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THE COUNCIL MEETS

Much Discussion But No Light Flashes Athwart the Gloomy Streets.

A very interesting session of the city fathers was held last Monday evening at the regular meeting of that body. Some new and knotty problems presented themselves touching parliamentary usages. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, a communication from the new owner of the building in which the council holds its sittings informing that body of a material increase in rent starting from January first was read. The increase was fifty per cent of the former rent, and so suddenly did the matter fall on the ears of the members that all councilmen at once sat up and took notice. The increase was from \$50 the old rate to \$75 per year in the future. In addition to this shameful manner of depleting the city treasury, the owner of the building also demanded an immediate vacation of the room directly north of the council chamber, which the city has occupied as a sort of store room for exhibits useful in police court proceedings. The matter was referred to the proper committee. It may be decided that it will be cheaper for the council to move than to submit to the increase in rent. The finance committee reported the usual grist of bills which were allowed. City Clerk Elster reported the receipt of \$117.74 since the former report. Clerk Elster also prophesied that he could get the \$700 from the commissioners this week which they had promised to pay into the city treasury, all of which made the councilmen feel pleasant. The treasurer's report was then read showing the sum of \$522.34 as a net balance on hand.

The fireworks did not begin until the report of the light committee was called for, but shortly after there was music in the air. The committee is composed of a councilman from each ward, being Falter in the First, Weber in the Second, Bookmeyer in the Third, Schulhof in the Fourth and Vondran in the Fifth. There was a double barrelled report to be submitted, the majority composed of Falter, Schulhof and Weber desired to report favorably on allowing the Nebraska Lighting Company to install 30 Boulevard gas lights of 45 candle power on the Main streets and avenues of the city for the sum of \$340 or \$28 per light per year. While the minority Vondran and Bookmeyer wanted to report recommending electric lights and power.

Councilman Falter moved the adoption of the majority report, which President Sattler declared out of order, and in an extended speech said in effect that the citizens did not want gas light on the streets. His idea was that the matter had been settled by the meetings of the joint committee of the council and the Commercial club that gas was not desirable. President Sattler believed that the council should draw an ordinance and pass it fixing the amount to be paid to any company at

\$1500 and submit it to the Nebraska Light Company and if it accepted, it all right, otherwise let the contract to Bortenlanger or any other company who would furnish the light for that sum. After the councilmen had aired their opinions the matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

This committee promises to give us a red hot time the next time the council meets.

The bond of Earl Wescott was mentioned and the matter placed in the hands of the city attorney to convert into cash by means of a suit to be commenced at once.

The following claims were allowed:

Neb. Light Co., light	\$ 3 00
F. G. Fricke & Co., mdse.	50
Ben Rainey, salary	50 00
Joe Fitzgerald, same	50 00
Jas Donnelly, same	4 50
Olive Jones, same	25 00
Public Library, expense	1 45
Roy Taylor, street work	7 88
C. G. Fricke, poll tax	3 00
Platts. Tel. Co., rent	1 50
M. Archer, salary	30 00
P. Harrison, street work	11 03
Neb. Light Co., light	1 50
H. L. Asemissen & Son, mdse.	3 00
Plattsouth Journal, printing	19 20
Wm. Wehrbein, livery	2 00
John Waterman, lumber	4 60

A Mississippi Abstract of Title.

A Mississippian, having occasion to make a loan on a tract of land in another part of the state, wrote to a young attorney in the vicinity to make him a complete abstract of the title. After some little time he received the following:

Abstract of W. C. Miles property. Lot in Coffeenville.

(Description.)

110 x 140 Joining public sta., on two sides sta. I know not the No.

Said lot was sold by Newberger, 1898 from Newberger to a negro, named M. T. Carr in 1890, M. Carr sold to Mol Carr, Mol Carr sold to W. C. Jones W. C. Jones sold or transferred said lot to W. C. Miles last year 1907 for \$450.00.

W. C. Miles holds title to said property now and has improved the same very much.

Can our abstractors produce one like that?

A Surprise Party.

