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DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Much Business of Importance Was Transacted, Including Claims Allowed.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Despite the fact that last evening was pay-day night and a very busy one in this city, all of the councilmen except Dovey and Richey were present when the mayor rapped for order, and the gentleman from the Third ward came in later and was marked present.

A communication was presented to the council signed by John Kopia and twenty-five other citizens of the west part of town asking that a subway be put in by the Missouri Pacific over their tracks on Maiden Lane, one-half block north of Main street, as at present it is hardly safe for the residents of that section. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee for consideration.

County Surveyor Patterson also presented a communication inquiring why his claim against the city for services performed had not been acted upon. The claims committee has had this matter under consideration for some time and has not been able to get in touch with Mr. Patterson, and the city clerk has been empowered to see the surveyor and attempt to get the matter arranged between the city and Mr. Patterson.

Chief of Police Rainey presented his report for the month just ended, showing that thirteen persons had been arrested during that time. This was referred to the police committee for the present.

The report of the city clerk for the month showed the following amounts had been collected by that official: Mrs. L. M. Taylor, part payment on cemetery lot, \$5; Q. K. Parmele, auctioneer's occupation tax, one day, \$1; Walter Davenport, occupation tax to sell medicine, \$5; Carl M. Holmburg, one-half cemetery lot, \$10. The report of the clerk, after being read, was referred to the finance committee for consideration.

The finance committee, after the consideration of the following claims against the city decided to recommend their payment by the council: Nebraska Lighting company, street lighting, \$127.80; C. Boetel, burying four dogs, \$2; Plattsmouth Water company, water to library, \$1.50; C. W. Baylor & Co., coal and labor at library, \$14.75; Cass county, boarding city prisoners, \$11; G. P. Eastwood, hardware, 60 cents; Lincoln Telephone company, rent and tolls, \$2.50; Nebraska Lighting company, light at city hall, 90 cents; Plattsmouth Water company, water rent at library, \$5.50; Warga & Cecil, wiring lower part city hall, \$8.90; Nebraska Lighting company, light at library, \$2.50; B. G. Wurl, expense for December, \$1.05; L. Rottler, street work, \$2.80; James Rehal, street work, \$5.70; Ed Snodgrass, street work, \$9.20; J. H. Donnelly, salary, \$4.50; Olive Jones, salary, \$35; library expense for December, \$2.59; M. Archer, salary, \$30; Ed Snodgrass, repairing bridge, 50 cents; Henry Trout, salary, \$50; Ben Rainey, salary, \$65; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$10.

Police Judge Archer reported that during the month ten offenders had faced him and that \$9 had been collected in fines and \$6 in costs. This report was turned over to the police committee for consideration.

The city treasurer reported the condition of the finances of the city as follows:

Fund—	Paid Out.	Balance.
Building	\$ 12.50	\$ 525.30
General	163.56	91.42
Road	330.76	7.44
Fire Dept.	55.75	14.93
Library	71.45	7.96
Park	26.50	204.11
Police	127.51	240.04
Fire hydrant rental		704.03
Lighting	132.05	338.57
Interest	2,405.40	3,544.24

Cemetery	37.50	367.49
Dog	1.00	121.21
Business tax	174.65	309.28
Sinking		2,296.18
Gen. school	270.76	889.58
Teachers'	637.50	1,142.12
Paving Dist. No. 3		.84

Balance, less overdraft of \$2,439.96... \$6,526.32 * Denotes overdraft.

The streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that they had inspected the new paving on Pearl street and found it to be in good condition and recommended that the same be accepted by the city, as the company is bonded to carry out the fulfillment of the contract. On motion of Richey warrants will be drawn to pay this claim, but 10 per cent will be held for one year by the city to see that the paving is satisfactory.

Councilman Hallstrom reported that during the cold weather we are having there has been a number of the gas lamps on the streets in freezing up condition and that he thought that the night police should keep track of the lights in such condition and report it to the light company, as the company would place them in proper condition, and that the police report the number of lights out to the council every two weeks.

