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The second round between the ground hog and the goose so far as weather prophesying is concerned must be given to the hog. The first round went to the goose but we are of the opinion that the hog can come back whenever he wants to. We hope that he will be satisfied with this one round and from now on spring will open up in earnest.

By way of a suggestion to the city fathers we believe that it would be a good plan to resurrect the curfew ordinance and enforce it. Much of the petty thieving and burglary could be eliminated if boys were not allowed to congregate on the streets at night. The place for children after nine o'clock is at home unless they are with their parents or some older person. It is much easier to prevent crime than it is to prosecute.

Odd Fellows Surprised.

The Odd Fellows held a large meeting in the Woodmen hall Monday night. The initiatory degree was conferred and the work of the degree staff was exceptionally good. The meeting was held in the Woodmen hall because the I. O. O. F. hall is too small to accommodate the increased membership. After duly considering the question of building a new hall in connection with the citizens, they were about to adjourn when there came a strange alarm at the door. Upon investigation it was found that the waiting room was full of ladies, and a hasty examination showed that they were the wives of the Odd Fellows and members of the Rebekahs. There was an awful suspense at first as to the motive for this visit, but one especially bright and observant member with something of the Sherlock Holmes in his make up detected several large bundles partly concealed about the visitors and, with an intuition worthy of emulation, called out: "All is well! They have brought something to eat." It proved that he was right. The ladies brought everything in the way of palatable food, and of course the mere men were delighted. Tables were quickly prepared and the banquet spread. Grand Master Storey and Grand Senior Warden Newhouse were seated at the head of the table, in honor of their positions in the grand lodge. There was plenty and to spare and the evening was one of the most successful occasions ever held in the city. The suspense was complete, but those Odd Fellows fell in with the idea in no time and in about two minutes they acted as if they had been accustomed to such things all their lives. The meeting adjourned with the utmost good feeling and we did hear that some of the bachelor members expressed the wish that the ladies would surprise them every meeting night.

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New Opera House Is Now Assured

At the meeting of the Odd Fellows in the Woodmen hall Monday night a plan was adopted which will provide for the erection of a suitable building for opera house, lodge room and auditorium. The members were heartily in favor of the project and there was the utmost enthusiasm throughout the entire deliberations.

The plan contemplates forming an Odd Fellows' association stock company, organized with a capital of \$25,000. The stock of the company is to be divided into \$14,000 preferred and \$11,000 common. The preferred stock will draw 5 per cent interest and the common stock will participate in the earnings of the company. This amount will erect a creditable building and one in which the entire public and surrounding country will be interested. Its combined arrangement will fill a long felt need in this city. This building will be so arranged as to seat, under ordinary circumstances, 600 people, and should occasion demand this can be increased to 1500. Arrangements will be made so that the entire lower floor can be thrown into one room for the use of farmers' institutes and other large assemblies.

The Odd Fellows are prepared to raise a large part of this amount and the general public is asked to participate in erecting this building by purchasing shares in the company. Ultimately the lodge expects to retire all stock and become sole owner of the building, but its use to be controlled by agreement at the time stock is sold.

The general feeling at this time is most favorable to such a project. The members of the farmers' institute have expressed a desire to help erect just such a building and nothing now seems to be in the road of a quick realization of this cherished plan. We trust that no difficulty will be encountered in selling this stock and making the building an actuality before snow flies next fall.

Once More the Water Question

In Monday's issue of the Commercial Advertiser Mr. Bailey replies to our article on the water question. We were very much pleased with the kindly tone and general good will expressed in this article. There is no question in the mind of this editor that all the people of Red Cloud desire a sufficient amount of good pure drinking water and the only way to come to an agreement is to present all the arguments pro and con in a friendly manner. "We are not enemies but friends" and we are all asked to share the burdens of taxation.

Now as to where we received our information we freely confess that we went to the only place in town for such information and that is the office of our electric light and water commissioner. We have found that the best way to get reliable information is to go to head quarters. Mr. Rich was very kind and gave us the use of the city records and answered all questions in a gentlemanly manner. In our article of last week we mentioned the cost of coal only because that is the only variable quantity in the total cost of pumping and varies almost directly with the amount of water pumped therefore it is the only item of importance in the discussion of cost. The coal bills of 1910 must not be confused with the present cost of coal. The records will show that prior to September of last year much of the coal was bought locally and was the best grade. That coal cost three or four times as much as the coal used at present. Again we are pumping 55,000,000 gallons per year instead of 28,550,000.

As for the accuracy of the water meters in service longer than one year we suggest to the owners that they have them tested by the water department before making a statement. We know that some meters are better than others and that all meters are better than none at all, but all meters need testing occasionally. If all meters were tested regularly we might find the difference between what is pumped and what is paid for.

In connection with this water question we must not forget the value of the power from the Maurer springs. In our Feb 16 article the point is brought out regarding the pressure that might be obtained were the springs piped to the powerhouse and attached direct to the section of the pump. This pressure thus obtained could be made to supply practically one third of the domestic pressure of forty five pounds required by any well regulated water works system. This would make a saving of one third the coal now used to produce it. This saving in dollars and cents based upon our present cost of coal amounts to \$270.00 per year. A saving well worth working for since it represents in itself 4 1/2 per cent on about \$6,000.00. The installation of an electric pump would further reduce the cost of pumping

about fifty percent which deducted from the total present cost of coal of \$220,000 leaves \$140,000. The springs pipe line saving one third deducted from this leaves \$273.00 which would be the total power cost of pumping under the new conditions.

