

MORE POWER FOR HOWELL

Water Board Has Bill to Make Its Authority Absolute.

SUPERIOR TO CITY COMMISSION

Would Charge the City Extra for All Water Used Except that Now Paid For as Hydrant Rentals.

Absolute, unlimited control of the Omaha water plant; vesting in the Water board a power superior to that of the city government; donating to neighboring municipalities an equal interest in the \$5,000,000 water plant paid for by the taxpayers of Omaha; placing in the Water board authority to charge the city for water for public purposes over and above the \$100,000 now appropriated annually for this purpose—these further concessions are sought by the Water board and would follow the passage of a bill drawn by Water Commissioner R. B. Howell.

This bill will be favored by Senator Charles Bunker who is on the last Water board payroll at \$50 a month as "office manager." Its enactment will depend upon the support of a few members of the Douglas county delegation who have met privately and discussed with the Water board politicians the possibility of getting the scheme through the legislature and the Water board's official organ, which is to accept the Water board from the demand for home rule in Omaha.

Extend Water District. Provisions of the bill extend the water district of Omaha to include Florence, Dundee, Benson, South Omaha and all places beyond the jurisdiction of the city commission of Omaha which are furnished water from the Omaha plant.

Further it provides that the members of the Water board, who will then be known as a board of directors, shall be elected by the whole district instead of by the electors of this city and the water commissioner, elected by the board, shall become a "general manager."

Power from the state through this bill would give the Water board authority to fix rates and make regulations subject to no tribunal except the state legislature.

Charge City Extra. At present the city of Omaha pays the Water board \$100,000 annually for water for municipal purposes. The water commissioner and the Water board have incorporated in their bill an article giving them authority to charge the city for water for public purposes over and above the \$100,000, which would be applied only to "hydrant rentals."

The Water board in office now would become the first water board of this "metropolitan water" district and, as the terms of the members expired, their successors would be elected from the whole district instead of from the city.

While the directors would be elected from the whole district, the district as a whole, being divided into several corporate limits, nor any subdivision of it would have the power to recall or in any manner exercise the control over the board which it had over other elective city officials.

Move is Explained. Water Commissioner Howell, members of the board and Attorney Webster met at the Commercial club with the Douglas county delegation at noon and explained what they were wanted. F. D. Wood of the board said it would mean merely that the people were giving themselves more power.

It has been charged by a certain newspaper that Mr. Howell is the boss and dictator of this board. F. C. Healey, "I want to deny that. There are five other members of the board, and they are the real dictators. They say what they want and do what they believe they ought to do."

Representative Robert C. Druessow interpreted Mr. Howell's explanation of the bill by asking him if he really meant what was said in section 5. This is the section giving the Water board unlimited power to manipulate the rates charged for water, and it also provides that consumers who do not pay their bills by a certain time shall have their water service cut off and must pay it to have it turned on again.

Howell said the board believed that section was all right. "I will oppose the bill on that section alone," said Druessow warmly. "It is unjust, unfair. Yes, sir, that section is enough to justify me in opposing this measure."

Howell argued at length, but left the representative unconvinced as to the justice of that section of the bill.

Davis Asks Questions. Representative J. A. Davis asked the water commissioner if the old water company didn't install connections without charge, and, being answered in the affirmative, wanted to know why the Water board now charged consumers 50 cents a foot on either side of the street and yet have made no move to reduce rates.

Howell said this prevented great expenditures for mains not warranted by the number of consumers. Davis smiled. Chairman C. R. Sherman of the committee finally called time on Mr. Howell, thanked the members for their response to the board's invitation and announced adjournment.

Legislators present were Representatives J. M. McFarland, Robert Druessow, J. A. Smith, Ira Flanagan, Frank Yates, Neil Anderson, Dr. Harry Foster, Marvin L. Sugarman, Mike Lee, John E. Healy, Ed. Simons; Senators Charles Saunders and Ferdinand Harrioun. Water board members present were Howell, Healey, Sherman and Wood.

T. L. Webster, attorney for the board, explained the bill from a legal standpoint, and from the proposition of giving the board rate power. He was of the opinion that the board's jurisdiction could be properly extended to other towns supplied by the Omaha plant.

