AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

No Meeting of Fire and Police Board Owing to Absence of Chairman Vansant.

PROSPECT OF SOME WARM TIMES AHEAD

Members of Board Issue Orders to Firemen and Policemen to Suit Themselves, Ignoring Chairman of the Board.

It was the intention to hold a meeting of the Fire and Police board last night, but the absence from the city of Chairman Vansant made it out of the question. Mr. Vansant is at Clarinda, Ia. When he left he expected to be home today, so that a meeting might be held tonight. Inquiry at the Vansant house last night brought forth the information that Mr. Vansant was not expected home until Thursday night or Saturday morning.

Secretary Bergquist of the board said that several matters of importance were pending and that it was possible a special meeting might be called to attend to these matters even if Chairman Vansant was not present. Among the items of special importance to be looked after was the recommending to the city council the installation of a number of patrol boxes. Another is the filling of a vacancy in the fire department. W. W. Brandall, who is stationed at No. 3 fire house, has tendered his resignation, to take effect November 1. Mr. Bergquist thinks this vacancy should be filled as soon as possible.

In the matter of entering into a contract for patrol boxes all the Fire and Police board can do is to recommend to the council that the contract be made. For years the city has needed a system of this sort to render it certain the officers were on their beats at all times.

There is anything but concord in the board at the present time. For a long time the members have been fighting among themselves. Each one wants to be boss, regardless of the fact that Vansant was elected chairman. The members give orders without consulting the chairman or securing sanction, and this has engendered hard feelings. Mr. Nolan appears to be trying to use the firemen and the policemen for political purposes, while Vansant wants the men to go ahead and vote as they please and keep out of politics. When there is a public meeting of the board it is likely that there will be some lively conversation on this subject.

May Change Roadway.

When the question came up in the city council about paving Railroad avenue City Engineer Beal found upon investigation that the present roadway was not the original road laid out, so the council directed that the old lines be staked out. This has been done. It is found that the original road would run through the Louis Bradford lumber yard. The Bradford people do not care about this and have expressed a willingness to move fifty feet toward the Union Pacific tracks providing the city will maintain the old road. The only real difference in the road to the county line will be that the jog in the road will be at the Half Way house, instead of at Morrill's feed store. Old maps on file at the county surveyor's office in Omaha have been inspected and these show that the jog was formerly at the Half Way house. Gradually the road drifted toward the railroad tracks. Now that there is a chance to pave this thoroughfare it is deemed necessary to get the lines straightened out and this has been done.

Mrs. Coad's Funeral.

The remains of Mrs. J. Frank Coad were removed yesterday morning from her late residence, 901 North Twentieth street, to Council Bluffs. The casket was covered with flowers and the living rooms were filled with floral offerings from loving friends. The pallbearers were: Patrick McBride, Charles Paschel, Michael Cullin, E. W. Simeral, F. J. Moriarty, Patrick Lester. No services were held at the house, the remains being taken to Council Bluffs, where mass was read at St. Francis Xavier's church. Rev. Father Smith, the rector of the church, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Father O'Callaghan of St. Bridget's church of this city and by Rev. Father McGovern of St. Philomena's cathedral, Omaha.

Signing Overlap Bonds.

Mayor Koutsky and City Clerk Shrigley were busy yesterday afternoon signing the overlap bonds and coupons. When quitting time came at 5 o'clock the mayor and the clerk were tired. Fifty-nine bonds were signed during the afternoon. This forenoon the balance will be signed. Both the mayor and clerk will have to sign their name in ink 770 times. When the bonds are signed it is presumed the money to take up the outstanding indebtedness will be turned over. When signed the bonds will be deposited at the Packers National bank and it is presumed that the buyer of the bonds will place the $70,000 to the credit of the city at the same bank.

Paid Firemen's Ball.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for the holding of the annual ball given by the members of the paid fire department of the city. This ball will be held at the Live Stock exchange on Friday night, December 4. Tickets will soon be in circulation. It was the intention of the members of the department to hold the dance early next month, but on account of so many other attractions it was deemed best to put the affair off until early in December. The proceeds of the dance go into the Fireman's Benefit fund.

Magic City Gossip.