Councilman Lushinsky stated that on a recent visit to the library he had been informed by the librarian of the great need of the library for reference works for use in the public schools and in the Catholic school, and that he would move that \$50 be appropriated by the city to procure these books at once. He stated he believed the library to be one of the best institutions in the city and that the council ought to take steps to aid the library in supplying these reference works. Councilman Buttery thought this was rushing matters a little and did not believe the sum should be appropriated until a more thorough investigation had been made of the matter. Mr. Lushinsky, in reply, stated that the matter had been laid before him on his visit at the library and the great need for the books pointed out, and as Mr. Tidd, a member of the library board was present, he would like to hear what he had to say on the matter. Mr. Tidd stated that while the librarian had reported the need of books, no list had been presented to the board and that they had taken no action on the matter. The sum was needed badly, as the library here receives double the use that the library in Omaha does, considering the difference in population, and that it was one of the best patronized libraries in the state. Councilman Richey settled the matter by amending the resolution to refer it to the library board for consideration.

Councilman Buttery suggested that it would be a fine thing if the snow around the city hall be cleared away at the first opportunity, and the matter will be looked after by the street commissioner as soon as possible.

Councilman Patterson called the attention of the council to the stone wall belonging to V. V. Leonard that had fallen down some time ago and had been ordered cleaned up once by the council, but that part of it still remained on the walk and street, and that he would like to have Mr. Leonard notified to remove the stone and debris at once, which was so ordered by the council.

Councilman Richey asked that the Missouri Pacific railway be requested to place an electric light on their crossing on Oak street, near the old Fairfield homestead, as this is one of the most dangerous places in the city and those using the street were entitled to some protection, and as the cost of the improvement is not great and it will aid greatly in saving the company from accidents.

On motion of Buttery the city council adjourned, to meet as a board of equalization to pass on the matter of assessing the paving tax against the property owners on Pearl street.

For any pain, burn, scald or bruise, apply Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil—the household remedy. Two sizes, 25c and 50c, at all drug stores.

BANQUET TO NEBRASKA FARMERS

Plenty of "Eats" for Them at Lincoln Next Week, and Fine Program.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The week of "Organized Agriculture" at Lincoln, January 20-24, will be signalized by a round of festivities for the visiting farmers and their wives. The gastronomic program opens on Monday evening with the annual banquet of the Corn Growers at the Lindell hotel. Those who recover will have opportunity to attend two banquets on Tuesday evening—the big annual feast of the Horticultural Society at the Lindell and the banquet and business meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Fairs at the palatial new quarters of the Lincoln Commercial club.

On Wednesday evening the entire body of visiting farmers is invited to attend the "official" Organized Agriculture banquet at the Lincoln, at which Dean Chas. E. Bessey, the Nestor of the state university faculty, will be the guest of honor. This event will be preceded by an informal reception. Thursday evening the Live Stock Breeders hold carnival at the same hostelry and will have one of the great social meetings of the week. The round of gustatory pleasure will conclude on Friday evening with the Farmers' Institute banquet at the Lindell, at which a mock farmers' institute will add hilarity and intellectual diversion to the more material pleasures of the hour.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

From Wednesday's Daily.

The First National bank of this city has just elected their new officers for the coming year, and the following gentlemen will continue to guide the destinies of that reliable institution for another year:

President—George E. Dovey.
Vice President—Frank E. Schlater.
Cashier—H. N. Dovey.
Directors—G. E. Dovey, F. E. Schlater, G. Knapp, H. N. Dovey, Dr. E. W. Cook.

This bank has enjoyed a good business during the past year, as has the other financial institutions of the city, and the showing made was very pleasing to the stockholders of the bank. The customary dividend was declared at the meeting.

T. H. POLLOCK GETS THE AMBROSE PATTERSON PROPERTY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Another deal involving one of the desirable residences in this city was completed when T. H. Pollock became the owner of the Ambrose Patterson property on High School Hill. Mr. Pollock will have some very extensive changes made in the house, involving the placing of new plumbing throughout the house and the painting and decorating of the exterior and interior of the home. This will make Mr. Pollock and his family a most comfortable and attractive home and is located in one of the nicest residence sections of the city and within easy distance of the business part of town. The residence that is occupied by Mr. Pollock at present has been sold to Mr. James Sage.

Here for Modern Woodmen.

From Wednesday's Daily.

