

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City Fathers Confirm A. J. Weitzel as Plumbing Inspector.

IAS COMPANY CLAIMS REJECTED

Plans Approved for Extension of Burt Street Sewer—Hundred Thousand Sewer Bonds Authorized.

By a vote of ten to two, Councilmen Funchouser and Johnson voting in the negative, the appointment of Albert J. Weitzel as city plumbing inspector was confirmed last night at the meeting of the city council.

The nomination of Weitzel followed the refusal of the council to confirm the name of James S. Krajcik, a democrat, who was named by the mayor a week ago. Weitzel's confirmation was expected. It was believed that either of the names of Weitzel, Sam Pollack or James Cameron would be confirmed. Mayor Dahlman sent in the name of Weitzel, who is a member of the examining board of plumbers, and it was confirmed without opposition.

In the main routine matters occupy the attention of the council. A resolution for bids for the grading of Martha street to Davenport. Thirty-fifth street from Cass to Davenport and Spring street from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street was referred to the committee of the whole.

An ordinance for the changing of the grade of Forty-second street from Mason to Poppleton and Pacific from Forty-first street to Forty-second was passed, and an ordinance changing the grade of Pierce street was passed. It was also ordered that Laird street be paved from Florence boulevard to Twenty-fourth street, and an ordinance for the settlement of the tax litigation between the Union Pacific railroad and the city of Omaha passed. The bill of the health commissioner of \$16 an expense of attending a meeting in Kansas City was referred to the committee of the whole.

Plans and specifications for the extension of the Burt street sewer from Twenty-sixth street to Thirty-third street were approved and the issuing of sewer bonds to the amount of \$100,000 and intersection bonds of a like amount passed.

Contracts were let for 100 tons of coal divided between McCaffrey Bros., Sunderland Bros., the L. B. McCoun company, and the C. W. Hull company.

Police Board Wants Patrolmen to Keep Lookout for Holdups

Chief Donahue Says Effective Work is Impossible with Small Force on Duty.

At a meeting of the fire and police board last night the contract was let for 2,000 feet of two and one-half inch fire hose. The Eureka Fire Hose company will furnish 2,000 feet at \$1.10, the W. S. Nott company, 2,000 feet at the same price, and the Bilateral Fire Hose company 1,000 feet at \$1.00. There were eighteen bids.

Commissioner Hoye moved that the police captain be instructed to have their patrolmen pay more attention to the protection of citizens from highway robbery and burglary, and less to the liquor interests, by raiding places suspected of selling liquor. The motion was adopted. Chief Donahue said effective work was impossible with the handicap of his present small force.

Patrolman James Kennelly was tried for neglect of duty in failing to find the back door of Fred Ken's millinery store, 1508 Douglas street, had been broken open last Wednesday morning, when the store was robbed. Kennelly has been suspended and as a fine will not draw his pay for that period. Owing to the length of his beat the board considered the offense a light one.

Thomas A. Fahy of engine house No. 1, was fined \$5 and reprimanded for sleeping while on duty.

COMMISSION HEARS THE COMPLAINT OF BEWSHER

Railroad Agrees to Furnish a Special Inspection Truck for Grain Men.

The Nebraska State Railway commission came to Omaha yesterday and heard the complaint against the Missouri Pacific filed two months ago by H. A. Bewsher of the Bewsher Co. The hearing was held in the offices of the Omaha Grain exchange.

The entire commission, Dr. H. J. Winnett, chairman; H. T. Clarke, Jr., and W. J. Furse heard the case, which resulted in an agreement between the Missouri Pacific and the Bewsher Co., whereby a special inspection truck would be afforded the grain company in the Missouri Pacific yards.

Bewsher's complaint had been against the terminal service of the railroad. He charged that after specimens of grain had been taken from his cars in the railroad's yards for samples on the grain floor, his cars were moved from their original place and caused delays in delivery to buyers because they were difficult to find. Bewsher said he filed the complaint as a protection for his shippers.

"When cars are moved about the yards," he said, "they are so difficult to find that it sometimes causes a delay of more than twenty-four hours in getting them on the market. In the meantime the market may have gone down several cents, thus causing a big loss to the shipper, which is entirely unnecessary."

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Recall of Officers Will Be Included in New Charter Bill.

PROVIDES FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

This is One of Most Important Innovations Proposed by Revisionists—School Board Matters Not Yet Reached.

The "recall" for public officials is probably the most important amendment that will be introduced into the South Omaha charter if the bill, the draft of which was completed in City Attorney Murphy's office last night passes the legislature.

