

A BUSY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Reports of City Officials Received, Claims Paid, and a Great Amount of Business Transacted.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The city council enjoyed a very busy session last evening, at which time a number of matters of importance to the city were taken up and discussed by the city dads, all of whom were present when the mayor summoned the meeting to order.

In the communications and petitions, one was received from residents on South Fifth street asking that an electric light be placed at the corner of Fifth and Pearl streets, where it is very badly needed owing to the steep hill at this point, and also to the fact that quite a number use this street for travel. The petition was signed by R. B. Hayes and fourteen others.

Chief of Police Barclay reported that during the month of November there had been thirteen arrests, eleven of whom had come across with fines; one still unpaid, and one ordered out of the city. This report was sent to the police committee for examination.

City Clerk Jess Wurga had enjoyed quite a successful month in collections during November as \$1,575.90 had been gathered into the city treasury during this time.

Police Judge Archer reported that there had been collected in fines and costs during the month the sum of \$58.35, which had been deposited in the city strong box.

Fire Chief A. F. Braun reported to the council that he thought the purchase of a small forty-gallon chemical engine would be a splendid addition to the equipment of the fire department and could be used to the greatest advantage in handling small fires and save a great deal of loss by water which frequently is accostioned in the smaller fires over the city.

The judiciary committee of the council reported through Chairman Mauzy that they had gone over the matter of the commuacnition of Dr. O. Sandin in regard to the tubercular condition of the milk cows, and in the opinion of the committee the citizens here were entitled to the same protection that was given by other cities, and they strongly recommended the passage of such an ordinance that would provide for the inspection of all milk cows and provide a penalty for the violation of the ordinance. On motion the city attorney was ordered to prepare such an ordinance at once.

In regard to the litigation over the land on the bottoms east of the Burlington right-of-way, that has been pending in the federal court at Lincoln for some time, the judiciary committee reported that the railroad company had agreed through its legal department to quit claim its rights to the city for the land east of a certain point in return for which the city was to give quit claim deed to its rights for the land from Rocky Point to the northwest corner of the land occupied by Thomas Stokes, and in agreement of this the railroad company would dismiss the suit in the federal court at their own cost. On motion the committee and the city attorney were authorized to sign the agreement and execute the deeds to the Burlington, who will join with the city in the suit for the possession of the land in dispute with the parties who are claiming title to it.

The lighting committee through Chairman Luschnsky reported that the Missouri Pacific railroad company had written to find out the cost of installing and maintaining a light at the Locust street viaduct and would have the same installed at once. The committee also reported that the new ornamental post for use on Washington avenue had been selected and would soon be in position. The light will be a sixty-watt lamp with all-night service.

The police committee, to which had been referred the matter of placing William Wilson back on the police force, reported that at the time the settlement was made by the county Mr. Wilson with the Bashus boys and Will Owens, the interests of the city had not been safeguarded and the city would be out a part of their expense not covered by the liability insurance and the opinion of the committee it recommended that Mr. Wilson be not

placed back in service. This report was adopted by a unanimous vote of the council.

The streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that they had inspected the paving on Washington avenue and found it in excellent shape, with the work done in a satisfactory manner, and recommended that the contractors be given the balance due them on the work. The report of Inspector C. H. Fuller was also given and detailed the various amounts of material used, and spoke very highly of the work as a whole and the dispatch with which it had been handled.

The final estimate of the Washington avenue paving was then read from the office of the engineers in Omaha giving the sum of \$2,578.24 as the amount still due from the city on the total work, that amounted to \$27,229.79, and with the five per cent held by the city would leave \$1,196.27 due the contractors, the Monarch Engineering company. On motion the city was ordered to pay over this sum to the contractors, all voting in favor with the exception of Councilman Buttery, who voted "no."

Councilman Buttery asked that the next meeting be set for Wednesday, December 27th, as the regular date falls on Christmas night, and this was agreed to, as well as the fact that the salaries be allowed for this time, and on motion of Johnson the officers of the fire department were included in the salaries.

The council on the advice of City Attorney Douglas selected Monday evening, January 15th, as the date for sitting as a board of equalization to take up the matter of levying the taxes in paving district No. 12, and after allowing the large array of claims against the city adjourned to wend their way homeward.

