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CITY COUNCIL HOLDS BRIEF INTERESTING SESSION

The Principal Business Transacted Was in Reference to the Light Question.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The meeting of the city council last evening, although brief in length of time, was one that was filled with much business and the councilmen lost no time in getting down to business and every member of the body was present when the mayor rapped for order.

The matter of greatest interest shown in the meeting was over the light question, and on this proposition the councilmen were all interested in seeing that some measure was taken to relieve the city of the high rate for their electric current used on the streets of the city.

The subject was brought up when Mayor John P. Sattler sent to the council a message covering the following facts as he saw them, and urging the adoption of a resolution which accompanied the message. In his message Mayor Sattler stated:

To the City Council:

The light committee of this council a month ago reported to the mayor and council that said committee, together with the manager of the Nebraska Lighting company, had drawn up a stipulation proposing that the Nebraska Light company surrender its present franchise and take in lieu thereof franchises agreed upon between the light committee and the manager of the Nebraska Light company for separate electric light franchise and gas franchise, and proposing the contract for street lighting, which franchise and contract had been agreed upon by the light committee and the manager of the Nebraska Light company and which the said Nebraska Lighting company and the Continental Gas and Electric Corporation were to sign and submit to this council for its approval and adoption, and the Nebraska Light company having failed, neglected and refused to sign said stipulation, I now desire to make some recommendations to this council:

1. In case said company within sixty days from this time sign and submit said stipulation, franchise and contract to the mayor and council for the mayor and council to take the matter up and consider same.

2. In case the Nebraska Light company fail to sign said stipulation and submit same to this council within sixty days I would recommend that at the time of the next annual appropriation and levy that the city proceed to create a fund for the purpose of building and installing an electric lighting system and plant of its own in the city of Plattsmouth, and providing a levy for that purpose, and within a few years said city will be able to install its own lighting system and plant.

3. I would recommend that this council pass a resolution proposing to the Nebraska Light company that said city is willing to pay for the lights now installed and which had previously been installed under the present contract of said city the sum of \$100 per month for the light service to said city, said rate to merely run from month to month, said city reserving the right at the end of any month's service to discontinue said service, that said city enter into no contract for a period of five years with the said Nebraska Light company until such time as said company shall be willing to surrender its present franchise and accept the franchise heretofore agreed upon by the light committee and the manager of said company.

4. In case the Nebraska Lighting company refuse to accept \$100 per month for its present service then the city to discontinue said service.

5. If the city should accept this policy it would be paying at the rate of \$1,200 per year for the present light service and would be able to create a fund of \$1,000 or more per year with which to install its own electric lighting system and plant.

John P. Sattler, Mayor.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The light contract here-

tofore existing between the city of Plattsmouth and the Nebraska Lighting company for street lighting service expired in the month of October, 1914, and no agreement has yet been reached between said city and said light company. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the City of Plattsmouth propose to the Nebraska Lighting company to pay the sum of \$100 per month for the present street lighting service, said proposal to merely be for service from month to month, commencing with the first day of April, 1915, the city reserving the right at any time at the end of any month to cancel its demand and agreement for street lighting service.

Councilman Hallstrom thought the resolution was good in every way, but favored going farther on the proposition and submitting to the people of the city at the coming April election a proposition of voting bonds for \$15,000 or \$20,000 to build a plant and get it in working order at once, which would afford greater relief to the city on the light question than the gradual gathering of a fund to put up the plant.

Councilman Harris of the Fifth ward did not think favorably of the bond proposition, as he thought that the city was paying too much interest at the present time and inquired as to the amount of the city's indebtedness and was informed by Councilman Lushinsky that it was only \$168,000. Mr. Harris thought that if some contract could be arrived at with the light company it should be done and the people not be compelled to vote bonds, as had been suggested. He stated that he did not desire to block anything in the interest of the city, but thought that the taxes were far too high at the present time.

Councilman Bajek of the Second ward stated that he thought the resolution as proposed by the mayor sounded the right keynote and thought its adoption would be the best plan. He did not favor the idea of issuing bonds at this time.

