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A COUNCIL MEETING OLD WAY REVERSED

Interesting Session of the Fathers Discuss Light With Heat And So On.

If one has formed the idea that the city fathers are not in earnest about the light proposition, one should attend the meetings of that body. Last meeting was a sizzler from the stand point of fervid oratory and things not done but going to be.

The councilmen were all in their seats when acting mayor Sattler let the gavel fall Monday night except Bookmeyer, and he came in soon after and one could see with half an eye that trouble was troubling the city's legislative body.

The minutes were soon disposed of and the deck cleared for action. Clerk Elster read a petition signed by hundred impatient citizens of the city appealing to the council "to shoot or give up the gun," on the light issue. The petition asked that a contract be drawn installing six arc lights and eighty-two incandescent electric lamps to be placed as the council should think best and advertise for bids and let the contract to the lowest bidder. Also \$1.50 gas was demanded.

A motion was made to refer the petition to the light committee which opened the fireworks. Several impassioned speeches were made condemning the dilatory methods employed to keep the people from obtaining light. Councilman Bookmeyer of the third ward was strong in his denunciation of the wasted time and he was warmly seconded by Vorn-dran and Neuman. Mayor Sattler favored sending the petition to the light committee but to save time proposed for the committee to act at once and then have a special meeting of the council to act on the suggestion of the committee.

The motion was then put and carried. The proposition for \$75. per year room rent was then taken up and the increase of \$25.00 was allowed and the proposition accepted. The usual grist of bills were allowed. The bill of the water company for hydrant rentals for the year amounting to \$3471 was presented and referred to the proper committee.

After another heated discussion of the light subject the council adjourned.

Dies at Weeping Water.

J. W. Davis passed away here Saturday night. His age was sixty-eight years. He had lived in this community and at Louisville for a number of years, his wife being buried at the latter place. Deceased was a veteran of the civil war and a member of the A. O. U. W. He was buried Monday in Glendale cemetery, ten miles northwest of this city.—State Journal.

Col. Wilkinson in Town.

Col. Robert Wilkinson, of Berlin, was an overnight visitor in the city this week. He was on his way out to Chancellor Phillips residence to cry his public sale. Col. Wilkinson is one of the best auctioneers in southeastern Nebraska, and knows the art of getting the best prices going for live stock.

Proposition to Make Drinker Buy License Instead of Saloon.

Liquor drinkers in Washington will be forced to carry licenses, embellished with their photographs and other data of identification and anyone will be permitted to engage in the traffic without the payment of fees, if the measure framed by Elmer E. Hall of Spokane, and favored by State Senator Whitney of Spokane county, is adopted by the legislature, now in session at Olympia. The purpose is to revolutionize the existing saloon system and settle the liquor question.

Licenses to drink anything stronger than ginger pop and the various other "stickless" concoctions will cost \$5 a year. There is no sliding scale. The ragged individual with a battered dime and a camel's neck thirst will then occupy the same status as a newly made millionaire with a sudden fondness for crystal bubbles rising on the juice of the grape. The licenses will be non-transferable and will permit the holder to buy drinks only from dispensers in the county where the permit is issued.

With the view to encouraging temperance it is provided also that the penalty upon conviction for intoxication shall be forfeiture of the license for a period ranging from 30 to 60 days, at the discretion of the trial judge, and that the license shall be declared permanently forfeited upon the second conviction. Similar penalties are provided for selling liquor to any one not possessing a permit or to intoxicated persons with permits.

Senator Whitney says there is a strong sentiment in favor of such a law; "and," he adds, "there is a chance for its passage during the present session if the local option fight does not crowd it off the calendar."

JIROUSEK ELECTED

Plattsmouth Man Again Captures Important Office of Bohemian Workmen.

