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## THE CITY DADS ENJOY A LIVELY SESSION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HEAT

### Arrangements Perfected for the Purchase of Egenberger Building for a Council Chamber—Claims Allowed and Other Business of Importance Transacted at Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily.

There was no absentee at the roll call of the council by Clerk Wurl at the regular meeting of the city fathers last night. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved without alteration.

Among the communications and petitions was one signed by numerous citizens of South Park, asking for an extension of the water mains by the water company for a distance of 2,500 feet, with hydrants for fire protection of the residents at intervals of 500 feet. Councilman Shea moved that the request be granted. Before a vote was taken on the motion, which received a second, it was suggested by the mayor that before granting the petition it might be well to refer the matter to the fire and water committee for investigation. Mr. Shea defended his motion in a neat speech, saying, among other things, that this portion of the city had been without fire protection for twenty-seven years, while the citizens had contributed their share to the tax levy each year for the payment of the water bonds, and he did not see any use in delaying the matter by referring it to a committee.

The roll was called on the motion. Councilmen Kurtz and Vondran passed. Hollstrom, Richey and Johnson explained their votes in the negative, that they did not like to vote yes on the expenditure of public money without an investigation of the probable cost and all of the conditions surrounding the outlay. As there were but five yeas, the mayor declared the motion lost.

Councilman Lushinsky then moved, and the motion received a second, that the matter of the extension of the water mains be referred to the fire and water committee to investigate and locate the hydrants, and report at the next meeting of the council. The motion was carried.

The finance committee then reported the following bills for allowance by the council: I. N. Cummins, cartage, \$1.50; H. C. McMaken & Son, general fund, \$2.50; W. B. Grebe and A. Hanson, special police, each, \$2; Claus Boetel, disposing of dog, 25 cents; H. Newton, special police, \$14.40; C. Brandt, cutting weeds on Main street, 40 cents; H. C. McMaken & Son, road fund, crossings, \$27.20; Thomas Walling, abstract on the Egenberger property purchased by city, \$42; A. White, work at library, \$2.20; Cass county, boarding city wards, \$2.85; G. J. Baker, road work, \$4; James Rehal, salary, street commissioner, \$36; M. McCool, road work, \$22.20; A. L. Jones, road work, \$24.20; miscellaneous, 50 cents. Reported from the claims committee: H. C. McMaken & Son, \$173.68; Plattsmouth Water Co., hydrant rental, \$866.66; Wurga & Cecil, labor and material, \$3.90.

Under the head of unfinished business an ordinance authorizing the mayor and council to purchase the undivided one-half of the north 9 feet of lots 5 and 6, in block 29, for the sum of \$1,750, and take a warranty deed for same and pay Mr. Egenberger \$10 for an option for twenty-four months on the south half of the same property at the same price, the city to pay quarterly a rental of \$8.75 per month for the same and take a lease on this portion until the appropriation is available for the purchase of the other half. On a motion of Lushinsky, the ordinance was placed on its first reading, after which Mr. Lushinsky moved a suspension of the rules and the ordinance he placed on its second and third readings by its title for final passage. On a roll call all councilmen voted aye except Buttery of the Second ward, who voted nay. On the roll call for the passage of the ordinance the vote was the

same as on the suspension of the rules.

The matter of paving Vine street between Sixth and Seventh streets was taken up, and a representative of the engineers of Omaha who prepared the estimate for bids, was present and presented a copy of the estimate to the council and explained it at some length. The advertisement for bids will have to run three weeks, said the engineer, and as the specifications were very lengthy, he suggested that the city attorney and the streets, alleys and bridges committee take them up together and should the city attorney find anything of a legal nature which needed changing it could be done so that the offer for bids on the estimate could be ordered at the next meeting of the council.

On motion of Councilman Shea it was voted to have a surveyor from Omaha survey and establish curb lines on Chicago avenue.

The miscellaneous matters from the different wards were then gone over in detail. Councilman Patterson suggested that the crossings on North Sixth street were at such an altitude that motorists found it disagreeable riding on that popular residence thoroughfare, and either the crossings should be lowered or the street graded up to the crossings. Councilman Richey suggested that it would be a good plan for the citizens along Sixth street to get together and place the curbs at the proper line and narrow the street to the paving width, when it would be an easy matter for the street commissioner to keep the street in shape, and it was suggested that the park committee look into the matter and see what could be done toward putting in the curbs and beautifying the parkway on each side of the street.

