AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Police Department is a Bad Way as Regards Enlaries.

FIREMEN WILL SOON WILL BE IN SIMILAR FIX

Annexation is Suggested as the Only Solution to Financial Problems -Taxpayers' League Gets

The police department is in a bad way 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. Some weeks ago several members of the force quit their jobs and went to work, they evidently having a tip that there was going to be a change made

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 pontinues to pay Chief Mitchell and Captain Allie their regular salaries there will be pothing left for the patrolmen. If the pegulars continue to work the chances are they will subsist principally on snowballs during the winter.

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 A fire in a house owned by Charles Aidstedt at Twenty-seventh and R streets called out the department last night. The loss will amount to about \$60. hand to keep the present force for a few

The same position and they will either have to take their pay in thanks or worry along as hest they can or quit. With the growth the city the authorities have not seen fit to levy enough money for the maintenance of these two important city departments and after the overlap warrants are pald there is little left to go on. However, this is an old story, it has come up every winter for several years, as the overlap has been handed down from one administration to another, growing each year.
If a halt is called now the city will be in bad shape in certain ways, as the lack of

There is some talk of a subscription to by Kuhn & Co., druggists. be taken up among business men for the maintenance of the fire department.

Since the announcement has been made that all city officials are fiable on their bond for moneys 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. It does not know where to get the money, as the banks are not making loans at low rates of interest to the city at this time on account of the failure to sell certain bonds which are now on the market.

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

League Getting Busy.

It was reported on the streets vesterday 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. Investigation showed that such was the fact and the attorneys in question are now preparing to commence the suit. Sherman avenue will be formally opened to the papers to be filed are being drawn. It is alleged by the plaintiffs that the money for the plans was paid to the public Sunday. Visitors will be welcomed from 3 until 6 in the afternoon. Addresses will be made by Mayor Frank to the plans was paid to the public Sunday. On the plans was paid to the public Sunday. On the plans was paid to the public Sunday. unlawfully, inasmuch as there were no funds at hand to construct a building, and the payment of the architect's fees was a needless expenditure. It is stated that other features will be brought into the feature case before it is ended. There seems to be a determined effort on the part of some people to prevent the erection at this time of the contemplated High school building.

Informal Discussion.

Four members of the council met with Lity Attorney Lambert last night to talk over the proposed ordinance for the Plattsmouth Telephone company. The members present expressed to the city attorney their has opinions as regards the restriction to be algoed around a new company seeking a franchise and particular mention was made of the royalty to be paid. The city attorney will draft the ordinance and expects to have it ready for Monday night's meeting.

Building Inspector's Report.

Building Inspector D. M. Click 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. The inspector has, or does hold that certain schoolhouses do not need fire escapes, although he admits that the whole matter of the solution of the problem is left to the grand jury. As for the packing houses, the inspector made an examination and will give a detailed report of the means of exit to the grand jury. From advance sheets of the report it is learned that the packing houses are fairly well provided with fire escapes. It is true that some of the ladders are of wood, but these on the outside of solld brick walls are not considered dangerous.

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

Cars Ron Steely.

travel will clean the raits of dirt and then the best of service will be given. According the best of service will be given. According to schedule, both cars of this line meet at Twenty-fourth and N streets every twenty minutes. As soon as the people who travel over these two lines become familiar with the timecard there will be little or no delay. The service given yesterday over the new line was excellent.

Christian Association Raily Tonight Secretary Marsh of the Young Men's Christian association made the announcement yesterday afternoon that Mr. Fred B. Smith of Chicago had been invited to conduct a meeting at Masonic hall, Twensy fifth and N streets, this evening. In speaking of the engagement of Mr. Smith Secretary Marsh said: "This is an opportunity which comes to us South Omaha people very seldom and we all want to hear a man who has ustly earned a national reputation as a Christian association platform speaker

As the local Young Men's Christian asso ciation rooms were considered inadequate Masonic hall has been rented for the meeting. Th Omha male quartet will sing and there will be several other attractions. Mr. Smith will speak on the topic, "A Young Man's Fatal Mistakes."

Magte City Gossip.

