

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Complaints from People Who Suffered by the Flood Are Heard.

SOME NORTH END DRAINAGE HISTORY

City Engineer Rosewater Explains the Original Plans and the Cause of the Present Difficulties—Some Routine Work.

Last night's council meeting was decidedly long. A goodly portion of the time was occupied in introducing and passing side-walk resolutions and other resolutions providing for the repair of damages done to streets, alleys and sidewalks by the storms of a week ago.

Half a dozen citizens from the north part of the Sixth ward presented a bill resolution passed by the Sixth Ward Improvement club in regard to the open sewer near Thirtieth and Bristol streets, over which considerable complaint has already been made.

Some Drainage History. In answer to the complaint City Engineer Rosewater made a vigorous explanation. He stated that in 1881 he had designed the sewerage system of the city. This plan was bearing completion in 1887, when he resigned. At that time a sewer, calculated to carry off the sewage from the north end of the city, had been finished to Sixteenth and Nicholas. Instead of completing the sewer to the river, according to the original plans, Mr. Rosewater's successor finished it according to some of his own plans, the result being that the capacity of the outlet was reduced 11,000,000 gallons.

This was the condition when City Engineer Rosewater returned to office in 1893. He tried to remedy the defect, and commenced the construction of a relief sewer to the north. The work was carried out until the money for the purpose was exhausted and all attempts to get more through bonds were unsuccessful. As it was, the relief sewer did so much good that only 150 property owners, instead of thousands, are being damaged. He advised the citizens to urge the necessity of the city voting some \$50,000 or \$75,000 bonds for the completion of the sewer and promising relief. Under the present condition of funds, little can be done, although the city engineer stated that he is considering a plan of relief.

The matter came to a conclusion by the appointment of a committee to look over the ground with the city engineer. The committee consists of Karr, Lobeck and Stuhl.

In answer to a request made by the council some time ago, City Engineer Rosewater advised the body to pave Vinson street between Twentieth and Twenty-sixth streets with brick in order to accommodate traffic between this city and South Omaha. At present the street is entirely torn up and, especially in bad weather, is impassable. The cost of such paving, according to the city engineer, will be \$12,000. The report was adopted and the Board of Public Works was authorized to purchase the necessary material with which to do the work.

Range in Gutter Will Wait.

Sixteenth street, north of Douglas, will probably not be reguttered after all. Some time ago the city engineer looked over the Board of Public Works to advertise for bids for relaying the present stone gutters with asphalt. The Board of Public Works received bids and awarded the contract to J. R. Smith, but when the contract came up for approval it was referred to the councilmen expressed themselves as opposed to tearing up the thoroughfare during the exposition and this appeared to be the general sentiment of the body.

A committee report recommended that the request of the Citizens' League for the vacation of certain lots for union depot purposes be referred to the special committee appointed to secure a settlement with the road of various claims, including the cost of viaduct repairs. The report was adopted. An estimate of the cost of the viaduct company for repairs to the streets from January 1 to June 30, amounting to \$9,065.57, was referred.

The first partial estimate for the construction of the city jail in favor of A. J. Pearson, and amounting to \$1,000, was approved, having been allowed by the Board of Public Works.

The regular monthly expense appropriation sheet was introduced and referred. The amount was \$104,501.12, which includes \$43,715.84 hydrant rental for the first six months of the year.

An invitation to attend the convention of the League of American Municipalities at Detroit this year was read, but was not accepted because the mayor and city council are too busy in attending to exposition visitors.

The following ordinances were read a first and second time and referred: To grade Twelfth from Mason to Pacific, to create an improvement district for the repaving of Poppleton avenue from Twenty-ninth avenue to Thirtieth, to vacate additional water hydrants and extend the system of water mains; to include runners of clothing houses with hotel and other runners who have to pay a license.

The ordinance providing for the grading of Hickory from Sixth to Seventh streets, and of Seventh from Hickory to Cedar streets, was passed on the third reading.

ITS ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

Omaha District of the Free Methodist Church Holding Daily Sessions Now.

The annual camp meeting of the Omaha district, Free Methodist church, held the seventh of its ten daily sessions yesterday in its auditorium tent at Eighth and Hancock streets. There was a good attendance of delegates, churches being represented from Blair, La Platte, Kennard, Elk City and Omaha. The meetings are in charge of District Elder W. C. Hamner of the Omaha and Lincoln districts. The feature of last night's session was a sermon by Rev. W. C. Hamner, general traveling evangelist of the Free Methodist church. Mr. Hamner's headquarters are in Chicago and he is en route to the conference at Oakland, Neb.

