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## CITY COUNCIL AWARDS CONTRACT FOR PAVING TO M. FORD OF OMAHA

Action Taken by Council at the Special Session Last Night—Address Made by Representative of the Contractor.

From Thursday's Daily

At the call of the mayor and all members, a special meeting of the council to be held last evening at the council chamber which was signed by every councilman in the city, a meeting was held according to the call. Every member was present when the mayor rapped for order.

Three subjects for consideration were specified in the call: That of considering the report of the streets, alleys and bridges committee on the bids for the contract of doing the paving of district No. three, and the matter of passing the ordinance authorizing the bonds to the amount of \$12,000 for the paving, and the matter entering the assessment of a special tax against lots 1 and 2 in block 11, being the M. Whalen property for the amount of the cost of the concrete walk constructed there in 1907, the amount being \$47, the expense of which has never been paid to the contractor, H. C. McMaken.

The ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds was called up first, and on motion of Mr. Dwyer, Clerk Elster read the ordinance, after which Mr. Dwyer moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third reading by title, for final passage. The motion carried by a full vote of the council, the ordinance was then read twice more by title, and the ayes and nays were called, the vote being unanimous for the passage of the ordinance.

The report of the streets, alleys and bridges committee on the matter of bids for the contract for paving district number three was then called for and handed in by Chairman Weber of the committee. The report recommended the acceptance of the bid of M. Ford, on specifications of class A paving and Class A curb for all the district except Vine street between Sixth and Seventh streets where class B paving will be called for.

It was then moved by Mr. Dwyer that the report be accepted and the contract be let to M. Ford. At that moment Councilman Bookmeyer arose and stated that he thought there was a better block than the one furnished by the Ford people; he did not proceed further, as Mayor Sattler called him to order, and waited a few seconds for a second to Mr. Dwyer's motion. The motion was then seconded by Councilman Dovey, and on calling the roll, every councilman voted aye except Bookmeyer who refused to vote.

As soon as the vote was recorded and announced, Mr. Decker, representing the bid of J. A. Beebe, stated that he would like to address council. This was objected to until the other business was disposed of.

Mr. Dovey, then, as chairman of the claims committee, brought in a report and resolution on the claim of H. C. McMaken & Son for \$47 for the concrete walk laid adjacent to

the Whalen property in Thompson's addition. Mr. Weber moved the adoption of the resolution and the receiving of the report of the committee. The resolution prepared by the city attorney purported to levy a special assessment against the property of Mr. Whalen for the amount of \$47 and make it a lien on the property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dovey. When the mayor called for remarks on the motion, Councilman Dwyer raised an earnest protest against the adoption of the resolution on the ground that the city had never made any contract to have the work done, and that a similar bill had been disallowed by the council and there was no appeal from this disallowance which was the only remedy, and that if the council allowed the assessment and Mr. Whalen wanted to sell his property, and this sidewalk lien prevented the sale, then the city would be in for a lawsuit.

Mr. Weber replied to this by saying that he was guided by the advice of the city attorney whom the city paid a salary to look into such matters as this and after careful investigation, had advised the adoption of the special assessment. And for this reason Mr. Weber was for the assessment. On calling for the ayes and nays, all voted in the affirmative except Councilman Dwyer and Councilman Shea, who voted in the negative.

The bond of the new clerk, B. G. Wurl for \$500 was read with sureties, Fred Egenberger and H. M. Soennichsen, and Mr. Wurl was sworn in. The matter of approving the bond being put off to the regular meeting as was the consideration of the allowance of the claim of H. C. McMaken & Son for their claim of \$47 for the Whalen walk.

A motion to adjourn was then called for when Councilman Schulhof stated he would like to hear what Mr. Decker had to say. The council then consented to listen to Mr. Decker who arose and stated that when it was decided to take one block of class B paving that the M. Ford bid was not the lowest bid, and also that there was not any record that the man who placed the bid for M. Ford had any authority to bid for Mr. Ford.

Mr. Dwyer then asked if Mr. Ford had any one present to speak for him when J. R. McKinzie of Omaha arose and stated that he was Mr. Ford's representative here tonight, and that the council had a discretion in the matter of letting the bids, and that he did not figure the bids out himself, that as to the authority or validity of the Ford bid, the council had his certified check for \$500, which was the amount required as a forfeit, if the bid was not complied with according to stipulations. It was then ordered, on motion of Mr. Weber, that the checks in the hands of the treasurer be returned to the men who had been denied the contract, and the council then adjourned.