What proved to be most pleasurable event was a surprise party given Saturday night to Emil Holmberg and family. Mr. Holmberg has recently purchased a farm near Wausa, Neb., intending to move his family there about the first of the coming month, and his Swedish neighbors and friends concluded to give him a farewell reception, with the above result. Music and games were indulged in and later refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Holmberg were presented with a set each of tea and table spoons and knives and forks as a mark of the esteem in which they are held by their neighbors and friends.

Departs For New York.

Bert Spies, a former compositior of the News leaves Sunday for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will master the intricacies of the linotype machine. Bert is one of our brightest young men and will make good.

THE LIGHT QUESTION DEVASTATED SICILY

Citizens are Unanimous in Their Demand For Light—Should Be Supplied.

We have our views on the city light question. There is no question about the citizens desiring lights. It is believed that if the matter was submitted to the citizens, it would be found that more than two-thirds of them would be in favor of electric lights. There is but one way to light the city, and that seems to be the use of arc lights in the business district and incandescent lights in the resident portions. The whole people must pay for the lighting of the city, and the resident portions, if they pay their share of the expenses, are entitled to be taken into consideration in the provision for lights. We believe the city ought to be fairly well lighted for the sum of \$1500 per year. As to who shall furnish the lights is a matter that is not material. If there is a sufficient demand for power, then power should be included, but if there is not such demand, then it is absurd to contend that a power plant should be installed. A power plant would cost a considerable sum of money, and the witer fully believes, whenever the time comes that a demand is made for power and all day service, the same can and will be furnished, no matter who has the lighting contract with the city. The discussion of the light proposition has been long drawn out, but it all seems to be wind, so far. It would be an easy matter to find out from the various cities of this State, which are of the same class as Plattsouth, as to what light service is furnished, and at what cost in all of the various cities, and with this information at hand the council ought to be able to make its offer plain, and then it would be up to some lighting institution to accept its proposition and furnish the lights. We cannot hope to get lights at less than other cities are now paying, but we are entitled to just as good a contract. When the contract is let, the it should be so drawn that there would be no question as to its validity. And the party making the contract should be placed under a bond fully sufficient to cover any and all failures of compliance. It is believed that the citizens are anxious for lights, and are willing to bear their fair share of the expenses. Give us lights.

Historical of that Portion of Italy Recently Stricken By Earthquake.

"Italia! O Italia! thou who hast The fatal gift of beauty, which became A funeral of present woes and past, On thy sweet brow is sorrow ploughed by shame. And annals graved in characters of flame." —Byron

The island of Sicily belongs to Italy, and is separated from the mainland by a narrow channel about two miles wide, called the straits of Messina. It is triangular in shape and has an area of about 9,800 square miles, or a little more than one-eighth the size of the State of Nebraska. Its principal agricultural products are cereals, and about three-fourths of its surface is covered with grain fields. More than 30,000 of its people are employed in the sulphur mines, there being more than 300 mines in operation. Sicilian sulphur is renowned in the markets of the world. The population is upwards of three and a half millions of people.

Messina was a city of about 200,000 inhabitants, built between the sea and a sharp and rugged range of mountains of a little less than 4,000 feet in height. It presented a most picturesque appearance to the traveller, as he approached from the sea. It was built in a semi-circle around the harbor, and the houses rose in tiers upon the slope of the foot hills, with the mountains forming a verdant background. This city was founded 732 B. C.

This is the city destroyed by the recent earthquake, and the whole island is wrapped in sorrow and distress. The balmy weather which has prevailed has been a God send to the injured, sick, and desolate of this stricken country. The United States has acted quickly in response to the demands for aid to these helpless and stricken people. The American Red Cross society has borne its share in this beneficent work.

Discovers Pearl.

Jesse Brady one of the proprietors of the new restaurant formerly owned by Harry Adair, was serving oysters over his counter last Saturday, when he had the good fortune to find a fine pearl. He took the pearl to B. A. McElwain, the Main street jeweler and was offered \$14 for it. Mr. Brady thought it worth more money so he sent it to New York, and will no doubt realize a neat sum for his find.

