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CITY COUNCIL MEETS AND TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

Councilmen Listen to Report of Various Committees and Allow Number of Claims Against City.

From Tuesday's Daily
When the city fathers convened in regular session last evening every member was in his seat except Councilman Will, who is absent from the city. Mayor Sattler's gavel fell promptly at 8 o'clock, and the first order of business was the calling of the roll and approval of the minutes of the council sitting as a board of equalization were first read. This required considerable time as the assessment to each separate parcel of ground was read along with the entire preliminary proceedings. The minutes of the regular session were read and approved.

For the first time in many a session there was not a communication nor petition on file for consideration of the council. Just why the committee appointed by the Commercial club to bring the council's attention to the removal of the arc lights had no communication on file is not known. It was certainly a golden opportunity, as no other matter was brought forward to engage the attention of the fathers under this head.

The finance committee was asked to report, which it did on a number of bills, some of which were sent to the claims committee. The finance committee is composed of Mr. Schulhof, Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Dovey, and the committee reported on the audit of the books of the treasurer and clerk, both of which were found correct.

At this stage of the proceedings the bills approved by the finance committee were allowed, and in connection with this order of business Mayor Sattler suggested that the office of city physician, which had been filled by Dr. Hall, had been practically vacant since Dr. Hall had removed to the farm, and that a vote of the council declaring the office vacant would be about the proper thing. Acting on this suggestion, Mr. Dwyer moved that the office be declared vacant which was seconded, and on a vote, carried. Mayor Sattler then appointed Dr. J. B. Martin to the vacancy, and on motion of Councilman Neuman, which was seconded, the confirmation was made by a roll call resulting in a unanimous vote in favor of confirmation.

On report of the fire department of officers elected for the ensuing year as heretofore announced in the Journal, Mr. Neuman moved that the officers elected by the department be confirmed by the council, the roll was again called and a full vote recorded of these present favoring the motion.

The claims committee was called on for a report on claims in its hands and reported favorable on the claims set out hereafter.

The fire and water committee reported that a contract had been signed up with the New York Belting and Hose company for 700 feet of good Keystone hose for \$770, with a discount of \$70 for old couplings returned. The clerk said he had received the freight bill for the hose, and another member of the council reported that the hose was at the Burlington freight depot. It was then determined to have the hose taken to the hose house and the fire and water committee would inspect it before the same is accepted.

Councilman Weber informed the council that the gas light at the corner of Seventh and Vine streets had been dark for a long time. Mr. Dovey mentioned the same or the light near the library, where a dangerous flight of steps had been placed on the paving of Vine street. Mr. Neuman

moved that the light company be called on to make light in these dark places, also in the council chamber, as the councilmen had difficulty in distinguishing the members across the chamber, and intimated that were it otherwise than that he is well acquainted with the members he would have difficulty in recognizing them at that distance.

A report of the special committee was called for and Mr. Dwyer reported as chairman, that the committee had called on the Peters Trust company in Omaha, to get a bid on the intersection bonds, and while nothing definite was done, the company gave the committee to understand that the bonds would have to be as good as a six per cent investment before the company would consider them.

Some minor matters then occupied the attention of the council, such as ordering in a tee at the intersection of Bryant and Chicago avenue, which was requested by Mr. Gravit. The city attorney was directed on motion of Mr. Dwyer to furnish a written opinion as to the city's title to the vacated lots.

Mr. Gravit as chairman of the police committee called up the matter of the \$10 per month which the city had formerly paid to the merchants' police, stating that it was by request he did so. The matter of paying the amount or any amount to the merchant police when the city already had a man who was paid a salary to do this work was strongly opposed by Mr. Neuman, and also by Mr. Kutz. There was also some discussion as to just where the merchants were on the matter of police. It was suggested that two parties were doing the stunt, and until the merchants united on one man it would hardly be practicable for the city to pay one of them a salary. On motion of Mr. Dwyer the matter was tabled until a later date.

Councilman Bookmeyer brought forward a suggestion that there was an ordinance on the books relative to working city prisoners which had not been in use of late. And under the discussion which followed it developed that the most of the council, if not all, were in favor of working the fellows who were being boarded at the jail at the city's expense. And it was the sentiment that the city ought to provide a rock pile and work the jail birds there or on the street, and it was thought this would have a salutary effect on the robo element which would give this city the goby if a rock pile were established.

