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## THE CITY COUNCIL PUTS IN VERY BUSY TIME AT SESSION LAST NIGHT

Colorado City, Colorado, Fire Department Has Fine Fire Team That It Offers for \$400—Much Discussion Over Transferring City Funds From First National to Plattsmouth State Bank

From Tuesday's Daily.

All councilmen were present last night at the call of the roll, and after the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting communications were taken up and read. A letter from the chief of the fire department of Colorado City, Colo., to Councilman Lushinsky was read relative to a fine fire team which the city in Colorado had to sell. The team was represented as 7 years old, well broke for the business and were offered to the City of Plattsmouth for \$400. The communication was placed on file, to be taken up when the city had more money.

A communication from W. D. Jones asking the council to grant him permit to repair and rebuild the barn destroyed by fire during last November and agreeing to cover the outside of the building with galvanized iron was read. After some discussion the permit was granted over the protest of Councilman Neuman.

A list of the officers of the fire department elected at a recent meeting to hold during the year 1912, the same as that printed in the Journal immediately after the election, was read, and on motion of Councilman Neuman, chairman of the fire and water committee, the officers as elected were confirmed, the motion for confirmation being seconded by Councilman Shea.

A report of the finance committee on the audit of the books of the city clerk and city treasurer, finding all correct, was read, and signed by Councilmen Dovey, Weber and Dwyer.

Chief Rainey reported sixteen arrests during December.

Clerk Wurl reported \$65 collected from occupation taxes. The Standard Oil company had been notified concerning their tax several times, but had not responded. The matter was referred to the city attorney to draw a resolution for the council to proceed to collect the occupation tax from the Standard Oil company, by suit or otherwise. City Attorney Tidd being present immediately drew a resolution and the same was presented by Councilman Dwyer and adopted by the council.

The city treasurer's report was then read and referred to the finance committee. The report showed funds paid out and balances as follows:

Fund	Paid	Balance on Hand
General	393.90	884.86
Building		559.14
Road	588.40	359.73
Fire Dept.	83.40	105.75
Library	46.00	261.56
Park	58.75	50.64
Police	125.00	360.15
Fire Hyd't.		1,647.41
Lighting	176.40	593.65
Interest	2,405.40	2,889.74
Cemetery	37.50	139.42
Dog		110.61
Business		
Tax		358.38
Sinking		4,128.04
General		
School	891.57	615.08
Teachers	1,847.50	43.68
Paving Dist.		
No. 3 Reg.		
Warrant	4,870.37	475.55
	\$11,624.19	\$12,968.28
Less Overdraft		615.08

Balance on hand... \$12,353.20

A report from the streets, alleys and bridges committee, signed by Councilmen Weber, Shea and Will, showing condition of paving in District No. 3 in good shape, recommending release to M. Ford of the balance of 10 per cent of his contract, which had been retained for guaranty of work, with interest at 5 per cent, as contract required. The report was approved by the council and the warrant for \$1,600 or more directed to be issued in favor of M. Ford.

A report of the street commis-

sioner of tools and implements belonging to the city was read and placed on file.

Mr. Neuman of the fire and water committee reported that an electric light had been placed at the central hose house, and the light company would furnish the current free of charge. A similar request to the telephone company had been met with the statement that the railway commission would not allow any free telephones, nor any deviation from the mercantile schedule of 80 per month. The council decided to have the city attorney communicate with the commission and ascertain if a phone could not be had for the residence rate.

Mr. Neuman also suggested that a light should be placed in position to light the viaduct under the Burlington bridge. The matter was so voted by the council.

Mr. Neuman also reminded the council that something should be done about the water franchise; that but three months yet remained of the old franchise and something should be done at once. He was opposed to any franchise himself, but he thought that those on the board who were in favor of one should hustle around and do business.

A report of the light committee was made in writing recommending that the night police take an inventory of the lamps every night and make this in writing to the chief of police, indicating the lights which were not in to contract, and that the chief file a monthly report with the council made up from the daily reports of the night police, so that the council would have some definite information when the time came for paying for light, and that the company be paid only for lights actually furnished. The matter was approved by the council.

Under the head of new business a resolution, signed by Councilmen Weber and Dwyer, a majority of the finance committee, stating in substance that the former clerk had failed to make a record of the resolution of the council constituting the First National bank of this city a depository of the city funds, in substance as follows: "Resolved that such resolution be now entered on the record and that such bank be continued as the city depository until the end of the present quarter." Remarks were made by different members of the council.

