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## OLD MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL RETIRE AND NEW MEMBERS GO IN

Councilmen Neuman, Dwyer, Weber and Will Replaced by Messrs. Johnson, Patterson, Buttery and Richey—Other Matters of Routine Business Transacted.

From Tuesday's Daily.

All the old members of the city council were present except Mr. Will of the Third ward, as well as all of the new members, except Mr. Vondran of the Fifth ward, when the city's legislative body was called to order last night by Mayor Sattler. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting the regular order of business was taken up.

A petition from the Presbyterian church, having numerous names attached, asking the city to place a light at the church, was referred to the light committee.

City Attorney Tidd reported on the instruction of the council to have the ordinances looked up and steps taken for a revision and printing in book form, that the labor of such a task would be considerable and that the compensation allowed as salary for the city legal work was insufficient to remunerate one for doing the work of compiling the ordinances. The report was placed on file.

A communication from the attorney, accompanied by a check for \$10, covering M. Fanger's occupation tax for year 1911 to May 1, 1912, and advising the council that it could not legally exact \$20 for the same time, was read and created considerable discussion. A motion to accept the check and issue the license was about to be voted, when Mr. Dovey suggested that if Mr. Fanger could do that he should be allowed to do the same; as both firms conducted general stores, Fanger carried millinery, which he did not, while Dovey carried carpets, which Fanger did not. It was finally decided to accept the Fanger check and refund to E. G. Dovey & Son \$10 of the \$20 paid by that firm and take steps to amend the occupation ordinance, which reads, "General stores \$10," so it would speak the intention of the councilmen.

The finance committee then reported the following bills and advised their allowance: H. Brinkman, road work, \$12; I. N. Cummins, disposing of three dogs, 75 cents; Phil Harrison, road work, \$20.80; John Epping, road work, \$7.80; D. J. Majors, road work, \$12.80; Mike McCool, road work, \$19.80; W. B. Rishell, road work, \$33.92; B. G. Wurl, general fund, \$5.95; Nebraska Lighting company, two bills, \$1.75; Weyrich & Hadraba, police fund, \$2.56; Western Stamp and Stencil Co., dog tags, \$3.40; Nebraska Light Co., \$2.50; M. Areber, salary, \$30; August Bach, rent for election, \$6.75; A. C. Tartsch, putting up and taking down booths, \$6; A. O. U. W. No. 8, rent for election, \$6; E. A. Wurl, treasurer, rent for election, \$6; Dr. J. B. Martin, snapox patient, \$8; election expense for five wards of the city, each \$15; Nebraska Light Co., \$122.98, allowed on their bill of \$125, the deduction for poor lights being \$2.02; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$10; H. C. McMaken & Son, two bills, \$20.20; B. G. Snodgrass, road work, \$15.20; Plattsmouth Water company, hydrant rental for quarter ending April 1, \$9.00; Ben Rainey, salary, \$65; Henry Trout, salary, \$50; H. C. McMaken & Son, two bills on road fund, \$33.20; D. B. Ebersole, 55 cents; James Silence, road work, \$12.

Chief Rainey reported ten arrests. The clerk reported occupation tax collected, \$97.50.

The treasurer's report was read, which showed warrants paid and balances on hand as follows: Building fund, balance, \$761.48; general fund, paid \$363, balance \$718.82; road fund, paid \$60.75, balance \$321.65; fire department fund, paid \$43, balance \$74.76; library fund, paid \$128.04, balance \$100.12; park fund, paid \$6.40, balance \$78.37; police fund, paid \$125, balance \$246.12; fire hydrant rent, balance \$1,208.12; lighting fund, paid \$125.35, bal-

ance \$468.92; interest fund, balance, \$5,047.14; cemetery fund, paid \$37.50, balance \$215.50; dog fund, paid 75 cents, balance, \$109.86; business tax fund, balance \$322.88; sinking fund, paid \$5,000, balance \$131.89; general school fund, paid \$460.52, overdraft \$1,136.46; teachers' school fund, paid \$2,645, overdrawn \$2,350.42; paving district No. 3, balance \$475.55; registered warrants, \$6,507.77; balance on hand in all funds April 1, \$6,825.15.

Mr. Neuman, chairman of the fire and water committee, reported several sections of the hose in bad condition. He also moved that no buildings within the fire limits be allowed to be rebuilt or reconstructed without permission granted by the city council. The motion was voted.

The special committee appointed by the mayor to find a place in which the council could hold its sessions, by Mr. Lushinsky, chairman, reported that several places had been looked up, but nothing definite had been done, and the committee asked for further time to investigate, which was granted.

