

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Plan to Out Traction and Electric Light Companies Ends in Talk.

ONLY FOUR VOTES IN ITS FAVOR

Committee Reports Neither Company Has Any Franchise to Sell Heat or Power and is Operating by Infringement.

All the talk in the city council about ousting the traction and electric light companies from streets claimed to be usurped, has gone up in smoke—at least for the present.

Councilman Funkhouser introduced a resolution in the meeting Tuesday evening instructing the city engineer to remove by June 1st all conduits, wires and poles used by the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company for the transmission of heat, light and power to private concerns, and instructing the city electrician before June 1st to cut all wires belonging to the Omaha Electric Light company used for the transmission of electricity for heat and power, but both were laid on the table by a majority vote of the council.

Davis has another plan. Davis, who made the motion in table, says he does not believe in ousting the present companies until they have other companies in the field ready to continue the business. He is now working on a franchise, which he expects to introduce shortly, which he says will comply with the law, and in which the city will not get the worst of the bargain.

By the passage of the resolutions to cut the electric light company's wires used for transmitting heat and power and to demolish the traction company's conduits used for transmitting heat, light and power to private consumers, the supporters hoped to force the defendant companies to go to the courts for injunctions restraining the carrying out of the orders and thereby place the burden of proof on the companies, not the city.

City Attorney Burnam presented no opinion regarding further procedure against the traction and electric light companies, but by council resolution, he was instructed to furnish the council with an opinion regarding the validity of the franchise held by the Nebraska Telephone company.

What Committee Finds. The special committee composed of Councilmen Johnson, Davis and McGovern, appointed to investigate the business of the Omaha Electric Light and the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway companies submitted an exhaustive report, which was referred to the committee of the whole.

The committee found that neither company has the power under its franchise to sell heat and power, and that they operate merely by common consent and sufferage. The committee censured the city electrician in his alleged failure, until recently, to measure the amount of light being furnished the city, and his acceptance without question of the reports of the amount of light used as furnished by the electric light company.

Jacksonians Charter Train Arrangements Completed for Trip to Denver to Attend National Convention. The schedule and routing of the "fifth quadrennial excursion of the Jacksonian club of Nebraska" is out, together with invitations to relatives and friends from all parts of the state to climb aboard and proceed to the democratic national convention at Denver.

An ordinance drawn up by Dr. R. W. Connell, city health commissioner, changing rule 22, passed the first two readings. The new ordinance provides that when an epidemic is not prevalent, children and teachers in the city schools will be allowed to attend school if they can show a scar of having ever been vaccinated, though not affecting that part of the rule which requires successful and recent vaccination in case of an epidemic.



This woman says that after months of suffering Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made her as well as ever.

Mrs. Pinkham writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I want other suffering women to know what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. For months I suffered from feminine illness that I thought could not be cured. I wrote you, and after taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and using the treatment you prescribed I felt like a new woman. I am now strong, and well as ever, and thank you for the good you have done me."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN. For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who were afflicted with displacements, inflammation, irritation, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, fatigues, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it? Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

presented the health commissioner. The recommendation of the Board of Education regarding changes in the vaccination laws was referred to the committee of the whole.

Rate for Sidewalk Space. The council refused to confirm the appointment of John M. Welch as most inspector, vice E. C. Ryan, resigned, Zimmerman making the statement that he believed that a most inspector is a useless ornament to the city's officials, and that the city has enough officers now. Welch has been serving about two weeks. A proposed ordinance fixing a tax for the use of space under sidewalks was referred back to the committee of the whole for consideration.

To enlive the somewhat dry session of the council, the following communication, signed by "The Merry Widows" and dedicated to the "Honorable Mayor and City Council," was read by the clerk and referred to the committee on rules:

We hardly think it necessary to petition your honorable body against the passage of an ordinance doing away with the Merry Widow bonnet at base ball games, churches or on the streets of the city of Omaha. Knowing the fairness of the democratic members of the council in the past, we sincerely hope that any attempt upon the part of the lone republican member (who, by the way, has failed up to date to win the ownership of one of these bonnets) to secure the passage of such a brazen, flagrant, outrageous and dastardly ordinance will be quashed by the votes of the above mentioned fair-minded men. Hoping that this communication will be received and accorded proper consideration, and assuring you one and all that Mr. Zimmerman's leap year proposals will not disturb his slumbering moments, we remain, THIS MERRY WIDOWS.

TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Royal Kronoberg Band to Give a Concert at the Auditorium.

The music loving public of Omaha and neighboring cities will be afforded a real treat Thursday night at the Auditorium at the concert to be given by the Royal Kronoberg Band, Sweden's crack military orchestra of thirty-five picked musicians, accompanied by Madame Hoegberg, soloist of the Stockholm Royal opera.

