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## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS AN INTER- ESTING SESSION

Large Audience Was Present to  
Witness Action on Picture  
Show Ordinance.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The fact that the picture show ordinance was to be placed on its final reading and passage last night at the city council meeting drew a crowd that filled all the available chairs, and every member of the council was present when Mayor Sattler called the meeting to order.

The city clerk read a number of communications and petitions from various residents of the city, among them one from Mrs. Harriett Hunter, asking that the city proceed and put down a permanent sidewalk along her property on Lincoln avenue, and the street commissioner was instructed to look after this matter as soon as the weather would permit. Councilman Hallstrom suggested that McMaken & Son be notified to put the defective sidewalk south of the Hunter place in proper condition, as the job of putting it down was not satisfactory.

Another communication was that of John Mauer and others requesting that the water mains be extended on Patterson avenue in order to give the parties who reside in that vicinity fire protection, and the matter was referred to the fire and water committee.

The session of the First Presbyterian church presented a resolution to the council stating that it was the governing body of the congregation, which numbered over 200 persons, and requested that the city council adopt the ordinance that had been drafted to close the picture show on Sunday evening, and the resolution was, by motion, placed on file.

The report of City Clerk B. G. Wurl showed that the following amounts had been collected by him during the month of February: Matt Gering, occupation tax, \$5; Frank J. Konfst, payment for hose house on Sixth street, \$38; J. P. Falter, agent Aetna Insurance company, \$2; J. P. Falter, agent German-American Insurance company, \$2; J. P. Falter, agent Queen of North America Insurance company, \$2; J. P. Falter, Firemen's Insurance company, \$2; J. P. Falter, occupation tax as real estate agent, \$5; William Bassler, occupation tax, \$2; Nemetz & Co., occupation tax, \$5; Streight & Streight, occupation tax, \$10.

City Treasurer Fricke reported the following sums had been taken in and paid out during the month of February, 1913, and that the city had a balance of \$11,530.83 on hand, divided among the three banks of the city:

Fund	February	Received Warrants	Paid
Building	\$ 34.22		
General	74.44	\$ 110.50	
Road	63.60	69.35	
Fire dept.	4.37	4.75	
Library	17.11	60.29	
Park	17.14		
Police	42.77	147.35	
Fire hydrant rental	81.25		
Lighting	34.22	126.10	
Interest	342.20		
Cemetery	18.05		
Dog	1.00	1.00	
Business Tax		10.00	
Sinking	76.99		
General School	14.31	499.21	
Teachers'	500.00	2,061.35	
Paving District			
No. 3		81	
Reg. warrants		1,131.50	
Paving District			
No. 4	56.18		
Reg. warrants		3,439.41	

The chief of police reported that during the month of February eight arrests had been made, and the police judge reported that four had paid fines and four were suspended. This report was referred to the police committee for examination.

The judiciary committee of the

council, which has had the insurance of the building and its contents under consideration for some time, reported that they had secured a policy of \$1,000 on the said building and contents and fire apparatus of the city.

After a careful examination of the following bills against the city the finance committee recommended their payment and warrants were ordered drawn for the same: Ben Rainey, salary, \$65; W. B. Rishal, hauling cinders, \$1; R. A. Bates, printing, \$10.25; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$10; Henry Trout, salary, \$59; Public Library, expense February, \$3.05; James Donnelly, salary, \$4.50; Olive Jones, salary, \$35; A. B. Smith, labor and material at the library, \$1.70; M. Archer, salary, \$30; B. G. Wurl, expense for February, \$2.15; Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., tolls and rent, \$1.50; F. G. Fricke & Co., poison for gophers, 50c; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at the library, \$2.50; Nebraska Lighting Co., lighting streets, \$128.36; E. Manspeaker, team, \$1.00; G. P. Eastwood, hardware, 35 cents.

Chairman Kurtz of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that he thought it would be possible to begin work on the manhole in the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, this week, and the matter would be gotten after as soon as possible.

The fire and water committee reported on the recommendation of the fire department that the salaries of officers be increased, and they recommended that the chief be given \$50 instead of \$25, as at present, but could not see any reason for placing the president and assistant chief on the salary list, and the report of the committee, with its recommendations was accepted by the council.