## FAMILY REUNION OF MR. AND MRS. JOS. SVOBODA

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Svoboda held a family reunion at their daughter's home, Mrs. John Kopla, west of the city last Sunday. The four daughters were all present on this occasion and enjoyed getting together once more. The daughters present were: Mrs. Morarie of Racine, Wis.; Miss Julia Svoboda, of Omaha; Mrs. J. Koukal and Miss Elbina Svoboda. Twelve grandchildren were present. The nieces and nephews of Mr. and Mrs. Svoboda came out to the farm in the afternoon, and all had a very pleasant time. Those were Mr. and Mrs. F. Slavicek, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bookmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Svoboda, Mrs. Jim Skoumal and Miss R. Haines and Mrs. Wooster.

John Whitman of Nehawka and Mrs. William Ketch were in the city today looking after the estate of Mrs. Ketch's deceased husband. Mr. Ketch is the man who died suddenly in the harvest field near Nehawka some weeks ago.

**Iowa Corn Good.**  
From Thursday's Daily  
Ben Whitaker and wife of Fairfield, Ia., who have been the guests of his brother and family in this city over Sunday, departed for their home this afternoon. Mr. Whitaker formerly railroaded, but for the past three years has farmed his father's homestead. The crop prospect is fine in his locality, the corn crop will be heavier than for several years past.

## ATTACKED AND MURDERED

Mike Gano, a Laborer in Stone Quarry Assaulted While Returning From Cedar Creek.

From Friday's Daily.  
Last night between the hours of 9:30 and 10 o'clock, as Mike Gano, a laborer at Newell & Atwood's quarry at Cedar Creek, with two companions were going to the camp from Cedar Creek, they were set upon by two highwaymen, and slugged and Mike and one companion robbed. The third man escaped without being robbed. Mike Gano received wounds in the head from which he died this morning.

The three men had been at Cedar Creek to attend to some business affairs, and when about half way between John Gauer's residence and the quarry, their assailants attacked them with clubs. Two months time check was taken from Gano's person and a time check for about \$25 was taken from the pocket of one of his companions. The time checks were on Newell & Atwood's Stone company. The coroner and county attorney were notified and with W. Wingarten, stenographer, went to the village of Cedar Creek this afternoon to hold an inquest.

There are two suspicious looking men who are being held at Cedar Creek to await developments. The murdered man was a stranger in the vicinity and little is known of his relatives. He had been at the quarry but a short time.

## R. B. HAYES AND MISS GENEVIEVE HOWARD WED

From Friday's Daily.  
Miss Etha Crabill returned last evening from Sac City, Ia., where she was in attendance at the wedding of Mr. R. B. Hayes of this city, and Miss Genevieve Howard of Sac City, formerly one of our high school teachers.

The wedding occurred at high noon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Andrews of the First Methodist church of Sac City, and was very impressive. The contracting parties were attended by the nephew and niece of the bride, six and four years of age, respectively.

The bride wore a silk tan, covered with heavy lace, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, the groom wore the conventional black. The drawing rooms were tastefully decorated with golden rod, asters and smilax. The wedding march was played by Miss Faith Woodford of Sargent Bluffs, Ia.

There was an elegant four course luncheon served to the fifty invited guests on the lawn. After the dinner was served, the bride's cake was cut by herself, and each guest tied his or her own piece of cake with white tissue paper and yellow narrow ribbon. The happy couple and the out of town guests were taken to the train in automobiles. The bride and groom departed for Seattle, on the afternoon train and will visit Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, arriving in Plattsmouth about October first.

## Returns From the Springs.

A. L. Thacker who has been at the Burlington Junction mineral springs taking treatment for rheumatism, returned today much improved in his condition. When Mr. Thacker went to the springs three weeks ago he could walk with difficulty with two crutches. Now he uses only one crutch and can get around quite well. He says Charles Frees was able to sit up yesterday and could be moved about in the wheel chair. Charles is improving also.

Good to the last puff "Acorns" made by Ptak & Bajek.

## THE M. E. SMITH SHIRT FACTORY

Working All the Force they Can Possibly Procure and Want More Help.

