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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Take Up the Hitching Post and Special Police Question

The meeting of the city council last night did not do any great amount of business, owing to the excessive heat. The members were all satisfied to get through and get out as the heat kept them in a constant steam. All the members were present save Councilman Dovey who was detained by other matters. Mayor Sattler presided.

Routine business was the general run of the proceedings. A petition from Lorenz Bros., asking permission to erect a frame ice house with concrete foundation, the frame superstructure to be covered with corrugated iron, was read and on motion finally went to the fire and water committee with power to act. There was some opposition to permitting the erection of any more frame buildings in the fire limits but, in view of the fact that this block has many such structures in it, it is more than probable the petition will be allowed and the erection of the building proceeded with.

The reports of the several city officers were read, these report of Treasurer Fricke showing a balance in the treasury of \$5,111.52, being the principal item. City Clerk Elster and Police Judge Archer also made reports of their collections for the month which had been turned into the city treasury. The chief of police also reported the number of arrests for the month and with the judge's report, it went to the police committee. The report of Fire Chief Koubek on the condition of the hose carts and other fire equipment was also received and went to the fire and water committee.

Mr. E. A. Wurl, representing the Commercial Club, appeared before the council and asked that special

police be appointed for the week of the fall festival. Councilman Steimker opposed it but eventually he was overruled by a majority of the council and the mayor was authorized to appoint such police as his judgment dictated. In addition Mr. Wurl brought up the matter of additional hitching posts and asked that the city erect these on side streets and vacant lots adjacent to the business center. Mr. Wurl explained to the council that on Saturdays and other days when there was a very large crowd on hand in the city, farmers were constantly complaining of inability to find places to hitch their teams and he urged the council to take steps to remedy this state of affairs. There was some opposition to this from several members of the council but eventually it was decided to have the posts erected at available points. This was practically all the business of importance coming before the meeting save the allowance of the claims against the city which were as follows:

Henry Trout, salary.....	50 00
L. N. Cummings, burying dog	25
M. Archer, salary.....	30 00
Neb. Lgt. Co. light	1 00
R. E. Miller, labor.....	29 05
Frank Kalocek, same.....	1 57
J. Donnelly, salary.....	3 00
Olive Jones, same.....	25 00
Public library ex.....	5 10
Neb. Lgt. Co. light.....	2 50
Platts. Tel. Co. rent.....	1 50
G. F. Scott, labor.....	25 58
W. B. Rishel, sprinkling.....	30 00
J. Harkins, labor.....	15 88
C. Bogel, same.....	3 00
W. A. O'Neill, labor.....	1 75
Wm. Hassler, blacksmith.....	11 55
W. H. Scott, labor.....	18 60
W. Carter, labor.....	10 15

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pollock.

The superb home of Charles C. Parmele and wife last evening was the scene of a brilliant assemblage of citizens who attended the reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Pollock by Mr. and Mrs. Parmele. The handsome residence and grounds had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and the affair was made one which will remain long in the memory of all fortunate enough to participate in it.

The receiving line was upon the deep and commodious portico of the residence, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock taking their places near the entrance to the beautiful hall and greeting each guest as they entered. Punch was served upon the veranda and the lawn by a number of little ladies and in the dining room refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. For the occasion the dining room had been elegantly decorated with a luxuriance of flowers, the whole forming a scene fit for a fairy land.

From three to ten in the afternoon and evening there was an incessant line of old time friends of these most estimable people, calling to tender their felicitations upon so long a life in this community and to wish them a continuance of many years among them. A more detailed account of this happy gathering will appear tomorrow, it being impossible to complete the article for today's issue.

Thinks Corn All Right.

Charles Murphy, one of the Center precinct's excellent farmers is in the city today attending to business matters. Mr. Murphy, who is an old time friend of the Journal, came in and paid the paper a visit this afternoon. He is well satisfied with the outlook for crops through his precinct and states that the yield will be a good one as that section had plenty of rain. He noticed that other parts of the county, however, were short caused by intense dry weather and lack of rain and also to corn firing more or less. Mr. Murphy returned to his home this afternoon.

Henry Sanders of near Cedar Creek, is in the city today looking after business matters.

RELEASED ON WRIT.

Judge Dungan Holds That Mrs. Maud L. Moran is Wrongfully Held.