Under the head of new business Mr. Neuman presented an ordinance to grant a franchise for ten years to the Plattsmouth Water company, which was read for the first time. Some of the provisions were that the city should pay at the rate of \$40 per year for the 80 fire hydrants, and \$35 per year for any additional hydrants. The rates to the private consumers were placed about at what they now are. For a six-room house the rental per year should be \$6. After the reading Mr. Neuman stated that he would like to hear the ordinance discussed; that the rates were not as low as he would like to see them, but he thought something should be done to protect the city.

Mr. Weber stated that he believed the city should take some action; that the rate of \$40 per hydrant was more than he thought the city should pay and more than cities of smaller population than Plattsmouth were paying; if he had a vote on the franchise he would vote for a \$35 rate per hydrant per year, but he thought that the city should be protected by offering to vote a reasonable franchise. Sections 7 and 8 had been omitted from the ordinance. Councilman Hallstrom suggested that the subsequent sections should be moved up and the numbers read consecutively, and then the last section would be No. 12 instead of No. 14. The ordinance proposed free water for the two public fountains and for flushing the streets, but for this purpose the water should be used but two hours per day. The ordinance was then laid over until the next meeting.

Mayor Sattler then appointed D. O. Dwyer, W. Weber and F. Neuman a committee to canvass the vote of the election of April 2, and a five-minute recess was taken to allow the committee to make up its report. When the council again convened the following was reported:

Vote on Councilmen—First ward, R. Pattern, 38; W. J. Streight, 29; Patterson's majority, 9. Second ward, John McNurlin, 62; F. Buttery, 85; Buttery's majority, 23. Third ward, A. S. Will, 42; E. Richey, 51; Richey's majority, 9. Fourth ward, A. G. Johnson, 28; G. L. Farley, 4; W. Ballance, 4; Johnson's majority, 23. Fifth ward, John Vondran, 37; B. C. Hyde, 33; Vondran's majority, 4.

For School Board, No Competition—John Lutz received 270 votes and Dr. Marshall 334. Certificates of election were directed to be issued to Messrs. Patterson, Buttery, Richey, Johnson and Vondran.

It was then suggested by Mr. Dovey of the First ward that the council swear in the new members

and approve bonds and the change from the old to the new members be taken at the adjournment. The matter was put to vote. The mayor was undecided as to which had the vote and the roll was called, all present voting aye except Mr. Neuman of the Fourth ward, who explained his vote by saying he did not want to get out so quick. The bonds of the new members were approved and the council then adjourned sine die.

Mayor Sattler at once convened the new council, after administering the oath of office to the new members present. Mr. Vondran being the only member absent.

Mayor Sattler, after roll-call, then announced the new committees as follows: Finance, Dovey, Patterson and Lushinsky; Judiciary, Patterson, Lushinsky, Richey; fire and water, Vondran, Shea, Hallstrom; claims, Lushinsky, Johnson, Hallstrom; license, Shea, Kurtz, Buttery; streets, alleys and bridges, Kurtz, Hallstrom, Vondran; police, Buttery, Hallstrom, Vondran; light, Hallstrom, Buttery, Johnson; park and improvements, Buttery, Vondran, Patterson; cemetery, Johnson, Dovey, Kurtz.

Mayor Sattler then addressed a few words of instruction to the new members, reciting what he hoped to accomplish toward beautifying the city during the next year. He also thanked the outgoing members for their faithful service to the city.

The following applications for license to conduct saloons the coming year were read, bonds read and referred to the license committee: Ed Egenberger, \$5,000 bond, with N. Halmes and C. F. Valley as sureties; J. L. Russell, same, with Theo. Amick and J. McNurlin as sureties; J. E. McDaniel, same, with J. W. Goehonour, F. E. Schlater and L. Limer as sureties; Ed Donat, same, with N. C. Halmes, J. Kokel, H. Kaufman and L. Limer, sureties; A. Geise, same, with National Surety Co., surety.

Some road work was ordered in the different wards on request of the members. The council then adjourned.

### The Easiest Way.

Lieutenant Governor Morehead tells a good story concerning an old resident of Barada precinct, Richardson county. This old resident, Uncle Sammy, was raised a democrat, and for many years was the recognized leader of the party in Barada precinct. After Morehead had served two terms as county treasurer—the first democratic treasurer Richardson ever had, by the way—he started out to help the democrat nominated to succeed him. The first place he struck for was Barada precinct to enlist Uncle Sammy's support.

Uncle Sammy came to the front gate and was properly introduced, but when Morehead asked him to give his friend a boost Uncle Sammy nodded his head and drawled:

"Can't do it nohow, John."

"Why, how's that, Uncle Sammy?" queried Morehead.

"I done changed my politics," said Uncle Sammy. "I'm votin' th' other way now."