City Treasurer Fricke was present and the mayor called on him for a statement. Mr. Fricke informed the council that he was now connected with the Plattsmouth State bank and desired to have the city funds under his own control and deposited in this bank. He also stated that the State bank would pay the same rate of interest which had been paid by the First National.

Mr. Kurtz spoke on the resolution to the effect that Mr. Fricke was the treasurer and responsible for the money and should be allowed to place it where he chose. Mr. Dwyer objected to this, saying that it was a part of the consideration of the payment of 2 per cent on the daily balances by the First National bank that the bank should be the depository of the city for the full year.

The roll was called on the resolution, and those voting were Dwyer, Dovey, Will, Lushinsky and Shea; those voting nay were Weber, Kurtz and Gravitt; Hallstrom and Neuman passed without voting.

Before adjournment the following bills were allowed: R. A. Bates, printing, \$11.75; John Fitzpatrick, salary night police, \$40; F. Neuman for assisting the state fire warden, \$4.80; W. B. Rishel, road work, \$1.70; Henry Lakhoda, R. W. Toogood, P. H. Kinneon, R. Henry, nozzle-men at Green fire, each \$1.50; Will

Mason, nozzle-man and drying hose, \$3; Plattsmouth Water company, hydrant rental for year, \$900; Chief Manners, assisting state fire warden, \$4.80; Cass county, boarding city prisoners, \$9.30; Library expense, \$2.20; Olive Jones, salary for December, \$35; Plattsmouth Telephone company \$1.50; M. Archer, salary for December, \$30; Nebraska Light company, light for city council, 35 cents; P. Harrison, road work, \$1; Nebraska Light company, light at library, \$2.50; Nebraska Light company, lighting streets, \$125; Nebraska Light company, \$1.40; Weyrich & Hadraha, supplies to night police, \$4.85; Ben Rainey, salary, \$65; Henry Trout, salary, \$50; James Donnelly, library fund, \$4.50.

The following claims were referred to the claims committee: Klopp & Bartlett, election supplies, \$9.20; C. W. Baylor, coal and labor, \$15; F. M. Richey, lumber and tiling, \$228.30; Nebraska Light company, \$2.50; G. L. Farley, agent, rent for council room for four months, \$25. The council then adjourned.

## WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Frank E. Schlater Retires From Office With Credit to Himself and His Friends.

Ex-County Treasurer F. E. Schlater last week completed his report covering the numerous funds required to be kept in the treasurer's office and extending over a period of six months, and the result is very gratifying to Mr. Schlater, as well as the taxpayers of the county.

The money on hand in all of the funds, amounting to \$92,362.74, was accounted for to the board of county commissioners and turned over to his successor in the presence of the board last Thursday morning. The county is clear of debt, with a balance on hand, as above stated, and a further gratifying feature of the report is that not a precinct in the county has one cent of indebtedness. The office has more than paid its salaries and clerk hire and Mr. Schlater turned over excess fees for the year of 1911, the handsome amount of \$1,221.62, and for this splendid showing Mr. Schlater is entitled to the commendation and appreciation of his constituency.

The principal funds from which the balance is made up are: The state general fund, \$6,707.91; university, \$1,398.10; county general fund, \$6,454.30; county road, \$10,323.77; district road, \$11,619.85; district school, \$35,667.54; district school bond, \$4,975.40; teachers' school, \$6,884.96; City of Plattsmouth, \$3,800.83; City of Weeping Water, \$1,042.13; permanent road, \$1,530.14.

The amount Mr. Schlater will turn over to the state treasurer for the year of 1911 is \$42,744.70. This is a handsome showing for the county, and Mr. Schlater has demonstrated that the voters of the county made no mistake when they elected him to the important position of county treasurer. Mr. Schlater's training previous to taking the office was of a nature to peculiarly adapt him to the needs of the office. And not content with having the work done entirely by assistants, he looked after the details of the office and had every department of it thoroughly in hand. The office has been conducted under Mr. Schlater's administration with one less clerk than formerly, enabling him to save a greater surplus of fees to be turned into the county each year.

Here is one of the best qualified men in the state for the position of state treasurer, and his many friends should push him for this important office. He is competent and reliable and a first-class man in every respect.

