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MAY PURCHASE THE EGENBERGER BUILDING

Quite a Business Session—Buy the Pop Factory Building If Ways and Means Can Be Devised to Pay for the Same.

From Tuesday's Daily

There was not an absentee from the membership of the city fathers last night at the roll call of the regular session of the council. The business of the session was disposed of in the usual routine way. After the reading and approval of the minutes, communications were taken up. There were more than the usual number of communications last night, the greater part of them being sidewalk petitions and requests for grading to be done for permanent walks. Plans and specifications for the paving of district No. 4 were reported on hand and completed, and Engineer Stander of Omaha informed the council that he is ready to go on with the work.

A petition for a private sewer extending north and south on Seventh street, signed by Tidd, Crabill, Cole, McElwain, R. A. Bates and others, was granted by unanimous vote of the council.

A communication from J. N. Gilquist, an Omaha expert accountant, informing the council that he could serve the city in the way of making an audit of the city officers' books, at any time the council desired, was placed on file for future reference, Councilman Dovey making the motion.

Considerable permanent walk for Rock and Marble streets was asked for, and it was determined to place all of the petitions in the hands of the city attorney, so that legal proceedings may be taken to insure all possible protection to the city in cases where the owners refuse to build walks adjacent to their property.

The report of the finance committee showed the following claims, which were allowed: Mr. Wiggins, expense from Lincoln to look over cemetery, \$1.75; Hans Rothman, road work, \$8; H. C. McMaken & Son, road work, \$5.40; Ben Rainey, salary, \$65; Henry Trout, salary, \$50; J. Fitzpatrick, salary, \$10; R. A. Bates, printing, \$47.50; B. G. Wurl, expense, \$1.50; Clay Tyler, Paul Wolfarth, R. W. Toogood, Guy Carlson, J. Andrews, H. Löhoda, G. McMaken and S. R. Smith, services at Svoboda fire, each \$1.50; J. Iverson, G. Knapp and E. Manspeaker, general fund, each, \$1; Frank Gobelman, \$12.50; W. Clement, freight, \$7.20; Nebraska Lighting Co., \$1.40; Nebraska Lighting Co., \$126.50; Nebraska Lighting Co., 35 cents; J. E. Mason, labor, \$3.50; Nebraska Lighting Co., \$2.50; Plattsmouth Water Co., \$5.50; Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., \$2.65; E. Millburn, labor, \$1; J. Donnelly, salary, \$3; public library, \$2; Olive Jones, salary, \$35; M. Archer, salary, \$30; James Rehal, salary, \$36; J. Iverson, road drags, \$14; C. J. Baker, road work, \$5.20; H. Rothman, road work, \$11; M. McCool, road work, \$23.40; Alvin Jones, road work, \$23.20; W. B. Rishel, road work, \$38.50; Charles Bates, road work, \$28; J. Wynn, road work, \$27.60; H. C. McMaken & Son, water and ice, July Fourth, \$5.70.

Referred to claims committee: Plattsmouth Water company, hydrant rentals, \$866.66; H. C. McMaken & Son, sidewalk at park and crossings, \$475.68.

The chief of police reported eight arrests and the city clerk reported collections from occupation tax and dog tax to the amount of \$127.70.

The report of City Treasurer G. G. Fricke was then read and referred to the finance committee and showed amounts on hand as follows:

Fund—	Warrants Paid.	Balance.
Building	\$1,165.94
General	184.35	418.93
Road	536.50	1,523.07
Fire Dept.	23.75	78.32
Library	85.22	69.53
Park	31.90	62.55
Police	125.00	357.58
Fire Hydrant	4,196.30
Light	128.00	597.97
Interest	2,405.40	2,835.44

Cemetery	75.50	262.16
Business Tax	78.80	345.40
Sinking	1,139.64
Gen. School	324.82	627.44
Teachers'	220.90	1,686.53
Reg. Warrant Paving Dis. No. 3	6,501.77	475.55

Balance on hand July first

Overdrawn — General School fund, \$881.63; Teachers' School fund, \$1,144.17.

Chairman Johnson of the cemetery committee reported a letter from Mr. Wiggins of Lincoln, who viewed the cemetery with the committee recently, and the letter offered many valuable suggestions regarding the care and upkeep of the cemetery. Among other things he recommended that an organization be effected and the cemetery placed in the hands of trustees. A house should be constructed at the cemetery for the sexton, and his full time employed in caring for the city of the dead. Someone should have authority to say what shrubs and flowers should be planted in the cemetery, and the planting of daisies was condemned on the ground that they would soon prove to be a pest and kill out the blue grass. Mr. Wiggins extolled the natural beauty of the cemetery and said it could be made one of the most beautiful in the state. He was surprised at the low cost of lots (\$20), which is the price here, while at Lincoln the charge is over \$200 per lot, but with a continuing guarantee that the lot shall be kept beautiful by the cemetery association. The communication was placed in the hands of the city attorney, with a view of seeing what could be done toward the organization of a cemetery association, placing the cemetery in the hands of trustees, who shall look after the employment of a sexton and have custody and control of the cemetery.

