

CITY COUNCIL IN LIVELY SESSION LAST EVENING

The Library Location Virtually Settled, but Not by the Unanimous Consent of the Council.

From Tuesday's Daily. The city council at their meeting last evening took up several matters of very much interest, including the settlement of the library site question and the erection of a new city hall, both of which are probably the most important action in the eyes of the taxpayers, as it involves a considerable improvement to the city. All of the councilmen were present with the exception of Councilman Patterson, who was out of the city, and on the fall of the gavel of the mayor the members at once got busy in considering the matters of importance that might come up.

There were several petitions for sidewalk work and grading for permanent walks read, including one from John Ruehland, A. L. Tidd and C. C. Parmele for grading for a walk on the north side of their property on Oak street from Seventh to Eighth, as well as one from Mrs. Carrie Clouid in regard to a grade for walk on the south and east of her residence property on Main and Twelfth streets.

The owners of lots 1 to 6, in block 28, Duke's addition, Frank Kalasek and Ignac Straka, asked that grading and a fill be made near their premises in order that a permanent walk might be laid, as their property was the only break in a long stretch of permanent walk.

City Attorney Tidd presented a communication to the council reporting that the sum of \$130.90 had been collected on occupation tax and turned over to the city clerk.

President Tidd of the library board presented an offer from the library board in which that body agreed to purchase from the City of Plattsmouth the present city hall and lots and in return would convey to the city the present library building and the proposed fund of \$3,000 which will be raised this year by a 4 mill levy. On motion the communication was received and placed on file.

The council then read a communication from C. C. Parmele, in which he agrees to convey to the city for \$2,500 a half interest in lots 1, 2 and 3, block 43, and to advance to the city one-half of the money needed for the erection of a city hall, to cost not to exceed \$10,000, and the city to have an option on the remaining one-half of the above described property. The rate of interest on the money advanced to the city should be 7 per cent, payable per annum as rent, until the amount was cleared up. This is the property on the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets, where it was at one time proposed to put up the library building. A motion was offered by Bestor that the offer be accepted, which was seconded by Harris.

In speaking of the acceptance Councilman Buttery stated that while the offer was a very fair one and all right, still he thought that it should be given greater publicity and the people of the city allowed to understand what was going to be carried out by the city.

Councilman Johnson thought that as the rate of interest would amount to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400 per year, and that at the present rate the building fund levy would amount to \$5,000 in a few years, he was in favor of waiting until later before making plans for building a city hall.

Councilman Bestor inquired of President Tidd of the library board as to whether or not there was a time limit set for the acceptance of the Carnegie donation of \$12,000, and in reply Mr. Tidd stated that the first notice had been received on June 1st, and was liable to be withdrawn any time if they felt so inclined.

Councilman Bestor stated that the acceptance of the proposition would give the city a new city hall several years before they would be able to secure it otherwise and each year the amount of interest would be decreased and in the building fund would be accumulated sufficient funds to pay off the indebtedness.

The motion of Bestor to accept the

proposition was amended by Bajek to lay over until next meeting, but the amendment was lost by a vote of 3 to 6, Buttery, Bajek and Johnson voting for the amendment.

On the original motion of Bestor it was carried by a 6 to 3 vote, Messrs. Buttery, Bajek and Johnson again voting in the negative.

On motion of Bestor the offer of the library board to purchase the city hall property was accepted by the same vote of 6 to 3.

The ordinance authorizing the sale of the city hall property from the city to the library board was then read and a motion made to place it on the second and third readings by title, but this was lost, as a two-thirds vote was required and the three negative votes laid it over until the next meeting.

The ordinance to vacate certain streets and alleys in West Oak Hill cemetery was then placed on its first reading and laid over until a later meeting.

Chief of Police Barclay reported that he had secured the names of the delinquent automobile owners in the city and some seventy-five names were secured. The list was turned over to the police committee of the council to be taken up later by them and a decision made as to what will be done in the matter.

The finance committee reported that they had examined the books of the city clerk for the last six months and that they were found to be correct in all reports.

The report of the fire chief was referred to the fire and water committee for action.

In speaking of the work on High School Hill Councilman Bestor stated that the work had been checked somewhat by the wet weather, but that the first four blocks had been finished up and was in good shape and proved very satisfactory and that the dirt from the top of the hill would be used to fill at Twelfth and Main streets.

On the petition of J. W. Peters and James Jelik, the streets, alleys and bridges committee recommended that the work of grading for a walk be carried out.

Mr. Buttery asked that the streets, alleys and bridges committee take some action in regard to the work on the cemetery road, as well as the crossings near the K. S. hall.

