BRIEF CITY NEWS

Sarcophagus.

Lighting Fixtures. Burgess-Granden Co.

Have Root Print it—New Beacon Press.

Fidelity Storage & Van Co.—Doug. 1516.

Hultgren Exonerated—Dick Hultgren, one of the boys charged with taking an automobile belonging to C. F. Hallard, 302 North Thirtieth street, was exonerated after a hearing of the case in police court.

Hayden Bros. Install Elevators—Hayden Bros. have found it necessary to install two new passenger elevators in their big store to handle the crowds. These are placed in the central part of the store and run from the basement to all departments on all the floors.

Cement Block Plant Changes Hands—The Ideal Cement Stone company has purchased the cement block plant of Carey & Co., Twenty-fifth and Center streets, and intends to enlarge the buildings, add new equipment and steam curing facilities, making a large, up-to-date cement block plant.

Stock Shipments Early to Avoid Car Shortage on Roads

Early orders to move range stock into Omaha and other river markets are being received by the railroads this week. In a few weeks the business will be heavy and it is probable that several of the roads that carry the bulk of the business will experience car shortage. Those shippers in Wyoming and the Dakotas, who have been having ideal weather conditions, are shipping their stock as soon as possible in order to avoid any possible shortage. Some of the sellers hold their stock until later in order to receive the advantages of the increased prices, but railroad officials are trying to discourage the tendency this year because they say prices are likely to rise and the shippers will be delayed by car shortage.

Chicago Women Try It on the Reporters

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Chicago women voters blossomed out yesterday as stump speakers before an audience of reporters. For several weeks they have been holding classes in public speaking at the headquarters of the woman's party, but no outsider has been permitted in the room. A group of newspapermen who had been refused admission to former classes were gathered outside the party headquarters when Mrs. Charlotte Rhodus, president of the organization, invited them in.

"Come right in," she beamed, "the women need practice and they might as well start in on you. I guess everybody concerned can stand the ordeal."

She hustled the half dozen reporters into the small hall where they did not make much of a showing among the tiers of unoccupied seats.

"I wish there were more goats for these maiden speeches, but I guess you'll have to do for the present," said the president as she led the first speaker to the platform.

A dozen women made short talks on various political subjects. Each appeared nervous at the start, but gained confidence as she became enthusiastic about her theme and finished with the delivery of a veteran.

The women who graduated from the class will be used to organize and arouse interest in the wards and a second class of beginners will start in next week.

Extensions of the Parcel Post Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Further extensions of the parcel post system are in contemplation by the Postoffice department. The introduction of added reforms was forecasted in a statement issued by the department, calling attention to the fact that the new specifications governing the increased weight and reduced postage in the parcel post system would go into effect Friday.

"The postmaster general and his committee are continuing work from day to day," says the statement, "for the purpose of analysing further phases of the service and keeping in touch with the operations of the changes already announced, with a view to further extending the usefulness of this service just as soon as the necessary investigations and experience indicate that this is advisable."

The banking by mail feature of the postal savings bank system also will go into effect Friday.

LABOR UNION COMMITTEE HEARS SARMAN ARGUMENT

A committee of the Central Labor union, appointed to hear charges against H. F. Sarman of the State federation to the effect that Sarman had misrepresented the work of the union, met and behind closed doors last night heard arguments. The committee's report will be submitted to the union at the meeting Friday night and if the charges are sustained and Sarman is suspended from the union, he will, at that time, have an opportunity to appeal to the house to reverse the judgment.

DR. ROBERTS CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND A CANCER CURE

HOBART, Tasmania, Aug. 13.—Dr. Roberts, senior surgeon of the general hospital here, claims to have attained remarkable success in the cure of cancer by Roentgen secondary rays filtered through silver, copper of tin plate. He declares he has treated forty cases of cancer in this way without a recurrence of the disease.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Charles Thompson of Anthony, Ia., who was in the tailoring business in Omaha in the early days, is in the city for a few days on business.

Mrs. Charles Puls and daughter, Edith, will leave next week for a visit with friends in Portland, Me.; New York City and Allentown, Pa.

A. R. Groh, a former Omaha newspaper man and now in the advertising business in Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of his father, Rev. Dr. L. Groh.

Rev. Dr. L. Groh has gone to Denver for a short vacation. He will preach there Sunday for Rev. John Hummon, formerly pastor of the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church of this city.