In conclusion we wish to call attention to the fact that we have treated the matter of the proposed new water supply from a financial point only, neglecting entirely the added revenue that could be obtained by having a wholesome product to deal out to the city as a matter of fact the added bond issue of \$8,000.00 would render a saving to the city beside giving us an unlimited supply of the purest kind of water.

Testing Seed Corn.

The majority of wide-awake corn growers realize the advantage of testing the germination of their seed corn before planting. The "ear to row" method of improving corn has emphasized the need of selecting seed corn on the ear. Although the apparatus required for testing the germination of ear corn need not be expensive, still it is believed that there are many who hesitate to undertake this work thru fear that it will involve the expenditure of much time and labor. To satisfy this demand and to arouse a greater interest in corn improvement, the Nebraska Seed Laboratory has arranged to make single ear germination tests of seed corn for Nebraska farmers. Not more than fifty such tests, however, can be made for one person. If you wish your seed tested write us to that effect and we will send you fifty small envelopes in which the samples can be sent to this Laboratory. Let us know at once if you wish us to make this test. Address Nebraska Seed Laboratory, Lincoln, Nebr.

Retailers Will Go To School

Illustrated lectures on window trimming; talks by experts on "Salesmanship" and complete studies and discussions of credit rating systems, mutual insurance, co operative delivery systems and other helps to merchants which it would take many years experience for each one to learn for himself, will be on the program at the coming meeting of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers.

President Fred Diers of Madison and Secretary W. H. Avery of Tilden have announced the next meeting to be held in Omaha, March 7th, 8th and 9th and a program has been arranged which will be a regular school in the best and latest business methods—not facts and fancies, but the tried plans of experienced merchants.

The illustrated lectures on window trimming are by George J. Cowan, manager of the Dry Goods Reporter and vice president of the Koester School of Window Trimming. These lectures, given as they are with the stereopticon, are worth a trip to Omaha. Every picture shown will be the size of a display window and will show the possibilities of fixing up the windows in any store. The lectures are free to any merchant in Nebraska whether a member of the Association or not.

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THE LEGISLATURE

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 27, 1911.—Rather than hold night sessions the House members have agreed to begin their morning sessions at nine o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1:30. Committee meetings will be held in the evenings and before nine o'clock in the mornings.

A joint committee consisting of Senators Albert, Tibbets and Plack and Representatives Quackenbush, Moriarity and Grossman were lately selected by the democrat caucus to draft and push bills designed to keep the platform pledges of the majority party.

The Senate has been passing a number of bills but the house has been less fortunate. A few days ago when the order of third reading was reached a couple of bills met such instant and brutal deaths that authors of other bills on the calendar rushed the body into general file to save further murders.

It is the unanimous judgment of a joint committee of both houses that the State University should be moved out of the city of Lincoln and located on the large tract of land where the State Agricultural Colleges are situated. This land is adequate in every way and already belongs to the state. There is ample room for the buildings to be laid out conveniently and with a view to a beautiful campus. Street car service will make a difference of about twenty minutes between the present and proposed sites. By the joint report the medical college will remain at Omaha.

Senator Plack has been named as the chairman of a joint committee to have charge of the bills and amendments pertaining to redistricting the state into congressional, judicial, senatorial and representative districts. This is a tremendous task, second only, perhaps, to that of the finance committees in reporting the appropriation bills.

The democrats mean to pass another "non-partisan judiciary" bill. It is provided in the last state platform that it will be done. It is understood that Governor Aldrich will not interpose objections, at least that he will not go so far as to veto such a measure. It is pointed out that he can not consistently oppose such a measure in view of his manifest willingness to accept votes from all parties at his late election.

Acting upon the suggestion of Governor Aldrich the special committees of the legislature have been trying to get at the truth of the accusations made by the chief executive of the state against the election officials at Omaha. While the committees were at Omaha work was delayed in both the House and Senate and a big bill of expense piled up. Other sessions are being held at the Capitol and witnesses are being heard from Omaha. Nothing startling has developed and no statement has been proven or denied. It is thought probable that another appropriation will have to be made for the purpose of paying the unusual expenses incurred by the present session in the way of investigations, contest hearings, and rent for committee rooms outside of the capitol.

Two matters of supreme importance occupied the attention of the legislature during the past week: in the Senate the Ollis stockyards bill has been the bone of contention, while the Hatfield bill for direct legislation, otherwise known as Initiative and Referendum, has been before the House nearly all the week. The Senate and House bills on the latter subject differ only in details and it is certain that the differences will be amicably settled and the law will be enacted without blood letting. The sentiment for stockyards legislation has at all times been more friendly in the House than in the Senate and the friends of the measure feel that the worst is over.

Omaha and Lincoln colored people are up in arms over a bill introduced by McKissick of Gage and said to have been drawn by Chief Clerk Richmond of the House, providing a line dividing the blacks and whites in street cars, railroad trains and theaters. Mr. Richmond insists that the measure was not inspired by any racial prejudice and is in no wise a "Jim Crow" bill as applied in southern states. He says it grew out of a demand in Omaha especially, where there are many insolent negroes who abuse their privileges and are not content, as the better class of negroes are, to accept the common rights of citizens. Col. Richmond declares it is not a democrat measure, and he is not pushing it on party grounds.

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