the company does not approve in the entirety of the terms of the contract proposed by the city and the management of the light company.

A communication was received from the fire department announcing that they had received the six rubber coats which the city had purchased, and recommended that the city put in a number of lockers which could care for the coats in fine shape and not

allow them to become lost or destroyed. The communication also suggested that the fire chief be given a white rubber coat to distinguish him in case of a fire. Councilman Hallstrom introduced a motion that the committee on fire and water be empowered to make the necessary allowance for the putting in of the lockers and to place the communication of the fire chief on file.

The council also received a communication from R. M. Shlaes, manager of the Gem and Grand theaters, in which he stated to the council that he had paid his tax on the Gem and enclosing a check for \$25 for the tax on the Grand, and he asked that he be allowed to transfer the tax on the Grand to the Air Dome when he closed the theater and opened the Air Dome for the summer season. The members of the council all seemed to be in favor of allowing Mr. Shlaes this privilege and it was agreed that he should, when the time came, make his petition in regular form to the council in order that the proper action might be secured on it.

County Surveyor Fred Patterson presented a communication to the council in which he asked that the former request in regard to opening an alley connecting with Third street, near his home, be laid on the table, and he presented a new request to have some means of egress be given to him, as he claims that he is shut in entirely from getting to and from his residence property. There was no action taken in this matter by the council.

The board of directors of the Nebraska Masonic Home, through their secretary, Hon. Francis E. White, of Omaha, expressed to the members of the council and the mayor the deep appreciation of the feeling of gratitude entertained by the directors for the generous donation of the city of six cemetery lots to the Home association.

Chairman Straight of the judiciary committee reported back the franchise of the Omaha and Lincoln Light and Power company, which at the last

meeting had been turned back to the committee to see that it compared with the one about to be granted to the Nebraska Lighting company, and he handed the new amended franchise to City Clerk Nemetz, who in a smooth and mellow voice read the franchise for about the 1,000,000 time, and the aforesaid franchise was laid over until the next meeting of the council for its second reading. The ordinance also carries with it a provision for a discount on all bills paid by the 15th of the month.

The claims committee of the council reported back the claim of M. E. Manspeaker for \$1.50 for livery, and recommended that the same be paid; while the bill of M. Herold for stationery to city was held up for further investigation. This report was adopted.

Mayor Sattler called the attention of the council to the condition of the fill on Wintersteen Hill, which is in bad shape, and recommended that something be done at once in order to stop the dirt washing out there, as if a tiling is not placed at that point there will be a great deal of the work of the city carried away in the spring. Councilman Bestor stated he had talked with the street commissioner in regard to the matter, and also to the railway company in regard to the making of a fill in their part of the ditch. The matter was finally turned over to the streets, alleys and bridges committee to take such action as they might see fit.

Councilman Buttery called the attention of the council to the need of a fill on West Locust street, where the condition of the street makes it difficult for passers-by to get through on this well traveled thoroughfare, and on motion cinders were ordered placed there at once to assist in making the fill.

Chairman Harris of the cemetery committee asked that his committee be given further time before taking action in laying out the lots in the cemetery, as there were quite a large number there which had not been sold and it would be best to take more

time on laying out the plots of ground and this request was granted. He also asked that some understanding be secured with the trustees in charge of the Catholic cemetery to try and have the row of cottonwood trees between the two cemeteries removed, as they were very disagreeable. Mr. Harris was appointed as a committee of one to look after the matter.

In discussing the light question, in which Manager Woods' stated the position of his company toward the rates he proposed, Chairman Hallstrom of the light committee proposed to cut the bills of the light company 40 per cent if the reduction in rates was not granted as was outlined by the light committee and the council. A great majority of the council seemed to favor taking this action.

The proposition introduced by Councilman Buttery to have a sewer connection made in the stairway leading to the city jail, and also for the construction of a roof over the stairway there to prevent the water leaking down, brought on considerable discussion among the different members and was finally settled by the passage of a motion to put in a sewer tap and to advertise for bids to construct the stairway.

Councilman Patterson called the attention of the council to the curbing and guttering on North Sixth street, which in several places is not in the best of shape, as it threatens to wash out. City Attorney Tidd recommended that the street commissioner fix the roadway and that the contractor be notified to look after the curbing at the Beeson place, and that the water company and the contractor be notified of the condition of the curb and gutter near the Robertson and Kuhns places, as there had been a ditch made there by the water company shortly before the curb and gutter was placed.

