

CITY COUNCIL ENJOYS QUIET A LIVELY SESSION

Considerable Discussion Over the Light Question, but Time Was Extended for Investigation.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The settlement of the light question which had been looked for with so much interest by the citizens of Plattsburgh for the past few months, failed to materialize last evening at the session of the council, as the committee that has the matter in charge had failed to get together with the representatives of the Nebraska company on certain matters of the rates which they have been discussing for the past few weeks.

All of the members of the city legislative body were on the job when the mayor called the meeting to order, and the ball was started rolling in looking after the business of the city.

The report of Chief of Police Rainey as presented to the council shows that during the month of December nine arrests were made by the police force.

City Clerk Nemetz was quite active during the month and succeeded in rounding up a number of the occupation taxes that were due, and as a result of his industry had the sum of \$101.69 to turn into the city treasury for the month. He also stated verbally to the council that he expected to get in touch during the present month with all those who were liable for occupation tax and secure as much of it as possible and would at the end of the month be ready to turn the list of the delinquents over to the council to take such action as they saw fit. Mayor Sattler stated he thought that all should pay the tax or none, as it was not fair that some should pay their fee while the others were allowed to go without having to settle for the tax.

The report of Police Judge M. Archer for the month just closed showed that seven arrests had been made, three of the parties paying their fines, three being suspended and one remanded to jail to serve out a sentence. He had succeeded in gathering the sum of \$18 from the different prisoners in fines and costs and this sum was safe in the city treasury.

The light proposition was first touched upon when the mayor inquired as to whether the judiciary committee had the franchise of the McKinley lighting interests ready to report, and was informed that this committee desired further time in which to look up the matter and prepare a franchise that would be satisfactory both to the city and the McKinley people.

Councilman Buttery stated he thought it was time the McKinley company, if they really desired a franchise, got busy and the judiciary committee prepare a franchise to present to the council, and if they were not able to do so to take it out of the hands of the committee.

Councilman Buttery also, in addressing the council, stated that he had on a previous occasion requested the streets, alleys and bridges committee to have the crossings along the walks in his part of the city cleaned up, and the work had not been done as yet. Councilman Bestor of the committee explained this, however, by stating that the weather had been such that it was impossible to have the work done, as it froze up too much to allow the work to be done in proper shape. He, however, stated that as soon as possible the work would be looked after.

The fire and water committee presented a report to the council urging the members of the fire department to secure the location of the high voltage wires of the Nebraska Lighting company in order that in case of fire there might not be serious accidents from water by the hose striking the wires and carrying the current down to the hose, where it could easily result in the death of the nozzleman holding the hose. It was decided to have copies of the resolution placed in the fire house and published for a week in the paper.

Chairman Harris of the cemetery committee stated that there was an institution in the city that contributed greatly to the progress of the town and spent its money here and that the lots in the cemetery belonging to the Nebraska Masonic Home association being all filled, he thought that the city should do the right thing by donating several lots there to be used by the association as burial plots for those members of the Home who pass away. He called upon City Attorney Tidd for an opinion as to whether the

city had the right to donate these lots, and in his written opinion Mr. Tidd stated that the way for the city to proceed was to order warrants drawn for the purchase of the lots and have these turned into the cemetery fund.

Councilman Streight moved that six lots in the southwest corner of the new cemetery be donated to the association and that the mayor and clerk be authorized to draw warrants for the amount to be transferred to the cemetery fund.

Mayor Sattler suggested the cemetery committee look up the matter of having the part of the cemetery not laid out plated in order that the lots could be sold as desired. Councilman Streight suggested that a different system of laying out the lots be adopted in order that the waste of the ground could be overcome by doing away with so many walks between the lots.

Councilman Hallstrom of the light committee reported that while his committee had hoped to be able to get a settlement of the light question, there was still some difference between the Nebraska company and the committee on the figures for the small electric lights in the residence part of the city, which amounted to some \$350 per year, but this they hoped to have settled in regard to the contract. The light company had agreed to turn over their old franchise for a new one, after numerous meetings of the committee and the light company officials. He stated both the committee and the company had endeavored to be as fair as possible in the matter.