During the discussion the legislators showed little interest in the detailed explanation. At the end of the session the bill was prepared by Mr. Howell and was passed around to the members, but few read it.

AIR FOR THE FEDERAL BUILDING TO BE WASHED

The Postoffice department is considering the installation of an air washing system at the Omaha postoffice. At present the air used for the purpose of heating the building on cold days in conjunction with the regular heating apparatus is at times very smoky and there is a constant necessity in cleaning the walls. With the present system the air is drawn from outside and heated over in flues and then, fanned into the various rooms in the building. With the installation of an air washing system the air would be run through water and other processes and then forced into the rooms.

At the Theaters

ATTRACTIONS IN OMAHA.

Boys: "The Lottery Man." Branda: "The Love Wager." Gayety: Extravaganza. Hippodrome: Vaudeville. Krug: Burlesque. Orpheum: Vaudeville. Matinee today at the Gayety, Hippodrome, Krug and Orpheum theaters.

"The Lottery Man" at the Boyd. A comedy in three acts by Ruth Johnson Young. Presented at the Boyd by the Vaughan-Glasser players. The cast: Jack Wright.....James Cunningham; Fussy Payton.....Anna L. Bates; Mrs. Wright.....Henry Dugan; Helen Peyton.....Isabel Gilbert; Miss Roberts.....Leona Stater; Ludwig Jansen.....Pauline LaVague; Stevens.....Arthur LaRue; Hamilton.....Jack Boyle.

Changes in the Vaughan-Glasser stock company at the Boyd have resulted in no loss to the efficiency of the work done. James Cunningham and Miss Leona Stater, the new leads, were much enjoyed in their first appearance, and seemed effectively able to carry on the work of their predecessors. "The Lottery Man" was the play selected for their first appearance at the Boyd yesterday and the first performance of the two stock stars was significant for the audiences enjoyed them.

Miss Stater was seen in the part of Helen Hoyer, a role that makes no serious demands on the talents of an actress. She is precise, sweet of voice, charming and personally attractive. Mr. Cunningham delineated the role of Jack Wright, the young newspaper man who takes a big change in a lottery game and wins. He imparted a warmth to his playing; increased admiration by his enthusiasm, and thereby made himself liked.

By far the most enjoyable member of the cast, however, was Miss Ottilie Cooper, who assumed the duties of Lizzie Roberts and came out on top headed with the honors of the play. In the gymnasium act she was the creator of roars of roars of laughter, the makeup and costume being given credit for much of the happiness which was radiated.

Miss Pauline LaVague as Hedwig Jansen gave the audience much pleasure. She is one of the likeable players of the company, and usually does her roles very well. The mother, Mrs. Wright, was a lovable personage, as presented by Miss Isabel Gilbert. The Glasers have done so well in the staging of the other players that it seems needless to say that "The Lottery Man" was effectively mounted. The stage-craft of this play is in keeping with that of the productions which were given before.

Vaudeville at the Orpheum. Miss Amelia Bingham, another of the emotional actresses of the present day, is at the Orpheum this week, giving "The Great Play."

In this she presents bits from "The Climbers," "Madame Sans Gene," "La Tosca," "A Modern Lady Godiva," certainly a wide range in characterization, and does it to the intense gratification of the audience, too. As witness a storm of applause at the Orpheum yesterday as would only be quelled by the appearance of Miss Bingham to address the assembly in a certain speech.

Miss Bingham is assisted by Will Wall, Bareford. Omaha friends were right glad to welcome Lulu McConnell and Grant Simpson and gave them a most joyous greeting. This pair have a new act this season, "The Right Girl," and it goes mighty well. A song sketch at the piano is presented by Miss Blanche Burnham and Charles Irwin. Mr. Irwin's dialect songs from the South and English, light Lovett has passed through his body, which has been through his body, "The Call of the Sixties," given on bed by Dan Claudius and Miss Lillian Scarlett, recalls many of the old songs and the act is interesting. "The Great Tornado" are a sextette of aerial twirlers and athletes.

