NARROW ESCAPE FOR GORDON

City Council Seriously Considers Investigating Conduct of Police Judge.

MATTER IS LIKELY TO COME UP AGAIN

Committee of Citizens Appears to Ask that Work Upon the Streets Be Furnished the Unemployed Men.

For a few minutes Monday afternoon, at the committee of the whole meeting of the city council, it looked as if another investigation of a public official were to be sprung. The individual who was regarded as the possible victim was Police Judge Gordon. The danger was averted for the time being, but still remains in the air.

The matter arose over the resolutions sent to the council by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, in which Judge Gordon was charged with incompetency, and a recommendation was made that the council take steps to remove him. City Attorney Connell at once suggested that the committee on fire, water and police investigate the matter.

"It's about time that something is done," said the city attorney. "You talk about the Board of Education getting $20,000 this year from police court fines. In January the fines amounted to only $45 and to $54 in February. There's something wrong there and it should be investigated."

In answer to queries City Attorney Connell said that the police board resolution was not in the shape of charges, but the council had a right to investigate the situation and, if the accusations are found well grounded, proper steps can be taken to remove the police judge. The council should summon witnesses and keep a record of the proceedings. In view of this expense President Bingham wanted a written opinion of the council's powers from the city attorney. The matter was therefore referred to that official, despite a suggestion from Stuht that the whole police board be abolished and a new one be appointed from the members of the city council.

Unemployed Ask for Work.

Rev. John Williams, Dean Fair, Secretary Laughland of the Associated Charities and Mr. Beebe of Trinity cathedral composed a committee present that urged upon the council the necessity of furnishing work for the city's unemployed in order to relieve their distress. A petition from the unemployed, asking for such work, was received by the council at the last meeting and was urged then by Father Williams.

Father Williams said that it is essential in the interests of economy to provide work for the unemployed, because if they apply for alms to the county this year they will find it much easier to do so next winter. He asserted, too, that the necessary work can be found for the men on the streets and particularly on the alleys of the city, the latter of which he said usually "reek with filth" until summer time.

Mr. Laughland said that many men who have never applied for charity before are asking for aid this winter, although they want work and not charity.

Dean Fair spoke in the same strain, saying that many self-respecting people have had to be helped, although their cry is for work. He made a suggestion that he will advance a couple of thousands of dollars and even more for street work if the city is out of funds, the money to be taken out of the "Cask K" fund.

"Cask K has given a very large sum this year," said Dean Fair. "I cannot say how much it is, because the unknown donor has asked that the amount be not named. However, I can advance $2,000 and even more out of this fund and I have no doubt that Cask K, whoever he is, will approve of such a scheme."

President Bingham said that the council is willing to do anything it can, but in view of the great effort made by taxpayers generally to keep the levy down, only a very small sum will be available for street work and that this must be strung out during the entire year. He stated, too, that no street work can be done advantageously to the city during such cold weather as is now on. He recommended that the committee visit the Board of Public Works, which has the power of hiring street men, and said that the council will carry out the board's recommendation to any extent possible.

North Thirteenth Street Again.

The proposed opening of North Thirteenth street from Nicholas almost to Grace street was the subject of considerable discussion. The manufacturers on the north bottoms have tried for years to open this street in order to secure a more accessible entry to the heart of the city. Recently appraisers were appointed to determine the value of the land that would have to be condemned and reported $13,000 damages.

The Advisory board has disapproved of the report on the grounds that it is excessive, the land being appraised at about $5,000 an acre and the area being two and three-fourths acres. To combat this recommendation W. Runyan of Beebe & Runyan and M. Wulpi of the Omaha Casket company were present.

Mr. Runyan stated that if this street is opened his company proposed to erect a building 112x132 feet in connection with its present plant and a Chicago firm will erect another building for the manufacture of line furniture, the two buildings to cost about $40,000. If the street is not opened, neither building will be erected, said Mr. Runyan.

Both Mr. Runyan and Mr. Wulpi insisted that a larger number of the property owners adjoining the street had agreed to pay the cost of the grading. There was some question, though, whether all the owners were willing and it was feared that they might succeed in declaring the grading tax illegal. It was finally decided to hold a meeting this morning at 9 o'clock to determine the matter. All the property owners will be seen in the meantime regarding their willingness to pay for the grading. It was estimated that an average fill of four feet will be needed, and that about 18,000 yards of dirt will be required. The cost will be in the neighborhood of $5,000.

