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CITY COUNCIL LETS CONTRACT FOR NEW PAVING

MODERN CONSTRUCTION CO. OF THIS CITY AWARDED NEW PAVING CONTRACT.

PETITIONS PRESENTED COUNCIL

Councilmen Seem Well Pleased With Vibrolithic and Brick, But Yield to Citizens' Wishes.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The much discussed question of the last few days, that of what material should be selected in the paving in the new districts, No. 26, 27 and 28, was settled at the special session of the city council last evening when the council, yielding to the wish expressed by a large part of the property owners, voted to use re-enforced concrete and to let the contract to the Modern Construction Co., of this city, the lowest bidder on this class of paving. The cost of the work will be \$27,986.82, according to the engineer's estimate.

All of the councilmen were present at the meeting and the first matter to come up was the reading of a petition from the residents along South Sixth street from Pearl to Marble, signed by E. J. Weyrich, George K. Petring, A. Thacker, Joe Powell, Mrs. Jennie Dodge, J. W. Sage, Mrs. Mary Egenberger, John Lutz, David Sampson, J. E. Nemetz and the Church of Christ, Scientist, asking for the use of re-enforced concrete.

Another petition presented was from the residents on North Sixth street signed by R. F. Patterson, Mrs. F. J. Morgan, G. E. Dovey, Wm. Rice, H. W. Smith, Mrs. Kate Morgan, Mrs. Alvin Martin, R. C. Jabfig, E. G. Shallenberger, Hermie Windham, John Bergman, Anna J. White, Mrs. C. Neff, Mike Kearns, Herman Hough, F. E. Dohner, Agnes Plak, the Livingston Loan & Building association, Mrs. Helen Robertson, Mrs. Pearl Davis, F. G. Fricke, and O. C. Dovey, also asking that brick be not used and expressing a preference for the re-enforced concrete.

Councilman Sattler of the streets, alleys and bridges committee stated that a petition from the property owners of West Main street had been handed to him which was read by the clerk, asking that brick be not used and that re-enforced concrete be selected. The signers were H. E. Becker, Frank A. Cloldt, George R. Sayles, John Bajcek, Joseph Wargan, Mike Bajcek, Will Heinrich, J. F. Hadraba.

Councilman McCarthy moved that the petitions be received and placed on file while Councilman Sattler thought they should be referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee, which was considering the paving bids in order to receive consideration at once as the committee would report at this meeting.

Councilman McCarthy stated that he was in favor of giving the petitions the fullest consideration and on the vote the proposal to place on file was defeated and the matter was turned over to the committee to report at the session.

City Clerk A. H. Duxbury read an opinion from Attorney John P. Breen of Omaha in regard to the paving matter in which Mr. Breen gave it as his opinion that the council had the right to select material as long as the district had not been created by petition of the citizens specifying a certain kind of material.

On motion of Councilman Sattler this opinion was laid on the table. The streets, alleys and bridges committee then retired and returned in a few moments with a report in which they recommended the contract be let to the Modern Construction Co. and the material be re-enforced concrete. Councilman Sattler moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Councilman Bestor and followed by an informal discussion of the matter by the various councilmen.

Councilman Sattler stated that while he was firmly of the belief that the best paving in the long run was brick and that the city had a good price offered, he was glad to see the property owners take the interest that they did in the matter and was in favor of giving them what they requested as they must pay the bill and he bowed to their wishes in the matter and approved the recommendation for concrete.

Councilman McCarthy stated that there had been quite a fight to get the paving districts created and that he had been at Red Oak and was very favorably impressed with the vibrolithic paving being put in there, as it looked good and thought was well worth the difference in price to the people in the service given. The faults that were found with concrete were eliminated in the new class of paving.

Councilman Bestor stated that he

had been favorably impressed with the vibrolithic paving at Red Oak but that he respected the wishes of the petitioners who were to pay for the work and had recommended the concrete as they requested.

Councilman Knorr stated that he had looked over the vibrolithic paving and thought it looked good but he believed in giving the property owners what they wanted in the matter and which in this case was the re-enforced concrete.

Councilman Vroman was an admirer of the brick paving as the best that could be had and had also looked over the paving at Missouri Valley and it seemed all right, but was not in favor of opposing the wishes of the taxpayers.

