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CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN RESPONSE TO A CALL SIGNED BY MEMBERS

Monday Being a Holiday Makes This Action Necessary on the Part of the City Fathers—Regular Business Transacted

From Wednesday's Daily.

All of the city fathers were present at the fall of Mayor Sattler's gavel last evening except Councilman Will of the Third ward, Mr. Dovey coming in after the roll call. When in response to a call signed by a majority of the council for the meeting the session convened. The regular meeting night was Monday, but the Christmas holiday falling on that date made it necessary the council thought to have a call signed and filed. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, a petition signed by some of the business men of the city asking the appointment of C. W. Hickson, as night police was read, and Councilman Gravitt moved his appointment to such position. Councilman Dwyer moved an amendment to the effect that the acting night man should be discharged, which was seconded and carried. The motion was then put before the council as amended and voted in the affirmative.

The reports of the different committees were then called for and Mr. Dovey of the claims committee reported favorably on the following bills which had been referred to the committee last meeting: William Hassler, \$5.85, Cass County for boarding city prisoners \$15.50, B. S. Ramsey expense \$4.30, Nebraska Light Company 75 cents.

Mr. Dwyer protested on the allowance of the \$4.30 to Mr. Ramsey, explaining that the city paid the city attorney a salary for the purpose of doing the city's legal work, and there was no agreement expressed or implied whereby the city is justified in allowing the city attorney clerk hire, and that members of the council were liable to have to replace the money thus allowed. On an aye and nay vote all councilmen voted to accept the report except Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Neuman.

Mr. Neuman for the fire and water committee reported that the city needed one thousand feet of new hose. A motion was then made and seconded that the committee be instructed to purchase 1,000 feet of hose. There was some discussion of the unusual demand for the purchase of so much hose at this time when about one hundred and fifty feet was the amount of former purchases at one time. Mr. H. C. Noack, of Chicago, representing the New York Pelting & Packing Company, was present and explained the cost of the different kinds, exhibiting samples to the committee. Mr. Dwyer moved an amendment to the motion to the effect that the committee purchase 700 feet of hose of the quality of 85 cents per foot, which was agreed to. A request of the fire department for some supplies, such as wrenches and a trolley which could be used without wetting the fire boys who hold it, was granted and the committee instructed to purchase the supplies.

The finance committee reported the list of claims, all of which were allowed save four, which were referred to the claims committee for examination.

A resolution was then adopted touching the special assessment of property in paving district No. 3, fixing January 9th as the date on which the council would sit as a board of equalization, before whom property owners can appear on that date between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. and make their complaints, if any. The resolution provided for a ten days' notice of the date of sitting of the council as such board to be published in the Daily Journal. The resolution was adopted on an aye and nay vote, all councilmen voting in the affirmative.

Councilman Dwyer presented a communication and an affidavit received from the Consolidated Engineering Company, of Omaha, relative to the rattler test to which the paving blocks in district No. 3 had been subjected to. The affidavit of Henry M. Millburn, the Omaha city chemist, was appended to the communication, showing that he had received twelve blocks from Fifth street paving in the district above referred to, and that he had used nine of these in his test, the test showing 14.4 per cent loss in weight after being subjected to the test. The contract called for 18 per cent or better.

The estimate of the engineering company of the amount due M. Ford and company was then read, which showed a slight error on the part of the engineer making the computation, but on being assured by Mr. Harkness for the Ford company that the error should be corrected and the city held only for the correct amount, warrants were ordered drawn for the balance of \$10,370.37 in denominations of \$500 each.

After allowing the following bills the council adjourned:

Fire department fund:	
George Gobleman	6.25
Raymond Henry	6.25
Frank Libershall	6.25
Anton H. Koubek	6.25
G. N. Gouchenour	6.25
C. M. Manners	6.25
Road department fund:	
Phil Harrison	4.60
F. J. Sammons	6.30
P. A. McCrary	1.80
R. J. South	.80
W. B. Rishel	.90
Business tax fund:	
C. B. & S. R. Co. freight	4.80
James Rebal	12.20
Peter Claus	2.10
W. F. Brissey	9.60
Police fund:	
Ben Rainey	28.00
The following claims were referred to the claims committee:	
Consol'd Eng. Co.	25.00
F. M. Richey	101.37
Consol'd Eng. Co.	89.97
M. Ford & Co., extras	37.25

