

CITY DADS LOOK AFTER IMPOR- TANT MATTERS

Much Street and Sidewalk Business Looked After, as Well as Other Matters.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening in the torrid atmosphere of the council chamber the faithful city dads assembled to take up what might demand their attention, and several matters of importance were handled by the councilmen that applied to the welfare of the city.

The property owners on lower Main street had a petition before the council asking that the street light at present located at Main and Richey streets be located there and not moved to Third and Main as had been ordered some weeks ago. The council, after hearing the petition, decided to place it on file and go ahead with the work of placing the light where it had been ordered.

W. H. Newell requested the city to do some grading on Marble street near his property in order that he could proceed with the construction of a permanent sidewalk that he desired to place there. On motion of Hallstrom the petition was granted and the grading ordered done without delay.

A petition was also presented from E. J. Richey and Mrs. W. H. Schildknecht asking that the east side of Seventh street from Main to Pearl be graded, in order that they might put in a permanent sidewalk at once. This walk is on the west side of the Richey lumber yard and the Schildknecht home and has been badly needed for the past two or three years. On motion of Bajcek the work was ordered carried out as soon as possible.

The request of C. E. Martin for grading on Ninth street was granted and the street commissioner will do the work as soon as possible in order that a permanent walk may be placed there without delay.

The report of Fire Chief A. F. Braun was read to the council, in which he reported the different equipment of the fire department in good shape and also stated that the fire hydrant at the corner of Oak and Third street was in bad shape and should be repaired without delay. The hydrant, he says, is set too low and makes it very hard for the firemen to make couplings with the hose, and in case of a fire would interfere greatly with the successful operation of the fire company. On motion the water company was instructed to place the hydrant in condition at once.

The finance committee of the council reported that they had received the books of the old park commission and had made an examination of them as far as possible, but successful work in this line was impossible, owing to the fact that the minute book and the warrant book were the only ones used and it was a very long job to check each warrant with the minutes of the meeting. They reported there was \$485 on hand belonging to the park fund and that the books be turned over to the new commissioners. A number of the councilmen seemed to think there should be a thorough investigation made of the books, but as this would entail the expenditure of quite a good deal of money, on motion of Bajcek, the report of the finance committee was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Patterson, Streight, Bajcek, Bestor, Lushinsky, Shea—6. Nays, Buttery, Hallstrom, Johnson, Harris—4.

The mayor then summoned the three new commissioners, Messrs. J. P. Falter, William Ballance and C. E. Martin, to the desk, where the oath of office was administered to them and the documents and books belonging to the commissioners was turned over to them and they were placed in full

charge of this part of the government of the city.

The finance committee of the council, after a thorough investigation of the following claims, recommended their payment, and on motion warrants were ordered drawn for their respective amounts: Peters & Richards, one crossing, Rock street and Chicago avenue, \$31.20; Smith & Son, two drag scrapers, \$14; Claus Boetel, burying one dog, 50c; I. N. Cummings, burying four dogs, \$2; J. E. Nemetz, expenses for May and June, \$2.28; Wm. Mason, salary foreman fire department, \$6.25; Henry Lahoda, same, \$6.25; James Kressek, same, \$6.25; Carl Crist, same, \$6.25; A. F. Braun, chief fire department, \$12.50; J. C. Brittain, secretary fire department, \$6.25; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$35.40; George Jacks, street work, \$22; Walter Thurnholm, same, \$46.40; Albert Jones, same, \$21.60; Charles McBride, same, \$22.60; Alvin Jones, same, \$20; S. G. Stone, same, \$34; Mural Parmele, same, \$34.60; John Swanson, same, \$24.40; W. A. Tompkins, same, \$34; W. B. Rishel, one road scraper, \$15.

The report of Chairman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee as to the grading on North Sixth street, in order that the residents on the east side of the street could put down their permanent walks, occasioned considerable discussion among the members as to whether the city should do the grading or have the property owners hire their own grading done, but the matter was finally left in the hands of the mayor and the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action.

City Attorney Tidd gave a short statement for the judiciary committee in regard to the protests filed with the county board of equalization to have the tax value of the Lincoln Telephone and Plattsmouth Water companies and the Nebraska Lighting company raised from the figures submitted to the county assessor. As a result of the hearings on the evidence the board reduced the telephone assessment \$10,000, increased the water company \$3,000 and raised the value of the light company \$4,000. The evidence in the telephone case was the same figures on the value of the plant as submitted last year, under which the board raised them several thousand dollars.

One of the best and most important things done by the council was in the passing of a resolution creating a special appropriation of \$1,800 for the extension of the sewerage system of the city. It is figured that this will allow the extension of one block of sewer each year as long as the appropriation is continued. This is one of the most progressive moves the council has made and the amount each year will soon allow of the placing of the sewer along both Washington and Chicago avenues that are in need of it badly.

