

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS A VERY BUSY SESSION

The Location of New Library and the Acceptance of the Work on High School Hill Created Considerable Discussion.

From Tuesday's Daily

The city dads last evening in their deliberations broke all records for a lengthy session and were continuously on the grind from 8 until 11:30 before they were able to get on their way homeward, having disposed of the business which demanded their attention. All were present to take part in the business of the meeting when Mayor Richey called time at the opening.

A communication was read from City Engineer Fred Paterson in which he stated that he had been elected city engineer by the people and that the city had employed outside men to do the work, and if it was not all right that he was blamed for it, and for this reason he asked that his resignation be accepted. On motion of Bajceck, seconded by Lushinsky, the resignation was accepted and placed on file.

The library board recommended to the council the election of E. H. Wescott, C. C. Parmele and W. G. Brooks as members of the library board for a period of three years, and on motion of Lushinsky these nominations were confirmed by a unanimous vote.

City Attorney Tidd informed the council, through a communication, that certain portions of Rock street on Wintersteen Hill, which it had been desired to open up, were subject to an ordinance passed in 1883, in which the city had vacated the streets. This of course prevents the street being opened unless through condemnation process.

The public library board also communicated to the city council the offer received from the Carnegie corporation to donate the sum of \$12,500 for a free public library building in this city, with the proviso that the city furnish a suitable site, as well as to look after the maintenance and care of the library through an annual appropriation of \$1,250. On motion of Councilman Bestor the resolution prepared by the Carnegie corporation covering the appropriation by the city, was adopted and will be sent to New York to the office of the corporation.

The library board also recommended to the council the purchase of the corner lot at Fourth and Vine streets, owned by Mrs. Margaret Mumm, and on which an option of ninety days had been served. The price asked for this property was placed at \$2,975. On motion the site was referred to the park and improvement committee for investigation, with power to report at the next regular meeting.

V. V. Leonard asked the city to grade along his property, lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in block 12, in order that he might place permanent walks and also to allow him to put in curb and gutter to conform with that already place by the city along adjoining streets. This was granted.

A petition from Harry Messersmith and others, owners of lots 6 and 7, block 171, for grade for walk was, on motion, granted and the work ordered done.

The communication from Mike Bajceck and C. R. Franz in regard to a grade for a permanent walk adjoining their residence property on High School Hill, was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee, as the work will require considerable of a fill on Twelfth street.

The report of Chief of Police Barclay for May showed four arrests, one fined and three turned over to the county.

City Clerk Nemets had enjoyed a very prosperous month in the one just closed and was able to hand over to Treasurer Soennichsen the sum of \$1,091 as the receipts of the current month.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance of something like \$11,000 in the treasury, and as there was a balance of \$1,000 in the building fund, it was decided by resolution to have a \$900 warrant taken up, which was the balance on the building owned by the city and held by Mr. Egenberger, the former owner of the building, and this will be taken up at once.

The fire chief reported that at the fires the department had experienced some difficulty with smoke, which had interfered with the work of the fire boys, and he thought that the city should purchase a smoke and gas helmet that could be used in the fires. He also reported having inspected the buildings down town and found them in very good shape, with the exception of one or two, and the owners had promised to look after these as soon as possible, and that he would send

this report in to the state fire commission.

Police Judge Archer reported one arrest for the month and the collection of the sum of \$8, which had been turned into the city strong box.

The judiciary committee of the council, to which had been referred the matter of the pasture on the sandbar, reported that they had investigated the matter and found that there had been no agreement made between ex-Mayor Sattler and L. E. Egenberger as to pasturing his horses on the bar and that it had been agreed to give him the sum of \$15 for the fence which had been used on the bar to fence in the pasture, and those who had stock there without paying for their use of the pasture be notified to keep their stock out, and that the sum of \$15 be tendered Mr. Egenberger for his fence. Councilman Shea moved to adopt the report of the committee, but at this time Street Commissioner M. Lutz, in addressing the council, stated that he had given an estimate to Mr. Sattler of \$15 for the entire fence, and that the share of Mr. Egenberger would amount to only about \$7.50. The motion of Shea to adopt was then, by consent, amended by Councilman Lushinsky to give the amount to be paid for the fence as \$7.50, and that the same be tendered Mr. Egenberger.

