

WILL PAY ON HYDRANT RENTAL

City Council Determined Last Evening to Pay Water Company About \$2,800 on the Hydrant Rental Arrearages Without Prejudices to Either Party

The city council were in their places last evening, with the exception of one member, promptly at seven o'clock, and waited until about seven-thirty for the appearance of the Water company's attorney, John L. Webster, with whom the special session was called to confer. Upon the arrival of the Water company attorney, the council was called to order, and Mr. Webster asked to make a statement of their side of the case, which was done, being long and tedious, treating each step in the litigation of the matter between the city and Water company. In this he gave many legal citations, going to prove the validity of the ordinance which extended the franchise of the Water company, of which there remains four years yet to run. Mr. Webster placed much stress on the matter of a contract existing which was unfulfilled on the part of the city, and insisted on the fulfillment of their part by them.

He said that unless the payments of the amount in arrearages were made the company would be compelled to institute proceedings for its collection, and that were such steps made necessary the case would be begun in the federal and not the state courts. The question arose, as to the charges for hydrant rental, as to how they corresponded with that of other cities, and as to whether or not it was paying the Water company on the investment. Touching this matter Mr. Webster rendered a statement of the receipts and expenses, showing the entire receipts of the company from all sources to be for 1907, \$9,710.63, while the expenses were \$10,563.57, making a loss \$852.94, this to be on what they have not collected and the full rates of hydrant rental now charged. These expenses were made up of the payments made for operating expenses, and fixed charges which included interest on the bonds outstanding, which are bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. To this the fees of Mr. Webster he says are to be added, which would show a deficiency, allowing his fees at \$1,500 of \$2,352.84. In view of this condition he took the position of insisting on the fulfillment

of the contract with the city as he said they needed the money, and unless they had it would either be pushed to insolvency or the submitting the foreclosure of the mortgage bonds held against the company. This brought on a general discussion, relative to costs of water works, and average hydrant rental, of which the city gave some two hundred cities of this class to which they had written, showing the average price paid as being something less than \$32.00, while Mr. Webster submitted a statement covering 74 cities similar in size and under like conditions, which showed an average of \$44.00 per hydrant per year. After these citations had been made, the city made a proposition for settlement in these terms. That they would pay the entire arrearages, and submit a franchise from last evening extending for ten years, making the charges \$45.00 per hydrant per year, and the maximum charge for private service 20 cents per thousand gallons. The city to have charge of meter inspection, this to be submitted to the voters at the coming spring election. Or they would pay at the rate of \$200.00 per month, on the bill such to be credited without prejudice to either the city or the Water company. The matter of using water for flushing the streets and other minor matters to be determined later by the city and Water company. This was discussed at length by the mayor and Mr. Webster, and while the Water company's attorney insisted on the payment in full of the arrearages which amounted to \$3,961.10 two months since, and which would be near \$4,300 at present. Mayor Gering said he would prefer to hold the long end of the string, and considered a bird in the hand worth two in the bush in effecting a settlement.

Mr. Webster said he would submit the proposition to the company and would probably be ready to report their decision in about four weeks. The roll was then called and each councilman present agreed at the next regular session to vote for the drawing of a warrant for about \$2,800, for the Water company, for payment on the account, upon this all voted in favor of the proposition.

Mrs. A. B. Hass was a visitor in the city this morning from Oreopolis.

Ed. Egenberger was a business visitor in the metropolis this morning.

George Pick of Cedar Creek was a brief business visitor in the city this morning.

A. S. Will was a passenger to South Omaha, this morning, where he goes to look after some stock interest.

Mrs. B. F. Eichelberger departed this morning for Tabor, Ia., where she will visit for a while with relatives and friends.

A. F. Seybert of Cedar Creek was a visitor in the county seat this morning, transacting some business matters in the city.

Mrs. G. N. Dodge accompanied her husband to Omaha and will visit with Dr. Dodge and family, while the convention goes on.

Adam Fornoff sr. of Cedar Creek was a visitor in the city this morning, looking after some business matters during the day.

J. W. Sage and Will Jean were visitors in South Omaha, where they were called on account of their interest in the horse market.

Walter J. White was a business visitor in the metropolis this morning, and incidentally may look after the democratic convention.

C. W. Hafke was a visitor in Omaha this morning, where he has some business matters to look after, and will visit friends as well.

Do not miss the basket ball game at Coates hall tomorrow night (Friday) at 8 o'clock, Plattsmouth High school vs Nebraska City High school.

