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CITY COUNCIL HAS A SESSION

Meeting Had Considerable Business to Transact and Did It Without a Wrangle.

From Tuesday's Daily
The common council of the city of Plattsmouth assembled last evening at the city hall to deliberate over what was best for the city's welfare, and the meeting was attended by all the members except Vroman and Lushinsky, and following the reading of the minutes of the meeting the august body got busy on the consideration of the matters of importance.

A communication was received from the residents of North Third street, asking permission to put on a six-inch sewer extension to connect with the main sewer, and the request was granted by a unanimous vote of the council.

The report of Chief of Police Ben Rainey showed that during the month of July twelve arrests had been made for various offenses.

City Clerk Wurl reported to the council that he had collected and turned over to the city treasurer the sum of \$30.70, which sum represented the receipts of his office during the month of July.

On the reading of the report of the city treasurer, Councilman Richey desired to know if it was not possible for the city to arrange to carry the registered warrants and save paying the interest on them, as at present, but the mayor informed him that as fast as possible the city retired the warrants, but there was no way they could carry them to save the interest.

The reports of the various fire companies were read, and as they had been approved by the chief of the fire department, they were referred to the fire and water committee for approval.

Police Judge M. Archer reported that some ten arrests had been made and that different disposals had been made of the malefactors, and that the sum of \$14 had been paid in to decorate the city treasury during the month of July.

The claims committee reported that after investigating the claim of L. N. Cummings for burying three dogs for \$1.50, they would recommend the payment of the same and a warrant was ordered drawn for the amount.

The finance committee of the council, after due investigation, recommended the payment of the following claims against the city: Ben Rainey, salary as chief of police, \$75; Frank Neuman, salary as police, \$65; John Fitzpatrick, salary as night police, \$20; M. Archer, salary as police judge, \$30; Olive Jones, salary as librarian, \$35; J. H. Donnelly, salary, \$3; W. B. Rishel, street sprinkling and sweeping, \$13.50; G. W. Haynie, street work, \$10; Bruce & Standeven, part payment of engineer work, district No. 1, \$25; G. P. Eastwood, nails to city, \$2.65; Nebraska Lighting Co., light to library, \$2.50; Plattsmouth Water Co., water for drinking fountains, \$2.65; Wilson Re-Enforced Concrete Co., twenty feet concrete pipe, \$10; C. Tyler, helping survey, \$3.10; Lincoln Telephone Co., rent and tolls, \$5.50; A. L. Tidd, expense to Lincoln, \$4; Frank Kalasek, street work, \$7; John Swanson, same, \$22; Al O'Neill, same, \$22; Alvin Jones, same, \$20.80; Chas. McBride, same, \$9; Chris Gobelman, same, \$43.60; M. Lutz, same, \$30; B. G. Wurl, expense for July, \$1.60; Weyrich & Hadraha, supplies to police, \$8.32; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at city hall, 50c; Edward Svoboda, work at cemetery, \$20; Tom Walling, jr., sprinkling the library lawn, \$4; public library, expense for August, \$2; G. P. Eastwood, rope, buckets and chain for well at cemetery, \$3.65.

The streets, alleys and bridges committee, to which had been referred the matter of widening

Marcer avenue, reported that they had looked after the petition of the residents in that locality, but were unable to find the proper lot lines and recommended that the engineer secure a lot line on which they could base a decision as to whether the street could or should be opened. Councilman Bajock stated that for several years past there had been considerable argument over the opening of this avenue and that as parties had some of the street fenced up he would like the matter referred to the city attorney. Councilman Buttery did not see what the city attorney could do until a report of the surveyor was made, and to this Mr. Bajock replied that it was because of the question of whether or not the parties having fenced up the street had secured adverse possession that he desired it referred to the city legal department. City Attorney Tidd, addressing the council, stated that prior to 1899 ten years undisputed possession would give parties the ownership of the street, but if the fence had been put in after 1899 or less than ten years before that the city could secure

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WAS IT THE REMAINS OF AN INDIAN?