J. F. Wilhelmy of the Wright & Wilhelmy company, with Mrs. Wilhelmy and their daughters, Laura and Winifred, left yesterday for the east. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelmy will go to Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. The Misses Wilhelmy will visit friends in Atlanta, Ga.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Street Railway Denied Right to Remove Paving Blocks.

VALUED AT FIFTEEN HUNDRED

Mayor Hector and Department Heads Will Meet This Afternoon at City Hall to Discuss Finances.

City Attorney Henry C. Murphy yesterday afternoon refused to permit the street railway company to remove the stones on Q street lying between the tracks and the rails of the street car company. The company had already crushed and removed several carloads of the stone, which Contractor George Parks of the National Construction company had agreed to pay the city 30 cents a yard for, it is said. One of the foremen for the company later called at the office of the city attorney and explained that his company considered that they had a right to the brick or Colorado sandstone as it is called. City Attorney Murphy recalled some ordinance giving the street car company such right if they had extended the tracks on Q street within five years after the passage of the said ordinance. The company failed to take advantage of such an offer by less than a month and it is held that therefore the blocks belong to the city. They are valued at about $1,500.

Assault and Battery, Not Love.

Marie Pavlik, a pretty young woman living in the Brown park district, has appealed to the police against her former lover, Frank Jindra, who in a fit of jealousy against a rival withdrew his affection and all the presents which in the halcyon days of love's young dream he bestowed on her. Accompanied by her mother, Miss Pavlik called at the police station. There she told the story of the pleasant evenings when she and Jindra were lovers twain. Later, however, another admirer came on the scene and she says Frank grew jealous. She says he threatened her with a gun. One night while she and her new admirer held sweet converse, she says Jindra came down unexpectedly and demanded back the presents he had given her, including jewelry and furniture. She says he got some of the jewelry by force and she told him to come back for the furniture. Then, she says, he obtained a writ of replevin for the rest from Justice of the Peace Collins. She filed a charge of assault and battery against her whilom swain.

Wrenowich a Nemesis.

George Wrenowich, after using his best endeavors to have Peter Wozniak, a saloonkeeper, pinched for selling liquor at last succeeded in getting action against Wozniak by suing him in Judge Collins' court for an $8 pair of trousers which Wrenowich claims Wozniak destroyed. The complaint does not specify just how the said trousers were destroyed. Wozniak says that Wrenowich fell out with him some time ago. Later he says Wrenowich obtained a bottle of beer somewhere and took it to the police station alleging that Wozniak had sold it to him. The police disbelieved Wrenowich, who then worked out the plan of the destroyed trousers to get even with Wozniak, it is said. Wozniak denies all knowledge of said trousers.

Department Heads to Meet.

Mayor Hector, the city council, the city attorney and the heads of the departments of the city will meet this afternoon for a conference on the proposed levy ordinance about to be drawn. The idea of the conference is to hear the estimates of the heads of the different departments on the amount of money that will be needed for each department during the coming year. The conference is in the nature of a budget caucus.

One of the propositions advocated by Mayor Hector is the reduction of the firemen's pay. It is the contention of his honor that the pay now received is too high. His honor thinks that in view of the double shift the fire laddies ought to stand for a cut. With this end in view he expects to require all the firemen to file applications for their positions just as if they had never been appointed. This will give the mayor the right to make them come in with a waiver of the wages required by the charter. Or it may allow him to get rid of as many as he likes. It is said he would like to get rid of some.

Taking for his theme the analogy between the foundation stone of the Universal church and the foundation stone in the church edifice now under construction at Twenty-fifth and E streets, Rev. Dr. Edward Hyslop, superintendent of the local Methodist district, delivered an address to more than 200 people at the cornerstone laying of the First Methodist church of South Omaha yesterday evening. Dr. Hyslop took for his text the words, "For Other Foundation Can No Man Have Than That Which is Laid by the Jesus Christ." Christ, he said was the great foundation stone of the church. In this sense the speaker said the foundation stone of the church was laid long, long ago. From this point of view the speaker said the real ceremony of laying the foundation stone had taken place many years ago. Christ, he said, had digged deeper than any human spade could dig. He had gone down through the centuries of prejudice, ignorance and blinding and blighting sin.

Dr. Hyslop contrasted the peaceful meeting of contemporary church folk who enjoy happiness without fear of molestation or anxiety as quite different from the hate and bitter persecution of early days. The speaker closed with a fervent hope of happiness and success for the congregation that was rearing the walls of the new church.

Among those present were Rev. J. H. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the church; Dr. W. H. Underwood, Dr. C. W. McCaskill and Dr. Robert L. Wheeler. Rev. J. M. Bothwell, former pastor of the local Methodist church, sent a donation and a message expressing the regret he felt because he was unable to attend.