Managers of the stock yards company are gratfied at the continued increase in sheep receipts. Quite a number of Omalis people at-tended the sparring match at Blum's hall

Complaint is made that some of the city inspectors discriminate in granting licenses and favors. Now it is stated that there will be some more checking up of the lumber bills of the school district.

George Thompson has gone with the Western Weighing association having first severed his connection with the Hammond

Spreads 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 have handled in twenty years." You know why? Most diseases being in disorders of stomach, fiver, kidneys, bowels, blood and nerves. Electric Bitters tones up the stomach, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, hence cures multitudes of maladies. it builds up the entire system. Puts new fire prejection will cause property owners life and vigor into any weak, sickly, rundown man or woman. Price, 50 cents. Sold

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Elia May Albrecht has applied for a divorce from Herman A. Albrecht on the ground of desertion. They were married in Omaha in 1895.

George A. Josiyn has been granted a permit to build a gardener's lodge on the premises at Thirty-ninth and Davenport streets at an expense of \$1,000.

Prof. S. Rosenthal of New York City will secture at the Russian Synagogue between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets on Capitol avenue, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miss Maud A. Parsons, assistant rian, lost a pocketbook containing \$14 in the public library Thursday. She left it on a table and some one picked it up.

Victor B. Walker won a replevin suit brought against Alvin R. Hensel to regain possession of a team and wagon which were levied upon. The case was heard by Judge Slabaugh.

The jury found for the defendant in the action brought against the county by George M. Nicholson to recover \$2.000 for damage he alleges was done to his farm by a road graded through it by the county. A battalion of the Twenty-third infantry, enroute from the Philippines, is expected to arrive in New York November 27. One each of the four companies wil be stationed at Forts Logan H. Roots, Niobrara, Robinson and Crook.

Henry Arff, saloon keeper, charged with shooting with intent to wound, was arraigned yesterday morning in Justice Shoemaker's court. He pleaded not guilty and his case was set for hearing November 25. His alleged victim, Charles Johnson, is now out of the hospital and able to appear against him.

against him.

Mrs. Johanna E. Drummond, 817 North Sixteenth street, has caused the arrest of Mrs. Mary Fritz, a fortune teller, who lives next door. She says the clairvoyant has pronounced an anathema upon her and she wants Justice Altstadt to compel her to lift the spell. The case will come up for hearing Monday.

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The Board of Review met yesterday for the first time and held an all-day session. William Fleming, tax commissioner, was named as chatrman and John W. Battin as secretary. Ed Zabriski is the third member of the board. No important matters came up at today's meeting. Personal taxes of E. M. Webster & Co. were raised to \$100 and those of Potter, Forgan & Haskell were lowered to \$100.

At a meeting held yesterday the Board of County Commissioners appointed Edward Kain constable in South Omaha to fell out an unexpired term. A petition was read from J. Lewis and seventy-eight others who desire to have John Simon appointed as one of the inspectors of the poor. Stephen Martin of South Omaha was granted permission to enter the Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Grand Island.

The Douglas County Fish Protective association will meet at the Commercial club rooms Monday evening for the purpose of hearing committee reports and electing of ficers for 1972. In reply to the application for fish for Cut Off lake, made to the Instead States Fish commission, the commission has asked for a full description of

It's a fact, strange as it may seem. If your hair is of only ordinary thickness and about a yard long, and if you should place each hair end to end, you would have 75 miles of hair!

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J. C. AVER CO., L well, Mass.

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

existed in the city council of South Omaha, together with the proceedings of last Mondinance No. 1604, giving and granting a Telpehone company as rent from such leasfranchise to the Western Independent Long ing. Distance Telephone company of Plattsmouth, has caused a good many remarks and has provoked much discussion among our citizens. Having in view the interest the mayor and city council. For this purpose I incorporate the ordinance in full.

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An ordinance granting to 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, maintaining toil stations, regulating the erection of poles and wires and protecting the same, and imposing penalties for interfering with their poles and wires. Be it ordinated by the mayor and council of the city of South Omaha. Nebraska, Be it ordinated by the mayor and council of the city of South Omaha, Nebraska, Be it ordinated by the mayor and council of the city of South Omaha. Nebraska is an experience of the right of way for the erection and maintenance of poles and wires and all appurtenances thereto, the right to become the lessee of the poles and wires and all appurtenances thereto, the right to become the lessee of the poles and wires and telephone and telegraphic business through, upon and under the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city of South Omaha for the period of ten years.

