

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Bottom of the Public Meal Tab Has Come to the Top at Last.

CASH TO RUN THE CITY IS NEARLY GONE

Rigid Economy Will be Necessary to Carry on the Administration During the Rest of the Year.

"The council hasn't a dollar at its disposal," remarked Comptroller Westberg last night when he reported to the council on the condition of the funds. "Although the year is less than half completed there are overdrafts in four funds and the others will be consumed by outside demands contracted for. Since the last report several weeks ago the deficit in the general fund has grown from \$16,000 to \$21,527.73. In the sinking fund there is a shortage of \$38,400, but this is accounted for by the issue of \$50,000 in saving bonds falling due in November, which will probably be refunded. In the water rent fund there is a deficit of \$11,111.62 and in the judgment fund \$78,395."

The council appreciates the gravity of the situation and will be obliged to cut its cloth to a very narrow pattern for the remainder of the year. Even with the most stringent economy there are current expenses which must be met and the council is in a serious quandary regarding the raising of resources. For example, a communication was read from the mayor asking the council what it intended to do with regard to the feeding of city prisoners. The executive said that Contractor E. N. Dabaras is furnishing excellent rations, but has drawn no pay since March. Dabaras is unable to carry city warrants and if some arrangement is not made at once he will be obliged to quit his contract. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The mayor also informed the council that he had laid off the employees in the street cleaning and improvement gangs, until such time as funds are available. As a result of economy the mayor vetoed a resolution calling for the establishment of certain hydrants and the extension of the water works system. The veto was sustained. It was also decided to postpone the sheathing of the city jail pipes with asbestos until a more prosperous season. Another economic step was the reconsideration of a decision to do extensive grading in Kountze's third addition.

Statement of Cash on Hand. The money on hand and visible resources were reported by the comptroller as follows: Cash in drawer, \$1,005.00; Checks for deposit, \$1,099.15; Balances in banks—City funds, \$1,000.00; Kountze Bros., \$3,447.11; Commercial National, \$1,251.27; First National, \$2,565.57; Merchants National, \$1,111.14; Nat. Bank of Commerce, \$6,094.34; Nebraska National, \$4,029.79; Omaha National, \$1,000.00; Union National, \$1,000.00; United States National, \$1,000.00; German Savings, \$1,000.00; Total, \$14,628.49.

Gas Contract Approved. The mayor returned with his approval of the contract newly entered into with the Omaha Gas company for the ensuing three years. The mayor remarked that while he would have preferred to delay the signing of the contract until later in the year it was evident to him that the city was enjoying most favorable advantages. The rates were lower, the executive said, than those prevailing in other cities and the light, now that the Webster burner has been adopted, is more satisfactory.

On the motion of Lobeck the city engineer was instructed to devise a plan whereby the city might secure underground conduits for the use of electric wires. The Board of Park Commissioners indicated that it desired to transform the Bluff tract into a public park. The action of the commissioners was based on the petition of property owners.

HEIRS UNCOVER BIG FORTUNE. Cash and Government Bonds Found Secreted in Nooks of an Old House.

The heirs of Mrs. Ellen C. Lucas, whose death occurred last Saturday, have discovered a fortune of over \$37,000, which had been hidden in snug nooks about the old homestead at 1221 Chicago street. John C. Lucas, son of the dead woman, was assured that his mother possessed a large amount of money, but upon proving the legality of his claim at the bank was surprised to find that the supposed fortune had dwindled to \$10,000. He confided his views on the situation to his sons and among them the heirs came to the conclusion that Mrs. Lucas must have hidden her valuables in some cache about the house. A systematic search was begun and after several hours one of the party discovered a small iron box concealed beneath the floor in the rear of the house. It was found to contain a pile of gold and paper money and paper currency. The searches were still unsatisfied and continued their quest for some time longer. Their zeal was again rewarded by the discovery of another iron box, containing a large amount of money, but upon proving the legality of his claim at the bank was surprised to find that the supposed fortune had dwindled to \$10,000. He confided his views on the situation to his sons and among them the heirs came to the conclusion that Mrs. Lucas must have hidden her valuables in some cache about the house.

Step Charges the Verdict. The jury in a recent lawsuit unanimously agreed upon the verdict, sealed it and went home to bed. After sleeping over it they disagreed the next morning. This shows the power of sleep to strengthen the human mind. Those who are troubled with insomnia should try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It puts the stomach in good condition and induces sweet, sound sleep. It is the best of remedies for kidney, liver and blood disorders.