Some time since Mrs. Maud L. Moran was tried by the board of commissioners of insanity, consisting of District Clerk E. H. Finigan, Dr. Frank S. Marnel and attorney A. A. Bischof. It took nearly five weeks to complete the hearing and the board declared her insane and ordered her placed in a private asylum at the expense of her husband, Attorney W. F. Moran. Mr. Moran accepted the finding of the board and was getting ready to have his wife placed in a proper asylum or sanitarium when her attorneys Pitzer & Hayward and Paul Jessen, applied for a writ of habeas corpus and Judge H. D. Travis secured Judge Dungan, of Hastings, to hear the case. He came here and last Wednesday morning began taking testimony and held two night sessions to enable the attorneys to get before him all of the evidence. He held that he could review the case and therefore the hearing had to be gone over. County Attorney D.W. Livingston appeared for the complainant, Mr. Moran, and the testimony of a large number of witnesses, both medical and others was taken and late Saturday evening the case was concluded and the arguments begun, Judge Hayward making the plea for Mrs. Moran and Mr. Livingston for the complainant and the board. After hearing all of the arguments Judge Dungan held that writ be granted as Mrs. Moran was illegally held, in fact holding that she was not insane. She was thus given her liberty. It is understood that the case will be appealed and supreme court asked to pass upon the question as to the right of the judge to hear the testimony and reverse the finding of the board. The case is one that has attracted considerable attention as both parties were born and reared in this county and known to almost every one.—Nebraska City News.

Oscar Gopen, the well known farmer is spending the afternoon in the city on business, coming in from his farm near Murray.

BIG TIME AT UNION

The Old Settlers' Annual Meeting Was Largely Attended Saturday.

The Old Settlers' Reunion for 1909 was, as usual a grand success. There was nothing lacking to make it so expect speakers. There was not the usual number of orators present. The first day (Friday) the attendance was not nearly so large as that on Saturday, but very respectable. Ex-Governor Sheldon was the principal speaker Friday, and as George is a Cass county product, everybody was glad to hear him; especially upon an occasion of this character. Mr. Sheldon is one of the people and many of the early pioneers were glad to meet him because his father was one among their number and shared with them the privations of the early settlement of Cass county. Friday was an ideal day for the opening and the exceedingly warm weather made business remarkably good for the lemonade and ice cream vendors.

Saturday was a still better day from the fact that breeze was in force the entire day, but Old Sol's rays came down as hot as ever. Notwithstanding the busy season with the farmers, most of the old veterans in the settlement of Cass county and Otoe county were there to greet each other, some perhaps for the last time, as we noticed many very old men who appeared tottery and greatly enfeebled. Justice of the Supreme Court Barnes was the orator and his remarks seemed to please all who could get near enough to hear him. His address was along the line of the early settlement of Nebraska.

The Union Band was there, of course, to enliven the occasion with some of their up-to-date music, for which this organization is noted, and it is not necessary to remark that they won the plaudits of all. The only missing member was Charley Graves, who barely tore around on crutches and gritted his teeth for two days because he was unable to take his place in the band, as well as his position with the ball team. But he was there to look on just the same.

The reunion was held in the same grove it was held last year, and just far enough from town to make the back business good and plenty. There were baby racks, cane racks, the kicking mule, Maude, knife racks, and every other conceivable privilege to get the peoples' money, but there were plenty there to invest in such sport. The ball game on Friday between Bartlett, Ia., and Union was won by Union. Weeping Water was the victor on Saturday. Take it all in all, we consider it a day well spent, and everybody present seemed to enjoy the event, and no disturbance occurred to in the least mar the pleasure of anyone.

There was over one hundred went from Plattsmouth, about twenty-five from Mynard and fully fifty boarded the train at Murray, and people were packed in the cars like sardines in a box. Not even an extra car was put on this train to accommodate the people, and the same can be said of the Lincoln branch train. The traffic manager of the M. P. is certainly to blame for this state of affairs. This is the case on every occasion of handling big crowds. Old men and old women were compelled to stand up going down and it is outrageous that they were compelled to do so. In the future some preparation should be made for handling such crowds, and we would advise the carnival managers to get in correspondence with the proper officer of the M. P. and have the proper arrangements made for handling the crowds that will be here to attend the carnival. People are not like cattle and hogs to be jammed in a car to be almost suffocated and compelled to stand up. It is not only uncomfortable to the people, but it is also annoying to the train men, who did their very best to care for the passengers.

Isaac Nelson, the veteran farmer from south of the city, is in this morning attending to business matters. Like most other people Mr. Nelson is suffering greatly from the extreme heat and is hopeful for a change. He states that corn is getting along nicely and that it can stand the dry, hot weather for some time yet without rain, although a good heavy shower would be quite welcome.

Proposition From Ft. Crook Team.