Magic City Gossip.

J. D. Courtney, plumber, Tel. So. 1094.

A meeting of the fire and police board was held last night.

W. S. Shaefer has returned from a vacation in the east.

Miss Tillie Maslowski is spending her vacation with relatives in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stelling of Twenty-fourth and Q street have returned from a month's vacation in Iowa.

For a case of Jetter's Old Age or Gold Top beer call So. 868. Prompt delivery to all parts of the city. Wm. Jetter.

Former Captain of Police John Dworak and Mrs. Dworak are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby girl at their house.

Under the auspices of St. Luke's Lutheran church there will be an ice cream social Thursday evening, August 14, on Hefflinger's lawn.

Miss Josephine Grace, daughter of Officer James Grace, has returned from a trip through the west including Yellowstone park and Denver.

Paul Stumm came to his death by accidentally falling downstairs was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury yesterday on the death of Stumm.

Councilman Pat Lavelle has renewed his attempt to have the street car service extended on the West L line from

Business Men of Omaha Favor the Gas Franchise Compromise

To the Users of Gas in the City of Omaha:

We believe that the proper and speedy settlement of the gas controversy is of the greatest importance to the people of Omaha. Individually, and as citizens, we have given the proposed gas franchise careful consideration and recommend that the same be approved by the voters at the election August 19 for the following reasons: It is in effect an extension of the franchise rights of the gas company for but twenty years—the present franchise has over five years yet to run; it is immeasurably superior to the present franchise from the standpoint of the consumer, because it will secure an immediate reduction of 15 cents per 1,000 feet in the price of gas—a saving to the consumers of over $200,000 during the remainder of the term of the present franchise; it is not in perpetuity; it is not exclusive; it will be neither bar nor obstacle to municipal ownership, because the city will be free at all times to build and operate a city gas works, or to condemn and appropriate the present gas plant; it will not increase the price the city will be required to pay for the present gas plant, if the city purchases or condemns the same, because it specifically provides that in such case "no value shall be allowed for the franchise;" it secures to the city the power of regulation over future gas rates by short term contracts; and it will enable the gas company to make extensions and additions as the growth of the city requires.

The growth of Omaha demands progressive public utilities. We cannot expect a utility corporation either to obtain or invest large amounts of capital unless it is fairly treated.

We know that the course of litigation in the federal courts is slow and the results uncertain. We know that at the expiration of the present franchise—more than five years from now—no court will uphold any effort which the city might make to force the gas company to sell gas for less than cost plus a reasonable return on the fair value of its property.

We therefore recommend that this franchise be voted for as the best settlement of the gas controversy:

Byrne & Hammer Dry Goods Co., by Thomas C. Byrne, president.
John Deere Plow Co. of Omaha, by W. D. Roebuck, treasurer.
Gurden W. Wattles.
W. A. Smith.
L. C. Nash.
M. E. Smith & Co., by Ward M. Burgess, vice president.
Myers-Dillon Drug Co., by P. B. Myers, president.
United States Supply Co., by J. B. Rahm, vice president and general manager.
Lee-Huans-Andreesen Hardware Co., by E. M. Andreesen, treasurer.
Richardson Drug Co., by H. S. Weller, vice president.
Wright & Wilhelmy Co., by W. S. Wright, treasurer.
American Radiator Co., by A. H. Williamson, manager Omaha branch.
E. E. Bruce & Co., by E. E. Bruce, president.
Allen Bros. Co., by Oscar Allen, secretary and treasurer.
W. L. Musgrave.
Iler & Co., by A. L. Meyer, manager.
John S. Brady.
W. H. McCord.
F. J. Hoel.
Omaha Printing Co., by F. B. Johnson, treasurer.
C. W. Hull Co., by C. W. Hull, president.
Luther Drake.
C. E. Yost.
I. A. Medlar Co.
Rome Miller, Hotel Rome, Millard hotel.
Merchants hotel, Herman B. Peters, proprietor.
Paxton hotel, Ralph Kitchen.
G. M. Wilhelm.
Sunderland Bros., by J. A. Sunderland, president.
Trimble Brothers.
Joseph S. Davis.
Burgess-Granden Co., by Wilbur L. Burgess, president.
King-reck Co.
Beaton & Lauer Co., by G. W. Lauer, vice president.
H. P. Whitmore.
Albert Kahnom, jeweler.
People's Coal Co., by B. H. Kemper.
S. H. Buttett & Son.
John Dale.
F. P. Kirkendall & Co., by Glen C. Wharton, vice president.
Scott-Rawitzer Co., by A. H. Rawitzer.
T. F. Stroud & Co.
Evans-Model Laundry, by R. E. Segur, manager.
George H. Lee Co., by George H. Lee, president.
The Byron Reed Co., by A. L. Reed, president.
Chicago Laundry Co., by John J. McMahon, president.
Kimball Laundry Co., by H. A. Jacobberger, secretary.
Tribune Publishing Co., by Val J. Peter, president.
Central Coal and Coke Co. of Omaha, by R. C. Goddard, president.
Hayden Bros., by J. Hayden.
Victor B. Caldwell.
W. H. Bucholz.
F. H. Davis.
L. L. Kountze.
M. C. Peters.
J. C. Root, president Woodmen of the World.
T. L. Davis.
Paxton & Gallagher Co., by Charles H. Pickens, president.