The company and the attorney for the company desired that the franchise and the light contract for the city go to the council at the same time. He, in reply to a question, stated that the rate to the individual consumer would be 15, 9 and 6 cents per gross for the electric current.

City Attorney Tidd stated that the committee of the council, the Commercial club and himself had met with the officials of the light company and desired the surrender of the old franchise of the light company, which would not expire until 1928. He has stated the terms under which the city would prepare the new franchise and pointed out to the council that in his opinion, to make the matter legal, it would be necessary to file a suit in the district court to annul the present franchise of the light company and secure an order of the court disallowing the franchise. A copy of the franchise that would be passed by the city should be filed with the suit and subject to the judgment of the court. Mr. Abbott of the light company had agreed to take the matter up with the bondholders and the mortgages and see if it was satisfactory to them. He had prepared a number of franchises and one had finally been secured which was satisfactory to all parties. The gas question had not as yet been approached by the committee or the light company in the franchise, and he would advise that the council issue two separate franchises, one for electricity and one for gas. He had understood that the light company desired that the franchise and the light contract go to the council together. The light company had drafted a franchise, but this was not satisfactory to the members of the light committee.

Councilman Buttery stated that the matter had been hanging fire for a long time and he thought that the council in general should be given more of an insight into what was proposed, as the meetings were the proper place to discuss such matters, and he desired to know who was to prepare the franchise, the light committee, the light company or the Commercial club, and did not think that it was the proper procedure in holding their meetings as they did.

City Attorney Tidd stated that he had met with the light and judiciary committee several times, at their request, and that he had prepared such franchises as they desired, as was his duty, and given his advice as called for.

Councilman Hallstrom of the light committee, in response to the remarks of Mr. Buttery, stated that all of the light committee had been present at the meetings with the light company with the exception of one or two times, and they had tried their utmost to be fair. If anyone else could step in and settle the matter satisfactorily they would be glad to have them do so.

Councilman Streight, for the judiciary committee, stated that if the work of that committee was not satisfactory that he would be glad to have the gentleman from the Second ward placed on the committee, as he was sure they were at sea as to what to do in the matter of the McKinley franchise and would welcome assistance in getting the matter settled.

Councilman Bajsek, also a member of the judiciary committee, stated that the committee had proceeded with care in the matter and had two franchises drafted, neither of which was satisfactory.

This matter that had created such a stir was calmed down and the light question, filled with so much interest, will be ready to again enter the ring at the next meeting of the council.

Councilman Buttery desired that the recommendation of the police committee for an extension of the telephone from the office of the telephone judge to the city jail in the basement of the city hall be made, and on motion this was authorized, providing the extension did not cost more than 50 cents per month.

Councilman Bestor brought up the matter of paying the partial estimate of the work in the curbing and guttering district on High School Hill. The report of the engineers covering the work stated that they could not accept this until after the freezing weather, but that it was customary in paying these partial estimates to hold the acceptance of the work until the job was completed, and that the city would not be obligated to accept the work by the partial payment. The sum, amounting to something over \$600, was finally allowed.

Councilman Johnson called the attention of the council to the fact that children all over the city had the habit of coasting on the walks, as well as skating on them, and he requested that the police be notified to stop this as soon as possible.

The finance committee of the council reported the following claims, which were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for their payment: E. G. Fricke, paint at cemetery, \$1.70; Nebraska Lighting Co., street lighting, \$142.70; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at city hall, \$4.65; William Hassler, labor and material to street commissioner, \$10.45; Frank Neuman, salary, \$65; Ben Rainey, salary, \$75; Joe Hrascky, nozzleman, Monroe fire, \$1.50; Phil Hubbard, same, \$1.50; M. Archer, salary, \$30; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$20; Lincoln Telephone Co., rent, \$2.50; Plattsburgh Water Co., water for drinking fountains, \$2.30; Plattsburgh Water Co., fire hydrant rental, \$868.30; Charles McBride, work at jail, \$3.75; William Gobelman, labor, \$3.40; H. M. Soenichsen, merchandise to jail, \$1; William Hassler, labor and material at jail, \$7.90; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$7.90.