BRIEF MENTION

NEWSY BITS OF INFORMATION OF A LOCAL NATURE CONDENSED INTO A FEW LINES

- The Majestic, 5 and 10 cents.
- Notice the card of the Perkins House in this issue.
- Get busy and secure one of our premium clocks.
- Eat at Hatt & Osborn's Restaurant, best place in town.
- This continued zero weather assures an abundant ice crop.
- Photo card views of Plattsouth, 2 for 5c at Nemetz & Co's.
- Just what you want may be secured by an ad in our want column. The rates are reasonable.
- An undressed kid glove, mole color, has been left at this office. Owner may have same by calling.
- It will pay anybody to buy a Wooltex Cloak at Fanger's cleaning sale, they are going at about half price.
- Don't forget to stop into Fanger's Department store and buy a Wooltex Cloak at the special sale, they are going at about half price.
- You will regret it if you do not secure one of those mantle clocks which the NEWS-HERALD is giving away.
- Three cash subscriptions secures one of them.
- Barues' Restaurant is an ideal place to drop in for a meal.
- The Cozy Corner, Tom Troop, proprietor, has a card in this issue.
- Fifteen new names were placed on our subscription list for the Monday's issue.
- B. A. McElwain, the jeweler, is announcing a "grab sale" for this week. Mr. McElwain takes this means of cleaning up his odds and ends.
- Notice our window display of the mantle clocks. You can secure one of these handsome timekeepers by securing three new subscribers to the NEWS-HERALD.
- Hatt & Osborn are the new proprietors of the restaurant formerly operated by Wm. Barclay. They are experienced restaurant men and will appreciate a portion of your patronage.
- A change has taken place in the Burlington office force. Mr. W. J. Josslyn, the storekeeper, has been transferred to Sheridan, Wyoming, and his place here is being filled by Mr. H. M. Reigner, of Hannibal, Mo.

Spokane Will Entertain.

The Spokane chamber of commerce will make a canvass of the city early in March for \$100,000, the amount required to maintain its organization during the year and take care of the 17th National Irrigation Congress, August 9 to 14, and the National Apple Show, some time next fall. The chamber of commerce is headed by Frederick E. Goodall; Robert Insinger is chairman of the local board of control of the irrigation congress and E. F. Cartier Van Dassel is chairman of the board of directors of the National Apple Show, which has decided to make the exhibition of apples an annual affair. The chamber of commerce expended \$60,000 in its work in 1908, and this is to be enlarged. It is expected there will be from 3,500 to 5,000 delegates and thousands of visitors attend meeting of irrigators. The apple show, which occupied 85,000 square feet of space, is to be doubled and the premium list probably will be larger than in 1908, when \$35,000 was distributed in prizes.

Has Suit Case Stolen.

E. B. Vroman who has been visiting his parents for a couple of weeks departed Monday for Omaha, from whence he expecting to ship for Tennessee with a group of young men. He had arranged for his transportation, and stepped to the place where he had left his suit case, and to his surprise found it had been stolen. The case contained some good suits of clothing and other articles useful to the owner. Mr. Vroman then decided that he would return to Plattsouth, which he did late Monday night. The loss quite disconcerted the young man, and he will visit the home folks for a short time yet.

List of Letters.

Remaining uncalled for in the post office at Plattsouth, Neb., Jan. 11, 1908.

Mrs. Lauretta Add, Mrs. Myrtle Beckman, Miss Pearl Carey, Miss Elizabeth Day, Mary Groob, Mrs. Mary Jones, Miss Bertha Lahr, Mrs. Minnie McNealy, Mrs. Emma Smith; Dr. J. S. Armstrong, M. Bannister, Mat Gross, J. W. Edwards, Frank L. Hawkins, Frank Hesse, Carl Juline, H. B. Miller, Glen Porter, E. H. Robinson.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office January 25, 1908, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised" giving date of list. C. H. SMITH, P. M.

Our Latchstring is Always Out.

John Albert, one of the well-to-do farmers from near Cedar Creek, came in yesterday to get acquainted with the new management of the NEWS-HERALD. We were glad to meet Mr. Albert and trust that many others will imitate his example in extending the right hand of fellowship.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks, to the Masonic Lodge, Grand Army men, and our many kind friends for their beautiful floral offerings and their great kindness shown us, in our late bereavement. Mrs. Alexander Clifton and daughter.