Mrs. John Fitzgerald and daughter, Lillian, of Lincoln, came in this morning and are visiting in the city, the guests of Mrs. T. E. Parmele.

Miss Margarite Roe departed last evening for her home, after having visited in the city for some time, the guest of her friend, Miss Minnie Will.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schlutz, departed this morning, for Council Bluffs, Ia., where they will visit with Mr. Schlutz's step father, who has been confined in a hospital at that place all winter, and who is reported recently as making some improvement.

George Sitzman of Cedar Creek was a visitor in the city last evening, visiting at the home of his brother, who is sick and has been confined to his bed for some time.

John Gorley, of White Cloud, Kansas, departed for his home this morning, after having visited in the city for a few days past, a guest at the home of John Billings and wife.

E. B. Leiffert of Lincoln, General Inspector of piece work for the Burlington was a business visitor in the city this morning, looking after some matters in the local shops.

Miss Ruth Peirson, of St. Joseph, Mo., was a visitor in the city this morning, looking after the interests of Beckworth Beech & company, of Shenandoah, Ia., who sell advertising specialties.

Christian Ladies Aid Society
Yesterday afternoon the ladies aid society of the Christian church met with Mrs. A. J. Graves and transacted the regular order of business and some special matters which was to be considered. After which a lunch was served and a general good time was had. There were about forty members of the organization present, and all seemed alive to the necessity of more earnest work, and in making preparations for the receiving of the new pastor and family when he shall arrive, which will be in the near future. The church having been with out pastor for some time has made the work of the society somewhat more arduous but they have done their work nicely and should be commended for the spirit displayed.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Both Agreeable and Effective.
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has no superior for coughs, colds and croup, and the fact that it is pleasant to take and contains nothing in any way injurious has made it a favorite with mothers. Mr. W. S. Pelham, a merchant of Kirksville, Iowa, says: "For more than twenty years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been my leading remedy for all throat troubles. It is especially successful in cases of croup. Children like it and my customers who have used it will not take any other." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.,

John Heins departed for Omaha today where he will visit for some time and look after some business matters which he has to attend to there.

Robert Hayes, general foreman, of the Burlington shops at this place, departed for the east last evening, where he is looking after some business for the company.

Mrs. W. H. Barker and children departed this morning for Takama, where Mr. Barker and the boys went some two days since and where they will make their future home.

W. H. Newell, departed last evening on the Burlington, for St. Joseph, Mo., where he will look after some business for the S. H. Atwood company, at their works at Amazonia, Missouri.

Julius Pitz returned last evening from Kansas City where he was called by the sickness of a little seven year old nephew, son of his sister, Mrs. Nims of that place. The little fellow was much improved when Julius returned, and it is expected he will soon be well again.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will hold their monthly business and social meeting at the home of Miss Helen Clark Thursday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy a pleasant evening with the C. E.'s.

A. E. Anderson, wife and little child departed this morning for Hope, Kansas, where they will make their future home. They will engage in farming there. They have made their home in this city for a number of years, and leave with the respect and good will of a host of friends who wish them success in their new home.

DAILY PERSONAL NEWS

Short Items of Interest, From Wednesday Evening's Daily Journal

Carl Ebinger was a visitor in Omaha this afternoon.

A. S. Will was a brief business visitor in South Omaha today.

Harry Fry was a business visitor in Omaha this afternoon.

C. E. Metzger of Cedar Creek was a business visitor in the city this morning.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer was a business visitor in the metropolis this afternoon.

G. M. Porter was a visitor in Lincoln today, where he is looking after some business.

A brand new single harness for sale at a bargain. Call on Bort Ballard in the Boeck block.

FOUND—Gent's kid glove. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

J. L. Hartshorn of Havelock was a visitor in the city this morning having business at the court house.

L. B. Brown from near Kenosha was a visitor in the city this afternoon and made this office a pleasant call.

Mrs. J. Olson of Cedar Creek was a visitor in the city this morning, looking after some business matters.

Monte Straight was a visitor at home for a short time this morning returning to Omaha on the fast mail.

County Clerk W. E. Rosencrans was a visitor in Omaha this afternoon looking after some business matters.

John Schiappacase was transacting business in the metropolis this morning.

Orson Johnson, of Greenwood, is serving his country as a juror in the district court this week.

Casper A. Hospenthal was a visitor in Omaha this morning looking after some business matters.

Robert Windham, jr., and wife, came in last evening and are visiting in the city with friends and relatives for a short time.