After arranging for a number of matters of street work, the council adjourned and retired to their homes, after being in session only a few minutes over an hour.

MR. AND MRS. ROY HOWARD REJOICING OVER THE ADVENT OF A NEW SON

From Wednesday's Daily.

There arrived Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard, near Mynard, a fine new son and heir, who has announced his intention of making his home during the coming years under the parental roof of the Howard family. The little man is one of regulation weight and the object of the greatest of admiration from his numerous relatives. Grandpa Charles Warner is just about the happiest man in Cass county over the new addition to his family, while Grandma Mrs. William Wetenkamp cannot leave the side of the new grandson who has come into her life as a beam of sunshine. The friends of the happy parents will extend their best wishes for the future happiness and welfare of the little son.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

V. A. Kennedy to J. A. Root, quit claim deed to lots 8 and 9, block 7, Latta's addition to Murray. Consideration \$ 1.00
Byron Gaylord to J. H. Gaylord, lots 10, 11 and part of 12, block 20, Elmwood. Consideration 1.00
S. M. Porter to J. O. McNurlin, lots 10 to 13, block 4, Rector's addition, Weeping Water. Consideration 250.00
J. V. Hatt to Floyd Rainey, quit claim deed, lots 13 to 16, block 2, Stadelman's addition to city; lots 2 and 3, block 1, Donelan's addition to city. Consideration 300.00
J. V. Hatt to Floyd Rainey, lot 17, block 2, Stadelman's addition to city. Consideration 100.00
C. R. Jordan to W. S. Jordan, lots 1 to 4 and 10 to 12, block 2, Munger's addition to Alvo. Consideration 500.00

Miss Emma Cummins returned home this afternoon on No. 24 from Omaha, where she had been for the past two days visiting with friends.

IN THE BURLINGTON SERVICE FOR FORTY YEARS

George H. Moore Is Veteran Engineer in Continual Service of the Burlington.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The State Journal of this morning has the following very interesting article in relation to George H. Moore, one of the veteran engineers of the Burlington, who is well known to almost everyone interested in railroad work in this city:

When George H. Moore entered the employ of the Burlington railroad a mule was used for switching power in the yards at Monmouth. That was forty years ago today. Wood-burning engines were the rule. To put it in Mr. Moore's picturesque language: "The locomotives of that time would scarcely make an air pump for the big engines of today." When an engineer got a check for \$90 for a month's work in those days he thought he was doing well. "My fireman gets \$120 now and he thinks he is underpaid," said Mr. Moore. Thirty-year engines were common forty years ago.

Last night Mr. Moore presided at the throttle of the 2812, pulling Burlington No. 41 from Lincoln to Ravenna. That engine weighs 188 tons, 376,200 pounds. He recalled that he began on this run twenty-seven years ago, and that he then received \$96 a month for making the trip for which he now gets \$183. Then he drove a little class A engine ahead of three light cars. Now he drives a monster tonnage puller with from eight to twelve heavy cars behind him. "I'm good for another ten years of it," he said last night. "I'm a better engineer now than I ever was before."

During his forty years of service he has been in three smashups of some consequence, and these have served to keep him thinking about the other fellow as much as about himself. Six years ago, while pulling No. 6 near La Platte, he hit a construction train and some damage was done. Before that he was one of the engineers in charge when Nos. 41 and 42 came together on the Germantown line at Leahy. Once before that while on No. 5 near Cambridge a flagman forgot and there was a crash, but not nearly so serious as it might have been. Mr. Moore was not held to blame for any of these accidents. "Less danger of an accident now than years ago," he says. "The block system and the changed rules make railroading safer."

For twenty years Mr. Moore was on the Lincoln-Creston run—the hardest run, engineers say, in the west.

