

THE CITY BOSSES IN WARM SESSION

Many Propositions of Importance Came Up at Last Night's Meeting.

Not the cow that caused the Chicago fire, but the cow which supplies milk for the writer, was the cause of us being late at the council meeting last evening. We tried to milk her on one side, and one on the other and she kicked and ran over a twenty acre pasture and we could not get her to agree to being milked on the wrong side for some time, so when we stuck our nose into the council chamber they had called the roll and read the minutes and were discussing the sewerage problem. Each alderman was in his place and smiling, and seemed to be happy. Frank Darow the Burlington engineer, was present, and submitted what he had estimated it would cost to take care of the water, even should the rain fall be as heavy as it was during the unprecedented heavy rain of July sixth. The estimates were in round numbers placed a little under ten thousand dollars while a sewer for carrying the same amount of water would cost nearly fifty thousand or five times as much. The matter was given to the Judiciary committee for a report at the next regular meeting.

Fire Department Report

Showed only the foreman of one hose team reporting, which was meager, the others not reporting. Mayor Gering called attention to the fact that if the ones whose duties it was to make these reports expected to draw their salaries they must make the necessary reports so that the members of the council would have the condition of the apparatus and be prepared to meet any contingency which may arise.

Police Judge and Chief of Police

Police judge reported that there had been seventeen arrests made during the calendar month of July, and the collections had been thirty-seven dollars. The report of the Chief of Police coincided with that of the Judge on the number of arrests.

The Water Bill

The Judiciary Committee reported on the payment of the amount of \$1987.00 for hydrant rental, and was signed by the entire committee. This provoked a considerable amount of fiery eloquence both by the chairman of the committee in favor of the payment, and the Mayor supported by various members on the other hand against the payment. Various figures were quoted, and the other members of the committee, then the chairman said they did not know what they had signed when they attached their signature to the report, and they therefore arrayed themselves on the other side. After a good deal of discussion the matter was referred to the city attorney to report on the next regular meeting. In order to arrive at this the motion as before the house for the adoption of the report had to be amended to refer back then upon the motion as amended. Another item coming under the report of the Judiciary committee was the attempted disposition of the matter of the petition relative to the vacation of Lincoln Avenue, which was reported to place in the hands of the streets and ally committee. This required an amendment and its return to the Judiciary committee was sanctioned by the eight for and two against.

Chicago Avenue Walk

The next to receive the consideration of the city legislators was a petition signed by W. H. Newell and others, asking that the new cement walk which is to be built on Chicago Avenue, be placed where the old one was and not out to the curb as had been contemplated, they stating in their petition that the avenue, as cut up by the creek that runs down its entire length, is narrow enough, as it is and that the placing of the walk out in the street would make it more narrow still, for this the petitioners asked the walk be kept where it has been. The petition found its way to the Judiciary committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting. Orders were given that work on the grading of the avenue for the present be suspended, pending the action of the council at its next meeting on the petition.

Board of Health

Mayor Gering for the board of health reported that there was not a case of small pox at present or any exposures. While there has been a number in the past, the effective steps, which have been taken, have completely eradicated the pestilence. The mayor also reported that Ben Rainey had been serving as night police, in the place of W. W. Slatyer, who resigned some time since, but that he had not received any regular appointment as yet, as he was being tried and if he proved to be the person for the place, he would offer his appointment for the consideration of the council at a future meeting.

Cut the Weeds

The street commissioner was ordered to have the weeds cut in the streets and

to take as many men from other work as was necessary. Some grading was ordered on Ninth and Pearl and Bookmeyer said it would be necessary to furnish a ladder to get up and down the bank where they put in the crossing, if it is not graded. Four brick crossings were ordered put in on Tenth street and on motion by Dodge the clerk was instructed to write for a grader for a ten days' trial use.

A Fine Legal Question.

On motion by Dodge, that the city fill in on Sixth street the holes in front of Ebersole's, Knapp's and Hall's, that they might put in permanent walks, he precipitated a very warm technical legal question. The discussion of which was entered into with a vim and earnestness that was surprising, as it developed a large number of orators. Upon the question when it was voted for the first time stood: Tippins, Bookmeyer, Dodge and Lutz, aye; Schlutz, Schuloff, Sattler, Steimker, White and Vondron, nay. The proposition had been lost. Then Dodge offered a motion to charge everybody who had gotten grading done, and cited the grading for walks which had been done on Chicago Avenue. The city attorney was present and was asked for an opinion. He said that the city had to grade all the streets where the walks were, as well as where the paving was. "Ah, then and there was hurrying too and tro" to get in shape again. A reconsidering of the motion was hurriedly gotten at, and the motion when it appeared for the second vote, was shown as carried, with those voting in favor this time as Schlutz, Lutz, Tippins, Bookmeyer, Schuloff, Dodge and Vondron, while Sattler and White were alone in the negative, Steimker having gone home.