Councilman Bestor asked permission to have the engineer, on his first trip here, make a survey of the alley on the south side of Main street in order that he might be in a position to present the matter of the proposed paving to the members of the council in the proper light.

The finance committee recommended the following claims, which were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the different amounts: E. Godwin, street work, \$1.80; Lambert Lister, street work, \$8.00; Charles McBride, street work, \$9.10; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$22.50; G. P. Eastwood, supplies to fire department, \$8.50.

CHARLEY PETERSON, A PLATTSMOUTH BOY, MARRIES A CHICAGO LADY

The many friends here of John C. Peterson, jr., will be more than pleased to learn that in Chicago yesterday morning he entered the ranks of the newly weds, having been united there in marriage to Miss Anna Rath. Mr. Peterson was for a number of years engaged in business in Chicago, and while there met and became engaged to the young lady that yesterday became Mrs. Peterson. The young people departed this morning for Davenport, Iowa, to visit there with the sister of Mr. Peterson, Mrs. L. W. Barger, and expect to start for Plattsburgh tomorrow, where they will make their future home. The many friends of the groom will extend to him and his bride their best wishes for a long and happy married life and one filled with the rarest of joy. They will make their future home in this city, where the groom will soon engage in the moving picture and amusement business in partnership with R. M. Shlaes.

Jack M. Patterson, the Union banker, and wife came in last evening and visited over night with relatives, and were passengers to Omaha this morning, where they will look after some business matters.

Sperry Ruffner of Omaha dropped in on No. 6 over the Burlington this morning and is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ruffner, for the day, and renewing acquaintances of days gone by.

Mrs. J. O. Wagner, sister of Mrs. Charles McGuire, who has been visiting in this city, a guest at the home of his sister, departed for her home in Gretna this morning, going to Omaha on the morning train, where she will visit for the day, going home this evening.

Miss Josephine Wurga, Mrs. James J. Newacek and Chad Wurga were all passengers to Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa, this morning, going to the latter place to see their father, John Wurga, who is in St. Bernard's hospital, where he is receiving treatment for some affection of his eyes.

Letter files at the Journal office.

PLATTSMOUTH PEOPLE VISITING THE CANAL ZONE

An Interesting Letter From Platts-mouth People Who Spent Winter in the Panama Canal Zone.

Our citizens, Homer McKay and wife, parents of Mrs. W. H. Bunch and Mrs. W. H. Pickett, of the post-office, who are spending the winter in the canal zone, write some very interesting letters telling of their life there and their experiences in that far-away land.

They write of a terrible hurricane of wind and rain which visited that place on the tenth and eleventh of this month, and which did much damage to shipping, as well as some to the canal. In this storm there was over one thousand feet of the breakwater destroyed, as well as a train of ledger-wood cars blown from the tracks of the railroad. It would seem as though a storm like this, which they call in that country a "norther," must be as severe as the blizzard of our own state, while they are having some with these experiences, there are other things which present a very pleasing phase of the southland life. A short time since they made a trip through the canal, starting at 6 a. m. and arriving home again at 9 in the evening.

"We experienced several mishaps; the first was a rain storm at Colon, at the beginning of the trip, at which place we arrived at 9:45 in the morning. Leaving Colon in a boat in the canal, which presented a very pleasant view on all sides. All went well until we arrived at Calebra Cut, at which point there had been a landslide the night before. Here we had to wait for two hours that a passage might be made so we could get through, and it was only by the assistance of a tug boat that we were able to get through at that.

"The tug was required also to pull us through the Pedro Miguel locks, which worked fine, and we were on our way. Arriving at Mellorisa, we got into the locks, when something happened to the locks, which would not work on account of the electric current failing, which kept us for another hour, which consumed much of the daylight, and we floated out into the Pacific side and it was about dark. We were not able to see that portion of the canal after the darkness came, but were able to see both oceans in the one day, which was a grand sight, viewing the Atlantic from one direction and the Pacific from the other. We took pictures of the views which appealed to us as being especially beautiful, and they were almost all of that description. The Panama railroad gave the excursion, which cost \$3.00 for the fare on the railroad trip through the canal and dinner.