Councilman Peterson seemed of the opinion that the new process of paving had advantages over the concrete and had the property owners examined the different classes of paving they might have had other views but as regards the opinion expressed in their petitions he thought they should have what they wanted.

Councilman McMaken stated that brick was undoubtedly the best that could be used for paving but that a good concrete paving would be serviceable and seemed the wish of the people most vitally interested, and should be considered.

Councilman Howland stated that he had not been on any of the inspection trips of the council but was in favor of the vibrolithic paving in the city as the best as it had practically the same mixture as concrete with the added advantages of a harder paving.

At the suggestion of Councilman Bestor the parties interested were invited to speak and Searl S. Davis responded for the petitioners by stating that on streets where there was no heavy traffic such as are to be included in the new districts, he thought that the concrete was all right and would serve the fullest use of the city. He thought that vibrolithic paving was rather an experiment while brick and concrete had been tried and found very satisfactory. The speaker had interviewed the engineer of Omaha who had informed him that they were not asking for bids on the new class of paving owing to the royalty that was necessary to be paid. It was the desire of the property owners to have a good, tried paving in the new districts.

This same opinion was expressed by E. J. Weyrich with the addition that he stated the petitioners knew what they were signing and favored the same kind of paving now in use on high school hill.

Councilman McCarthy stated that he felt sure that if the paving was vibrolithic this year that in the future the taxpayers would want nothing else in the future and cited the fact that Iowa was putting in 600 miles of this paving in preference to 100 of other kinds.

Councilman Sattler stated that when he looked over the Red Oak paving being put in he was very enthusiastic over vibrolithic but when he saw the paving at Missouri Valley which had been in nine months he was against it, as it did not in his opinion stand the wear.

The debate and expressions being ceased, Mayor Johnson ordered a roll call on the adoption of the committee report awarding the contract and specifying concrete as the material, which was carried 6 to 4. In favor of the committee report were Bestor, Sattler, McMaken, Knorr, Peterson, Vroman, Against, McCarthy, Howe, Brittain, Henderson.

TO START WORK ON OIL DRILLING SOON

Machinery For New Oil Well Near Nehawka Reported on Way From the Southwest.

From Tuesday's Daily.

From the reports that emanate from Nehawka that place is soon to be given a taste of the excitement of the oil fever that has in late years swept over the west and southwest and it is hoped that from the work will be realized the discovery of oil in paying quantities that will bring a real return to the active and progressive residents of that community who have been instrumental in getting the oil prospects investigated.

Mr. O'Hara, who has been promoting the work of leasing the land and the arrangements for the sinking of the test well, is now in the east and will return in a few weeks to look after the work of the sinking of the well.

The machinery for the new well has been shipped from the Oklahoma oil fields and will reach Nehawka in the next two or three weeks it is expected and the crew of drillers that is accompanying the machinery will at once start in on the drilling of the well.

The residents of the entire county will watch with interest the work of sinking the well and are hopeful that the result will be a great success and that the well will be found producing oil in paying quantities.

Mrs. Jay Grow and daughter, Miss Susie, of Fort Worth, Texas, who have been here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman, departed this afternoon for Sidney, Iowa, to visit before returning to their home.

READY MARKET FOR WASHING MACHINES BEING MADE HERE

The "Oscillo," Manufactured Here by T. B. Peterson, Finds Market All Over the Country.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The manufacturer of the patent washing machines placed on the market under the name "Oscillo," which has been conducted here by T. B. Peterson at the Sharp machine shops, has proven very successful as far as the business at this time would allow and this morning Mr. Peterson is assembling at the plant, some seven of the machines that range in price from \$500 to \$700 and which are being placed in shape to ship out to the purchasers, they having all been sold and awaiting delivery.

To show the extent which the machines are in demand they have been disposed of in St. Louis, Toledo, South Bend, Ind., Denver, Atlanta, Fort Wayne, Ind., Detroit, Louisville, Ky., Chicago, Memphis, Nashville, Beaumont, Texas, Spartansburg, S. C., Pittsburg and many other places in the east and south and which is an indication of the extent of the business if it was really developed.

The machines are handled through C. W. Kratsher of Omaha, who has found a great demand for them and the work has been done here at the local machine shop and for several weeks there were ten men employed here in turning out the machines. Mr. Peterson states that if the conditions were the best and the plant in a settled shape that there could easily be ten turned out a week and from twenty to thirty men employed, but that he has had to conduct the business single handed and without the aid of capital necessary in handling this kind of a business he has been handicapped but is convinced that it could be a very paying business and one that would be able to afford employment to a great many men.