F. G. Egenberger and wife departed this morning for Omaha, where they will visit with friends and relatives for a few days.

D. S. Riley departed this morning for Omaha where he will work in the interest of the Brotherhood of Car-workers of America.

The Nebraska City boy's High school team will play the Plattsmouth boy's High school team, at Coates' hall, Friday evening, March 6th.

John L. Webster, of Omaha, was a visitor in the city last evening where he was conferring with the city council, relative to the hydrant rental.

Mrs. John Pitz of Manatowac, Wisconsin, came in last evening, and is visiting for a few days with her nephew and niece, Julius and Edith Pitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Glover departed this morning for Glenwood, Ia., where they will visit with friends, after having visited in the city for some time.

L. D. Switzer departed for her home this morning, after having been in the city for the past few days, at the meeting of the board of county commissioners.

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Wm. Turner, who has been sick at his home for some time, is reported as being much improved.

George A. Kaffenberger was a visitor in the metropolis this afternoon, where he is looking after some business.

County Commissioner C. R. Jordan departed for home this afternoon going by the way of Omaha.

W. H. Venner and daughter, DeElla, were visitors in Omaha this afternoon where they were looking after some business matters.

H. L. Wilcox is taking a layoff on account of a wound in one of his hands, which he received at the Burlington shops yesterday.

Ignas Kosowaki of Omaha, after visiting in the city for the past few days with friends and relatives, departed for his home in Omaha this afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Compton of Omaha, after having visited in the city with her mother and sister, Mrs. T. R. Whittaker and family departed this afternoon for her home.

Perry Marsh of Rock Bluffs was a visitor in South Omaha this afternoon where he is looking after some horse sales in operation at that place at present.

John Swinburg of Omaha was a visitor in the city this morning a guest at the home of her brother-in-law, S. Anderson.

John McNurlin returned home this morning from Louisville where he was attending the funeral of Isaac Reihart yesterday.

Glen Smith departed for his home at Lincoln this morning after looking after some business in the city for the past few days.

R. D. Pollard of the Burlington tax department was in the city today looking after matters for the Burlington regarding their taxes.

W. S. Kitrel, constable from South Bend precinct, was a visitor in the city this morning as a witness in the case of State vs. Homer Foster.

J. W. Berge, J. C. Fountain and Gus Hanson of South Bend were visitors in the city this morning, witnesses in the case of the State vs. Homer E. Foster, which is on trial today.

J. L. Smith, of Nehawka, came up last evening and departed for Omaha this morning, where he goes to visit Lee Kniss who was taken there and operated on at a hospital for appendicitis last Saturday.

Guy Hodges, the man who was crushed by a bent of false support for the use of the pile driver falling on him at the Platte river some time since, is able to be around again and slowly recovering, but still not able to go to work.

Zach Shrader was a visitor in the city this morning, looking after some business, and will depart for Omaha tomorrow, where he will attend the state convention.

Mrs. J. H. Thrasher, who has been on the sick list for some time, is reported as being some better, so she was able to sit up some this morning, and gives promise of making more improvement.

Mrs. E. H. Elton and little girl departed for Toledo, Ohio, today, accompanied as far as Omaha by Mr. Elton, who goes there to work. Mrs. Elton will visit in Chicago for a few days on her way east.

Greatest spring tonic, drives out all impurities. Makes the blood rich. Fills you with warm, tingling life. Most reliable spring regulator. That's Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c, Tea or Tablets at Gering & Co.

Earl Leesley is reported as being very sick with rheumatism, so he cannot get out of bed. He has to be handled with a sheet and packed in cotton. He has been in a serious condition since last Saturday evening.

It coaxes back that well feeling, healthy look, puts the sap of life in your system, protects you from disease. Hallister's Rocky Mountain Tea has no equal as a spring tonic for the whole family. 35c, Tea or Tablets at Gering & Co.

