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COUNCIL MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION

Quite a Business Session, Matter of New Burlington Depot Being One of Greatest Importance.

From Tuesday's Daily. There was only one absentee last evening when Mayor John P. Sattler rapped for order at the council meeting, it being Councilman Richey, who was out of the city on business.

The city clerk had received a reply from the letter which had been written to General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington in regard to the remodeling of the depot in this city, and the manager stated briefly the plans that the company had made in regard to enlarging the depot in order to accommodate the business handled there. This communication was placed on file.

The council also received a communication from Bruce & Standeven, the paving contractors, in regard to the completion of the work on paving district No. 4, which was read and placed on file.

The finance committee, after duty investigating the following bills, recommended their payment: C. M. Manners, moving fire apparatus, \$3.56; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$10; B. G. Wurl, expense, \$1.25; Bert Thomas, police in place of Trout, \$10; Ben Rainey, salary, \$65; C. Boetel, burying dog, 50c; Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone Co., rent for phone, \$2.52; J. V. Egenberger, coal and labor at library, \$16.65; I. N. Cummings, burying dog, 50c; James Rehal, street work, \$27.90; L. Rotter, street work, \$16.60; Ed Spodgrass, street work, \$25.20; John Swanson, \$14.50; M. Hild, chair rail, \$4; M. Archer, salary, \$30; Weyrich & Hadraba, supplies to police, \$2.51; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at library, \$2.50; James Donnelly, salary, \$4.50; library expense for November, \$1.30; Henry Trout, salary, \$40; Olive Jones, salary as librarian, \$35; Bruce & Standeven, 3 per cent of contractor's estimate of paving and extra change of plans, \$124.65. The original bill of Henry Trout was for \$50, but the council decided that the cost of the substitute, who was off while Mr. Trout was in quarantine, should be deducted from this amount, which was so ordered.

The claim of Bruce & Standeven was read, and on motion of Buttery, the mayor and clerk were ordered to draw a warrant for the amount.

The chief of police reported seventeen arrests for the month of November, and the report was referred to the police committee.

City Clerk Wurl reported the following amounts collected by him during the month of November: Mrs. Rhoda Gotner, one-half cemetery lot, \$10; J. N. Johnson, one-half cemetery lot, \$10; John Iverson, occupation tax, \$7; W. A. Tulene, tool house on Chicago avenue, \$25; V. V. Leonard, occupation tax, \$5; Hugh Norton, cemetery lot, \$20; Nebraska Lighting Co., occupation tax, \$50.

City Treasurer Fricke reported the city finances to be in the following condition on November 30:

Fund—	Warrants Paid.	Balance.
Building	\$ 149.95	\$ 163.62
General	749.59	344.42
Road	642.27	612.98
Fire Dept.	25.82	25.82
Library	64.41	111.45
Park	11.90	55.97
Police	122.68	69.05
Fire hydrant rental	125.51	125.51
Lighting	131.70	121.34
Interest	1,979.60	2,456.85
Cemetery	16.00	279.67
Dog	1.00	122.21
Business tax	1,560.00	426.93
Sinking	1,510.30	1,510.30
Gen. school	423.76	648.79
Teachers	2,849.16	1,194.62
Paving Dist.		
No. 3	147.37	
Reg. warrants	4,134.40	
Total		\$5,162.70
Less overdraft		3,254.19
Balance Nov. 30		\$1,908.51

* Denotes overdraft. The report of the fire department, stating the condition of the various apparatus and the removal of the hose carts and fire fighting apparatus to the new room in the city hall was read and approved.

The report of the police judge was read and referred to the police committee.

Councilman Hallstrom of the lighting committee stated that he had interviewed the management of the Nebraska Lighting company and they had requested more time in which to place their lights in proper condition and to test the current in this city, and on motion, the company was granted until the next regular meeting to get the matter fixed up. The management of the light company also requested that any time that citizens notice street lights out they should report the matter to the company, so they could be placed in the proper condition.

Councilman Buttery requested to have some work done on West Vine street, and the street commissioner was requested to see that the work was done.

There being nothing else of importance to come before the council, on motion of Patterson, adjournment was taken.

VETERAN ENGINEERS ON THE BURLINGTON

Joseph McCoy Has Reason to Claim Place in Ranks of Burlington Veteran Engineers.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Omaha News of Sunday contained an article on the old-time railroad men who are running on the Nebraska railroads, and among them was a short sketch of Joseph McCoy, the veteran Burlington railroad engineer, who runs through this city every day on No. 24, and who is well known to a large number of our citizens. The article is as follows:

Another railroad man who has good reasons to claim a place in the ranks of railroad veterans is Joseph McCoy, engineer on the Burlington, running from Lincoln to Pacific Junction, Iowa. Mr. McCoy is known as the engine student. He knows every part of his machine, and knows the system of evolution by which it has been created, for he studied each improvement.