OMAHA PARTIES GET INTO HANDS OF THE LAW HERE

Sheriff Quinton and William Grebe Nab Two Sets of Omaha People Having Liquor.

From Monday's Daily.

Early Sunday morning was quite a busy time along the Platte bottom road when Sheriff C. D. Quinton and William Grebe rounded up two parties of Omaha people and found one of the parties composed of two gentlemen decidedly under the influence of liquor and the second carload composed of two men and two women with a small quantity of booze with which they had evidently been planning to drive the dullness of the trip away while spinning over the hills of Cass and Sarpy counties. The two men arrested and charged with being drunk gave the names of C. Rupp and J. Dusterhouse, and their home at Omaha. The second car load, which was caught a few moments later, was composed of R. F. Henton and Louis Brown and the two ladies.

All of the parties were brought in by the sheriff and Mr. Grebe and the men escorted to the precincts of the county bastille, while the ladies of the party were allowed to go to the hotel to spend the remainder of the night.

The parties were given an inning this morning before Justice Weber on the complaint of Acting County Attorney C. A. Rawls.

Louis Brown was fined \$100 and costs for possession of liquor and the man Henton was fined a fine of \$25 for being drunk, and pending the settlement of the fine and costs, remained with the sheriff. It seems that Brown had a close call from severe injury at the time of his arrest. Officer Grebe states that as the car in which Mr. Grebe and the sheriff were riding came onto the scene of action they just happened to glimpse Brown lying in the roadway where he had succumbed to the effects of the liquor and it was only by the quickest work that they avoided hitting him.

The two men Rupp and Dusterhouse with their companions, C. M. Gates and Fred Olson, were released on putting up cash bonds for their appearance to answer to the charge of being drunk and from all indications will be richer by the amount of their bonds.

MOVE TO OMAHA

This morning, bright and early, the McMaken Transfer Co. was busy in loading the household effects of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Graham on to their trucks for transportation to Omaha to which city the Graham family is removing for the present at least. Mr. Graham and family have made many friends here who are regretting to see them depart from this city but which has been made necessary by the transfer of their restaurant business.

REPORT MAN KILLED

From Tuesday's Daily.

Parties arriving in the city last night from the north reported a man lying on the tracks of the Missouri Pacific between Fort Crook and La Platte, who had apparently been killed and run over by a train and it was the supposition that the man might have fallen off of the south bound passenger due in this city at 12:13 a. m.

The crew of a freight going north was notified of the fact of the supposed dead man and a search was made along the locality where the body was reported, but without finding any sign of the unfortunate man and it was either a case of mistaken observation or someone else had removed the body as nothing was found or any indication of an accident having occurred there.

CASS CO. YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED IN OKLAHOMA

Weeping Water Young Ladies Visiting There, are Joined by the Grooms Last Week.

On Sunday at Weleetka, Oklahoma, occurred the marriage of two of the popular young ladies of Weeping Water and two of the prominent young men of Cass county, the brides in the two cases being in the south visiting and were joined there by the young men and their happiness secured by the ceremony at the home of the relatives of the brides elect.

The brides were Misses Bonnie and Opal Ellis of Weeping Water and the fortunate young men were Ellis La Rue of Plattsmouth and Victor Wallick of Weeping Water. Mr. La Rue and Miss Bonnie Ellis formed the first bridal couple and Miss Opal and Mr. Wallick the second.

The young ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellis, prominent residents of Weeping Water and have been engaged in teaching for several years in the public schools. Mr. La Rue has been employed by the Burlington in Plattsmouth for the past few months and Mr. Wallick, who is a son of Mrs. Thelma Wallick, formerly of this city, is now connected with the First National Bank of Weeping Water and is a young man standing high in the community in which he makes his home.

HERE FROM YORK FOR VERY ENJOYABLE VISIT

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. May Lee and two little daughters, Rosina and Adelia, came in from York to enjoy a visit at the home of the parents of Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ripple, for a two weeks' vacation and rest. Mrs. Lee and two daughters are now located at the Mothers' Jewels Home at York and like the surroundings there very much. They state that Rev. and Mrs. John Calvert, who are in charge of the home are doing nicely and enjoying their work with the 100 children that comprise the home family and are very successful in their work with the youngsters and are securing some fine results.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripple have also received word from their grandson, Webster Lee, in which the young man states that he and his friends changed their minds about going to Chicago to seek work and are now in Wyoming where they are following the harvest.