Resolution on Grading

Stempker of the third offered a resolution to the effect that where there was to be any grading done which would cost as much as fifty dollars it should be given by contract, and it should be determined as to what the amount would be by estimate of the city engineer. The resolution was adopted by Schlutz, Stempker, White, Dodge, Schuloff, Lutz and Vondron voting in favor of it, while only Tippins and Sattler voted against it. City attorney handed down two opinions, one to the effect that the change in the poll tax to two dollars and fifty cents did not effect this town but that the tax would remain three dollars or two days work as heretofore. The other was that unless an estimated amount of expense for the year was made no expenditure could be legally made, which it did not cover.

Gas and Lighting

An ordinance to blank was submitted to the approval of the council, granting the franchise for the term of twenty years, to the party who has been here so many times to see about the matter, and who was here last evening. The ordinance offered, was read over and discussed at some length. It was the advice of the city attorney that the ordinance be given much time in the considering, and it should be the works of weeks in going over the matter that it might be thoroughly understood, as it could not be done in a few hours. The ordinance was returned to the Gas and Light committee, with instructions to have a copy of the ordinance, as wished passed for each of the council, at the next meeting. After this was done, Earl C. Wescott asked the council to make no discussion until the coming meeting, as he would like to make a proposition for furnishing light and heat.

The following bills were allowed.

Jesse Root Rtn. Fee	\$100.00
E. E. Hillon Srvr	3.50
Cass Co. Bd. Prisoners	11.40
Street Work.	
Dan Rice	10.50
Wm. Lair	17.85
R. E. Snodgrass	57.05
Geo. Lindsey	61.25
Geo. Mape	64.40
Troy Mape	23.23
Al Janda	12.25
Aatone Kanka	23.63
John McDaniel	16.23
Chas. Renner	05.25
John Harkins	31.33
Phil Harrison	30.98
Al Funk	31.50
Charles Zitka	59.05
Clyde Funk	48.30
Will Gingery	30.98
Fred Mullis	00.88
Neb. Light Co., Light	03.65
M. Archer	30.00
Mathew Herold, Jan Work	03.00
Olive Jones Library	27.00
Public Library Exp.	02.00
Kroehler Bros. mdse	16.75
Wm. Hasler Repr. Wagn.	16.25
F. Erenburger Water wagon	100.00
Bert Ellege Noselman	01.50
Carl Kopiska	01.50
Gus Pein	01.50
Joe Libershal	01.50
Peter Evers	01.50
Robert Ritche	01.50
Gus Swanson	01.50
Victor Anderson	01.50
T. T. Severs	01.50
Tom Hickson	01.50
W. Hasler rep. hose cart.	02.50
C. B. & Q. Freight	02.01
James Fitzgerald Sal.	50.00
John Janda	10.00
Ben iRaney	25.80
W. W. Slatyer	24.20

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer's report, which came next was very flattering to the admin-

istration as it showed a large amount in each fund and no outstanding warrants against them:

General fund	\$4 584 49
Road	776 43
Fire Department	392 09
Library	273 11
Park	144 58
Police	469 51
Hydrant rental	4 832 37
Bond	5 318 31
Cemetery	54 35
Dox tax	86 23
Schools	420 0
Teachers	5 585 85
Total	\$26 368 24

Estimated Expenditures.

The estimated expenditures for the coming year were as follows:	
Mayor and city council	\$ 600 00
Police Judge	1 240 00
Police and street commissioner	1 740 00
Board of Health	100 00
Printing	125 00
Boarding prisoners	125 00
Grading	1 200 00
Hydrant rental	2 500 00
Library	500 00
Park	50 00
Interest on bonds	6 500 00
Fire Department	225 00
Light	1 500 00
Lowering street	10 000 00

Mind Unbalanced by Trouble

Last Tuesday August Oberg, a farmer, living about two miles west of Valley, was taken to a private hospital in Council Bluffs for treatment. Mr. Oberg for the last two sessions of the legislature has been asking for a special act allowing him to sue the school district in which he lives for the burning of one of his children by a bonfire in the school yard. The failure to secure this permission, together with his crops being almost entirely destroyed for two years by flood and hail, has worried him. For several months he has slept very little. The last few weeks his mental trouble has taken a religious turn and it is reported that he said he had a message from heaven to destroy his children. For this reason it was thought best to send him to the hospital for treatment.