Skeleton of a Supposed Indian Dug Up on the W. D. Jones Home in This City.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Yesterday morning while some workmen were engaged in digging for a concrete wall at the residence of W. D. Jones on East Vine street, on one of the large hills overlooking the Missouri river, they unexpectedly came upon a human skeleton, but not being aware of the fact of anything being buried there, the workmen broke the skeleton into several pieces, but from what could be ascertained from an examination of the bones it was evident that it was that of an Indian. The remains were dug up at the northeast corner of the house and the body had evidently been buried there before the house had been erected, which was in the early fifties. As is the custom with the Indians the body was buried upright so as to be all ready to proceed to the happy hunting ground of the red man, and this accounts for the fact that the men engaged in digging came unexpectedly upon the skeleton and before they could stop had broken the bones up quite badly. The men working did not stop to investigate the matter, and if they had gone on digging out the grave might have secured more valuable material that would have proven interesting to the student of early days in territorial Nebraska. The body, it is thought, must have been buried at least sixty or seventy years ago in the days when the noble red men claimed this section of the country as their own and roamed through the Missouri valley, the master of all he surveyed and before the settlement of Plattsmouth was even thought of.

W. C. Hamilton Married.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Among the marriage licenses issued in Lincoln yesterday appear the names of William C. Hamilton, of Red Oak, Iowa, and Miss Grace B. Wilkins of University Place. Mr. Hamilton was a former well known resident here where he was engaged for a number of years in the manufacturing of cigars and also in the conducting of a dairy farm until the death of his wife about two years ago, and since that time he has made his home at Red Oak where his parents reside. Mr. Hamilton will have the best wishes of his friends here for his future success and happiness.

When baby suffers with croup, apply and give Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil at once. Safe for children. A little goes a long way. 25c and 50c at all drug stores.

CONVENTION IN THE CAPITAL CITY

Four Big Ones for the Capital City in September and October.

Lincoln will be host to five large conventions during September and October. The Nebraska Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will convene on September 16th. Four hundred of the leading pastors of this denomination are expected to attend the conference which will last about ten days. September 25 and 26 the Nebraska Bankers' Association meets and the local bankers are preparing a program of entertainment that will excel any former efforts in that line. Prominent speakers from abroad will appear on the program, but the chief interest will center about the discussion of state conditions by local bankers. The Nebraska Association of Bonded Abstractors meets the third week in September. October 14, 15 and 16 will be big days. On October 14 the German Alliance will hold its annual convention followed on the two succeeding days by the now famous German-American parades. The city will be beautifully decorated for the occasion and the emblematic floats this year will excel those of former years in excellence of design and finish. On October 14, 15 and 16, the Odd Fellows of Nebraska will also be in evidence in Lincoln, those being the dates set for the assembling of the grand lodge; also the annual meeting of the Rebekahs, the Grand Encampment and the Patriarchs Militant.

While vast crowds are expected on these October dates no one need remain away through fear of being unable to find accommodations. The Lincoln Commercial club has enough rooms registered to insure the entertainment of all who come. Visitors who are unable to find rooms at the various hotels need only to inquire at the Commercial club to find comfortable rooms at reasonable prices.

THE AUTOMOBILE FELLOWS ARE GETTING WHAT'S COMING TO THEM

From Tuesday's Daily.
Today saw the movement by the authorities on parties who have violated the law of the state in regard to the regulation of traffic by automobiles, and as a result the court of Justice Archer was quite busy this morning with the mill of justice grinding out the different parties brought up. John W. Faller, who a week ago Sunday ran into the buggy of Max Pries and threw him out, was fined \$10 and costs for running without lights, while Frank Bestor was fined \$10 for speeding last Friday afternoon. E. M. Sinclair, superintendent of the water company, was also assessed a fine of \$10 and costs for running at a high rate of speed down Main street yesterday afternoon. There was a large number of complaints sworn out by the police of the city before County Attorney Taylor and some ten more offenders will be forced to dig up to assist in running the schools of the city. The matter of reckless driving has grown to such an extent that the move of the authorities was made necessary.

Found His Sister Better.

Charles Green returned last evening from Kansas City where he was called in company with his mother, Mrs. Joseph Smith, a few days ago, by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Williams. On their arrival at Kansas City they found the lady slightly improved and hopes are now entertained that she will recover from the attack of typhoid fever, from which she is suffering.