W. C. James of Omaha, representing the Modern Woodmen of America, is in the city today looking after the interests of the order. Mr. James is one of the rustling deputies of the state and organized a large class here two years ago and has always been very successful in securing new members for this order.

Meeting of County Commissioners

From Tuesday's Daily.

The board of county commissioners are holding their regular session today at the court house. This is the first meeting of the new board, and Chairman Jordan made a most imposing presiding officer over the board. The commissioners will begin in a few days to check up the different county officials, which will occupy their attention for some time.

DEATH OF MRS. ANNA WECKBACH ROTH

She Passed Away at Her Home in Grand Island Last Sunday at Noon.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Anna Weckbach Roth, after a severe illness of several months, and a lingering malady of over a year, passed away at her home, Elm and Koenig, yesterday at noon, deeply mourned by a loving husband, three daughters, her mother, five sisters and five brothers. Mrs. Roth was loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, having resided in Grand Island for the past twenty-three years. She was known as a most devoted wife and mother, and a woman of domestic and artistic tastes in whose home it was a pleasure to be a guest and whose solicitude for the family and friends endeared all to her.

Mrs. Roth was born at Plattsmouth, Neb. She was married to Mr. Fred Roth in 1890 and three daughters have blessed the union, Miss Lydia, aged 17; Clare, aged 15, and Dorothy, aged 12. About a year ago she underwent an operation and for a time seemed to have recovered health. Several months ago, however, she was again compelled to go to the hospital. Her malady proved to be a fatal one, however. For some weeks, however, she was again in the home which meant so much for her and of which she was so large a part.

Mrs. Weckbach, the mother, over 70 years of age, resides at Lincoln. It is a singularly sad coincidence that she, too, has been in a very critical condition, it being impossible to advise her of the daughter's severe condition and resultant demise, or the daughter of the mother's extreme illness. The brothers of the deceased are Charles W. Weckbach, Crete, Neb.; Edward J., assistant cashier of a national bank at Denver; Eugene H., of Denver, Joseph V. of Cleveland, and Louis G. of Denver, and the sisters, Mary, Lydia and Agnes of Lincoln, who are with the mother; Mrs. Mathilda Costello of Ames, Ia., and Catherine (Sister Mary Leon) of St. Joseph's convent, Dubuque, Ia.

The devoted husband and daughters and bereaved sisters and brothers, in their unusually grievous affliction, have the deepest sympathy of all.

The funeral will take place Tuesday morning at 9:30 at St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rev. Father Wolf officiating in the requiem high mass service.—Grand Island Independent.

LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. MEISINGER OPERATED UPON

This afternoon John Meisinger, jr., and wife drove in from their farm, bringing in their little son, Harvey, who was operated on this afternoon for a local ailment from which he has been suffering for some time. The little fellow was operated on before, but the result was not as satisfactory as it should have been and the doctor decided it would be necessary to operate again. The little one was removed to the home of his grandfather, Jacob Meisinger, after the operation and his mother will remain to look after him until he is able to be removed to his home. Mr. Meisinger was compelled to return to the farm to look after matters there this afternoon.

A BILL THAT SHOULD BECOME A LAW

To Compel Drivers of Automobiles to Come to a Stop at Railroad Crossings.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A bill to compel drivers of automobiles to come to a stop before going over Nebraska railway grade crossings probably will be introduced at the present session of the legislature. This bill will have the support of railway labor organizations and of the railroads themselves, being one of the bills that the managements and the employes have agreed to urge in concert.

Engineers say that few people know the number of hairbreadth escapes that take place on Nebraska railroads every day of the year. The number of fatal accidents, large as it is, gives no hint of the number of near accidents. The crop of reckless drivers is not diminishing and the engineers complain that the chances taken by auto drivers is wearing on the nerves of men who sit in the cabs of fast engines. The management desires the risks lessened that the number of accidents may be reduced, the move being in line with the safety campaign that is now being waged on all railroads, and which has been productive of much good.

The bill's merits have been suggested to a number of legislators. One legislator who had discussed the matter with those favoring it said that he had also been sounded on a measure intended to do away eventually with all highway grade crossings in the state, that public safety might be better promoted.