NEW JOHNSON PICTURE REPLETE WITH THRILLS

The thrilling spectacle of a forest fire sweeping forward at lightning like speed while two express trains are rapidly tearing toward each other, with a youth pinioned under a fallen horse is only one of the many thrills to be seen in Emory Johnson's terrific railroad drama, "Westbound Limited," coming to the Movie Garden starting Sunday.

Ralph Lewis, the famous actor, star of "In the Name of Law" and "The Third Alarm," plays the starring role. The railroad drama enables Ralph Lewis to enact the role of a railroad engineer.

It is an F. B. O. attraction and is replete with thrills, love, laughter, romance and suspense. Ella Hall plays the leading feminine role.

LOOKING AFTER HEALTH WORK.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A representative of the state department of health arrived in the city last evening to look over the city and several places that had been reported as needing inspection, and while here he will give the city the once over and see what there is that needs correcting and cleaning up. This city is fortunate in keeping the conditions in good shape here and should see that it is continued.

Mrs. H. H. Tartsch, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballance since the death of her brother, departed today for her home in Sioux City, and was accompanied by Miss Adelle Tartsch.

ENJOY VISIT TO THE AK-SAR-BEN DEN LAST NIGHT

Plattsmouth and Cass County Night is Gala Occasion at Omaha Fun Center; Largely Attended

Last evening was Cass county as well as Plattsmouth night at the Ak-Sar-Ben den in Omaha and from all sections of this county as well as from our neighboring county, Otoe, came several hundred to frisk and enjoy themselves as the guests of Samson, presiding genius of the Omaha knights.

Those going from this city numbered in the neighborhood of one hundred and the trip was made largely by autos to the big town and those who journeyed there felt that they had one of the times of their young lives as the show this year is filled with snap and pep and up to the usual high standard.

The Plattsmouth delegation was fortunate in that none of their number were selected for the stunts that each year make the initiation a real treat to the visitors and the bunch was able to sit back and enjoy the fun to the limit.

STILL AT HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily.

Horatio N. Dovey, president of the First National Bank, who is now at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, recovering from the effects of a fractured leg, sustained here in an auto accident about the first of June, is doing nicely, although the process of recovery is necessarily long and tiresome. Mr. Dovey has been expecting to return home to this city, but it was the decision of the attending physicians that as he was doing so nicely he had best remain at the hospital and thereby escape the necessity of spending several weeks in a cast, which would have been necessary if the injured gentleman had returned home.

CELEBRATE THE PASSING OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dodge Enjoy Anniversary Yesterday at the Home in This City.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday was the forty-seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dodge and in honor of this pleasant and happy event the bride and groom of long ago celebrated the day very pleasantly at their home in this city, surrounded by their two children and a few friends from Omaha.

The main feature of the day was the fine dinner prepared by Mrs. Dodge with her usual skill and care and which offered all of the dainties of the season, including spring chicken and all of the trimmings and it is needless to say that the members of the party including Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, Dr. Roy Dodge and Miss Violet of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Hart of this city did ample justice to the fine repast afforded.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were united in marriage at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on July 15, 1876, and have for the past forty years been residents of Plattsmouth where they have been among the highly esteemed residents of the community and enjoy a large acquaintance among the residents of the community where they have made their home for so many years.

In honor of the anniversary, Dr. Dodge and Miss Violet presented the parents with a very handsome centerpiece of flowers and fruit which was given the place of honor on the dining table at the anniversary dinner. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge will join in wishing them the fullness of many years more of happiness and life and the realization of the golden wedding day of their lifetime.

BOOZE BRINGS TROUBLE

From Monday's Daily.

Saturday afternoon Vernon Stuart was brought before Judge William Weber to answer to the charge of possession and transportation of booze, preferred by C. A. Rawls, acting county attorney and as the result of the offense he received a fine of \$100 and costs on two counts, the total running well over \$200.

The gentleman was captured by the sheriff while on the highway with the liquor and the experience proved very costly to the young man.

BURGLARS SCARED AWAY

From Monday's Daily.

When Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis returned to their home north of the city Saturday evening at 10 o'clock, from a shopping tour down in the business section they found a screen on one of the windows broken and both doors unfastened and from the indications some one with burglar-like intentions had been around dur-

ing their absence but had evidently been frightened away before doing any particular damage. The visitor had dropped a lead pencil near the window where he had evidently entered and from the fact that a number of valuables were undisturbed led to the supposition that the caller had evidently been frightened by the sudden return of the family and made a hurried get away. The Willis home is situated not a great way from the Burlington tracks and it is thought that some one who had been bumming along the tracks decided to try and make a stake by raiding the home.

FINE SACRED MUSICAL PROGRAM

From Tuesday's Daily.

Weeping Water's Sunday night radio program July 22nd, will be a good one if we don't miss our guess. Made up wholly of appropriate musical numbers, it includes vocal, instrumental, trio and orchestra selections and judging from the advance program published in the WOAW Radio Bulletin, we are certain the reputation of Cass county, heretofore so ably set by Plattsmouth, will be ably upheld via the Weeping Water delegation in their first radio appearance next Sunday night.

ENJOY DELIGHTFUL TIME

From Tuesday's Daily.

On Monday afternoon the W. C. T. U. met at the home of Miss Olive Gass. The hostesses were Miss Gass, Miss Arnold and Mrs. Will Troop. In spite of the heat, there was a good attendance. After the routine business, short articles were read by Mrs. Joe Wiles and Miss Gass.

A very entertaining feature of the afternoon was the mock trial of "King Alcohol," given by Mrs. Chas. Troop and Mrs. Will Troop, in which the prisoner was found guilty. At the close of the business meeting some of the piano pupils of Miss Gass gave a short program which was much enjoyed by all. Those taking part in this program were Dorothy Eunice and Margaret Burbridge, May Belle Troop, Helen Warner, Edna Klingler and Gretchen Warner.

The hostesses then served ice cream and cake and a social time was enjoyed by the ladies before departing for their homes.

PETITIONERS ARE BUSY

From Monday's Daily.

The circulators of the petitions in the new paving districts have been busy the past few days and have their petitions ready to present to the city council this evening relative to the kind of material to be used in the paving of the streets. The circulators state that on the North 6th and West Main street districts ninety per cent of the signers were for the re-enforced concrete paving. The matter will be up to the council, however, as they are at liberty to fix on whatever kind of paving they may deem best according to several legal opinions given on the matter. The session of the council will probably be quite largely attended by those who are interested in the matter and the residents of the district.

STILL QUITE POORLY

Mrs. Maude Babbitt, who has been confined to her home west of this city for the past few weeks, is still in a very serious condition and unable to leave her bed, but as a whole her condition is thought to be improving and she is showing more strength.

CO. TREASURER HANDLES LARGE SUMS OF CASH

TREASURER'S OFFICE HAS COLLECTED OVER HALF MILLION SINCE JAN. 1.

EXCESS FEES TURNED OVER

While Fees Amount to \$11,000 the Expenses of the Office Amount to But \$4,500.

From Monday's Daily.

The average person in their daily walk of life little appreciates the large volume of business handled in the office of the county treasurer of Cass county or the splendid and efficient manner in which this office is conducted and which has led the state examiners and those who have been familiar with the books to pronounce the office the best conducted in the state from the point of efficiency and correctness in every detail of its affairs.

The semi-annual statement of the treasurer, Miss Mia U. Gering, is being prepared for publication and discloses some very interesting facts which will be important for the taxpayers of the county to learn and which shows the efficient means that are used in the conduct of the county finances by the force that the county has in charge of this line of work.

Since the 1st of January the office of the treasurer has collected the sum of \$527,388.22 from the taxes over the county and this will be a realization to the taxpayers of the greatness of the volume of business handled in the office which receiving this money must see that it is distributed to the various funds to the exactness of a penny. This it should be remembered, is only the first half of the year's business.

To the state general fund the county has contributed \$13,013.44 and to the state capital fund \$16,782.05, and when it is realized that there are ninety-three counties in the state a idea may be received of the sum that goes to the state funds each year.

For school purposes the county treasurer's office has set aside the sum of \$312,000 which is applied to all sections of the county in payment of the obligations and costs of the conduct of the schools.

Not one of the least important facts is that this highly efficient office has collected in fees \$11,856.46 and from these the expenses of the office, \$4,500 is taken and which leaves over \$7,000 to be turned to the county general fund to assist in the conduct of the county business.

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