In the Second ward Councilman Buttery reported that Ed Fitzgerald was ready to put in a concrete walk whenever the city would grade for the same. Permission was granted Andy Knoeher to place 300 feet of sewer on Elm street connecting with the outfall.

The Third ward councilman asked crossings on Ninth street and at the alley. Also a request from Mrs. Kerr for a removal of the dirt adjacent to her premises on West Pearl street, which was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee to be reported on at the next meeting. The grading down the alley adjacent to C. C. Wescott's and August Cloude's residence properties was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee. Other minor repairs were ordered in the Fourth and Fifth wards.

Councilman Patterson stated that he would like to take up the matter of the street carnival, and inquired by what authority the carnival was let in, whether it was by the Red Men, or who? The mayor stated that the carnival had paid the city a license and about \$130 had been received on that score. Mr. Patterson then wanted to know whether there is any personal liability on the part of the members of the council should any citizen be damaged by reason of the carnival being in the street. The city attorney was called on for his opinion, and cited a few authorities to the effect that where councilmen exceeded their authority in performing their official duties the individual members of the council could be held personally liable for any damage which might arise; and where the streets of the city were obstructed by permission of the city and any citizen should be damaged thereby, the city would be liable to have to respond in whatever sum of damage was proven.

Councilman Vondran moved the adoption of a resolution that

would forever shut out the obstruction of the streets of the city by carnivals or anything else. The matter was threshed over to some extent and it was decided to have the city attorney draw up the proper resolution to be presented to the next meeting of the council.

### In Honor of Guest.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Misses Verna and Lillian Cole delightfully entertained about 35 lady friends at a 9 o'clock breakfast this morning in honor of their guest, Miss Helen Dales, of Chadron, Neb., who is visiting at the Cole home. The principal amusement was derived from several games of bridge, which made this social event a most enjoyable one. At the appointed hour an elaborate three-course luncheon was served.

### WEATHER REPORTS WILL BE LIMITED FROM NOW ON

Thousands of Nebraskans will be deprived of weather reports because of the failure of congress to pass the weather bureau appropriation and which has necessitated the cutting off of one-third of the towns served by the bureau in Nebraska, says the Lincoln Star.

Efficiency of the service in Nebraska, Illinois, the Dakotas, Kansas and Colorado has been seriously affected by the lack of money with which to carry on the work.

Until a few days ago the Lincoln office of the department wired every morning to several hundred towns, telephone companies and postmasters the weather predictions for that day.

This meant that each telephone company would inform hundreds of county subscribers over the phone as to what to expect from the weather. The postoffice bulletin served the same purpose to the residents of small towns.

The grain business, which requires a close watch on weather observations, shared in the benefits of a wide weather bureau service.

Director G. A. Loveland of Nebraska said Saturday night that he had been compelled to cut off one-third of the towns and institutions which his office served.

The service is further crippled because it has been necessary to cut off about one-eighth of the stations which early every day send to the Lincoln bureau their local observations. This means that predictions must be made on less comprehensive information.

### FORMER 'PLATTSMOUTH BOY GETS RIGHT IN THE SWIM

Reports have reached this city of a sporting event on the Pacific coast in which a former Plattsmouth young man was one of the chief participants. It seems that the automobile drivers of Long Beach, California, decided to give a race among themselves on the Fourth of July, the route to be along the beach, the to run a mile, turn around and repeat this until twelve miles had been registered. Ernest Wurl and Glen Thomas worked all night on their car getting it in shape for the race. On the great day all the cars were on hand and a red-hot contest was looked for, but it seems that they overlooked something—the tide—for when they got ready to start the water began coming over the beach and most of the cars were up to the axels in salt water. Wurl and Thomas looked like sure winners, leading the whole bunch, when, on the last lap, a great breaker came rolling in, breaking over the car, "killing" their engine and losing the race. The boys are now seeking a car that will run on either land or water and hope to be able to deliver the goods ere long.