His daughter, Ruth Oberg, was not fatally burned at the time, but he claimed her injuries are permanent. A bonfire in the school yard communicated to her clothing and the father has sought to hold the school district responsible.

Wants His Horse

Roy Brown, a young farmer of Oxford has offered a reward of \$50 for the apprehension of the person who stole a valuable horse and buggy belonging to him a night or two ago. The horse was hitched on one of the business streets of the town at the time of its disappearance.

This particular section of Furnas and Harlan counties is suffering from dry weather, and unless good rains come immediately the corn crop will be very light, although prospects for a heavy yield are promising in certain neighboring communities with favorable weather from now on. Under present conditions however, alfalfa is maturing a fine crop of seed.

A Pleasant Gathering.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hennings, south of town last Sunday afternoon, there was one of the most pleasant gatherings of neighbors and friends that has occurred for many a day. There were about seventy people present, the occasion being the meeting and visiting with the old friends who had come back from Oklahoma, and were visiting in the neighborhood. The ones from the "Sunny Southland" were John T. Hennings and family, Lorenz Brew and Peter Volk. The afternoon soon passed away and after a sumptuous supper, of which all partook, they departed for home well satisfied with the way the afternoon was spent and wishing the visitors an abundant success in the land where they have made their home.

An Enjoyable Trip

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Patterson have just returned from an extensive eastern trip, visiting Kansas City, St. Joe, St. Louis. Then taking a boat from there to Chicago, from there the lake trip by the way of Niagara Falls. From Niagara Falls by water to New York stopping at Buffalo, Boston, Brooklyn, Coney Island, Philadelphia, then south to the Jamestown exposition, Washington, and Norfolk, stopping a week to recuperate at Atlantic City, the great summer resort.

After riding on the deep blue sea for several days and feeding the sharks, they arrived at Boston. Then up the Hudson river, taking in the beautiful scenery, the Thousand Islands and other places of interest returning to New York City coming home by way of Chicago, stopping for shopping then home to our city.

"To eat all they want,
Sleep all they want,
Loaf all they want,
Stay as long as they want."

Gone to Minneapolis

Miss Hallie and Master Pollock Parmele departed for Minneapolis this afternoon on the fast mail where they will spend a month visiting with friends and relatives. They will visit all the noted places, including the fall of Minnehaha, of which Longfellow wrote in his Hiawatha.

LINCOLN FORTY YEARS OLD

Capitol Formally Located by Proclamation Aug. 14

The following from the State Journal tells of the founding of the city of Lincoln and the establishing of the state capitol there: "Forty years ago today, a proclamation was issued declaring the state capitol should be located at the village of Lancaster county and that provision should be made to reserve land for the use of state university, a state farm, a court house for Lancaster county, a city hall and market space, a state historical library association and several public schools. The commission, composed of David Butler, Thomas P. Kennard and John Gillespie, started from Nebraska City on the afternoon of July 18, and visited the towns of Yankee Hill, Lancaster, Ashland, Seward, Milford, Camden and Saline City. On the afternoon of July 29, the commissioners assembled in the house of W. T. Donovan in Lancaster and after a free discussion as to the advantages of the different places visited, a ballot was taken resulting in Lancaster two and Ashland one. On the second ballot the choice fell on Lancaster by a unanimous vote of the commission. The governor announced the result to the people, many of whom were on the outside awaiting the result of the vote.

"After the place was decided upon a surveyor was left to locate the depressions and elevations preliminary to furnishing a design for laying off the blocks, streets and reservations. On August 13 the commissioners again assembled at Lancaster and the next day formally announced the founding of the town of Lincoln as the seat of government. After that the town was blocked off. On September 17 the first sale of lots was held. It was a rainy, cold day and a small crowd came to the sale. The first lot was sold to J. G. Miller for \$40.25. However the following days were better and the sale closed after five days with an aggregate sale of \$34,000.

More Homes for the People

More good land for actual settlers has been thrown open for settlement, as announced by the Wyoming land board. The land opened is to be settled under the Cary act and contains 150,000 acres of the Eden valley lands in the Sweetwater and Fremont, contains, north of Rock Springs, on the Union Pacific railroad. Thirty thousand acres are now available for public entry. It is one of the finest bodies of irrigatable land in the state. The land is irrigated from the public domain under the Carey act. Any person twenty-one years old or over is entitled to a claim of 160 acres, or any legal subdivision thereof, provided such person has never previously made use of the Carey act. The land is a rich, sandy loam, free from alkali and stones and will produce abundant crops of grain, grasses and vegetables.