Mr. Hamner spoke from a text upon the injunction to the Israelites to gather each day sufficient food for their need. We should give ourselves each day to the duties at hand, the speaker said, rather than just the day's work, as the Israelites did. He pointed out the fact that on the sixth day the people were enjoined to gather enough manna to answer the needs of the seventh.

The services of the Sabbath, Mr. Hamner said, are as careful as the preparation of manna in that day. He spoke of the duties of the arrangement of day and night, one for work and the other for rest, and of the importance of each day's work upon a man's whole life. It is no trifling matter to live the speaker added, when breaks may be made in one day in the chain of life that a whole existence cannot mend. The meetings will conclude Sunday with a love feast. The quarterly conference of the Omaha district will occur on Saturday at 2 p. m.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS' SESSION

Members Listen to Lectures Concerning Matters Pertaining to Their Vocation.

Over 100 members were in attendance at the session of the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association yesterday. The morning was given up to a report of the delegation sent to Milwaukee last year by Walter Roberts of Lincoln, a report by J. M. Doyle on the efficiency of Secretary T. J. Bell, which was unanimous in approval, and an address followed by a lecture by Dr. W. A. Hohenschof of Iowa City. Twenty-six new members were initiated into the rights and privileges of the association. The Kansas association sent an invitation to the president of the Nebraska Federation, asking that a committee be sent to attend their meeting tomorrow, but the appointment of a delegation was deferred until the meeting of this afternoon.

The undertakers have a peculiar method of their own in initiating new members. Several additions to the association were made this morning and the ceremony of initiation consisted of walking the blindfolded applicants around the room while the members sang "America." Four times they marched three abreast before the president, finally to have their eyes unhooded and given the badge of membership by Mr. P. C. Hearty of Iowa City, president of the association.

Dr. Hohenschof of Iowa City in his first address spoke of the necessity of a thorough understanding of the art of embalming bodies and of the danger brought about by undertakers not knowing their business. He said that the legislature should take the matter in charge and see that undertakers' certificates be as difficult to get as doctors' degrees in order that all danger in connection with dead bodies having some infectious or contagious disease be done away with.

Following this address was a speech by A. A. Trayner, president of the General Burial Agents' association. Mr. Trayner spoke of the trouble caused to railroads because of the improper embalming of bodies and related several serious experiences he had witnessed. The morning session was closed by a lecture by Dr. Hohenschof of Iowa City on the relations between undertakers and baggage agents in the matter of shipment of bodies dead from contagious diseases.

The session was given over to address. The first speaker of the afternoon was Dr. J. S. Foote of Omaha, who spoke on "Rigor Mortis," or the stiffening of the body after death. Dr. Foote explained the causes of the change in the body from a scientific standpoint.

M. Wulph of Omaha next spoke on the subject, "Something About Cremation." He explained the different kinds of crematories which are being used and the time that it requires to reduce a body to ashes. The fact that cremation is becoming quite prevalent makes it of interest to funeral directors, although there is no difference in the preparation of a body for cremation and burial.

W. P. Hohenschof of Iowa City, Ia., was the last speaker and lectured on embalming. He treated it from the standpoint of an undertaker with years of experience with all sorts of cases. After Mr. Hohenschof finished his lecture he answered questions and the meeting was prolonged until 6 o'clock by the answering of questions.

ERRING BOY IS TAKEN HOME

Young Man Who Ran Away from Detroit with a Loose Woman is Overhauled.

Detective McCarthy of the Chicago police bureau who has been in Omaha for some time in search of a young man named Houghton of Detroit, Mich., who ran away from his home with a large sum of money, in company with a disreputable woman, found his prisoner yesterday and is now on his return to Chicago.

Young Houghton has been in Omaha for several weeks, and despite the fact that the Omaha police had a description of him, was not apprehended by them. A week ago he was arrested by several detectives on the charge of being a suspicious character, but was released the next day as the charge could not be sustained. At the time of his arrest he gave his right name, yet he was not suspected of being the man wanted in Chicago.

