

NEW MEMBERS SEATED.

Regular Meeting of the City Council a Lengthy One.

Mayor Parmele Makes a Neat Little Speech in Which He Briefly Outlines the Course Which He Proposes to Pursue During His Term of Office—Notes of the Meeting.

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council last evening. The session was a long and tedious one, lasting nearly two hours.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Clerk Kerr read a communication from the New York Belling and Packing company, stating that a balance of \$415.70 was now due the company for hose furnished the city. On motion the matter was referred to the finance committee.

A petition from the Coal Hill Coke and Mining company of Missouri, giving their prices for coal, was referred to the light committee.

The petition signed by a number of taxpayers, asking that some grading be done on Oak street, west of Tenth and leading up to Mt. Olive church, was, on motion of Sattler, referred to the committee on streets, alleys and bridges.

Report of Treasurer Cook was referred to the finance committee.

Sattler again brought up the Sixth street pavement matter. He thought Contractor Fanning ought to repair the pavement before he received the balance of his claim, as he had found a contract, signed by Mr. Fanning, which practically made him liable for the repairs. Said contract guaranteed the pavement for five years, and if the city was not given thirty days' notice before the expiration of the same, the sum of 5 per cent was to be deducted from the sum due the contractor. As Fanning had not given the required notice, he thought the provisions of the contract ought to be enforced. The clerk was instructed to write Mr. Fanning in regard to the matter.

The police committee found the reports of the police judge and city marshal as correct.

Sidewalk matters were next on the program, and quite a number of repairs in this line were ordered made.

The finance committee reported that they had examined the books of the city treasurer and found the same correct. They had also found that Clerk Kerr's books corresponded with those of the treasurer. On motion, the reports were placed on file.

The report of the finance committee on the claims against the city was approved, and the clerk instructed to draw warrants for the same.

There being no other business, it was next suggested that the bonds of the new city officials be considered. There was some discussion as to the legality of accepting the bonds at the present meeting, Sattler contending that yesterday was a legal holiday. In the absence of City Attorney Beeson, Charley Grimes was called upon to quote from the statutes of the state of Nebraska in regard to this question. He did not think it would conflict in the least with the law to accept the bonds. A ballot was taken on Mr. Sattler's motion to postpone the matter and hold a special meeting tonight, and was lost by a vote of 9 to 1.

Bonds of New City Officials.

The bonds of the new city officials were then approved. The amounts of the various bonds and the names of the sureties are as follows:

Mayor, \$5,000; with F. G. Egenberger, Frank Schlatter and F. G. Morgan as sureties.

Clerk—W. K. Fox, \$1,000; with H. N. Dovey, H. R. Gering and W. K. Fox as sureties.

Treasurer—E. W. Cook, \$50,000; with F. E. White, George E. Dovey, E. W. Cook, C. C. Parmele, Henry Boeck, W. H. Newell, S. H. Atwood, H. N. Dovey and D. Hawksworth as sureties.

Councilman, First ward—Tom Patterson, \$1,000; with F. J. Morgan, T. M. Patterson and C. C. Parmele as sureties.

Councilman, Second ward—Frank Schlatter, \$1,000; with T. E. Parmele and Conrad Schlatter as sureties.

Councilman, Third ward—Robert Hayes, \$1,000; with Ed Fitzgerald and W. H. Newell as sureties.

Councilman, Fourth ward—Frank Neumann, \$1,000; with H. R. Gering and F. G. Egenberger as sureties.

Councilman, Fifth ward—A. Bach, \$1,000; with Conrad Heisel and N. Halme as sureties.

Police Judge—M. Archer, \$1,000; with F. J. Morgan, M. Archer and H. R. Gering as sureties.

Mayor Richey then called the new members forward, and after the clerk had administered the oath of office, the old council adjourned.

Mayor Parmele's Message.

After the new members had taken their seats, Mayor Parmele called the council to order and made the following neat little address:

To the Honorable Members of the City Council: I suppose it is customary for a new mayor usually to make an address to the council. I will have to apologize for my inefficiency in that line; I have not been an office-holder and have not had much practice. I have a few words to say to you, however.

Your honorable body, as I believe, is composed of citizens who were chosen at an election to serve as councilmen, cease to be distinguished as members of any political organization, but as servants of the whole people, and it is my desire to co-operate with you in every way to improve the city government and advance the interests and welfare of the city. With all respect to the preceding council and the

honorable mayor, who no citizen can but thank for their labor in administering the affairs of the city, yet I believe with proper work we can improve in all things. I wish to state that I hope I can always act in perfect harmony with the council, and that any appointments which it will be my duty to make as mayor, I will consider none that will not be entirely satisfactory to the whole council. I have my committee appointments prepared for the ensuing year:

Finance—Patterson, Schlatter, Herold. Judiciary—Bach, Lutz, Buttery. Fire and water—Lutz, Hayes, Neumann.