"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL" HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

The coming of the Aborn Opera company in their spectacular production of "The Bohemian Girl" to the Parme theatre Saturday night, December 16, is heralded as one of the important events, dramatically as well as musically of the season. Balfe's masterpiece will be presented in the lavish stage environment given it for its New York revival by the Aborns, which was declared by the critics to be superior to any production ever made of this operatic classic in America. It is, indeed, a replica of the famous production made for this opera at the Paris Opera Comique. For that Parisian revival, revised and amplified libretto and score were made and the same were used for the first time in this country in this Aborn presentation. Consequently hearing and seeing the Aborn "Bohemian Girl" is like attending a new opera even to those who have seen it before in its primitive form.

Among the features introduced in the Aborn production of "The Bohemian Girl" and formerly unknown to this opera are the "Ballet of the Hours," the fair scene in which are introduced the Tzigrani Troupe, said to be the most remarkable group of whirlwind acrobats ever brought to this country, an encampment of genuine Gypsies who are seen making and breaking camp with caravan, dogs, geese, pigs, chickens and other animals exploited by these nomads and other novelties. These features are introduced in conformity with the story, fitting appropriately into the action of the opera.

The cast, chorus, ballet and staff of the organization include members of the same careful selection as have distinguished this company during its six successful seasons in "The Bohemian Girl," most prominent of whom are Harold Blake, Jeanette Wells, Phillis Davies, Albert Wallerstedt, Francis J. Tyler, Baby Phillips, Ralph Nicholls, Carl Burton and others.

ASKS FOR SALE OF LAND.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A petition has been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court Robertson by Frank E. Schlater, guardian of William and Ina Stettler, minors, in which permission is asked to sell real estate in which said minor heirs are interested.

FOR SALE—Poland-China boar and one yearling Jersey heifer calf. C. E. Babbitt, Plattsmouth, Neb. 12-11-4twkly

THE DEAD MAN COMES TO LIFE

Much Excitement Prevailed in the City Yesterday Afternoon Over Report Dead Man Was Up the Railroad Track.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon intense excitement prevailed for several minutes around the court house when a tramp brought in by Chief of Police Barclay related to the county attorney the details of the death of a comrade in the vicinity of Swallow Hill and stated that he had left the dead man there and come on into this city to secure help and meeting the chief of police requested him to do something to aid in bringing in the dead man. The story of the man was that he and his companion were in Omaha for the past two weeks on a big spree and they had started out to walk to the south and on Sunday night had slept in a box car in the vicinity of La Platte, starting out yesterday on the resumption of their journey, only to be overcome by the cold. The story sounded good and Coroner J. F. Brendle of Murray was summoned who arrived in haste to aid in getting the dead man to town while a jury composed of P. J. Vallery, Sam Shoemaker, Clarence Beal, William Gilmour, William Barclay and Will Rothmann was hurriedly gotten together and with the sheriff prepared for the journey out to the scene of the death. In the meantime a second hobo was picked upon the street by Chief Barclay and this man detailed a story that was similar to that given by the first tramp and he also spoke of a man in bad shape and inquired if he was dead. A few minutes past 3:00 o'clock the party composed of the coroner, sheriff, county attorney, chief of police, the coroner's jury and the Journal reporter embarked in autos for the scene of the supposed tragedy. The trip against the cold biting wind was enlivened by the bumping and swaying of the auto that made it seem at times as though the coroner's jury would have to sit on themselves before reaching the goal. On arriving at Swallow hill the party divided to search for the dead body, Beal, Rothmann and the chief of police speeding on toward Oreapolis while the sheriff, county attorney and Mr. Vallery proceeded down the tracks toward the pumping station and the rest remained to relay any signals and to enjoy the fresh river breezes that were blowing in a very pronounced manner. After walking some distance and finding no one, it was decided to move to town by traveling down the track and then it was discovered that the "corpse" had left some time before in the direction of Plattsmouth as the section gang of Con Gillespie had witnessed his sudden revival to life. It then dawned on the members of the party that they had journeyed in vain and just about this time the undertaker's wagon with Mayor Sattler in command came into sight all ready to convey the unfortunate back to Plattsmouth, but the corpse was not forthcoming but it is safe to bet if the ounch had been able to lay hands on him at this time that the coroner's jury would have had a real job on their hands. It was then about forty below zero as Pete Vallery claimed so the cars were called up and the start back to the city commenced. The party stopped at the city jail where the "corpse" had revived from the combination of cold and drunken stupor and was able to explain that he had been overcome by the cold and fallen senseless by the side of their campfire and that when he revived his companion was gone. He gave his name as Tom Summers and his home in New York but had been working at Des Moines, Ia., for the past few months. The first man taken up who had started the whole wild goose chase gave the name of Melvin Walker.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