Fritz Scheff is "The Love Wager." Miss Fritz Scheff comes to the Brandeis theater tonight in her new light opera, "The Love Wager," under the direction of Joseph H. Galt. Miss Scheff is said to have the best role of her entire career in the new offering, which both book and music are said to be exceptionally pleasing. Miss Scheff appears as the fourth daughter of a Hungarian family who, scheming with a handsome lieutenant to marry off her three elder sisters so that she, according to Hungarian custom, may next in line to receive the property. For each sister married off she wages one idea. When the lieutenant comes to collect the young brides, finds that she herself is caught in her own net for she has fallen in love with the lieutenant. The book is by Edith Ellis, while the music is by a new composer, Charles J. Hambitzer.

Extravaganza at the Gayety. Costumes brilliant and even gorgeous—feature the performance of "The Jolly Follies," a big extravaganza show which opened at the Gayety yesterday afternoon. The chorus is one of the best of the season, and wears its hair in a most attractive way. The show is staged to meet a parallel in elegance with the costumes. Two acts are shown, and in each there is evidence of the good taste of an experienced scenic artist and a skilled stage producer.

Among the joys and pleasures of the performance are Miss Alice Lamar, Miss Nellie Nelson, Miss Virginia Ware, Miss Ott and Tom Robinson. Ott and Robinson are extremely funny. The women in the leading roles are clever dancers and pleasing singers. "A Royal Four Flush" is the title of the play. A family affair which is enacted takes the players and chorus from the palatial drawing room of a New York mansion down to a pretty section of the Florida beach, journeying then home again with a stop at Heron square, where they are given an opportunity to sing a George M. Cohan song.

Vaudeville at the Hippodrome. The Alpine quartet, which was a feature of the show at the Gayety last week, in the leading act of the bill which began this week at the Hippodrome yesterday, met with much favor. Frank and Dorr, one with a violin and the other with a harp, give a high-class entertainment with an assortment of opera and ragtime music.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Employees of Union Stock Yards Plan for the Annual Dance.

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED

Purpose of Function is to Provide a Fund for Those Who May Become Either Sick or Disabled.

Employees of the Union Stock Yards company are making preparations for their annual ball, to be given Thursday night, January 23, at Rushing's hall, Twenty-fourth and J streets. The ball is under the auspices of the Union Stock Yards Employees' Relief Association and is for the purpose of raising the benefit fund. It is an annual affair, having been inaugurated fourteen years ago.

The purpose of the association is to provide benefits for the members of the association who may become disabled or sick while employed by the Union Stock Yards company. Each member pays a stated sum per month toward the relief fund, which is expended weekly for the sick members or those who have sustained injuries. Funeral expenses are also allowed for a member in good standing who dies. Because of the wide popularity of the stock yards employees a large crowd always attends the ball.

Both Go to Jail. Lizzie Williams' strenuous resistance of James Parrey's attempt to dispossess her of an overcoat Saturday night cost Parrey and some blood. Parrey and the Williams woman paid a visit to "Pop" Sawyer's entertainment hall at Twenty-seventh and O streets, where they held high carnival until after midnight, when they started for their home at Twenty-seventh and L streets. Lizzie wore Parrey's overcoat, but he demanded that she turn over the garment. Lizzie objected and Parrey drew his razor to enforce his demand. Lizzie wrested the blade from him, dealing him several blows with the steel. Police Captain John Dvorak and Detective John Zalouza arrested the couple and after Dr. E. J. Shanahan sewed on the left ear of Parrey and mended a slit in his neck, he was locked up. Lizzie had both her hands bandaged where the blade had cut her. She also was placed in jail.

Back from Cheyenne. After having spent several days at the Cheyenne National Wool Growers' convention, a number of the local delegates returned Saturday night and Sunday morning. General Manager E. Cunningham of the Union Stock Yards returned Saturday night. The meeting at Cheyenne was reported a success, contrary to earlier expectations of the Omaha delegation. Cheyenne it is claimed by the local men went the limit in providing the right kind of entertainment for the visitors. The weather was fair and cool, but grew more windy toward the end of the week.