Councilman Patterson brought up a motion to have the city pave the alley between Main and Pearl streets from Fourth to Seventh and tax the same to the property owners, but this motion was lost, as it lacked one vote of having enough to pass. Those voting for it were, Patterson, Bajcek, Hallstrom, Bestor, Lushinsky, Johnson and Harris; against, Streight, and Buttery; passed, Shea. This will probably be brought up later in the council, as some action in the matter is badly needed and there is hardly a property owner who would object to the small cost of fixing up the alleys. It is expected to use concrete paving in this work.

Councilman Buttery asked that the culvert on Locust street, which has just been finished by the county, have the fill made by the city to place it in proper shape.

There being nothing pressing after allowing a number of requests for road work, the council adjourned.

Elmont Preston and Ben Olive motored over from Weeping Water last evening to spend a few hours here with friends, coming over in the car of Mr. Preston.

MANFIELD O'BRIEN OF SOUTH BEND SHOT BY GEO. BARR

Murder is the Result of Attempt of Barr to Shoot Chief of Police Rainey While Resisting Arrest

DEAD MAN SON OF STATE FISHERIES SUPT.

Bullet Finds Lodgment in the Heart of Unfortunate Young Man and Death is Almost Instantaneous.

There was intense excitement all afternoon yesterday following the shooting of Manfield Bunker O'Brien by George Barr, and the jail where the prisoner was confined was visited by a large number of the curious. Barr was seen at the jail at 4 o'clock and was unaware at that time that the victim of the shooting was dead and talked quite freely of the shooting. He claimed that there had been no disturbance prior to the time that they had started for the river and that the shooting was purely accidental. He stated that Chief Rainey had caught up with them and inquired where Richardson, the partner of Barr, was, and he had informed him that he was at the river, and then the chief had attempted to arrest him, using violence, and he attempted to struggle with him, and when struck over the head had seized the revolver and was struggling with the chief over it when in some manner it was discharged. The story told by the chief of police and Officer Neumann differs greatly from that of George Barr. According to the story of the police as well as others, the trouble originated over a disturbance the men, Barr and Richardson, were making in a saloon, and that Richardson then started for the river, but on reaching the Burlington subway turned back and again visited the saloon, demanding a drink, which was refused, and he proceeded to call one of the employees there a vile name, and at this time Chief Rainey entered and took Richardson over to jail, and then taking his horse and wagon started for the river to secure Barr. The chief stated that as the two policemen came up with the wagon he asked Barr to accompany him back to town and that Barr, who was sitting on a fish box, kicked at him, striking him in the jaw, and Barr was then pulled from the wagon by Officer Neumann and proceeded to strike the chief several times. Officer Neumann in the meantime had turned the horse and wagon around to start back to town and he states that O'Brien was at this time some twelve or fifteen feet away. As they turned around Barr again struck Chief Rainey, who drew his gun and struck him over the head and then as he attempted to hit Barr the second time the gun flew out of his hand, falling into the road, where it was grabbed by Barr, who placed it at the breast of the chief, who struck it down as the gun was discharged, and the bullet intended for the policeman found lodgment in the breast of young O'Brien, who fell to the ground with his life blood staining the earth where he lay dying. The wagon was brought at once to the spot and the young man hurried to the city, where he was conveyed to a physician, but too late as life was extinct.

Coroner Clements arrived in the city on the 4:40 Missouri Pacific and at once started to arrange for the inquest by securing Drs. E. W. Cook and J. S. Livingston to perform the autopsy on the body, which located the bullet in the region of the heart of the young man. The jury was impanelled

as follows: J. P. Falter, George Born, William Starkjohn, George L. Farley, J. C. Linderman and Asbury Jacks, and the inquest set for 6:45 at the district court room after the autopsy. At the time of the assembling of the jury for the inquest the district court room was crowded with those interested in the case to hear the evidence that might be given. The surgeons were the first witnesses at the inquest, describing the course of the bullet in the body as well as its location when found at the autopsy. Chief of Police Rainey testified as to his having placed Floyd Richardson under arrest for having, together with Barr, gotten into a fight in Donat's saloon, and had then taken the wagon belonging to Richardson and started after Barr, who had started for the river in a livery team to secure the big catfish for young Bunker that he might be able to return to South Bend on the 3:20 train. The police overhauled the buggy and the chief states he told Barr to get out and come with him but that Barr had refused to come and stated that he was going to the river after the fish, and had kicked the chief in the face as well as struck him. Neumann had gotten into the buggy and pushed Barr out where he had mixed with the chief in a struggle and during this the chief testified he struck Barr once with the butt of his revolver and the second time attempted it when the weapon slipped out of his hand into the road, where it was grabbed by Barr who clasped it by the butt and placed it at the breast of the chief, who struck it down and the trigger was pulled as the gun was resting on the knee of the chief.

