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CITY DADS ENJOY A "VERY HOT TIME"

In Matter of Appealing Parmelee-Wescott Bond Case, Council Decided to Drop It.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The city council chamber last evening greatly resembled a furnace, so intense was the heat, but despite this fact the flow of eloquence on the part of the members was not stayed and it near 10 o'clock before they adjourned from what was a very lively and spirited meeting.

The excitement was started immediately after the reading of the minutes, when Councilman Vroman arose and moved that the council reconsider its action on the Wescott bond case. This started the show. Councilman Patterson was in favor of dropping the suit against the bondsmen, as he thought the city had no chance to win; as was also Councilman Richey of the Third ward, who stated he understood it would cost \$200 to appeal the case to the supreme court for hearing, and he had asked different attorneys and it was the general opinion that the case was one that would be hard to win, as he understood the bond was worthless. City Attorney Tidd stated he had filed an appeal bond in the case, and had arranged to appeal it to the supreme court, as per the instructions of the council at the last meeting, and that the cost of the appeal would not be more than \$75, and if it was he would pay the difference himself; that it was his opinion the city had a reasonable chance to win out. Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that, as the council had agreed on the matter before and the appeal had been started, the case should be taken up to the higher court. The council, after some further discussion, decided to reconsider its former decision and drop the case against the bondsmen of the Wescott case, by a vote of 6 to 3, as follows: Yeas, Patterson, Straight, Richey, Lushinsky, Vroman and Bajack; nays, Johnson, Hallstrom and Shea.

The chief of police reported that during the month of June five arrests had been made, and his report was sent to the police committee.

Councilman Lushinsky stated that as a matter of the public health, he had received several complaints that residents on Granite street, between Ninth and Tenth, had been in the habit of letting the sewer water run into the street, where it stood, and it was a menace to the public health. The council instructed the chief of police to see the parties owning the sewer and notify them in the future to divert the water in another direction out of the highway.

The fire and water committee reported that they had looked into the petition of the residents along South Ninth and Tenth streets in regard to an additional fire hydrant there and found that all but four were in close connection to the hydrants already there, but the committee recommended that a hydrant be placed on Eighth street where it could be reached from the Columbian school building, which was without fire protection, and would be far more satisfactory and cheaper than one on Ninth street. This was opposed by Mr. Hallstrom, who favored the Ninth street proposition, but the report was adopted by a vote of 8 to 1, Hallstrom voting no.

The fire and water committee also desired the clerk to notify the water company to repair the fire hydrant at Fourth and Main streets, which has been leaking for the past month, and on this subject Councilman Straight made a very timely remark that when it was repaired the company be asked not to have the water shut off for three or four hours on Main street, as was the case when the one at Sixth street was fixed up. On this occasion the main part of town was without fire protection for four hours and it was something that, as Mr. Straight

remarked, should not be allowed. The ditches along the water mains on Rock street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, were also recommended for filling by the committee.

Councilman Vroman of the cemetery committee, stated the committee had met with the board of education in regard to the Mercerville school building, which the city was thinking of buying for a house for the sexton at the cemetery, and as the school board wanted \$1,000 for the building, which was not in very good shape, the matter had been rejected by the committee, who asked to be released from further action on the matter.

