

CITY COUNCIL ENJOYS A VERY 'HEATED' SESSION

After the Routine Business, the Members were Perfectly Willing to Adjourn and Return to Their Peaceful Homes.

From Tuesday's Daily. The city council last evening enjoyed a very torrid session at the city hall and one which made the members anxious to hasten to the end of the meeting in order that they might journey homeward.

The light question or the question of why there was not better light service was also one of the chief features of the evening meeting of the lawmakers and in this Superintendent Smith endeavored to explain to the members of the council why the service was frequently interrupted in the past few weeks.

Chief of Police Barclay addressed a communication to the council in regard to auto drivers giving a sign of the hand when approaching a crossing and also to have the drivers of cars refrain from using their cutout on Main street at night time, as it was very annoying. This was referred to the fire and water committee for consideration.

City Clerk Jess Warga reported that during the month of June there had been collected in his office the sum of \$920.00, from different sources, and also \$311 as the result of the municipal carnival, and the last sum was placed in the fire department fund for the purchase of new equipment.

The chief of the fire department reported that all the equipment on hand was in good shape and that a new nozzle, as well as six new coats, had been received from the city clerk and will be put into use at once.

Police Judge Archer reported that during the month just closed he had collected the sum of \$43 in fines and costs, which had been turned over to the city treasurer.

The claims committee reported on the claims of Peters & Parker for the 5 per cent balance on the paving in district No. 10, and on their recommendation the same was ordered paid.

Councilman Bestor, of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that the plans and specifications for the Chicago avenue paving was ready and on motion the same were adopted and the mayor and clerk authorized to advertise for bids on the same.

Councilman Luschinsky stated that there had been a great deal of complaint on the poor lighting service given the city and they had taken the matter up with the manager of the local light plant and that he would address the council on the matter of the poor light offered the city.

Mr. Smith, of the lighting company, stated that during the past month there had been a great deal of trouble experienced by the light company in this city, due to the very heavy electrical storms, as well as the fact that they were doing considerable work on the main high power line from the station to the business portion of the city. This work of replacing the lines with heavier power wire had taken some little time and the result had been that several times the current had been shut off, but this was the only possible way of getting the line in. There had also been some trouble on the line in the alley near the Journal office that had occasioned some trouble.

Councilman Weber inquired as to whether or not there were three lines of wire not insulated running over different portions of the city and which were a danger to the public. Mr. Smith stated that the wires of the high line were placed far out of the reach of anyone and only a severe storm or a fire would cause the line to break or become dangerous to the public. To overcome the fact that the city was all on one line, Mr. Smith stated that he was having cutouts put on the lines over the different portions of the city and with these he hoped to be able to have it arranged so that in case of trouble each section could be cut off without the necessity of shutting down the power all over town.

Councilman Johnson gave the statement that he understood at the times

when there was trouble that it was impossible to get the office or power house over the telephone.

This matter was discussed by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Smith and the superintendent explained that this had occurred but once when, during a breakdown it had been necessary to have the telephone calls discontinued except in very urgent cases. Councilman Luschinsky, of the lighting committee, explained that he had understood that there had been a private code used by the telephone company in getting connections with the offices of the light company and he desired to have it explained. Mr. Smith stated that there had been only one time to his knowledge when the private code was used by the company.

He also took occasion to say that the light company was willing to replace the lights that were burnt out in the street service if they were only notified.

Councilman Bestor was of the opinion that the transformers that were in use at the light plant were not a sufficient guarantee against the burning out of the transformers that might leave the plant absolutely without hope of supplying current to the city for a short time and he thought that the only solution of the problem was to have the plant in this city put in running order.

The bids for the construction of the storm sewer on Chicago avenue were opened by City Clerk Warga and the following figures were submitted: J. H. McMaken, for concrete sewer, \$3,415; brick, \$4,415; reinforced concrete pipe, \$3,859. Keystone Pipe Co., concrete sewer, \$4,580; brick, \$4,624.50; reinforced concrete pipe, \$4,324. A. F. Hanson, of Omaha, reinforced concrete pipe, \$4,791.94. The bids were all referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee, who, after a few minutes' deliberation, returned with the recommendation that all the bids be rejected and that new estimates be prepared. This was adopted by the council.