Chief Rainey stated that Barr had exclaimed, "Oh, I've killed that man." He did not recollect any threats from Barr as to shooting him. Neumann had come up a few seconds after the shot had been fired and drew his revolver on Barr and commanded him to drop the still smoking revolver. The chief of police had noticed the wounded man make a short convulsive movement as they hastened toward him.

Officer Neumann stated Chief Rainey had met him on the street and told him he was going after Barr and asked him to accompany him; that they had overtaken the party of Barr, young Bunker and the boy driving the buggy or spring wagon, and that Rainey had asked Barr to get out and come to town with them and that Barr had refused and stated that he was a better man than the chief and was going on to the river to secure the fish for Bunker, who was anxious to get out to his home. He had pushed Barr out of the wagon and saw him and Rainey in a mix-up and was some distance away from the parties as they started to walk away, and a few minutes later heard Rainey shout for him to come and take the revolver away from Barr and saw the weapon quite plainly as he fired and saw the young man who was just a few feet away fall to the road exclaiming, "Well, I guess I'm done for," and did not make a

move after that as the blood came gushing out of the wound. He had run up to Barr, pointing his revolver at him, and said for Barr to drop the gun as he had killed one man and if he did not drop the revolver he would fill him full of lead. He had accompanied the party back to the city with the body of Bunker and assisted in taking it to the office of the surgeon.

Albert Low, was the last witness examined by the county attorney. He was the young man driving the vehicle that Bunker had hired to drive to the river in to secure the eighty-pound catfish. He stated that the police had overtaken them at the subway and requested Barr to come back to the city under arrest and he refused, and they continued along the road to a short distance beyond the first bridge when Chief Rainey ordered him to stop the buggy, which he did, and he heard them disputing but could not see what they were doing. He had seen Bunker start toward the place where the men were and heard the shot, seeing Bunker fall and his exclamation that he was done for.

The coroner's jury after a short deliberation brought in its verdict to the effect that Manfield Bunker had met his death from the effect of a bullet fired from the hands of George Barr. Shortly before the return of the verdict Sheriff Quinton departed for Omaha, taking Barr with him, to be lodged in the Douglas county jail for safekeeping as the jail here is not finished, and will be kept there until his preliminary hearing.

Superintendent W. J. O'Brien and wife were notified of the tragedy as soon as possible and arrived in the city about 5 o'clock to look after the body of their son who was stricken down by the bullet from the revolver while he was simply an innocent bystander and entirely without a part in the quarrel or trouble but had been compelled to accompany Barr to the river in order to secure the fish he had come to this city after. The deepest sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien in their hour of grief and sorrow.

MRS. FIGHT ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MRS. W. D. HIGGINS, OF MANLEY

From Tuesday's Daily.

A most delightful gathering was held at the cosy home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fight on Pearl street yesterday afternoon. The event was a luncheon given by Mrs. Fight in honor of Mrs. W. D. Higgins of Manley, who is in the city visiting for a short time with friends. The rooms of the Fight home were decorated in a very handsome manner with American flags, white roses and green foliage placed throughout the house added a touch of beauty to the delightful occasion. The ladies present spent a most enjoyable time together in visiting and social conversation until an appropriate hour, when a most delicious and tempting luncheon was served to the guests in a very pleasing manner by Misses Margaret Hallahan, Minnie Guthmann and May Murphy, which added greatly to the pleasures of the day. It was late in the afternoon when the guests departed for their homes, delighted with the gracious hospitality afforded them, as well as the pleasure of meeting the charming guest of honor, Mrs. Fight was assisted in entertaining the guests by her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan of Omaha. Those who were present to participate in the pleasures of the day were: Mesdames J. H. Becker, Harmon Bestor, Leonard Born, Bennett Chriswiser, Thomas Murphy, F. R. Guthmann, Jacob Tritsch, R. Hemple, Thomas Glenn, J. M. Vondran, J. M. Meisinger, Joe Droege and Fred Wehrlein.

Mrs. Oscar McDonald and little daughter of Murdock arrived in the city last evening for a visit at the home of Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelley.

SPLENDID CASS COUNTY FAMILY HOLD REUNION

The Cook Family Reunion Held at William Kitzel's Home Near Alvo Last Sunday.