Claims—Herold, Whelan, Neumann. License—Schlatter, Herold, Fitzgerald. Streets, Alleys and Bridges—Fitzgerald, Patterson, Lutz.

Police—Hayes, Bach, Buttery. Hospital—Buttery, Hayes, Whelan. Cemetery—Bach, Schlatter, Neumann.

Gas and Electric Light—Whelan, Fitzgerald, Patterson.

I would like to say a few words to the license committee. I understand that heretofore the saloon men have been in the habit of paying their licenses only part at a time. I do not wish to work any hardship upon the saloon men, but I think they ought to pay that down—that is the whole thousand dollars. The city already has outstanding warrants drawing 7 per cent interest, and this is a matter of two or three hundred dollars, much of which could be saved if these licenses were paid down, and it is the same as if the city was paying that per cent for the benefit of these men, and if they are supposed to pay this license they ought to pay it at once, and it ought not to be discounted, which amounts to over two hundred dollars. They certainly would not ask the city to take a note for it if it was not glibly edged, and I see no reason why they cannot borrow the money from some other person rather than borrowing it from the city, and thus give the city the benefit of that much interest.

The Electric Light Works.

I have investigated and inquired around a good deal about the lighting and gas and found that there are several kinds of subscribers to the gas and electric light. There is one kind that pay for half the light they get, and another kind that do not pay for any of the light they get. There is another kind that do not pay their bills, but their bills do not call for more than half the lights they burn. I do not know that all of these are facts, but in a few cases I absolutely know it to be true. I also understand that the city clerk has been in the habit of collecting these bills. I do not think it is the duty of the clerk to do this. When a corporation owns a plant of this kind the patrons have to go to the office and pay their bills. If they do not they do not get the light. I have a suggestion to make and it is this: At the first meeting every month the superintendent or clerk prepare a list of all the light takers who have not paid for their light for the preceding month; that list be handed to the superintendent of the electric light plant and all those who fail to pay for their month's light before the 15th of the following month the city shall discontinue the service. I think this is the only way to run the plant on a basis to collect the bills without any trouble. As long as the city owns the plant we ought to be as rigid in collecting the bills as we are in collecting taxes. If one man gets his light for nothing the whole town pays for it.

The applications of Hans Goos, F. G. Egenberger, Jess & Speck, Ed Donat, William Weber, Phil Thierolf, Henry Donat and John Mumm for saloon licenses, together with the applications of F. G. Fricke & Co., Gering & Co., and A. W. Atwood for druggists permits, were referred to the license committee. On motion of Lutz of the Fifth ward a special meeting is called for Saturday evening to pass upon the report of the committee.

In view of the fact that it was in order to elect a president, Whelan arose and nominated Lutz of the Fifth ward. There were no other candidates, and Mr. Lutz was elected by a unanimous vote of the council.

A motion to adjourn then prevailed.

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When things are "the best" they become "the best selling." Abraham Hare, a leading druggist, of Belleville, O., writes: "Electric Bitters are the best selling bitter I have handled in 20 years. You know why? Most diseases begin in disorders of the stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, blood and nerves. Electric Bitters tones up the stomach, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, hence cures many maladies. It builds up the entire system, puts new life and vigor into any weak, sickly, run-down man or woman. Price 50c. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., Druggist.

It is seldom that so many actors of special distinction are engaged in presenting a legitimate farce comedy as are included in the cast of "His Better Half" which will be at White's opera house, tomorrow evening. This speaks more for the managers who desire to establish a reputation for providing worthy amusements, and entitles them to no small praise.

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TESTING AN ORDINANCE

Case of the City of Plattsmouth vs. Steve Buzzell.

Defense Claims That the Ordinance Prohibiting the Placing of Telephone Poles and Stringing Wires on Main Street is Void, and the Same is Sustained By the Court.

From Monday's daily.

The case wherein Steve Buzzell is charged with stringing wires on Main street for the Nebraska Telephone company, in violation of an ordinance passed and approved by the city council on November 27, 1899, was on trial today before Justice Archer.

Section 4 of said ordinance says that "any person erecting telephone poles or stringing wires upon telephone poles on Main street, between First and Seventh, in the city of Plattsmouth, in violation of section 1 of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in the sum not to exceed \$100 nor less than \$5." While the defense admits having strung wires on Main street, as charged, it is their contention that the statutes of the state of Nebraska grant them the right of way over the highways of the state, which includes the streets of the city of Plattsmouth, regardless of any ordinance which the council might make to the contrary. Another contention is that the city council specifically granted the Nebraska Telephone company a franchise, and that the company made valuable and extensive improvements thereunder, and thereby its right to the use of the streets being vested and could not be altered or abridged by any subsequent action of the council—that for these reasons the ordinance under which Mr. Buzzell is being prosecuted is void.