The ordinance declaring the need of a viaduct over the tracks on Twenty-fourth street and ordering the city engineer to draw plans for the structure was ordered to be passed on third reading.

A lot of talk was wasted over Burkley's resolution to cut two clerks off City Comptroller Westberg's force. The two clerks were put on a year ago to do extra work and now the city comptroller insists that he needs them to do the routine work of the office. The comptroller was given a hearing and then the matter was laid over.

The ordinance to grade and repave the intersection of Thirty-second and Woolworth avenues was referred to the engineering department for an estimate of the cost.

After disposing of this business the council went into executive session for half an hour to consider what it will do if Mayor Moores vetoes the levy ordinance. The members could reach no agreement apparently, for no line of action was mapped out.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is recommended by many physicians. It cures the worst cough or cold, and it is always reliable.

STRANGERS SEE THE TOWN

Charles Seaton and Ole Johnson Explain to the Police How They Were Plucked.

Jasper Price, Bud Givens and Fred Graves are in the city jail on suspicion of having robbed Charles Seaton of Malloy, Ia., of $15. Seaton came to Omaha last Wednesday and was on the street. Finding it very cold, he entered a restaurant at the invitation of a young colored man. He sat by the stove until he got warm and then started to leave. He gave the proprietor $1 for letting him warm himself, and the fellow who entered with him demanded 25 cents, which was refused, Seaton thinking he had paid enough for the use of the fire. The men followed him out the door and when near Tenth street and Capitol avenue, caught him and, it is said, robbed him of his money. He has identified one of the men as an assistant in the robbery.

Bud Givens has given the police considerable trouble in the past. He served five years in the state penitentiary for burglary, having been sent up from Broken Bow.

Ole Johnson of Hemingford, Box Butte county, wishes he had not turned benefactor shortly after his arrival in the city Friday. It cost him $50 and a box of carpenter tools to try to lessen the sufferings of one of his fellowmen. He came to the station Monday and told Assistant County Attorney Helsley his story. While he was wandering around the city he met a man whose shoes were worn, and who looked poor. Johnson offered to give him a new pair of shoes if he would assist in carrying a box of tools up from the station. The man agreed and they started out, taking several drinks on the way. The return was equally hilarious and by the time Johnson reached Harney street he hardly knew what he was doing. He remembers being steered into what he supposed to be a lodging house between Tenth and Eleventh streets on Harney. Then memory failed him and he knew nothing until he found himself in a restaurant on Twelfth street. He felt for his pocketbook and found that $50 of the $70 it had contained had been taken. His box of tools was also missing. He charges George W. Redding with being the man who touched him and took his tools.

Small Bits of Wickedness.

The trial of Andrew Anderson and Reed Yates, charged with burglarizing A. Kodym's tailor shop, consumed several hours of Judge Gordon's time Monday. Three pairs of trousers were found in the possession of the boys. The defense sought to show that they had gotten them from a colored man, Andy Baker, whom they said had given them two pairs of trousers each to sell an overcoat for him. Judge Gordon took the case under advisement.

The charge of grand larceny against Albert Mayer was dismissed, as the state doubted its ability to prove that Weir D. Coffman's caligraph was worth $35. A new information, alleging petty larceny was filed. Mayer says that he got the machine from a young man, Alfred Aulthouse.

MORE MONEY OR LESS MEN

Conclusion Arrived at by Members of Fire and Police Commission with Reference to Force.

If the levy that has been fixed by the council for the police department is agreed upon the police force will be cut down nearly one-fourth in order to keep within the limits of the appropriation. This is the conclusion that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners informally arrived at at the Monday night meeting, although formal action is not likely to be taken unless the levy as at present proposed is adopted by the council.

"We must cut our garment to suit our cloth," remarked one of the commissioners at the conclusion of the discussion, which took place entirely in executive session. Some of the members of the board did not think that more than fifteen men would have to be dropped, while another thought the number would reach twenty and still another twenty-five. The number of discharges will be determined after the levy is finally agreed to. It is thought that the fire department can get along with its levy.

The Moise saloon license matter did not come up for any great amount of consideration, as the board will take no action until Judge Scott renders his decision in the case. In other respects the meeting was unimportant.