The special committee on the selection of quarters for the council, reported that the committee had examined the Gorder building, where the Olson Picture Card factory is situated, which, with a limited amount of ground in the rear, the city could purchase for \$2,500. The building is 80x22 feet, two stories high and could be utilized for council chamber above with rooms below for other needed purposes. The committee had also examined the Egenberger pop factory building at the corner of Fifth and Vine. The ground here is 86x95 feet, with a two-story building 22x45 feet, two stories and basement, with brick barn and sheds for tools, an ideal property for the city, which can be had for \$3,500. The committee and council appeared to think that this property would be suitable for the city's needs if arrangements can be made to legally purchase the building. The matter was referred to the city attorney to devise a way to close the deal for the property. There is on hand in the building fund \$1,160.94, which with the appropriation to this fund made the present year, will produce about two-thirds the cost of the property, and the problem for the council is to purchase so much of the property as the funds will pay for and an option on the balance of the same property.

Under the head of unfinished miscellaneous business an ordinance was introduced and read for the first time requiring the property owners to cut the weeds adjacent to their property and to the middle of the street twice each year. On motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance read a second and third time by its title and passed. Councilman Hallstrom objected to the clause "to the middle of the street," and voted no on the passage of the ordinance.

After ordering minor repairs in the different wards the council adjourned.

Thrashing Machine for Sale.

Gaar-Scott 13 h.-p. engine, J. I. Case Separator, 32, 50 rear. In running order and under shed. Will sell or trade for stock or town property. See T. W. Vallery, Murray, Neb., or write me at Ogallala, Neb. Frank Vallery.

BURLINGTON SUPPLY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Immense Amount of Good Money Expended Annually in These Departments.

The Burlington supply department at Havelock is the largest west of the Missouri river and the building it occupies is believed to be the largest devoted to this purpose of any big railway system in the country. It is 80 feet wide and 600 feet long, and three stories high. Housed in the structure are the offices and the miscellaneous supplies. These are so arranged that they may be handled with the minimum loss of time and labor.

The supply department does business on a stupendous scale. During twelve months it handles approximately 17,000 cars of material. Seven hundred cars of lumber are loaded to the limit, in cars of from 80,000 to 100,000 capacity is received yearly. One thousand cars of lumber of less capacity are shipped out to different points over the big system west of the river of nearly 5,000 miles.

Two thousand cars of rails are handled approximately in twelve months. These cars are loaded to their fullest capacity, which is 100,000 pounds each. Fifteen or twenty years ago the capacity of cars was much lighter and in comparing the number handled per annum now than at that time, the fact that the old rolling stock was only half the capacity or less must be taken into consideration.

The supply department was centralized at Havelock about a year ago, when the department at Lincoln was consolidated with it. For ten years previous the two supply departments were the largest on the Burlington system west of the Missouri river. Since centralization has taken place there has been a great saving of operating expenses. Rails, for instance, are shipped where they are needed and what is known as "back hauling" is dispensed with. Inspectors are employed who look over rails taken out on the main lines. Those which are fit are used for service on branch lines. The scrap comes to Havelock. There are probably twenty points on the system where small supplies of rails and lumber are kept for emergency purposes. Perhaps a bridge needs replacing or there is more than the usual demand for rails. By centralizing the bulk of the supplies at one point it has been found that 50 per cent less material need be kept in stock than if it was kept at several points.

The cost of supplies is one of the big items of expense to a railroad. Recently it cost the Burlington \$2,700,000 a month for supplies. The stock carried by the Havelock department is valued at approximately \$900,000. This does not include ties. Two hundred and fifty employees are now connected with the department. It handles material for 4,800 miles of railroad and its business is constantly growing.

It will be seen in the above that no reference is made to the supply department at Plattsmouth, which is by no means a small affair and in which department a large number of men are employed and are kept busy all the time. We have no way at present of estimating the amount invested in this department annually, but it is quite large.

Buys Nice Property.

The deal was closed this week whereby W. E. Rosencrans becomes owner of the fine residence property on Vine street known as the Pickett property, lately owned by C. C. Parmele. Mr. Rosencrans bought the same of Mr. Parmele and is moving thereto today. Mr. Rosencrans' new possession is one of the most desirable pieces of property in the city, neatly arranged and modern in every particular.