Manager Warren of the local ball team last night received a telephone message from the manager of the Ft. Crook ball team, asking for a date for day after tomorrow. The manager stated that the ball team, the post band and a crowd of some one hundred and fifty people would come down if arrangements could be made. Mr. Warren happened to speak of the matter to Chairman Schneider of the fall festival committee, and the latter at once saw an opportunity to secure a splendid attraction for the festival. Accordingly he had Mr. Warren call up the Ft. Crook manager and make this proposition to him, viz: that the ball team, the band and a company of soldiers come down on Thursday, Sept. 2, and play the game, the band to furnish music and the soldiers to give an exhibition drill. The Ft. Crook manager demurred to postponing the game and stated that he did not know as to the band being able to come then. Mr. Schneider talked the matter over with him and an agreement was finally reached by which this big attraction will likely be secured. The ball team, which is one of the best in this section will play the local in the afternoon upon percentage of the gate receipts. The entire party will come down in the morning on the M. P., and the band will play during the morning before and during the ball game. The soldiers will execute a fancy drill, also before the game. As this day is to be Pioneer day, it will fit in well with the program and will make it another big day. The Ft. Crook manager believed he could safely figure on two hundred people accompanying the team that day, which would swell the crowd perceptibly.

In addition to this a committee also visited Supt. of Shops Baird this morning and found reliable assurance of his interest in the celebration. He summoned the several foremen to his office and then had the entire force listen to what the committee had to say. He asked the committee to state what it would need in the way of help from the company and the force and assured them that they would furnish everything wanted. The committee was more than delighted with his stand which in its self is enough to assure the complete success of the undertaking.

Thinks Crop Yield Too High.

John P. Kell, one of the solid farmers from near Cullom, is in the city today attending to business matters. Mr. Kell paid the Journal a very pleasant call and renewed old acquaintance with the editor and the publisher. Mr. Kell who is one of the most careful farmers in the county and one of the best, reports that the glowing reports of heavy yield of corn are exaggerated, at least so far as his immediate locality is concerned, as the corn is firing badly and he does not look for some yields to make more than half a crop. So far as he is concerned his land is yielding handsomely and he will get a satisfactory crop but many of his neighbors will be way short. The rains which helped out other sections of the county did not visit him and his neighbors, they having but two small local showers in the past several weeks. Mr. Kell is also disposed to find considerable fault with the state pure food law. Both he and Mrs. Kell purchased large quantities of seed this spring from what purported to be Nebraska grown seed of a Nebraska seed house and none of the seed came up, causing them a total loss. Mr. Kell wants pure seed commissioners to give this their attention and see that this fraud on the people is stopped as it should be. He returned home this afternoon.

Goes to the Asylum.

The insanity commission this morning was engaged in hearing the complaint of Mrs. Bertha Hunger against Albert Hunger charged with insanity. A number of witnesses were examined, several of whom testified to having been called to the Hunger home near Rock Bluffs, and finding him armed with a shot gun and a revolver and intent upon destroying his family. Mr. Hunger had been a sufferer for many years from paralysis and other ills, and these had brought on an attack of insanity. The commission after hearing the evidence and considering the case, found him insane and recommended his removal to a sanitarium at once. Sheriff Quinton will take him to the Lincoln asylum.

JOSEPH GETS HIS

Fighter and Wrestler from Louisville Meets His Match

Herein is related the undoing of Joe Spence erst while battler and wrestler. Joe who comes from near Louisville arrived in the city last Saturday right side up with care and proceeded to visit various places where strong drink is dispensed to the people and put away various kinds of quantities of malt, spiruous and vinous liquors ambling back and forth upon the public ways of the city and waxing stronger and stronger with his additional drink and passing moment. At last in company with several companions likewise from Louisville or vicinity, he drifted into the restaurant of Dr. Barnes and called for something eatable. While waiting for the meal to make its appearance Joe played with the pickle dish and playfully stabbed at the pickles with a fork until he threatened demolition of the glass. Dr. Barnes kindly asked him to cut out the foul practice which he did when one of his companions took up the job where he left off and finally succeeded in breaking a piece out of the dish. Armed with a piece of rubber hose the Doctor was constrained to swat something out of the male factor but finally restrained himself all unconscious of the retribution which was hovering over the gang.

While this was all taking place Walter Gochenour was dining at a table in the restaurant quite at peace with himself and the whole world and utterly unmindful of the baleful designs which Spence had on him and his person. When he had finished he walked up to the cashier's desk and spoke to the handsome young cashier as to how much coin he should part loose from for the bounteous repast he had just emaculated. As he did so his attention was attracted by Spence and his friends who made ribald and unseemly remarks about Walter and insinuated what might befall him if he, Spence, so minded. Taken somewhat by surprise and at the same time slightly offended by the frivolous remarks of said Spence, Walt turned about and pleasantly volunteered to pay for supper for the bunch if they would accommodate him by stepping outside in the alley a few moments, herein and hereabout did Spence err most grievously. He leaped to his feet and announcing in trumpet tones that he was a fighter and a wrestler, he led the way.