THE CAPITOL REMOVAL QUESTION IS INTERESTING

The removal of the capital from Lincoln is becoming a much discussed question and before the legislature adjourns this winter something may be done toward making a change or compelling Lincoln to do some good lobbying. The News is not one of the loud shouting "capitol removers," but we are willing to admit that there are several towns in the state that are more centrally located and would be more accessible to a majority of the people. The last census shows that the middle and western portion of the state have the majority of the people, and their interests must be considered. And there is another fact. All the state buildings in Lincoln have been constructed on a flimsy plan. When the university was first built it was so badly constructed that a new foundation was necessary: when the insane asylum was built some one set fire to it; the penitentiary was no better and was reconstructed. The capitol is today in such a condition that it ought to be condemned, and

at the coming session of the legislature an appropriation will be asked so that it can be placed in a safe and suitable condition for those who are compelled to office there. For the deplorable condition of these buildings the people of Lincoln are responsible, because they did not look after their construction as they should and were willing to wink at all short comings. Still, would we fare better by going father west?—Nebraska City News.

Distributes School Money.
County Superintendent, Miss Mary Foster, is engaged this week making a distribution of the state apportionment of school funds for Cass county. The amount of money to be distributed, including fines, is \$4,524.80. The number of school children sharing this apportionment is 6,266. Miss Foster returned from Union Monday, where she spent the Christmas holiday with her parents.

Mr. W. M. Stewart, of Wymore, who, with his wife, has been spending the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Stewart's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. H. Newell, returned to his home this morning, Mrs. Stewart remaining for a day or so longer.

Married at Mynard.

Dr. William W. Davis, of Omaha, and Miss Lorene Emery, of Lincoln, were married at 12 o'clock (noon) Monday, at the residence of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Murray, at Mynard, rev. W. L. Austin, of this city, officiating.

Owing to the death of the bride's mother a month ago, the wedding was a very quiet one, being attended only by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Doctor and Mrs. Davis went immediately to Omaha, where the doctor has an extensive practice.

AFTER CHRISTMAS COURTESY

Suggestions That Would Perhaps Make Us Feel Happier if Adopted,

A little girl said the other day that one of her pleasures was to write her note of thanks for gifts on Christmas afternoon. Most of us cannot do this, but we can at least find time within a week or ten days to send the little letters which convey our gratitude.

This correspondence should never be neglected. Friendships have been broken because the Christmas gift, which it had been such a delight to send, was received with seeming coldness.

One woman tells of her way of making easy this obligation. She buys a box of correspondence cards in pale green and has her address on them in darker green or red. She composes a few well worded sentences of thanks and adapts them to each person to whom she writes. She claims that it does not seem stilted and that it saves time.

In many instances, however, a longer letter should be written, for surely where time and thought has been spent upon a gift we should respond graciously.

Besides the letter writing there are those on whom we should call during the holiday week. The old lady who has sent you a handkerchief embroidered by painstaking fingers will be amply repaid by a sight of your radiant face and a little chat about things in your world from which her shut-in existence bars her.

The invalid whose Christmas merrymaking must be merely an echo should have an hour or two of your time and a whole budget of news which shall keep her thoughts busy after you leave.

It is often because we are thoughtless that we fail. We forget in the mad rush of good times that there are those who do not share them, but we have no right to forget.

"Duty" is a word not much used in these days, but the man or woman who neglects the duty of good friendship is as culpable as the one who fails in more spectacular ways.

One of the most beautiful examples of a duty which became almost an act of devotion was given in the case of a certain woman's father. Every New Year's Day he made a formal call on a very old lady, a shut-in, whom he had known since boyhood. In her younger days, wealthy, surrounded by friends, her receptions on New Year's Day had been social events of importance. As life went on, however, poverty came to her, and she lost many of her friends. The yearly call of this one remnant of her former social circle gave her great satisfaction.

There was pathos in the last call he made. Broken in health himself, he was driven in a closed carriage, and was carried up the steps to her room, but once on the threshold he straightened up and greeted her with his old time formality and grace. It was a beautiful ceremonial of friendship. Would there were more like it.

When reckoning up in our after Christmas obligations, let us remember the old, the poor and the weak, but let us remember also the friends to whom a graceful letter or an opportune call may add the finishing touch of happiness.

Operated on Today.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mrs. W. T. Melburn went to the Methodist hospital at Omaha on the morning train today, where her son will be operated on for appendicitis. The lad is about ten years of age and has been ill for several days, but it was thought that an operation might be avoided, but recently his symptoms have been bad and an operation decided upon.

DASHED TO DEATH IN RUNAWAY

The Distressing Accident Occurred Last Monday at Glenwood Iowa.

A very distressing accident took place Monday noon at Glenwood, when Mrs. Burson, wife of Aaron Burson, postmaster and manager of the company store at Balfour, was almost instantly killed in jumping from a buggy to which a runaway horse was attached.

One of the sad features of the case is that five children are left motherless, and their ages range from an infant 12 months old, up to a child of 12 years.