Young Houghton committed no criminal offense, his arrest being more by the Chicago officer to break up the alliance he had formed with a woman of ill repute. The money he fled from the east with was borrowed by him from his friends, and his father's friends just prior to his leaving. His father is the head of a large wholesale linen and woolen concern. Houghton's consort could not be found.

DAMMANN AN EASY VICTIM

Visitor from Des Moines Goes to Manawau and Gets Hobbed on the Pin Game.

C. L. G. Dammann, a visitor from Des Moines, Ia., boarding at 2215 Burt street, made an excursion to Lake Manawau Sunday and was robbed of \$200, a diamond pin and a gold ring on the "pin game," which was run out of this city by the sheriff a few weeks ago. Mr. Dammann saw one dollar follow the next in an effort to get the ball in the hole and after he had lost all his effects and was part way on the road to this city he realized what had been done to him. He accordingly retraced his steps and demanded his money of the proprietor of the building where the game was operated. The proprietor said that Dammann's property was at that time in South Omaha and he named a place where the stranger could go and obtain it. Dammann kept watch at the corner designated all yesterday afternoon, but failed to see the other parties to the appointment and last night reported the matter to the police. From the description given it is believed the game was handled by Iron Peg or G. E. Wright, who was recently given a suspended sentence in police court to leave town. Wright is an old-time confidence man.

BANISH A CRIPPLED BURGLAR

Police Make an Example of a Man Who Has Just Lost One of His Feet.

William Chase, an alleged burglar, suffering from the effects of the recent amputation of his left leg, was dragged before Police Judge Gordon yesterday morning to answer to the charge of being a vagrant. Chase could hardly navigate and was plainly a very sick man. He was but a few days ago released from a hospital. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and sentence was suspended on his promise to leave the city by Saturday. Chase is looked upon by the police as a dangerous burglar, because there was found in the toe of his shoe a bunch of skeleton keys. He had been in Omaha two weeks ago and was alighting from a freight train when his left foot was caught between the bumpers and crushed so badly that the foot had to be amputated above the ankle. In the toe of the shoe of the crushed foot the skeleton keys were found.

COLONEL BRYAN TAKES OATH

Formally Sworn in Service as a Volunteer Soldier of the Union.

ASSUMES COMMAND OF HIS REGIMENT

Interesting Event Takes Place on the Parade Ground in Full View of the Men and a Few Notables.

Several thousand people were out at Fort Omaha yesterday to see the Third regiment execute its first regimental drill. Lieutenant Colonel Vitquain appeared on the parade for the first time mounted and in full uniform. With the exception of two companies, the men were in uniform and motionless. The appearance and discipline of the regiment were considered the unusually short time they have been together and their previous lack of military knowledge. Colonel Vitquain put the regiment through a number of successful evolutions.

The regiment was halted and Lieutenant Duff, the recruiting officer, appeared upon the field and administered the oath to the musicians, who had not yet been sworn in. A sudden cheer went up from the crowd as Colonel Bryan appeared on the parade for the first time in his uniform and together with chaplain F. Jordan and several other staff officers swore allegiance to the government. The oath was administered in the presence of Governor Holcomb, Adjutant General Barry, Major Monaghan and Adjutant General H. M. Byrnes of Iowa. With the taking of the oath Colonel Bryan assumed control of the regiment, which has until this time been in charge of Lieutenant Duff, U. S. A.

Immediately the band struck up a lively march and the regiment passed in review. All the companies saluting their commanding officer like old campaigners. Company M of O'Neill was conspicuous among the others as it was passed because of its eagle, "Uncle Billy Ewing," which has been made the regimental eagle, but still remains with its original company. The band seemed to enjoy the ceremony and looked down proudly from its high perch upon the crowds which cheered it.

After the completion of the review Colonel Bryan and most of his staff retired from the field. The command of the regiment was turned over to Lieutenant Colonel Vitquain, who keeps the men drilling as much as possible. Every preparation has been made for the moving of the troops the first of next week. Colonel Bryan telegraphed the secretary of war of the regular army, requesting that Rations for the trip have been ordered and are expected immediately and the regiment will probably move next Monday.

Yesterday was a busy day for the hospital corps. Watermelons and fruits of various kinds were plentiful in the camp and mixed with mother's pies they caused various of the recruits to apply for a remedy for cramps. Few of the men were seriously sick, but quite a number of them were unable to drill with their companies.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

It is thought now that a general strike of packing house employes is inevitable. All yesterday afternoon men in pairs and bunches were leaving the Cudahy works, until by night the working force had been considerably reduced. A few of the men at this point refused to be transferred to other departments and take the places of the strikers and they were promptly relieved from further duty.