The merry party passed through the kitchen out into the alley with Spence joyously leading the way, as and alackaday, gentle folks. No sooner had they reached the alley than Gochenour shamelessly batted Spence a terrific jolt in the face, not unlike the kick of a mule, knocking him as the poet hath aptly expressed it "galley west." Spence went down like a felled cow and Walter proceeded to follow up his lead with a merry beating upon Spence's face, causing gore to flow in many directions. When Spence stated he had enough Walter quietly gathered himself up and went his way with becoming dignity satisfied he had taught the young man a much needed lesson. Spence batters and wrestler, at once sought the Journal office and although more or less gory and disfigured issued the following defl which he requests to be printed:

I hereby challenge Walter Gochenour to a finish fight or a wrestling match for \$50 a side, said match to take place in Plattsmouth during the Merchants' fall festival Sept. 1 to 6. JOE SPENCE.

Judging from Joe's looks and the record of his go with Walter this looks like the height of folly but still he wants it printed and it is given for what it's worth.

After the battle and having nursed his injuries awhile Joe hurried to Judge Archer and wanted a warrant against Gochenour for having battered him up. Gochenour was on hand promptly and wanted immediate trial, also asking that Spence be arrested. It was eventually agreed to have the entire matter settled Tuesday when both parties were to appear and let Judge Archer decide how much the sport was worth to them. Incidentally, Judge Archer stated to Spence that he suspected the latter had been absorbing booze which Joseph coyly admitted. The court further insinuated he believed

Spence to be drunk right at that very moment and Joseph admitted the court might be right.

Judge Archer suggested it best for Spence and his friends to get them back to the jungle and not linger upon the public way lest El Toro Henry Trout get them. And they got.

Before tis came to pass one of Spence's friends followed. A tall strong man named Ferguson into McDaniel's saloon and started something with him. Ferguson followed Gochenour's tactics and swatted the young man several thumps with a big, coarse fist. He was restrained by several of the parties in the saloon and by his own cool head and nothing came of the trouble save a battered countenance for the trouble maker. No arrests were made in this case. Thus endeth the disastrous attempt of Spence et al to run the city.

"Wet Goods" in Lincoln.

A special from Lincoln under date of August 9, in speaking of prohibition in that city says:

"There are more drunken men in Lincoln under prohibition this year than there were last year under our 7 o'clock closing law," said an exciseman today during a meeting of the board called for the purpose of devising new rules to enforce prohibition in Lincoln. "I believe, in view of the conditions that are growing up rapidly under the prohibition regime, that if a 6:30 closing law were proposed next year that it would carry by a large majority," he continued.

"The excisemen, the chief of police, draymen, the clubs and everyone whose business is directly touched by the sale and use of liquor in Lincoln is having the hardest time of his life right now. The excise board tries to devise rules that will prohibit sales and delivery within the town. The chief of police tries to enforce the rules. The draymen are willing to obey the rules but they have to stand the complaint of customers. The club bear the onus of enjoying a discriminatory right, being allowed to serve liquor when no one else may do so. Statistics last month from police court showed that the number of arrests for drunkenness under prohibition in the month of July came within two of the number arrested in July last year when Lincoln had twenty-five saloons which opened at 7 in the morning and closed at 7 o'clock at night.

Roy Ray and A. H. Cummings, fined in police court this morning for delivering beer in the city, this afternoon filed appeal bonds and will carry the question to the supreme court if the city cares to carry the light beyond the district court. This suit will test the validity of all the delivery rules made so far by the excise board."

Names His Committee.

Hon. R. B. Windham who was appointed chairman in charge of the Pioneer day celebration, has completed his list of committeemen. These gentlemen are asked to take part in the celebration and arrange a program for the day. As they are all old residents of Nebraska and pioneers, they can be depended upon to make the day a most interesting one. The committee is composed of Hon. R. B. Windham, chairman, Jos. W. Johnson, Conrad Schlater, H. C. McMaken, Henry Eikenbary, B. S. Ramsey, S. L. Thomas, J. M. Meisinger and Thos. Wiles. It would have been hard to have selected a committee which is as near an ideal one as this and Chairman Windham has certainly accomplished wonders in getting so capable and able delegation together. That they will arrange a fitting celebration for Pioneer day is a certainty.

He is Raising Some Oats.

Tom McCullough of Rock Bluffs, is attending to business in the city today. Tom has entirely recovered from the severe attack of erysipelas which laid him up in the spring and is himself once more. Mr. McCullough reports that crop indications around Rock Bluffs are fine and that there will be handsome returns for the farmers. Corn is in great shape and the fields show up well. Wheat is threshing out in good shape with an abundant yield. His oats are going to make him not less than 30 bushels to the acre, something which he has not had in years and he thinks his neighbors are also doing well in that line. Altogether he looks for a great season.