Ex-Captain Mostyn, one of the officers who was dropped from the police force last November, but who did not enroll in the bunch that appealed to the district court for reinstatement, served notice that he expected to be treated the same as the others. He presented his resignation to take effect January 23, but demanded that he be paid a captain's salary from November to that date. The fact that he did not take part in the legal proceedings was advanced as one of the reasons why his request should receive favorable consideration. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The Police Relief association wanted to know whether it should pay to the heirs of the late ex-Sergeant Ormsby $500 insurance. Ormsby was one of the officers ordered reinstated by the district court, but died before he was put back on the force.

The association also asked permission to dispose of $500 worth of the $3,000 city paving bonds it holds in order to raise enough money to pay liabilities.

Gathered in by Uncle Sam.

John Haroff took a long jump Monday when he escaped the tolls of the municipal authorities for peddling without a license to land in Uncle Sam's clutches for violating the revenue law which pays the expenses of the Spanish-American war. Haroff is a peddler of medicines of his own manufacture. He was apprehended by the police while hawking his cure-alls on the street. The case was dismissed and Haroff again arrested by the United States authorities for selling medicines without having stamped them with the necessary revenue tax. His arrest is the first which has been made in this city for the violation of the law.

Marriage Licenses.

County Judge Baxter issued the following marriage licenses yesterday:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Harry L. Mitchell, Omaha	24
Mamie Hart, Omaha	24
John T. Bohen, Omaha	22
Margaret Kehoe, Omaha	22
August Schrieber, Snyder, Neb	24
Johanna Strathman, Bennington, Neb	14
Nels S. Jensen, Omaha	25
Nellie Cavalen, Omaha	21

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

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MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Business is Combined with Pleasure at Monday's Convocation.

WOMEN WANT BETTER PROPERTY RIGHTS

Permanent Committee Appointed to Secure Legislative Enactments in that Direction—St. Joseph Editor Discusses Henry Fourth.

At the Woman's club yesterday Mrs. C. W. Damon reported the rescue home work of the Salvation Army, with which the club is associated through a monthly contribution. There are at present fifteen girls and four infants in the home and six applicants for shelter were turned away within a few days for lack of room. Mrs. Damon asked for donations of bedding from individual members of the club.

The committee appointed to present a plan looking toward legislative enactment in the direction of better property rights for women reported through its secretary, Mrs. Lobingier. A careful statement of existing laws was made and the appointment of a permanent committee, whose duty it should be to enlist the other clubs of the state in the matter, was advised. Mrs. Andrews, the chairman of the committee, urged the necessity of organized effort to secure more equitable property laws and Miss Fairbrother spoke of the educational value of a widespread discussion of the subject among the clubs. The temporary committee, consisting of Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Lobingier, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Van Dusen and Miss Fairbrother, was made the permanent committee. The courtesy committee reported through its chairman, Mrs. Towne, and the business was closed by the unanimous choice of Mrs. Mary M. Pugh to represent the club at the Congress of Mothers which convenes in Washington this week.

Miss Edith Tobitt showed the club how it might use the library to greater advantage. She spoke with appreciation of the photographs provided for the walls and the substantial encouragement given to the museum by the club, and emphasized the idea that the women should use the library as if it were their own, especially urging that study outlines be sent in, in order that books might be provided and made up into collections for the use of the classes.

The Literary Program.

The department of English literature was responsible for the program and the speaker of the afternoon, E. F. Trefz, editor of the St. Joseph Herald, was introduced.

The subject, "Henry IV," characterized by the speaker as the most brilliant and varied of Shakespeare's historical dramas, was introduced by a thoughtful presentation of the relation of the author to his time. The glories of feudalism were passing away and the reign of the individual was about to begin. Sensualism was rampant, the severity of penalties bore fruit in an increase of crime, immorality hung over society like a pall, yet out of such complex conditions, unknown to history save in the case of the Roman empire at the birth of Christ, it was appropriate that universal genius should arise.

"The purpose of Henry IV," said the speaker, "is historic rather than philosophic, yet the play records not acts but men. It is not an accurate chronology of events, but a profound realization of the characters associated with them."

