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DUTIES OF MAYOR NOT AN EASY JOB

A. D. Rodgers Suggests That Some Arrangement Be Made to Make Salary Fit the Work

Mayor A. D. Rodgers, shortly after the new council took up its work, suggested that the duties of mayor required too much time for a man in business to devote to them without hours are now occupied with listening to complaints and overseeing the work done for the city. The mayor said that he would be willing to give his whole time to attending to the city's business, but if this were done, building. he thought there should be some provision made for an adequate 7-231-16.14 salary.

Rodgers stated that he believed the First street was said to extend eight money paid former City Manager feet on to the street, and other cases Smith was fair pay for the time and were mentioned. Several members of the Ordinance No. 277, approving the labor. only willing but desirous that Mr. to the city, and No. 278, requiring Rodgers take up the duties of city a building permit for all structures manager, but the council took no the cost of which is in excess of action.

business men, as well as several of the council held a short business the council members, have urged M session. A petition asking for a new Rodgers to apply for the post of city sewer main, signed by a large nummanager. The council is expected to ber of residents, was turned over to take definite action at its next meet- the committee. Another petition by ing.

councils, both the old and the new. lighting system on the north side of The fiscal year ended with the city Third street between Box Butte and election, nad it was up to the old Laramie was referred to a commitbody to count the votes, determine tee. The petitioners offered to pay who would receive the certificates of the expense of the installation. Counelection and after finishing up the cil adjourned to meet April 26. year's business, retire gracefully from the scene. Monday evening the votes were counted, and in the A. H. JONES COMPANY first part of Tuesday evening's session the old council wound up a good year's work.

A number of petitions for water ported that water pipes cannot be purchased on the market at present. There is no surplus supply, and the companies are contracted so far in advance that they do not care to contract for future delivery. This may mean that extensions will have to wait indefinitely. Councilman Gavin, who had been appointed to see about purchasing lots to complete the waterway for the storm sewer, reported that he had been given a price of \$400 apiece for five lots owned by Dr. F. M. night. These lots are necessary to complete the waterway. James Keeler offered two lots on the east side for \$250 apiece. On motion by Councilman Moore, the council voted to purchase the Keeler lots, and to buy the Knight lots if they could be secured at the same price, provided titles are correct. Mayor Rodgers reported a number of complaints on the lack of crossings in the west end of the city, and said that the postal authorities had issued an ultimatum that there would be no mail delivery unless the deficiency were corrected. A, contractor present called attention to the fact that the crossings couldn't be installed until the grades were established, and the city surveyor was unable to take the time. The council decided to see if they could not borrow the services of a railway civil engineer. James H. H. Hewitt and C. H. Fuller presented a bill for finishing grow. up the basement to the city library, the total being \$1,582.35. At a pre vious meetings of the council, the library board was told to go ahead and have the work done, the understanding being that the city should dig up meney to make up for what the library board lacked. The general understanding was that this wouldn't be over \$500. The work, however, cost some \$500 more than the estimate. The contractors were board first, and then bring the balance to the council. order. Mayor Rodgers announced to justify the program outlined. the following committee appointments:

Henry-Chairman of streets and alleys on the west side. Moore-Streets and alleys on the east side.

Sam Shelton presented an agreement granting him the scavenger privileges of the city for a term of five years. He said that the city was Last Opportunity to Get Big Votes growing continually, and that the business had reached a point where he needed more men and more equipment. He did not like to induce people to move to Alliance on the promise of jobs unless they were

not like to sink two or three thousand dollars in equipment unless he compensation. A good share of his had some assurance that he could minute hand and-too late. continue using it.

The Dierks Lumber company was granted permission to erect a tem- who wish to win the big prizes the was open to any other who desired ask a concern to whom it has porary office building in the street responsibility will rest on them- to come. during the construction of their new

The city attorney was instructed ers whose buildings are off the lot

\$100, were passed.

The matter will probably come up Preceding the telephone franchise again. A good many of Alliance's discussion on Wednesday evening, dent of this section are riveted on company has appropriated a large property owners asking for the ex-This has been a busy week for city tension of the city's ornamental

TO BUILD NEW GARAGE

The A. H. Jones company has let extension having come in, Chairman the contract for a new garage, office be noted that no one-not even the in regard to placing old and new Hughes of the water committee re- and salesroom at the corner of third manager or the judges themselves- poles and wires and that conduits be and Cheyenne. The building will be can possibly know the voting installed as the council should deone story, 75x130 feet, of pressed strength of contestants during the sire what a new building be erected brick and concrete construction. It final week of the race. All sub- within two years, and that the comwill be modern throughout, with of- scriptions, with remittances to cover, pany furnish detailed financial statefices, show room, storage space and are to be put in plain sealed enan up-to-date shop in the rear. A. velopes and deposited in the locked ditures. H. Jones and M. L. Osborn of Hast- ballot box. ings were in the city last week looking over the ground. The plans have the work will start next week. tributor for Reo cars and trucks, one else interested, will have free occupation tax. The highest such within a few minutes three streams with a territory that includes Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and a part of South Dakota. It has houses at Omaha, Hastings, Alliance and Den- by circulation experts to verify office \$5,000 for the twenty years, or \$250 blaze was declared extinguished. ver. The Alliance house, it is announced, will probably be incorporated as a separate company. The company will conduct both a wholesale and retail business.

