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CITY DADS MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

Considerable Business Transacted, and the Census of the City Ordered Taken.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Every member of the city council was present last evening when the regular session of the city fathers was called to order by Mayor John P. Sattler, and they proceeded to do business in record-breaking time, the council having adjourned by 9 o'clock.

James R. Hunter presented a petition asking that a concrete walk be placed in front of his property and the same taxed against said property. He also pointed out the danger of an open culvert that is situated on his property, if the fence is moved. The matter was referred to the city attorney to look up.

The finance committee of the city council, after careful examination, reported the following bills against the city and they were ordered paid: James Robertson, clerk of district court, filing answer in case of Perry vs. City, \$2.75; James Rebal, street work, \$33; Mike McGool, special police, \$2; W. H. Miller, 26 hours' work at city hall, \$6.50; Ed Snodgrass, street work, \$28.40; L. Rotter, street work, \$4; H. C. McMaken & Son, putting in Renner walk, \$112.86; H. C. McMaken & Son, grading for walks and crossings, \$10.50; H. C. McMaken & Son, crossings, \$10.32; H. C. McMaken & Son, sectional crossings, \$80.92; A. L. Tidd, blank book and court expense, \$3.75.

The finance committee also reported that they had checked over the books of the city treasurer and found them in excellent shape.

Councilman Lushinsky stated that he understood that the family of Lee Cotner were suffering from diphtheria, and that while the family were in quarantine Officer Trout, who was boarding there, was still attending to his duties on the police force, and that it was a menace to the health of the public and asked that the board of health notify Mr. Trout to either stay in quarantine or move his boarding place.

The judiciary committee reported that Engineer Svargren had been secured to make the survey of the land east of the depot for the city and had promised to begin the work at once.

The claims committee reported the following claims to be correct and recommended their payment by the city: H. C. McMaken & Son, crossings, \$48.84; Plattsmouth Water Co., water at city hall, \$1.50; Waterman Lumber Co., doors, etc., at city hall, \$8.60; public library, lamp, 35c; Richey Bros., lumber and sewer pipe, \$141.10.

The fire and water committee reported that there had been considerable complaint that the watering trough on Third street had been out of commission for two weeks and the committee was ordered to notify the water company to look after the matter.

Councilman Hallstrom stated that he had had considerable complaint about the light service in the city, particularly from the residence section, on account of the irregularity of the electric lights and that something ought to be done about this matter.

Councilman Buttery stated that the lights on Washington avenue were in poor condition and that it would require a match to find them—that they were generally giving poor service, and if the city paid out their money for lights they ought to receive proper service or hold out the bills for the defective lights.

Councilman Lushinsky moved that the light committee wait on the management of the light company and endeavor to secure better service, and if that was not possible to cut out the bills for the lights that were not giving proper service.

Councilman Richey reported that the special committee that had been appointed to look up

the matter of taking a new census of the city had held a meeting at the office of the city attorney and had decided upon the appointment of forty prominent citizens to take the census in the different parts of the city. The names suggested by the committee were:

First Ward—John Linderman, C. C. Parmele, R. F. Patterson, F. E. Schfater, H. N. Dovey, Fritz Fricke, J. P. Falter.

Second Ward—J. P. Sattler, William Weber, J. W. Crabill, H. A. Schneider, C. W. Baylor, V. M. Mullis, James Rebal.

Third Ward—E. H. Wescott, William Holly, E. D. Cummins, Emmons Plak, B. G. Wurl, Ed Donat, E. J. Richey, John Hallstrom, Oliver Hudson, T. H. Pollock, Jacob Mason.

Fourth Ward—John Hall, jr., George L. Farley, W. A. Robertson, George Dodge, C. A. Johnson, John Schulhof, E. J. Weyrich, George Lushinsky.

Fifth Ward—William Shea, George Hall, August Bach, John Lutz, John Vondran, George Perry, George Winscott.

Chairman Richey of the census committee suggested that as Messrs. Rebal, Linderman, Mullis and Perry had a very large and scattering territory on the outskirts of the city they should be paid 3 cents a head for all persons secured, while the other census-takers would be asked to do their work as a measure of benefit to the city welfare.