The finance committee of the council reported favorably upon the following claims and their payment was ordered by the council: Plattsmouth Water company, hydrant rental, third quarter, \$310; same, water at the library, \$5.50; same, installing drinking fountains, \$25.50; Thomas Walling, jr., fixing yard at library, \$2; public library expense for June, \$7; Ollie Jones, salary, \$35; J. H. Donnelly, salary, \$3; Herman Johnson, street work, \$1; J. E. Ryan, same, \$2.60; Ed Duffy, same, \$2.60; W. B. Rishel, street sprinkling, \$61.95; M. Archer, salary, \$30; Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone company, rent for clerk and judge's telephones, \$5; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$20; L. N. Cummings, burying three dogs, \$1.50; Claus Boetel, burying two dogs, \$1; M. McCool, burying three dogs, \$1.50; J. Dvorak, street work, \$1; city clerk, expense for June, \$1.59; Frank Neumann, salary, \$65; Ben Rainey, salary, \$75; Anton Kalasek, special police, \$1; Ed Kalasek, same, \$1; Thomas Kennish, helping survey, \$1; Floyd Patridge, excavating, \$5; G. W. Homan, helping survey, \$1; Walter Britain, same, \$1; Ralph Marshall, street work, 40 cents; John Rutherford, same, \$4; J. Mason, same, \$1; Q. K. Parmelee, same \$8; George Sitzman, same, \$2; Nelson Jean & Co., same, \$56.80; Roy Taylor, same, \$13.80; G. W. Haynie, same, \$56.80; W. A. O'Neill, same, \$47.60; Alvin Jones, same, \$31.80; John Swanson, same, \$33; Frank Kauble, same, \$21.60; Otto Kramer, same, \$41.80; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$51; Philip Harrison, helping survey, \$3; F. Kalasek, work at cemetery, \$12; Ed Swoboda, same, \$10.

A representative of the Studebaker Wagon company was present at the meeting, and on invitation of the council, addressed them briefly on the matter of procuring a new street sprinkler for the use of the city, explaining in brief the different types, ranging from 400 to 1,000 gallons, and of wood or steel, but the one used mainly by cities of this type is a 600-gallon steel tank sprinkler, ranging in price from \$320 to \$340. On motion of Richey the matter of purchasing the sprinkler was turned over to the fire and water committee, who conferred with the agent after the meeting and decided to purchase the 600-gallon sprinkler as described above, as the one now in use is worn out and practically useless.

The ordinance changing the method of handling the public library funds was read for the first time and passed over to its second reading.

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New Son at the T. E. Todd Home.
From Tuesday's Daily.

A fine new son made his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Todd Sunday and gladdened the hearts of both the parents, as this is the first child in the family and is a fine little man, and that he may prove a joy and comfort to his parents is the earnest wish of the many friends of the family throughout the county. The mother and little one are getting along nicely and Eddie is rapidly getting down to normal condition.

Residence Property for Sale.

Eight-room house with electric light, gas and city water and cistern. Three lots, some fruit. A bargain if taken at once. Inquire of A. O. Moore.

Thomsen, Dentist, Gund Bldg.

INTENSE HEAT ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND DURING THE NIGHT

The Hottest Experienced in Several Years—Two Prostrations, One Yesterday, One Today.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday succeeded in breaking the record for the year so far on the heat, as the temperature reached 110 in the shade and the heat all day was something intense and the night did not bring much relief, although about 10 o'clock a cooling wind from the west served to somewhat relieve the suffering public. This morning started out intensely hot and by noon the temperature registered 101, about the same as it was at noon yesterday, and unless the weather man comes across with the promised showers it seems as if the record would be broken again today.

Two prostrations were reported from the effects of the intense heat, one being "Grandfather" William Wynn, who was overcome yesterday at his home and was in quite serious shape for a time, as he is quite advanced in years and has not been well for some time. Medical assistance was secured at once and the patient is reported this morning as being slightly improved, although still very weak.

This morning A. W. Smith, residing near the cemetery, while at work at the place was overcome with the intense heat and was stricken in the field where he was engaged in shocking oats. He was taken to the house and a physician summoned at once. Mr. Smith was feeling a little better at noon and it was thought he would recover from the attack, although he was very much weakened and sick.

THERE IS TO BE ANOTHER CHAPTER IN BATES-MARSH FUED

From Tuesday's Daily.

Another chapter in the Marsh-Bates controversy, south of this city, near Rock Bluffs, will soon be added, as County Attorney Taylor last evening filed a complaint against Perry Marsh, charging him with unnecessary assault and battery, on the complaint of Ira Bates, who was the defendant in the case heard last Monday in Justice Archer's court. It is claimed by the complaining witness that Marsh threw some object, which struck Bates in the face, inflicting a severe wound.

These cases have created great interest in the section in which the parties reside and will doubtless draw quite a crowd of their neighbors in for the hearing, which will probably be on Saturday. These neighborhood quarrels, no matter who is the instigator, are very regrettable, as they involve the community in which the principals reside in a needless turmoil and keep up bad feeling that should not exist.