SECOND PERIOD **PHONE FRANCHISE** ENDS SATURDAY

Public Meeting Wednesday Evening in the future, you might be inconfor Subscriptions and Advenlenced?" Earl Mallery asked.

vertising Cards

It is now a matter of hours until the "second period" of The Herald's which the telephone franchise quesmore or less permanent, and he did auto and prize campaign comes to an tion was talked over from every end.

Just a few more circuits of the

action on the part of contestants tive business men, and the meeting selves.

Saturday night marks the end of cial superintendent, and F. K. the big votes. It is positively the Haldeman of Grand Island, district to communicate with property own- last opportunity to secure more than commercial manager, were in attendthe minimum number of ballots for ance at the session as representatives the company's fundamental plan. When asked what he thought line and on the city's streets or al- subscriptions and job cards. A few of the company. would be proper compensation, Mr. leys. The Newberry warehouse on long term orders from unexpected Since the expiration of the comsources may change defeat into vic- pany's franchise, Mr. May said, it votes by withholding orders until They do not feel like making exnext week-the final one of the race. tensions or betterments to keep council expressed themselves as not plat of the Home Builders' addition And, after the time for action has abreast of the city's growth until passed, all the regrets in the world given that right. At the present, will be of no avail.

Interest Is Intense

Interest in the campaign is at and new subscribers will have to be white heat. The eyes of every resi- content with party line service. The the twice-a-week vote counts-and budget to spend here, but this has the question of the moment is: been held up pending action by the "Who will win the Reo?" There is council. such a big cash difference between the first and second prizes-\$1845 to city, Mr. May declared, is now in use be exact-that interest is centered in fully two hundred cities and who will be second, who will be have found nothing objectionable third, or who will be fourth-BUT in it. WHO WILL BE FIRST. And the Mayor Rodgers then read the sugcandidate who finally wins will not gested changes made by City Attor-CLARED THE CHAMPION OF THE ordinance. These included a sug-DAY.

How Campaign Will Close Full particulars of how the cam- that in cases where buildnigs were paign will close will be found in a moved, the company pay the expense quarter page advertisement appea: - of cutting wires; that the company ing elsewhere in this issue. It will be subject to orders of the council

Net Productive of Immediate Results

After a three-hour session, during angle, the city council is no nearer decided than it was before the fire-

reserve the right to say what shall go on its streets." Mr. May here told of the danger of some unfriendly council wrecking

"This council is all right," Mr. May said, "and the next one may be, but tory. t any rate, you can only lose has no legal right to use the streets. kind." "Yes, and the present telephone directors may be friendly and anxlous to co-operate," Mr. Mallery replied, "but suppose you get a bunch

there are several sections of the city who don't care what the city wants?" where the limit has been reached There was some more of this style of argument, but it brought the council and company no nearer an agreement. Mayor Rodgers, after discussing the matter with several of the citizens present, finally announced that the best things to do The franchise requested from the would be for the council to draw up

the sort of an ordinance it wanted and let the company take it or solely on the capital prize. It is not towns in the state, and these towns leave it. Mr. May spoke up quickly and said that the company would not

con sider agreeing to any such document as the council had suggested. only be rewarded by a prize worth a ney Metz and Councilman Johnston, He didn't want to be considered arking's ransom but WILL BE DE- who had been appointed to draft an bitrary, but the company was entitled to some privileges and protecgestion that the company furnish six tion in return for the service it ren-

phones free for the use of the city; dered the public. Mr. Rodgers then said that perhaps the council would modify its most stringent demands, and that perhaps they weren't so very far apart, and right at that point the discussion was terminated and the meeting adjourned.



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Rev. Walter O. Rundin of Mitchell, State Chaplain, Principal Speaker at Banquet Wednesday Night

Wednesday was an eventful and gala day in the history of the Alliance volunteer department, the occasion being the annual installation of officers and a banquet served at the armory that evening.

