

LIVELY MEETING

City Council Has Stormy Session Saturday Night.

LEYDA AND GERING IN A BIG MIX-UP

Remonstrance Finally Suppressed and Permit Given Gering & Company.

A disgraceful comedy farce, which at times bordered on a drama, was pulled off Saturday evening at the council chamber in the special meeting called of that body for the hearing of Gering & Company, against a remonstrance filed to prevent the issuance of a druggist permit for the coming year. It was claimed by the signers of the paper that the druggists had failed to comply with the Slocumb law in which it states that all intoxicating liquors sold at a drug store must be registered and a report made to the city clerk every six months. It was found that a sort of register had been kept but no report had been made at the office of the clerk however, the remonstrance was ignored and the permit was issued before the affair was settled for the evening.

The council chamber was crowded with spectators when the meeting was called to order shortly after eight. As the session opened, John M. Leyda, attorney for the remonstrance committee and Matthew Gering representing the drug firm, men who for some time have not been on the best of terms, had a war of words which had not progressed very far before it broke forth in a big fight. Mr. Leyda strenuously objected to many of Mr. Gering's remarks and considered his statements as a regular frame-up and a few minutes later, when Mr. Leyda had secured the floor, he started to hand out a few remarks about his opponent. However his speech was a short one and he had no more than referred to Mr. Gering as a "miserable cur" when the latter was upon him with an uppercut in the nose. Several council men attempted to interfere and a general rough house ensued. Bookmeyer, Neuman, Gravett, Henry Gering and many others managed to get in a poke or two and the participants slugged their neighbors with their fists and swung their canes, clearly getting into the spirit of the game. The scappers were calmed down in a few minutes time, after considerable excitement in the large crowd of spectators and a black eye or two in the ranks of lawyers and councilmen. The police were called in and with the chief of police stationed between the two gloating attorneys, the meeting proceeded after the originators of the fracas had made an apology, and another officer of the law had been placed to guard the door.

The examination of the witnesses was held, the mayor, under whom the meeting was in charge, paying no attention whatever to the general customs and rules of law and his action at many times brought forth considerable comment from people properly versed in law. Among those who were called to the witness stand were M. Carter, T. W. Glenn, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Carter and the questions asked and the answers brought forth, provoked much laughter in the crowd. Witnesses in the stand were cross-examined on matters entirely foreign to the case, against which attorney Leyda strongly objected, and which seemed clearly against legal procedure, but his objections were overruled by the mayor and later when an appeal was made by Mr. Leyda, he was refused and ordered to sit down. Among the comical parts of the evening was the time when Carter, one of the signers of the paper, was asked his occupation by Attorney Gering, "Oh, a fisherman," was his reply and later when the question was put to Glenn who replied "I just help Carter" the spectators were unable to hold back their mirth. Mrs. Carter seemed to have signed the remonstrance without having read it, but she had taken the word and advice of her husband. When this was told to the examining lawyer, she was informed that she was not to blame for placing her explicit confidence in her husband even though it were considered misplaced. Following many other laughable statements and all the evidence having been given, Councilman Dwyer got the floor and stating that even knowing Gering & Company had not filed the report of intoxicating liquor sold, as required by law, he moved the remonstrance be suppressed in order that a druggist

permit be granted the company. On the grounds that the failure to comply with the law was not a reason to withhold a permit, action was taken by the council and a permit was granted to the druggists, Gering & Company.

It was a late hour when the meeting was finished and the spectators declared that it was better than a performance at the Majestic. A number of complaints have been filed by Judge Areher had he accepted them last night, but while the meeting was in session he did not care to make the complaints. It was expected that the parties would appear at the office and enter their charges of assault but up to a late hour this afternoon, none had been made but they are still being looked for.

ROUGH CITY ROADS MUST BE MADE SMOOTH

Rain Makes Work on them Possible and Should be Commenced at Once.

It has reached the point where Plattsmouth has got to do something toward the improvement of her city roads and avenues or she will suffer one of the worst black eyes she has ever possessed. The deplorable state of her roads is becoming known all over the county and before long "as rough as Plattsmouth avenue" will become a slang phrase throughout this section of the country. With the deep ruts and holes that have become baked under the hot rays of the sun in this spring until their surface resembles adamant, it is a risky attempt on the part of the driver of any vehicle to pass over them at night. Even in the day it is not pleasant driving.

A chauffer with a low slung machine is liable to tear the vitals of his car along the high ridges that protrude for blocks along some of the best resident streets. With a load of corn, a farmer would jolt out his valuable grain at every bump along the avenue and by the time he would reach the grain men in town, they would think he was bringing in a few ears for a seed corn test. If a farmer has not a pretty substantial buggy he won't run the risk of caving in his wheels on the Plattsmouth roads but will go to some neighboring town to do his trading. People living on the streets will have to buy mountain road wagons guaranteed to stand such strains, if they want to feel safe while taking pleasure drives along the local trails. "Joy riding" in town has no more attraction than fishing in December. It was only a few nights ago that two visitors in a benzine buggy broke an axle on our main avenue and were forced to desert their machine and put up at one of the hotels for the night. Any automobile man will tell you that these are the worst roads in Cass county.