L. F. Bannick, who has been visiting the Hans Seivers' home for some time, departed for his home at Coleridge this morning.

## BIG EVENT AT THE T. J. SOKOL HALL LAST SATURDAY

The Annual Grand Ball at T. J. Sokol Hall Saturday Night a Big Success.

The annual grand ball given by the Z. C. B. J. at the T. J. Sokol hall last Saturday night was a big success, socially and financially. The dance was preceded by a one-act play, in which the acting was done by local talent, and every part was well played. The performance evoked much applause, indicating that the audience appreciated the efforts of the home folks to put up a good entertainment.

The dance after the play was one of the best given in the hall for a long time; the music was furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra and consisted of some of the best selections this popular organization can produce. Lunch was served up-stairs and a general jolly good time enjoyed by all present. The ball is given annually by the society named above, and has come to be one of the events of the winter, looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation, and the members of the social set and their friends turn out to enjoy the social function of the year.

## Lost His Wedding Clothes.

J. H. Sneed of Putnam, Okla., while on his way to Sioux City, Iowa, to get married, met with a peculiar experience when he reached this city Sunday evening. While Mr. Sneed was sitting in a smoker a Plattsmouth young lady's young man picked up Mr. Sneed's grip, which contained 830 worth of wedding clothes, and carried the grip from the train and handed it over to the Plattsmouth bank driver, who brought it down and her two grips up town. When Mr. Sneed got through smoking and went to get his grip to change cars at Omaha he discovered it had departed. He then got busy with telegraphing and located the missing grip in this city. He came down on the morning train and got his property and departed for Sioux City on the fast mail. Mr. Sneed would like to know how the mistake occurred which cost him some trouble and expense.

## Another Wreck.

From Monday's Daily.

Missouri Pacific train No. 103, due at Plattsmouth at 10:07 a. m., south-bound from Omaha, met with a wreck this morning between Avery and Albright, where the M. P. uses the U. P. tracks for quite a distance. The M. P. passenger collided with a U. P. freight, demolishing the way-car of the freight and knocking the pilot and smoke-stack off of the M. P. engine and otherwise doing damage to the engine. Fortunately no lives were lost.

The fault was wholly with the U. P., as it was running its freight on the passenger line and had stopped its train of four cars on the track without having sent anyone back to flag the oncoming passenger train. The accident occurred on a curve and could not have been avoided by the M. P. crew. The engine, although damaged, took its train on to Kansas City.

## Rev. W. L. Bolder Returns Home.

Rev. W. L. Bolder of Lincoln, field secretary of missions of the Christian church in Nebraska, returned to his home from Plattsmouth this morning, having filled the pulpit at the Christian church yesterday. The Christian church of this city will not be without a pastor much longer, as arrangements have about been completed whereby Rev. Zink, who formerly occupied the pulpit of the Christian church here, will return and take charge again. Rev. Zink is one of the strong young preachers of this church and was very popular with all people, young and old. The congregation will be fortunate to have him with them again.

Lig Brown and Glen Tucker and wife of Kenosha were in the city looking after business matters this afternoon. Messrs. Brown and Tucker paid the Journal office a pleasant call.

## LINCOLN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY BUYS OUT BELL INTERESTS

Bell Company Withdraws From South Platte Territory and by the Agreement the Independents Withdraw Plants From the North Platte Country.

(Special to The Evening Journal.)

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—The Nebraska Bell Telephone company has disposed of all its interests in the South Platte territory to the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, and will withdraw from this section of the state.

Included in the transfer is the property of the Bell in Gage, York, Adams, Cass, Otoe, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Richardson, Johnson, Nemaha, Lancaster, Saunders, Polk, Butler, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Thayer, Fillmore, Clay, Hamilton and Webster counties. The purchase price is \$2,205,750, the same being the physical valuation of the property. In addition the Bell turns over to the Lincoln company its majority stock interest in the Plattsmouth Nebraska City, Golden Rod and Boller county companies. Independents which the Bell purchased in recent months, making a total of \$2,500,000 worth of property transferred.

By the same agreement the Lincoln company sold to the Bell its majority stock interests in the Independent plants at Fremont, Grand Island and in Howard county, and withdraws therefrom all of the territory north of the river. The present status of the other Independent companies in the North Platte territory remains unchanged.