If you have a house for rent try little ad in the Journal.

MORE ABOUT THE HAVELOCK MYSTERY

There Is Evidence That the Rys and Dimer Boys Are Responsible for Own Deaths.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The case of the shooting of John Rys and George Dimer, the two boys found near Havelock last Saturday, seems to be shrouded in mystery, although the coroner's jury at Havelock brought in a verdict that Rys shot his young companion and then, in remorse, turned the gun on himself, as the position of the bodies and the fact that the powder marks on the body of Rys was faint, leads many to doubt the murder and suicide story. Charles Gradoville, an uncle of the dead Rys boy, who returned from Havelock Sunday evening, stated that the case was one that baffled everyone, as it was impossible to find a motive for the crime. He was also loud in his praise of the courtesy shown him and the relatives by Superintendent of Shops Ackerman, who assisted in every way the bereaved mother and family in their grief. The following from the State Journal this morning gives what particulars can be learned of the tragedy:

Though ten witnesses were examined and the coroner's jury was in session for three hours Monday morning at Havelock, the mystery surrounding the death of George Dimer, 9 years old, and John Rys, 16, who were found dead in a pasture one mile north of Havelock Saturday night, remains almost as much a mystery as ever. No one saw the shooting, no one saw the boys in this particular field and all that is known is that they were found dead, their bodies in a state of decomposition and their guns, a 22 rifle and a shotgun, lying a short distance from the bodies. Most of the evidence was taken up with trying to trace the path of the boys from the time they left home until they were found dead.

The most important testimony along this line was given by Edwin Nyden and Frank Humble, both 17, who were probably the last to see the two boys alive. Nyden said that he and Humble had gone hunting in a single rig and met John Rys and the Dimer lad on the Salt creek bridge north of Havelock and about a half mile from the spot in the pasture where the two lads were found dead. When they first saw the two lads they were coming upon the bridge where Nyden and Humble had been shooting with their rifle. Nyden said that his rifle had got clogged up and they asked the Rys boy for a ramrod. He said that Rys replied that he did not have a ramrod and then Nyden laid the rifle aside and they stood on the bridge and they took turns about shooting at a cork in the water. When the two boys came to the bridge Rys was carrying the shotgun and the smaller boy the rifle. They said they were thirsty and Nyden and Humble took the lads in a buggy and hauled them to the Moran home straight north of the bridge. Here they got a drink.

Another development which may throw light on the matter was the claim of S. M. McIntire when on the stand this morning that an empty cartridge had been found on the ground where the dead bodies were discovered. He claimed that this cartridge was found by someone and was given to a boy by the name of Dave Hartshorn. This was new evidence and would add weight to the theory that no one besides the two boys had a hand in their deaths. The jury asked that the Hartshorn boy, the boy's father and persons at the Moran home be called this afternoon in order to get at the bottom of the matter. The matter of the empty cartridge was one matter which the jury was anxious should be cleared up.

Dr. Ballard told of the post-mortem examination which he conducted. The fearfully decomposed condition of the body

and the difficulty in making the post-mortem. The coroner had a small piece of cloth cut from the older boy's shirt, which was examined under a microscope. Dr. Ballard said that the piece of cloth showed evidences of powder marks and he felt satisfied that the shot had been made at short range. The waist of the smaller lad was examined and the hole made by the bullet did not show that the shot had been at close range as nearly as could be told from such an examination and the state the clothing was in. The cartridges were filled with smokeless powder and this powder and this would have made fewer marks than the other kind, it was thought.

The coroner's jury met in the Masonic temple building at Havelock, and quite a number of people came to the hall to hear the evidence. The first witness on the stand was Mrs. Rys, the dead boy's mother. She told of seeing her boy alive for the last time on Thursday morning when she left home to go to work. She said the dog followed her and the boy was also coming down the street behind her. She turned to him and told him to take the dog back. She said he called the dog and laughed and seemed to be in high spirits. She had asked him that day about going to the fair and he had said that he had no interest in the fair. She did not know that he had gone hunting until she returned home that evening from her work.