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The Christmas shop of the ladies of St. Mary's Guild, that was conducted on Friday and Saturday last, in the rooms in the Riley Hotel block, was one of the best, and most successful affairs of its kind held in the city, both in the excellence of the articles offered for sale and in the patronage from the public. From the opening hour until the close there was a constant stream of shoppers present at the shop and the many different articles of needlework were rapidly purchased by the seekers after some appropriate gift for Christmas. The two handkerchiefs which were sent to the shop by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were the objects of much admiration, and each brought a neat sum to be applied to the church work in which the ladies are interested. The portrait and autograph of former President W. H. Taft also brought a good price, and the ladies feel very grateful to "the first lady in the land" as well as the president for their generosity in donating these articles for the shop. There was very few articles left after the market closed on Saturday evening and these were disposed of yesterday afternoon, and leaves the ladies with a very pleasing amount to their credit as a result of the Christmas shop.

PLATTSMOUTH GIRLS TAKE A HIKE TO MANLEY SATURDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Saturday the young ladies of the running class of the T. J. Sokol hall decided that they would enjoy a "hike" as has been their custom in the past, and accordingly, five of them set forth with the town of Manley as their goal and made a record-breaking trip. The party left here at 9:30 a. m. and reached Murray at noon, having followed the Missouri Pacific tracks to that point. From here they proceeded west by wagon road to the town of Manley, arriving there at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. They were royally treated by the good people of that city, and entertained at a number of the homes until Sunday, when they returned home to this city. Those who comprised the party were: Misses Marie Svoboda, Bessie, Alma and Elizabeth Holly and Anna Vejvoda.

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M. W. A. ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Modern Woodmen of America last evening held a very interesting meeting at their lodge rooms and quite a large number of the members were present to take part in the proceedings, the chief feature of which was the selection of the officers for the ensuing year. The M. W. A. has enjoyed a very successful year, with a good increase in the membership of the local camp, due to the persistent and efficient work of the officers of the order, and the showing has been one that is very pleasing to all of the membership of the lodge. The officers elected for the year are:

Venerable Consul—A. F. Braun. Advisor—J. E. Ledgway. Banker—William Hassler. Clerk—H. F. Goos. Escort—J. G. Skoda. Watchman—Sophus Christianson. Sentry—J. W. Fahlsen. Physician—Dr. P. J. Flynn. Manager for three years—A. J. Beeson.

After the regular business session had been disposed of, the members proceeded to enjoy a short time socially in a smoker and a general get-together meeting that was very pleasing to everyone, and the retiring officers were congratulated on the splendid work that they had accomplished, and the new officers were extended the best wishes for future success.

TONS OF CANDY.

Several tons of Xmas candies and nuts will be placed on sale Friday and Saturday. Special prices to churches and schools. Make your selection early. Johnson Bros.' Greater Grocery, Nebraska City. 12-7-2twkly

LANGHORST DID NOT LAND PLUM

Governor-Elect Said to Have Made Statement That He Owed Nothing to Democratic State Central Committee.

Chairman Louis F. Langhorst of Elmwood, Cass county, after having been drafted to lead the democratic forces in a fight for democratic principles and offices, and after having won the fight so far as the offices is concerned, is to be deprived of the spoils. He is denied the privilege of holding the appointive position of deputy state food commissioner, a place now occupied by Clarence E. Harman. Governor-elect Keith Neville broke the news to Mr. Langhorst Tuesday at Omaha.