A. A. Dotson will occupy the residence property belonging to Judge Travis, recently vacated by J. A. Waugh. J. H. McMaken and his dray line moved Mr. Dotson in today.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

### Harvesting Wheat.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Jacob Meisinger returned from the farm near Cedar Creek on the morning train today, where he has been looking after the wheat harvest. The wheat sown in the open with pressed drill yielded about 19 bushels per acre, while that sowed in the corn brought about 12 bushels per acre. Mr. Meisinger and sons are very well satisfied with the yield, as it exceeded their expectations. The corn is doing fine, a good rain last week and showers since having put it in excellent condition; it is tasseling and shooting and looks fine. There was a heavy rain yesterday afternoon at Louisville, but at Mr. Meisinger's place, nine miles east and north of Louisville it rained very little.

### PROSTRATED WITH HEAT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

From Tuesday's Daily.

James McKinny, who drives a coal wagon for the J. V. Egenberger Coal company, was prostrated with heat yesterday afternoon while delivering a load of coal to the south part of the city. About 12:45 he took 1,200 brick, hauling them with both the two-horse and one-horse delivery wagons, up High School Hill and delivered them for a building in that part of the city; then returned to the yard, threw on a ton of coal and was driving south on Washington avenue, when Carl Egenberger, who was on the seat of the wagon beside James, noticed that he was going to lose consciousness if his temperature was not reduced very soon. Carl stopped the team, went to the first house and phoned to the office, when Will Egenberger went out with the horse and buggy and took Mr. McKinny to his home, where ice was applied to his head until he felt much better. He is not able to be out of bed today, but with good nursing and staying in the shade he hopes to be all right in a few days.

### COW AND CALF ARE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

George Meisinger, who resides a few miles southwest of this city, had the misfortune during the electrical storm of Saturday afternoon to lose by lightning two head of cattle, one cow and a calf. The cattle were standing under the shelter of a tall tree in the pasture when a bolt of lightning struck near the top of the tree, ran down the trunk and appeared to have struck the cow's horns, knocking her some eight feet from the tree. The other animal was lying within a few feet of the cow. The loss of the cattle brings Mr. Meisinger's loss by accident to his stock since the first of the year to about \$400. He also having lost some of his horses this spring.

### Take Off Cast.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Fred Majors and wife and children, accompanied by Mrs. Majors' sister, Miss Vera McGregor, went to Omaha on the morning train today to take the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Majors to have the plaster Paris cast on his legs removed and another put on. The little fellow has had a tough seige, going through the painful ordeal of having his legs straightened, and has endured the discomfort fine, apparently, and has not lost any in weight.

### Traded Off a Thresher.

Frank Vallery of Ogallala, Neb., has been visiting Cass county relatives since last week, coming down to South Omaha with a bunch of cattle and then came on to Plattsmouth to look after some property interests near Union. Frank traded his threshing machine outfit to Wes Clark and his partner for a Brush runabout and \$200 in cash, and he now has an automobile to sell. Frank says he has owned a good many engines at one time and another, but that he is forever through with them. He has had the fad and been entirely cured.

A large line of invitation stationery is always carried at the Journal office.

## PLATTSMOUTH CITIZENS PREPARING TO ENTERTAIN VISITING TEACHERS

### The County Institute to Be Made Occasion of a Number of Social Events Including Reception and Band Concert and Automobile Trip to Fort Crook and Return.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The committee on arrangements for the Cass County Teachers' institute, composed of A. L. Lidd, E. H. Wescott, J. P. Falter, William Baird, D. C. Morgan and N. C. Abbott, met at the county superintendent's office this morning and conferred with her relative to the entertainment of the teachers at the coming session of the Cass County Teachers' institute, which will convene in the assembly room of the high school building August 5 to 9 inclusive.

The plan decided upon by the Commercial club committee and Miss Foster contemplates a reception for the teachers on Monday evening on the spacious lawns of N. C. Abbott and E. H. Wescott, from 8 to 10 o'clock. The Burlington Route band has been engaged for the occasion and will delight the teachers with one of their fine programs. Refreshments will be served by the Commercial club. Messrs. Abbott and Wescott and Miss Foster have been appointed as a special subcommittee to oversee the reception.