"We have practically incorporated in our charter," said Attorney Murphy, "the article of the California and Oregon constitutions which provides that a number of persons, equal to 25 per cent of the number who voted for any one officer, asking that an election be held in regard to that office, the city clerk and the mayor shall examine their petition, and if found sufficient, the city is compelled within thirty days to call such election. The man who is in office and whose competency, or whose qualifications otherwise, are challenged, shall be a candidate for re-election unless he notifies the mayor otherwise. Any person can file for the office and it is up to the public whether the official is recalled or not."

Although not many sections in the charter are to be changed, the number of folios contained in the bill to be submitted to the legislature shows that the city attorney's department has not been idle during the last two days.

Some Important Changes.

The following are some of the other points that are dealt with: The change of grade procedure has been simplified by eliminating the necessity of a double board of appraisers.

The city engineer shall be elected and not appointed as at present.

The police judge will be relieved of the necessity of being cashier of his department as the amended charter will make all fines and penalties imposed in the police court directly payable to the city treasurer.

The city treasurer will have the power to name his deputy and two clerks and not one clerk as at present.

Provision has also been made for the employment of a resident checker brought from outside the state to check the books of all the officers of the city, including the school district.

The park board shall have the handling and disbursing of all funds for park purposes and the allotting of such funds for whatever improvements they may deem desirable.

With regard to the collection of garbage, the amended charter will give the city enlarged powers to comply with the views of the present administration as to keeping the city in a sanitary condition. It will enable the executive to put in force more effective and efficient sanitary regulations, enabling him to recover from the owner of property who fails to comply with the orders of the city government, and have the expense of cleaning charged against the owner of the property.

The various funds are increased as follows: General, \$30,000; police, \$7,000; fire, \$25,000; lighting, \$15,000; water, \$15,000; street, \$5,000; repair, \$7,000; and cleaning, \$5,000.

School Board Not Decided.

With regard to the Board of Education no amendments have yet been drafted. How this matter stands is explained by

City Attorney Murphy. "At a the meeting of the charter revision committee," said he, "the Board of Education was invited to present amendments to give effect to the general ideas of what was necessary to improve their system of government, but the board has studiously refused to do so, practically doing and we have not had any definite proposals from them."

"This leaves the matter of the amendment of the Board of Education laws up to the executive committee, and from the expressions of opinion I have heard, the amendments the committee thinks desirable will soon be drafted and incorporated in the bill."

The principal suggestion made during the meetings of the charter revision committee was the election of the secretary of the Board of Education, and that the officer so elected should not be a member of the board.

Inspection of Meters.

One result of vetting the bill of the water company will be the appointment of a meter inspector, who shall have power to inspect when requested by the public gas, water and electric lighting meters.

This was the announcement made yesterday afternoon by Mayor Trainor. He pointed out that complaints were continually being received by the city, "and," said the mayor, "South Omaha should be in the same position as other cities and able to see that its people are protected from charges that are not right. I have heard of instances where people had been out of their houses for months and had to pay the same as if they were at home and using the water."

The mayor held up the water company's bill because some hydrants were not accessible and others did not yield the requisite amount of pressure. The mayor points out that he cannot find in the contract with the Omaha Water company any fixed test for pressure. "However," he adds, "the contract is so worded that the water company is to give us the same pressure as Omaha and I am informed by the chief of the fire department that the city of Omaha requires a water pressure of sixty pounds." The pressure from some of the hydrants on the list for deduction from the bill reach fifty pounds, says the mayor, after a test by himself and the chief of the fire department.

Thomas Callanan.

St. Agnes' church was this morning the scene of a pretty wedding when Agnes, daughter of Police Judge James F. and Mrs. Callanan, was married to Norbourne F. Thomas, who is connected with one of the departments of the Armour Packing House company. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Abernethy in the presence of a large number of guests. The bride, who was given away by her father and was attended by Miss Orlis Brown of Omaha, was tastefully and becomingly gowned in white satin with white silk trimmings with embroidered chiffon and point de Paris lace. She wore a veil and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Brown was dressed in marquisette trimmed with yellow satin bands and marquisette lace. She carried yellow roses. The best man was Harry Callanan, brother of the bride. During the ceremony appropriate music was sung by the choir, and as the happy couple left the church Mrs. Myrtle Hinehey played the wedding march from Lohengrin.

A seven-course wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. Peard in the bride's parents' suite in the Scarce block, the rooms being tastefully decorated with ferns, hothouse plants and white roses. There will be a reception in the evening, for which 100 invitations have been issued. Following lunch there will be music and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will reside at 323 North Twenty-fourth street, South Omaha.

Brown President of Country Club.



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