Rev. Walter C. Rundin, of Mitchell, state chaplain for the Nebrasks State Volunteer Firemen's association, was the guest of the local department and the principal speaker at the banquet. He was entertained at a luncheon Wednesday noon by Dr. George J. Hand of Alliance, retiring president. Among the guests present were Rev. Walter C. Rundin, Carl Rockey, E. G. Laing, Rufus Jones, Lloyd C. Thomas, Glen Miller, suppose we should get the other John W. Guthrie and Mayor A. D. Rodgers. The luncheon was served in the banquet room at the Alliance cafe. Doctor Hand was complimented on his ability as a host and the affair was a decided success.

The installation Wednesday evening was held in the armory and was public, being attended by the firemen and their ladies. The officers installed were Carl Rockey, president; O. C. Moore, vice president; Ross Sampson, secretary; Fred Hayes, treasurer; Ward Hall, chief; Ed Brennan, trustee.

Following the installation the chair was turned over to Lloyd Thomas, who acted as toastmaster for the evening. The speechmaking, singing and music covered a period of about two hours. Among the speechmakers heard were President Glen Miller and Secretary Rufus Jones of the Alliance chamber . of commerce, Dr. George J. Hand, retiring president, and Carl Rockey, incoming president; Dean Joseph J. Dixon of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, John W. Guthrie, past president of the local department and past president of the state association, and Rev. Walter C. Rundin of Mitchell, state chaplain. Rev. Mr.

Rundin held his hearers spellbound

Probable showers tonight and Saturday; colder Saturday or Saturday

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity

Mr. May replied that the company was not in business for a day, or a week, or a year, but permanently. It had to work in harmony with the city. He didn't recall of a time when a request of city officials had been rejected.

"But isn't it a ridiculous position works began. Mayor Rodgers had If Saturday passes without speedy invited in thirty or forty representa- for the city to place itself in," Mr. Mallery came back, "when it has to granted the use of its streets to use them as it desires? The city should Frank A. May, of Omaha, commer-

O. C. Moore was chosen chairman of the council, and this carries with it the chairmanship of the board of health.

Johnson-Paving, ordinance. Harris-Sewer, paving, chairman

of claims committee. Sturgeon-Streets and alleys on

the west side. Hughes-Water and light. HackRer-City property. Hills-Cemetery, fire.

Calvin D. Walker, present manmonths. During that time, the Reo ness exactly as turned in. There will streporous council should car and truck business has grown until larger quarters are necessary, and the new home planned is one checked up. that will permit of still greater expansion.

The contract has been let to Contractor Osborn of Hastings. Mr. Osborn built the Clarke hotel at Hastings, and this insures that the new changes. building will be one of the best of the kind in the state. When concerns of this kind choose to invest heavily in the future of Alliance, there is no question that the city will

MASONIC TEMPLE **TO BE ENLARGED**

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Masonic Temple building association, held Wednesday evening, the directors voted to increase the association's capital told to take the bill to the library stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and to double the capacity by building

a 50x50 addition to the south. At H. D. Hacker of First ward and the last stockholders' meeting au-A. B. Sturgeon of Fourth were then thority was given to take this step sworn in, certificates of election were whenever the directors deemed it adissued and the meeting called to visable, and conditions are believed

> The addition will be three stories high, and will extend the present building to the alley. Incidentally, it will be a big thing for Masonry in Alliance, for with this increased capacity it will make this city the center of Masonic activities for western Nebraska. There is already a Rose Croix chapter, and a shrine and consistery are now in prospect.

-Ask to see our Spring and Summer Dresses at 25% discount. Highland-Holloway Co.

Records Will Be Open Book an open book. Contestants, their phones free, he said, but thought yards of the local stockyards. The The company is the wholesale dis- representatives, advertisers, or any that they should be in lieu of any alarm came in at 7:15 p. m., and access to the records showing sub- tax the company now pays, save in of water were turned on the blaze. scriptions received. It is anticipated Omaha and Lincoln, is \$50 a year, At midnight they were still playing, to have these orders audited later and the value of these phones is and it was fully 3 a. m. before the records. a year.

If anyone thinks contestants did The most heated argument arose not work and turn in the business, over the suggestion that the comor if any contestant duobts the num- pany be subject to the orders of the hard work on the part of the fire ber of orders, he or she can come to council in placing poles and wires. The Herald office, or appoint audi- Mr. May said, but if sometime with- loss. ager, has been in Alliance for seven tors to do so, and look over the busi- in the life of the franchise an ob-

Last Report. Tuesday

umns Tuesday. Voting will be heavy

inued this Saturday night.

Contestants are in the home prohibitive plane. stretch now. One more week and WILL BE THE WINNERS?

MR. B. M. KELLY .