The streets, alleys and bridges committee of the council, through the chairman, Councilman Bestor, reported that in the matters of the curb and gutter in district No. 8 they had received the report of Mr. Standeven, the engineer, in which the work was not found satisfactory, but left the matter to the discretion of the council. In the report the engineer found the material used had been up to the standard required, but that the curb and gutter had not been finished properly and the curb and gutter not given the proper pitch in several places and other minor defects which were pointed out in the report.

This occasioned considerable discussion among the members after the report of the committee had been placed on file. Councilman Bestor thought the matter should be referred to some committee to get in touch with the contractor, as well as the engineer and try to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the question, and he thought that the claims committee and the city attorney should be the one to get in touch in the matter with these parties and arrive at some understanding.

Councilman Johnson stated that as it had taken the streets, alleys and bridges committee three weeks to arrive at a report, he did not think it fair to expect the claims committee to take the matter up in less time and make a thorough investigation of the curb and gutter and the differences between the contractor and engineer over the grades and pitch of the curb and gutter. He thought the streets committee should have accepted or rejected the report of the committee.

Councilman Bajceck stated that he would like to hear from the contractor on the matter, as the work was good from the material standpoint, but not satisfactory from the point of the manner in which it had been placed.

Contractor J. W. Peters was present and in addressing the council stated that the plats to be used for the use of making the curb and gutter had been under discussion at the Burlington shops between Mr. Baird, himself and the engineer, and it had been explained by Mr. Baird that while they could make the plates for use on the job, it would take some time and a lot of red tape to get to the work, and then the engineer had authorized him to change from four to three-inch plates, which were made in Omaha and used on the job. He had measured the curb and gutter twice and could not find the difference in pitch claimed by the engineer. He stated that he had interviewed a number of the residents along the district and they had been agreeable to the work done in the curb and gutter district, and that they would furnish a bond to see that the work was good to run for a period of five years.

Councilman Patterson stated that if the contractor was willing to furnish a bond to see that the work was satisfactory and the taxpayers of the district were willing to accept it, he did not see the necessity of delaying the matter further, as the road was in bad shape and should be opened up.

Councilman Weaver did not see the necessity of referring the matter to the claims committee, as they were not familiar with the work and would require several weeks to get in touch with the question with any degree of knowledge of what had been done and how it complied with the requirements.

Councilman Buttery amended the motion to refer the matter to the claims committee to substitute the streets, alleys and bridges committee to take up the settlement with the contractor and the engineer.

Councilman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee stated that the committee desired to get a

vote or expression from the members of the council in regard to whether or not the city desired the purchase of a traction engine for use in the street work of the city. They had a demonstration of the traction engine one day and the cost had apparently been per day the same as that of a team but that the tractor had covered a great deal of territory. A tractor to do the work desired by the city would cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000 or \$1,500, and he desired to learn what the council desired, as factory men did not desire to give demonstrations unless they could be reasonably certain that the city really desired to purchase a tractor.

Councilman Harris thought it would be a good idea to have a demonstration at a certain day when all the members of the council could be present to witness the trial and determine just what was desired.

Councilman Bajceck stated that if the city could save money by the purchase of a tractor he was in favor of it, but if it could not he did not believe in getting one, as it would cost as much as the work by team and knock out some of our people from work.

This sentiment was expressed by Councilman Johnson of the Fourth ward and Councilman Lushinsky did not think the city in a position financially to take up the proposition, and as it would deprive men of needed work, he was not in favor of it.

The light committee of the city council, through the chairman, Councilman Lushinsky, gave the following report:

At a meeting held on the 7th day of June, 1915, between the board of directors of the Nebraska Lighting company, consisting of Messrs. Manlove, Abbott, Baird and Parmele and the mayor and light committee of the city council, after several efforts to talk over and come to some agreement or understanding in regard to drawing up a contract agreeable to both parties concerned, for the furnishing of electricity to the city for street lighting purposes, we beg leave to report to your honorable body as follows:

After listening to the report of the Nebraska Lighting company, at hand, as to the cost of upkeep, depreciation, interest on money invested, overhead expense, buying of current at the rate of 2 and 2-10 cents per kilowatt from Omaha, less wire loss, etc., we finally set all these points aside to come down to a proposal which consisted of a proposal made by Mr. Manlove of the Nebraska Lighting company that the Nebraska Lighting company would install a meter, accessible and tested out by a competent man selected by the light committee of the council. This meter to be at all times controlled by the light committee, and lights to be turned on and off at the direction of the committee, the rates to be allowed to the light company would be 7 cents a kilowatt of all lights used for street lighting purposes only, reading of meter made daily by the light committee only, these rates to run from June 8th up to and including June 18, 1915, when all records of consumption of kilowatts of electricity will be laid before the mayor and city council for their tabulation.