After allowing the following bills the council adjourned:

| Claims Allowed. | |
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| Consolidated Eng. Co. | \$25.00 |
| Cass Co., boarding prisoners 29.70 | |
| Neb. Light company | 2.50 |
| R. A. Bates, printing | 16.50 |
| C. W. Baylor, coal | 9.50 |
| Con. Eng. Co., deferred to meeting, bal. on contract .. | 79.97 |
| Robert Richter, fire dept. | 1.50 |
| Henry Kruger, fire dept. | 1.50 |
| Jack Williams, fire dept. | 1.50 |
| Ben Rainey, chief of police .. | 28.00 |
| Kroehler Bros., library fund .. | 1.50 |
| Oliver Jones, salary library .. | 25.00 |
| Jas. Donnelly, janitor library .. | 4.50 |
| Public Library | 4.30 |
| D. C. Morgan, library fund .. | 4.50 |
| Referred to Claims Committee. | |
| Chris Mockenhaupt | 4.00 |
| Warga & Cecil | .50 |
| Dr. Martin | 14.00 |
| R. A. Bates, printing ord. | 45.80 |
| Kroehler Bros. | 4.75 |
| Klopp & Bartlett | .25 |

NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED FOR THE MASONIC HOME

Six new trustees were elected by the shareholders of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth in a meeting at the Masonic Temple Monday in Omaha. Besides the election of trustees and the voting of approval upon all the acts of the administration in the past year, the announcement was made that a donation of \$1,000 had been made to the home.

In the absence of President F. H.

Young, Samuel P. Davidson acted as chairman of the meeting. The office of treasurer was voted out of existence through an amendment to the constitution. The new trustees are as follows: Frank H. Young, Broken Bow; Oscar R. Allen, Omaha; Chas. L. Milenz, Wahoo; Walter J. White, Plattsmouth; Harry A. Cheney, Creighton, and Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk. They are to hold office until 1915. Robert E. French, of Kearney, and Henry E. Palmer, of Omaha, were named as trustees to fill vacancies which shall occur in 1914.

DEATH OF MRS. LENA PENDARVOIS SHAULS

From Tuesday's Daily
Mrs. Lena Pendarvous Shaulls, wife of L. E. Shaulls, passed away at her home in this city at 7:20 last evening, January 23, 1911, after a short illness, lasting but seven days. She was born in Henderson county, Illinois, November 23, 1882, where she resided with her parents until October 1883, her parents removed to Friend, Nebraska, where she grew to womanhood, and on February 20, 1908, she was united in marriage with Mr. L. E. Shaulls. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Shaulls removed to Omaha for a year, Mr. Shaulls being employed by the Burlington Railway company. The young couple moved to Plattsmouth from Omaha, Mr. Shaulls being placed on the Sioux City run. Mrs. Shaulls soon acquired a large circle of warm friends in this city, becoming a member of the M. E. choir, of which church she was a consistent member.

Mrs. Shaulls leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and a little babe, one week old, mother and father and two sisters.

Her funeral occurred this afternoon from her late residence, Rev. W. L. Austin conducting the service. Her remains were taken to Friend, Nebraska, this afternoon, accompanied by her parents and Mr. Shaulls, where interment will take place on Thursday.

Card of Thanks.

To the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our beloved one, we extend our sincere thanks.

Mr. L. E. Shaulls.
Mr. and Mrs. Pendarvis.

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LATE GEORGE W. DALTON

George W. Dalton, who died at the residence of his wife on the Iowa side of the Missouri river near the ferry Saturday morning, was born in Indiana March 20, 1841, and died January 21, 1911. He enlisted in Co. 3 of the Fourth Iowa Infantry in 1861, and was mustered out in 1865. He was a member of the Danville, Illinois Military Soldiers' Home, and at the time of his death was on a furlough visiting his family in Mills county.

The funeral occurred this morning at the residence at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Sikes, the music was furnished by the Lincoln family, assisted by Miss Una Hammer, all of that vicinity. Interment was made at the West Oak cemetery north of Glenwood. Mr. Dalton was well known to many Plattsmouth people, especially to the members of the G. A. R., his comrades holding him in the highest respect. Before his health became so much impaired Mr. Dalton was a frequent visitor in the city, frequently coming here to trade. He was married three times during his life and leaves a large circle of relatives, a wife and several step-children survive to mourn his death.

Especially Incensed.

A special from Lincoln says: "It is stated that insurgent republicans, especially incensed at President Taft over the appointment of Walter I. Smith as circuit judge of the Eighth district, will hold a banquet in Lincoln shortly, calling in others from over the state, and will there declare for Robert La Follette as presidential candidate for 1912." Not only are the insurgents greatly incensed, but the republicans generally of Nebraska feel that they have been disgracefully snubbed by the fat man who occupies a chair in the White House. It is hoped the senate will not confirm Smith's appointment.

Union Visitors.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Our old friend, Judge Reuben Foster and Dr. Newell, the dentist, were in the city this morning, coming up on the early morning train and returning at 10 o'clock. They were here looking after a matter which is now pending in Judge Beeson's court, in which one Saxon is the arrested party. While here they paid their respects to Journal headquarters, where they always receive the glad hand. We were glad to see our old friend Uncle Reuben looking so well.