MR. RALPH COX

MISS MARGARET BARRY

MISS SARABEL NEWMAN

MISS LYDA GASSBLING

MRS. J. WONG

ments of yearly receipts and expen-

Mr. May discussed some of these suggestions at length, as was the

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The last published standings of distribution, so arranged that the the loss will amount to fully \$10,000. jutes by an attack of indigestion folcontestants will appear in these col- city can be served with greatest economy. According to this plan, and there are likely to be many certain streets are selected as lat- TO WRITE HARPER'S erals and feed wires go out from The second period closes Saturday these. If some councilman should night under the same rules that gov- be living on one of these streets, and erned the closing of the first period. should decide that he wanted no Subscriptions and orders for job poles in front of his house, and get cards contained in letters post- the council to order a removal, it postmarked April 17 will be accepted would mean disaster, Mr. May urged. as second period business. If you Again, the cost of underground conever expect to get more than the min- duits was almost prohibitive. If the imum number of votes NOW IS THE council should decide to order the TIME TO ACT. The sale of adver- company underground in any sectising and job cards will be discon- tion, it would simply mean that phone rates would be advanced to a

"Do you mean to say, Mr. May, the race will have been run. WHO that the city shoul d fail to protect itself just because, at some time

.8,901,500

.8,788,600

.8,122,300

1,917,700

One More Week To Go

In The Herald's Auto and Prize Campaign

Angora ...

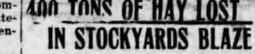
.324 First ..

222 Toluca

Hemingford

.315 Cheyenne

528 Cheyenne .



About four hundred tons of hay Immediately after the close of the case at a previous council meeting, were burned in a fire which started hearers and he was roundly applaudbeen given the final approval, and campaign the voting records will be He was willing to furnish the six early Thursday evening in the sheep ed on closing. Rufus Jones, who is There was danger for a time that a orchestra.

700-ton stack, situated near the burning hay, would catch fire, but fighters prevented a big additional

The fire was discovered, according to one report, by a small son o be no secrets after April 24. Every elected, they could do considerable Banjoff, who saw that one corner o order can be verified and the votes damage to the company's plans. the stack was burning. It is believed Reardon, Ross Sampson, Johnny Wil-The entire phone system is arranged that a passing hobo threw a vigarette according to a fundamental plan of on the pile. At present hay prices,



A large number of Second ward republican voters have signified their intention of writing the name of W. R. Harper of this city on the blank is planning on a number of social line calling for nominations for re- activities during the coming summer publican central committeeman. Under the changed election laws, it is live wires who give voluntarily of necessary for precinct committeemen their services to protect the homes to be elected. Not a man filed on and property of Alliance citizens the republican ticket, and a very few on the democratic.

of the republican central committee, MACHINISTS GIVE BALL and his friends are going to see to it that he is kept in the harness. He has been active in republican politics for a long time, and his selection as county chairman by the newly elected board will follow his election

horses out at the county fair meet. John Larrimore, George Mollring and Shreve have horses there. The track has been put in condition, and anyone desiring to see good horses in action con observe them most any morning.

the contestants in the declamatory those who are at all fond of dancing contest to Sidney today. Madeline will not want to miss this kind of an Zediker, Asenath Schill and Robert Laurence are the three who go from

for nearly an hour while he pounded to them in his rapid-fire manner the principles followed by the volunteer firemen of Nebrasks. His keen wit and his forceful utter-

ances found ready responses from his becoming noted throughout the west as a story teller of the highest order, was again colled on for the finishing bit of fun. George Ellis and John W. Guthrie led the gathering in singing a number of popular songs. with the music furnished by the excellent

Following the speaking an excellent repast was served under the d rection of the trustees, who have learned from long experi nce just what it takes to properly fill a fireboy's "stummick" and they did it well. The ladies enjoyed themselves and were made to feel at home. Ed liams, Fred Hayes and Rev. Mr. Rundin were "laid out" for a few minlowing the eating of more than the limit of six sandwiches, but they quickly recovered and assisted in

confining the new president, Carl Rockey, to the city bastile after he had danced four successive rounds with one young lady. The pleasure ended with two hours of dancing. The department

months and is a fine organization of without pay.

TUESDAY EVE, APRIL 20

Tuesday evening, April 20, local No. 602, international association of machinists, will stage its first annual ball. The dance will be held at the armory, Alliance, and from the num-There are now twelve racing ber of tickets already sold, there is no question that it will be a success. grounds, training for the big race The committee in charge has completed all arrangements and the railroad boys and others are coming across liberally.

Andy's Jazz band will furnish the music. The admission charge is one dollar, which includes the war tar. Ladies will be admitted free. With Mrs. William La Mon accompanied the best of music, and a good crowd, occasion. Everybody will be made welcome and everybody will have a good time.

1,552,500 867,900 "Second Period" Ends Saturday Night