COURT-MARTIAL HEARS CASES. Soldiers Punished for Breaches of Discipline—Paymaster Receives Orders to Settle with Troops.

The court-martial made up of the resident officers at Fort Crook has heard evidence in a number of cases in which soldiers were accused of breaches of discipline and has handed down decisions ruling upon the points involved. Private Woebosky, Company M, Tenth Infantry, was found guilty of violating the sixty-second article of war on three counts. The article applies to the conduct of soldiers in camp and in military discipline. Evidence of six previous convictions was noted and Private Woebosky was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances due him and to be confined at hard labor under charge of the post guard for three months. Private William Kevelhan of the same company received the same sentence on a similar charge, with the additional accusa-

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PETER COOPER CLUBS MEET

Regular Weekly Sessions of the Populist Weekly and the Business They Transacted.

The two Peter Cooper clubs of Omaha held their regular weekly meetings Tuesday night, on account of the heated atmosphere and the threatening of a rainstorm the attendance at either place was not so large as usual. The middle-of-the-roaders held the larger crowd and was the more enthusiastic meeting. Outside of the transactions of brief routine business the middle-of-the-road assemblage discussed plans for the banquet which is to be given in this city July 18 and at which the regular populist presidential candidates are to be the guests of honor.

The regular meeting of the Peter Cooper club there was a lengthy discussion of trusts, the subject being introduced by the reading of the attorney general against the Reservoir Ice company, which is alleged to be a trust. Speeches were made by L. J. Quinby, J. J. Potts, S. A. Lewis, Elmer Thomas and others. The discussion was general in its nature. In addition to the display of oratory on trusts, the regular weekly routine of club business was dispatched.

SPRING AND WINTER WHEAT

Flattering Prospects in Iowa and Kansas—Drouth in the Middle States.

CHICAGO, May 29.—The Farmers' Review in its weekly report concerning the condition of spring and winter wheat tomorrow will say:

In Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan the crop has suffered considerably from the drouth in the winter. In many counties less than one-fourth of a crop is promised and many fields have been plowed and sowed to corn. In Iowa, where the winter wheat is in excellent condition, the prospects in Kansas and Iowa are flattering, especially in the former state, where winter wheat is in excellent condition. In Dakota spring wheat is in fair shape, but will not suffer unless the drouth is broken.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued Tuesday:

Table with columns: Name and Residence, Age. Includes Albert Anderson, Omaha, 25; Sadie Holmes, Omaha, 23; Frank Kline, South Bend, Neb., 41; Fizzie Strube, South Bend, Neb., 41; Edna M. Brown, Omaha, 22; Margarette M. Weimerich, Omaha, 22; Silas E. Brown, Omaha, 28; Edna Gronman, Omaha, 19.

Sunday School Rally.

A rally for the benefit of the First Christian church will begin this evening. Thursday night's program will consist of some fine music and recitation with an address by the pastor, Sumner T. Martin, on "The Value of the Bible School." Friday night, D. A. Wickler, pastor of the Baptist church, will make an address. The rally will be held at 10:30 Sunday morning. A rally to house canvases for new scholars will be a feature of the rally.

Let Men Form a Union.

At O'Neil's hall, Sixteenth and Cuming streets, last night the Ice Delivermen and Helpers union was organized with sixty-five members, including most of the workmen employed in this branch of industry in the city. The names of the officers will not be announced for a time. A scale will later be announced. The men were advised to form a union for their own protection and to help others, but more concessions will be asked.

End of a Row.

As the result of a row between two electricians, Holman and George A. Mitchell both are in the city jail. The former has a badly swollen head and the latter received a scalp laceration. The fight, which was witnessed by Police Sergeant Ames, took place near the Durbin house, Eighteenth and St. Mary's avenue, where the men board, but both claimed to be unable to tell how or why they happened.

Lecture on "Ben Hur."

"Ben Hur" was the subject of an illustrated lecture delivered in the Young Men's Christian association auditorium Tuesday evening. The lecture was given by Rev. E. W. Erwin of Hastings. William E. Brice of the Mecca court, Tribe of Ben Hur, pointed out the scenes in the play which were displayed by the Mecca court. Illustrated songs were sung by the Mecca court, and Minnie Muller of Omaha.

Valuable Bicycle Stolen.