Mrs. Emma Surber, mother of Mrs. Burson, was also thrown from the buggy. She sustained an ugly bruise on the side of the face, and suffers from a nervous shock. She is prostrated by the tragic death of her daughter. Thomas Evans, aged 19, a brother of Mrs. Burson, was also thrown from the buggy, but was not hurt.

Mrs. Surber, who lives in the west part of Glenwood had, in company with her son, spent Christmas with her daughter. Mrs. Burson was bringing them home from Balfour in a single rig when the animal took fright and ran away.

They had just emerged from the subway that leads under the railroad tracks at the east edge of town when the horse shied at a loaded wagon that stood by the side of the road. About this time, too, a bolt fell out that held one side of the shaft to the buggy.

The dropping of the shaft added to the fright of the animal, and it dashed down the road dragging the buggy in a zigzag fashion. Young Evans, who was driving, was thrown from the buggy at the start. Mrs. Surber was hurled from the buggy about in front of the Peter Fell home.

Mrs. Burson remained in the buggy till it had almost reached the bridge over Keg creek, when she was seen to jump. It is thought that her foot was caught in the buggy some way, as she was hurled with great force on her head on the frozen ground.

W. M. Thornton and Arthur Finch, who live on either side of the street at this point, carried the prostrate form of the woman to the Finch home. Drs. Agan and Plimpton were hurriedly summoned, but Mrs. Burson died before their arrival. The accident took place at 12:15, and the physician arrived about 15 minutes later.

An examination showed that the neck had been broken and that there was a bad fracture at the base of the skull. One ankle was also broken. The body was later removed to the Myers undertaking rooms to be prepared for burial.

Mrs. Surber, mother of the unfortunate woman, was cared for at the D. C. Standiford home, and later taken to her own home.

The affair is indeed a very sad one, and the stricken family have the deep sympathy of the entire community. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 1 o'clock from the home in Balfour, and burial will be made in the Glenwood cemetery—Glenwood Tribune.

Observed Phenomenon.

Quite a strange phenomenon was observed by some of Plattsmouth's citizens yesterday, between 11 and 12 o'clock. What some called a rainbow appeared in the sky directly overhead, although the bow was not the usual length, yet all of the colors were visible. Mr. Herman Bestor, who is an expert on rainbows and fog bows, was interviewed relative to the matter, and his idea as to the cause is very plausible, and is to the effect that the rays of the sun shining through frozen mist or fine ice-sicles are refracted, giving out the colors of the rainbow, and are called halos, or fog-bows, as the case may be. Sometimes the phenomena is observed shortly before a very cold wave and sometimes just before war breaks out in Europe.

R. Nielsen and G. Fenson, who reside south of this city, were attending to business matters in this city today. While here they called at this office and Mr. Nielsen ordered the Old Relabel sent to his address for a year. We are much pleased to add Mr. Nielsen's name to our large list.

Married at Rockport, Missouri.

Fred McKinney and Mrs. Walter Brittain went to Rockport, Missouri, last Saturday and were quietly married, returning to this city Monday afternoon. Fred is an employee of the Egenberger Coal company, and got a few days off last week and improved the opportunity by getting married. Mrs. Brittain was divorced from her husband, Walter Brittain, about a month ago, Mr. Brittain getting the divorce on a cross-bill, and the custody of the children.

IN JUDGE ARCHER'S COURT TODAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Two attachment cases were commenced in Judge Archer's court last night entitled Tom Rokie against Mike Howick, and the same plaintiff against M. Bouch. The former case being for \$13.80 and the latter for \$15.70, in both cases the affidavit recites that defendant is indebted to plaintiff on account of board. The parties are of Greek nationality and have been in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railway company, and living in the bunk car near the scene of operations north of this city. Rokie has been proprietor of the boarding establishment and as the defendants quit the service of the company yesterday, Rokie was due to lose what the men owed him unless he could get notice served on the company before the men drew their pay. Constable J. R. Denson received the garnishment notices this morning and at once notified the company, which will have three days in which to answer the court as to the amount the company owes the men, if anything.

Neighbors Surprise Charles Shopp.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Charles Shopp, residing on his farm near this city, was most agreeably surprised yesterday. While some ten miles away from home running his corn sheller, twenty-one of his neighbors, using seventeen wagons and teams, invaded his cornfield and husked and cribbed forty acres of corn for him. Mr. Shopp had gotten a little behind with his with the sheller, and his neighbors planned and executed the biggest surprise for him that he ever experienced. The wives of the neighbors came over also, and assisted Mrs. Shopp in preparing dinner and supper for the huskers. Mr. Shopp first learned of the kindness of his neighbors when he reached Mynard on his way home in the evening. The men and teams cribbed about 1,000 bushels of corn for Mr. Shopp, for which he feels very grateful.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned expresses, publicly, his sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the kind neighbors who so generously appeared in his field yesterday and cribbed a thousand or more bushels of corn. The kindness and the neighborly spirit in which the generous work was done will ever be a pleasant memory.