These were agreed upon in order to provide a fair way to an exact knowledge of how many kilowatts of current it will take on an average per hour to run the present street lighting system now installed. Then the mayor and city council will be in a position to know what will be just and right to the city and the public and also to the light company in regard to rates we should pay for kilowatt of current used. After obtaining such figures, through your meter system now installed, the mayor and city council, if it so wishes, can enter into a contract with the light company to furnish electricity or power to a city at a rate that will be just and fair and not prohibitive to either parties concerned. We are certain that the citizens and taxpayers of Plattsmouth will agree with us that as a city of the size of this we haven't got enough street lights by far, and should be better provided for with lighting of the public streets, not only on Main street, but also in the residence portion of the city; provided, however, that such rates and contract can be secured by us from the light company which will be reasonable and just to the citizens and taxpayers of this city. The resolution as passed by the city council providing for a rate of \$100 for street lighting purposes is still in force and will continue to be so until the city can obtain a contract satisfactory and legally right to both parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
George Lushinsky,
F. M. Bestor,
C. A. Johnson,
Committee.

There were several ordinances to come to the attention of the council, including one covering the warrants issued for special improvements, and which would bear interest at 6 per

cent, and to be paid out of the general fund. This was placed on final reading by suspension of the rules and passed, as was also the ordinance to create and define curb and gutter district No. 9, which includes the alley paving on the north side of Main street from Fourth to Seventh streets.

The ordinance to define the material, size and manner of placing the foundations for gravestones in Oak Hill cemetery did not fair as well as the two preceding ones as, on the vote to suspend the rules, the vote was 6 to 4 in favor, but it requiring three-fourths of the membership, it was lost. Councilman Harris, the chairman of the cemetery committee, announced that the ordinance had been prepared for those who were having work done there and for their protection, and he thought that it should have passed, and as he did not care to waste his time in work to have it turned down, he desired the mayor to appoint someone else to the chairmanship of his committee. This, however, was not acted on by the mayor.

The finance committee of the council brought forward a resolution to transfer \$2,000 from the business tax fund to the road and fire department funds, which was passed unanimously.

The bids of the different persons for the putting in of the storm sewer on Washington avenue were opened and reviewed by the streets, alleys and bridges committee, but were laid over, owing to the fact that arrangements would have to be made with the county commissioners in regard to the bridge at Eighth street, and this will be taken up at a special meeting, as will also the library site.

The finance committee reported the following claims as correct and recommended their payment: G. P. Eastwood, supplies street commissioner, \$5.75; Nebraska Lighting Co., street lighting, \$103.25; W. M. Barclay, salary, \$88.85; Alvin Jones, salary, \$73.68; R. A. Bates, printing, \$26.91; William Wilson, salary, \$23.33; M. Archer, salary, \$30; E. H. Wescott, secretary school board, 41 old dues, \$6.90; C. Boetel, burying two dogs, \$1; M. E. Manspeker, street sprinkling, \$42.80; Ed Svoboda, work at cemetery, \$27.60; I. N. Cummings, burying four dogs, \$2; Waterman Lumber Co., material street commissioner, \$34.90; Bruce & Standeven, surveying, \$11; Frank Kalacek, street work, \$22.20; Harrison Sheldon, same, \$24.20; William Hiner, same, \$22.60; Charles McBride, same, \$29.20; Lambert Lister, same, \$43.80; Albert Funk, same, \$12; Chris Gobeiman, same, \$14; Joe Koubek, same, \$21; Q. K. Parmele, same, \$36; Roy McFarland, same, \$2; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$51; Gus Kopp, nozzelman, \$1.50; James Blaha, same, \$1.50; A. F. Braun, inspecting buildings, \$3.15; C. H. Lewis, burying seven dogs, \$3.50; T. M. Scarborough, nozzelman, \$1.50; J. E. Nemetz, expense, second quarter, \$1.50; John Weyrich, labor, 90 cents.