Mrs. Rys stood up well under the examination and sat crying quietly after she had taken her seat until a brother of the dead boy, Joseph, the oldest son, from Chicago, came into the room, when she clung to him and sobbed.

HON. MATTHEW GERING RETURNS FROM CANADA

From Wednesday's Daily.
Hon. Matthew Gering returned yesterday from the east, where he had been in attendance at the meeting of the American Bar association, which was held at Montreal, Canada, and at which all of the leading and distinguished members of the American and Canadian bar were present. Mr. Gering was present at the session when the address of Lord Haldean, lord high chancellor, was delivered, and was much pleased with the powerful address of the distinguished representative of the English bar and government. The occasion of the address was notable also from the fact that the speaker was introduced by Chief Justice Edward D. White of the United States supreme court, the most exalted position in the world, and the gathering composed of the leading legal talent of the English-speaking world, was one that will hardly be met with again. At the sessions of the association President William H. Taft was elected as president of the association, and one of the pleasant features of Mr. Gering's visit at Montreal was his meeting with the genial ex-president of the United States. Outside of Omaha there was only one representative besides Mr. Gering present from Nebraska. The Omaha delegation included John L. Webster and W. D. McHugh, two of the leading lawyers of the country.

Little Child Burns Hands.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Quite a serious accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Vintersnek Saturday afternoon, when their little 1-year-old baby, in a moment when the mother's attention was called elsewhere, grabbed hold of a hot stove and in an instant the hands of the little tot were very severely burned, the left one quite badly. The services of a physician were called at once and the little one's injuries dressed, but the babe suffered greatly from the accident.

Do you know that the Journal office carries the finest line of stationery in the city?

THE AMERICAN ROAD CONGRESS

Twenty-Eight Organizations are Taking Part in the Great Meet.

Mayor Sattler of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, has been requested by the Hon. Logan Waller Page, President of the American Road Congress and Director of the United States Office of Public Roads, to name three delegates to attend the sessions of the Congress at Detroit during the week of September 29 as the representatives of the city.

Twenty-eight great organizations are taking part in the congress under the leadership of the American Highway Association and the American Automobile Association. In his letter to the Mayor, President Page calls attention to the fact that practically every state highway commissioner will be present and take part in discussing the important problems of road construction and maintenance, and that some of the foremost men in public life will devote their attention to the great question of national aid to road improvement in an endeavor to work out a policy which may be submitted to the Congress of the United States with the support of the organized road movement of America. The Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. David F. Houston, will be the spokesman of the national administration at the congress. An important move bearing upon state legislation will be made at the session to be held under the auspices of the American Bar Association, at which steps will be taken toward the formation of an official interstate commission for codifying and simplifying state road laws.

President Page calls attention to the exhibits to be made by the United States government, the states, and nearly a hundred of the leading manufacturers of the congress which will illustrate every known method, material, and equipment for road construction and maintenance. He urges the city and county to be officially represented, as the congress is in reality a training school where a very great amount of useful information can be obtained through attendance at lectures, inspection of exhibits, conferences with leading specialists in road and street work, and the collecting of the many instructive bulletins and documents which will be available for distribution.

The headquarters of the congress are in the Colorado Building, Washington, D. C., in charge of J. E. Pennycuik, General Secretary.

Here to Visit Her Sister.

This morning Mrs. A. M. Harlan, of Corvallis, Oregon, arrived in this city for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Burbee. Mrs. Harlan left her home on August 3rd and reached Georgetown, Ontario, on August 5th and remained there until the 8th when she left for Toronto and Niagara Falls and then took the Michigan Central for Chicago coming from there to this city to visit her sister for some time. Mrs. Harlan will go from here to southwestern Nebraska to visit a daughter and then return home by way of Denver, Salt Lake City and Portland.

Return From Wisconsin Trip.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mrs. J. H. Donnelly and daughter, Miss Gretchen, returned this morning on No. 17 from their outing trip to Watertown and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at Chicago, where they visited with friends. They greatly enjoyed the visit, although glad to get back home. Mr. Donnelly met them at Pacific Junction this morning and accompanied them home.

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