The National Catholic Bohemian Workmen's association at their convention at La Crosse, Wis., have elected the following supreme officers:

Chaplain—Rev. John Vleck, Prague, Nebraska.
President—J. M. Jirousek, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.
Vice president—J. N. Novotny, Veselville, South Dakota.
Secretary—F. G. Hovorka, New Prague, Minnesota.
Treasurer—F. J. Polak, Prague, Neb.
Treasurer Reserve Fund—Voc Vochal, Omaha, Nebraska.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Meeting.

A special meeting of the G. A. R. Post and the ladies of the W. R. C. will be held at the G. A. R. hall on Saturday evening next. A full attendance is requested.

THOMAS W. GLENN, A. J.

How shall you learn to know yourself?—not by contemplation, but action. Strive to do your duty, and you will soon discover what stuff you are made of.—Goethe.

New Bridge Completed.

The last bents in the new wagon bridge across the Platte river at Louisville were placed Tuesday, flooring laid temporarily and the first teams driven across. There is considerable work yet to be done in bracing the structure, and completing the permanent floor. The contractors had feared trouble from the ice in the river breaking up, but the water was so low that the ice was melted gradually, and has not jammed against the bridge. The new structure is situated immediately below the Missouri Pacific bridge, which has been practically rebuilt and which acts as a buffer for the wagon bridge. The estimated cost of the new wagon bridge is \$15,000.

Fremont Alarmed.

Reports from Fremont are to the effect that water nearly a foot deep is flowing over the ice in the Platte river and an early breaking up of the big stream is looked for. Three years ago when the river broke up in January, Fremont had one of the worst floods in its history. That flood promoted the new dyke district and drainage law, the passing of which was followed by extensive operations southeast of Fremont for the protection of the city. Men who are familiar with the situation say that the conditions at the river are right for a serious flood. It is expected, therefore, that within the next week the dyke work southwest of Fremont will be given its supreme test.



Like Rome which sat on her seven hills and ruled the world, Murray sits on a hill gently sloping to the east, where near the foot rolls the Great Missouri Pacific Railway, on its daily pilgrimage from the metropolis of Nebraska, to the thriving city at the mouth of the Kaw. Here is gathered a few hundred souls, the merchants prosperous and the citizens contented and happy. A representative of the NEWS-HERALD visited the bustling little city a few days since, and was greeted by its many friendly and energetic citizens. As we descended from the car steps we met that smile which will not wear off which makes its abiding place on the pleasant features of D. C. Rhoden, the hustling liveryman, who is amply assisted by Mr. McQueen, a very worthy man and clever as he is good natured. At the station we observed "Billy" Scott hustling around, attending to the wants of the traveling public and the duties of the station agent, which position he occupies. On our way up town we were met and kindly greeted by his highness, M. G. Churchill, or "Mac" as the boys call him, the proprietor of the tontorial parlor, who makes good use of his spare time carpentering and enjoys a little sport hunting the festive rabbit. Next to his place of business was found John Cook, the horse miller and mule jeweler, who also carries a line of buggies and implements in season, and for the convenience of the public doctors seek watches and clocks, and has a reputation of being able to perform almost miracles with them. At the hotel, we were entertained by "Mine Host," Alex Graves, who with his estimable wife conducts a neat and well appointed hostelry. Just across the street we found the lumber yard of Edmonds and Brown, presided over by the former gentleman and Will Brown, the energetic business son of the latter. As well as doing the lumber business of the city they also carry a line of painters' materials, and handle the coal for the community. B. A. Root, known as "Doc," the city druggist, smiled upon us as we entered his place of business and had a good story to tell to add to the cheer extended to us. At the store of Jenkins & Jenkins, we met Col. Jenkins, who said all he had to complain of was a good business and that they all were taking good care of it. He was assisted by Earl, the junior partner, and a rattle at work, good natured at the day is long, and an up-to-date business man. At the bank we found Glen Boedecker, the good natured cashier, looking after business, and that too, in a manner which is well pleasing to its many patrons. He is assisted by Miss Zetta Brown, who besides doing the corresponding for that institution, helps with the books and other duties at the bank. W. H. McDaniels was looking after business at his general merchandise store, and seemed well satisfied with this world and its way. At the post-office we found a number of people awaiting for that good natured piece of humanity, A. L. Baker, to distribute the morning mail. Here we