Trevided, that said company shall at all times, when requested by the proper authorities, permit their poles and wires of the police and fire department of the city of South Omaha, Nebraska; and, further provided, that such poles and wires of the police and fire department of the city of South Omaha, Nebraska; and, further provided, that such poles and wires shall be erected so as not to interfere with the ordinary travel through such streets and alleys and under the supervision of the proper authorities of said city of South Omaha. Nebraska.

Sec. 2. Whenever it shall be necessary for any person to move along or across without a local exchange it would be of no benefit to the city and its promise to refer to the city of the city of the propose of places.

Sec. 2. Whenever it shall be necessary Sec. 2. Whenever it shall be necessary for any person to move along or across any of said streets or alleys any vehicle 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 such place as must necesand wires from such place as must neces-sartly be crossed by such vehicle or struc-ture; and, provided, that this section shall not be construed to apply to circus or other parades upon the public streets or

Section 3. Any person who shall interfere with, cut, injure, remove, break or destroy any of the poles, wires, fixtures, instruments or other property of said teledesiroy any of the poles, wires, fixtures, instruments or other property of said telephone company, or its successors, shall be deemed gullty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00. And any person who shall paste, tack or fasten on the poles or fixtures of said company any sign, poster, advertisement or banner shall be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.

Section 4. Said telephone company shall, on the first day of each and every month after the taking effect of this ordinance, pay to the treasurer of said city a sum equal to 1 per cent of its gross receipts in the said city, and the books of said company shall at all times be open to the inspection of said treasurer for the purpose of ascertaining the amount due. Any failure on the part of said company to make such payments after demand by said treasurer shall work a forfeiture of said franchise; also agrees to furnish the use of their phones free to all the city offices of South Omaha, and to cut the present telephones rates at least 30 per cent. phones rates at least 30 per cent.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Rights of City Unprotected.

It is contended by those who opposed the passage of this ordinance that it is loose in its provisions and does not 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. Section 1 provides "that the western Independent Long Distance Telephone company, its successors, assigns and lessees be and they hereby are granted," etc., a franchise in the streets.

The objection to this provision is that it gives this company the right to lease its 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 is could let in a dozen other telephone companies over its wires and lines. It could even do worse than that. Suppose after it had obtained this franchise it should find it advisable not to operate a telephore business itself, but to form a new corporation under another name and with the same stockholders and lease the franchise to this new conceru. The new corporation so formed could lease the lines of the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company for a nominal sum, then the provision in the ordinance for the payment of 1 per cent of the gross receipts, and likewise the provision for the reduction of 30 per cent in present telephone rates, would not be binding on this new company so formed, because it would not he a party to the contract contained in the ordinance between the city of South Omaha and the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company. Thus by a legal trick this company could absolutely nullify every provision in the ordinance, of which there are few, in favor of the city. The provisions in relation to letting the city use its poles for wires for the police and fire departments, the provision of 1 per cent of the gross receipts and the provision of free telephones to city offices would none of them be binding on the lessee operating the lines of the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company.

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 t 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 mayor and council would lose entire control of its streets so far as telephone and telegraph business is concerned, for the ordinance grants a franchise for both businesses. The provision permitting the company to lease lines from others or to lease its lines would permit it to let in as many companies as might apply to it over its lines, and the city, while it might object, would have no legal remedy.

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

ever, is not obliged to set any poles; it may lease them, as it does in other towns, of the Postal Telegraph company, and should it do that the Postal Telegraph company has not agreed to give the city of South Omaha the right to run wires upon its poles and that company might object. Should it do so this provision of the ordi-

nance would be an empty affair. Again in section 4 the ordinance provides that the company shall pay to the city a sum equal to 1 per cent of its gross receipts. This provision amounts to little, for the company may never operate under this franchise at all, but may find it to its interest to form a new company composed of the same stockholders and lease this SOUTH OMAHA, Nov. 14. 1901.-To the franchise to the new company at a nominal Editor of The Bee: The controversy that has | rent, and in such case the 1 per cent which s required to be paid to the city would simply be I per cent of the sum derived day night, arising upon the passage of or- by the Western Independent Long Distance