The fire and water committee reported that they had examined the hydrant installed at Seventeenth and Oak street and recommended that it be accepted, as it showed fifty-eight pounds pressure and was in good shape. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Councilman Harris called the attention of the council to the cemetery and had the sexton cut the grass and was also impressed with the need of suitable buildings there, and on motion of Buttery the cemetery committee was asked to get in touch with the authorities in charge of the Catholic cemetery to see what they could do in regard to the fixing up of the building, as well as in having the old tree stumps and brush which divided the Catholic and Oak Hill cemeteries removed and cleaned up.

Chairman Lushinsky of the light committee presented a brief report of the engineers who had looked after the interests of the city in making the estimate of the value of the light plant in this city, and this was placed on file. Mr. Lushinsky, in giving a brief verbal report of the committee, stated that the members of the committee had spent four months in attempting to get a report on the lighting situation that would offer a solution and which included the lighting of the city by electroliters, but this had been knocked out by the efforts of outsiders, who professed to be interested as taxpayers. The president of the Commercial club and members of that organization had visited the different business men of the city, but could not secure enough signers to warrant the statement that the business men would install the lamp posts if the city would furnish the current. Mr. Lushinsky stated that there was no question but what more and better light was needed in the city, both on Main street and the avenues and that in his interviews with all the councilmen, as well as the taxpayers the sentiment for more lights was expressed and would be brought up later by the committee. No one should put anything in the way of the light committee in their attempts to aid the city in advancing, and the progress of the city should

continue onward. The city had voted a levy to raise \$3,000 for a public library site, and while he was glad to see this step in the way of progress, he also thought that a step should be taken to advance the city in the way of better lights, which were so important to the appearance and advancement of the city.

In the matter of the putting in of the sidewalk east of the William Holly building on Fourth street, it was finally agreed by the council that as the owner of the building desired to fill in the areaway under the walk that a smaller walk would be allowed on the east side of the building, as there is not a great deal of travel there.

Councilman Lushinsky stated that the park commissioners had agreed to fill in the lot at the foot of Wintersteen Hill and this would be made into a parking that would add very much to the appearance of that section of the city, and the clerk was requested to notify the park commissioners to go ahead with their proposed work.

The telephone poles in the south part of the city, which have in time past been the subject of much comment in the council, was again brought to the fore by Councilman Shea of the Fifth ward, who asked that the clerk notify the telephone company that there was a number of poles in the south part of the city in very dangerous condition, due to having been dug around and the holes allowed to remain as a menace to the passers-by and the residents in that part of the city.

On motion of Lushinsky the city clerk was authorized to certify to the county clerk the special improvements in curb and gutter districts No. 4, 5, 6 and 7, to be placed on the tax list. The city clerk will endeavor to collect a part of this before turning it over.

Councilman Harris thought that the city was not getting the proper work on the sidewalks and crossings put in, as there were a great many cracked and broken and he was desirous of having an inspector secured to look after the work. Councilman Bestor thought the work was satisfactory, but that the heavy tractors and engines passing over the crossing caused a great deal of the damage. The motion to have an inspector appointed to supervise the construction of walks and crossings was lost, and this will be looked after by the street commissioner in the future.

The finance committee of the city council reported the following claims as correct and recommended that they be allowed: Nebraska Lighting Co., street lighting to July 15th, \$76.02; William Grebe, special police, \$10; M. E. Manspeaker, street sprinkling, \$38; Loran McCrary, burying one dog, 50 cents; I. N. Cummings, burying two dogs, \$1; Martz Engineering Co., preparing estimate of value of light plant, \$25; R. A. Bates, printing, \$51.67; Q. K. Parmele, street work, \$30; Ed Snodgrass, same, \$26; Joe Koubek, same, \$40.80; Fred Clugy, same \$26; James Wynn, same, \$2; Harry Poissall, same, \$22; I. Kennedy, same, \$16; John Bates, same, \$6; C. Hanson, same, \$26; John Zitka, same, \$15.40; Mike Lutz, same, \$35; William Hiner, same, \$22.50; Harrison, Sheldon, same, \$24.75; Lambert Lister, same, \$27; Charles McBride, same, \$27.00.

After a number of street repairs were ordered the council adjourned.

CHARLES HITT, JR., MEETS WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday Charles Hitt, jr., met with quite a painful accident while engaged in playing at the Beverage home in the south part of the city. The lad was engaged in climbing on a post when his foot slipped and he was thrown back into a barbed wire fence, lacerating one of his legs in bad shape, which necessitated some seven stitches. The boy was conveyed to the office of Dr. Cook, where the injury was dressed and the lad made as comfortable as could be expected under the circumstances.

Mrs. E. W. Cook returned this morning from Detroit, Michigan, where she has been for a week visiting with her brother, David Hawksworth, who is ill in that city suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, and is now somewhat improved.

CLOSE OF GREAT DISSOLUTION SALE OF FALTER & THIEROLF

From Tuesday's Daily.