AS SEEN BY OTHERS

An English View of Americans by a Man Sent Here For That Purpose.

"There is no mistaking native Americans, and as one observes their independent bearing, their shrewd acuteness and general air of alertness, one begins to feel prepared for interesting developments in every phase of national life. Perhaps their most striking characteristic is their intense devotion to everything American—a not unnatural devotion, though perhaps at times emphasized in aggressive character. The finest in the world is a phrase frequently on their lips, but one soon feels so strongly the wonderful fascination of a country which has such superb natural advantages that one can hear the harmless boasting with equanimity. Another characteristic one cannot help noticing is the prevalent desire for making money. Even the children are inspired by it, and perhaps one result of this national ambition strikes us at first as novel, but on second thought it is natural enough. This is the absence of any false pride, which, speaking broadly, results in the unconscious recognition of the dignity of labor. What ever a man can honestly earn money by, no matter what his social position, he counts it no disgrace to do.

Americans have seen clearly enough that the greatest force to enable them to win their way in the world's markets is education, and they have made wonderful strides of late years to improve this. So far as I could judge, there is little difference in the elementary school life of America and England, save that the former has no religious difficulty to contend with. There is, in fact, no religious education in America, as we understand the term, yet secular education there produces results that outwardly, at any rate, bear comparison with our own. There is a remarkable absence of bad language in the streets; this was particularly noticeable in the Saturday night crowds.

It struck me that there was an apparent desire on the part of many parents to allow their children to continue at school after the ordinary leaving age, and all who are acquainted with working class homes will know and appreciate the self sacrifice of parents who allow their children to enter on a four years' course in a commercial school after leaving the ordinary elementary school. In one such school in Philadelphia, out of 177 boys, 55 were the sons of workmen. Technical schools constitute one of the great features of American higher education. Mechanic arts are a form of technical school. These are splendidly equipped, the tools and appliances being of the best and all free. Equal opportunities here are indeed possible. In one fine school at Boston the principal pointed out to me in a haphazard fashion a lad who was the son of the richest railway director in the state; on one side of him was the son of a large builder, and on the other a lad who sold newspapers in the street at night."

C. E. Wescott's Sons.

"Where Quality Counts."

Genuine Holeproof Sox

Now 25 Cents a Pair

You can now buy a box of six pairs of Holeproof Sox—formerly \$2.00—for \$1.50

Those who have always paid 25 cents a pair for inferior sox can now have the best at this price. Holeproof are the original guaranteed sox—the first that were sold under a 6 months guarantee. The makers pay the top market price for their yarn—they buy only the finest and softest Egyptian and Sea Island cotton.

But the top market price is now less than it was, so the makers are now saving you 50 cents on six pairs. Yet you get the same sox as before. Come in and see what Holeproof are like. Judge if you want the genuine. Decide if any other brand is one-half so good. Learn what you save and gain when you wear Holeproof.

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We're Here to Stay

And we have on exhibition one of the finest lines of strictly high grade pianos that was ever brought to Plattsouth. There is a distinct advantage in buying anything from a local dealer, and especially is this true of Pianos. If you get hold of a poor package of canned goods, if the calico or print doesn't measure up to the standard, if you get a shoddy piece of clothing,—the local dealer will make it good. His business is to make you satisfied. His future in the community depends upon his giving you exactly what you pay for. With the mail order houses it is largely a question of getting your money. And this is especially true in the Piano business. We represent only houses of unquestioned standing and integrity, and in addition to the guarantee of the manufacturers we place our rock bound guarantee on every Piano that leaves our store. And we are in the same class with the rest of your local dealers. Our future in your community depends upon our living up to our advertised promises. We shall appreciate the courtesy if you will call and inspect our stock, even if you are not now in the market for a piano. A handsome souvenir will be given to every lady caller this week. Now is the time to have your Piano tuned and put in good shape. We make a specialty of this line of business.

The Plattsouth Music Co.

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