found Chas. Boedecker, J. A. Walker and Val Gobelman, all glad they were alive, and still as jolly as ever. Dr. C. H. Gilmore was out of the city, having been called to Omaha on some professional business, which speaks well for his skill as a practitioner. We found O. A. Davis at his post at the hardware store which is operated by him and Sam Pitman. While Sam was at the elevator in the absence of his father, D. J. Pitman, who is visiting in Indian, his old home; while the grain business is looked after by Sam and his able co-worker, James Hatchet. The farmers elevator is being satisfactorily conducted by C. D. Spangler the secretary of the company. This institution in season also handles farming implements. We also found James Loughridge busy at the anvil and caring for the large volume of business which comes his way, while his father, Wm. Loughridge, who is also the senior member of the partnership, keeps shop at the old stand, on the east side of the track. Holmes & Smith were whistling away at their work and attending the wants of the customers, and doing a good business. Mrs. Stokes was ably caring for the wants of the telephone company, and giving good service to its patrons. The Drs. Brendel & Brendel, were busy looking after calls and had not time more than to greet us with a cheery good morning. We called to see our old time friend, J. S. White and found that worthy gentleman out of town, having gone to county seat to look after some business. At the new residence of Sam Pitman, which is being erected by the contractor, W. W. Hamilton, an artist in his line, we found Albert Young, Ora Whitehead and P. A. Kennedy, assisting on different parts or the building, and how the saws, hammers and trowels rang out on the clear morning air, making music for the thrifty go-ahead American, such as are building the west and making the former prairies blossom as the rose. L. H. Oldham, "Uncle Lee," was in evidence and was buying and shipping hides, produce, and as happy as ever. While we were there it came time for recess for the schools, and the children who but a moment before had been engaged in earnest and hard study, came bustling out of the school house, and played with a vim which told of their former hard study. From this place your "Uncle Samuel" has one rural carrier, and makes daily pilgrimages to the country with great loads of mail for the farmers. This very agreeable gentleman is Rex Young, and a general favorite.

This city is an example of what a few energetic, wide-awake citizens can do when they work together, for they have a little city which would put many a larger one to the blush, by their business tact and go-ahead-ness and which is making a winning as a good market town. The farmers have a good market, as J. B. Seybert, and David Amick ship live stock every few days to the markets of South Omaha and other towns adjacent, for which they pay the highest prices the market will afford.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES SURPRISES FRIENDS

Items of Interest Concerning Things Educational in Plattsmouth.

The Semester examinations were given last week in all departments of the school. A very good showing was made. The Supt. will recommend at the next board meeting that hereafter students who average 90 per cent in a subject be excused from examination in that subject. This will apply to the high school and grades seven and eight.

Statements for high school tuition due from country districts will be sent out this week. The free high school law was recently tested in Richardson county and declared constitutional by the District court. This decision will settle all question as to whether this tuition may legally be collected.

The Board of Education recently sent a letter to the President of the State Teachers Association protesting against the date on which the association is held. Receiving no satisfaction they wrote a circular letter to other Boards in this State asking them to join them in an effort to have the date changed. The outcome will be watched with interest.

The East Central Nebraska Declaratory Association will hold its annual contest at South Omaha on March 31. Plattsmouth will send a contestant this year. A local contest will be held next Saturday under the auspices of Miss Fitch to determine who will represent the schools in the contest.

Preparations are being made to observe Lincoln's Birthday in the schools. The day will be observed by fitting exercises in every room in the city.

HOME EARTHQUAKE

Four Nebraska Towns Experience Distinct Shocks—Little Damage

The following dispatch from Norfolk to the State Journal yesterday would seem to indicate that Nebraska is in the earthquake zone:

A violent earthquake shock was felt through Pierce and Knox counties at 2:15 Tuesday afternoon. The noise resembled a powder explosion. Horses became frightened, cattle stampeded, and chickens cackled. A team of mules ran away from fright and at Foster, a young man herding fifty cattle, narrowly escaped their stampede with his life. The school building at Plainview was shaken by the jar. The shock lasted but a few seconds. Horses were more alarmed by it than by thunder.