Councilman Bestor thought that the resolution was good in its intent, but thought that it should provide for a further increase in the lights that might be needed in the future. The mayor stated that they could be cared for by the resolution.

Councilman Streight also favored the resolution, but thought that the sum of \$1,200 was too high a rate to pay and that about \$900 would fill the bill in payment for the lights used in the city.

Councilman Hallstrom stated that the city had for years been compelled to pay a much higher rate than it should and he thought the time had come to take a stand on it, as the city had really paid for the light here in the rates they had paid for lights in the past. He conceded that taxes were high, but did not think that one or two companies should be allowed to hold up the city, as in that case the city could never get lower rates. He thought that if the bond proposition was submitted to the voters at the coming election that it would go through without much opposition, as the people were tired of the methods that had compelled the payment of high rates for the lighting.

Mr. Johnson of the Fourth ward did not think the question of bonds could be taken up at this time, as it was impossible to put in a plant at the figures suggested, as the operating expenses would take up at least \$1,800 per year and to supply the private consumers the cost of the plant would be much higher.

Mayor Sattler, in speaking of the bonded indebtedness of the city, stated that in the past few years it had been reduced from the sum of \$199,000 to that of \$168,000, and at the present rate of handling the bonds through the sinking fund the city would be free of debt by 1930, which had been the result of the adoption of a policy of providing for the caring for the bonds and getting them paid off as fast as possible, and with the gradual reduction of the rate of interest the city had been able to care for more of the bonds.

Councilman Harris arose and stated that he did not blame the present city government, as the bonded indebtedness had been placed on the city years before, but he did not favor further issuance of bonds at this time.

The resolution as introduced by the mayor was brought to a vote and passed by the unanimous vote of the council.

A petition was presented to the council from the residents in block 36 protesting against the paving of the

alley in that block, which lies between Main and Pearl and Fifth and Sixth streets. This was placed on file by the council.

Police Judge Archer reported that one arrest had been made in February and the sentence suspended and the prisoner ordered out of the city.

City Clerk John Nemetz reported that during the month he had collected the sum of \$136.26, which had been turned over to the city treasurer.

The report of City Treasurer Soenichsen showed that there was a balance in the city treasury at the present time of \$10,400.51.

City Attorney Tidd reported on the matter of occupation taxes, which had been turned over to him for collection, and stated that he had collected \$100 and had obtained a judgment in the Simons case and that six others had promised to pay up within a specified time. This was accepted and on motion of Lushinsky the thanks of the council were tendered the attorney.

The claims committee reported favorably upon the bill of M. H. Rold for \$1 for supplies to the police judge, and G. P. Eastwood for \$5.15 for supplies to the city. This report was adopted and warrants ordered drawn for the amounts.

Chairman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that they had examined the petition of Fred Patterson for opening the alley near his property and recommended that the subject be dropped. He also stated that he had talked with Superintendent Baird of the Redirection shops in regard to the fill at the foot of Wintersteen hill and that the matter could be arranged as soon as the weather permitted, as the railroad was willing to make their part of the fill and would like also for the city to join in the placing of a manhole there to carry off surface water.

Councilman Patterson introduced a resolution which was passed by a unanimous vote of that body and which provided that in the future the city would not accept bonds where one person had signed more than one. This measure included the bonds for the saloons, which will be filed shortly with the city.

The snow ordinance was read, which provides that all snow must be removed from the sidewalks inside of twenty-four hours after the snowfall and providing a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$10 for the failure to comply with this and imprisonment until same is paid. On motion of Lushinsky the ordinance was placed on its second and third reading and passed.

Councilman Buttery asked that the crossings on the avenues and principal streets be ordered cleaned by the street commissioner, and Councilman Bajek desired to include in this that the school board be notified to clean off the walk around the high school. Councilman Bestor stated that the commissioner would see that the crossings were cleaned as soon as the weather was such as to permit the removal of the coating of ice that formed beneath the snow.

On motion of Bajek the school board was requested to see that all snow was removed from the walks around the different school buildings of the city.