The special committee which had the proposition of the city jail in charge, reported, after investigating the matter, that the building would require a door to be built in the Fifth street side of the building and two windows cut, in addition to the small ones to furnish ventilation. It will also be necessary to construct a brick chimney from the ground up in order that the jail can be heated, and a strong steel ceiling put in, as well as a concrete floor and bunks for the occupants, and when completed the structure will make a fine place for the city prison and be perfectly sanitary. As the committee had not had time to get figures on the cost of the changes, they were granted further time to pass on the matter and get estimates of just what the cost would be.

The councilmen had a number of small matters of street work, which was necessary to be carried out at once, including a bad piece of tiling near the greenhouse, which allowed the water to flood the adjoining property, and the street commissioner was instructed to look after the matter, as well as on Locust street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, where the dirt had washed down on the sidewalk, making it almost impossible to get through there.

Councilman Patterson reported that he had heard considerable complaint about people leaving their teams and wagons standing on Main street at all hours of the day and night. The chief of police was instructed to look after the matter.

Councilman Lushinsky wanted some grading done near the laundry, in order that the present condition of having the water stand on the streets whenever it rained could be overcome, and as it was, the street became almost impassable in wet weather, when by grading up the center of the street the water would follow the guttering on either side.

Councilman Dovey wanted the water company notified to dig out their hydrant at the corner of Third and Oak street, as in cold weather it was impossible to make connections in case of fire. He also requested the city to order a new crossing put in at these streets, as the present one was in almost impassable shape.

Councilman Hallstrom requested that the city have a new block crossing put in at the intersection of Rock and Seventh streets as soon as possible.

The chief feature of the even-

## HIS HOUSE IN (DIS)ORDER.



—Kirby in New York Evening Sun

ing was then brought up, that of the ordinance to regulate and the closing of the moving picture shows and theaters on Sunday, which was up for consideration for the last time, and for a few minutes the measure trembled in the balance, until Councilman Richey came to the rescue of it with a motion to refer it to the city attorney to draw an amendment designating the hours on Sunday when it could be lawful for shows to operate, and not conflict with the hours of church services, and as that would have to be in the afternoon when there is no electric current, it seems that the passage of the original ordinance would have been better. The amendment of Mr. Richey's was carried by a vote of 6 to 4. Those voting for the amendment were: Richey, Dovey, Shea, Johnson, Kurtz, Lushinsky; against it, Patterson, Buttery, Hallstrom and Vondraa. The matter will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the city council.

The council took a short recess while the members picked out the judges and clerks of election for the election on April 1. The following list was selected:

First Ward—Judges, W. D. Messersmith, J. H. Thrasher, W. J. Hartwick; clerks, Fred Black and J. H. Donnelly.

Second Ward—Judges, Claus Boetel, W. B. Rishal, John Kopia; clerks, W. A. Howard and Henry Goos.

Third Ward—Judges, Frank Libershall, George Oldham, C. C. Despain; clerks, Henry Jess and George Sayles.

Fourth Ward—Judges, John Weyrich, John Kirkham, A. G. Johnson; clerks, John Schulhof and Irvie Fitt.

Fifth Ward—Judges, Joe Libershall, George Schantz, A. G. Baeh; clerks, Ray Sawyer and Sam Gouchenour.

### Has Thumb Mashed.

Anton Hula, who is employed in the Burlington blacksmith shop as an apprentice, had the misfortune yesterday to get his thumb tangled up with some of the machinery there and had that member mashed in such a manner that he will be forced to lay off for several days.

### Visiting With Home Folks.

C. A. Miller, better known to his many friends here as "White," arrived in the city from Creighton, Neb., Saturday morning for a few days' visit with relatives and the many friends at the old home. He says he is not going to Canada this year, but will move from Creighton to Brunswick in the near future.

### Receives Bad Injury.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Saturday evening while William Andrews was assisting his father in the construction of a hen house at their home he met with a severe accident that will put him out of commission for some time. He was sawing a timber that was being used in putting up of the building, and in some manner the timber forced the saw down on one of his thumbs, cutting it to the bone and making a wound that made it necessary to get the services of a physician. Will is having more than his share of accidents, as Friday he received a badly bruised head at his work in the shops.

### GIVES MYSTIFYING EXHIBITION AT THE ELKS' CLUB ROOMS

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The Elks' lodge of this city was very highly entertained and mystified last evening at their club room by Prof. Kanouse of Denver, who had been secured by Bruce Rosencrans to come down from Omaha to give an exhibition of his wonderful powers, and after it was all over there was a large number of the members who went through the different stunts of the professor that are still in doubt as to what really happened to them. The exhibition was one that made a person very creepy and several of the boys are ready to jump whenever anyone touches them. There was a large number present at the rooms and the affair was very entertaining to all attending, as well as very mysterious, and the professor is one of the best entertainers of his kind that has ever been in this city.

