

AFFAIRS IN SOUTH OMAHA

Members of Finance Committee in Wrangle Over Payment of Bills.

SOME INTERESTING GOSSIP IS CURRENT

Stories Afloat to the Effect that a Rateoff is Demanded and Developments Are Expected—Magie City News in General.

Members of the finance committee of the city council, which is composed of Johnston, Vansant and Martin, are in a wrangle over the payment of certain bills and it looks now as if there might be some sensational news coming from this direction.

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Certain parties want a percentage, so it is stated, before the bills are allowed and this caused the balk.

It is stated that a demand has been made of the water company to pay 10 per cent of the entire claim and rumor has it that the same proposition was made to the light company.

An open rupture was imminent at last Monday night's meeting of the council when these bills were crossed off the appropriation sheet.

President Adkins, who occupied the chair, stepped down by calling Johnston and Martin to order.

In speaking of the matter a member of the council said that the bills, with one exception, were just, the one exception being the bill of \$19,990 for elevating electric street lights.

It is supposed to be in force compelling the light company to maintain lights on thirty-five-foot poles, the chances to be made without expense to the city.

During the term of Mayor Enos this ordinance was enforced, but it seems that lately no attention has been paid to it.

When the bills come up again it is expected that there will be something doing in the talking line, as Vansant, a member of the committee, has heard of the rumors of boodle and will talk about the matter as he thinks.

Light Demand for Meat. Although the receipts of cattle and hogs at the stockyards are the largest usual for this time of the year, packers say there is little doing in the retail line.

On account of the intense heat very little meat is being used by ordinary consumers. Even the restaurants have but few calls for meat and the city is suffering from a demand is noticed almost instantly at the packing houses.

Prices are a little higher than last month, but it is stated that this will not continue long after there is a good soaking rain all over the west.

The steamer Catalpa arrived here yesterday and will be placed in service within the next ten days.

Captain Talbot brought the boat down from Sioux City and it is now tied up on the Iowa side, opposite Missouri avenue.

Work is to commence at once on the improvement of the river by the ferry company at the foot of Missouri avenue and also across the river.

Fencing the construction of a pontoon bridge the ferry will convey freight and passengers across the river.

Captain Talbot, who is in charge of the boat, is every inch a sailor and he proposes to give to South Omaha and the people of Iowa an excellent service.

Trips will be made as often as occasion requires and as the boat is a capacious one stockmen from Iowa will doubtless patronize it.

Midsummer Bank Statement. On July 15 the national banks doing business in this city were called upon by the comptroller of the treasury to render a statement of the conditions of the banks at the date the call was issued.

Three national banks are doing business in South Omaha and the statements show that there is a steady increase in deposits since the last call of the comptroller, which was made on April 24.

On the date last mentioned these three banks had on deposit \$1,089,219.78. On July 15, the date of the last call, there was on deposit here \$6,356,700.87.

This shows an increase in deposits of \$5,267,481.09. All the banks report a remarkably good business at this time and deposits continue to increase each day.

Milk Inspector Frank Jones stated yesterday that he had recently tested milk from nearly all of the dairies doing business in this city and the standard was being maintained.

GOLD FOR THE GREEN GROCER

Vegetable Man Takes Rank with Ice Dealer as an Autocrat.

HIGH PRICES ARE FIXED ON POOR GOODS

Cabbages, Beans and Potatoes Find Ready Market at Rates Double Those of a Year Ago—Room in Buttermilk Market.

The long established exclusive autocracy of the ice man is trembling in the balance and the vegetable man has attached himself alongside the former peerless autocrat in administering to humanity's necessities.

The market gardener whose crop was not wholly burned out is a bigger man than a government land officer in an Indian land lottery. Everything he touches turns to gold.

It would be useless to undertake to retrace the schedule of the itinerant vegetable man. He simply suggests any price he may want for his wares and if one person does not buy them another will.

He is entirely nonchalant about it. But down to the wholesale markets where prices are established and the needy are protected by rules that require uniformity in transactions, one can obtain some idea of the difference in conditions this year from what those of a year ago were.

"As a rule," said one of the leading dealers on commission row, "vegetables are selling this year 100 per cent higher than they were at this time a year ago. They are of an inferior quality and mighty hard to get. If you could get hold of any vegetables as good as the ruling quality prevailing last year, we would place almost any kind of fancy prices upon them and they would go off as if they were being shot out of a cannon."

"Tomatoes, which were selling last year at this time at 50 cents a bushel, are finding ready and eager sale now at \$1.50. Potatoes, that were 50 cents a bushel then, now go rapidly at 75 cents and \$1. Cabbage sold last year for 50 cents to 1 cent a pound according to quality, but now any old thing that looks like cabbage will bring 2 cents without a quibble.

There is no really good cabbage this year. We sold dry onions last year for 50 cents; we are getting 15 for them now and have to ship them to Chicago. Cucumbers, which were 20 cents last year are bringing 40 cents this year. Green corn that brought 5 cents a dozen a year ago now brings 9 cents. I don't think there is any prospect of vegetables being any cheaper, as we will have to ship nearly everything from this time on."