Councilman Buttery asked why the proposition of the commission form of government was brought up and what benefit it would be. Mayor Sattler stated that the main object of taking the census was to put this city in the 5,000 class, where they could make their own charter, and if the commission form was adopted it must be through a vote of the people on the proposition.

Councilman Hallstrom thought that the census-takers who received pay for their work should receive the same pay as those taking the government census, and also inquired if it was necessary for those so engaged to be put under oath. City Attorney Tidd stated that he thought it was not necessary, as it was largely a matter of honor with those taking the census and that the plan proposed would save the city considerable expense. The motion of Mr. Richey was adopted.

Councilman Richey brought up the subject of the new Burlington depot, stating that he understood the railroad company was contemplating the repairing and enlarging of their station in this city, and thought it was the proper time to take up the subject of a new depot with the railroad officials, and moved that a communication be sent to General Manager Holdridge requesting that the company postpone action on the repairing of the depot until the city officials could confer with them on the matter. The motion was adopted.

After the discussion of several matters of street work the council adjourned, to meet as a board of equalization to order several sidewalks put in.

PATIENTS IN OMAHA HOSPITAL DOING VERY NICELY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mark White returned from Omaha this afternoon, where he has been at the bedside of Mrs. White, who was operated upon yesterday at the Immanuel hospital and came out of the operation in good shape and was feeling a little improved when Mr. White departed, although still weak from the effects of the operation. Mr. White also visited the other Plattsmouth people at that hospital and reports them all getting along nicely. Fred Denson is now able to be up and around and is feeling fine. That Mrs. White stood the operation in such splendid shape will be good news to her friends here, who have been very anxious over the outcome of the operation.

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THE WEEKLY LITERARY SOCIETY

No Doubt There Are Still Many Who Regret Their Passing Away.

From Tuesday's Daily.

How many of us, not so many years ago, used to look forward with pleasant anticipation to one feature of country life we could depend on in the winter season—the weekly literary society? On the rough platform of the little district school house, we thrashed out all sorts of deep political, moral and economic question, and amused ourselves and others with a never ending variety of amateur theatricals.

Now and then through the country we still find these jolly neighborhood literary gatherings. But in most places it seems that the general opinion is that the literary society as we used to know and enjoy it is crude and out of date.

Those who used to enjoy these more or less informal winter gatherings regret to see the apparent passing of the institution. But the younger generation chooses to seek entertainment in the city, so much more easily reached by rail or auto now than only a few years ago—and if any entertainment is given in the neighborhood it is probably a fourth-rate lyceum course or some temperance lecturer at the village church.

It is not that we would condemn the entertainments offered to the public today, however, that we so much deplore the passing of the old district literary societies. Nor is it for any great loss of wit or wisdom to the world at large that we mourn. It is for the loss of a certain rough but valuable training to the individuals who look part in these programs that we find our chief reason for regret.

In the colleges and universities today the athletic directors are adopting the idea of less specialization in athletics. Instead of a few highly trained athletes upon whom all the time of coaches and trainers is centered, every student is now being encouraged to take an active part in the athletic life of the school. The result is shown to be better balanced teams and a far better developed student body.

This same rule will hold good in regard to the sort of training even the crudest literary society can give. The boy or girl who is given an early opportunity to appear before the public and thus gain some training in the rudiments of public speaking is gaining a training which no amount of attendance or other form of entertainment can give. The country would be far better for the real orators and history will show that many of the nation's ablest speakers have found themselves in just this way. The ability to "stand on his feet and think" is something which has to be acquired by almost every man, but once acquired it becomes a most valuable asset to him.

The little old country literary society we think we have outgrown provided an opportunity for this sort of training for many men who would have gained it in no other way. For that reason we regret to see the time honored institution discarded, and would like instead to hear of a country literary society this winter in every neighborhood in the whole country.

Ships Fine Bull.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Luke Wiles, the celebrated Red Polled cattle breeder, this morning shipped one of his finest young bulls to Lander, Wyoming. This animal is one of the finest that has been shipped out of this city and speaks well for the splendid herd of cattle that Mr. Wiles has on his farm, southwest of this city, and whose reputation is known throughout the state.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

Stork Visits Dr. and Mrs. Ransom.

From Tuesday's Daily.