Try the Journal's want ad column.

The Way to Draw Trade.
Beatrice Daily Sun: In Fremont the merchants have joined in giving a gigantic sale of one week. Forty merchants are in the combination. There is value in co-operation in such enterprises. If people can take advantage of a number of sales on one trip to town, the pulling power of the advertising on each one is intensified. It is a narrow and contracted view of business which leads men to believe that the prosperity of neighbors injures their own prosperity.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A WEEPING WATER MAN

While traveling in a funeral procession at Weeping Water last Saturday about noon, Rev. Andrews of that city, came very near being killed by a locomotive on the Lincoln branch of the Missouri Pacific railway tracks. The funeral was that of a little child of Mr. Colbert's, and the procession had reached the southwest angle of the "Y" about a mile west of Weeping Water. Rev. Andrews was driving a single horse, and accompanied by Mrs. John Carter, and not hearing the signals of warning or shouts of those in the procession following him, was about to drive upon the track immediately in front of the oncoming locomotive when the horse suddenly wheeled about, smashing the buggy and precipitating the occupants to the ground with such force as to badly bruise them. Mrs. Carter was so much injured that she was taken back to town, but Rev. Andrews proceeded with the funeral to the cemetery at Wabash and conducted the services at the grave. The buggy was a wreck and those who witnessed the accident feel that it was lucky the horse whirled about as it did, otherwise both of the occupants of the buggy would have been killed.

ENFORCING THE BLUE LAWS IN CASS COUNTY

From Tuesday's Daily
Floyd Saxon, of Union, had a taste of the enforcement of the blue laws this morning when, on the complaint of Dr. Newell, of that village, filed before County Judge Beeson the defendant was fined one dollar and costs for cursing unlawfully and profanely swearing in the presence of women and children on the 24th day of January of this year, and in addition, was given 30 days in jail for being in an unlawful state of intoxication on the 22nd of this month. The court informed the defendant if he would reveal the name of the party who sold him intoxicating liquor on Sunday he would accept the statement in mitigation of the defendant's offense and lighten his imprisonment accordingly. This Saxon declined to do. Saxon was then taken to jail.

This is the first attempt to enforce the law against profanity in this community, and should the demand become general it is the belief that should the fines allowed by statute be collected, which is one dollar for each separate offense, that other forms of taxation could be dispensed with, to a great extent.

Buys a Fine Porker.

H. F. Gansemer, one of our progressive and enterprising young farmers from west of town, was in the city Monday to receive the fine Poland-China hog he purchased at the Cassett sale over in Malvern, Iowa, last Saturday. Mr. Gansemer attended the sale and picked out what he thought was about the finest sow offered. It is sure a fine one, the highest class of an individual and will weigh about 500 pounds.

Acceptable Citizenship.

Jacob Meisinger, who purchased the Utterback property, on north Fourth street some time since, moved to town yesterday, and is now a full-fledged citizen of Plattsmouth. Such acquisitions to the population of Plattsmouth are always very acceptable, and we meet them with open arms. Mr. Meisinger called today and renewed for the Journal.

Charles Perry, from Eight Mile Grove, has sold his Cass county farm and purchased a farm nearer Lincoln and was engaged in loading two cars at the Burlington station today with household furniture and agricultural tools and supplies for his teams, expecting to ship to Malcolm tonight.

CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Special Insurance Report of W. O. W. Alleges Padding of Expense Accounts

Sensational charges of extravagance, padding expense accounts and letting printing contracts are made against officers of the Woodmen of the World, with headquarters in Omaha, in a special report of insurance examiners of Nebraska, Minnesota and South Carolina, published Friday by State Auditor Barton.

That it costs 12 per cent of the annual receipts of \$7,000,000 of the lodge for salaries and running expenses is stated in the report. "We feel no hesitancy in saying that the ratio of expense to income should be lower," the report recites.

Receipt of \$15 a day and 10 cents per mile for traveling expenses by officers and delegates to the 1907 convention at Norfolk, W. Va., is charged, some delegates receiving pay for from eight to twelve days in traveling, although they actually traveled less than half that time.

The report says: "The official record of that meeting shows that ten days were occupied in the session, yet not one of the delegates or the salaried officers in attendance drew less than twelve days per diem for attendance at \$15 a day. In addition to this nearly every delegate drew travel pay for six, seven or eight days, at the same rate per day, while several received pay for nine, ten, twelve or fourteen days' travel."

It is asserted that each of the delegates to Norfolk received an average of \$413.32. Sovereign Commander J. C. Root, whose salary is \$10,000 a year, received \$496.30 in mileage and per diem; Sovereign Clerk Yates, whose salary is \$7,500 a year, received \$436.30; Sovereign Adviser W. A. Fraser, whose salary is \$5,000 a year, got \$480.00, and Sovereign Banker Morris Shepherd, whose salary is \$3,600, drew \$459.60.