Magie City Goats. Wanted good second-hand bicycles. 2412 S. South Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Davis seeks a seriously ill at her home, Twenty-fourth and M streets. Police Captain Henry Elsfelder is on the sick list, though continuing on duty. The Magie dance that was to have been given Wednesday at the home has been postponed until January 23. Upchurch lodge No. 2, Degree of Honor, will initiate a class of candidates and install officers Wednesday night, January 15.

The Southside Ladies Aid society of the Leifer Memorial church will be entertained by Mrs. Charles Scott on Sarpy county road and Boulevard, Wednesday afternoon. Bridge and high-five will be played.

The Ladies of the New Century club will give a party at the home of Mrs. G. P. Fisher, Twenty-ninth and J streets, Tuesday afternoon. Bridge and high-five will be played.

The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Ferguson will be held this afternoon at the First Presbyterian church instead of from the residence as previously announced. The body will be interred in the cemetery.

The twenty-sixth annual ball of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, division No. 2, will be given Wednesday evening January 15, at Rushing's hall, Twenty-fourth and J streets. The program will include a variety of entertainment.

John Flannery died at the South Omaha hospital last night. Mr. Flannery was a member of the Magie's lodge. The body is held at the home of Mrs. Flannery at 2412 S. South Omaha. Arrangements for the funeral are being made.

William J. Brennan of the Crosby-Kubist number company, Saturday for a three months' trip. He will visit Prague, England and Ireland. Mr. Brennan is said to have been called to Ireland to settle an estate.

The teachers and pupils of Jungman's school will give an entertainment Wednesday evening, January 15, at the high school auditorium. Folk songs and readings together with a rendition of the play, "Miles Standish," by the fifth grade will constitute the program.

The Wood-Ornduff Child Commission company is the name of the new live stock commission company lately organized at the Union Stock Yards. Will H. Wood, formerly manager of Smith Bros. Commission company, is president. Herman Ornduff and Lewis Child are the other members of the firm. Wood is counted one of the best cattle salesmen at the yards.

Pennock lodge No. 26, Ancient Order of United Workmen, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: N. C. Paulson, past master; workman, J. L. Kubist; number one, W. A. Saturday; foreman, F. Foster; overseer, E. E. Gilliam; recorder, M. J. Rowley; treasurer, J. P. Raven; guide, J. Lauderbach; trustee, W. R. Loan; financier.

SKATERS HIE THEMSELVES TO THE LAKES AND PONDS

Ice skating was the recreation of men and women yesterday, as well as the play of the children. More than 2,000 Omahans enjoyed the sport on the various park lakes, even though the ice in most places was not in a condition which expert skaters would call fine. Carter lake was in excellent condition, the ice being smooth with only a few occasional cracks to bother the fewest that 100 skaters who were there during the day. And this place will be spelled, so far as skating is concerned, when the ice cutters begin their work today.

At Carter lake, Swift and Company will begin to cut and store ice this morning. It can be taken out in blocks twelve inches thick and is of the good "hickory" kind. On Miller park lake yesterday there were 600 skaters. The ice at Hanson park was not so good, though most of the snow had been swept away. Despite this condition, however, 300 or 400 young folks enjoyed themselves there during the day and evening. The lake could be put into excellent condition by flooding.

Council Delays Acceptance of Dr. Gifford's Play Plot

Park Commissioner Joe Hummel is the authority for the statement that mud pies have gone out of fashion. He told the city commission yesterday that there was no necessity for accepting donations of playground sites which were nothing in reality but mud puddles. He said he favored lots of playgrounds, but children no longer cared to play in the mud. They want a nice, dry, clean playground.

WEEKS REFUSES TO PAY FINE

Goes to Jail for Seven Days Rather Than Settle.

William Weeks, an employee of the Frilling & Steine, Trunk company, filed the charges against Weeks. He was expelled bodily from the apartments Saturday by Weeks, who accused him of breaking the lock on one of the doors. In police court Weeks accused Kuhn of forcing the lock to gain entrance. Judge Foster inquired of Weeks why he did not act as Kuhn why he was in the house before assaulting him.