From Friday's Daily.  
Carl Smith, the gentlemanly custodian of the M. E. Smith shirt factory, yesterday afternoon kindly showed a representative of the Journal the machinery of the plant in action, and the efficient manner in which the 27 or more operators skillfully make the wheels go round. The making of the modern shirt or shirt-waist is a most interesting process to observe. Each particular part as collar, wristband, sleeve, button-hole and button is made or attached by an operator who makes or attaches the specific part. Every part except the making of the pearl buttons and the thread used in running the seams is made at the factory. There is a special machine and operator to make the collar, another for the sleeve and so on. There are single needle machines for one kind of stitching and double needle machines for running up the sleeves. Machines which will sew on a two-hole button and one which sews on a four-hole button. The button hole machine is a complicated affair which first stitches the button-hole in the garment, then cuts the hole for the button. The plant is kept busy and could use more operators than they have now. This week has wound up the winter orders and the plant is now turning out about 250 dozen summer garments per week. An order of 500 dozen has been disposed of here within the past two weeks.

Everything about the factory goes like clock work. Twice a day, at 10 and 3 o'clock, the machines are oiled, each girl caring for the machine she operates, and once each week the machine is cleaned. There is one make of machine, the "Standard," which is used by all of the girls, there being but two Singer machines, one of the button-hole machine and one which sews on the buttons. These are the only exceptions to the single make—the Standard.

The thread with which the stitching is done comes on large spools, there being six miles of thread on each spool. The work done at the Plattsmouth plant is superior to that done at any of the Smith factories and the management is well pleased with the progress this branch of the concern has made. There are now very few departments indeed that do not pass the inspector, unless there is a piece of damaged goods, or, in some instances, one shows up with a spot of oil, when such a garment gets the "Dennis" mark.

## M. E. Conference Meets.

From Saturday's Daily.  
District Superintendent Wright of Nebraska City convened the conference for the quarter at the M. E. church last evening at 8 o'clock. This being the last appearance of Rev. Wright in this part of the district, he having served the limit of time allowed superintendents which is six years. The reports from the different branches of the work of the church was very satisfactory to the officials of the church. The year just closing having been one of the prosperous ones. The conference recommended the return of Rev. W. L. Austin to the Plattsmouth church which announcement will be received with much satisfaction to the working membership of the local church. The trustees of the church are making some needed improvements in the way of raising the area wall on the west of the building. The heavy rain of Sunday night carried a very large quantity of loose clay, and filled the furnace pit and did some damage.

## For Sale.

264 acre farm, 4 miles west of Plattsmouth one and half miles from grain elevator, well improved, and known as the Jacob Horn farm. For further particulars see Mrs. W. Hassler, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Dr. Cummins delivered to Charles Schultz the first of the week, a fine touring car of the Ford make for the firm of Crabill & Cummins. This is one of the best machines the Ford company makes, and will no doubt afford the purchaser and family much pleasure as it takes them over the country roads.

## ONE MEMBER OF THE KANSAS LAND PARTY DISAPPEARS

John Ruby, One Member of the Party Disappears Very Mysteriously, and as Yet Has Not Returned Home.

From Friday's Daily.  
Some few days ago a party of Cass county people accompanied T. M. Patterson on a Kansas land seeking journey, their destination being Ness, the county seat of Ness county. The party was composed of George Berger, Charles N. Beveridge, John Ruby, John Ferris, William Schmidtman and T. M. Patterson. The trip out was made with safety and was a most pleasant journey, and everything was well until they arrived within a few miles of home when one of their party was missing, and in a most mysterious manner. The party all boarded the Missouri Pacific train at Kansas City and were soon comfortably settled for the night, there being sufficient room for each one to get two seats, and with the aid of a pillow for a head rest, all were soon fast asleep. The party were awakened at Everett, Kansas, from a disturbance made by an excursion party who were leaving the train, and here a count was taken of the home party and all were present. When the train arrived at Nebraska City one member, in the person of John Ruby, who resides near Mynard, was missing. The entire train was immediately searched, but could not be found anywhere. There was no great alarm at this time over his disappearance as the supposition by all was that he had probably left the train at one of the stations and the train pulled out and left him, and would return on the next train. Two trains have arrived from the south and Mr. Ruby has not returned, so at the present there is considerable alarm as to his safety and whereabouts, as to whether or not he has met foul play or whether he, in his sleep, walked from the moving train and has been dashed to pieces or ground under the wheels. The conductor of the train was John Hall and he has been interviewed in regard to the man and he says he never seen him leave the train at any of the stops which greatly aids in the supposition that he has fallen from the train or met with foul play.