On motion of Streight the ordinance granting a franchise to the Lincoln and Omaha Light and Power company was laid over until a later meeting.

Councilman Lushinsky moved that the park commission be notified to remove the snow from the walks in the park without delay, which was adopted.

The finance committee recommended the following bills, which were ordered paid: Claus Boetel, burying one dog, 50 cents; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$20; Wargha & Schuldsie, repairs at hose house, \$4; Nebraska Lighting company, light at city hall and street lighting, \$134.61; Ben Rainey, salary, \$75; Frank Neumann, salary, \$65; Nelson Jean, coal to city, \$7; M. E. Manspeaker, livery to police, \$1; M. Archer, salary, \$30; Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone company, rents, \$3; J. V. Egenberger, coal to city hall from November to March, \$30.50; C. E. Wescott's Sons, six rubber coats to fire department, \$27.50; Charles McBride, street work, \$7; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$15.70; Lambert Lister, street work, \$6.40; Henry Lutz, street work, \$1.80. There being nothing further the city clerk wended their way homeward.

Sell your property by an ad in The office.

HANDS DOWN DECISION IN THE QUINTON CASE

Judge Begley Decides That Sheriff Quinton Owes Cass County the Sum of \$442.50.

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning District Judge James T. Begley arrived from Papillion to hold a session of court and handed down his long-looked for decision in the case of Cass County vs. Carrol D. Quinton. In his decision the judge finds for the plaintiff and that the sheriff is indebted to the county in the sum of \$442.50 for fees collected and not turned in, and which for almost a year has been the cause of much disagreement between the commissioners and the officer.

The fees in question, and which has been decided by the judge as should be turned in to the county, is that for taking prisoners to the state penitentiary, as well as the fees paid the county by the city for the care of city prisoners. The fees which were collected and paid to Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker prior to his office being placed on a salary will remain in his hands under the decision of the court as handed down.

The case involved some very interesting points of law and the outcome has been awaited with interest by the citizens of the county to settle the long-standing controversy, and the contention of the commissioners that the fees were justly the property of the county will result in the county treasury being enriched by several hundred dollars. The decision of the district judge will probably put an end to the case, as it is not thought likely that it will be appealed to a higher court.

In the case of John W. Butt vs. T. E. Parmele, et al., the motion of the plaintiff for a new trial was overruled by the court.

MYRTLE M. THIEROLF VS. GEORGE M. THIEROLF IN DIVORCE

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning a suit for divorce was filed in the district court by George M. Thierolf, of near Cedar Creek, against Myrtle M. Thierolf. The petition of the plaintiff states that they were married at O'Neill, Neb., on September 5, 1902, and later removed to Canada. The plaintiff claims he has conducted himself as a loving and kind husband to the defendant, and that in September, 1911, she deserted him and removed to Edmonton, Canada, where she made her home thereafter without the consent of the plaintiff and without his approval of her methods of living. He asks that the custody of the minor children be given to him, as they are residing with him, and the defendant is unfit to have their custody. The defendant is still a resident of Canada, and an order was issued by the court allowing service to be had by publication in the Plattsmouth Journal.

Files Petition for Probate.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning a petition was presented in county court by Mrs. Alida Blair, asking for the probate of the estate of her husband, the late Joseph B. Blair, of Greenwood, who died on February 21, 1915, at his home, leaving quite an extensive estate, consisting of real estate in Cass county valued at \$2,500, real estate in Red Willow and Morrill counties, Nebraska, of the value of \$22,400, and in South Dakota and Texas valued at \$6,500. Besides the widow there are three children as heirs of the estate. A hearing will be had on this matter on Tuesday, March 16, at 10 o'clock.

W. H. Caman of Beatrice, district manager of the Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone company was in the city yesterday for a few hours looking after the interests of his company, departing this morning for his home.

Opening a Grand Success.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The grand opening of the new Egenberger building and store on last Saturday afternoon was a splendid success and several hundred availed themselves of the opportunity of calling and visiting this handsome and neat store. The firm gave away several hundred handsome pink carnations as favors to the ladies calling at the store.