Councilman Buttery called the attention of the council to the fact that many of the trees along Washington street needed trimming, as they obscured the street lights and did not permit the light to give the proper service, and on motion the street commissioner was authorized to go ahead and have them trimmed up.

The dispute between James Blaha and the city over a warrant for \$6.25 was discussed at some length by Mr. Blaha, but it was decided by the council to let the fire department thresh out the question at their meeting this evening and to find out definitely from the records as to what amount Mr. Blaha was entitled to receive for his services.

Mayor Sattler stated that the company which had offered to sell the pulmotor to the city had been unable to send an agent here, but it was certainly to be hoped that they would have one here as soon as possible in order to demonstrate the pulmotor, so that it could be used in case of accidents.

Councilman Bestor then asked that the street sprinkler be used more on the two unpaved avenues to lay the dust and on motion this was ordered looked after at once.

The council then adjourned, to reassemble as a board of equalization, which occupied some little time before the final adjournment.

SAMUEL RAKER, FATHER OF MRS. W. E. ROSEGRANS, SUSTAINS VERY BAD FALL

A message was received in this city last evening from Omaha stating that Samuel Raker, father of Mrs. W. E. Rosegrans, of this city, was in quite a serious condition at their home in that city where he has been residing since the death of his wife several months ago. Mr. Raker, who is past eighty years of age, has not been in the best of health for some time and his feebleness has caused him to be kept confined to his room the greater part of the time. On Tuesday evening he had been put to bed as usual, but during the night he arose, and, securing his clothing, made his way from the room where he was sleeping into the one adjoining and in some manner fell to the floor, causing what is thought to be a fracture of the hip. The aged man was in great pain and his condition makes his recovery very doubtful. Mrs. Rosegrans is now at the bedside of the father.

OUR JOHN MURTEY WRITES INTERESTING WASHINGTON LETTER

From Tuesday's Daily. Washington, D. C., July 5.—Editor Journal: I have been in Washington for the past ten days, except two days I spent in New York City. I heard the debate in the senate and house on the food control bill. I don't think they will interfere with prices on farm products very much. It seems the average price has raised about 100 per cent on many articles since the war commenced, with the exception of steel and building material—it runs from 30 to 60 per cent. What they seem to be afraid of is that with a short crop of wheat a scarcity might develop that would send prices out of all reason, and that the best plan would be to have one buyer only for the allies and the United States, thus removing competition, and to keep the prices on a level with the articles the farmers have to buy. That, on the present basis, would put wheat under \$2. If they apply the same to corn, it would probably be around \$1 per bu. It seems to be the opinion though that wheat is the only product that it will be necessary to control. The fact that the average price paid western farmers for wheat for several years before the war was about 85 cents, and that last winter a buying craze set in that carried it to \$3.50 per bushel in Omaha and Kansas City, or in advance of over 400 per cent above normal price, brought a scare on the western consumers, and they don't want it to occur again. I think everybody expects prices on food products to be about double normal until after the war closes, with the exception of potatoes—the chances are there will be more potatoes raised in the United States this year than we can consume, and as they cannot be kept over for another year, they will probably be cheaper than they were before the war. We have heard it stated in the press that our soldier boys should not be compelled to go to a foreign country to fight, that it should be left to volunteers to go to France, but you cannot find a man in uniform in Washington or in New York that don't want to go to France. The young recruits from different states, that are here, are all eager to go to France. So there is nothing in the idea that all should be left to volunteer. The fact is that they would all or nearly all volunteer, and would be very quick to do so.

It seems they will not get our boys under the recent registration together much before September, and with four months' training to go through after that, they would not get into active service in France before next spring; and if Russia gets into line, as it now appears, the war will probably be over by that time, so that our boys may get through this war without having to go into the trenches, and only regular soldiers and the early volunteers will see active service, and we all hope that this may happen, and that next spring will see the world all at peace. Your friend,

JOHN MURTEY.