C. C. Despain this morning received a card announcing the arrival at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Ransom at Boelus, Neb., of a fine new six-pound daughter. This will be pleasing news to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom in this city, where they were former residents, and it is to be hoped that the little lady will grow up to be as handsome as her mother and as pleasant as her father. Mrs. Ransom is a daughter of Mrs. A. B. Swarthout of this city and a niece of Mr. Despain.

LIBRARY OUTGROWS ITS ACCOMMODATIONS

The Accumulations of Books Has Made the Librarian's Work Physically Impossible.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The library is getting away from all reasonable control. It is not the fault of the librarian, nor of the board, nor of the patrons, nor of the public generally. The library has simply outgrown the accommodations that have been provided for it. The accumulation of books has made it physically impossible for the librarian to keep them arranged as they ought to be. This matter of congestion was called to the attention of the library board at the two most recent meetings and they immediately began to devise ways and means to bring the library back to the standard of efficiency that all desire.

The members of the library board are: Mrs. C. C. Parmele, Miss Verna Leonard, Miss Barbara Gering, Messrs. D. O. Dwyer, A. L. Tidd, Dan Smith, E. H. Wescott and N. C. Abbott. After careful consideration by this board it was the unanimous opinion—an opinion in which the librarian, Miss Olive Jones, most heartily concurred—that something must be done at once.

To secure room for the splendid collection presented by Mr. Byron Clark, as well as for the other books that are accumulating, it was determined to have shelving placed along the whole of the east wall. This will cost about \$30.

Co-incident with the need for room was the need for cataloguing the library. This the board saw no means of providing for, because the expense of an expert cataloguer amounts to at least \$200, in addition to the expense of cards, etc., which would come to \$120. At this point we were favored. The State Library Commission heard of our needs and offered to give, absolutely free, the services of Miss Florence E. Waugh, if we would use her immediately after the Christmas holidays. Such an opportunity might not occur again in the next five years. It came now only because the work of the commission happened to be lighter than usual and because Miss Waugh was eager to do some service for her old home town.

The library board could not let this opportunity pass and have engaged to raise the money to do this work. One hundred and fifty dollars must be secured. Since the library belongs to the whole community, no better way was conceived of than to make direct solicitation of the amount. When someone asks you for your share of money for this cause, please remember of what benefit it will be to all and govern yourself accordingly.

Harvest Hands Scarce.

Earl Iles, who has been working in the harvest fields near Redfield, S. D., since July 15, came in this noon on No. 24. Earl reports the crops in that part of the country as being very heavy and states that harvest hands receive \$3 per day for their work in the field, which is some wages for this kind of work.

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CHECKERED CAREER OF THE PLATTSMOUTH NEWS-HERALD

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth (Neb.) News-Herald, one time the Plattsmouth News and the Plattsmouth Herald, both of which were founded in the early days of Plattsmouth, and enjoyed rather checkered careers both before and since their consolidation, has at last been permanently laid upon the shelf, the last owner being compelled to give up the ghost and the skeleton of a once profitable institution being sold last week to Bob Bates of the Plattsmouth Journal. The News-Herald, jointly and severally, has had some illustrious publishers and editors, including Chas. Cartwright, Chas. Sherman, J. A. Murphy, Sig. Polk, George Farley and the Pribble boys—to say nothing of a dozen or more whom the writer knew but has forgotten. A whole lot of the boys who are now high or low in the world have at some time in their past been connected in one way or another with the Plattsmouth News or Herald or News-Herald, and all will regret the passing of the old paper. The Journal is now the only newspaper in the old town, and Bob Bates is trying his best, with the aid of his father, the "Colonel," to make it fill the bill. The Journal is a live number and the man that starts anything in the newspaper line in Plattsmouth will have to be possessed of a lot of nerve—and some other things to "tide him over." And Cass county used to be a strong republican county, too.—Red Oak (Iowa) Express.

NEXT ATTRACTION AT PARMELE THEATRE

"The Man on the Box," a Truly Delightful Play That Pleases the Old and Young.