Burlington Begins Work Again.
The Burlington railway company are patting out their work trains again, and today ordered Dave Wallengren to Fremont where he is to run an engine on one of the work trains. While Andrew Nelson, who has been idle all winter, is placed in charge of the train and steam shovel. Mr. Nelson is a first-class man in that position, and will make the dirt fly when he gets to work.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.
B. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age, and for twenty years Justice of the Peace at Martinsburg, Iowa, says: "I am terribly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism in my life arm and right hip. I have used three bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it did me lots of good." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.,

FIRE FIEND AT WORK EARLY

Destroys House, Furniture, and Clothing of Family of Nelson Crissinger, Early This Morning

This morning Mrs. N. W. Crissinger, wife of Switchman Crissinger who works at night, got up and started a fire in the kitchen stove with kindling and coal, returning to bed until the fire should get started and warm the room enough to enable her to get the children up and dress them, as she awaited, she suddenly saw a streak of fire surround the stove pipe hole in the chimney. Mrs. Crissinger immediately sprang out of bed and as hurriedly dressing as possible called the central on the telephone, but was not able to get them at once, and when she did get them had trouble of making them understand giving the alarm. A crowd had soon gathered, and while some of them wished to break in the windows and save what goods they could, and was also requested to do so by Mrs. Crissinger, asking that they save something especially as the baby has nothing on but its sleeping clothes, but the other portion of the crowd objected to breaking the windows as they said it would cause a draft and burn the house. The object-

ors prevailed, and the house with the goods were permitted to burn. Mr. Crissinger has not returned from work at the time of the fire and only got there to see the home almost entirely destroyed. At the time when Mrs. Crissinger appealed to the crowd to break the windows and save some of the wearing apparel, it could have been done, but some who would be wise, objected and allowed the goods as well as the house to burn up. The house which is located on High school hill, is a almost total loss and had been purchased from Mrs. L. K. Hasse at the time of her departure from this place, and was partially insured, while it is reported that there was no insurance on the furniture, which was an entire loss. The rumor gained currency this morning that the child was burned, which was a mistake, the children were all safe, but all the clothing belonging to them were destroyed, with the bare excepting of the night clothes which the little one wore.

Mrs. O. Erickson and daughter, Miss Helma, were passengers to Omaha this afternoon.

A. W. O'Neal from across the big muddy was a visitor in the city this morning.

M. J. Fox and F. H. Huff of Lincoln were looking after some business in the city this morning.

H. A. Schneider returned last evening from Lincoln where he was attending the republican state convention.

James Rivett of Lincoln was a visitor in the city this morning, looking after some business in the Burlington shops.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer was a business visitor in the metropolis this afternoon, and also visited the democratic convention.

Brakeman H. L. Hargraves of the Sioux city Plattsmouth run, was a visitor in the capitol city this afternoon going on the fast mail.

F. R. Leight and H. Hoechen of Omaha were in the city this morning doing some repairs in the Burlington shops on their electric light plant.

Luther Johnson and wife, after a few days visit with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Mary Brinkman, departed for their home in Nebraska City today.

Mrs. J. W. Fay of Redmon, Iowa, came in this morning by the way of Omaha and will visit for some time with the family of Wm. Gray.

Mayor Fred Gorder of Weeping Water was a visitor in the city this morning, a guest at the home of his mother, and looking after some business matters in town.

Teddy Clifford was a visitor in the metropolis this afternoon, going to mingle with the optimistic democrat who wish to have something to do in the election of the next president.

Mesdames J. W. Gamble, C. A. Rawls and E. D. Cummins, and Miss Vera Cole made up a party who were visiting in Omaha last evening at the theatre, seeing "Madame Butterfly," and returned on the late Missouri Pacific train.

This afternoon on the fast mail, there were delegates and other democrats galore, bound for Omaha and the democratic convention, among whom were, Fred Patterson from Rock Bluffs, W. H. Puls and P. A. Hild from Murray, A. W. White, J. N. Wise, F. L. Cummins, E. A. Wurl and W. T. Smith.

SOCIAL WORKERS AT THEIR TASK

Met Yesterday at the Home on Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, and Had a Merry Time

At the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott yesterday, was a scene of much gaiety, it being the regular meeting of the Social Workers of the Methodist church. Besides the business session, there were music, recitations and social conversation, capped by the most delicious luncheon. That the young ladies enjoyed themselves goes without saying. Besides the pleasure obtained from the social side of the meetings held by the society, is another and more lasting characteristic, that of doing. The Workers portion of the name comes prominently into view where there is something to be done and that contingent exists at all times. The Workers are at it all the time, beautifying the church building.

The Lucky Quarter

Is the one you pay out for a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They bring you the health that's more precious than jewels. Try them for headache, biliousness, constipation and malaria. If they disappoint you the price will be cheerfully refunded at F. G. Fricke & Co., drug store.

Now's the time to take Rocky Mountain Tea. It drives out the germs of Winter, builds up the stomach, kidneys and liver. The most wonderful spring tonic to make people well! You'll be surprised with results. 35c, Tea or Tablets at Gering & Co.