It is believed that Mr. Ruby had but very little money with him, somewhere between \$20 and \$30, which is have been instructed by the company to make a thorough search along their respective sections and report such findings to Plattsmouth at once. So in a short time we will learn whether or not he has fallen or been thrown from the train. Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker will immediately press the telephones into service with the hope of finding the missing man, and that he may be found alive.

Members of the party claim that Mr. Ruby was in an exceptionally quiet mood during the entire trip out and back, and they fear that his seriousness might have gained control of him for the time being, and in a half sleeping condition walked from the train while moving, and in the end will be found along the roadside killed from the fall. It is hoped that this may not prove true.

We will give a slight description of Mr. Ruby for the benefit of those who might find him, simply with a view of giving it publicity in other counties, where he is not so well known. He is about 40 years of age, 6 foot in height, smooth shaven, except a very small mustache; he wore a rather dark brown suit of clothes, a slouch hat, and no necktie.

Mr. Ruby has resided in Cass county most all of his life, and is well known, has a host of friends who sincerely hope that he may be found under more favorable conditions than is at present feared. He now lives one mile west and one mile south of what is known as the old Eight Mile Grove postoffice.

Mr. Patterson and the balance of the party returned home yesterday morning and reported a most pleasant trip with the one exception, and it is certainly hoped by all that nothing serious may result in the disappearance of Mr. Ruby. Hardly sufficient for the foul play idea.

All the section men along the line between Everett and Nebraska City

## SCHOOL POINTERS FROM SUPERINTENDENT GAMBLE

School will open on Tuesday, September 6, and all who contemplate attending should make an effort to enter on that date.

All non-resident students should bring their free attendance certificates and file them in the superintendent's office.

Teachers' meeting will be held on Saturday, September 3, at 2 p. m., in room 4, high school building.

No child under five years of age will be received as a student. No exceptions whatever will be made to this rule. The census records on file in the office will be taken as authority in any questionable cases.

We have several boys who wish places where they may work for their board. We will recommend only boys who are worthy, and will be responsible for the conduct of any boys we recommend. Anyone wishing a student on these conditions should please notify the superintendent.

All parties who keep non-resident students will confer a favor by keeping us in touch with their conduct, study, habits, etc., of such students in order that we may cooperate with you in making their year profitable and pleasant.

All grade students should bring report cards on entering school. Students who have lost or destroyed their cards should see the superintendent before the opening of school.

All high school students will please observe the following schedule for registration and assignment of lessons for Tuesday, September 6. Classes will meet at the hour designated. High school students will not congregate before the hour mentioned, and not loiter on the campus after dismissal. In case a student is irregular in their course they will meet with the class with which they do the most work.

Senior class will meet in assembly

room at 9 a. m.  
Junior class will meet in assembly room at 10:30 a. m.  
Sophomore class will meet at 1:00 p. m.  
Freshman class will meet at 3 p. m.  
J. W. Gamble, Superintendent.

## In Honor of Mrs. Elster.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Mrs. Judge A. J. Beeson delightfully entertained a number of lady friends at her pleasant home on north Fifth street Tuesday evening at a 5 o'clock luncheon in honor of Mrs. W. B. Elster, who is removing from this city to Omaha where the Elster family will reside in the future. The early part of the afternoon was very pleasantly spent in various amusements and at the appointed hour the guests were invited to the dining room where a delicious luncheon was served. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Beeson's hospitality on this occasion were Mesdames J. W. Gamble, and her guest, Mrs. E. S. Dungan of Grand Island, Neb., G. L. Farley, Ralph Towle of South Omaha, Harriet Becker, Misses Gladys Sullivan and Gertrude Beeson.

## Frank Wheeler Injures Hand.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Yesterday while working on an automobile at August Gorder's implement store, Mr. Frank Wheeler had the misfortune to get a hand badly cut. He was using a wrench tightening a bur when the wrench slipped off the nut, bringing Mr. Wheeler's hand in contact with a sharp piece of steel, severing an artery and causing the blood to flow profusely. He went to a surgeon and several stitches were required to relieve the injury. It will be several days before he can use the injured hand.

A. F. Hedengren, the Burlington bridge superintendent, was in the city this morning looking after business matters for the company. Mr. Hedengren says the flood at Lincoln was not so high by three feet as the one three years ago.