Passing to the second division of his subject Mr. Trefz described the characters of the play. Bolingbrook, cruel yet kind, corrupt yet scrupulous, impetuous yet dominated by a discriminating judgment, using men as things to carry out plans and to be crushed afterward, is the type of the political boss of our own time. Hotspur, dealing with large affairs and scorning trifles, discloses himself a failure in point of leadership and we sorrow to see so much power so badly used. Falstaff is the complex character, the wittiest of men yet without wit, a cowardly man yet not a coward, a man who lies and brags yet who is neither a liar nor a braggart—in short, a moral neutrality. He amuses us but we have no respect for him. Prince Henry, the polished gentleman, cultured, brave, high-souled, appeals to us because there is so much of what we want to be in what Shakespeare makes him to be. "The genius of the play" furnished the close of the paper and the struggle of the dual nature, the development of character, the search for light, were eloquently portrayed.

"It is the story," said the speaker, "of blind humanity in its upward march toward God. It is the expression of the one great end toward which all creation moves."

Miss Jenney, assistant to the Rev. Mary Safford of Sioux City, spoke briefly of women in the ministry and of the success which some had achieved in that calling.

The Music.

The music for the day consisted of a song by Mr. Will Godso, whose selection was "My Little Lass," by Gerald Lane. In response to an encore Mr. Godso sang Hawley's "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes."

The club announcements are: Household economics on Thursday, with a paper on "American Folklore," by Mrs. Cox; parliamentary practice Monday, February 18, at 2:30 o'clock; political economy the same day. The class will be addressed by Dr. Victor Rosewater on "Municipal Revenues and Expenditures." The Mothers' club announces a series of lectures by Miss Mari Reuf Hofer of Chicago on "What is Music and How Can We Help Children to Become Musical." These lectures, four in number, will be given in the Young Women's Christian Association hall.

MISS SAFFORD AT UNITY

Pictures Exhibited Bearing Upon Nativity and Childhood of the Savior.

Miss Safford of Sioux City, Ia., delivered her illustrated lecture on "Jesus in Picture, Poem and Song," Monday evening at Unity church. This lecture, one of a series being given by the Unity club, was highly entertaining and worthy the patronage of a large audience. It was illustrated by stereopticon copies of celebrated pictures bearing on the annunciation, nativity and childhood of Jesus and His experiences in manhood, ending with His parables.

Miss Safford is a strong and expressive speaker, has a resonant voice and does not need the assistance of the really fine views to enable her to hold the attention of her audience. She was assisted by a choir which was concealed behind the screen upon which were thrown the illustrations of which she spoke. This hidden choir sang songs bearing directly upon the subject of the view before the audience.

The lecture began with the birth of Buddha and Zoroaster in order that she might tell something of the early customs surrounding births. Her first picture was of the annunciation by the angel Gabriel. Then she related how it was thought the annunciation was made in the evening and people established the Angelus in commemoration of the coming of the angel. Pictures of the birth of Christ by Hoffman and Dobson, the coming of the wise men to pay homage to the little stranger, the flight into Egypt, the night's rest in the arms of the sphinx, the return and the reception by the neighbors and the childhood of the Savior were cast upon the screen. The journey to Jerusalem by the holy family and the surprise of the wise men by Christ in the temple were given. The last were from the famous paintings of Hoffman, Dobson and Hunt. Then the departure and the return of the prodigal son, Christ speaking to the multitude and to the woman at the well were illustrated, the views closing with the parables. They were all accompanied by an instructive explanation which gave the audience an excellent idea of the subjects.

AID FOR THURSTON RIFLES

Executive Committee Bestirs Itself in the Effort to Raise a Goodly Fund.

The executive committee of the Thurston Rifles and the Ladies' auxiliary held a joint meeting last night in the armory to consider plans for securing contributions to the Thurston Rifles' fund. It is planned to use the money secured for this fund in purchasing delicacies for the sick among the soldiers now in service and to procure metallic caskets in which to bring home the bodies of the three boys who were killed in the recent battle of Manila.

Mrs. C. E. White, Lee S. Estelle and R. M. Cross, constituting the committee appointed to negotiate with the Elks for a second performance of "A Night in Bohemia," as a benefit for the fund, reported that the Elks readily consented to the proposal and that Boyd's theater had been secured for the night of February 28.

The committee having in charge the popular subscription paper which is being circulated reported that $130 had been subscribed Monday. This makes the total amount received in two days $174.50.

...AMUSEMENTS...