The report says improvement was shown at later conventions.

In the report it is also charged that A. I. Root, incorporated, constitutes a "close corporation" on lodge printing, being given over 80 per cent of all printing annually without competitive bidding.

That the Root company operates under the name of the "Beacon Press" to secure the lodge printing. It is asserted that in 1908 the "Beacon Press" received \$104,834, or 83 per cent of all the lodge printing work; \$17,000 or 82 per cent, in 1909, and \$120,000, or 86 per cent, in 1910, it is asserted.

"Your examiners do not believe that there has been free and open competition in this matter; on the other hand, we believe that this work has been given to A. I. Root, incorporated, under the name of the "Beacon Press" at prices enormously profitable to that company," the report says.

The report says the death claims lodge paid \$20,000 to the Milton Rogers & Sons Co., for surrender of its lease February 1, 1911, of a building on the site of the new headquarters. Receipts of a bonus of \$75,000 by the lodge from surrounding property owners is also shown.

The report says the death claims of the fraternal order have been handled in a way to deserve the praise of the examiners and that the lodge business, on the whole, makes a splendid showing.

Mrs. Hoskins Arrives From Denver.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mrs. J. N. Hoskins, of Denver, arrived from Denver this morning in response to a letter from her mother, Mrs. G. W. Dalton, informing her that Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Hoskins' stepfather, was very sick. Mrs. Hoskins did not learn of her stepfather's death last Sunday until she arrived in Plattsmouth on No. 6 this morning. She departed for the home of her mother on the other side of the river at once, and probably arrived there before the funeral procession left the residence.

Mr. G. Knapp removed yesterday from the rooms occupied by him and wife in the Boeck building, to his residence on Granite street, the rooms vacated by Mr. Knapp will be occupied by George Thomas and family.

Returns To Chadron.

Miss Lillian Cole, instructor in languages in the Chadron high school, departed for Chadron yesterday afternoon. Miss Cole came home to spend the Christmas vacation with her mother and sister and before her vacation was over she was afflicted with an abscess in her head which caused her much pain. She went to the Clarkson hospital at Omaha for a week for treatment and had so far recovered as to be able to resume her duties in the school room.

The school board at Chadron did not attempt to supply Miss Cole's place, and she will take up the work at once where she would have done had she returned at the first of the month.

TELEGRAMS CAN NOW BE SENT BY TELEPHONE

The Nebraska Telephone company has made arrangements with the Western Union Telegraph company whereby telegrams may be sent by telephone at night, on Sundays or holidays, when the smaller telegraph offices are closed. For some time telephone subscribers have been able to send and receive telegrams over the telephone to and from the local telegraph office, but the plan of using long distance telephone lines in sending telegrams is a new one.

The great advantage of the new arrangement lies in the fact that while there are comparatively few telegraph offices open at all hours, nearly every telephone user has twenty-four hour service; and when local telegraph offices are closed, telephone operators are instructed to connect any subscriber of the Nebraska Telephone company, who desires to send a telegram with the nearest Western Union office then open, without additional charge.

The Western Union company has made similar arrangements in all parts of the country, so that Bell Telephone subscribers anywhere may send or receive telegrams at any time over the telephone without additional charge beyond the regular telegraph message rate.

MAKING LAND VALUES THE BASIS OF ALL TAXATION

The legislature has up for discussion and settlement within the next few weeks a bill amending the present law relating to the assessment of property. While the members are about it, they should make a thorough investigation into the question of whether the return to the precinct assessorship system has not resulted in the going into hiding of a very considerable amount of personality that had been brought to light under the county assessorship plan. A good many persons interested in the problems of taxation are of the opinion, based upon what they have read rather than upon what they have themselves personally uncovered, that this is true and that the burdens of taxation are being more and more shouldered upon land. The time is coming, we believe, when the wisdom of making land values the basis of all taxation will prevail, but this plan of assessing what can be seen of a man's personality and taking his word for the remainder has the natural effect of making the man with a tender conscience or the man whose possessions are all in sight pay a considerable portion of the taxes of the man who can escape because the law employs nobody to investigate his returns. An ideal system of taxation is a dream of the distant future, and the best we can do now is to adjust the burdens so they will be borne as nearly as possible by those who ought to bear them.—Lincoln News.

M. E. Church Make Improvements.

The trustees of the M. E. church are engaged in making some valuable improvements in the basement of the church, which will give them a room 40x40 feet for the use of the junior department of the Sunday school, and also make a pleasant room in which the Ladies' Aid society will hold its meetings. The room is to be plastered throughout and floored, and when completed will be a very pleasant and inviting room in which to meet.

Miss Hester Gilmore and Miss Violet Gilmore were Omaha visitors this afternoon, where they called on friends for a few hours.