The shock was felt at Pierce, Plainview, Foster and Creighton and for ten miles on either side. At Creighton the noise is said to have resembled a wagon rolling over a bridge, while southwest of Pierce, it was like a dynamite explosion. Farmers driving along the roads, stopped to look and their horses became frightened. It was the severest quake yet felt in northern Nebraska. Last summer there was a shock at Niobrara and Verdigris in Knox county.

Ladies Auxilliary of Presbyterian Church Meet With G. L. Farley and Wife.

The Ladies of the Auxilliary society of the Presbytern church of this city held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. George L. Farley. A pleasant little surprise was planned and executed by the ladies. The president of the society is Mrs. C. A. Rawls, and it occurred to her that it would be quite the proper thing to have the husbands of the members to dinner on this occasion, and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Farley at the number of real live working members. Accordingly Mrs. Rawls appointed as a committee to work the matter out, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Hanks, Miss Seal (whose husband could not be present), Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Elster, Mrs. Asemissen Mrs. Wurl and Mrs. Warga. Mrs. Farley was acquainted with the fact that the society was to meet with her this week, but kept in blissful ignorance of the rest of the program. The president phoned Mrs. Farley that she was not to serve refreshments, but on consulting Mr. Farley, who also knew nothing of what was in store for him, it was decided to have refreshments in spite of the protests of the president. When the members arrived with their baskets of delicious edibles, the host and hostess began to understand why refreshments had been forbidden.

After spending the afternoon making aprons for the market the ladies took possession of Mrs. Farley's kitchen and soon had a smoking dinner prepared and at six o'clock were ready to serve it to an assembled company numbering between forty and fifty.

The bill of fare consisted of scalloped oysters, bread and butter, cold meats jelly, pickles, potato chips, cheese and cake and hot coffee. After dinner Mrs. Lathaw who is visiting friends in the city favored the company with a fine selection on the piano, and Miss Bernese Newell gave a reading which was enjoyed much. The occasion was one of the most enjoyable the society has had since the one of a year ago.

The Lincoln Anniversary.

February 12 is the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and McConahie Post G. A. R. and the ladies of the W. R. C. have made arrangements to celebrate the event at the M. E. church in this city. An invitation is extended to all organizations of the city to meet with them on this occasion. Rev. Randall will deliver an address on the life and character of Lincoln.

A Year in College.

\$250 cash or a year in College can be easily earned by one young man or lady in each county by September 1909. Plan does not interfere with other employment, and student can select the school.

State name of institution you wish to attend. No money required. For particulars address.

Morton H. Pemberton, Columbia, Missouri.

Our Established Discount Feature

Aside from our special discount sales which we give at the close of each season we have our established 5 per cent cash discount which we allow on every \$10 worth you buy. Our cash register issues a star ticket with every cash purchase and every \$10 worth of these entitles you to 5 per cent discount. We are the originators of this idea in Plattsmouth and it is only one of many advantages this store is constantly putting forth in the interests of its customers. Please bear this in mind when you want to buy clothing.

C. E. Wescott's Sons.

"Where Quality Counts."

Winter Has Just Begun

But it is so late in the season that we find it to be necessary to release some of the money we have tied up in heating stoves, and to that end are making prices that will be attractive to you. As an illustration of what is being done in the way of price reduction glance at these four items:

Buck's Radiant, No. 16 was \$55, now... \$50	Buck's Radiant, No. 14 was \$42, now... \$36
Buck's Hot Blast, No. 18, was \$20, now... \$17.50	Buck's Ventilator, No. 18, was \$38, now... \$35

You are cordially invited to call and see our stock of goods. You will be treated courteously, and your patronage will be appreciated.

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