Mr. Boyd B. Trousdale, who plays the title role in "The Man on the Box," is a truly delightful comedian. He is so bubbling over with genuine friendly humor; he is so manly to look at; he seems to enjoy so thoroughly the points of his play and your enjoyment of them; even his restlessness seems a sort of safety valve for a pressure of fun that is too high to be worked off verbally; he is such a finished artist in laugh-making, that he infects his audience with the spirit of fun. To see this play with Mr. Trousdale is a treat indeed.

Miss Bernice Trousdale, who plays the part of Miss Betty Annesley, is delightful in the extreme. She is a handsome woman, far above the average, and the beautiful gowns that she wears makes her a striking picture. The balance of the cast is said to be adequate. "The Man on the Box" will be seen at the Parmele Monday, December 2.

A SMALL WRECK NEAR OREAPOLIS THIS MORNING

From Tuesday's Daily.

Early this morning a small wreck occurred at Oreapolis, where the Missouri Pacific crosses the Burlington, on what is known as the "Y." A Burlington freight was coming down the Lincoln short line, bound for Omaha and was just crossing over the "Y" when they were crashed into by a M. P. south bound freight, and as a result several cars were demolished, as well as the track being torn up. No one was seriously injured as a result of the collision, which was very fortunate, but the Missouri Pacific was compelled to send their morning passenger trains around by the way of Weeping Water and Louisville in consequence.

Cabbage, apples and cider for sale by S. O. Cole.

Funeral of William Mendenhall.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The funeral of William Mendenhall, who passed away Sunday morning at 10:30 in Omaha, was held yesterday afternoon at the late home at Pacific Junction. Mr. Mendenhall was 62 years of age and was an old resident of Mills county, Iowa, where he was very highly respected by all who knew him. He was the father of William Mendenhall, of this city, and leaves another son, four daughters, one sister and four brothers to mourn his loss. The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. Mendenhall in the death of his beloved father.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ENJOYS A VERY PLEASANT SOCIAL

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Epworth League society of the Methodist church held a very pleasant social meeting last evening at the parlors of the church, to which a large crowd of the Leaguers and their friends were in attendance. There was a short business session of the society, following which the members proceeded to enjoy one of the most delightful evenings they have had for some time. This is the first social meeting of the season and the social committee had spared no pains to give the members and their friends a jolly good time, and they succeeded most admirably.

A spelling contest was the chief amusement of the evening and was the source of much merriment. Other games of different kinds were indulged in by the guests, which were interspersed with vocal and instrumental numbers by the different members of the League, which furnished a rare treat to the jolly crowd. The gathering was treated to some very fine apples, which were passed around for the guests to enjoy. The meeting was a great success and the committee deserves great credit for the splendid manner in which they handled the affair.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

From Tuesday's Daily.

The district court was occupied yesterday afternoon and this morning with the hearing of the case of George Perry vs. the City of Plattsmouth, in which the plaintiff seeks for a restraining order against the city to prevent them from opening up certain streets in the south part of the city which run through the property of the plaintiff.

The court has excused the jury panel from December 2 until December 9.

The following is the trial list for the December term. Attorneys will take notice and be ready for trial at the time their cases are reached:

City of Plattsmouth vs. Earl C. Wescott, et al., Monday, December 9, at 1:30 p. m.

Oran P. Monroe vs. C. Lawrence Stall, Tuesday, December 10, at 9 a. m.

Edward Van Kleeck vs. C. R. L. & P. Railway Co., Tuesday, December 10, 1:30 p. m.

Louis H. Young vs. Adolph Boedeker, Wednesday, December 11, at 9 a. m.

Frederick Wagener vs. Charles Fetzer, et al., Wednesday, December 11, at 1:30 p. m.

A. O. Ault vs. John H. Urwin, Thursday, December 12, 9 a. m.

When cases are dismissed or continued, the case following will take the place of such case and stand for trial on the date of the case dismissed or continued. By order of the Court.

Harvey D. Travis, Judge.

First Meeting in 25 Years.

From Tuesday's Daily.

R. L. Propst, wife and son of Wayne, autoed from Plattsmouth last Friday and visited with J. H. Nearhood and family over Sunday. Mr. Propst and the Nearhoods were neighbors in Kansas twenty-five years ago and this is their first visit since then. Mr. Propst also visited W. G. Cunningham, whom he had not seen for forty years.—Blair Pilot.