The attorneys concluded their arguments at 4 o'clock and Judge Archer, after briefly reviewing the testimony, rendered a decision in favor of the defense.

Attorneys C. S. Polk and Matthew Gering appeared for the defense and City Attorney A. J. Beeson conducted the prosecution.

IS A MENACE TO CATTLE.

Fatal Effect of Feeding the Animals on Green Sorghum.

Stockmen frequently suffer losses of cattle from pasturing them on sorghum. In a few herds in the state the losses last year were heavy, but the total number of fatalities was not alarmingly large. An unusually large acreage of cane was pastured last season, so that the loss sustained was relatively small, judging from reports received.

Just what the cause of the trouble is has never been ascertained. The prevailing opinion is that a virulent poisonous substance is sometimes developed by the growing plant. Many symptoms shown by the afflicted cattle tend to sustain such an opinion. The animals bloat but little. They apparently suffer terribly and die very suddenly. Post mortem examinations are reported to show lesions in the stomach, the membranes turning black.

A sample of cane that had produced fatal results was obtained and subjected to a careful chemical analysis. All efforts, however, to isolate and identify poisonous matter failed utterly. Although an effort was made to detect the presence of toxic substances in small quantities, it was assumed that refined delegate tests for traces of such poison were really unnecessary, from the nature of the case. A poison that kill a full grown animal in ten or fifteen minutes must necessarily be present in relatively large proportions. The analysis showed only a trace of potassium nitrate. Cultures made to develop toxic bacteria from the sample gave negative results. The leaves and stems of the material seemed to be free from parasitic growth. No poisonous matter, that might have been applied purposely to the leaves, was detected.

All the data collected indicates plainly that the first growth sorghum may prove, at times, to be just as fatal as second growth. This controverts the prevailing popular impression but facts at hand nevertheless corroborate such a view. It is in with what is known of the chemistry of all plants. The chemical substances found in plant tissues are characteristic of the plant and are found in its various stages of growth.

The results of the investigation indicate then, first, that in sorghum there is no inherent chemical poison, and second, that second growth cane, of itself, is no more injurious than first growth. The fact that so many fatalities occur prove that there is an element of danger in using sorghum for pasturage, and that considerable care should be taken in feeding it. Stockmen generally are agreed that hungry cattle should not be turned on to sorghum pasture, even for a short time.

R. S. HILTNER, Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station.

A. W. Atwood has the largest stock of wall paper in the county from 5 cents per roll up.

Bids For Church Building.

The trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Plattsmouth, Neb., will receive bids for the erection of a new church building. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of C. S. Polk. All bids must be submitted on or before May 5, 1900. The trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the board of trustees.

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William Erhart from near Louisville was in town today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Rochford of Louisville were in the city today.

Shinn keeps a full supply of candies, fruits and nuts. Waterman block.

Attorney A. M. Russell of Weeping Water was a county seat visitor today.

Owing to the damp weather the local cigarmakers were taking a layoff today.

A full stock of dry plates in amateur sizes at Gering & Co.'s. Highest grade only.

Dr. L. G. Bacon of Pacific Junction was among the Plattsmouth visitors today.

Mrs. Buckle and son Perry, of Malvern, Ia., are in the city for a visit with relatives.

Go to Waterman hall this (Tuesday) evening, April 24, and enjoy a pleasant evening.

County Clerk James Robertson was a business visitor in Omaha and Council Bluffs today.

If you want a new spring suit, made in the latest style, call on Hudecek & McElroy in Rockwood block.

The second degree of Masonry was conferred upon Arthur Helps and Thomas Kempster last night.

Mrs. Ed Grassman and child returned this morning from a visit with the former's mother at Louisville.

More medicine in one bottle of Syrup of Trifolium than in one half dozen bottles of ordinary Sarsaparilla, etc.

J. R. Sheeley of Des Moines, Ia., senior member of the bridge contracting firm of Sheeley & Co., is in the city on business.

A bright class of girls will serve ice cream and cake at Wescott's store on Friday evening 5 to 9, benefit of new Methodist church.

Cuts, wounds, burns, sprains and bruises quickly heal if you apply Ballard's snow liniment. Price 25 cts and 50 cts. F. G. Fricke & Co.

The cars for shipping the brick for the new library to this city are in Louisville. Mayor Parmele will go there tomorrow to attend to the matter.

Rev. Schell of the United B. M. church, who has been in the city for several days in the interest of the York college, returned home yesterday.