Mr. McCoy entered railroad service in 1869 as a telegraph operator, but the call of the road won him, and in two years he started where all engineers start—as a fireman.

"I've run everything from a little engine that would be considered as a toy now to the largest locomotive ever made," says Mr. McCoy, "and I know all about them. When I first started railroading, the only signal we had was a little red flag, and about the only laws we had we made ourselves."

Mr. McCoy's greatest ambition, which he says is the greatest ambition of every engineer, will never be attained. That ambition is to be able to say when the engineer makes his last run, "I have never kill a man."

"Until two years ago I had that sort of a record," said Mr. McCoy, a few weeks ago, "but a man finally got in the path of my engine. It was not my fault, but I was at the throttle when he was killed."

Old engineers say none of their brotherhood has ever attained that record, but that all would rather have that than the highest compliment their road could pay them.

For twenty-five years Mr. McCoy has been running passenger engines. His record has been such that passengers on his line say they feel safe when Joe McCoy is on the engine.

Mr. McCoy is 63 years old and looks about 45. He says it isn't true that running a locomotive makes men grow old early. "Of course, I've taken care of myself," he says.

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

SOMETHING TO ALWAYS REMEMBER

A Few Important Pointers for Postoffice Patrons to Keep in Mind.

A few of which if followed closely will not only save trouble to yourself, but will assist the postmasters a great deal during the few days before Christmas: Remember always to put the stamp in the upper right hand corner.

To register your valuable letters and parcels.

To have your mail addressed to your street and number.

To notify the postmaster when you change your address, giving both the old and new addresses.

To place your own name and address on the upper left hand corner of your letter or parcel, and if you desire special return, so state.

That the postmaster is forbidden to furnish addresses of patrons of the office.

That the postage stamps are sold in book form for your convenience.

That a 10-cent special stamp insures delivery of your mail upon arrival at destination.

That objectionable postcards are withdrawn from the mails.

To tightly seal envelopes enclosing postcards bearing particles of glass, metal, mica, etc.; and to put on letter postage—2 cents per ounce.

That forwarding orders or change of address orders cannot be taken over the telephone.

To promptly report in writing to the postmaster any irregularity in service, any request or suggestion for improvement in the service and discourtesy of any employe. In making complaint concerning the delivery of mail, always accompany same with the envelope or wrapper.

To be sure to wrap and tie your packages well.

To be sure to address packages with ink and in a legible hand.

To be sure to have your packages weighed at the stamp window, to insure proper amount of postage thereon.

To be sure to mail your packages early so as to avoid the Christmas rush. You can mark on them "Do not open until Christmas."

That to place postage stamps or Christmas stamps over strings or wrapper on parcel seals it, and it is subject to letter postage.

That foreign countries prohibit the placing of "Christmas" or charity stamps on address side of letters or packages.

ATTEND "BOUGHT AND PAID FOR" AT OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily. Manager Shlaes of the Parmele theater and T. B. Bates of the Journal attended "Bought and Paid For" at the Brandeis in Omaha last night, and both being excellent judges as to what should constitute a first-class play in every particular, they declare this one of the greatest shows they ever witnessed. The play is one of great interest and the manner of its production, with such artists as Charles Millward, Miss Julia Herne and Geo. Wright, in the leading roles, was simply perfection in its rendition, and the amusement-loving people of Omaha are profuse in their praise of "Bought and Paid For." The company carries its own stage scenery, and some of the finest scenery ever placed in an opera house. In fact, they carry enough furniture to furnish a four-room cottage. Sunday night standing room was at a premium, and last night the Brandeis was filled to its utmost capacity, which is sufficient to testify that "Bought and Paid For" is one of the greatest of the great shows of the present age. You will get to see this production at the Parmele theater on Saturday night. Reserve seats now in order to be sure of one.

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Building New Cottage.

From Tuesday's Daily. Tom Isner, the boss carpenter, is engaged in constructing a new modern six-room cottage on one of the farms of Theodore Stark-john, six miles west of this city. Mr. Isner is an experienced carpenter and his work has always given universal satisfaction and he will undoubtedly put up a house that will give Mr. Stark-john a very pleasant home on his farm.

