

REFUSES TO REDUCE TAXES

City Comptroller Holds That He Has No Authority to Do So.

COURTS MUST PASS UPON THE QUESTION

Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Granted Permission to Occupy Portions of Streets During the September Festivities.

At its meeting last night the city council passed several resolutions ordering the city comptroller to make a reduction in taxes in which there is inequality. For some time there has been a great variety of opinion around the city building as to what procedure is necessary in such cases.

Last night City Comptroller Westberg explained to the council that he could find no authority for such action and stated that he had not deducted the taxes the council has recently remitted and will not do so until he finds some authority for such action.

In nearly all cases the reductions in taxes are for very small amounts and are made in favor of persons who could not afford to carry the cases into court for this reason.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben were granted permission to erect benches enclosing the following streets: Douglas street, from west side of Twentieth to west side of Nineteenth; Eighteenth street, from south side of Dodge to north side of Farnam; Nineteenth street, from south side of Dodge to north side of Farnam. These streets are to be used for an oriental carnival.

Under the present city ordinance fast driving is permitted on a portion of the boulevard system in the north part of the city. Much complaint has come from careless driving along the boulevard where this privilege is granted.

The Board of Public Works was instructed to order the Omaha Street Railway company to repair the asphalt paving in its main and Capital avenue. The board was also empowered to require the removal of the abandoned car track on Locust street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Mr. Hascall introduced a resolution which provides that the mayor shall supply the city fire houses with ice. The Board of Fire and Police Captains has failed to supply ice on account of a lack of funds and the council empowered the mayor to make such expenditure.

The taxes levied in 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900 upon a lot at Davenport and Fifteenth streets were remitted. The lot is situated between First and Second streets and has been used for nothing but church purposes.

Although Mayor Moore approved the ordinance for the paving of Twenty-eighth street from Farnam to Leavenworth and of Twenty-ninth street from Leavenworth to Twenty-fifth street, a communication to the council in which he stated that he signed the ordinance with some reluctance and urged the council to make sure that the petitioners bear certified signatures of a majority of the property holders in the affected blocks.

The council approved the appointment of George W. Holbrook, Edgar Zabriskie and St. Andre D. Balcombe as appraisers to determine the damages property owners suffer by grading to be done on Jones and Twenty-fifth streets and Twenty-fifth avenue.

City Engineer Andrew Rosewater was granted a leave of absence for two weeks. The bond required by W. C. Ives as member of the Public Library board was approved. The bond of Harry Miller, who has been issued a master plumber's license, was also approved.

Resolutions were adopted which provide for the construction of permanent sidewalks along the north side of Mason street between Thirty-first and Thirty-third streets and along the east side of Twenty-third street between Webster and California streets.

FAIL TO COME TOGETHER

Warring Factions in Democratic Ranks as Far Apart as Ever.

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREE SUGGESTED

Tales of Woe to Be Poured Into His Listening Ears and His Decision to Settle Who is Who.

While it was announced after the meeting of the democratic conference committee last Saturday afternoon that there would be another meeting of the committee from the rival democratic committees Tuesday afternoon, no such meeting materialized.

The Howell conference certainly expected such a meeting, but those of the other county committee who are against it say they say that their county committee adjourned Saturday afternoon without having taken any action toward that end. In fact, it is said that the negotiators on the part of the committee here will be conducted by the executive committee, of which Charles Fanning is chairman.

It is announced that the three firms affected have arranged to be supplied with the grain quotations from New York whenever they get quotations on stocks. Grain men say that there is a great deal of uncertainty as to whether or not this system will suffice, as it is said the New York market is not subject to much fluctuation. In spite of this speculation the Omaha firms will today do their trading on New York grain market reports.

Member of the Sons of Rest Society Throws a Fit in Police Court.

D. Strain, bearing the mien and the garb of a charter member in the Anti-Tobacco Society, was charged with vagrancy Tuesday afternoon before Judge Gordon. His case was similar to many that make up the daily grind of the police court and judge and spectators were prepared for his disposition with customary alacrity.

PERU NORMAL LACKS SUPPORT

Nebraska School for Teachers Not Cared For Well as Those in California.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

O. W. Garrison of Denver is in the city. J. C. Carter of Fremont is at the Murray. W. H. Carson of Ord is at the Merchants. Charles H. Sloan of Geneva is at the Herd.

J. Sanderson of Seward is at the Merchants. J. M. Thomas of Ponder, Neb., is at the Murray. Frank T. Emerson of Waterloo is at the Herd.