MANY AT PLAY GROUND FETE

Hosts Crowd New Sacred Heart Play Grounds.

MERRIMENT ON ALL SIDES

Mayor Dahlman Delivers Address, in Which He Heartily Approves of Movement to Afford Entertainment for Youth.

The Sacred Heart parish playground at Twenty-second and Locust streets was formally opened with an address by Mayor James C. Dahlman, athletic events of various kinds, and a good old-fashioned sociability carnival that more than pleased the crowd of 600 that attended the festivities.

Squads of the parish folk and their relatives and friends early began to file through the gates until by 8 o'clock the grounds were completely occupied by a seething mass of humanity that, although it made the committee on entertainment speculate as to how it was to satisfy such a large attendance, appeared to ignore the little inconveniences that necessarily arise when limited walking space becomes congested.

The festivities opened with a tennis tournament that was not completed until long after dark. The players played several sets under the six arc lights that adorn the grounds. Nobody found out who won the tourney and apparently nobody cared just as long as it was played.

Merry Basket Ball Game.

A basket ball game, that closely resembled a combination tug-of-war and foot ball game, was played by ten youths, who did not seem to mind the heat or the dirt that covered their faces, hands and clothes. Side No. 1 managed to make one basket in the game, due to the accurate throw of a red-headed lad, who got under the basket by snuggling the ball under his coat.

A merry-go-round, that was propelled by the hand power of its occupants furnished the most amusement for the little tots present. A diminutive music box that played doubtful melodies proved a curiosity to the parents, who courageously tried a round just to hear the accompaniment.

Mayor Dahlman was delayed by a meeting held at Twenty-fourth and Burdette, where he spoke on the gas franchise, and did not arrive on schedule. His address proved to be just as welcome later and everybody was satisfied. He complimented the enterprise of Father Judge, who is in Denver on his vacation, and said he was acquainted with no movement that surpassed that of the parish playground in providing beneficial amusement for girls and boys. "I hope to see more of these playgrounds established," said the mayor, "for I firmly believe it to be educational and instructive and at the same time entertaining to the young folks."

A four-piece orchestra provided intermittent music during the evening and also played for the dance in the club house later. Ice cream was furnished to the guests and lemonade, pop corn and cigars were distributed by a score of little girls.

The opening was under the auspices of the A. O. P., Columbian, and O. O. B. clubs of the parish and every one who was on hand admitted that they received more return on their investment than they had hoped.

CRAP GAME IS BROKEN UP BY PROBATION OFFICERS

A "crap" game participated in by twenty-five newsboys in the alley between Douglas and Farnam and Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets was interrupted by Mogy Bernstein and Miss Esther Johnson, probation officers, Tuesday. Two boys were captured, but the remainder made their escape.

One of the offenders was given a suspended sentence of ninety days to the Kearney Industrial school, while the other, who was a small lad, said that he had been enticed into the game and would not again yield to temptation.

NEW MAIL SUPERINTENDENT TO ARRIVE HERE TODAY

Clyde M. Reed, the new superintendent of the Fourteenth division of the railway mail service, will arrive in Omaha this morning to take up his duties in this city. Mr. Reed was supposed to have come to Omaha some time ago, but James L. Stice, who has been in charge of the Fourteenth division, did not get his work cleaned up until a few days ago.

ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES FROM NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD

Charles Dodaine has started suit in the federal court against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company for the recovery of $20,000 damages for personal injuries received on May 21, 1913, when an oil cup exploded, necessitating his confinement to the Fremont hospital for fifty-one days.