"Forty years ago at Galesburg, where I began, we had few officials. Every employe knew every official. Vice President Byram was then a messenger boy in the Galesburg yards."

Mr. Moore began with the Burlington at Galesburg. He began as a switchman and from that went up to engine foreman, yardmaster, train brakeman and conductor. His mother, then living at York, Neb., became ill and he came west to take care of her. Later he returned to Galesburg, worked a short time and then came to Lincoln. He was employed by Superintendent Bignell in 1887 as a passenger engineer on the Nebraska division or lines west, and ran his first trains between Lincoln and Grand Island. Since that time George H. Moore has been a prominent figure in Lincoln. At times he has been active in politics and in every move he has always been loyal to the Burlington. He is one of the veterans of the lines west, and of the system as well. He is a family-loving man and his years of service have been largely with a view to doing the best possible for his sons, and of these boys the veteran o. the cab is proud.

Col. Thrasher in List.

In the announcement of the appointments to the different positions in the state senate, made by the committee in charge yesterday, appears the name of Colonel J. H. Thrasher of this city, who is given the position of janitor of the gallery, and will look after the care of that portion of the senate chamber. It is not known whether or not Mr. Thrasher will accept the position tendered him.

Miss Ione Dovey and little niece, Baby Helen Jane West, were passengers to Wyoming yesterday morning, where they spent the day with Baby Helen's father, Mr. Carl West. They returned home last evening accompanied by Mr. West, who will visit in this city for a short time.

FAMOUS DOG SHOOTING CASE, NEAR MURRAY, UP FOR TRIAL TODAY

This morning the famous dog shooting case from the vicinity of Murray was scheduled for trial at the court of Justice M. Archer this morning, and the case attracted much attention, both from the neighborhood in which the trouble occurred and also here, where the young men who are the defendants are well known, and being very popular with their friends a great many were present to attend the trial. The case is that of Frank Marler, a farmer residing near Murray, against John and Walter Jenkins, Cameron Cathey and Morris Lloyd, all prominent young men of that section, and they are charged with having shot, on Sunday, December 13th, a dog belonging to the plaintiff and with having trespassed on his farm, and he asks that he be given damages in the sum of \$100. Attorney J. E. Douglass appears for the plaintiff and Matthew Gering for the defendants. The case was continued, on motion, until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the taking of testimony was commenced. There were a large number from near Murray in attendance at the trial and the keenest interest taken in the matter by the friends of the respective parties, and many were disappointed in having the case laid over until afternoon, as they were eager to hear the case and return to their homes.

BURLINGTON MAY PUT BACK PASSENGER TRAINS RECENTLY ABANDONED

It has been currently reported in railroad circles that the Burlington, which some two months ago took off their trains No. 9 and 10, will shortly place them back in the service, as the demand has been very urgent for their being placed back, especially No. 10, which was one of the most popular trains in the service, both through this state and Iowa, and, in fact, it has been necessary to place a local on east of Ottumwa to care for the passengers for the east from that point. No. 9 was the late train on the east side of the river and did not pass through this city, but was a favorite train for Lincoln from Omaha, leaving that city at 11:30 and reaching the state capital shortly after 1 o'clock. No. 10, however, was one of the best trains in use on the system, and for the visitors in Lincoln desiring to return to points in the east it was very convenient, as it left Lincoln late enough to give everyone an opportunity to look after their affairs, and for the Plattsburgh people who had business there it was certainly a great convenience. Upon the general condition of the country will depend largely what the Burlington decides to do in regard to the placing back of these trains, but it is thought along the eastern lines of the road that such a move will soon be started. While this city will not be affected greatly either way, the decision of the railroad company will be awaited with the greatest of interest.

Teachers' Examination This Week.

The regular county teachers' examinations will be held throughout the county on Friday and Saturday of this week. The teachers from this section of the county will hold their examination at the office of County Superintendent Miss Eda Marquardt.

E. J. Richey and wife departed this morning for Omaha, where they will visit for the day with relatives and friends and look after some matters of business.

A Reduction Sale of Boys Suits!

