

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Police Department in a Bad Way as Regards Salaries.

FIREMEN WILL SOON BE IN SIMILAR FIX

Annexation is Suggested as the Only Solution to Financial Problems

Taxpayers' League Gets Busy.

The police department is in a bad way at the present time as regards salaries and Mayor Kelly has intimated to a few friends that he will be compelled to reduce the force soon in order to hold a few men on duty during the balance of the fiscal year.

There is no money to pay the police department for more than another month providing that there is no change in the present policy. If the mayor sees fit to cut the force down to a couple of men and continues to pay Chief Mitchell and Captain Allie their regular salaries there will be nothing left for the patrolmen.

On the other hand there is some talk of the members of the force taking legal steps to prevent Treasurer Koutsky from issuing a call for the overlap warrants. If this is done there will be sufficient money on hand to keep the present force for a few months more.

In another month the firemen will be in the same position and they will either have to take their pay in thanks or worry along as best they can or quit. With the prospect of the city authorities having not seen fit to levy enough money for the maintenance of these two important city departments and after the overlap warrants are paid there is little left to go on.

There is some talk of a subscription to be taken up among business men for the maintenance of the fire department. Since the announcement has been made that all city officials are liable on their bond for money expended without warrant of law there has been considerable diffidence about the passing of claims, but as regular salaries must be paid the finance committee is entirely at sea.

Some people say that annexation is the only solution to the problem here and it is possible that this may be seriously considered by the city before long.

League Getting Busy. It was reported on the streets yesterday that certain members of the Taxpayers' league had secured the services of a firm of attorneys to institute suit against L. A. Davis, architect for the Board of Education, to recover a sum of money already paid for plans for the proposed high school building.

Informal Discussion. Four members of the council met with City Attorney Lambert last night to talk over the proposed ordinance for the Plattsmouth Telephone company. The members present expressed to the city attorney their opinions as regards the restriction to be placed around a new company seeking a franchise and particular mention was made of the royalty to be paid.

Building Inspector's Report. Building Inspector D. M. Clark has completed his report regarding fire escapes in South Omaha and will present the same to the grand jury today. The report, as prepared, does not compare in any manner with the one made a year ago by the deputy labor commissioner.

Cars Run Nertly. The cars on the Missouri avenue extension ran on time all day yesterday and were liberally patronized. While the track is a little rough just now, a few days of travel will clean the rails of dirt and then the best of service will be given.

Spread Like Wildfire. When things are "the best" they become "the best selling." Abraham Hare, a leading druggist of Belleville, O., writes: "Electric Bitters are the best selling bitters I have handled in twenty years."

LOCAL BREVITIES. Ella May Albrecht has applied for a divorce from Herman A. Albrecht on the ground of desertion. They were married in Omaha in 1896.

George A. Joslyn has been granted a permit to build a garden lodge on the premises at Thirty-ninth and Jacksonport streets at an expense of \$1000.

Prof. S. Rosenthal of New York City will lecture on the Russian plague between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets on Capitol Hill, Monday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Miss Maud A. Parsons, assistant librarian, lost a pocketbook containing \$14 in cash and some other articles on Thursday night on a table and some one picked it up.

Victor B. Walker won a reindeer suit and a hat from the Alvin K. Kienow, a possession of a team and wagon which were wrecked upon. The case was heard by Judge Lambert.

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Questions that are Involved in the Pending City Ordinance.

TAXPAYER POINTS OUT THE WEAK SPOTS

He insists the Proposition is Designed Simply as Basis for a Big Speculation Without Benefit to City.

SOUTH OMAHA, Nov. 14, 1901.—To the Editor of The Bee: The controversy that has existed in the city council of South Omaha, together with the proceedings of last Monday night, arising upon the passage of ordinance No. 109, giving and leasing the franchise to the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company of Plattsmouth, has caused a good many remarks and has provoked much discussion among our citizens.

An ordinance granting to the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company the right to erect and lease poles and wires for the purpose of conducting a general telephone and telegraphic business through, upon and under the streets and alleys and public grounds of the city of South Omaha for the period of ten years.

Section 1. That the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company, its successors, assigns and lessees the right to erect and lease poles and wires for the purpose of conducting a general telephone and telegraphic business through, upon and under the streets and alleys and public grounds of the city of South Omaha for the period of ten years.

Section 2. Any person who shall interfere with or obstruct the construction, maintenance or use of any poles or wires or structure of such height or size as to interfere with any poles or wires so erected, the company operating and using such poles and wires shall, upon receiving twenty-four hours' notice, served in writing upon their agent or manager at South Omaha, Nebraska, temporarily remove such poles and wires from the streets and alleys and public grounds of the city of South Omaha, and provide that this section shall not be construed to create any other penalties upon the public streets or alleys.

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Rights of City Unprotected. It is contended by those who opposed the passage of this ordinance that it is in violation of the provisions of the city charter which protect the rights of the city. One of the strongest objections urged is that it practically gives the new company control of the streets and alleys and public grounds of the municipality.

The objection to this provision is that it gives the right to share in the poles to any other company that may desire to enter the city, without the aid or consent of the council. In other words, if the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company obtained this franchise it could let in a dozen other telephone companies over the streets and alleys of the city, even do worse than that.

Some Omitted Provisions. There is absolutely nothing in this ordinance requiring this company to build and maintain a local exchange. It simply gives the company a franchise to do so and gives it the right to sell that franchise or lease it, but does not make the provisions above specified binding upon the company or person to whom the lines are so leased.

Human experience has demonstrated that it is important in cities that the control of its streets should be in the hands of the council. The legislature, recognizing this fact, has delegated that power to the mayor and council. But if this ordinance were passed in the form that it was at last Monday night's meeting, the council would lose entire control of its streets so far as telephone and telegraph business is concerned.

In the latter part of section 1 of the ordinance it is provided that the city shall have the right to use the poles or to franchise for stringing wires for the use

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SURGICAL OPERATIONS

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Hospitals in our great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls.

Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves.

Every one of these patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back. All these things are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb.

What a terrifying thought! These poor souls are lying there on those hospital beds awaiting a fearful operation.

Do not drag along at home or in your place of employment until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an examination and possible operation. Build up the female system, cure the derangements which have signified themselves by danger signals, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from the hospital.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I wrote to you last fall in regard to my health, death would have been a welcome visitor to me, but I followed your advice and am now well. I had tried everything I could hear of, and every doctor I had seen, and spent a great deal of money and received no benefit. At the time I wrote you I was saving up money to go to Chicago to have an operation upon the womb and ovaries which the doctor said unless I had I would die, but thanks to your remedies, I avoided this. I have taken eight bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, two of your Blood Purifier, and used four packages of Sarsaparil, and am a well woman. I advise every woman suffering as I did to take Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies."—Mrs. M. G. SHIPLEY, Upton, Wis. (March 30, 1901.)

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission. Lydia E. Pinkham's Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

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