THE THIRD GAME MUST BE PLAYED TO DECIDE VICTORS

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening shortly after 6 o'clock the members of the base ball team of Company C and the second team of the city gathered at the base ball park to try out on the second game of the series. This game resulted in a victory for the second team, by a score of 5 to 3, and makes the series one each, as the soldiers were the winners of the first game by a score of 6 to 4. Too much Hula, was the fate of the soldiers, as he was able to strike them out at ease, and coupled with several rank errors by the members of the soldiers' team, resulted in a victory for the seconds. Sergeant Johnson and Gustafson were the only soldiers to solve the delivery of Hula to any degree and both secured safe hits off his delivery. Dailey, who did the throwing for the Sammies, was in good form, but received very ragged support in the opening innings of the game.

For Sale—Mercer automobile. Inquire at Propst garage. lwd&w

NEBRASKA CROPS FAR EXCEEDS THE YIELD LAST YEAR

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WINTER WHEAT AND RYE SHOW ONLY SHORTAGES

Corn and Potatoes Banner Staples—Total Increase About Twelve Per Cent.

The government's July 1 forecast of Nebraska crops indicates that 354,000,000 bushels of corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, potatoes and apples will be harvested in the state this year, as compared with a 1916 crop, as estimated in December, of 352,000,000 bushels.

Corn, which last year constituted slightly more than half of the grain, this year will form over two-thirds of the grain crop.

"Most of the abandoned winter wheat, alfalfa and clover fields not sown to small grain were left for corn," reads the report of Aaron E. Anderson, field agent for the department of agriculture. This accounts for the largest acreage by far in the history of the state.

"While corn is a few days late, the present condition is very promising. Most fields are receiving better care than usual."

Fields Get Better Care. The key to the Nebraska situation lies in the government's report, repeated for other crops than corn, that "most fields are receiving better care than usual."

After the winter wheat, alfalfa and clover were killed by the severe, almost snowless winter, Nebraska farmers buckled down to work to offset the damage by better cultivation. Drought in southwestern counties is in a measure being offset by the same more careful cultivation.

The government's comparison of prices of products on July 1, 1917, and July 1, 1916, shows a considerably greater increase of prices in Nebraska than in the United States as a whole.

Detail of Conditions. Crop conditions other than corn, as stated by Mr. Anderson in his report, follow:

"The winter wheat in southwestern Nebraska, comprising about one-third of the total acreage this year, is badly damaged by drought. The remainder of the winter wheat has made considerable improvement.

FINE MENU FOR THE NAVY ON 4TH OF JULY

From Tuesday's Daily. Those who have an idea that the navy does not provide good food for the sailors and those who are just finishing up their work in the training station in San Francisco on July 4. This menu was printed on a patriotic card and was sent to this city by Herbert J. Allen, who enlisted from here a short time ago, and is now about ready for service. The menu is as follows:

- Radishes Sweet Pickles. Green Onions
- Iced Cantaloupes.
- Cream of Tomato Soup.
- Croutons.
- Fricandeau of Lamb.
- Green Garden Peas.
- Baked Spiced Ham.
- Roast Young Chicken.
- Oyster Dressing.
- Giblet Gravy. Mashed Potatoes.
- Asparagus on Buttered Toast.
- Hearts of Lettuce Salad.
- French Dressing.
- Neapolitan Ice Cream.
- Pumpkin Pie. Apple Pie.
- Full Cream Cheese. Toasted Crackers.
- Marble Cake. Oranges. Bananas.
- Mixed Nuts and Raisins.
- Cigars. Coffee

John Rohrdanz and wife came in this morning from their home west of Mynard and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, where they will visit for the day in that city with Mrs. John Heil at the Methodist hospital.