COUPLE OF ACCIDENTS AT THE BURLINGTON SHOPS, BUT NOTHING SERIOUS

From Wednesday's Daily.

George Black, employed in the Burlington shops, received a small sprain to his right arm today when a truck on which he was working moved out a great deal faster than he thought it would, and as a result he struck his arm on a step of the car and had it sprained. Perry Pinney, another of the new men put on by the company in the freight car department, had a very painful, though not serious, contusion of his right hand, which was caught between a grab-iron and a draw-bar with which the man was working, and these injuries were looked after at once, although neither are of a very serious nature.

DONALD, INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. ARMOR GAMBLIN PASSES AWAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hitt, in the south part of the city, Donald, the 2-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Armor Gamblin, passed away. The little one, who for such a short space of time had been in the household like a ray of sunshine, in his going leaves a sense of deep grief in the hearts of the parents and the other relatives, who had learned to love and cherish the little one in his few weeks on earth. The funeral was held this morning from the home at 10 o'clock, and the services were in charge of Rev. F. M. Druliner, pastor of the First Methodist church. The interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery. To the sorrow-stricken family the deep sympathy of the friends throughout the city will be extended. The mother of the little babe, as well as the grandmother, Mrs. Charles Hitt, are both quite poorly in health and the loss of the little one comes as a very severe blow.

STATE MEETING OF WOODMEN OF THE WORLD HONOR A PLATTSMOUTH CITIZEN

From Wednesday's Daily.

The meeting of the state jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World, meeting at Norfolk, is one of the largest attended and enthusiastic that has been held in years. There were some 200 in attendance at the opening session of the camp, and the opening address of welcome was delivered by N. A. Huse of the Norfolk News, and the response by Sovereign Marklin. In the election of officers for the coming two years, William B. Rishel of this city was chosen to the office of one of the state managers. Mr. Rishel has served as deputy for the order in this city and vicinity and has been a hard worker in the cause of Woodcraft and his election is certainly a recognition of a very deserving gentleman who is at all times alive to the best interests of this great order. Mr. Rishel does not make a bluster over his work, but believes in the old saying of "sawing wood and saying nothing."

Mrs. Hitt Quite Ill.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The friends of Mrs. Charles Hitt will regret to learn that she is quite ill at her home in the south part of the city, having suffered a breakdown caused by worry in caring for her daughter during her illness. She is in quite bad shape and her family and friends feel a great deal of worry.

TWO YOUNG MEN RECOVER SIGHT ON SAME DAY

Harlan Hoback of Near Union Runs a Prong of a Pitchfork in His Eye, Losing the Sight.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The following interesting story is found in the Omaha Bee of this morning in regard to the lucky escape of a young lad from Union from losing his eyesight, and many of the readers of the Journal will recall the facts of the accident that threatened the loss of his eyes:

Harlan Hoback, 11, of Union, Neb., and Peter Duhamel, 13, of Rapid City, S. D., met for the first time Monday afternoon under circumstances which aroused the interest of even the nurses, who are used to unusual situations.

Both boys were brought to Omaha about two weeks ago for the treatment of injured eyes, the Hoback lad having been injured by a pitchfork and the Duhamel boy having been shot by a "BB" from an airgun held by a playmate.

Doubts were felt by the parents in each case as to the recovery of the injured eyes, but prompt and efficient treatment resulted in the saving of both eyes.

The youngsters were taken to their homes Monday evening. Before leaving the hospital the boys were introduced and allowed to have a little talk between themselves. They told each other how "it happened." Peter said he would be wary of airguns in the future and Harlan declared he would be guarded about pitchforks henceforth. Boyish enthusiasm manifested itself as they contemplated the delight of going outside again and viewing the wide, wide world with restored vision.

Happier still were the anxious parents when they were told they could take their sons home and that the injured eyes were saved.

Dr. H. L. Arnold attended the Hoback boy at St. Joseph's hospital and Dr. Harold Gifford attended the Duhamel boy at the Methodist hospital.