Here From Montana.

John F. Hennings and family of Wibaux, Montana, arrived Sunday from their home for a short visit in this county with relatives. Mr. Hennings has resided in Montana for the past three years and is greatly pleased with his new home and states when he left the temperature was hovering around the 60 above zero mark, which sounds mighty good these hot days. Mr. Hennings and family departed this afternoon for Cedar Creek, where they will visit their relatives at the old home for a short time.

Murdock's Store

For new line Post Cards, good Toilet Soaps, Talcum Powder, Peroxide and many things you need.

THE ROAD DRAGGING LAW SOON IN FORCE

This Law Permits County Board to Take Upon Themselves the Dragging of Roads.

From Tuesday's Daily.

With the making of the new county tax levies, which will take place within the next month, the effect of the Richardson road dragging law can be guessed at. This law permits county boards, when so minded, to take upon themselves the dragging of the roads, thus insuring through central control of the operation a comprehensive and thorough plan of road maintenance, says the State Journal.

Under this law the county board may divide each township into road dragging districts and may appoint a township superintendent of dragging at a pay of not more than \$2.50 a day for the time actually employed. This official will oversee the dragging of the roads in his territory and make report to the county board.

The expense of this system is to be met by a special levy of not more than one mill. This is why the future force of the act will be known with the making of the county levies in the near future. No levy, no dragging under this system.

It is to be expected that most county boards will welcome the opportunity to give effect to this law. There is now no effective way to provide for the dragging of county roads. The county boards may try to induce the local overseer to attend to it, but the local overseer is locally elected and may do as he pleases about it. The only sure way to get a road dragged is for county boards to send men into wasteful duplication of supervising the local districts to do the work, a machinery. Under the new law the county boards can control a systematic system of road dragging.

While the new law calls for a special levy, this does not need to mean increased taxes. Dragging done under this levy will mean so much expense saved to the other road funds, which can be correspondingly cut down. It is only a matter of shifting the money from a fund where it cannot be effectively used to another where it can be.

PEOPLE ARE WONDERING WHY WORK IS DELAYED ON THE NEW JAIL

From Tuesday's Daily.

The county commissioners are in session today at the court house attending to the business of the county and allowing the various claims against the county. It is about time some action was taken in the matter of starting the new county jail if anything is to be done in the matter this year, as it has dragged along since April, and the plans and specifications could have easily been gotten ready by an architect and all the preliminaries to letting the contract arranged for so that the work would not be delayed when the contract was let by the commissioners. As it is, the work will require several months, and should have been started a month ago.

Miss Fox Better.

The condition of Miss Jessie Fox, who has been quite sick for some weeks, is reported today as being slightly improved, and she has been able to take a little nourishment for the first time in several weeks, as she has suffered greatly from stomach trouble. That she is feeling improved will be a source of pleasure to her many friends, as her condition had greatly worried them.

Farm for Sale.

Anyone wanting to buy a farm would do well to see W. R. Bryan, county assessor.

Poikal Has Contract in Iowa.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday the grading outfit of George Poikal was loaded at the Burlington station here and taken to Pacific Junction, where it was later transferred to the train for Greenfield, Iowa, where Mr. Poikal has a contract for grading for the McLaughlin Contracting company of Red Oak, who are engaged in a paving contract there. The contract will take some time to carry out and will furnish employment for a large number of men and teams.

Not His Dog.

In the account of the attack of a dog on a lad named Green a few days ago in the Journal we were informed that the dog belonged to Frank Sitzman, and we are informed by Mr. Sitzman the parties giving in the account of the incident were mistaken, as he does not live on Lincoln avenue and a mistake was made in the party to whom the dog belonged.

THE EARLY CLOSING OF PLATTSMOUTH STORES

It is Hoped That Every Merchant Will Sign a Petition to Carry Out the Early Closing.

The movement for the early closing of the different business houses during the heated months of July and August is being agitated among the merchants and petitions have been signed by almost all of them to close at 6 o'clock during these months, which will give the proprietors, as well as the clerks in the different stores, an opportunity to get out to their homes and avoid the standing around in the heated stores until a late hour at night.