An effort was made during the afternoon by committees of the strikers to visit the men at their homes and urge them to return to work. One effect of the visit, however, was the demand of a portion of Swift's smokehouse gang for an increase in wages. These men are being paid at the rate of 15 cents an hour and they made a request for 17 1/2 cents. Superintendent Walters informed the men that he was powerless to act in the absence of General Manager Price and requested them to continue their work until Mr. Price's return to the city. Assurance was given the men that their application for an increase in pay would be duly considered, although no promise was given that the request would be granted. This was all that could be done at the time and the men continued their labors.

At noon there was a meeting of the packing house managers at the office of the stock yards company, when the question of a general strike was discussed. In the absence of the trouble with the laborers no conclusion was reached and the meeting adjourned without taking any action.

P. A. Valentine of the Armour company, Chicago, visited the local plant yesterday afternoon. He registered very much the same opinion that the opening of the new plant was to be inaugurated with a strike and he expressed the hope that suitable arrangements with the men would soon be made. The Armour plant will not be opened until after the trouble with the laborers is settled. There is an immense amount of construction work to be done at Armour's yet and there is no real necessity for commencing active operations until September. The receipts at this time run out of this city by the sheriff a few weeks ago. Mr. Dammann saw one dollar follow the next in an effort to get the ball in the hole and after he had lost all his effects and was part way on the road to this city he realized what had been done to him. He accordingly retraced his steps and demanded his money of the proprietor of the building where the game was operated. The proprietor said that Dammann's property was at that time in South Omaha and he named a place where the stranger could go and obtain it. Dammann kept watch at the corner designated all yesterday afternoon, but failed to see the other parties to the appointment and last night reported the matter to the police. From the description given it is believed the game was handled by Iron Peg or G. E. Wright, who was recently given a suspended sentence in police court to leave town. Wright is an old-time confidence man.

The reason there is no grievance at the Omaha plant is because a large number of men are employed and as a rule they get in steadily time. For instance, the smoking gang works as long as cars are to be loaded and is then transferred to some other work, where the pay per hour is sometimes slightly higher. At the Cudahy plant, where over 2,000 men are employed, it is claimed that this remedy could be impracticable and consequently the men do not get in full time every day.

Will Call for Volunteers.

In connection with the special election to be held on July 26, for the purpose of voting on the city hall bond proposition, Mayor Enos said last evening that he would soon issue a call requesting persons who would act as judges at the polls to send their names to him. It is the intention of the municipal authorities to conduct this election with as little expense as possible, and in order to do so it will be necessary for the judges and clerks to donate their services. When the names are sent in the list will be referred to the council for the purpose of selecting those whom it is desired shall serve. As far as possible persons who have had previous experience on election duty will be chosen in order that there may be no confusion and to insure a rapid and correct count of the vote.

Following up this idea of economy, the mayor proposes to do what he can toward having property owners donate the use of rooms for voting places for the day. It is thought that there will be no difficulty about this. A voting place will be located in each of the nine precincts, the same as at regular elections. The mayor says that in case he succeeds in obtaining the services of judges and clerks and the free use of booths the total expense will scarcely exceed \$100.

Some taxpayers are advocating the purchase of the present high school building, which they claim could be converted into a very presentable city hall. The Board of Education needs a new high school and it is claimed that the money could be saved by buying this building and then voting bonds for a new high school. There is more room in the high school building than is really needed for city purposes, but the location is all that could be desired.

Government Horse Inspector. A short time ago General Manager Kenyon of the Stock Yards company wrote Congressman Mercer in regard to having a government horse inspector stationed here, the same as at other live stock markets. Mr. Mercer has secured the granting of the request and the War department has ordered an officer of the army to visit South Omaha with a view of investigating the market and reporting on the conditions prevailing here.

The idea of this is to increase the importance of the horse market, as the government is constantly buying horses for the cavalry and artillery service. When the fact that an inspector is stationed here is known, although as a rule they are here will ship here in preference to going to Chicago or St. Louis. It must not be understood that all horses arriving at this market will be inspected by the government, as only horses suitable for the service are inspected. The proposed new exhibit is to consist of live machinery.

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