The agreement entered into between the two companies provides for an interchange of toll business and for physical connection wherever necessary. All connection contracts now in force will be continued. Eventually all of the Independent telephone companies in this section of the state will be able to offer universal service.

Some of the large Independent

companies in the territory covered by the Lincoln company will consolidate their properties with it, while others will continue business as heretofore. The primary impulse to this peace pact was given in 1910 by Attorney General Grant Martin, when he filed suit, at the instance of Frank H. Woods, then president of the National Independent Telephone association, to prevent the Bell from disrupting the Independent system of the state by purchasing strong Independent plants here and there.

The Lincoln company owns exchanges at four points and has large stock interests in companies operating twelve other exchanges. When its purchase is complete it will operate 45,000 telephones. Consolidation with Bell exchanges just purchased will be effected in those cities and towns where the Lincoln company now has exchanges. In the other places it is expected that in time the two telephone systems will be eliminated, and a unified service given, where in the past it has been a divided service subscribers to one being without means of communication with subscribers to another in the same town or community.

Application was made today to the state railway commission by the Lincoln company for permission to issue \$3,000,000 of preferred stock and \$350,000 of common stock. The latter issue will be sold for the purpose of acquiring the property of associate Independent companies; while of the former, which is a five per cent, non-voting stock, \$2,205,750 will be paid the Bell for its property. Control of the company rests in the common stock. The commission has indicated that it will give the necessary permission.

## Another Howl From Olive.

After failing to secure a majority to vote bonds to build a new jail at Plattsmouth, and after failing to get the courts to declare that the majority was not legal, they have finally received an informal call from the deputy state fire commissioner, John G. Trouten, escorted him to the criminal bee hive, shown him everything inside and out and just how a fire might be started. John has condemned the jail. He says it is a fire trap of the first magnitude. Whether it is a nuisance, or dangerous, The Journal says it is in a dilapidated condition, and a \$500 fine might follow failure to build a new jail. When John Trouten condemned the jail he also condemned a few other buildings there. He did not condemn the new postoffice because it has settled only 6 inches. Curious, isn't it, a man is condemned by society and taken to jail, he is condemned by the court and taken to the pen, and even the jail is condemned where he is confined. Plattsmouth wants a new jail and they are willing to go any length to secure their ends. They want everything they can get free, and even willing to pay a little if someone will donate the balance. Why not have Judge Reeson fine the county and then turn the fees back into the county? Plattsmouth might have had a jail at the time the vote was taken, but they wanted a palace and got it in the neck. There is a difference between a \$5,000 jail and a \$20,000 criminal hotel—Weeping Water Republican.

## Will Buy Young Cattle.

From Monday's Daily.

Councilman A. S. Will went to South Omaha to look after the cattle market for a few hours today, with the expectation that the severe winter weather and short feed in some localities may cause some good bargains to be placed on the market. Mr. Will has room for a few more head of good young cattle.

## Express Appreciation.

R. A. Bates, Editor Plattsmouth Daily Journal.

Dear Sir: The Commercial club, at its annual meeting last evening, instructed the secretary to convey to you a written expression of appreciation for the support and co-operation which you have, through the columns of your paper, given the efforts of the club during the last year. As a club, they feel the benefit of such a course upon the part of your paper, which has been "on the job" every day during the year just closed.

Permit me to say, personally, that as secretary for the past three years, I have most surely appreciated the ready response and liberal treatment always accorded requests made by me.

The year 1912 promises to be one of action and development in Plattsmouth, and one essential element supplementing the efforts of the Commercial club must be the hearty co-operation of the press.

By this sign—we shall "See Plattsmouth Succeed." Yours very truly,

Plattsmouth Commercial Club,  
E. H. Wescott, Secretary.

## Burlington Official Here.

D. B. Weeks of Lincoln has been in the city for a couple of days, having some repairs made on his special car. Mr. Weeks is engaged in going over the C. B. & O. properties in Iowa and making the physical valuation. While out on this mission he had a break-down of his car and brought it to the Plattsmouth shops for overhauling.

## Big Dance the 29th.

The Cosmopolitan club, recently organized in this city, and composed of young men, have decided to give a dance at Coates' hall Saturday evening, January 20th. They should have a good attendance this time and also at their masquerade on Saturday, February 17th. 1-8-11d.