"The boat on which we traveled was a large one, with a capacity of 500 passengers, which was crowded on the day we made the trip. We may start for home on March 27th on the Colon.

"The Mardi Gras begins here tomorrow, February 13th; we will send you a program. We expect to attend the coronation of the queen tomorrow evening. Mrs. Maxon, our daughter, has gone after the tickets now. The celebration is to be held in the opera house.

"We have ripe tomatoes grown from plants set out since we came here. Also plenty of apples and bananas, as well as all tropical fruits.

"We cannot imagine so much snow with you, when it is so warm as it is here. We have had several slight earthquake tremors, but we only felt one of any consequence."

Objects to Certain Actions.

During the last week the cinder sidewalk on Chicago avenue has been used by some of the school children living in the south part of the city by riding and driving over them. This morning a lad was seen driving nearly the entire length, while two others were seen driving over the walk with a vehicle. Nearly all of the people living in that part of the city have to walk to town, and if the city cannot afford anything better than a cinder walk, we object to the driving over our footpath with teams and horses. Man, it is bad enough to wade through the droppings of the city herd during the summer. Well, can't some of the city dads look after this and put a stop to it?

J. M. Young.

Jacob J. Schneider and wife of Cedar Creek were visiting in the city today and looking after some business matters.

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PLATTSMOUTH MAN OBJECTS TO HAVING HIS NAME USED ON CHECK

George Bruhl of Omaha, formerly of this city, seems to have gotten into the limelight in Omaha due to the fact that his name was used by one E. A. Read on a check which was issued by the First National bank here. The Omaha Bee gives the following in regard to the matter:

Seeing in the Evening Bee that his name had been signed to a \$75 check by Elmer A. Read on the Brandeis Stores, G. M. Buhl, switchman on the Burlington railroad, appeared at police headquarters and identified Read as an old acquaintance.

Bruhl told Chief of Detectives Maloney Wednesday morning that he had worked with Read in the railroad yards at Pacific Junction and that Read stole a checkbook from him, bearing the heading of the First National bank of Plattsburgh. At that time Bruhl had an account with the Plattsburgh bank. After glancing at the signature on the bad check which the Brandeis Stores passed, Bruhl declared it to be a very clever forgery, and an excellent imitation of his own signature.

Owing to the fact that Read when arrested had enough money on his person to make good the \$75 check, prosecution on this particular check will be dropped unless Bruhl insists on pushing a charge of forgery against the offender.

Read was arraigned on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, the complaint naming only the check for \$25 made on the People's Trust and Savings bank of Carroll, Iowa, which the fellow also passed on the Brandeis Stores. He was bound over to the district court with bonds fixed at \$750.

Thoms C. Svoboda, the assistant rural mail carrier for route No. 1, running south from here, is having a tussle with the measles, just getting over them, so that he can get up and around, will soon be able to be out again, he hopes.

If a better cough syrup than Foley's Honey and Tar Compound could be found, we would carry it. We know this reliable and dependable medicine has given satisfaction for more than forty years; therefore we never offer a substitute for the genuine. Recommended for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, bronchial and la-grippe coughs. No opiates. For sale by all druggists.

We Will Try It.

After various attempts at securing attractions for the Parmele theater that would please my patrons, I have secured, through the recommendations of various theaters throughout the state, the Johnson Show at a very moderate price of admission. They open at the Parmele tonight well recommended. Price of admission, 10 cents to all. No reserved seats.

R. M. Shlaes.

BASKET BALL GAME AT THE GERMAN HOME TOMORROW NIGHT

Tomorrow evening at the German Home, the Plattsburgh High School Basket Ball five will clash with the team of the Benson High school. Plattsburgh defeated Benson two weeks ago at Benson, but since that time Wallace Hunter, one of the mainstays of the local team, has been taken sick and will be unable to help his teammates out in this game. Fortunately the team has a squad of substitutes who are ably capable of filling the gap in a misfortune of this kind, and so, as a whole, the locals are confident of repeating the humiliation administered two weeks ago. The boys are especially desirous of a good crowd, as they are endeavoring to raise funds to pay their way to the state basket ball tournament. The probable line-up of the locals will be: Marshall, center; White and Cunningham, guards; Larson and Speck, forwards.

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