Final arrangements for the concert were made Tuesday evening in the New York Life building when the various committees having the affair in charge reported to General Chairman Flodman. From the various reports submitted it is surmised that the capacity of the Auditorium will be taxed to the utmost.

The members of the Royal Kronoberg band all hold the rank of officers, with or without commission, within a regiment upon whose colors are inscribed all the names of the bloody and glorious battles in Swedish history. They all have the training officers and soldiers combined with a thorough musical education and are under the direction of Erik Hoegberg, director musical, court orchestra, Royal opera, Stockholm.

The present American tour of this famous band is in pursuance of an expressed desire of the late King Oscar, that the people of the United States be given an opportunity to hear it, and is under the personal auspices of his majesty King Gustav V of Sweden. The present tour consists of thirty concerts and Omaha is the farthest west the band will play, returning to Sweden May 5. The Royal Kronoberg band will arrive in Omaha Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from Sioux City and will be met at the train by a delegation of the resident Swedish population, and a reception accorded to the members and their famous director.

A Ten of Gold could buy nothing better for female weakness, lame back and kidney trouble than Electric Bitters. (Mc. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

JACKSONIANS CHARTER TRAIN

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The routing circular contains the statement that the club has never failed to secure admission for all its party to convention halls and assures all that they will be taken care of in this instance. The Jacksonian train will leave Omaha over the Burlington at 2:30 on the afternoon of Saturday, July 4, and arrive in Denver on Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. The special will stop at Lincoln for supper and the entire train will be held at Denver so the excursionists can occupy the sleepers during their stay there, as the convention city will doubtless be filled to overflowing with guests. The arrangements are to keep the train six days, tourist sleepers for that period to cost \$2 per berth or \$15 per berth in standard sleepers. The fare for the round trip from Omaha will be \$17.50.

The train will consist of baggage cars, and tourist and standard sleepers, one sleeper to be reserved for the women of the party, and Secretary Berryman of the club urges the women to avail themselves of the opportunity to take an enjoyable trip, see the city of Denver, and attend a political convention. The train will stop whenever flagged, but the following is the printed schedule: Lincoln, 5:25 p. m.; Fairmont, 6:20 p. m.; Hastings, 7:00 p. m.; Holdrege, 7:30 p. m.; McCook (mountain time), 11:00 p. m.

SENIOR FAIR AT HIGH SCHOOL

Arrangements About Complete for Event Which Occurs Friday. The senior fair is the chief topic of interest at the high school this week. The upper class has been at work for over a month making decorations, constructing stages and rehearsing entertainments, and is now about to realize one of the great events of the high school course, as the fair opens Friday of this week.

Tuesday morning the general admission tickets were given out to the seniors to sell, only five for the afternoon and five for the evening being issued to each one of the 206 in the class. It is expected that these will all be sold by Wednesday evening, and as none will be sold at the door it will be necessary for persons who wish to attend the fair to purchase tickets from the seniors.

It is understood that this arrangement has been adopted so as not to overtax the building with too big a crowd and spoil the effect of the beautiful decorative scheme. In this connection one of the teachers was overheard to remark Tuesday: "This year's class has the right idea about the fair; their idea is not to make lots of money, but to show their friends what kind of a high school and students Omaha has." Because of the fair no school will be held for the high school students on Friday, and the senior lessons for the few days remaining are being read as high as possible to allow the seniors to complete their part in the big event. When you have anything to sell, advertise it in The Bee Want Ad Column.

COUNTING CONTEST Given Away to Counters \$5,000.00 Given Away to Counters Do You Want to Win a Prize by Using Your Brains? If so, Enter the Great Counting Contest of the Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co. Prizes Will Be Awarded as Follows:

One celebrated Steger & Sons piano, valued at \$400; one celebrated Cabinet Piano Player, valued at \$250; one beautiful high top Schmoller & Mueller organ, walnut or oak case, fully guaranteed for 25 years, valued at \$125, \$25 IN GOLD, and other prizes amounting in value to \$4,200, in order of merit, making a grand total of \$5,000.

Remember it costs nothing to try, except the use of your brains. Our reasons for distributing these valuable prizes are as follows: 1st—We want the name of Steger & Sons to become a household word in the musical families of this city, Nebraska and the West. 2d—We want to test the relative advertising value of the Omaha newspapers.

3rd—We want everyone who is intending to purchase a piano or organ to call at our sales rooms, 1311-1313 Farnam St., and examine our matchless stock of high grade instruments. 4th—We want to convince every intending purchaser and visitor that we have the largest stock of instruments, that we are the oldest and most reliable Piano house in the West, and that we grant the most liberal terms of payment—One Dollar a Week.