"He told me he had appointed the other fellow," said Mr. Langhorst when he called at the office of Governor Morehead Wednesday forenoon to tell his troubles.

"Who is the other fellow?" was asked.

"Muschel, I suppose," he replied. "What have you to say about it?" "Hell, Neville is governor. He makes his own appointments, don't he?" said Mr. Langhorst as he darted into Governor Morehead's private office for a conference.

No one in the governor's reception room dared deny the statement of the democratic state chairman that Neville is governor and that he appoints his own.

Langhorst Turned Down. It is said Mr. Langhorst is not angry because he did not get the appointment or because it went to Otto Muschel of Ord, at present one of the inspectors under State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell. But it is understood he is mad because of the manner in which Neville broke the news to him. He is quoted as having said the governor-elect in denying him the appointment said he did not owe anything to the democratic state committee.

As Neville practically conducted his own campaign from North Platte and as some connected with the state committee said too much attention was being paid to the head of the ticket, the impression gained ground that while no one at the committee headquarters were disloyal to Neville, the committee proposed to pay less attention to the head of the ticket and more attention to other candidates on the democratic ticket.

It is also understood that Mr. Langhorst believes he was sidetracked because he is a Bryan democrat and did not have the backing of Arthur Mullen and Senator Hitchcock.

Langhorst Drafted. Mr. Langhorst was drafted into service as chairman of the state committee because the candidates and who do things in the party desired a Bryan man, and because it was believed Langhorst was a good campaign manager. Neville had as much to do as any one in selecting Langhorst.

The work of the campaign proceeded and the leaders are said to have made up their minds that Langhorst was unable to deliver the Bryan wing to the entire ticket, and then came grumbling about his ability to manage a campaign. He had said it was easy to get money. He failed to produce campaign funds and the national committee had to put money into the pot. Langhorst and Secretary Sprague did not always work in harmony. The democratic candidate began to get scared over the manner in which things were drifting. The candidates already in office commenced to draft their employes to work in the state headquarters. Arthur Mullen occasionally came down from Omaha and made things hum for a time.

Needed No Endorsement. When the election was over the democrats found they had won by unexpected majorities, Langhorst applied for the job of food commissioner. He told Neville if endorsements were needed he would get them. It is said he was told none were needed. Mr. Langhorst had the nominal credit of winning a hard political fight, and rested easy on his oars. He had no promise of the office, but expected to get it.

A group of democrats opposed to Harman's reappointment boosted Langhorst until it became apparent

that Harman was out of the race, then they suddenly lost interest, and the appointment slipped away.

Democrats familiar with the situation believe Neville merely passed up Langhorst because he did not believe Langhorst would do him much good in the food commissioner's office. This department employs many inspectors who travel over the state and who deal with the public. It is about the only department under control of the governor that is able to do the governor much political good, and the incoming governor naturally desires some one at the head who will be a political asset to him. Whether he has such a man in Muschel is questioned by many, but at any rate the governor does not want Langhorst. He has said so, and that is what ails Langhorst.

Still for Amendment.

After Mr. Langhorst came out of Governor Morehead's office he was asked how it happened that he lost out on the appointment for food commissioner.

"I have nothing to say just now," he said. "I may have later. I don't know how I lost out, but I am still going to be for the prohibitory amendment."—Lincoln News.

LADIES' AUXILIARY IS NICELY ENTERTAINED

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church were entertained in a very charming manner yesterday afternoon by Mesdames Fannie Dickson, Wm. Mann and Fred Morgan at the pretty home of Mrs. Dickson on Chicago avenue. In spite of the severe cold weather there was a large number of the members of this organization and their friends present, who delightfully whiled away the afternoon in various amusements, interspersed with social conversation, which made the occasion very pleasant to all. In deference to the coming Christmas season, the pretty rooms of the Dickson home had been made very attractive with decorations of the Christmas bells and holly, very artistically arranged. The ladies held their regular business session, at which time many plans and arrangements were made for the future work of this splendid society. The hostesses served a most delectable and dainty luncheon at a convenient time, which was likewise most thoroughly appreciated by the large number in attendance. At candlelight, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their friends sauntered to their homes, declaring Mesdames Dickson, Mann and Morgan most excellent entertainers.