Some of the more progressive of the stores have been closing at 7 o'clock for some time, and find that just as much business is done as if they remained open until 9 or 10 o'clock, as the few customers who come in after 7 o'clock do not more than pay for the cost of lights. The early closing hours during the hot months, with the exception of Saturdays, have been adopted in most of the larger towns of the state, as with the modern methods of delivery and the telephone a great deal of the necessary shopping is done in this manner, and the customers receive their goods in a few minutes after the order is given.

There is hardly any work more tiring than that of standing in a store waiting on the trade or sweltering for hours waiting for a possible customer to drop in, and if the early closing hours are adopted by the merchants here it will be a step forward and in keeping with the modern methods of business.

W. D. JONES IS STILL CONFINED TO HIS HOME WITH LITTLE CHANGE

From Wednesday's Daily.

For some time W. D. Jones, one of our oldest and most highly esteemed residents, has been confined to his home with an attack of heart trouble and his condition still remains about the same, although he has suffered greatly in the extreme hot weather that has prevailed for the past week. The indisposition of Mr. Jones has been much regretted by his many friends, as he has for years been one of the leading citizens of the town and his absence from his circle of friends has been a source of much regret to all who have known him all these years.

Doan's Regulets are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without griping and without bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

BIG T. J. SOKOL TOURNAMENT

Arrangements Being Perfected for Great Event in Plattsmouth August 15, 16 and 17.

Big preparations are being made by the different Bohemian societies in the state belonging to the T. J. Sokols to be present in this city at the big tournament to be held on August 15, 16 and 17. Already delegations from Abie, Bruno, Omaha, Schyler, South Omaha, Clarkson, Dodge, Howells, Ord, Milligan and Ravenna have signified their intention of coming here for the tournament, and ladies organizations from Omaha, South Omaha, Schuyler, Crete and Wilber will be here to enter the contests to be held in the park at the local T. J. Sokol hall on West Pearl street.

The meeting will open on Friday, August 15, and the first day will be devoted to welcoming the visitors and getting acquainted among the different delegations, and on Saturday the turning exercises will start and continue all day, and at night a social dance will be given at the hall. On Sunday, the 17th, the tournament will be closed with a dramatic entertainment at the hall, given by the members of the Sokol Dramatic club of Omaha, under the direction of Joe Mik; as well as a social dance in honor of the visitors.

The city should see that on these days the visitors are received with every courtesy and the business houses decorated in a manner in keeping with the occasion, as there will be several hundred here during all three days, and it is up to the citizens of Plattsmouth to make the occasion as pleasant as possible for the visitors.

Will Play the Armours.

From Wednesday's Daily.

For the attraction at the Booster park next Sunday Manager Johnson has secured the Armours, a fast team of Omaha, to try issues, and a fine game will be given the fans, as none of the teams up there have got anything on our boys when they try to play ball, and when anyone wins from them they know they have been up against something. Make it a point to be on hand and cheer the Boosters on to victory.

A PICNIC IN HONOR OF THE ASSISTANTS AT PETERSON FRUIT FARM

From Wednesday's Daily.

A most delightful picnic party was given today at the fruit farm of J. C. Peterson, on Chicago avenue, when Mrs. Peterson gave a picnic for the pickers who have assisted them during the berry season, and an occasion of much enjoyment was participated in by about twenty persons, and all voted Mrs. Peterson a most pleasing entertainer. All kinds of good things to eat were on hand and were topped off by ice cream and cake, which served to round out a feast fit for a king. The crop of berries at the farm has been quite large this season and the owner feels very much pleased over the manner in which the pickers have performed their duties, and it was in recognition of their services that Mrs. Peterson gave the very enjoyable picnic.

The Stork Again Descends.

From Wednesday's Daily.

During his flights around the country Sunday morning the stork descended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith, near Nehawka, and left with them a fine new son and heir. The mother and little one are getting along nicely and Herman is just about the happiest man in the county and feels mighty proud over the new addition to the Smith family.