Tom Larkins left last night for South Dakota. He expects to be gone a month.

William Haggarty, Twenty-first and U streets, announces the birth of a daughter.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nervin, Thirty-ninth and T streets.

David Garrett, chief of the fire department, leaves today for a few days' hunting at Wood lake.

Wanted, newspaper carrier boys in the south and west parts of the city. Applicants must not be below the eighth grade.

Mrs. L. H. Tiebe has returned to her home at Rock Island, Ill., after a ten days' visit with her brother, Arthur Moran, and her sister, Mrs. Paul Lang.

FOR AN OMAHA BEAUTIFUL

First Arrangements for the Meeting to Be Held by the Federation of Improvement Clubs.

For a greater Omaha and an Omaha Beautiful, the Omaha Federation of Improvement clubs will hold a big meeting in the assembly rooms of the Board of Education in the city hall Friday night at 8 o'clock and will bring here Earle Layman, secretary of the St. Louis Civic league, who will deliver an illustrated lecture. In addition a number of prominent men will make five minute talks and various organizations have been invited to send delegates and participate.

"This is the first appearance of the federation before the public," said Judge Slabaugh, president of the Central league, "and the public will first have a chance to learn what the club hopes to accomplish. It is all for Omaha, and we expect the citizens, without whom we can do little, to turn out in large numbers. Mr. Layman is the paid secretary of the St. Louis improvement organization, which is one of the most active in the country, especially now because of the exposition. They have 2,000 members and a great number of active committees. They touch on all manner of things which are for the benefit and improvement of the city: public playgrounds for the children, free baths, cab fare overcharges—everything. He will give us an idea of the work there, and the Omaha federation to a less extent of course hopes to accomplish similar things."

The committee on arrangements consists of S. P. Bostwick, chairman, W. F. Johnson, A. J. Pierson, J. H. Spafford and A. A. Buchanan. They are to meet the St. Louis secretary with carriages and drive him about the city Friday afternoon, and then escort him to the Paxton hotel and later to the city hall. The five minute speakers are to be: Mayor Moores, General Manderson, E. J. Cornish of the Park commission, Mrs. Charles S. Lobingier of the Woman's club, Theodore Johnson of the school board, E. A. Benson of the real estate exchange, J. W. Carpenter of the Commercial club, E. Rosewater, G. M. Hitchcock, Mel Uhl and Peter Hofeldt of the county commissioners.

Judge Slabaugh will preside and will open the meeting at 8 o'clock sharp. Those coming late will be unable to procure seats. Mr. Layman will speak on "Civic Improvements," using 100 stereopticon slides, operated by Will J. Stevens, which show St. Louis before and after the movement for improvement. The Mendelssohn quartet, composed of D. M. Wheeler, J. M. Guild, J. H. Simms and C. S. Haverstock will sing. The Board of Education, the Commercial club, the Real Estate exchange, the County Commissioners, the Woman's club, and the faculty of the various colleges have been invited to be present.

Final arrangements were made at an adjourned meeting last night in court room three. A vote of thanks was made to General Manderson for the Burlington, to Ralph Kitchen, the Douglas Printing company, the Board of Education, D. V. Cole, W. J. Stevens, the County Commissioners and Father Dowling.

STREET FAIR FOR THE KIDS

Miniature Midway in a Barn That Drew in Many Pennies.

"The Bengal tiger isn't just right," said the showman, "but see, mother wouldn't let me dye stripes of black on her. She's an awful big cat though and gets real savage in the cage when we feed her live birds."

Thus spoke one of the spellers who have been so very busy since last Saturday morning keeping business lively in the street fair which has been running since that time in the barn of Judge Lake on Dodge street. The surprising exhibition of which the general public was unaware closed yesterday after a most successful season, which has enabled the small proprietors, Lake Deuel, grandson of Judge Lake, and Fred Heyn to start bank accounts.

The admission was 1 cent for children and 2 cents for adults when unaccompanied by nurses. The barn, which does not differ materially from other stables which have unencumbered hay lofts, also did not present any signs of unusual life from the outside, but when once you dodged the family carriage and finished the stairs, a blaze of amusing holiday environment repaid the gate money in one good laugh.

