

COMMISSIONERS RYAN AND PIVONKA ENTER GENERAL DENIALS.

In a short verbal statement yesterday John J. Ryan and Joseph Pivonka, fire and police commissioners, entered a general denial to the allegations of malfeasance in office set forth in the court opinion filed yesterday evening in the supreme court. Both of the accused members said they probably would make a statement Monday.

INSPECT ANNEXATION PAPERS Assistant City Attorney Asserts Mergers Law Will Not Stand Test of Constitutionality Before Court.

It is also said that the commissioners are to be held in the city to save themselves at any cost and some of them are expected to imbosom themselves at the outer trial. This is especially true in the case of the small property holders who as sureties on the liquor license bonds, made oath that they were worth \$2,500 over and above all their liabilities.

Mayor Trainor, City Attorney H. C. Murphy, Assistant City Attorney H. C. Winters, City Treasurer John T. Gilman and City Clerk Frank Good, together with a force of stenographers, left the city hall yesterday afternoon for the county clerk's office, where the work of inspecting the annexation petitions was begun.

Inspection of the petitions was begun. The work embraces a certified copy of the names subscribed to the petition, a scrutiny and examination for names of all those who according to law are not eligible to sign the paper.

Assistant City Attorney Sam Winters, before leaving the hall, asserted that the merger law will not stand the test of constitutionality before the supreme court of the state. He instanced several

similar cases in other states, where the supreme tribunal had ruled that the law was an example of vicious class legislation. Mr. Winters also went into the subject of Omaha's unpreparedness for a merger at this time. He said that according to the Omaha charter, there can only be a total levy of \$1,500 to cover the expenses of both cities for a year. The present levy in Omaha amounts to \$1,500,000 and the law only allows an extra \$100,000 for the expenses of the city merged into the old one, he declares.

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The deceased was over twenty-five years a resident of South Omaha and was well known there. He removed to Omaha a few years ago and took up his residence with his family at 376 Ames avenue, where he resided at the time of his death. He was 58 years of age and has a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss.

Notice to Our Customers Beware of fraud liquor solicitors, representing themselves at your door to be selling for J. Klein, which is not true, as I have no solicitors at all. J. Klein, Family Liquor Dealer, 26th and N., South Omaha.

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Mr. M. S. Church has been called to leave the bedside of his mother, who is very ill. For rent, six-room house, modern except heat. Also large barn, 2518 G street.

The Knights of Columbus are preparing to join their brethren in Omaha for the proper celebration of Friday, October 12, which is Columbus day and a legal holiday.

Ask us about the twin flue air Laurel heater, best heat producer made. O. K. Hardware. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter of Lincoln will spend the week end with their sister, Mrs. George Frazier at her home.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Scribbling were guests at a wedding in South Omaha Wednesday. Theodore McClure and Rev. George S. Sloan were guests at the Tucker home Monday evening.

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Charles Elbourne left the first of the week to register for the land drawing to be held at Gregory, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brishin and Mrs. H. A. Brishin attended the Ak-Sar-Ben ball in Omaha Friday evening.

Miss Lucille McCool of Gothenburg, Neb., was the guest of Miss Helen Nichols for a few days this week. Rev. Gerald Janssen of Florence officiated at the wedding of Miss Harry Rabbit and Mr. T. Edward Dickinson in Omaha Monday.

Wilbur Nichols of Gothenburg was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Nichols, Wednesday and Thursday, returning Thursday evening. Mrs. F. E. Wedge of Genoa, Neb., was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Tracy, the last week. Rev. Wedge arrived Wednesday evening for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Miss Hazel Wilson, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lowe and family, returned home to Stella Tuesday. Mrs. Hender, who has been the guest of her daughter in Seattle, Wash., for three months, returned last week and is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Elbourne.

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The Enterprise club of Florence, a club composed of the business men of the city, will meet Tuesday evening to make plans for a two-day celebration in Florence on November 3 and 4. Among the attractions on these days will be a balloon race and a number of free performances at the theater.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles have moved into their new hall on the corner of Main and Jefferson streets. They have spent several hundred dollars in fixing it up, and now have the finest hall in the city, both for lodge purposes and social entertainments. The entertainment committee is planning a big time in the near future to introduce the hall to the public.

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Ben Embury has purchased the Concordia restaurant on Forty-eighth and Leavitt streets and will conduct it there. Mrs. John Long entertained her niece Mrs. Taylor, and small son from New York at her home in West Side on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ola Carlson have had as their guests the last week their daughter, Mrs. A. Jacobsen and family from Ft. Crook. H. J. Homan and bride (nee Miss Edith Coulter) of Westside have taken rooms on Park avenue and Mason street for the winter.

The Misses Martha and Nellie Swanker of Red Oak, Ia., have been the guests of Miss Bertha Swanker for the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. Rev. R. M. Henderson and wife spent Wednesday with their daughter, Mrs. Nelson Pratt in her new home in the West Farnam district.

Clifford Weisman of Red Oak, Ia., has been the guest of his father, who is in the Methodist hospital. If Claggett and Mrs. John Blake in Eckerman until their home, which was recently burned, is repaired, they will be spending the winter with Mrs. Boyle and family, who will leave for Illinois on Monday where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles Barman had the misfortune to fall from a chair on Monday breaking her left arm near the wrist at her home on Grand street. Mrs. F. J. Traub and small son, Eugene, were guests for dinner on Monday of her old school friends, Mrs. J. Engelmann, on Jackson street.

Mrs. Robert Long of West Point arrived on Friday to be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wellman, and Miss Elizabeth Long, on Martha street. Mr. and Mrs. Swan of Auburn, Neb., are week end guests of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Prodder of South Forty-eighth street. They returned home on Saturday.

Miss Bertha Morley, who has been the guest of her friend, Miss Marie Gorman on West Poppleton street the last two weeks returned to her home in Lincoln Friday afternoon. The lively little Sheldahl team belonging to S. C. Campbell of Forty-third and Cedar street elicited a great deal of praise and admiration as the stock food train in Tuesday's parade