JUDGMENT OF GUSTAF JOHNSON FOR \$5,000 AFFIRMED YESTERDAY

From Wednesday's Daily. The Nebraska state supreme court at Lincoln yesterday affirmed the decision of the district court of Cass county in the case of Gustaf Johnson vs. the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, in which the plaintiff was awarded a judgment for \$5,000 for injuries received while at his work in the shops in this city on April 30, 1914.

The case was tried at the term of court commencing November 30, 1915, and the jury gave Mr. Johnson a verdict for the sum of \$5,000 in his suit for 20,000 damages. Mr. Johnson was formerly employed as assistant foreman in the freight car department at the local shops and on April 30, 1914, while he was climbing to the top of a box car to inspect some repairs he grabbed hold of a hand iron on top of the car which was fastened to a platform, and the platform being loose gave away and Mr. Johnson was thrown to the ground below with the result that one of the lower limbs was fractured in a severe manner. Mr. Johnson was confined to his home for several months following the accident. The suit was one that attracted much attention and the railroad company in their defense alleged the fact of contributory negligence in that the plaintiff had knowledge of the fact that the work on the car was not completed. This was denied by the plaintiff and the negligence of Frank Slatinski, an employe of the company, who was working on the car, was charged as being responsible for the accident.

The verdict in the supreme court for the plaintiff will probably close the case. Attorney Matthew Gering, of this city, appeared as attorney for the plaintiff, Mr. Johnson.

SOLDIERS WIN FROM THE SECOND TEAM IN VERY CLOSE GAME

The third and deciding game of baseball between the representatives of Uncle Sam's army and the second team of the city was staged last evening at the Red Sox park, when a number of fans gathered to view the battle, and when the smoke of the conflict rolled away it was found that the soldiers of Company C were the winners by the score of 3 to 2, in the whirlwind seven-inning combat. Dailey for the soldiers and Hula for the second team were the slab artists and Dailey secured eight strikeouts to six for Hula. Errors on both sides came at times when costly and several times the soldiers were threatening with men on base, but were held. The fielding of Rasneck and Pavlik for the soldiers was one of the chief features of the game, while for the second team Hula showed the best form, both in fielding and batting. The chief hitters of the soldiers were Gustafson, Johnson and Dailey. The tabulated score was as follows:

SECOND TEAM.	
A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.	
Martin, s. s.	3 0 0 0 1 0
Hula, p.	4 1 3 2 4 0
Carmen, 1b	4 0 0 3 0 1
Jirousek, 2b	4 0 1 2 0 4
Eoggs, 3b	4 1 2 4 0 0
Pries, r. f.	4 0 1 0 0 0
E. Long, c. f.	3 0 1 0 1 0
V. Long, l. f.	3 0 1 0 0 0
Grudoville, c.	3 0 0 6 0 0
Totals	31 2 9 17 6 5

COMPANY C.	
A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.	
Gustafson, l. f.	4 0 1 1 0 1
Jones, s. s.	3 1 0 1 2 1
Johnson, 2b	3 0 1 0 1 0
Rasneck, 1b	3 1 0 8 0 0
Renner, r. f.	3 0 2 0 0 0
Janda, 3b	3 0 0 0 0 0
McCarthy, c. f.	1 0 0 1 0 0
Pavlik, c.	3 1 0 8 0 0
Dailey, p.	3 0 1 1 4 1
Totals	25 3 5 20 7 3

Dr. E. T. George, superintendent of the Tecumseh district of the Methodist church, was in the city today for a short time, having held quarterly conference here last night at the church.

TAKES AWAY PRISONER.

Last evening Deputy United States Marshal Grant Yates came down from Omaha to secure Edward Sullivan, the young deaf mute who has been in the county jail here since Saturday awaiting the coming of the federal authorities. The young man is wanted in the east for fraud and will probably face a federal indictment before he gets through with the affair. Mr. Yates is the former chief-of-police of Nebraska City, where he made his home for many years, and is serving now under United States Marshal Flynn, and is one of the most efficient men in the federal service in the state.