"Two shots for a penny," spelled one of the small showmen from the air rifle gallery. "Come get two prizes." He did not add that the sights of the rifle had been tampered with so that it shot a little high. Saturday two boys were kept busy loading rifles, but on Monday the supply of available copper had been exhausted, and mothers positively refused to go down town and change the dollar bill.

"Polar Bears, Dangerous," was the glaring scroll over a cage in which whistled two small white guinea pigs. Where "Reptiles—Keep Away" warned, was a hard looking hat-rack alligator and a little one of the sort which sometimes adorn the library tables. These were in a cage also. The Bengal-tiger-pussy-cat was fed at each performance on live birds until ten or twelve had been consumed. Fourteen small kittens would have made very fair leopards and lived up to the bill, but the children persisted in carrying them away. A tidy little canary bird was on the placards for a great American eagle with wing-spread of seven and one-half feet.

"Three rings (curtain rings) for one cent and a good prize cheap," called attention to the ring rack, from which the elder brother of the proprietor was barred because he "could ring 'em every time." The candy stand did a great business in penny sacks and Saturday disposed of a five-pound stock. The triumph of the street fair, however, was the "Great American Beauty show," where for one penny you saw, "the Best on Earth." A suddenly revealed mirror sold the investigator.

ORGANIZE FOR ACTIVE WORK

Fourth Ward Republican Committeemen Make Plan to Get Out the Voters.

The republican county committee from the Fourth ward met Tuesday in the office of N. P. Dodge in the New York Life building and perfected what Chairman David Crowell was pleased to call, "perhaps the best organization of any ward in the city at this time." The territory in the nine precincts was divided among the committeemen and other willing workers for a house to house canvass, which should bring out every republican voter or at least see that every one of these was registered.

H. M. Waring, chairman of the Fourth, called the meeting to order and then N. P. Dodge set forth the objects of the meeting. He said that he considered the present the time for making a permanent organization in the Fourth ward. He thought that there was no object in organizing a club until after election, but that a working plan should be mapped out by which every voter should be personally seen so that no republican could well escape registration. Precinct captains should be appointed.

The territory was mapped out in blocks and the canvass will begin at once. David Cowell of the central committee promised to have prepared a list of voters in each precinct and John C. Wharton to have ready the names of those who had already registered. Another meeting will be held Thursday evening.

TRUSTEES FOR FOREST LAWN

Meeting of Governing Body of Cemetery Association Held Last Night.

The annual meeting of the trustees of Forest Lawn Cemetery association took place last night in the Commercial National bank building, with a good number of trustees present. Vice President O. C. Campbell presided. Reports made showed the association to be in excellent financial condition.

Expenses have been lighter this year and the number of interments and amounts of cash received greater. Eight hundred dollars were paid out this year as the final payment on the receiving vault. It was reported that the material for the new greenhouse had arrived from Chicago and had been delivered on the ground in the cemetery. Thomas A. Creigh, James Forsyth and Dr. O. S. Wood were elected trustees to serve three years.

Those present were very much pleased at the assurances which were made that the street railway company will build the cemetery spur early in the spring. Another improvement which has added much to the accessibility of the cemetery and which was commented on last night, was the completion of the macadamized road from Fort street out Thirtieth to Florence.

INTEREST IS ON THE INCREASE

Larger Attendance Marks the Progress of the Walton Evangelical Meetings.

Attendance is increasing at the Walton meetings being held at the First Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Presbyterians of Omaha. Last night a very large audience was present and listened to Dr. Walton on the subject of "Growth and Justification." The feature of the evening was the contralto solo by Mrs. Connett of the Second Presbyterian church choir. Mrs. Connett used to sing with "Billy" Sunday, the "base ball" evangelist.

Dr. Walton will close his meetings here Thursday and Dr. Gray will take up the work, beginning on Friday. It has been finally announced that Dr. Chapman will not come to Omaha, as his arrangements are such that he cannot reach this city.

A special meeting of those who have volunteered to act as personal workers will be held after the services this evening. A meeting of the special committee of ministers and elders is also called, to be held after services this evening.

BOER MEETING A FAILURE

So Few Responded to the Call That Colonel Liebenberg Gives It Up.