FINE FOUR-YEAR-OLD PERCHEON STALLION SHIPPED TO MINNESOTA

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening John Urish and Bert Urish came up from their home, near Murray, accompanied by Henry Urish, bringing up a fine Percheon stallion that they shipped over the Burlington to Ottumwa, Iowa, from which point it will be sent to Minnesota to be used for breeding purposes. The two first-named gentlemen departed on No. 10 last evening for the Iowa city, where they will look after the horse and see that it is started for Minnesota in proper shape. The Messrs. Urish expect to receive another fine animal in about a week from E. J. Heisel of Fremont, Iowa, and it will be taken at once to their fine farm near Murray. The animal that was shipped to Iowa was a 4-year-old and weighed 1,900 pounds, and was one of the finest animals that has been shipped out of this city for some time. Henry Urish remained in this city over night, returning to his home this morning.

A POWERFUL PLAY AT THE PARMELE FRIDAY NIGHT

"The Servant in the House," which will be seen at the Parmele theater on Friday night, January 17, began its remarkable career in Washington, D. C. On the morning after the premiere, the Washington Post said: "A more powerful play has not been seen by the present generation. It was written by Charles Rann Kennedy, whose command of pure English would gain for him an enviable reputation were he lacking in all other qualifications of a dramatic author. It is a play with a purpose; one that will teach a lesson stronger than those heard from the pulpits of modern churches; a more damaging attack on hypocrisy than can be found in a dozen plays by Henry Author Jones; a play in whose quietly spoken lines stir the emotions more deeply than vivid pictures of action, and which start a train of thought not easily abandoned by even those who prefer not to think.

Taken to Reform School.

Sheriff Quinton departed this morning for Kearney, taking with him Ed Maybee, who will be placed in the reform school at that place. He was sentenced to that school last summer, but Judge Beeson paroled him on good behavior, but he got into trouble a few weeks ago and the judge turned him over to the sheriff to take to the school.

ORGANIZED UNDER THE STATE LAW

Stockholders of the new flower pot manufacturing company have met and perfected an organization under the name of the Kahler Pottery company, with headquarters at Louisville. The authorized capital stock is \$5,000. The business of the new company will be for the manufacture and sale of flower pots, vases and fancy ware of all kinds.

The officers are: Thos. E. Parmele, president; Phil H. Kahler, vice president and general manager; James Stander, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors are: Thos. E. Parmele, E. G. Pautsch, Phil H. Kahler, A. J. Hoover and James Stander.

Unlike the great majority of companies which appear on paper long before they are developed in a material way, this company had their building erected and almost ready to begin business before they were really a company. The present cold snap has put a damper on the work of erecting kilns, however, but Manager Kahler says with a few days of fair weather he will be able to get beyond the frost line and then the completion of the work will not be a difficult task.—Louisville Courier.

STORK VISITS THE ART EVANS HOME IN GLENWOOD

From Tuesday's Daily.

The news has just been received in this city of the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Evans of Glenwood, Iowa, of the finest baby boy in the world, who made his appearance at their home on Saturday, January 11. Mrs. Evans was formerly Miss Pearl O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Neill, who were residents of this city for twenty-five years, removing a short time ago to a ranch near Bassett, Neb. The many friends of the family will rejoice with the happy parents over the arrival of the new son and trust that he may grow up to be a comfort and joy to his parents in their old age. We can imagine the happy smile that illuminated the countenance of Grandpa O'Neill when he heard the news, as this is the first grandchild, and therefore an object of much admiration from his relatives.

BIG BUSINESS IN BUILDING FOR THE PAST SEASON

From Wednesday's Daily.

The contracting firm of Richards & Peters of this city have closed one of the most successful seasons that any firm of a similar nature has enjoyed in this city in years and have received some \$40,000 as the result of their labors along this line and they have paid out the sum of \$10,000 for labor, most of which has been given to Plattsmouth men for their work for this company. All of this money that the company has received has passed through the Plattsmouth banks and the bigger portion of it remained in this city. This is no small item to the business interests of the city, and the fact that these gentlemen have been so successful speaks well for the town and its spirit of improvement, as in addition to Messrs. Peters and Richards the other contractors and builders have enjoyed a most successful year and the prospects are good for even a larger business this year.