It is not often you can find bargains such as we offer you this week in Boys' Clothing. It speaks well for our boys' department that we have sold more than the usual number of boys' suits this season, and before Inventory we want to make a complete Clearance of all that's left. Here are the prices—

Boys' Knicker Suits, all kinds.....	\$1.50
Boys' Knicker Suits, worth up to \$4.50.....	\$2.50
Boys' Knicker Suits, extra value.....	\$3.50
Boys' Long Pant Suits, medium small sizes.....	\$4.50

Strictly cash. All sizes represented 2 1/2 to 17.

A whole window full of new ties direct from New York

C. E. Wescott's Sons Everybody's Store.

Our Manhattan Shirt sale goes merrily on—\$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.38 and up

FUNERAL OF CHARLES P. EMERICK AT LINCOLN TODAY

The funeral of Charles P. Emerick, formerly a resident of this city, was held this morning at his late home in Lincoln, where he passed away Monday night after an illness covering many months. Mr. Emerick was one of the veteran railroad men of the Burlington, having engaged in the service of the company since it was first inaugurated in Nebraska, and his service was almost always in the train service of the Burlington. He served with D. E. Thompson as an engineer and was also associated with E. Bignell during his active road work, and Mr. Emerick up to the time he was stricken down was one of the trusted employes of the road, and only the fact of his sickness prevented him continuing the work to which he had devoted his lifetime. In the early days of railroading in Nebraska there were few men that possessed the confidence of the leading officials of the road as he did, and in sending out trains the higher officials were always glad to know that he would be at the throttle. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. W. T. Scotten of this city and it was here that he made his home for a great many years until his duties made it necessary to live at Lincoln.

Mrs. Joseph Karnes of Omaha, who has been here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, south of this city, returned this afternoon to her home. Her father, Mr. Miller, accompanied her home for a short visit.

THE DELIVERY OF ICE THE COMING SEASON

Owing to the large investment of the stockholders of the Plattsburgh Ice and Cold Storage company in their plant in this city, the board of directors have found it impossible to put their business on a paying basis, figuring from the wholesale standpoint. Realizing that a plant of this kind and the large investment therein is a great help to the growing interests of the city and desiring to keep the plant in operation on a paying basis, they have arranged with J. H. McMaken and C. W. Baylor & Co., whereby they become in possession of the retail ice business of both these parties.

The management desires to assure the consumers of ice that no advance will be made in the price over last year, and that all possible care will be exercised in the service rendered. We will be glad, at all times, to consider any report of poor service, negligence on the part of employees, or inferior quality of ice. Numerous changes have been made in the arrangement of machinery at the plant with the express purpose of improving upon quality. A contract has been let for the drilling of a large well, which, when finished, will give us an artesian flow of excellent water, so that when the plant is opened in the spring we will be in shape to turn out ice equal in quality to that of any artificial ice plant.

The new arrangement will go into effect on Saturday, January 16th, and all patrons desiring the renewal of looks may do so by calling No. 138 or at the office of C. W. Baylor & Co.

There is no let up in our Manhattan shirt sale. You're getting some very remarkable values at big reductions. The "picking" is still good (except in size 17) for those who didn't get in for the first days.

Two big lots as follows:

Lot 1—Soft cuffs or starched cuffs, negligee or pleated bosoms, madras or percale cloths. Regular \$1.50 Manhattan shirts; now..... **\$1.15**

Lot 2—Soft cuffs or starched cuffs, negligee or pleated bosoms, fine madras cloths, many new novelty stripe pattern. \$2 values; now... **\$1.40**

TWO SMALL LOTS:

Lot 3—A few of each size in corded madras cloths, negligee or pleated bosoms, starched cuffs; rare patterns. Regular \$2.50 shirts; now **\$1.85**

Lot 4—A few left in sizes 14 to 16, silk and linen, negligee, soft cuffs, very choice patterns. Regular \$3.50 shirts; now **\$2.50**

Bargain opportunities in in Suits and Overcoats \$10 and \$15—see our windows.

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