The meeting of the Transvaal league, which was to have been held at Paxton hotel last evening to consider means of relief for the impoverished Boers, failed to materialize. Colonel A. J. Leibenberg of the Boer army, who was to have addressed the meeting, stated last evening that there was an evident lack of interest in the matter, and thought that a lecture with a nominal admission charge would be a more effective way of reaching the public.

The colonel, who is working under instructions of the Transvaal committee of New York, recently received offers of assistance to bring a colony of Boers to Yuma, Colo. Speaking of Boer colonization, Colonel Leibenberg expressed the hope that his countrymen would find it possible to remain on their native soil rather than weaken their strength by migrating to other countries. The colonel is firm in his opinion that another Boer war is inevitable as soon as conditions are more propitious.

J. J. HILL TALKS OF RATES

Says Northern Pacific Carries Freight Cheaper Than Lines in Omaha Territory.

BISMARCK, N. D., Oct. 21.—A new irrigation congress, primarily a state organization indirectly affecting the northwest, was formed here today, and while only a preliminary organization was formed, James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities company, delivered an address. A letter from Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota on the subject of irrigation was read and O. H. Plumely presented the report of the delegates from Ogden, showing the advantages which accrued to the waste places of Utah and other states from irrigation. The report urged the convention to work in every way possible for the expenditure of North Dakota's irrigation fund within the border of the state.

After some discussion the delegates adjourned for lunch and afterward assembled to hear the address of Mr. Hill, who spoke in part as follows:

Now, here is the material growth of the northwest: In 1882 we moved 1,007,000 tons of freight; in 1903 we hauled 16,498,000 tons. In 1882 our rate for carrying a ton of freight—that is the average rate over the whole line, 100 miles—was $2.51. In 1892 it was $1.21 and in 1903 it is 85 cents, which is one-third of what the rate was twenty-one years ago.

The reduction in freight rates has been brought about by increasing the volume of traffic, so that we have created new traffic by making it possible for men to cultivate the soil and raise crops which we carry to the market.

Mr. Hill then went into the matter of freight tariffs to show that the people of this state were better off than in many other states supposed to be better favored, and said:

I took up the schedule of one of these lines south of us; one of the lines that struggled to get the Northern Pacific because this country was growing too fast, and found that its rate is $1.06 for transporting a ton of freight 100 miles. Our rate is 85 cents. Take the big lines running out of Chicago—I don't care which one you take—the Chicago & Northwestern, for instance, and you will find that, although an older line than we are, it is paying higher rates of interest than we are, or than the Northern Pacific as well.

YELLOW FEVER SPREADING

Report That Disease Has Been Found in San Antonio is Questioned.

LAREDO, Tex., Oct. 21.—The total of new cases of yellow fever here today was but one less than yesterday, which was the largest for any single day since the outbreak.

Tonight's official bulletin: New cases, 35; deaths, 2; total number of cases to date, 471; total deaths, 37.

One of the victims who died today was an American, a lawyer named George B. Hayford.

Word was received in this city that there are two cases of yellow fever at San Antonio. The report has not been confirmed, but the authorities have instituted a strict quarantine against that city and prohibited the running of trains from that county to the border. Word from Monterey states that there were six deaths, six new cases and twelve suspects in that city on Sunday.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 21.—Tonight Dr. Tabor, state health officer, stated that there was nothing in the situation to cause alarm and that the state would not order a quarantine against San Antonio. The cases investigated were pronounced malarial fever by a number of physicians.

GOSSIP OF THE POLITICIANS

Chairman Cowell Comments on Republican Strength Over the Opposition.

LATTER'S BURIAL IN BALLOTS PREDICTED

Fusion Ranks Not Only Indifferent and Weak, but Without Funds to Carry on Their Campaign.

"Well, what are you doing to the opposition?" was the question asked Chairman Cowell of the republican county committee yesterday morning.

"Opposition," repeated the chairman. "Yes, I have heard that word before, but there isn't any definition of it in this campaign. We are working for our ticket and arranging so that all republicans will vote for it, but offensive tactics have not made themselves necessary. Really, we do not know that there is any opposition."