The conditions under which this great contest will be held are as follows:

It Is Easy; Use Your Brains. Just Count the Dots that Appear in the Outlined Steger Piano.

The correct number of dots is only known to the judges, the representatives of the three daily papers of Omaha. The correct answer has been deposited at the Bee Office by the manufacturers. We do not know it.

Each answer will be numbered consecutively as soon as received, and will remain sealed until opened by the following representatives of the three daily papers of Omaha: Mr. E. H. James, of the Bee; Mr. S. J. Ronger of the World-Herald, and Mr. W. J. Mahoney, of the Daily News. Any one residing in the United States, is entitled to one answer. When more than one answer is received from the same party, all but the first will be discarded. This contest positively closes Wednesday, May 6, 1908, at 6 P. M. Every one entering the contest will receive a Souvenir Scarf Pin, also a Neat Little Book Mark. All answers must be written plainly and the coupon filled in, giving name and address. Also state whether you have an organ, square or upright piano, giving name. No one engaged in the music business, nor any one employed by this firm will be allowed to enter the contest.

More than 10,000 People Attest to Our Fair and Honest Dealings, who have purchased pianos from us since 1859. We can say beyond successful contradiction that we have the largest piano business in the west. The prices on the famous lines of pianos we handle are well established, and are marked in plain figures. We carry by far the largest stock of pianos in Omaha, comprising:

SCHMOLLER & MUELLER PIANO CO. 1311-1313 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb. The number of dots is... Name... Address... Upright... Square... Organ... Name of instrument... City... State... Date... Coupon B...

Steinway, Steger, Hardman, Schmoller & Mueller, Emerson, McPhail, A. B. Chase, Davis & Son, Singer, Arion, Reed & Sons and 23 other Makes.

ADDRESS ALL GUESSES TO CONTEST, DEPT. B, of SCHMOLLER & MUELLER PIANO CO. 1311-1313 Farnam Street. OMAHA, - - - - NEBRASKA

THANKS - We beg to thank other dealers for their efforts in so kindly assisting us in our endeavor to place the Steger Piano before the public. Only once in a generation will competitors assist one another in a contest such as our Dot Contest. COUNT THE DOTS—SECURE A PRIZE—AND SAVE THE DOLLARS, TOO. Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co. THANKS

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Packers Not Advised as to Establishment of Wool Plucking Plant.

BELIEVE IT TO BE GOOD MOVE Prospect that Mayor and Council May Get Together on Appointive City Offices at No Distant Date.

The South Omaha packers, who would be supposed to be most interested, profess to know little of the discussed proposition of capital have been interested; but the vital question is, how much? If all the wool and skin product of the four South Omaha plants were contracted for by such a company, the business would have sufficient volume to make it a paying proposition. I do not think it would pay for any one plant to attempt the plucking of wool. Swift and Company have such a plant at St. Joseph. We handle more sheep there. A plant of the size indicated in the published accounts would be a great benefit to this market.

Manager R. C. Howe of Armour and company said: "We have a wool plant in Chicago where we do a large business, far more than the slaughter at our plant yields. We sell the local product to the best market we can secure and many times deal with independent plants. There is no good reason why Omaha should not develop a great industry in that line. To handle wool requires a large amount of water and considerable motive power. Both are available in Omaha. Wool products are at present a drug on the market. Sheepskins sell nearly 25 per cent cheaper today than they did a year ago. The price of the skins is the basis of prices for all products in the sheep leather business. Wool is almost in the same state. This is in contrast to the prices paid for the most product, which are unusually high. I may say this is one of the causes of the high prices. Wool is down for numerous causes, chiefly the financial conditions. I suppose it would be an opportune time to start such an industry about the time the market turns better." Chance to Settle Differences. While open statements are not freely made, as yet, there is a feeling that the

trouble between Mayor Koutsky and the city council on the subject of appointments

will soon be adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties. The mayor has shown a disposition to be conciliatory and it is believed there is less danger of contention than was indicated at first. The newly appointed officers, where required have filed their bonds and are ready to assume the duties of their offices. In several cases they have been performing the duties already.

Telephone Election Proclamation. City Clerk J. J. Gillin announced yesterday that he would at once proceed with the details of the special election on the question of the Independent telephone franchise. He said that he had held up the matter until the new council had had time to examine the proposed ordinance, at the request of many interested parties. Now that the mayor and council have decided to allow the action of the former council to stand, the clerk will offer no further objection. The ordinance granting the franchise will be published in full in the official paper of the city and the clerk wishes to call the attention of the public to this fact, that they may vote intelligently on the matter at the election.

Judge Ben Baker, representing the Independent Telephone company, deposited \$1,500 with the city clerk to cover the cost of the revision of registration and the election.