"What's your reason for such a radical change, Uncle Sammy?" asked Morehead.

"Well, it's just this way, John. It's a darn sight easier t' be a republican. All a feller's got t' do is t' stand pat an' vote 'er straight."

But they do say that Uncle Sammy will bolt the standpaters this year and vote for his old friend Morehead for governor.

### Come to Plattsmouth.

The Cosmopolitan club of Plattsmouth has made arrangements to give a grand ball at Coates' hall, Plattsmouth, Saturday evening, April 13th. Come in and have a good social time. A large crowd is assured. This is the first dance after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hiatt were passengers to Murray this morning.

## TRAMPS NUMEROUS ALONG RAILROADS

An Unusual Amount of Pilfering on Account of Too Many Idle Men in the West.

Tramps are now numerous along Nebraska lines of railroads. The "run" began earlier in the spring than usual. While railroads were still bucking snow drifts and trying to reopen lines from storm tramps were making their way over the road. With the warm days following the storm they came in greater numbers, and now trainmen report them out in sufficient numbers to keep brakemen busy chasing them from trains. Vigilance of the trainmen, however, does not keep all of them from riding.

While the railroad managers have been making a campaign against trespassing, in order to reduce the loss of life from this cause, the effect is not apparent. Not only do the tramps endanger their own lives, but they make work for the railroad men and cause loss to the roads. An unusual number of minor car robberies accumulate with the coming of tramps. These robberies are not of the sort that mark the professional car robber. The ordinary tramp does not take more than he needs for the present. He is content with a new shirt, a new pair of shoes, or a supply of tobacco. A car of groceries may lose enough for a tramp meal, and a car of clothing may furnish him with a new pair of trousers. He rarely carries away a supply in the hope of selling the excess above his needs. Because he takes little he is more difficult to catch.

Frequent derailments and wrecks from other causes bring death to tramps who have hidden in some part of the train where they can escape. It was thought for a time that two men had lost their lives by being thrown from the top of the baggage car in the Bostwick wreck, west of Superior. A few days ago a wreck on the west end of the Union Pacific was reported to have caused the death of a tramp, while the trainmen escaped injury.

Recently Burlington officials in Chicago addressed letters to governors of states through which their road runs asking that the power of state be used to prevent trespassing. The railroad is acting to reduce the number of lives lost annually by rail accidents. Of the deaths reported on transportation lines deaths of trespassers exceed all others.

### Washout Across the River.

From Tuesday's Daily.

One hundred feet of the Burlington spur, which carried the material to the riprap gang this winter, dropped into the river this morning. The encroachments of the river reach back several hundred feet beyond the track which dropped in. One thousand feet of track is rendered useless by the cave-in. The box-car which K. W. Zavgren kept the tools in while ripraping dropped into the river and floated down the stream about 2 p. m. today and was caught below the bridge and towed to shore by a party of fishermen. Mr. Zavgren and a force of men went to the scene of the cave-in, leaving after the fast mail departed for Omaha.

### "Ho Ha" Launched Soon.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The six horse-power, two-cylinder gasoline launch "Ho Ha," belonging to Roy Holly, will be ready for launching tomorrow. Roy has had the boat overhauled and repainted and its machinery put in order, with a new whistle and everything in ship-shape. The "Ho Ha" is one of the swiftest launches on the river, and will get her sailing orders very soon after she is in the water.

### Appointed on Insanity Board.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Judge Travis yesterday appointed John M. Leyda to succeed D. O. Dwyer on the insanity board. The board as now constituted consists of James Robertson, Dr. E. D. Cummins and J. M. Leyda.

### Shorter Hours at Havelock.

Working hours at the Burlington's Havelock shops have again been shortened. This time men lose an hour from each day, beginning their work at 8 o'clock instead of 7. Since only five working days are allowed in each week the total number of hours is cut to forty. Just how long this ruling will be in effect is not known by those in charge of the shops.—Lincoln Journal.

## BURLINGTON FLAGMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

In Attempting to Board Train Is Hurlled Against Rail, Lying on His Head.

From Tuesday's Daily.

John Davidson, flagman on No. 6, received injuries near the Burlington station this morning which rendered him unconscious for a short time and resulted in a severe scalp wound on the back of the head. No. 6 was running fifteen minutes behind her schedule time and No. 15 had just pulled in to let No. 6 in at the station. No. 6 stopped only long enough for three or four passengers to alight, when the conductor signaled the engineer to go ahead. The flagman alighted from the rear of the train and his attention was attracted away from the train at the instant it started out, and when he observed that he was about to be left behind, made an effort to catch the hand-hold, which he succeeded in doing, but in attempting to land his foot on the lower step missed his footing.