Shetland Ponies for Sale.

I have an excellent team of Shetland ponies for sale. Well broke and at a price that is right. Wm. Gilmour, R. F. D., Plattsmouth.

"A Good Place to Live."

With the compliments of Mr. E. H. Westcott, the Trader recently received a copy of a twenty-four page booklet issued in the interests of the city of Plattsmouth, Neb. The booklet, 9x15 inches in size, is handsomely illustrated with half-tone cuts of public buildings, business houses and portraits of leading citizens of Plattsmouth. It also contains facts relating to the opportunities offered the homeseeker, manufacturer and general business man in Plattsmouth. The booklet, compiled by L. M. Carpenter, and issued from the Plattsmouth Journal press, is a mighty fine advertisement for the beautiful city of Plattsmouth, which is the county seat of Cass county, and the home of the Burlington shops in southern Nebraska.—Western Trader.

County Treasurer's Report.

County Treasurer W. Kelly Fox has just completed his semi-annual report, covering the time from January 1 to and including June 30. There are some very interesting items in the document. There was on hand in all of the funds on January 1, 1912, \$99,368.30, and received during the half year, \$173,173.29, with disbursements during the six months of \$176,350.52, and a balance on hand at the close of business on June 30, of \$98,809.60.

There was collected on motor vehicles during the six months, \$416; fees earned by the office, \$2,625.18. The interest on deposits in the various banks for six months amounted to \$851.26. During the period there were disbursements to the state general fund of \$30,064.17, into the university fund, \$6,072.03, and into the teachers' school fund, \$9,477.72.

Died at Nebraska City.

Mrs. Anna M. Smith, widow of Elder John T. Smith, an old resident of Nebraska City, died very suddenly at her home Sunday morning, after an illness of but twenty-four hours. She was born September 20, 1851, in Eureka, Illinois, her maiden name being Mildred Anna Clark. She is survived by the following children: Austin M. Smith of Greeley, Colorado; Mrs. E. J. Latta of Kenesaw, and Bert A. of Lincoln, the latter being with her at the time of her death. The remains were taken to Kenesaw this morning for interment by the side of her husband. Austin M. Smith arrived in Plattsmouth on No. 10 about 2:40 this morning and was taken to Nebraska City by Harvey Manners in his automobile immediately. They were accompanied by John Hatt.

M. W. A. Building Decorated.

The M. W. A. building is rapidly nearing completion; the contractors will soon turn it over to the owners. The work of finishing the inside and wall and ceiling decoration is being done at the present time. The ceiling has been painted a lovely cream, trimmed in three shades of brown, presenting a richness of appearance that is very striking. The walls have been tinted a thirty-six-inch frieze of light green with brown beaded stenciling extending about the upper part of the walls, while below this to the floor will be tinted with dark green. This is being placed in the large hall and will be a sample of the decoration through the building.

Has Case of Blood Poison.

Gus Pien had the misfortune yesterday to get a finger of his right hand torn with a rusty nail, which resulted in a severe case of blood poison. A physician was summoned and the swollen finger lanced and dressed in as good shape as possible. The accident happened in an unexpected way when Mr. Pien picked up a stick to throw at a chicken. Unknown to him there was a nail in the end which he grasped and as he threw the point of the nail entered his finger, cutting a deep gash and poisoning the finger.

Earl Leesley Injured Hand.

Yesterday while unbiting his horse from the singletree where he had been at work in the rear of Dovey & Son's store, Earl Leesley met with quite a painful accident, resulting in having a nail torn from his thumb.

THE GRAIN MOVEMENT WILL TAX CAR SUPPLY

Shortage That May Approach Famine Proportions Feared by the Railroads.

A special from Chicago, under date of July 9, says: Unless crops fall far below present expectations the railroads will have but about 80 per cent of the necessary freight cars. The indications are that the wheat crop in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa and Texas will aggregate about 160,000,000 bushels, a great deal of which is expected to move as soon as it is threshed. Wheat shortages in the east will make the market tight for early shipments. The railroads in these movements will get a long haul and their equipment for the most part will leave the rails of the western systems. This will tend to make the shortage more pronounced. Then with other grain yields following just as heavy in proportion to the acreage, it is feared the growers will experience considerable trouble in getting grain to market.

The railroads have been making efforts to combat this situation since the heavy snows of last winter made record-breaking yields probable. Orders were rushed to the car manufacturing companies and a few of the roads have received some deliveries. Large orders, though, cannot be rushed through, and the railroads practically are powerless to get the equipment ordered.