Wax Beans Are Precious. "A one-third-bushel basket of wax beans that we were glad to sell last year for 35 cents is bringing \$1 today and a basket of peas of similar size that we sold for 25 cents last year is bringing \$1.50 today."

Beets and turnips sold at this time last year for about 60 cents a bushel. They are selling at a slight advance over that price now and are about the only vegetables handled that have not doubled in price.

"Yes, there were a great many vegetables shipped out of the state early in the season, going mostly to Kansas and the west, but during the past week these shipments have stopped because local prices are so high that there is no money in shipping."

"In regard to fruits, the apples coming in are very poor, little better than rubbins, and they are not therefore selling at any material advance, but if we could get good apples we could get at least 100 per cent more than we got at this time a year ago."

He sold last year for 75 cents and \$1 a bushel, and as good ones this year would be readily bringing \$1.50 and \$2.

"The Colorado crop of peaches is short and prices have advanced about 25 per cent. Texas peaches are selling 50 per cent higher than last year. Last year four hundred crates sold for 75 cents, but they are bringing \$1 today. It is too early for home grown peaches. I understand the home crop is short, but it is never large enough to do any use in the markets."

The milk man seems to be joining the parade of drought season autocrats, for yesterday he ran the price of buttermilk up to 20 cents a gallon. There is a great deal of the soda consumed in the saloons and at the soda fountains and dairy headquarters, and saloon keepers were grumbling at the nerve of the dairymen in daring to boost the price of such a commodity to such a figure.

BOY VISITS THE PRESIDENT Omaha Lad Gratifies His Ambition by Exchanging Felicitations with Chief Executive at Canton.

Gus Stellings, 15 years old, returned from Canton, O., Wednesday, having spent his vacation in gratifying a boyish curiosity to see President McKinley.

Stellings paid a visit to an aunt at Massillon, O., and during his stay persuaded her to accompany him to Canton.

After circumventing the president's residence several times the boy summoned his courage to the sticking point and went in. His aunt awaited the outcome on the sidewalk.

Stellings greeted the servant with western heartiness and so impressed her in his favor that she carried his name to the president.

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ASLEEP UNDER THE STARS

Some Ingenious and Original Means of Courting Mosquitoes These Hot Nights.

ONE MAN SWINGS OVER A TIN ROOF

Many a Front Lawn is Converted into a Dormitory—Houses of Mosquito Netting Favorite Retreat from Swarms of Insects.

Over the tin roof of a laundry at Eleventh and Dodge streets a hammock swayed gently in the breeze that announced the coming storm. One of the men who had come from the smelter and the other to a ring screwed into the brickwork, and was revealed by the lightning flashes, the net sagged heavily, drawing the ropes taut.

To the others at the police station it was clear that the hammock had a human occupant.

Suddenly the rain began to patter on the tin; there was a convulsion of the hammock and a white-robed figure emerged, later to perform the hazardous feat of clambering down the fire escape with a blanket over one arm and a pillow under his chin.

"That fellow has been sleeping up there for two weeks," said one of the officers. "He has to be at the laundry early to get the water hot for the day's work, and I guess he found it pretty sultry down among the steam mangles and patent ironing machines, and that's why he took to the roof."

Out-Door Sleep is Popular. Sleeping out of doors has become quite general during the last few weeks. Many front lawns have been converted into a dormitory, while Jefferson square and the city parks offer havens to such of the heat-stricken populace as are not afraid of earwigs, or are so fortunate as to evade the park policeman.

Those who have tried it say the High school grounds offer superior advantages in this line, as Capitol Hill is a considerable elevation, and any variant breeze that may be prowling around is likely to visit that quarter.

The opposite is true of Hanson park, the ground here being low and the atmosphere calm. But there are two advantages common, from the standpoint of the sleeper, to all these plots of greensward, and these are that they are well ventilated and that they save the cost of room rent.

The air may be still sultry with humidity, but generally speaking it is pure.

To those given to early rising it is a common spectacle these mornings to see a man asleep on a cot beside the gravel path of his front yard.

The blanket has become disarranged during the struggle he had with Morpheus and at one end of the cot is revealed his open mouth and at the other his bare feet, with toes spread apart.

This could hardly be considered a classical lawn ornament, but it invariably attracts more attention than the finest piece of statuary.

Bugs Add to Trouble. Down where the population is dense and where the houses are built directly upon the sidewalk, other means must be resorted to to lure the cooling breeze, and as a result bedrooms lose their privacy and the home becomes a sort of a pavilion.

Moor, windows, windowshades and blinds are thrown wide open, the sacred precincts within laid bare to the vulgar eye. Farther east discomforts other than heat are to be found.

The lower slopes, approaching the river, are infested with mosquitoes, which may be seen in the air, resembling oars, which may be heard from the hateful in the globs of electric lamps of a morning and with great droning beetles that fly blindly and strike the face with the force of a missile from a boy's slingshot.