GUS HYERS, FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY, IS COLORADO BANKER

The many old friends of Gus Hyers, a former Plattsmouth man, and for many years sheriff of Lancaster county, will be pleased to learn that he is meeting with much success in his new home in Holyoke, Colo., where he has been located since last January. Mr. Hyers has just been selected as cashier of the First National bank of Holyoke, and is associated in the control of the bank by a number of the prominent business men of Lincoln. It goes without saying that Gus will make good in the position and the people of Holyoke are fortunate in securing our former fellow townsman. In speaking of the change the State Journal has the following special from Holyoke:

Mr. Hyers came to Holyoke in January, intending to go into the real estate and building and loan business, but when he came with a strong recommendation from the Lincoln First National bank, the Heginbotham family took Mr. Hyers in as a partner and placed him in charge of the general cattle and insurance business. The result was that as the family wanted some active duties and burdens removed they sold a controlling interest to the above parties. Will Heginbotham, older son, and Mr. Hyers will have actual charge of the bank's affairs. Mr. Hyers is very much elated over having his home town men associated with him in business. The bank is on the corner of the street on the O. L. D. and recently was visited by five judges of the Nebraska supreme court, who paid their respects to Mr. Hyers as they were en route home from a western automobile tour.

John Heginbotham, president of the bank, makes the following statement concerning the addition of Mr. Hyers to the bank and the town: "The management of this bank has not changed, only Gus A. Hyers has been elected cashier and George B. Heginbotham has been promoted to second vice president. Mr. Hyers, formerly a prominent citizen of Lincoln, Neb., has been associated with us as stockholder and officer since the first of the year. He is a welcome addition to our official force and to our community life. He has already made many friends and will undoubtedly be an important factor in the future development of this section. His family is now located in their new residence erected in Holyoke."

HON. R. B. WINDHAM ENJOYS DELIGHTFUL OUTING IN MICHIGAN

Hon. R. B. Windham, of this city, has just returned home from a few weeks spent in Michigan on a very pleasant outing. Mr. Windham was at Ann Arbor for a short time to attend the forty-fourth reunion of his class in the law school of the University of Michigan and enjoyed a splendid time in meeting the former classmates with whom he had been so intimately associated during his stay at the law school. He reports that the war has brought about quite a change in the school and every day large numbers of the students are leaving for the front to see service in the cause of their country. At the commencement exercises of the school of law out of the class of 180 members only 70 were present to receive their diplomas, as 110 of the class had enlisted and departed and it will be necessary to send these graduates their diplomas at their headquarters. Between 1,100 and 1,200 students of the University of Michigan have enlisted in some of the arms of the service of the nation since the opening of the war and more are still preparing to enter as soon as they call. Mr. Windham spent a short time at Bay View, Mich., fishing and also at Chicago, where he visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. King at their home at Waukegan, a suburb of the big city. He reports that the crop conditions in Michigan are not near as favorable as in Nebraska. Through Illinois the corn does not appear as well advanced. In Michigan a great deal of cold weather has kept back the crops to a greater extent than in Nebraska and the Central West. It was as a whole a most delightful outing in every way and one which brings Mr. Windham home feeling much refreshed and rested and ready to resume his business duties, and he feels that the lake country has nothing on old Nebraska as being a real place to live.

ARRESTED FOR WIFE DESERTION FOR WHICH HE IS WANTED IN IOWA

Sheriff Quinton Tuesday evening succeeded in rounding up one E. Wright, who has been wanted for some time at Correctionville, Ia., on the charge of wife desertion. The man was reported as being in Plattsmouth, but the sheriff was unable for several days to get a line on the man, as he was very clever in keeping his identity from becoming known. It seems that the man Wright, when he mailed any letters, would send them out from some rural route in the vicinity of the city and therefore keep anyone from learning his exact whereabouts. He was employed by the Missouri Pacific on the road work. As soon as the sheriff definitely located the man he notified the authorities at Correctionville, who came after him yesterday and removed him back to his home to face the music on the charge that will be preferred against him.

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