Another step the railroads have taken is to have all equipment in repair. During dull seasons bad order cars accumulate at division points to await repairs in dull months. During the past three months the car repair department had been worked overtime with increased numbers of employees. The railroads also have been making efforts to get all their own cars on their own lines.

A car shortage is a condition the railroads do not like to face. Inability to handle the movement means that much of a decrease in the revenues of the company. It is frequently found that when the train can't be moved at the time desired it frequently does not move at all.

Is Known in Plattsmouth.

On his recent tour of California W. E. Hardy ran across Clyde Opelt, who grew up in Lincoln and who will be remembered as the son of the well known Nebraska hotel man, Joseph Opelt. Clyde Opelt is now superintendent of dining car service of the Western Pacific railroad. He is using his lifetime of experience around hotels and four years of training with the Harvey system on the Santa Fe. Mr. Hardy says that the young man is looking exceedingly well and is plainly making a great success of his work. He lives at Oakland.—Lincoln Journal.

En Route for Omaha.

Tom Straub, Peter Jorgenson, John H. Schmidt and Joe Zimmerman, three of Avoca's jolly citizens, autoed to Plattsmouth this morning, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Zimmerman to look after some minor business matters at the court house, while Tom and John found time to call at the Journal office to chat for a few moments. We are always glad to meet these gentlemen. After a short stay in Plattsmouth they departed for Omaha, and from there will return home this evening.

Pays Loss Promptly.

Joseph Svoboda yesterday received a check for \$1,005.30, through William Holly, local agent for the Niagara Fire Insurance company, in payment of his loss by fire on June 30, last. Mr. Svoboda is well pleased with the prompt and business-like methods of the company which Mr. Holly represents, as the money is what counts in circumstances such as Mr. Svoboda and his family have been placed in by the loss of their home. He will now be enabled to go ahead and rebuild.

Will Leave Denver.

The Journal is in receipt of a letter from Matt Joy, who has been living in Denver for the past few years. In this letter he states that he expects to move from Denver in the very near future, but has not fully determined just where he will locate at this time. He asks that his paper be discontinued for the present.

THE APPLE CROP IN EASTERN NEBRASKA

Cass County Produces More Apples Than the Entire State of Utah or Montana.

When F. G. Odell came home from the northwest a few months ago and said that Nebraska produced more apples than the much advertised lands of Washington he was decorated with the short and ugly word all the way from the Rocky mountains to the Puget sound. He said nothing but waited for statistics. Yesterday he was able to quote from the assessor's returns from Nebraska for 1911 and from the report of the statistical bureau of the agricultural department at Washington.

"Last year," he says, "Nebraska raised more apples than the whole northwest raised in 1910. That is to say, this one state raised more apples than the states of Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Utah. Ten counties in eastern Nebraska raised 85,000,000 worth of apples alone. In the Grand valley of Colorado orchard land sells as high as \$1,000 an acre. Five Nebraska counties raised more apples than the entire Grand valley and did it on hundred-dollar land.

"Either Cass or Otoe county produced more apples than the whole state of Utah.

"Either Nemaha or Richardson produced more apples than Montana.

"These four counties together raised more apples than Oregon or Colorado.

"With Washington county, these four Nebraska counties raised more apples than the whole state of Washington."

Perhaps these figures will hold the Pacific apple boomers for awhile.—Lincoln Journal.

Board Recinds Action.

At a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners a bill for \$22 was presented by Fred Ohm for the care of a county charge, nursing, etc. At the time the service for the county was rendered Fred was occupying quarters in the county jail, having been consigned on a peace warrant. The job of nursing the sick man was accidentally thrown in his way, the man having been knocked off of a flat car while asleep near Oreadopolis, some weeks ago. The sheriff was under the necessity of procuring someone to nurse the injured man, and found it was going to cost the county about \$3 per day for a nurse, when Fred volunteered to do the job for \$2 per day, as he was already being boarded and lodged by the county, he could afford to do the work for \$2. When the bill was filed and presented to the board it was presumed to be regular and was allowed. When the attention of the board was called to the circumstances the action of allowing the claim was recinded and the board intimated that if Ohm had earned \$22 in caring for a county charge, payment could be adjusted in some other way than payment of the cash; that is to say, it might be discovered that Fred owed the county that sum, or more, in unpaid costs, as he has been before the court some two or three times.

Owens Fine Car.

James Terryberry is the owner of a fine new 1912 model Stoddard-Dayton car, having all of the latest frills in automobile mechanism. Jim was in the city today, having motored over on business for a short time to give the new vehicle a little warming up. The car is a fine specimen.

Peter Campbell of near Murray was a Plattsmouth visitor today, looking after business matters.