### NO GREAT RIVER TROU- BLE IS LOOKED FOR

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The channel of the Platte river from Schuyler to Plattsmouth was open for practically the entire distance yesterday and the moving ice was causing but little trouble at railway bridges, says the Lincoln Journal. A sudden rise of four feet was reported in the Missouri river at Plattsmouth yesterday morning, but as the flood began to recede at 7 a. m. it was believed that a gorge had formed somewhere and had broken, raising and lowering the flood level. The disastrous floods of last year were causing the greatest trouble about March 20.

### Large Estate Settled.

In the county court Saturday final settlement was had in the estate of Mrs. Eliza Keckler of near Manley, and the administrator, Charles Gerlach, discharged from his duties. The estate was valued at some \$36,000 and was one of the best pieces of farming land in that part of the county. The estate paid over \$215.24 to the county inheritance tax.

### Gets \$5 and Costs.

J. N. Elliott, who was charged with fighting with C. Lawrence Stull, was in Judge Archer's court yesterday afternoon, and plead guilty to the charge and the judge assessed a fine of \$5 on him, which he paid, and Elliott then swore out a complaint against Stull, but the evidence showed that he had not started the fight and the judge discharged him.

### Not Quite So Well.

This morning Mrs. John A. Murray departed for Omaha, where she will remain with her daughter, Miss Blanche, who is just recovering from an operation that was performed upon her last Thursday. The condition of Miss Murray was not as well this morning as it had been, and her mother, who came down Friday evening, was called back to look after the caretaking of the patient.

The Journal for typewriter supplies.

## A MOST VILE AND LOATHSOME STORY

Showing to What Extent a Man's  
Lust and Passions Will  
Lead Him.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A story has just been brought to light, which if true, is one of the most vile and loathsome crimes that has occurred in Cass county for many years, and is one that makes a person wonder to what lengths the passions and lust of a person will lead them.

A farmer residing north of this city is reported as being the father of the child of his own niece, a girl just entering into womanhood, and with her life before her must carry to the end the name of shame as the victim of the vile and unholy passions of one who should have been her protector, as death had taken away from her the guidance hand of her father and left her living in a locality where she fell easy victim to the attentions of her uncle, and as the result of these relations she became the mother of a child born about two weeks ago. The uncle has been mixed up in several cases of a similar nature in the past and has a large number of children who are forced to carry through their lives the burden that the sins of the father has laid upon them, and the author of these misfortunes goes free to prey like some vulture on other innocent and unsuspecting women. That such a condition is allowed to exist is a shame to the community.

The county attorney this morning filed a complaint to take the children away from the women and proposes to put a stop to the indiscriminate breeding that has flourished in that locality for several years, and he will use his best endeavors to see that the full penalty of the law is meted out to the wrongdoer. It is shocking to think that in a civilized community, where law and order are supposed to hold sway, that such deeds are perpetrated and that examples of this kind are to confront the growing generation.

## JUDGE TRAVIS IS GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE LANDING IN FLORIDA

From Tuesday's Daily.

Court Reporter Earl R. Travis is in receipt of a card from his brother, Ray, from King's Ferry, Florida, in which he states that his father, Judge H. D. Travis, is feeling much improved since reaching the Florida coast and that the climate is benefiting him very much. The improvement in the health of the judge will be a source of much gratification to his many friends throughout the county, who have been considerably worried over his poor health of the past year.

### From Old Kenosha.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
L. B. Brown and A. J. McNatt, from near Old Kenosha, were visiting with county seat friends a few hours today. This is Mr. Brown's first visit to the county seat for the past month, being kept at home owing to the sickness of his sister. Lig says he has not been feeling well himself.

### Arraigned for Adultery.

From Tuesday's Daily  
This morning in Justice Archer's court Walter Brittain and Bertha Stricklin were arraigned, on complaint of the county attorney, charging them with living together in a manner contrary to law. The case was set for hearing next Monday morning in the same court, as the defense wanted to produce witnesses and the case may be settled out of court by the parties becoming man and wife.

Spring Opening, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, March 12, 13, 14. Miss Myers.