The city is liable to find that a "few plunks in time, will save a whole smear of cash later" for an accident may occur at any time from the treacherous condition of their high-ways, and if the present ruts and holes continue to exist, they will wake up some day with a big damage suit on their hands. At some places it would be impossible for a team heavily laden, when running in ruts over a foot deep, to turn aside for an approaching automobile. If the machine should happen to be in the same fix, a mix-up would follow that would be a boon for the undertaking establishment and result in a job for the county attorney which would cost the city a few thousands to straighten out. It is at the peril of a man's false teeth that he try to "go against the grain" of the roads, so high and numerous are the ridges. Imagine a farmer scowling to market in a hurry, jolting down Chicago avenue with a few crates of valuable eggs and a couple of cans of cream. By the time he would be ready to dispose of his produce, he would have an omelet and a roll of two or soft butter. The road conditions have got to be bettered.

Now the Lord didn't do any more than his share of the work when he tried to make a city out of Plattsmouth. It's situation would make a better game reserve than a bustling town like it is, and its roads are more naturally built for toboggan slides than high-ways for the use of man. Consequently if it's hilly streets are to be kept in a passable condition, the city has got to keep on working them. If the city council does not seem to look at it in this light, the Commercial club should get in the game and see that the disgraceful conditions are remedied. It wouldn't be an expensive operation to have the streets scraped and dragged as they should be and the work has got to be done.

If the present condition of the inlets continue, Plattsmouth is going to lose scores of her valuable farmers who pay her frequent visits and make this their trading point. More than one farmer has stated to a News representative that they were doing most

of their buying at small towns rather than drive over the couple of horrible miles to get into the city. If the farmers once get the habit of trading at some other place, it will be a difficult undertaking to bring them back to this city, and Plattsmouth will lose one of her most valuable assets, the substantial rural trade.

The town owes much of her success to the good farmers of the vicinity and she ought to be willing to lend them a hand, at least by making a passable road on which they may bring in the result of their labors, which means coppers in the pockets of the merchants. A city has got to offer her traders inducements in order to keep their patronage and what would look better to the neighboring farmers than a smooth stretch of good road into town. Is it realized how these roads are threatening the city's business? It is Plattsmouth's move, and something must be done at once before the trade is materially hurt.

The poor roads are already reflecting on Plattsmouth's name and a trip over them, rrammed with jolts and bumps, will stick a long time in the mind of any visitor. Hon. E. M. Pollard drove in from Nehawka by automobile one day last week and he was pretty badly disgusted with the city avenues, the worst stretches of road between here and his home. "Why, down in Hayti," remarked Mr. Pollard, "where they don't pretend to have what you call good roads it is easier riding than on your main avenues." It certainly looks like there is something wrong when the county seat has the poorest roads in the entire county.

There may have been a slight excuse during the past few months, for the roads were so hard and compact that they would have been difficult to work, but with today's rain, the clay will be in prime condition and it is now time for immediate action. The commercial club at it's last meeting

Whalen being unable to bein the ga His place was taken by Edward Kanka who didn't give the Ashland fellows a hit in the last two frames. All of his work through the last few innings was fine and it is probable he will be in the box for at least a part of every game after this.

NEBRASKA CITY CHILDREN CRY

Base Ball Outfit Puts up the Old Threadbare Umpire Rot.

(From Monday's Daily)
Captain Burns warriors journeyed to Plattsmouth yesterday to play the team at that place and won the game 18 to 9 without an effort. Following was the line up: Plattsmouth, Beal, Droege, Fitzgerald, Mc Cauly, Smith, Mason, Perry, Kelly and Warga. Nebraska City, Mayfield, Badura, Morarity, Hicklin, Chapman, Richter, O'Shea, Whitmore and Fletcher. Fletcher pitched a good game for the locals but his support at times was ragged. The umpire knew about as much about a ball game as a pig does about Wall street and his decisions should have won the game for Plattsmouth if it were possible with the umpire with them. The local crowd kept up their hitting stunt and knocked the ball until they were tired. The team and the rooters accompanying them arrived home in time for supper. The attendance at the game was bum, 53 persons were noted on the field and three cows grazed peacefully during the game.—Nebraska City Press.