Delusive Free 'Phones

In this same section there is a provision that the company "Agrees to furnish the taken in the matter I desire space in your offices of South Omaha and to cut the presvaluable paper to call the attention of our ent telephone rates at least 30 per cent." people to the provisions of the ordinance It will be noticed that the company does which this company asks at the bands of not absolutely agree to furnish 'phones to the city offices, but it "Agrees to furnish the use of their 'phones free to all city offices of South Omaha." That is, to permit the city of South Omaha the use

without a local exchange it would be of no benefit to the city and its promise to reduce the rates would amount to nothing. Even if it had 200 phones in use a reducinformed he can with the Nebraska Telephone company, for so much per month, would be be willing to pay 70 per cent of that amount for the privilege of talking over 200 phones of the new company? If he did he would not be getting a good bargain.

Maximum Votes.

To protect our citizens the ordinance CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETS should provide for a maximum rate. It should specify the amount in dollars and cents per month which the company could charge for phones. It should fix the payment to the city annually in dollars and cents, irrespective of whether its receipts were large or little. It is well known that the taxpayers of South Omaha are heavily burdened that even with the high levy of the present year and the high valuation most of the funds are already exhausted and there will be six or eight months more during which the city will not have a dollar to pay its firemen, its policemen or other expenses.

Ought not these corporations enjoying a portion of the burden of taxation? The title to the streets of the city is in the city It owns them as much as a private citizen owns the lot upon which he lives. Should the city permit companies to use its streets, erect unsightly poles, string dangerous wires and be to a greater or lesser degree a cause of accidents and damage to the ity without requiring compensation?

It is true that in the past franchises have been loosely granted. The city was young then and it has learned its mistakes and regrets them. Still, because the city made mistakes in the past in giving away its valuable rights, that is no reason why it should continue to do so. To advance such reason for so doing is to say that because was wrong yesterday I must be wrong the balance of my life. South Omaha should right about face and insist that valuable franchises shall hereafter be a source o revenue to the city and that companies enjoying them shall contribute to the bur

dens of municipal government. The Plattsmouth company, and all others obtaining a public franchise, should be required to give a good and sufficient bond to the city conditioned to protect it against all liability for damages, of whatever name or nature, arising from the act or default of the company to operate under such franchise. See the number of judgments that have been obtained, amounting to thousands of dollars, in the last few years, against the city, by people injured in open trenches and by stepping into holes dug for the setting of poles. Should the city's legal department be kept busy defending these suits? Should the city pay from its treasury a monthly salary to a special agent t look up evidence in such suits, pay fees for judgments entered against it and be compelled to stand all this at the expense of its taxpayers simply to let some corporation have the right to disfigure its streets? The ordinance of the Western Independen Long Distance Telephone company made no provision for a bond. A rigid bond should be required and it should be carefully draited by the city's legal department.

Daugerous Overhead Wires.

In stringing wires along a street, carrying electric current, it is important that they should be so separated one from the other as not to permit an escape of current between them. These currents are dangerous to life and property and are liable to cause fires. The ordinance in question has trunk was broken open and ransacked.

ing wires. It should not be left in general terms so that the company may deny the right of the city to regulate it in the future. The ordinance granting the franchise should point out how the company must

proceed in constructing its plant. The argument that has been made in favor of the ordinance in question is that there may be competition. Some have been loudly proclaiming the fact that we needed competition that they were willing to turn the town over to this new company without limitation or condition. Now, if competition be a good thing, and it certainly is in the telephone business or any other business, the freer the competition the better it is for all our citizens, subject always to the fact that the franchise should be so drawn as to protect the city. No ordinance should be passed simply to help some company or injure another.

The prime object should be to get the best service for the least cost that is obtainable for our citizens. The way to do this most effectively is to pass a general ordinance, with proper conditions, protecting the city, giving the right to any telephone company, now existing or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this state, to ome into South Omaha and transact a telephone business. Such franchises exist in many cities of the United States. Under an ordinance so framed the city would receive a royalty of a fixed sum per year from each and every company operating under such ordinance. It could require each company to furnish free 'phones to the city. It could fix the maximum charges for phones. It could compel each company to give the city the use of its poles free of charge. It could require each company to furnish a bond to protect the city against all damages. In this way our mayor and council can give open competition in the telephone business as free as we now have in the grocery business or dry goods business, the livery business or any other line of business.