When after each of three long acts an Omaha audience, by its unusually liberal applause, compels the curtain to be raised from three to five times to permit the principals in a play to bow their acknowledgments, and when they sit in their seats after the curtain descends upon the last act and compel an actor and actress to respond to two curtain calls, they must be artists of merit or else the play must be an uncommonly good one, or both. It can truthfully be said that it was the principals as well as the play that was responsible for this occurrence at Boyd's theater last evening when Wilson Barrett's religious drama, "The Sign of the Cross," was given its first presentation in this city. While religion plays an important part in the piece, it is only the background and not the dominant note of the picture, but love, ever the favorite theme of dramatist and novelist, is here, like in "Quo Vadis," which it strongly resembles, the question at issue. It deals with the stormy period of history which witnessed the declining power of paganism and the rapid growth of the Christian faith. The incident around which the story is written is the love of Marcus Superbus, prefect of Rome, for Marcia, a lowly Christian maiden. The noble pagan meets in the streets of Rome a beautiful girl, who is defending an old man against an attack of the rabble. Interfering, he sends the girl to her home under the protection of one of his guards. When he finds that she is suspected of belonging to the despised set, which he has been ordered by Nero to exterminate, he goes to her, disguised as a boatman, in order to warn her of her danger. News is brought to the girl that Stephanus, a young Christian boy, has been arrested. He is tortured on the rack in order to wring from him information regarding the meeting place of the Christians. Marcus arrives just as they are about to repeat the torture in order to learn the names of the leaders and from the boy hears that Marcia will be at the meeting. With his guards Marcus hurries to the grove where the Christians are engaged in worship, and is just in time to save the girl's life. With the other prisoners she is taken to the palace of Marcus and there, while a drunken revel is in progress in the next room, he attempts to win her for his own evil end. Tearing herself from his embrace she rushes to the door, only to find it locked. Just as Marcus is again about to clasp her in his arms a flash of vivid lightning, followed by a terrific crash of thunder, blinds and deafens him. Holding the cross above her head the girl exclaims: "It is the sign, the Master has spoken, you cannot harm me now." Marcus crouches at her feet, filled with superstitious fear, and the curtain falls. In the next act, urged on by a jealous woman, who loves the prefect, Poppea, induces Nero to refuse to pardon Marcia unless she will renounce her faith. That she refuses to do and when Marcus finds that she will be steadfast to the end, he tells her that his lingering doubts are fled; that he, too, is a Christian and will die with her. Hand in hand they go out to the arena to be slain by hungry beasts just as the curtain falls.

The part of Marcus is played by Charles Dalton, who looks a prefect and noble Roman, every inch. He is an actor of great power and effectiveness and his portrayal of the part is very satisfactory. Irene Rooke makes a sweet, innocent Christian girl and brings out the purity, simplicity and honesty of the character with striking clearness. As Nero, W. E. Bonney presented a clever make-up as well as heading the part admirably. The Stephanus of Maud Warrilow is well done, while, as the cruel, villainous Tigellinus, Frank H. Westerton gets about as much out of the part as is possible. As Berenis, the jealous lover of Marcus, Miss Agnes Scott is very effective and in her actions and manner of delivery one sees visions of Julia Marlowe. While there are some people in the company that are bad, as a whole it is a very evenly balanced one.

The play is elevating in its tone and is one that will appeal to not only regular theater-goers, but many of those also who rarely visit the play house. There were a number of ministers in the audience last evening, among them being Revs. S. Wright Butler, John Williams, J. A. Finch, F. A. Smith, Newton Mann, F. M. Sisson, L. S. Hand, H. Young and others. The piece continues this evening, tomorrow matinee and evening and is one well worth seeing.

There was a goodly assemblage of people at the First Congregational church last evening to hear Blatchford Kavanagh, and the performance of the young baritone was pleasing to all. He appeared in solos twice and each time responded to encores and once in a duet, in which he was also recalled. His voice is soft and sensitive, yet powerful and penetrating. It is sympathetic and with the first tone holds the attention of the listener. It is musical, it is under complete control, it is soothing. One of his selections was from "Queen of Sheba" and its encore was "My Old Kentucky Home." In styles so different as these each seemed to be the one specially adapted for him. It need not be a detraction to add that Mr. Kavanagh's handsome face also adds interest to his performance.