The train was all the time increasing its speed and he was carried some distance before his hold broke and he fell backward around the end of the coach, striking the back of his head on the rail, inflicting a scalp wound from which the blood ran freely. C. W. Lytten, of Des Moines, was standing on the rear platform of No. 15 and witnessed the accident. John Beeson and several others also saw the man lying on the track motionless, and hastened to his assistance, picking him up and laying him on the walk until a stretcher could be procured.

Dr. Cochran, who arrived on No. 6, went to the man's side at once and directed him to be taken to Dr. Livingston's office, where his wounds were dressed. When placed on the stretcher Mr. Davidson was conscious and said that the injury on the head was all that pained him. After receiving necessary medical attention, Mr. Davidson was taken to the Riley hotel, where he will be for some days. The injured man's home is at Burlington, Iowa.

### Decide on Improvements.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The city park committee, composed of George Dodge, chairman, and Patrick Eagan and R. B. Windham, held a meeting last night and blocked out work looking toward the beautifying of the city which will occupy their attention for a few weeks. The committee will have trees planted on the south side of Chicago avenue and will replace trees which have died in the park and along Washington avenue. Beginning at Main and Seventh, the committee has decided to plant trees on both sides of Main westward on the street four feet from the curb, and later on two other rows will be planted further out in the street, leaving twenty feet in the center to be paved for a roadway. The sides of this tree will be parked as far west as the High school.

### Arbor Day Proclamation.

Governor Aldrich has issued a proclamation calling attention to the fact that Arbor day is a legal holiday in Nebraska and that the day should be fittingly observed. April 22 is the day designated by statute as Arbor day and Nebraska was the first state in the union to pass an act declaring it a legal holiday.

F. G. Fricke went to Omaha on the morning train today to spend the day with his grandson, Baby Harris. Mr. Fricke was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Dora.

## WORK IS NEEDED ON PLATTE RIVER ROAD

The Bridge Will Soon Be Ready for Business and the Road Is in Bad Shape.

The following little item is taken from the Omaha Bee of this morning, and simply shows the manner in which the people of Fremont look upon the matter of replacing their bridge, and a meeting will be held with the county board for replacing a temporary structure, pending the erection of the permanent bridge:

At a recent meeting of the Commercial club directors, a committee was appointed to request the county board to have a temporary bridge built across the Platte river south of Fremont pending the installing of the permanent steel structure. The committee will co-operate with one recently appointed by the Retail Merchants' association. If the county board does not grant the request the two organizations of business men will advise some other method of providing a crossing for Saunders county farmers who desire to come to Fremont to trade. The Commercial club will raise a special fund by subscriptions to help in improving the roads damaged by the flood.

The Pollock-Duff bridge across the Platte river was damaged to some extent at the same time the Fremont bridge went out, and the owners are making every preparation to put the bridge in better condition than before. The wooden spans taken out by the high water will be replaced with steel ones, which will be much stronger than before the water did the damage. The Journal thinks it is time that some good work was being done on the bottom roads leading up to the bridge, as it will be but a few weeks until the bridge will be ready for use, and with good roads through to Omaha there will be a great deal of traveling through Plattsmouth.

The other bridges receiving a greater amount of damage than our bridge will necessitate all people going west to come this way, at least until the other bridges have been replaced. The commissioners seem to be a little backward in regard to placing the road in the proper condition fearing that it might not meet with the approval of the taxpayers, which would possibly be all well and good if such were true, but we do not believe that such is the case, for most all the heavy taxpayers are the foremost of all in hailing the good roads movement, and we know they are all in favor of making a good road to the Platte river bridge. Let us all get behind the good road proposition to the bridge and we know there will be something done.

Messrs. Duff and Pollock do not ask any help in replacing the bridge, but they do think it is the duty of the people to give them a good road, and we believe they are right. We believe this bridge and a good road leading up to it from both sides will bring more people into Plattsmouth this summer than we have seen for many years, and if the people visit our town it surely means business.

### Money for M. P. Betterments.

President Bush of the Missouri Pacific has sent out notices indicating that the company will have \$41,500,000 to expend for carrying out the rehabilitation plans this year. With this money he hopes to buy much new equipment and put the roadbed in first-class condition, not only the main lines, but all of the branches. The money in the Missouri Pacific treasury includes \$4,500,000 from the unexpended balance of 1910, besides \$2,000,000 which can be drawn upon from the Gould estate. The remainder is provided by sale of bonds.

### New Park Committee.

Judge Travis yesterday appointed as the park committee Patrick Eagan, L. W. Loreuz and C. A. Rawls, each to hold their office for the term of two years from April 9, 1912.