On Tuesday evening, from 7 to

9 o'clock all of the teachers who have registered in the institute will be invited to take an automobile ride about the city and to Fort Crook and return. President Pollock of the Commercial club, and one of the proprietors of the automobile bridge at Oreadopolis, has generously tendered the use of the bridge, toll free, to the vehicles occupied by the teachers on this occasion. Superintendent Baird will have charge of the excursion, and all persons who will take their automobiles for the accommodation of the teachers will confer with Mr. Baird at once, independent 'phones Nos. 370 or 310 and Bell No. 30. The automobile excursion will start from the court house corner promptly at 7 o'clock.

On Thursday evening, August 8, there will be a grand musical at the high school assembly room, to which the teachers and their friends are invited.

Those who can accommodate teachers with room and board would confer a favor by telephoning the county superintendent, Miss Mary Foster, at No. 157 on the Independent 'phone.

### MR. AND MRS. HELPS DEPART FOR LONG BEACH

From Monday's Daily.

Arthur Helps and wife, who have been guests of friends in this city for a few days, departed for their home at Long Beach, California, this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Helps have been in England for three months and are anxious to get back to their home. Artie is in the real estate business at Long Beach and is very anxious to get home to look after business and make up for the fun and enjoyment he has been having.

### Attend Golden Wedding.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Joshua Andrews and wife, accompanied by Glen Jones, returned from Hamburg, Iowa, on the morning train today, where they attended the golden wedding of Mrs. Andrews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. South, which was celebrated last Monday. Mrs. Andrews met two of her uncles from South Dakota, whom she had not seen for several years. Thomas South and wife of this city were also present.

### Overcome by Heat.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Carl Droege, who is employed in the Burlington shops, was overcome by heat while operating a steam hammer yesterday afternoon. He was taken to his home, where he was revived with cold water, and after he had rested for a time felt better. The prostration came about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Carl felt well enough this morning to go back to work.

### BOOSTER FOR HIS HOME TOWN AND ITS INTERESTS

John Hiber, a prominent jeweler of O'Neil, Neb., was an overnight guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber of this city. John is an enthusiastic booster for his town, where he says prosperity of a substantial kind has come to stay. He estimates there are no less than fifteen new dwellings in the course of construction in O'Neil at this time, with prospects good for others. He is doing a good business and is well pleased with his location.

FOR SALE—The Walker farm, south of Plattsmouth. Price, \$200.00 per acre. Time given at 7 per cent. Possession March 1, 1913. For particularly address Windham Investment & Loan Co.

### REPUBLICANS DIVIDED ON PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION

From Wednesday's Daily.

F. P. Sheldon and E. M. Pollard, republican medicine mixers from Nehawka, were in the city last evening, having motored up from their homes to look after business matters and incidentally taking the political pulse of the republican delegates whom they chanced to meet. Both gentlemen are for the Taft administration, and Nehawka sent to the Weeping Water convention, which met today, a solid Taft delegation. Weeping Water city and precinct and Greenwood did the same. Plattsmouth precinct and Eight Mile Grove and other precincts sent solid delegations of Roosevelt supporters, who will oppose any resolution endorsing the Taft administration. In Rock Bluffs two Taft supporters in the precinct are on the delegation. Plattsmouth city sent delegates of both kinds. Messrs. Sheldon and Pollard anticipated a close vote in the county convention today as between the two factions, and from appearances the "bull moosers" would have the best of the scrap.

### DEATH OF FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY

James Andrews and wife departed for Havelock yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Andrews grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Staneforth, who died at her home in Lincoln Monday. Grandma Staneforth was over 70 years of age at the time of her death, and with her husband formerly lived in this city, but the family removed to Havelock about fifteen years ago, where they have resided since. Mrs. Staneforth leaves surviving her husband, one son by a former marriage, William Stenzer, and one daughter and two sons, children of Mr. Staneforth. The daughter is Mrs. J. Jones of this city and the sons Robert and Eldo Staneforth of Havelock. The funeral occurred this morning at Havelock.

Summer Wash Goods are all in our Summer Clearance Sale. 18c Flaxons at 12 1/2c. Tissues worth 25c at 15c. 12 1/2c and 15c Lawns at 8c. E. G. DOVEY & SON.