After considerable business in regard to street work, the council adjourned.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL NATURALIZES CITIZENS

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday was the occasion of the visit of the representative of the United States government here to pass on the applications for citizenship, and as a result a number of the residents of this county were granted their final papers and are now full-fledged citizens of this grand and glorious republic.

Evoid Ulrich, Frank Leipert, Michael Hausladen, Vincy Holly and Rev. J. E. Steger of this city were granted their citizenship, as well as Lars Peter Hansen of Eagle and George Vogle of South Bend.

Peter Land Christen, a native of Denmark, who arrived in America in 1875, and Peter Hansen Miller, a native of Germany, who arrived in the United States in 1887, both filed their intentions of becoming citizens, as their first papers were found faulty. They both reside at Weeping Water.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AS TO THE DISEASE OF CAT

From Wednesday's Daily.

A physician at Plattsmouth sent the head of a cat to the state bacteriological laboratory to be examined for rabies, but as it was not preserved by ice during shipment maggots had got into it and eaten away part of the brain. On that account it was impossible to determine whether or not the cat had the disease. The cat died, frothing at the mouth, on June 9, three days after it had bitten a woman named Hild. Two other cats kept by the same family died suddenly not long ago.—Lincoln Star.

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A Reporter of the Journal Surprised at the Improvements Since His Last Visit.

While making our regular trip to Murray this week we took a small journey on down to Nehawka to spend a few hours with the good people of that thriving little city of southern Cass. We arrived there just about noon, and learning that the Ladies' Aid society were serving dinner in the basement of the new auditorium, we lost no time in locating the place and taking dinner with them. We well knew just what we would find here in the "good eats" line, and we were not disappointed. The Ladies' Aid society will always give the best of the season.

After dinner we spent about an hour visiting with the citizens of Nehawka, and through the courtesy of D. C. West, cashier of the Nehawka bank, we were permitted to thoroughly view the interior of the new auditorium, the building that is the pride of all Nehawka at the present time, and once more we want to say that this structure is certainly a credit to a town many times the size of Nehawka.

We called on the new newspaper men, Messrs. Rutledge & Son, and found them pretty busy making necessary changes in the surroundings of the office and installing a new newspaper press. The junior Mr. Rutledge will have charge of the business, and he has the appearance of an enterprising young man and we believe will meet with success in the new field.

Our time being very limited we were unable to call on all the business men, but did make a short visit with J. F. Dale, the genial harness-maker, whom we found quite busy, but gave us a few moments for social conversation. Mr. Dale is enjoying a good business.

Down at Tommy Fulton's blacksmith shop we spent a few moments with the veteran blacksmith of this locality. Tommy has a great big shop in this little city and is doing a great deal of work in the blacksmith, wagon and repair line. He has most every piece of machinery that is needed for making his work easier and more efficient. Mr. Fulton is a good workman and is kept busy all the time.

Nehawka and Nehawka people are among the best in the land, and we are planning on making them a visit of this sort more often in the future than in the past, and will make a more extended visit with the good people of this section.

THE FARMERS BANK AT LOUISVILLE NO MORE

The Farmers' State bank of Louisville, which has been in existence for the past few months, has decided to retire from business, being purchased by the Bank of Commerce of the same place, which will take over the business of the new bank and handle it from the Bank of Commerce. The consolidation of the banks leaves the Bank of Commerce a clear field in Louisville. The safe belonging to the Farmers' State bank has been sold to the Bank of Murray, and yesterday was taken to that place, where it will be put in use at once.

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Base Ball

—SUNDAY—
3:00 P. M.

-SHAMROCKS-
OF SOUTH OMAHA

—VS—
RED SOX

The Shamrocks of South Omaha, one of the fastest amateur teams in that section, will be the opponents of the Red Sox next Sunday afternoon.

CONDITION OF MRS. GREEN AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Mrs. Charles Green, who is at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha taking treatment is reported as being about the same, and so far it has not been thought best to operate. An X-ray examination has developed that the lungs of Mrs. Green are apparently slightly affected and it may be necessary to have her go to some higher climate for treatment, instead of being operated upon, as was first thought might be necessary.

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