The chairman's words express the exact feeling of all republicans who take occasion to drop into headquarters and report the sentiment of the voters with whom they come in contact.

The campaign has developed the fact that the democrats have no hope of pulling through their ticket and are converging their efforts upon three men for whom they hold a furtive promise of re-election. They are Broadwell, Power and Drexel, each of them having an influential faction of their own party against them. Lithographs of the Broadwell and Power features have been posted broadcast in South Omaha and the river wards, while the other candidates have been allowed to go with their likenesses unpictured.

The real feeling among the unterrified, however, is that they are already whipped. A desperate effort is being made to get out the very backward registration with poor results thus far. The managers admit that the republicans of the county are united and intent upon polling the full party strength and agree that never before has the organization been so compact and single-minded.

Another straw which shows the approach of the simoon that is to bury the democratic ticket this fall, according to close observers of local politics, is the dearth of the filthy but absolutely necessary coin in the democratic treasury. It is said that the committee lacks funds to carry on the mere business transactions of the campaign and that the sole contribution received is the personal check of Congressman Hitchcock for a sum not mentioned. It has been the same with the state organization of the democracy—funds that were confidently expected have not materialized because the donors concluded it was poor policy to throw away good money.

"More straight republican ballots will be cast in the November election than ever before for a county ticket," said a First ward republican. "All we are working for and all that we need is a straight party vote and we are bound to get it. The democratic managers have practically conceded republican success unless two or three of their nominees may win because of their personal popularity. This cry of personal friendship has been raised too often and is not going to do any good. It is meaningless when our own party presents as good and better men for the offices in contest."

The striking difference in the number of men of all ranks and conditions that frequent the two headquarters is perhaps the most striking evidence of the potent activity and interest that obtains in the republican camp. The rooms of the republican committee in the Bee building are filled from morning until night, and the one subject is the success of the republican ticket. In the democratic wigwam the principal occupants are stenographers and a few familiar faces bending low over chess boards and the "Commoner."

Three republican ward meetings are scheduled for Thursday night. The Fifth ward republican club holds a gathering in Young's hall at Sixteenth and Corby streets at which A. W. Jefferis and R. W. Richardson will speak. A joint meeting of the Sixth and Ninth wards is announced for Thirty-fourth and Parker streets. The speakers will be Harry W. Brome and Judge W. W. Slabaugh. For the First ward meeting in National hall at Thirteenth and William streets no speakers have been announced, but good ones will be provided.

JUVENILE TRAVELER CAUGHT

Seven-Year-Old Tourist Gets His First Jaunt Nipped in the Bud.

Goerge Howe, a 7-year-old boy, started out with a rubber foot ball, a new pair of shoes and plenty of self-assurance, for one of his immature years, to make his way in the cold world alone. He had some money when he left his home at 1940 Vinton street, having relieved his auntie's purse of a $5 bill. The greenback looked big to George, and he believed he had enough money to fit himself out and land in Kansas City, where another good, kind auntie lived. Accordingly George bought the new shoes, paying $1.25 for them, and next invested 50 cents in the rubber foot ball. George then went direct to the Union depot and after spending 5 cents for apples bought a half-fare ticket to Kansas City, which cost him $2.90. He still had 30 cents, and part of this he invested in candy to eat while enroute.

But George's mamma brought him up with a round turn. She discovered he had not gone to school and notified the police. This led to the undoing of George and his trip to Kansas City was necessarily postponed. The mother and aunt called for the little fellow at the station, and he went home a very dejected traveler, but with the rubber foot ball tucked lovingly under his arm. The police secured the return of the money paid for the ticket, which was turned over to the boy's auntie.

NEW TREATY WITH CHINA

Russia Said to Have One Which Virtually Cedes Manchuria to the Czar.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—The special correspondent of a Berlin newspaper quotes the Vostotschni Vestnik, a journal published in the Far East, as authority for the statement that Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, has concluded a treaty with Japan which gives Russia practical control of Manchuria, although under a nominal Chinese government. Russia undertakes to conduct any war arising with a third power from the new treaty.