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On last Sunday, at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kitzel, near Alvo, occurred the annual reunion of the Cook family, one of the most prominent in the county, and whose members are among the leading citizens of the county. The relatives began to arrive at an early hour in the morning and by 10 o'clock the string of automobiles grew in size until the crowd fully arrived, when some ninety persons assembled to take part in the pleasures of the day. The fine grove on the Kitzel farm with its wealth of deep shade furnished a fitting setting for the delightful gathering, and here in the shadows cast by the trees the great table laden with all the good things possible to imagine was spread, and the company proceeded to put in a day of the rarest enjoyment. Several musical numbers were given as well as a most delightful reading by Mrs. A. J. Beeson of Plattsmouth, which was especially enjoyed by the guests. After the sumptuous dinner the company proceeded to spend the time in visiting among themselves until a late hour, when they all departed homeward to await another occasion when all the members of this splendid family could gather together.

Those present were: Mrs. Bina Kitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kitzel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weichel, Pearl, Fern, Delores and June; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stone and son, La Verne; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kitzel and little son, Kendall; Mr. George Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and daughter, Alice; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wheeler, Mrs. William Batterson, Lillian, Percy and Joe Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Valley and daughter, Marjory; Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole, Roy and Opal; Mr. and Mrs. Earle Cole and daughter, Lois; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, Delores and Chester; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, Solie and Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook, Wilma, Clarice and Leroy; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook, Nita and Francis; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cashner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dreamer, Ruth and Stanton; Mr. William Venner and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beeson and daughters, Helen and Virginia.

LOUISVILLE COUPLE MARRIED BY JUDGE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

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Yesterday Alfred Leard and Miss Goldie McCarver, both of Louisville, appeared at the office of County Judge Beeson and requested a license to be joined in the bonds of wedlock. On questioning the parties it was found that the bride-to-be was only sixteen years of age and did not possess the written consent of her parents, therefore the judge was unable to allow them the license but a brother of the lady finally secured the consent of the mother of the bride over the telephone and the parties were given the license, and then requested the judge to unite them in marriage which he did in his usual impressive manner, and the wedding party departed for their home rejoicing in their new found happiness.

Mrs. Joseph Novotny and son, Joe, were passengers this morning for Lincoln, where they were called on some matters of business.

Catches Very Large Fish.

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What may well be called a record-breaking catch was secured in the old Missouri river yesterday afternoon by George Barr and Floyd Richardson, the fishermen, when they landed an eighty-pound blue bellied catfish near the Burlington bridge. The fish is one of the finest ever taken out of the river and is of monstrous size, showing that all the good fish in the river have not been caught. State Fish Commissioner W. J. O'Brien has announced his intention of coming down and taking charge of the fish to use in the state fisheries at South Bend.

FRED W. YOUNG, OF LIBERTY PRECINCT, FILES FOR COMMISSIONER

From Tuesday's Daily.

Fred W. Young of Liberty precinct was in the city yesterday for a few hours and while here decided to enter the political arena by filing for the democratic nomination for county commissioner from the Second district. Mr. Young is a farmer residing a few miles southwest of Union and has not heretofore been identified prominently politically, but is well qualified for the office to which he aspires. While in the city Mr. Young made a call at the Journal headquarters and we found him a most agreeable gentleman indeed. This is the first democratic filing for the nomination for this office.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. KROEHLER, JR., AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

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The funeral of the late Mrs. George Kroehler, Jr., was held today from her home in Omaha, and interment made in the cemetery there. There were quite a number of relatives present from this city to attend the last sad rites of this young woman, who was cut down in the first bloom of womanhood by the grim destroyer, Mrs. Kroehler was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Goss of Omaha, well known here, and was a cousin of P. F. Goss, Mrs. Joseph Felzer, Mrs. William Schmidtman and Henry F. Goss of this city. She was taken sick last February with what soon developed into tuberculosis, and she gradually grew worse until death came to her relief Sunday, and she fell into the last long sleep. Besides the husband and parents, she leaves three sisters and one brother to mourn her death. Mr. Kroehler is a son of George Kroehler of this city and a brother of Andrew and Louis Kroehler.

MR. FRED HESSE OF THIS CITY IS MARRIED IN HAVELOCK TODAY

The wedding of one of the popular young men of this city occurs today in Havelock, when Miss Della Martin of that place becomes the bride of Mr. Fred W. Hesse of this city. For some time past Fred's friends here have suspected that he intended to take unto himself a better half and the suspicions have become a reality as the ceremony occurs today at the bride's home in that city. Mrs. Dora Hesse, mother of the groom, and Henry Hesse and wife departed for Havelock this morning to attend the ceremony that is to unite these two young people. The bride is a very popular and charming lady and one who is highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Mr. Hesse is a most estimable young man who has been reared to manhood here in Plattsmouth and whose friends are legion, and to the newly wedded couple will be extended the best wishes for their future happiness.