Water for irrigation is obtained from the big and Little Sunday rivers and their tributaries, which head in the great watershed of the Wind river range of mountains and drain an area of thousands of square miles. The water is distributed by an extensive system of canals and ditches. Elasticity to the supply is obtained by two immense reservoirs which impound billions of cubic feet of water. The fee to the state which accompanies application for each claim is 25 cents per acre and an additional 25 cent per acre is paid upon making final proof within three years. The cost of the irrigating system is charged against the land at the rate of \$30 per acre, payable in ten annual installments. All of the irrigation works become the property of the people who own the land, each acre representing one share.

Thrown Into the River

The Rock Island section gang which makes South Bend their stopping place, was coming home yesterday from across the river and as the derrick had been set open and not noticing it, they ran off the track and four of the six were thrown from the bridge into the water below; the other two had jumped when the car left the track and they immediately fished them out, and other than a good drenching and a little shaking up, they were uninjured.

The Rock Island will shortly build a new steel bridge for its line across the Platte at that place. A party of engineers have been making a test of the river bed for solid rock for some time past.

Married in Plattsmouth

George E. Eager, just blossoming into manhood, having attained the number of years and no more, came from Louisville where he had learned to love Miss Elsie Williams, and secured a license which would permit him marrying the beautiful girl. After getting the permit, he looked for a judge, to have the knot tied but found none just then. They, in company with his brother, Chester, and Miss Bertha Erwin, proceeded to Hotel Perkins and had a wedding dinner and thereby be sure of it. As the court house clock was chiming the hour of two, they went and were married by Judge Archer and received his blessing and were happy. They departed for their home at Louisville on the afternoon train.

At the Clarkson Hospital

Mrs. Joseph Droege was a passenger to Omaha this morning where she will visit with Mrs. Peter Merges, who is at the Clarkson hospital where she has been for some time receiving treatment. Mrs. Merges has not been in good health for some time and at the hospital the time drags heavily. Mrs. Droege thought to cheer her friend by paying her a visit; her object is very commendable. Mr. Merges and daughter are now in the west.

BIG CROWDS AT ELMWOOD

The Chautauqua a Grand Success, The People Greatly Gratified

Large crowds are attending the chautauqua at Elmwood, and every day sees a good program furnished to those who attend in large numbers. It was with some uncertainty that the undertaking was inaugurated, but the success with which the people behind the move have met have encouraged them and they see in the results of their efforts in the season now being held, a promise of the future success of the enterprise. Monday's program was a treat to those who attended.

At 2:30 the Sapphos gave a concert, followed by Bishop Horn, of Cleveland, who spoke upon "The Philosopher's Stone." The bishop showed how men of all ages had sought in vain for the secret of happiness by means of alchemy and black art. He gave the bible and christianity as the true "philosopher's stone." He was followed by Harry F. Huntington in his monologue drawn from "Seven Oaks." His work was very pleasing to the audience.

At 7:30 the concert by the Elmwood band was followed by the Sapphos and Huntington, who made their farewell appearance. Dr. Loveland, of Omaha, at 8:30 spoke to an immense audience on "The Follies of Fogysim." Mr. Loveland stated that fogysim caused Sociates to drink the fatal hemlock, caused Copernicus to dine in prison, and nailed Jesus Christ to the cross on Calvary. He said fogysim had opposed every reform, had tried to prevent every invention, had cried "It can't be done," in the face of every forward movement. He showed its baneful effects on the church and how it hampered Christianity. His address was humorous, serious and descriptive by turns, and was optimistic throughout.

Tuesday the attendance was agrin large, and the interest manifested was as great as the day previous. At two o'clock the Ladies Harmony Quartet, rendered one of their choicest selections and the entire crowd was enraptured by the entertainment furnished. This was followed by a discussion of the "Agricultural Problem" by Prof. E. W. Hunt, and was very ably handled. That he had not only read and experimented with the growing of agricultural crops but that he has had the actual experience. His easy talks showed him on speaking terms with all the appliances and ways of cultivation, and the weeds manner to deal with the noxious proper as well. In the evening the Ladies Quartette again entertained the visitors for a half an hour. The Elmwood band kept things lively until it was dark enough to have the moving picture show. The Normal Institute, is proving a grand success, and has in attendance more teachers than ever was to a institute of this kind in Cass county before. There were present in all 144 teachers most of whom are young ladies, and of that type which makes Nebraska noted for beautiful women.

Observe the Limitations

Mr. Judson Harmon gives sound advice to federal officials in saying that fidelity to duty requires them to observe the limitations as well as the duties of their trusts.

It has become altogether too much the habit of men engaged in the service of the United States to resent as impertinence any questioning of their authority when for any cause, it conflicts with that of a state official.

Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, even went so far the other day as to denounce as attacks upon the federal government the efforts of certain States to enforce their own laws. This is not the right spirit to promote harmony between jurisdictions which, though complex, are clearly defined.

It must not be resumed by a federal government should in no case be misused to overcome right with might. In that way lie confusion, injustice and brooding discontent.

The faithful public servant in the employ of the federal government is he who observes the limitations as well as the powers and duties of his trust. One who disregards local rights and local laws in the performance of his duties neither a good official nor a good citizen.

THE public, indirectly affected by the telegraphers' strike, has no sympathy for either employer or employe. The time when the public will submit cheerfully to being kicked around as the result of differences between employer and employe, is not during this era of prosperity and high wages. Arbitration is the proper way to settle aggravated grievances, and the public will not view with approval an other course.

James W. Sage

In the fall of 1855, on the ninth of November James W. Sage was born at Fulton Whiteside Co., Ill., where he lived and went to school until he was thirteen years of age, when he came to this place, and went to work on a farm for his uncle Elias Sage, working for him three years. At the end of that year he being sixteen years of age, he drove a delivery wagon for a firm who occupied the room where W. W. Conates is now having refitted, what is known as the Meyers building. The firm of Clark & Plummer, for that was their name, carried a stock of Dry goods and groceries. After this he worked on different farms for two or three years, here. Then at Lamotte Iowa for C. L. Potter for one year, at the end of the year he married Mr. Potter's niece, Miss Lillian Potter. He with his wife returned to Plattsmouth, bought a team and went to teaming, until 1885, or for eight years. During this time in 1880 when the first Burlington bridge was building across the Missouri, and the work on the big cut between the station and the bridge was being done, there was a very tough element making Plattsmouth a very tough place. Miles Morgan was then Mayor, and he was having some difficulty in getting some one for city marshal that was just the man for the place, that would do the proper thing at the right time. So J. W. Johnson suggested Mr. Sage and went to him himself and asked him if he would accept the position, knowing what it meant. Jim as he is called said yes, and I will make them know who is Marshal too. So Mayor Morgan appointed him the city Marshall. The first night of his tenure of office, the toughs who had that summer given the name of "Happy Hollow" to that portion of the territory south of the city which they had pre-empted, thought to come and run the town and new marshal. A half dozen sore heads and being hauled to jail in a dray established his authority. He had no more trouble with the element who had thought to own the town. At this time he purchased a lot where he now lives and built a small residence, at the time of purchase a creek ran along Pearl street, all was woods where the house now stands. In 1885 he engaged in the coal business in partnership with Timothy Clark, with the yards down near the north end of the Burlington shop yards. He continued with Mr. Clark for something over a year, then sold to his partner, a continuing to work for him for some seven years longer. In 1894 when Timothy Clark sold his business to Henry Hempel, Mr. Sage did nothing for a short time. In 1896 he engaged in the livery business occupying the place where Q. K. Parmele now has his stables, here he ran a barn for two years, on the sixth day of July 1898 when the memorable flood came, had eighteen horses drowned in the basement of the barn. One of these was a very valuable horse and with the other losses which he sustained by reason of the flood was put to the bad about \$3,500.00. Neither being discouraged or disheartened he immediately made arrangements for and built the barn where he now conducts his livery and feed business. Getting the same builded and running during the early part of 1899. In 1895 he bought a farm near Elmwood which he kept for about five years selling same in 1900. During the year 1909 he rebuilt and made much larger his present fine residence. In 1902 he purchased a farm of two hundred acres near Gallatin, Mo. and sold same a few years afterwards. Since then he has bought two fine farms near Manco, Oklahoma, which he holds at the present. One of the farms contains 100 acres and the other one 200, they were purchased about a year ago and could now be sold at a handsome profit. The writer remembers that the first time we saw Mr. Sage to know who he was. It was a day after some toughs had congregated on a bridge the night before which used to be at the crossing of Pearl and sixth streets. The toughs "had a little too much aboard" and were using language which would not make good reading. Mr. Sage asked them to desist, they were not long telling him that that was their business and that they would say what they pleased, as the language was within the hearing of his own home, he soon placed them "hors de combat" they going over the guard rail into the creek to sober up, which they soon did and took a hot foot.

At Home Again

Wescott's have their store room so far repaired that they are able to move their stock of goods back into it again. The flood which was so disastrous in all lines where it struck, was especially severe on these people. It has cost them a lot of money as well as work and inconvenience. They, like the workers they are, have jumped into the work and gotten the task of righting up the stock and getting the room in shape again, considering the enormity of the task, very quickly.

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