A valuable bicycle belonging to J. P. Barnes was stolen Monday night from the sidewalk in front of the Lincoln block. Mr. Barnes, who resides in Council Bluffs, left the wheel at the entrance to the building while he visited an office. On his return discovered that the bicycle was missing. He called attention to the party responsible for its removal.

Cat by a Brick.

A Blumenthal, residing at 2334 South Twelfth street, was struck in the head with a brick by a cat. The cat, which was colored grey, Tuesday evening. A small cat was wounded. Barnett had quarantined the cat and it was treated.

LOCAL REVIEWS.

Evangelist W. E. Harlow, assisted by Miss Maude Murphy as musical director, began a series of revival meetings in a tent at Forty-fourth and Franklin streets Monday night. Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

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After a heated controversy between the Board of Education and the friends of George H. Hess, the local Grand Army corps refused to participate in the Memorial Day exercises at Columbian school. The old soldiers gave it out in emphatic terms that Comrade Hess should take his place in the list of speakers whether the board wished it or not. The school board held that ex-Member Hess was not a competent person to interpret the quality of patriotism and notified the veterans that the objectionable speaker would not be allowed in the premises.

In spite of his assurance to the contrary Mr. Hess failed to make his appearance at the appointed hour. Inquiry developed that he was in South Omaha. The board had already determined to act independently of the veterans and secured the attendance of Colonel Danilich, who led the First Wisconsin cavalry during the war. Colonel Danilich addressed the assembled students on the significance of the day.

Did Not Seek Quorum. President Burgess' board days that he did not seek the quorum, but proposed to carry it out to a finish. "My first intimation that Mr. Hess was expected to speak," said Mr. Burgess, "was when I saw his name in the official program printed in The Bee. Immediately thereafter I telephonic communication with Treasurer Sawhill, who arranged the program, and told him that any participation by Mr. Hess was not to be thought of. I said that in presence in any school would be in bad taste in view of the charges pending against him. In addition I said that his visitation would not be tolerated and the board without exception held the same opinion. Mr. Sawhill said the veterans had no disposition to force an unwelcome guest upon the board, and would alter the program."

"At the meeting Monday night, however, Mr. Sawhill visited the board rooms and served notice that the Grand Army would stand by Mr. Hess. He was found guilty. He said that no change would be made in the program. "So a resolution was passed by the board giving the president, the superintendent of instruction and the principals the authority to make any changes desired in the Memorial Day programs. With this power vested in me, I wrote a letter to Mr. Sawhill in plain terms. I wanted him to understand that the board had charge of school property and proposed to exercise it. The ultimatum served on Treasurer Sawhill by President Burgess is as follows: President Burgess' Ultimatum. Mr. Sawhill, Grand Army of the Republic, Memorial Day Speakers—The Board of Education, at its meeting held last evening directed the city ordinance which was passed with the superintendent of instruction and the principals, to assume full charge of the assignment of speakers for Columbian school today, and authorizing them to make any arrangement or changes in the program which they may desire. This was done, not because the Board of Education had any objection to the program, but because the members of the board are unwilling, under present conditions, to have any other representative of the Grand Army to that school. You are also notified that Mr. Hess is not to be received as a Memorial Day speaker in any public school.

It is regretted that this unfortunate incident of the assignment of Mr. Hess under existing conditions was necessary to assure you, both on behalf of the Board of Education and on my own behalf, of the distinction and the honor which the Grand Army of the Republic is held by all of the members of the board, and also of their hearty approval of the program. Memorial day, they endeavor to promote patriotism and keep alive the love of the soldiers of the Republic. Any speaker, except the one above named, will be most gladly received in the schools. President Board of Education.

A prominent Grand Army man gives the other version of the controversy as follows: "In our opinion a man should be considered innocent until he is found guilty and there is no reason why such an insult should have been tendered Comrade Hess. It was his intention to speak solely on patriotic themes just as he has done in the years that are past."

Science has found that rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. This poison should be expelled by the kidneys. Rheumatism, with healthy kidneys, Foley's Kidney Cure always makes them well. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's Drug Store, South Omaha.

BRYAN BOOMERS TO PARADE

One Thousand from This State to March at Kansas City on July 4.

KANSAS CITY, May 29.—One thousand Nebraskaans will march in the parade arranged by the local committee for the democratic national convention here on July 4. They will consist of the Bryan Home Guards, 100 strong; the Bryan County Guards, 100; the Traveling Men's Bryan club, 200; all of Lincoln; and the Jacksonian club of Omaha, 500 strong. Each club will bring its own band. Headquarters had previously been arranged for the Omaha charts and today contracts were closed by J. P. Welch of Lincoln for quarters for the Lincoln men. Twelve special coaches will bring in the Lincoln men.