The Vienna bakery now has a bread wagon, and anyone wishing bread delivered at their homes can leave orders at the store or call on Nebraska telephone No. 216.

The Rochford bankruptcy case was again taken up today before Referee Davies and the examination of the bankrupts concluded. Frank Dickson was appointed as trustee of the estate in question.

Dr. Schidknecht drove out to Weeping Water through the mud and rain yesterday. He was called to see Charles, son of Henry Spangle, who is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling, take Herbin; it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50 cents. F. G. Fricke & Co.

John T. Coleman, the jeweler, will positively not be in business after May 1. If you need anything, now is the time to buy. There is plenty of jewelry, watches, etc., to select from. He is selling all goods regardless of cost.

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The eighty-acre tract of land belonging to the estate of Ezra Murphy, and which is located fifteen miles south and one mile east of Plattsmouth, was sold at sheriff's sale today, the Minnie Hibbard and the consideration was \$1,600 50.

Boyle & Graham, who head the list of comic players engaged, in presenting "His Better Half" which comes to White's opera house, tomorrow night are two comedians of deserving fame, and are said to be exorbitantly funny in the respective roles assigned them.

Mothers! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's quiet and health. Those sleepless nights and long hours of tiresome vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms. Destroy and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cents. F. G. Fricke & Co.

A novel enterprise has been adopted by the C. W. G.'s, a class of Sunday school girls who have undertaken to raise a sum of money for the new Methodist church. Wescotts have given them the right of way in their store Friday evening where they will serve ice cream and cake. Call and see them.

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CEDAR CREEK HAPPENINGS.

W. J. Hicks has moved to Plattsmouth.

C. C. McDowell spent Sunday with friends in Lincoln.

Phillip Keil found a den of five young wolves last Sunday.

The schools closed Monday on account of the teacher being absent.

Dick Bretenkamp spent a part of last week with his family at Berlin.

Mrs. George Hollenbeck visited friends and relatives in Lincoln Friday.

Miss Eva Sayles has been laid up with rheumatism for the past few weeks.

Phillip Stoehr lost a valuable work horse last week. He thinks it had lung fever.

Cyrus Creamer has sold his farm to John Davis, and in the near future will move to Mynard.

Mrs. Wolf has started work on her new house, which is to take the place of the one burned down some time ago.

Simon Simmet was a passenger for Omaha Wednesday, where he went to visit his son. He returned home Thursday evening.

EAGLE ITEMS.

S. A. Allen visited Lincoln Wednesday.

S. A. Allen's father arrived Wednesday evening.

Miss Estella McClintic has been suffering with the mumps.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Ruby died Monday.

R. Wilkinson suffered from a slight attack of the grip last week.

Dr. Righter has begun work on his new residence in the southwest part of town.

The fine rain of the last few days put the ground in fine shape for growing crops.

The German Lutherans held their second Easter services at the home of Mr. Wenzel Monday.

Lol Freeman reports that some body threw a brick through his window Sunday evening. He thinks the brick

NOTICE.

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Legal Notice.

In the district court of Cass county, Nebraska. William Caldwell.

The unknown heirs of Samuel F. Taggart, deceased, viz: the unknown heirs of James Wiley, deceased; the unknown heirs of Sarah Ashley, deceased; the unknown heirs of Absalom Wiley, deceased; the unknown heirs of Sarah Ashley, deceased; the widow of James Wiley, viz: Mrs. Absalom Wiley, Elizabeth Thornton; Nancy Bryan; Harriette Ruby; Maria Smith; Mary V. Miller; William Wiley and Mrs. William Wiley.

The defendants, the unknown heirs of Samuel F. Taggart, deceased; the unknown heirs of James Wiley, deceased; the unknown heirs of Sarah Ashley, deceased; the widow of James Wiley, viz: Mrs. James Wiley; the widow of Absalom Wiley, viz: Mrs. Absalom Wiley, Elizabeth Thornton; Nancy Bryan; Harriette Ruby; Maria Smith; Mary V. Miller; William Wiley and Mrs. William Wiley, the object and prayer of which are that the defendants and each of them may be forever enjoined from claiming any right, title or interest either equitably or legally to lot 3, being the west half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 21, in township 11, north of range 14, east in Cass county, Nebraska, or any part thereof, and that they and all persons claiming under them be forever excluded therefrom, and that the title of said land be forever quieted in the plaintiff, William Caldwell, and that plaintiff be held to have and possess all of the legal and equitable title thereto and for such other relief as may be equitable in the premises.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 4th day of June, A. D. 1900.

WILLIAM CALDWELL, Plaintiff. By his attorneys, Byron Clark and C. A. Rawls. Dated this 24th day of April, A. D. 1900. First publication April 24—4.