J. S. Miller of Hastings is stopping at the Murray. J. L. Hancock of Stanton is stopping at the Merchants. John W. Lacey of Cheyenne is staying at the Millard.

THIRD WARD REPUBLICANS

Organized Club Formed and Campaign Opened at an Enthusiastic Meeting.

The Third Ward Republican club, which prides itself on being the strongest organization of that faith in any ward in Omaha, launched the fall campaign last night with a crowded house at 1122 Capitol avenue.

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Appointment of Referee Suggested.

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WITHIN REACH.

BECAUSE of its low price Ivory Soap is within the reach of all. Besides its low cost it has the advantage that it is entirely satisfactory for so many varied uses; it will do the work of a half dozen kinds of soap each intended for a special purpose. IVORY SOAP IS 99 3/4 PER CENT. PURE.

NEW OWN SHEELEY BLOCK

Deed Transferring the Property Passed and the Deal Consummated-To Be Improved.

Yesterday the deed to the property known as the "Sheeley block" passed from the administrator of the estate to the Woodmen of the World and was filed for record. The price paid was \$50,000, and the deed bore revenue stamps to the amount of \$80. The building committee of the order has under consideration plans for remodeling the building, which will make it one of the most convenient and complete office buildings in the city. The work of remodeling will be confined principally to the south half. Partitions will be moved, additional floor joists placed in position, and the latest things in office furnishings introduced. It is estimated that the necessary changes in contemplation will require the expenditure of between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

DIRECTORS GOING FOR SCOTT

Late Superintendent of Labor Temple Will Be Forced to Make an Accounting.

The troubles of W. W. Scott, late superintendent or janitor of Labor temple, have only just begun. If the board of directors carries out the plan which it has adopted, the directors allege, he took with him the cash and books of the temple. When charged with the act, at first Mr. Scott stood mute, but later he denied that he knew anything about the plan which he has adopted. The safe was empty, no books and no cash being found.

Population of Cincinnati.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The census office today announced the population of the city of Cincinnati, O., to be 25,362, an increase over the last census of 23,504.

Tomorrow—Another Day

Will be Boys' Misses' and Children's tan shoe day with Drexel L. Shooman. We're cutting the prices on all our little tan shoes never were so cheap before and never will be again—bring the little folks in and we will fit them at these prices: \$3.00 Boys' tan sets go at \$2.25 \$2.50 Youths' tan sets go at \$1.75 \$2.00 Boys' tans go at \$1.50 \$2.00 Youths' tans go at \$1.25 \$1.50 Little girls' tans go at \$1.15 \$2.00 Misses' tans go at \$1.00 \$1.50 Children's tans go at 75c. These are the greatest boys' and girls' tan shoe bargains ever offered in Omaha. Our regular high grades at cut prices.

Drexel Shoe Co.

Omaha's Up-to-date Shoe Store. 1619 Farnam Street.

Don't Miss This Sale

Everybody is buying sheet music now because everybody can afford it—A penny apiece and up—get a catalogue before it's all gone—We have piano bargains, too—One handsome walnut upright piano, with Boston fallboard. Duet music rack, latest style case, for \$137; another fine up-to-date upright piano, in carved oak case, for \$148; an other fine bargain for \$153—Brand new pianos—Terms, \$15 cash and \$9 per month.

A. HOSPE,

Music and Art. 1613 Douglas.

Fried Chicken and Peach Cobbler

These are the two specialties we will have for our Wednesday noonday lunch—and they will be appreciated—Fried spring chicken, a la Maryland. Peach cobbler, sauce Sabayon, the "We-know you'll like them—that's why we're going to serve them—Every day you'll find some speciality at Balducci's—the most popular place in Omaha to take lunch—and where you'll always find the good things to eat—not at extravagant prices, either—not any more than others charge for things not half so good. Service the best—Large, cool dining room.

W. S. Balducci,

1520 Farnam St.

Advertisement for SSS (Scott's Emulsion) featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text describes the benefits for rheumatism and general health.

CULLED from the Field of POLITICS

Chairman Lindsay and ex-Chairman Tefft of the republican state committee took a night off to witness a real three-ring tent show when the circus was in town. To them all the performers were populists, democrats or silver republicans going through the contortions and acrobatics prerequisite to fusion. The clown band with its rasping music was the perfection of poperaic harmony. Incidentally, they were also admired from afar the royal Tammany tiger in the act of being fed with slices of good populist lamb.

Advertisement for W. S. Balducci's restaurant, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing their specialties like fried chicken and peach cobbler.