The above from the Press down at the little old slow town of Nebraska City, only clinches the argument made by those who watched the antics of the representatives of the "Minks" that they should be called "Mutts"

the Nebraska City fellows would have gone home with the short end of the score in their auto-refrigerator-refresment box in place of the empty bottles stored there. It is the first time that the people of this city have had to submit to such conditions as existed and for which the Nebraska City crowd were responsible for and which will certainly be the last. There is nothing remaining from the trip of the outfit down the river but the universal sentiment of our people that the best hit made by the bunch of the whole day was when they hit the road for home immediately after the game was over.

Cold Wave to Follow Rain.

The citizens of Nebraska and other central states are having quite a novelty and for the first time this spring they are enjoying quite a respectable rain. It is putting new stamina into the farmers who feel like they have a new lease on life when they hear the rain drops pattering on their roof. It means that the grain crop is given another chance, and will probably turn out with but comparatively small damage. The early vegetables will now be able to get in their work of sprouting and the farmers can get busy with their corn planting. In fact, it is the most welcome present that Nebraska could receive. The rain clouds are reported to extend over a large area and the drought which began to look serious in the central western states had been broken. The water wagon man will have a vacation for a few days at least and the cleanly housewife will be given an opportunity to get the dust out of her home without feeling it will be back again before night.

If the weather man can only be persuaded to hold off the cold spell which he has billed for this section of the country, every body will be happy, but according to his ideas we are going to get another stray chunk of frigid atmosphere and a few more snow flurries before we are through with it.

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones will tomorrow celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day at their home on Vine street. Today is the birthday of Mr. Jones who is 71 years of age. They are one of the pioneer couples of the city, having lived here for 34 years. Mr. Jones has been engaged nearly all his life in the livery business but at present he is no longer connected with the barn Mr. Jones and wife have probably as many friends in the city and county as any couple in town and the news of their golden wedding anniversary will be noted with interest by their hundreds of friends in the state. They are not planning on any party or formal celebration tomorrow, but will quietly spend the day as usual at their comfortable home in the city. Their hosts of friends extend their best wishes and hope they may have many more happy years in each others company.

Death of Miss Hutchison.

Mrs. A. W. Atwood departed Sunday afternoon for Jacksonville, Ill., where she will attend the funeral services of her niece, Miss Georgia Hutchison, who died in a hospital in San Francisco, California Saturday night. Miss Hutchison had frequently visited her aunt in this city and was quite well known here. She visited Mrs. Nellie Agnew in Long Beach last Monday and went from there to San Francisco expecting spend two days there, but was taken suddenly ill with intestinal obstruction, submitted to a surgical operation and died the second day after. Her body will be taken back to Jacksonville and buried beside that of her mother.

W. C. T. U. Notice.

After what happened at the council chamber Saturday evening, April 30th, in the matter of the Gering & Company druggist permit to sell alcoholic liquors, we the W. C. T. U. both as an organization and as individual signers of the remonstrance, feel that we owe it to ourselves to say that we most positively do not endorse any of the personal animosity shown as the case was conducted.

We are fighting the liquor traffic and not individuals, but whomsoever it hits we propose to fight to a finish, and there is no finish but complete destruction of the liquor traffic.
Sarah E. Kerr,
President W. C. T. U.

Rev. L. W. Gade, the new pastor delivered a most excellent discourse in the First Presbyterian church in this city Sunday morning taking for the subject of his theme these words: "For what intent have you sent for me? I have not come to preach a new theology," the minister said, "but the same theology taught to you for more than thirty years by your highly beloved former pastor. I come to try and speak a good word for our savior Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

AN EXTRA SESSION

Indications at This Time Point to the Fact That It May be Called.

HOUSE MAJORITY IS FAVORABLE

Returns Not all in on Mr. Bryan's Poll of the Members of the Senate.

(From Monday's Daily)
The Lincoln State Journal today publishes the following:

Mr. Bryan issued the following statement yesterday afternoon: "The letters and telegrams so far received from members of the house indicate that the initiative and referendum resolution would have no difficulty in passing the house. The poll of the senate is not yet complete enough to show whether the resolution would be able to pass that body.

"Several democratic senators who voted against the resolution have answered that they will again do so if a special session is called. I have not the telegrams or letters with me and cannot give the names of all who have answered in the negative but the three senators from Douglas county Senator Buck of Otoe and Senator Bosse of Webster are among the number. I assume they think they are voicing the sentiments of their constituency and that they will be willing to vote for the resolution if convinced that their constituents favor it. I suggest, therefore that petitions be prepared and circulated in these districts endorsing the initiative and referendum and asking the senators to vote for it. I shall be pleased to render any assistance that I can to secure an expression of opinion.

"To this end I shall, if possible, arrange a meeting at Nebraska City for next Wednesday evening at which Senator Buck can, if he wishes, give his reason for opposing the initiative and referendum and hear the reasons of those who favor it.

"Next week I shall try to arrange meetings at Omaha and Red Cloud and in the districts of the other senators who record themselves against the initiative and referendum."