The treaty provides that the appointment and dismissal of the governor general and commander in chief of the prefects in Manchuria shall be effected by the Chinese government in agreement with the Russian diplomatic representatives. The Chinese troops stationed in the three provinces of Manchuria shall be under Russian control, but if the Chinese soldiers are incapable of maintaining order and suppressing brigandage Russia is to have the right of using her own troops to this end.

Trading in Manchuria and the exploitation of mines there is prohibited except to Russians and Chinese. The customs are to be under joint Chinese and Russian control. The railroads become Chinese property on mutual agreement at the end of twenty years. The posts and telegraphs are to be under Russian and Chinese control, and disputes are to be settled by a Russian referee. In the event of war with a third power arising from the treaty it will be conducted by Russia and China in co-operation. Should China withdraw her co-operation Russia will carry on the war alone, and in the event of victory China shall cede Manchuria to Russia and immediately withdraw all her civil and military officials. All the signatories to the treaty are given as Prince Chan Tien Wan, Chai Han Tsi and Tehang Tchli.

CEASES TO WRITE BONDS

Reserve Investment Company Suspends Business Pending Investigation of New Law.

The State Banking board having refused to approve the contract under which the Reserve Investment company, with offices in Omaha, has been writing its investment bond, the company has ceased writing business since October 1, at which time the new law affecting such companies became operative.

The Reserve Investment company has been writing business in two districts in the state of Nebraska and in the states of Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas. At the time of the organization of this company its officers claim that the contract under which it operates was approved by the attorney general, who is now a member of the State Banking board which has refused to approve of its contract under the provisions of the new law, which provides that companies of this kind cannot write contracts which include a forfeiture clause.

Pending the investigations which are now being made by its attorneys the Reserve Investment company will cease to write new business in this state, but will confine its Nebraska dealings to the collections on business already written. Should the final decision be adverse to the best interests of the company the announcement is made that the company will remove its offices to another state.

F. B. Beeman is president and general manager and R. W. Gillespie secretary and treasurer of this concern.

TOM SWIFT, THE REFORMER

Pioneer Announces Himself as Backbone of Freeholders' Trust in Third Ward.

The patron saint of the Third ward movement to drive out disreputable saloons has been discovered in the person of Tom Swift, a pioneer in these parts and well known to Omahans. Mr. Swift has tacitly admitted that he is at the bottom of the "freeholders' trust" and says he does it because he desires to see a cleaner Third ward.

Not all of the forty freeholders of the ward are with him, but enough are, it is claimed, to block any saloon not marked with an approving stamp. Mr. Swift and his followers will hold a meeting this week and schedule the saloons they think ought to run.

Solicitors for saloon and drug store petitions validly canvassed the Third this week for names. About half of the required thirty were all that could be obtained. The others said they had promised to do nothing until Mr. Swift and themselves had met and decided what places they would favor. They intimated that the orderly and well-conducted drink establishments would not be molested, but that the music halls and worse class of saloons would have to go. The names of a number of places not approved were mentioned.

Keepers of saloons not tabooed are overjoyed. They say it means more business to them and they do not care to make any difficulties for the Swift reformers.

KILLED AT ALTON, ILLINOIS

Fred Houston, Whose Relatives Are Supposed to Reside Here, Meets Death.

Acting Chief of Police Mostyn received the following telegram yesterday from Upper Alton, Ill.:

Chief of Police, Omaha, Neb., Oct. 21: Fred Houston killed here last night. Notify his people, who live in Omaha.
C. M. STREEPER, Deputy Coroner.

The police have begun an investigation which they hope will end in locating the relatives of the deceased. There are, the police say, several Houston families residing in the city, but they do not know to which one this man belonged.

The telegram does not say how Fred Houston was killed, but it is presumed by the police that he met death in a railroad accident.

The city directory contains the names and addresses of a number of Houstons, but no Fred Houston.

Passes Claim Bill.

Upon recommendation of the legal department, the city council has passed resolutions to settle a claim of more than $3,000 against the city for land appropriated in opening Twenty-fourth street from Mason to Pacific, in 1893, the amount being $4,535.

Building Permits.

J. Schmale has secured a permit to erect a $1,400 frame dwelling at 2208 Poppleton avenue and O. L. Wolford has obtained a like permit to build a $1,500 frame dwelling at 2316 Hamilton street.