STANARD OF MISSOURI OUT OF IT.

Declines to be Considered as a Vice Presidential Candidate.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 29.—The Globe-Democrat of this city tomorrow publishes a letter from E. O. Hanna, once governor of Missouri, declining to be a candidate for vice president on the republican ticket, concluding: "Now, while I highly appreciate the compliment my friends have shown me, by mentioning my name in this honorable connection, I am obliged to say that I do not think the republican party is likely to come to this state for its candidate for vice president, but be this as it may, I have no political aspirations and am not a candidate for the nomination and could not accept it if tendered me."

Adolph Meyer Named.

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—Senator Adolph Meyer was re-nominated this afternoon to succeed himself in congress from the First district of Louisiana.

Miers Re-nominated.

BREDFORD, Ind., May 29.—The democrat of the Second congressional district re-nominated Congressman R. V. Miers by acclamation.

The Most Stubborn Coughs.

resulting from an attack of laryngitis or heavy cold, must yield to the wonderful healing properties of Foley's Honey and Tar, which strengthens the lungs and makes them sound. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's Drug Store, South Omaha.

Refined Sugar Prices Advanced.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The price of refined sugar was advanced to cents a 100 pounds today.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

One of the features of last night's meeting of the city council was the defeat of the ordinance introduced some time ago increasing the saloon occupying tax from \$200 a year to \$500. When the ordinance came up on third reading all members of the council were in their seats and Mayor Kelly was in the chair. The vote stood five against the ordinance and two for it. Those who favored the ordinance were Pille and Martin. Next in importance came the granting of liquor licenses. These licenses were ordered issued, there being no protest from any member of the council: George Schuler, 602 North Twenty-fourth street; Henry Eck, Twenty-third and M streets; Frank Dege, Twenty-fourth and P streets; Otto Maurer, 2208 N street; Berlin & Healy, 2403 N street; J. Mah, & Co., 223 North Twenty-seventh street; Sol S. Goldstrom, 2903 N street; Joseph Duffy, 2523 Q street; John Larsen, 410 North Twenty-fourth street; John Koutsky, 410 North Twenty-third street; Jake Kaufman, 2016 N street; M. Wellman & Co., 2619 N street; Joseph Schlitz Brewing company, Twenty-seventh and L streets; Paul & Burth, 2521 N street; Eberhard Bihler, 2501 Q street; Scott Dunn, 2501 N street; Frank Kowalski, 513 North Twenty-seventh street; K. Klein, 2602 N street; Wm. Larson, 2529 Q street; Max Plochow, 3001 Q street; Louis Lundin, 2401 Q street; Fred Krug, 2905 N street; Charles Krofer, 684 North Twenty-fourth street; Charles F. Weymuller, 3612 N street; Joseph Duffy, 709 Q street; John Buck, 2423 N street; C. F. Weymuller, 3129 Q street; G. W. Tierney, 496 North Twenty-fourth street; Mike Hoffman, Twenty-fourth and Wyman streets; James Harold, L and Boulevard; Exchange hotel; Joe Pert, 323 North Twenty-seventh street; Joe Pert, 415 North Twenty-seventh street; E. M. Pederson, Twenty-fifth and Q streets; F. J. Franz, Twentieth and S streets; B. Krebs, 453 Railroad avenue; Eberhard Bihler, 326 North Twenty-fourth street; James Novacek, 2061 N street; William Ludwig, 2513 N street; John Kowalski, Thirty-third and L streets; George Tierney, 3129 Q street; G. Tierney, 2630 N street; Anna Rowley, 2617 N street; Arthur Metz, Twentieth and Q streets; Charles Metz, Twenty-first and S streets; McDonough & Sheehan, 231 South Twenty-sixth street; Charles Nordenberg, Twenty-sixth and Q streets; John N. Burke, 3311 Q street; Peter J. Boyce, 2605 N street; Neil Mulachy, 2411 N street.

Mitchell as Chief.