MERCHANTS DECORATING FOR COMING HOLIDAYS

Several of the stores of the city have decorated their show windows and the interior of their stores in a very handsome manner for the holiday season and two of the most attractive are the drug stores of Weyrich & Hadraba and E. G. Fricke & Co., both of which show the work and skill that has been brought to play in the arrangement of the decorations and they certainly add a very bright and pleasing touch to the interior of the stores with the bright colored red paper streamers and the pleasing combinations of colors. In the store of Weyrich & Hadraba, a large bell occupies the center of the store that is composed of narrow streamers of paper of red, white and green while on both sides of the store room artificial flowers have been placed that add much to the effectiveness of the decorations. Both stores are certainly to be commended for their work in the decorative line.

ARRIVAL OF FINE GIRL.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last night the stork paid a flying visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armour Gamblin in the south part of the city, and left in their care a fine little daughter, who will make her home with them hereafter. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the advent of the fine little daughter has been the source of a great deal of happiness to the parents as well as the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt, who are greatly pleased over the addition to their family.

SCHMARDER PUTS PAPPAS ON MAT IN TWO STRAIGHT FALLS

The wrestling match at the Grand theater last evening drew out a very good sized crowd of the lovers of the athletic sport to witness Frank Schmarder put Gus Pappas, known as the demon, down to the mat in two straight falls, the first fall coming in twenty-two minutes and the second fall requiring eleven minutes before a fall was secured by the powerful and skillful Louisville lad. There was not much doubt about the outcome of the match from the start as Schmarder displayed a great deal more skill and strength than his opponent and easily broke all attempts of his opponent to secure a fall, and when his powerful holds were secured on the Greek from Kansas he soon had him down for the count. This is the first event in the wrestling line that has been held in the city and those who were in attendance were very well pleased with the showing made by both of the boys. There is little doubt that Schmarder is one of the fastest boys in the wrestling game today in this section of the state and is a worthy opponent for anyone.

Pappas is a mighty skillful and science wrestler, and was also laboring under the handicap of an injured arm, the result of a match some two weeks ago, and this interfered to some extent with his work last night and kept him largely on the defensive. All those who saw the match are more than pleased and both of the wrestlers gave a fine exhibition of the sport.

Mr. Pappas has authorized the Journal to state that he desires to challenge Mr. Schmarder to another match within the next three or four weeks, at any place and under any terms he may desire, as he desires a try at the Louisville boy under more favorable circumstances, when he feels he will be able to bring home the honors of the match. If the match is arranged it should be staged here and would draw a large crowd as the match last night was so pleasing.

LANGHORST A CANDIDATE FOR FOOD COMMISSIONER

Chairman L. F. Langhorst of the democratic state committee, says that he is a candidate for food commissioner, and that any report indicating the contrary is in error. He declares himself to be aggressively after the position. Mr. Langhorst has not been as active as some others in securing endorsements, but says that he was led to believe they would not be necessary in his case.

He called the Star up by long distance telephone from Elmwood to convey this information. He wants it understood that he is a candidate in earnest and desires the appointment as food commissioner.—Lincoln Star.

E. B. SPERRY VERRY ILL.

The condition of E. B. Sperry, the cashier at the Burlington station, has become much more serious in the last few days as the result of an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Sperry has been off duty for the past few weeks suffering from grippe, and this has been followed by the attack of pneumonia and has made his condition very serious.

Simon Gruber, one of the best known and most prominent residents of Liberty precinct, was in the city yesterday visiting with his many friends and looking after some matters of business in the county seat. This is the first visit of Mr. Gruber in Plattsmouth for some time and his friends were very much pleased to meet him.

Ed Tritsch and Carl Meisinger motored in this morning from their farm home and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where they will spend a few hours looking after some business matters.

CREAM, 37c, at Dawson's store, Plattsmouth. 9-19-d&wtf

Hampshire boars for sale. Inquire of C. R. Todd, Plattsmouth, Neb. 12-11-4twkly