Weeks said he would appeal the case. Upon learning that he would have to furnish bonds he said he would never pay the fine and would work it out in jail. Weeks, who has been taking care of the boilers in the apartments, called his wife on the telephone and instructed her to act as engineer in his absence. He threatened to start suit against the city and Kuhn for damages. He said he did not have the money to pay his fine.

Weeks refused to come out with the other prisoners. By coining Officer Glover succeeded in getting him into the office downstairs. After searching him Desk Sergeant Paulino called Andy Paley, acting turnkey, into the office. "Show the gentleman into parlor A," he told Andy. Andy led the way into the cellroom and locked Weeks up.

FINE AND COSTS TOTAL \$13.50

Is Found Guilty in Police Court of Assault Upon Man Who Delivers Two Grips to Apartments He Owns.

Although the owner of the Lafayette apartments at Seventeenth avenue and Jackson street, rated as worth \$40,000, E. A. Weeks went to jail for seven days rather than pay a fine of \$13.50 imposed by Police Magistrate Foster for assault and battery.

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Bull Moose Leader Asks Subscriptions

Nathan Merriam, national committee man from Nebraska for the bull moose party, has thrown out the life line to republican members of the Douglas county delegation to the state legislature asking them for donations to the cause of bull mooseism. He says the bull mooseers have a great ahead-work outlined, but that they "must have money to do it." He says his idea is to make a roll of honor for Nebraska progressives. He then points out that the way to get one's name included in the roll of honor is to subscribe \$10 for one, two, three or four years to come. He also urges the men he addresses to try to secure a few names as subscribers.

MUTUAL ASSOCIATION SUED ON OLD POLICY

If a man who was found dead in River-view park two years ago was Lorenz Lamm of St. Helena, Neb., the Catholic Mutual Benefit association of New York will have to pay \$200 to William Poesigler of St. Helena, uncle of Lamm and the beneficiary of a \$200 policy Lamm carried. The company has denied that the dead man was Lamm and Poesigler has started suit for the money in district court.

Lamm took out his policy in 1902 at St. Helena. Early in 1910 he became seriously ill in Omaha and was taken to the Douglas county hospital for treatment. A considerable part of the time he was out of his bed. On February 16, 1910, Lamm disappeared from the hospital and a few days later he was found dead in River-view park. Coroner Crosby took the body. It never was positively identified as Lamm by disinterested persons, though Poesigler declared it was the body of his nephew. Lamm died from illness and exposure.

MEYER MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer tonight announced that he might be a candidate for the United States senate from Massachusetts if the republican caucus could not determine upon a selection from candidates now before it. He expressed the wish, however, that the nomination be settled in caucus.

EVERYBODY READS BEE WANT ADS

"I want to say," said Secretary Meyer tonight, "that I have not been a candidate for the United States senate and if the caucus does not settle the question of the nomination then I understand it will be an open fight. In that case I may be a candidate. But I think it much better for the party if the nomination is settled in caucus."