The Hoback youth was helping his father, a farmer, in a barn when the pitchfork accident occurred. The Duhamel boy was injured while playing with a friend who was showing how straight he could shoot with an airgun.

THE SUBJECT OF A PONTOON BRIDGE IS NOW BEING AGITATED

From Wednesday's Daily.

There was one subject discussed a great deal last summer, but no definite action taken on the subject, and that was the question of the securing of a pontoon bridge over the Missouri river at this point, preferably near the Burlington bridge, where the river is narrowest. That there are a great many of the residents on the Iowa side of the river who would be glad to avail themselves of the chance afforded them to come here to trade there is no doubt. The proposition was suggested at one of the meetings of the Commercial club several months ago and it was then urged strongly, but allowed to drop and the good that might have been accomplished was lost as the summer passed without any effort being made in this direction. There is a great need for a better outlet for the city on the east, where a new territory lies that could be drawn here for their trading point. The ferry has done a great deal to relieve the situation, but the bridge would prove even more suited, as it would be ready all the time and allow of a great deal more traffic being passed over in a day than would be possible with the ferry boat. The matter should receive the consideration of those who are interested in such matters for the good of the city.

Osteopathic treatment is guaranteed to cure the grippe. Try it and be convinced.

Is Sent to the Hospital.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday Miss Anna Stroy, who is a resident of the vicinity of Murdock, was brought before the county board of insanity and examined as to her mental condition. After questioning by the board it was decided that it would be better to have the lady sent to Lincoln, where she could receive better treatment for her case, and Sheriff Quinton will convey her there at once.

A NEW COMPANY NOW ORGANIZED IN PLATTSMOUTH

Incorporated as the Joseph Fetzter Shoe Company, With a Capital of \$20,000.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A change was made today in one of Plattsmouth's oldest business houses, which while it will not bring any new management to the business, will place them in better shape to handle the interests of the firm. This morning articles of incorporation was filed in the office of County Clerk Libershal by Joseph Fetzter, Mary Fetzter and Henry F. Goos, of the Fetzter Shoe company, which will carry on the business of the Joseph Fetzter shoe store. The new company is incorporated for the sum of \$20,000 and the business will be in the buying and selling of shoes and other articles, as has been the custom of the store in the past.

This firm maintains one of the most modern and complete shoe stores in this section of the state and their stock is one of the finest that can be found in any city of twice the size of Plattsmouth. The same courteous and clever treatment of the customers will be continued as the cardinal feature of the new company, and they will make every effort to see that their patrons are given what they want in the shoe line at all times.

Mr. Fetzter has been engaged in the shoe business in Plattsmouth for the past forty years and his methods of dealing has won him a splendid trade, and many friends, who feel that in dealing with him they will always be treated right. He will have the office of president and treasurer in the newly incorporated company, while Mrs. Fetzter will serve as vice president. The position of manager of the store and secretary will be held by H. F. Goos, who has had charge to the greater extent of the management of the store for the past few years, and who for the past twenty years has been connected with this firm, and anyone meeting Mr. Goos can realize the genial spirit and uniform courtesy in dealing with his patrons that has assisted in making this store the great success it has been. As we have stated above, the same policies will be continued in the future as in the past, and the friends will find the same hearty welcome at this modern home of good footwear.

BURLINGTON BRIDGE WATCHMAN HAS EXCITING TIME WITH TWO HOBBOES

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mike Styles, the day watchman at the Burlington bridge, had quite an exciting time this morning with two hoboes who had crossed the bridge from the Iowa side of the river, and when Mr. Styles attempted to turn them back to where they come from they proceeded to make a warlike demonstration, and one of them knocked Mike down, and the two headed for this city, going down the tracks. The watchman, as soon as possible, called the depot here and the city police were notified, and Chief Rainey made a trip through the yards, but the men evidently were wise and did not make their appearance around the depot or yards. Mr. Styles did not suffer any serious results of the battle, although slightly sore from the manner in which the two tourists had handled him.