DEATH OF A FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY

Mrs. Rose Jensen, Formerly Miss Rose Batton, Passes Away in Newman Grove, Neb.

From Tuesday's Daily. A telephone message was received in this city this morning by H. T. Batton, announcing that his daughter, Mrs. Rose Jensen, had passed away at her home at Newman Grove, Neb., at an early hour this morning. The bereaved parents and two sisters, Misses Nora and Jennie Batton, left this afternoon for that place to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Jensen's death came as a very severe blow to her parents, as they had only recently received a letter from her stating that she was in good health. Mrs. Jensen was formerly Miss Rose Batton, and possessed a host of friends in this city, who will be greatly grieved to learn of her untimely death.

Mrs. Jensen was very prominent in church circles, here, having been a very able worker in the Methodist church, and everyone with whom she came in contact was charmed by her pleasant manner and lovable disposition, and her passing will be greatly felt by those who were fortunate enough to be numbered among the circle of her friends. She was married about four years ago to Dr. Frank Jensen of Newman Grove, who, with a little 3-year-old son, are left to mourn her loss, as well as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Batton and four sisters, Mrs. Charles Grassman of Alliance, Mrs. John Weherbein and Misses Nora and Jennie Batton of this city. The date of the funeral had not been set when the relatives left for Newman Grove.

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GREATEST PLAY EVER SEEN IN PLATTSMOUTH

Undoubtedly Greatest and Most Interesting Play That Has Visited Here for Years.

"Bought and Paid For" is a play that should be greeted by one of the largest audiences that ever assembled in the Parmele theater, next Saturday night. And if our people fail to give this company such a patronage as it justly deserves, they should never talk any more about getting first-class plays to come to Plattsmouth. Sunday night "Bought and Paid For" was played to an immense house at the Brandeis theater, and the Omaha Bee, in speaking of the acting, is profuse in complimenting the company, as follows:

It isn't hard to understand why when "Bought and Paid For" was put on at William A. Brady's beautiful "Playhouse" theater in New York a year ago, it was with the belief that it would serve to fill out the fortnight left open by the failure of another play, before Grace George would be ready to enter with her new piece. Also, it is easy to understand why the play proved the most popular of all the productions of the year and why it is still drawing big houses wherever it goes. As a literary production, it is even below the Broadhurst standard, and that is down some; as a human note, it sounds clearer than anything he has ever written. It tells the story of a man and a woman who met under strange conditions, who came to love each other fondly, but did not get down to working conditions of life until each had had a great shock. The wife felt she was upholding a principle dearer than all else in the world; the husband thought he was maintaining his manly dignity and pride, and each was as foolish as the other. But they were brought together again, and the end of the play sees the prospect of everything coming out well.

Mr. Broadhurst has a well-earned capacity for developing "situations," but he has never worked up such a climax as that which comes at the end of the second act in this play. It is dramatic to the utmost degree, and its culmination, when Robert Stafford breaks open the door to his wife's bedroom and strides in, determined to have what he "has bought and paid for," comes with crushing force, because the building up process of the act does not prepare for the shock of the action. Mr. Millward and Miss Herne work splendidly together in this scene, and make it one of tremendous power. She embodies and sets forth the good woman's horror of what he has become, a brute fired by drunken lust; he shows how low a man may fall when inspired by passion sprung from overmuch wine. They spare nothing in their portrayal of the conflict between them, though not with shrieking and much "emotional" effect is the scene enacted.

Aside from this one overwhelming outburst of primal passion, met by the resistance of civilized refinement, the play partakes almost entirely of the nature of a light comedy. In the third act the breaking up of the home might become tragedy, were it not that the ultimate end of the drama is so obviously forecasted. Even this strain is relieved by comedy that is all the more enjoyable because it does afford some relaxation from the tension of the situation. The first and fourth acts are comedy of the richest of the Broadhurst quality, which is also quite some comedy, for George Broadhurst was in the front rank as a writer of farces before he turned his hand to melodrama. No more laughable figure than Jimmy, who just wanted a chance, and who was obsessed with his own ideas, has ever been conceived, nor a character more humanly satisfying than that of Fanny, his loyal, loving, sensible wife.

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Mr. Wright is a joy beyond expression as Jimmy Gilley, and Miss Davis is capital as Fannie Blaine, afterwards Mrs. Gilley. The company is exactly the same as appeared in the play during its long run on Broadway, and it is offered here just as it was in New York.

The Brandeis theater had one of its biggest Sunday night audiences to welcome the play last night and the success is attested by the laughter and applause so general. It is not often in Omaha that a scene is interrupted by applause, but this happened last night.

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