BRANDEIS STORES. HERE ARE BARGAINS, SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR TUESDAY IN OUR January Sale of Muslins. Sheets and Pillow Cases. ITEM FOR ITEM, THESE VALUES CANNOT BE EQUALED ANYWHERE IN OMAHA. MUSLIN SPECIAL. Wash Goods Special. Wearwell Sheets and Pillow Cases. DREXEL 1419 Farnam St. Bee Want Ads BRING RESULTS. John Says: I am not a handsome man. I am not a millionaire. But I've made a world of money. Trust Busters everywhere. Biggest, handomest 60 worth of cigar you ever went up against. John's Cigar Store 16th and Harney Sts. BRANDEIS THEATER. Tonight, 3 Days—Mat. Wed. 2:30-5:15. The Comic Opera Success, Gypsy Love. 80—CAPABLE SINGERS—80. FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY. MME. EMMA CALVE. In Contended Versions of "CABARET" and "LA VIE EN ROSE". BOYD'S—1,000 Seats, 25c. Tonight—All Week. Except Wednesday Night. THE VAUDEVILLE PLAYERS. IN THE LOTTERY MAN. Matinee Thursday and Saturday. Come Draw a Husband. Next Week—HEARTSEASE. "OMAHA'S FUN CENTER." Gayety Daily Mat. 12-25-50. Evngs. 15-25-50-75c. (That Tonic For Joy). AL. RICH'S JOLLY FOLLIES. EXTRAVAGANZA AND VAUDEVILLE. Phil Ott, Frank (Bud) Williamson, Alice Lazar and the Most Beautifully Coordinated Chorus This Season. Ladies' Dime Matinee Every Week Day. "Worth Climbing the Hill." Hippodrome Daily Mat. 10c. Evngs. 5-10-20c. DOUGLAS ST. AT EIGHTEENTH. Myone Vaudeville includes the Alpine Quartet; Brooks & Carlisle; Dead-end; Olive Carter; Frank (Bud) Williamson; & Dorr; Jack Burton; Hippodrome Pictures. GO WHERE THE GOES GO. From 2 to 5; at 7 and 9 P. M., Daily. BOYD'S LEADING PLAYHOUSE. Wednesday Evening, January 15th. Creighton University Glee Club Concert. MISS CHRISTINE MILLER. Famous American Contralto. MR. MAX LANDOW. Mr. Landow needs no introduction. Krug Theater. Matinee Today, 2:30; Night, 8:30. AUTO GIRLS. Country Store Friday Night Ladies' Daily Dime Matinee.

Slipper Sale. Real Bargains as we are giving in these Slippers are bound to get response and our store was crowded all day today with eager and wise shoppers. Sale continues Tuesday and Wednesday. 100 PAIRS. White, pink and blue, Roman silk, medium height, Louis XV heel; regular \$5 slippers—\$1.45. 200 PAIRS. Extra Fine Hand-made Party Slippers, in bronze, dull kids, patent kid and black suede, a pair of an plain; regular \$4 to \$7 values, this sale—\$1.95. 200 PAIRS. Dress and House Slippers, patent ties, suede and dull kid; in this sale at—\$1.45. DREXEL 1419 Farnam St. Bee Want Ads BRING RESULTS. John Says: I am not a handsome man. I am not a millionaire. But I've made a world of money. Trust Busters everywhere. Biggest, handomest 60 worth of cigar you ever went up against. John's Cigar Store 16th and Harney Sts. BRANDEIS THEATER. Tonight, 3 Days—Mat. Wed. 2:30-5:15. The Comic Opera Success, Gypsy Love. 80—CAPABLE SINGERS—80. FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY. MME. EMMA CALVE. In Contended Versions of "CABARET" and "LA VIE EN ROSE". BOYD'S—1,000 Seats, 25c. Tonight—All Week. Except Wednesday Night. THE VAUDEVILLE PLAYERS. IN THE LOTTERY MAN. Matinee Thursday and Saturday. Come Draw a Husband. Next Week—HEARTSEASE. "OMAHA'S FUN CENTER." Gayety Daily Mat. 12-25-50. Evngs. 15-25-50-75c. (That Tonic For Joy). AL. RICH'S JOLLY FOLLIES. EXTRAVAGANZA AND VAUDEVILLE. Phil Ott, Frank (Bud) Williamson, Alice Lazar and the Most Beautifully Coordinated Chorus This Season. Ladies' Dime Matinee Every Week Day. "Worth Climbing the Hill." Hippodrome Daily Mat. 10c. Evngs. 5-10-20c. DOUGLAS ST. AT EIGHTEENTH. Myone Vaudeville includes the Alpine Quartet; Brooks & Carlisle; Dead-end; Olive Carter; Frank (Bud) Williamson; & Dorr; Jack Burton; Hippodrome Pictures. GO WHERE THE GOES GO. From 2 to 5; at 7 and 9 P. M., Daily. BOYD'S LEADING PLAYHOUSE. Wednesday Evening, January 15th. Creighton University Glee Club Concert. MISS CHRISTINE MILLER. Famous American Contralto. MR. MAX LANDOW. Mr. Landow needs no introduction. Krug Theater. Matinee Today, 2:30; Night, 8:30. AUTO GIRLS. Country Store Friday Night Ladies' Daily Dime Matinee.