These pests require another system of defense. Mosquito bars on the windows have been found inefficient, as the average house of the poorer sort has settled until there are broad aprons along the window frames, offering easy ingress to insects of all kinds.

One scheme the riparian folk have is to hang mosquito bars from a chain suspended over the bed. The most original plan, however, is to make a little house out of strips of pine and mosquito bar, set the "house" out in the yard somewhere and sleep in it.

Scores of these can be seen on the river bottoms. Sometimes during the day the "house" is lifted from over the bed or cot and covered over a table, and the family will sit down to a meal, insured against molestation from flies.

A Sure Cure for Diarrhoea. Coming, as it does, in the busiest season, when a man can least afford to lose time, a sure and quick cure for diarrhoea is very desirable. Any one who has given it a trial will tell you that the quickest, surest and most pleasant remedy in use for this disease is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

There is no loss of time when it is used, and two doses of it will cure an ordinary attack. It never fails, not even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by all druggists.

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BOTH SIDES OF THE CASE

Dairymen Young and Inspector Hutton Enter into Discussion of Adulterated Milk Charges.

P. K. Young, proprietor of the Golden Rod dairy, against whom a charge of using formaldehyde to preserve milk is pending, is preparing his defense upon the theory that Milk Inspector Hutton singled him out from among the other dairymen to vent a personal spleen. He writes the following letter to The Bee:

OMAHA, July 25.—In regard to this trouble between Mr. Hutton and myself I wish to say that I am a citizen of Omaha that it is all spitwork. I can assign no other reason for the trouble against me. A bill against him for milk, cream and strawberries, which were sold to me by the Golden Rod Dairy, has been netted him. I will admit I am having some trouble with my cows. They are giving me milk, which Dr. Rammebeck says is due to overfeeding of sugarbeet, and he told me to tell the police.

Mr. Hutton stated in the paper that he has had milk from the Golden Rod Dairy for some time, but he has not had any trouble. I offered to pay him for them several times, but he would always make some excuse for not taking the money—usually because he couldn't make change when he would suggest that we let it go till the next time he called.

"As to the samples of milk, I obtained four of them, as previously stated, and when the case comes to trial next Tuesday there will be witnesses to testify to that fact," said Mr. Young.

I never analyzed with the others and by an odd circumstance it was the only one of the four samples that was pure; formaldehyde was found in each of the other three.

Of these, one I took from his wagon on the morning of July 22, one came from some milk left at the home of Mr. Thomas Heacock, 2807 Bristol street, and the other from a bottle left with Mrs. J. H. Tate, 1623 Lothrop. All were taken on July 21, except the one he brought to my house voluntarily, and that came July 19.

Detective Stories. Conan Doyle considers Poe the inventor of the detective story and as pre-eminently the master of the short story and adds: "The imaginative quality, the intellectual skill, the keen adaptation of means to ends, the subtlety of insight, the management of dramatic effects, are qualities upon which I delight to dwell and I would emphasize my own indebtedness to Poe and my appreciation of his great abilities."

Do you know Poe? And do you wish an authoritative opinion which gives the true facts of the life of the man whom Tennyson considered the greatest American author; one which proves the untruth of many existing beliefs? If so, address GEORGE HARRIE & SON, 1313 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. AGENTS WANTED.

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WOMAN'S WORK IN CLUB AND CHARITY

A new mission was opened Monday at 109 North Tenth street which promises to fill a need in that part of the city. It is the Good Will mission and is to be operated under the management of "Mother" Lee, formerly of the Bancroft Street home.

The mission workers of the city have long realized the necessity of some concerted work among the outcast women of that neighborhood, but realizing its difficulties few have cared to undertake it and there has been nothing upon which to support it.

Recently, however, Mrs. Lee has succeeded in interesting E. H. Stewart, well known as secretary and treasurer of the Good Will Temple mine of Cripple Creek, and he has agreed to contribute \$50 per month to the support of the institution, having given \$150 with which to open the building. Mrs. Lee gives her services and will use her influence for the extension of the work, which is to be carried on in co-operation with the work of the Bancroft Street home.

It is Mrs. Lee's intention to become acquainted with the women and help them to help themselves to a better understanding and a better life—in fact, to carry on the work that is being so successfully operated in other large cities and which is equally preventive and rescue work. The rooms are being neatly furnished and an organ and good reading matter provided. There will also be a school for the children and women can get their meals for 15 cents, the only such place that the neighborhood now affords being a place conducted by a colored woman where 25 cents is charged for a meal. Through this medium it is hoped to reach the women and interest them.

Mrs. Lee is now making an effort to get a sewing machine, that she may teach plain sewing to the women.

In speaking of the work, Mother Lee said: "Good Will mission is a permanent institution. We have the moral and financial support necessary and hope before long to buy or build a permanent home for it."

The Helping Hand society of Hanson Park Methodist church meets this afternoon in the parlors of the church. The meeting is called for the hearing of reports and every member is urged to be present.

The Young Women's Foreign Missionary society gave a thimble party this afternoon at the home of Miss Mattie Langtree, 2221 South Twenty-ninth street. An exceptionally good program has been prepared.

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