Charles Shopp.

Depart for the Penitentiary.

Sheriff Quinton went to Lincoln this morning, going as an escort with Convicts Davis and Peabody, who were given five years in the penitentiary for forgery. Sentence was pronounced by Judge Travis last week. The crime to which a plea of guilty was entered by the young men was that of forging checks of the amount of \$5.00 and some cents. The young men were not bad looking fellows, and the lesson although severe may be the means of reforming them.

Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co. Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company of Cass County, Nebraska, is called to meet at the Hell school house in district number 88, on Saturday, January 7th, 1911, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, and transacting such other business that may come before the meeting.

Jacob Tritsch, President.
J. P. Falter, Secretary.

Aged Lady Dies in Wyoming.

Mrs. Ware and Miss Nellie Ware, of Nebraska City, were in the city for a short time yesterday en route to LaPlatte to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kimball, who died in Wyoming a few days ago, where she had gone Thanksgiving to visit her daughter. The deceased leaves seven children, fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE MASONIC HOME

The word "dinner" would not do at all, "banquet" would better express it; for we had everything belonging to that function. Our menu consisted of turkey, with oysters, cranberry sauce, potatoes, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, salad, pickles, chow chow, celery, coffee, cherry pie, fruit cake, raisins, candy, nuts, apples, bananas, pine apple, and a lot more. The turkey and vegetables were perfectly cooked and seasoned to taste by our Mary, the chef, assisted in serving by Katie, Maggie and Herma.

After dinner we listened to a very pleasing and appropriate sermon by Canon Burgess. Then we sang Christmas hymns until supper time. We thought we did not want any, but when we saw it was oyster soup and a table full of sweet things we concluded we did. Then we adjourned to the parlor and sung until we were hoarse, and then brought out the phonograph to play dance tunes; (but we did not dance) though we were so very happy that we forgot until too late to return thanks to our many good friends who so generously contributed to a very delightful day. We wish to do so through your paper, and also to our superintendent and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Askwith, who were untiring in their effort to make the Christmas day at the Home a decided success. In the name of everyone of us, Many Thanks.

J. E. V.

HEZ RASCO TO BE TRIED NEXT MONTH

Joseph Montgomery and Joseph Carden, of near Maryville, Missouri, arrived in the city this morning for a short visit with friends.

Mr. Carden attended the preliminary trial of Hez Rasco, the man charged with the murder of an entire family near Barnard, in Nowaday county recently, and heard the date of the trial fixed for January 30th. Judge Ellison, of Maryville, presiding in the circuit court, was attorney for Rasco and defended him for the murder of a neighbor woman about fourteen years ago, and requested the attorneys on both sides of the present case to select another judge to try the case. This the lawyers refused to do, stating that they were satisfied that the judge could give the defendant a fair trial.

NEHAWKA VICINITY.

Willie and Edward Wulf, of Avoca, motored out to eat Christmas dinner, with their best friends.

Messrs. and Mesdames Wunderlich and Schomaker drove to Berlin Monday to attend the funeral of H. O. Davis.

F. C. Schomaker and H. J. Thiele drove to Syracuse Monday for a few days' visit with relatives.

Miss Lottie Wunderlich is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. She will resume her school duties again next Monday.

Park Christliewer and family will move to their new home Wednesday and be ready to take possession the first of the year.

Leo Switzer and Mrs. Edythe Thiele were Nebraska City business visitors Saturday.

Miss Fern Schrader was a passenger to Omaha Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Hansen departed Saturday for a week's visit with home folks near Hartington, Nebraska.

Miss Isadore Sheldon did her Christmas shopping in Nebraska City Saturday.

Mrs. John Knabe was reported quite sick last week. Dr. Jordan was called Friday for medical aid.

George Marks shelled and delivered three thousand bushel of corn to Joe Shrader, Monday and Tuesday.

Fred Hild and wife spent Sunday at Gust Hansen's.

John Murdock and family ate Christmas dinner with Johnny Baier, near Avoca.

Edwin Schomaker went to Nebraska City Saturday for a few days' visit.

Miss Goldie Messersmith returned to her home at Lincoln this morning, having spent the Christmas holiday in this city with relatives, and also attended the marriage of Miss Minnie McKay, Monday. Her father, Mr. Joseph Messersmith, returned to his home last evening, departing on the Schuyler train.