Harriet Dement Packard appeared as a soprano soloist, in two or three numbers. She is not a sweet singer. She may be all right in chorus work, but she is not pleasing as a soloist. She seems to lack the mellowness one expects in a soprano. Her enunciation is distinct. She appeared to better advantage in a duet with Mr. Kavanagh, where her voice showed more sympathy with that of the baritone.

Other contributors to the evening's program were Masters Jamie Crippen, Arthur Goff and Percy Sudborough. These were aged respectively 10 years each for the first two and 13 years for the other. Arthur Goff played a cornet solo and Percy Sudborough gave numbers on the sexaphone, clarionet and violin. These performances were good because the boys showed much proficiency for their age.

Of Jamie Crippen, as a woman would say, he is "sweet." He has a delicate contralto voice and if there were any imperfections in it it is safe to say that no one last evening discovered them. At the first note which fell from the lips of the little strip of a lad the house was his. The confidence he had in himself, the clearness of his tones and the deliciousness of his voice instantly won the admiration of everybody. His soldier song, with its happy denouement, would have resulted in his being Hobsonized by every mother in the audience if he had ventured out into the auditorium.

Henry B. Roney as musical director is a master hand as an accompanist, but his fidgety pulling and pushing of organ stops would prostrate a nervous system. However, when he finally got things in readiness to play the pipe organ in that church never gave out more music in the same length of time.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

"Poor Antonio Ezeta!" philosophized Henry Robbins of Oakland, Cal., who was in the city yesterday for a few hours on his way to Chicago. "His case demonstrates how easily the mighty fall, particularly if they have been mighty in any of the little Central American republics. He and his brother, Don Carlos Ezeta, former president of San Salvador, have been completely relegated to oblivion, yet a few years ago they were the whole thing among the Salvadorenos. Antonio, who was vice president, finally settled down into a quiet Oakland resident. The Ezetas had a wild time of it for a while. They were once called 'the two lions,' but after their complete routing by Gutierrez, Antonio found himself nicknamed 'Tio Conejo,' which means 'Uncle Rabbit,' which was a big comedown from 'El Leon de la Frontera,' the lion of the frontier.

"Gutierrez proved himself a man of wonderful resources. He was fighting against great odds when he undertook a revolution against the Ezetas. They had all the money and almost all the army. The story of his victory over them reads like an incredible joke. Their army was in two big divisions and Gutierrez had only a handful of half-starved men. Seeing his opportunity he despatched messengers to each of the Ezeta divisions, each faithful messenger pretending to have been sent from one division to the other, with a timely warning of alarm. Both had the same message. 'Fly! fly for your lives!' said the messenger to Don Carlos, 'the illustrious general, Don Antonio, your brother, hastens me to inform you that the rebel, Gutierrez, has an army of 20,000 men and is carrying everything before him. Don Antonio's army is already in flight.' 'Fly! fly for your lives,' was the message to Don Antonio, 'the illustrious general, the president, Don Carlos, your brother, hastens me to warn you that to tarry a moment longer is at your peril. The president's army is now flying before the rebel, Gutierrez, who is pursuing with an army of 10,000 soldiers.' Of course they flew, one division running in one direction and the other in the opposite, leaving Gutierrez absolutely master of the situation. The mortification of the thing only dawned upon them when it was too late. Don Carlos fled to Paris with $800,000 of the funds of the government and Antonio took the San Francisco route.

"You remember an effort was made by the San Salvador government to have Antonio extradited after he had landed from an American man-of-war. The present charge d'affaires of the Cuban junta, Gonzalo de Quesada, who visited the exposition last summer with the presidential party, defended him and he was never sent home. For this Antonio promised to go and take up his sword for Cuban independence, but he was careful to remain where his body was safe. He once afterward made a Don Quixote effort, along with Manuel Casin, a contractor who had been enabled to make millions under the Ezeta regime, to invade San Salvador. For this purpose a diminutive steamer was chartered at San Francisco, but the Mexican government gobbled up the whole outfit and Antonio did not get farther south than Acapulco. After this he settled down into obscure peacefulness at Oakland—a more comfortable fate than he would have had if the Mexicans had allowed him to land on Salvadorean soil."