The responsibility in passing an ordinance which shall protect the interests of the city rests upon the council. They cannot evade it. The mere fact that a few are clamoring for the passage of this ordinance, which is victous in its terms, will not excuse the men who vote for it. No officer has a right, when dealing with an important question affecting his constituents, to consider how the vote will affect him politically. He should not be driven by loud noises into overlooking his duty. The hundreds of citizens who pay no attention to these matters demand that the councilmen whe are paid to discharge the duties of that office, should fearlessly protect the taxpayers, and not be led by the nose by any company. The councilmen will do well to carefully examine this ordinance. It will be a good thing to have competition in the telephone business, but the ordinance proposed will not bring it, it will tion of 30 per cent amounts to little. If simply give a franchise to this company a man can talk over 700 phones, as I am to be sold to the highest bidder or to be leased to other companies and upon which the city will neither collect royalty, receive reduction of rates or get free 'phones As a taxpayer of the city I call upon the council to fearlessly do their duty. SOUTH OMAHA TAXPAYER.

Committees in Charge of the Labor Day Parade Are Esoperated.

Central Labor union met last night at the Labor Temple, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, a large number of delegates being present. The usual number of communications from the different labor unions of the country were read. The greater part of the evening was spent in discussing the bills which were made in connection with the Labor day parade and that had not been settled. The committee was ordered to have a meeting November 24 and settle all bills unpaid.

A resolution was adopted that in case the supreme court granted the governor power to reorganize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that the labor unions indorse one of their members for a place on the board and have the matter brought before the governor. It was ordered that a special meeting of the union be held in case the supreme court so ruled and a member in

SEEKS A GENTLEMANLY DRUNK

James M. Prager's Adventures Include a Charge Against a Pile of Brick.

James M. Prager was arrested about clock yesterday afternoon for being drunk. Earlier in the afternoon he had fallen down on a pile of brick on Douglas street and severely cut his face in several places. Prager sobered up last night and told the officers why he was drinking. He said: " wanted to have a good time and see Omaha without any one knowing it, so I put on these old working clothes and started out to get on a gentlemanly drunk and then to have my fun. I guess I got more than I could stand, though, for the last thing I remember until a few minutes ago, was running into a pile of brick and feeling some one pulling me out."

BURGLARS IN TWO HOUSES

Jewelry and Old Coins Stolen from Residence of Ernest New-

The residence of Ernest Newhouse, 2429 Hamilton street, was entered by burglars during the absence of the family, between 8 and 5 o'clock last night, and several pieces of jewelry and some old coins were stolen. Entrance was made by breaking out a winlow in the rear of the house.

The rooms of Mrs. Wagner, in the rear of 1518 Burt street, were entered yesterday afternoon in her absence. Nothing was taken, though the contents of the rooms were scattered around on the floor and



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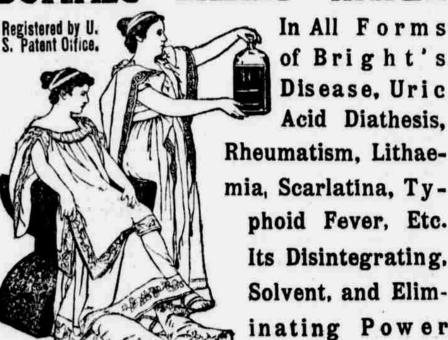
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: — As I am a great sufferer of female trouble I thought I would write to you to see if you thought there was any positive help for me. I am very sore through my bowels, especially over the womb, and on the left side low down I will be taken with a dull sore pain, and in an hour will be so sore that I cannot move myself, and will have to be poulticed, and will be unable to walk for two or three weeks. I have a bad discharge at times. The doctor says I will have to go through an operation and have the left ovary removed. If you can help me let me hear from you soon."— MRS. M. G. SHIVELY, Upson, Wis. (Nov. 12, 1900.)

"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, went to every doctor far and near, 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 Sanative, and am a well woman. 'I advise every woman suffering as I did to take Lydia E. Pinkham's remedies." — Mrs. M. G. Shively, Upson, Wis. (March 20, 1901.)

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