Mr. Bryan expressed himself as pleased with Governor Shallenberger's announcement that he will call an extra session if he has the written pledges of a sufficient number of the senators and members to insure the passing of the resolution. Mr. Bryan said he had not doubted for a moment that the governor would call a special session if he received assurance that the initiative and referendum would be submitted.

Court House News.

Sheriff Jones of Nemaha county has entered his case in district court claiming \$50 reward for the capture of Arthur Brann the horse thief. A reward of that sum was offered by the county and later paid to the sheriff, who claims that it was the sum due him on the team of Fred Cramer and now demands that he receive a similar sum on the team of Fred Lake. This demand was refused by the county commissioners, consequently the case was filed by the sheriff in district court. The question which has to be settled is whether the sheriff really captured two horse thieves or one.

Final settlement was made today in the estate of Jacob Rayles, Jr. and administrator, Jacob Rayles Sr., was discharged.

J. R. Eledge and wife of Council Bluffs were in the city Sunday visiting relatives at the home of J. B. Huigley. Mr. Eledge is connected with the Council Bluffs street railway company.

The special song services which were held at the St. Luks Episcopal church yesterday were one of the most enjoyable ever held in the city. The day seemed ideal for the music and the church was packed to its doors. The services are held by the Episcopalians the first Sunday in every month, but without doubt, yesterday's service was the best heard for months. The soloists and choir appeared at their best and under the direction of their leader, Mr. Austin, the occasion was an ideal one.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, who have been making their home at the Nebraska Masonic home for the past year, departed for Chicago to visit their daughter.

Is Your Name Written There?

All persons who have not had an opportunity to list their names with the census enumerator, please leave your name with Postmaster Schneider at your first opportunity. It is very essential that every person living in the City of Plattsmouth should be counted in this census in order that our population should show as large as possible.

Every resident of the city ought to constitute himself or herself a committee of one, not only to see that they are on the list, but that everyone else is also counted. It is almost impossible for one census enumerator to get them all in the short time allowed and therefore, everybody should help along the good work.

voted to have Chicago avenue repaired even though it were to be paved in the near future. The work was ordered to commence the day following their meeting, but for some reason, no good ever came of the motion, and the road continued to grow worse every day. There is no reason why the work can not be carried out and the citizens should make it their business to see that it is. If the council does not order the work done, the Commercial club should get busy and see that it is started anyway. These streets have got to be smoothed off. Get the scraper and drag into action so the streets will more than redeem their former condition. Let's help Plattsmouth succeed by seeing that her roads are put into respectable shape and that work commenced at once while they are in a condition to be tended. Let's strike while the iron is hot.

Boys Win Saturday's Game.

The High School boys returned from their trip Saturday to Ashland in high spirits having drubbed the nine at that city by the tune of 15 to 14. The game was a good one after the first few innings. During the first three frames, the boys were somewhat wild and a number of errors were made on both sides. The pitchers had not warmed up to good control of the ball and the batters found them for all kinds of hits. Eleven runs were made in the first three inning then the boys got down to business and began to play ball. The scores ran along with very close margins until the ninth when they stood 14 to 14. The Plattsmouth boys were equal to the occasion and ran in a man in the tenth which gave them the game by the score of 15 to 14.

This is the second game the home team has won from Ashland during this season and the team at that place is generally considered of good standing among the state teams. The line up for Saturday's game was a little changed on account of their regular pitcher,

which would be more appropriate. For a gang of professional ball players men who have been picked up all over the country, men who are drawing salaries and are supposed to have outgrown their amateurish clothes, they showed about the worst case of childishness it was ever the lot of people here to see. They howled at the umpire at everything that did not come their way. Every little hit made by their "professionals" was exulted over in regular school boy fashion. When the game was close they took every advantage possible to bull doze their way through in regular "professional" style, which by the way was the only showing they made that they belong to the professional class.

A team representing a league made up of four great states who are drawing salaries which would indicate that they had some class, that cannot go up against a bunch of amateurs with all home players, and with a couple of their best men out of the lineup, and win on a greater margin than did the Nebraska City bunch last Friday is not showing very much of the base ball ability which would make a town feel proud of them. When a professional ball team goes up against a team in the condition the Plattsmouth team was in last Friday and can only make ten hits, two of their players not making any and five only one each, and on top of that ejecting nine errors into their play, their chances of winning laurels as base ball players is decidedly on the grim. The old baby plea that the "umpire" was to blame and that he favored the other fellows does not stack up on the record as shown by the above facts.

We would like to see Nebraska City have a team which would be a credit to the town, but if the whole "Mink" league is to be judged by the sample shown by the outfit which endeavored to play ball last Friday here, we can see little hopes for the "Mink" organization to survive very long. One thing is certain and that is that had the Plattsmouth team its regular line-up