It was expected that Miles Mitchell will assume charge of the police department Thursday night. His appointment dates from June 1 and Mr. Mitchell is now ready to take hold. His friends assert that he will make an excellent chief of police on account of his experience in police and detective work. In speaking about Mitchell's appointment last night, Mayor Kelly said that Mitchell was to have entire control of the department and that he would be held responsible for the conduct of the men, or resign. The mayor hopes that with a new head to the department every member of the force will work in accord with the administration and that all petty jealousies will be laid aside. Patrolmen who insist upon violating the orders of the chief and the rules of the department will be disciplined.

Preparing Tax Statements.

Deputy Treasurer Gustafson is engaged these days in making out tax statements for those who are delinquent in personal taxes. A list containing 1,850 names of delinquents has just been completed by Treasurer Koutsky and notices will be sent out at once. The idea is to have all of these statements made up and placed on file in alphabetical order, so that when a delinquent comes in there will be no delay in looking up the records. It will require an immense amount of work to compile all of these statements, but the time saved will be quite an item after the notices are served and the tax collector goes forth to enforce the payment of back taxes.

Decoration Day.

Today being a legal holiday the city offices will be closed, as will the banks. Barber shops will shut down at 11 o'clock and it is expected that quite a number of business places will close at noon. There will be one delivery of mail in the morning, but the money order department at the post-office will be closed all day. At 5 o'clock members of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at the post hall and proceed by special motor train to Laurel Hill cemetery, where the graves of the soldier dead will be appropriately decorated. No street parade will be held by the Grand Army this year, as has been the custom in the past.

City Pound Moved.

On account of the numerous complaints lodged by citizens living in the vicinity of Twenty-seventh and Y streets, Poundmaster Stephens has moved the city pound to Twenty-seventh and L streets, just north of the L street viaduct. It is not thought that Stephens will meet with any opposition from the new locality and citizens who wake up in the morning and find themselves missing a horse or a cow may be reasonably certain that the missing animals can be found at the newly located pound.

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Inspection of Buildings.

An inspection of buildings is being made by Deputy Labor Commissioner Kent with a view to ascertaining upon what structures fire escapes should be erected. Mr. Kent arrived in the city yesterday and in company with Building Inspector D. M. Click and Fire Chief F. M. Smith is making a thorough examination of all buildings over two stories in height. The law under which Deputy Kent is working provides that all buildings more than two stories in height, used for manufacturing purposes, hotels, schools, hospitals, etc., shall have at least one fire escape for every fifty persons and one automatic metallic escape for every twenty-five persons which working, living or sleeping accommodations are provided above the second

stories of such buildings. All public halls which provide seating room above the first or ground floor shall be provided with such ladders or fire escapes as the commissioner of labor or his deputy may designate. Commissioner Kent expects to spend at least a week here in his examination of buildings where fire escapes are needed and in an inspection of the fire escapes now in use. The law provides that the commissioner serve written notices on property owners to erect suitable fire escapes, the same to be erected within thirty days from the service of the notice. A fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$200 may be assessed for a refusal to comply with the orders of the commissioner. In speaking of his work here Commissioner Kent said that he proposed making a most thorough inspection of all buildings over two stories in height and notices will be served where he in his judgment deems escapes necessary to protect life. It is understood that some of the school buildings will receive the attention of Mr. Kent. Some time ago the Board of Education took up the matter of erecting fire escapes at the High school building, but nothing has been done toward protecting the children who attend school in this building.

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Advertisement for CHICAGO BEACH HOTEL. Text: "A High-Class Residential Transient Hotel". Includes an illustration of the hotel building.

Advertisement for "Our Islands and Their People". Text: "Spontaneous and Surprising Success". "Camera and Pencil". "BEING THE OUTCOME OF SPECIAL EXPEDITIONS TO, AND EXHAUSTIVE EXPLORATIONS OF CUBA, PORTO RICO, ISLE OF PINES, HAWAII, PHILIPPINE AND SULU ARCHIPELAGOES, etc." Includes an illustration of a camera and a pencil.

Advertisement for Van Houten's Chocolate. Text: "Much harm is done daily by the excessive consumption of cheap confections and chocolates of inferior quality, doubtful taste, and doubtful composition." "Why not abstain from these altogether, and substitute the digestible, wholesome Van Houten's Chocolate (For Eating), which is of delicious flavor, and cheapest in the end?"

Advertisement for KINGSFORD'S CORN STARCH. Text: "\$5.00 A MONTH. DR. McCREW, SPECIALIST, Treats all forms of DISEASES AND DISORDERS OF MEN ONLY." Includes an illustration of a man's face.