Dr. A. A. Willits of Spring Lake, N. J., a popular pulpit orator, was at the Millard last evening on his way to Iowa. He lectured in Seward, this state, and goes now to Odebolt, Lemars and other towns along the Illinois Central. For thirty years he was a pastor of Philadelphia churches, thirteen years of that time occupying the pulpit of the West Arch Street Presbyterian church there, from which congregation he succeeded in lifting a debt of some $60,000. "Sunshine, or How to Enjoy Life," is the title of one of his eight lectures, and his temperament is of the sunny order. "I find there is plenty of sunshine in Nebraska, even if the weather is below zero," was his comment on a topic uppermost in everybody's mind for the last few days and over which the human race was never known to go to war nor even to indulge seriously in fisticuffs. Another of his lectures has the title of "The Model Wife." "The model wife," he remarked, "will not tell her husband 'it is cold' just as he comes in from an atmosphere so frosty as to make long icicles hang from his mustache, but she will fill the home full of sunshine and song. A model wife does not have to confine herself to the weather as a steady topic if she has a model husband. In my opinion, it is only in the family of which either the husband or the wife is not model, or perhaps both of them, that the weather should be the one safe topic of conversation. Model wives and husbands can find something much more interesting to talk about and still be at peace."

"Mme. Carreno, the great pianist, is an enthusiastic American in the Yankee sense and never allows a slighting remark made in her presence against the country that has been the scene of a major part of her career," said John Corrigan at the Millard hotel last night. "Among other artists whom she has called to task for uncomplimentary remarks regarding us was Sarasate, the violinist. 'But you are not an American; you come from South America,' you are one of us,' he said in surprise after she had read him a lecture. Her reply was that she considered herself a Yankee; that the United States had been better than any other country in the world to her and that it was, besides, the greatest country in the world. Of American audiences Mme. Carreno says: 'They are the quickest of any in appreciation; they do not need to be told whether a thing is good or bad; they decide the matter for themselves. It appears a thing of natural instinct; they seem to feel whether a performer is up to the standard or not, for, take the smallest of towns and you will find the applause properly gauged. As for myself, I can only say that before I went abroad and made a name for myself the people of the United States loved me; they did not need to be told whether I did things well or not. They believed in me by their own standards and I love them.'"

Personal Paragraphs.

C. O. Lake of Chicago is at the Iler Grand.

H. H. Gable of Kansas City is at the Iler Grand.

T. C. Long of Bryan, Ill., is at the Iler Grand.

E. P. Fraker of St. Paul is at the Iler Grand.

H. J. Clauer of St. Louis is at the Iler Grand.

W. B. Warren of Minneapolis is a guest of the Iler Grand.

C. W. Murdock, superintendent of the public building that is now in course of construction at Cheyenne, Wyo., is in the city and calling on Superintendent Latenser of the local government building.

At the Klondike—I. James, Frank Thomas and wife, Des Moines; J. P. Murray, Lincoln; John Sears, Schuyler; S. Anderson, Irvington; T. I. Leeper, Waterloo; I. Mohr, Pierce; George R. Acorn and wife, Missouri Valley; J. H. Buchholt, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. T. Kingsella, Chicago; C. J. Cisson, Menlo, Ia.; R. Stockfield, Pittsburg; S. E. Sorenson, Brayton, Ia.; A. S. Calvert, Sioux City; M. Mabens, Rome, Ia.

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If the mayor sends in the ordinance with his approval, it will pass without a doubt; if the measure is vetoed, the chances are that the necessary six votes will be recorded to override the veto.

Just what Mayor Moores will do with the ordinance is not positively known. He says he has not finally decided, but owing to the care with which he has been investigating into the needs of the various departments and the intimations he has given that he considers some of the appropriations too small, the opinion generally prevails about the city hall that the levy will be vetoed.

Six votes out of the nine are required to override a veto. Five votes passed the levy ordinance a first and second time at the council meeting a week ago—Burkley, Lobeck, Stuht, Mercer and Mount. Therefore, but one more vote of the remaining three—Burmester, Bingham and Karr—for Bechel has not attended late meetings on account of illness—need be secured, if these five stand fast.

At least two of these last three named councilmen are wavering whether or not to vote against a possible veto. It is said that one of them certainly will in case the fate of the levy depends upon his vote. Therefore it is only necessary for the five councilmen who manipulated the levy a week ago to stand pat and the necessary additional vote will be secured that will transform the ordinance into a law.

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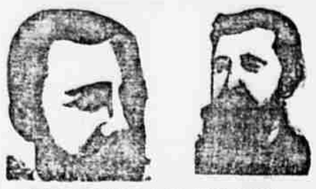

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