Voting Machines Not Opened. It was understood by the interested members of the Board of Education that the voting machines were to be opened last night for the purpose of recounting the votes cast for the members of the Board of Education. All these parties were notified, but the custodian of the machines was

not to be found. It is understood that he will demand an order of the court before opening the machines.

Some attorney's of the city believed that all that was necessary in the case was the property filed request of the disqualified party, the mayor promised to take the matter up and see what action was necessary.

Magic City Gossip. Jetter's Book Beer delivered to any part of the city. Telephone No. 2.

The second alumni ball will be given at the Workmen temple this evening. The young people of United Presbyterian church will present "Perplexing Situations" Tuesday evening, April 25.

An alumni meeting will be held April 23 at the high school building. All members are invited and urged to be present. Mrs. Dunoon castle, Royal Highlanders, will entertain the members and their friends at a dancing party at Odd Fellow's hall tonight.

O. K. Paddock expects to go on a visit to the western part of the state the latter part of the week, where he will spend some time visiting his daughter.

The following lists have been reported: Herman Jack, Twelfth and Washington, a girl; Mrs. M. L. Woolston, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Musko, Mrs. L. Knobel, Miss Sophie Knobel, Sarah Knobel, Ben Knobel and Ben Aronson of Kansas City. The afternoon and evening were most profitably passed.

BROKERS GET BAD CHECKS

Stranger Puts Them Up for Margins and Market Goes Against Him.

Five grain brokers in the Brandeis building have \$2,000 business of "short" corn and wheat on their hands as the result of accepting worthless checks as margin from a man giving his name as A. W. Bowman. Bowman began his plunging Monday, when he went to five brokers and two bucket shops and sold wheat and corn in \$,000 and \$,000 bushels lots, giving checks for \$10 each for margin. He took the "short" side in each instance, and the market advanced about 2 cents. He took particular care to issue checks in a bank different from the one at which the broker did business, making it necessary for them to go through

the clearing house. The checks came back Tuesday marked "no account," but not until the brokers found themselves "hit" from \$100 to \$200 each, Bowman has evidently left the city as he could not be found.

One broker who had a bad check thinks Bowman left as quick as he saw the market had gone against him. It was probably his intention to make deposits Tuesday morning when the banks opened to cover the checks in the event of the market going his way.

CHERRIES DOLLAR A POUND First Products from California Bring That Sum to the Wholesale.

With cherries at \$1 per pound a slice, causing great suffering and loss of appetite for the well known danger of the pneumogastric nerve. The first cherries arrived at the retail stores Wednesday and the price tag put up was ten pounds for \$10. They are the genuine purple Gulgene cherries from California and were received by Rocco Bros., fruit commission dealers.

When the attention of the Young Women's Christian association was called to the new fruit because the association consumed \$,000 pies one year, the cheffouse said there would be no cherry pie served at the association rooms for several weeks, or until the natives began to come in and sell for 5 cents per pound.

MORAL—DON'T CLEAN HOUSE

Story of a Handy Which Proves What a Really Bad Custom This Is.

The moral to this story is, "Don't clean house." In the home of Felton W. Blair, 2710 Parker street, the confusion of the annual-annual upheaval of furniture in the search for dirt was reaching supreme Wednesday morning. Several zealous women and a weary and discouraged man were engaged in trailing the demon, dirt, to his dark and loathsome lair. So busy were they in the hunt that they did not notice a little wisp of smoke that rose in the kitchen, grew into a haze, then into a cloud and suddenly burst into flame.

A fine rug valued at \$50 had been carelessly thrown too near the stove and had caught fire. An alarm was turned in, but the rug was past the "help" of the firefighters. Husbands tormented by the house-cleaning activity may cut this story out and read it aloud daily to the feminine members of the household, pointing out carefully the danger that menaces those who insist upon cleaning houses and the awful fate which may await those who are too zealous in turning their happy homes inside out. While a cure cannot be guaranteed, it is believed it will have a salutary influence in eating the lot of many men who do not dot on the domestic upheaval.

BABY'S VOICE Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that she looks forward to the hour when she shall feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear. Every woman should know that the danger, pain and horror of child-birth can be entirely avoided by the use of Mother's Friend, a scientific liniment for external use only, which toughens and renders pliable all the parts, and assists nature in its sublime work. By its aid thousands of women have passed this great crisis in perfect safety and without pain. Sold at \$1.00 per bottle by druggists. Our book of priceless value to all women sent free. Address BRADFELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga. MOTHER'S FRIEND

People who try the delicious, crisp toasted flakes of Post (Formerly called) Toasties like them. NOTICE—This food will be packed in both Post's Manna and Post Toasties cartons until the change is becoming accustomed to the change of name. Made of White Corn by Postum Cereal Company, Limited, Battle Creek, Mich.