The great dissolution sale that was just closed at the store of Falter & Thierolf has been one of the most satisfactory that has ever been held in the city and the result has been more than satisfactory to both Mr. Falter and Mr. Philip Thierolf, who will continue the business of the firm in the future under his own management. D. D. Patton, representing the T. K. Kelley Salesmanship system, was in charge of the same and was able to dispose of the stock of goods in a manner that was very satisfactory to the owners of the store, and at the close Saturday evening the result was all that could be asked and speaks well for the handling of the sale by Mr. Patton. The store is closed until Saturday during the inventory of the stock and to allow of the making of final arrangements for the formal opening of the store on Monday next, when Mr. Thierolf assumes the reigns and will have full and complete charge of the store and stock of goods. It is expected as soon as the inventory is completed that the final plans for the opening will be made. The same policies will be used in the conduct of the store's business as has been in the past and the same large line of high-class goods carried in stock.

JOHN RICHARDSON GOES TO BELLEVUE INSTALL CABLES

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning John Richardson departed for Bellevue, where he has taken a contract for the installing of the poles and cables for the ferry boat that is being placed over the Missouri river at that place. This ferry is just being constructed and the promoters of the project, having learned of the experience of Mr. Richardson in this line, secured his services to assist them in the completing of the ferry. The ferry boat is all ready for service as soon as the poles and cables are stretched. Mr. Richardson had charge of the placing of the cables here for the ferry and also with the electric light company in the construction of their tower and the stringing of the wires over the river, and the success of this has demonstrated that he is right there on a job of this kind.

CASS COUNTY SUED FOR \$4,465 FOR INJURIES ON HIGHWAY

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning there was filed in the district court a suit entitled Myrtle Stock vs. Cass County, in which the plaintiff asks damages in the sum of \$2,300 for injuries received while the plaintiff and husband were driving along a public highway in Cass county. The road where the accident occurred is one-half mile northwest of the town of Nehawka, and here a wooden culvert has been maintained for some years, the plaintiff alleges in her petition, and that an embankment leading to the culvert which was not in the proper shape, and as the plaintiff and her husband were driving along there on July 1st, their horse shied to one side of the road, and sinking in the soft dirt, was thrown into a ditch by the roadside, overturning the top buggy, breaking it and also throwing out the plaintiff and inflicting serious injuries on her, as she was not able to be around for some time, and in her condition done great damage to her.

LOUISVILLE TO TACKLE THE RED SOX NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

From Wednesday's Daily. If the weather will permit on next Sunday the Louisville base ball team will be with us to give an exhibition of the great national sport, and if the "dope" on the visitors is right there will be a fine little struggle staged on the local lot. Last Sunday Louisville was defeated by the Brown-King team of Omaha in a close game by a score of 1 to 0, and only an error allowed the Omaha boys to score, while the Sox have been able to get away with the last twelve games played with some good teams and should be in form to do business with the visitors from our neighboring city. Huff of Springfield and Connors have been doing the tossing for the Louisville aggregation and they are supported by a good fielding team. The members of the Hose are all to the good now and in their present form are a match for any amateur team in this part of the state and will be cheered on to victory by the fans in this city, who are very proud of their ball team.

HARRY HORN RECOVERING NICELY FROM BROKEN LEG

From Wednesday's Daily. The friends of Harry Horn, the young man who was injured several days ago by having one of his lower limbs broken, will be pleased to know that he is reported as doing nicely and the injured member knitting rapidly, although it will be some time before the young man will be able to do any active work on the farm. He is compelled to abstain from using the leg until it is healed sufficiently to allow him to get around with a crutch.

Taken to Iowa.

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning Sampson Russell, who was complained of as being a subject for the asylum, was taken over to Mills county, Iowa, where he has been making his home and will be turned over to the authorities there as a fit subject for being cared for in one of the Iowa institutions.

H. M. SOENNICHSEN TAKING IN THE WINDY CITY SIGHTS

From Tuesday's Daily.

H. M. Soennichsen, who is spending a few days in Chicago taking in the sights of the Windy City, writes his family that he expects to visit the scene of the awful tragedy of last Saturday afternoon, and which has drawn the eyes of the entire country to the lake city. He is having a fine time and enjoying to the utmost the few days' vacation from his duties in the Daylight Store.

BIG RAINS YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT IN CITY AND VICINITY

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon and last night there was an almost continuous down-pour of rain throughout this locality, and at the Burlington station the government gauge indicated that 2 and 9-100 of an inch of dampness had fell during the twenty-four hours. Last night there was a heavy rain between 8:30 and 10 o'clock which made it very difficult for those who were down town to reach their homes. The street was well filled with the flood water from the hills and for some time it was quite a task to get across without a thorough wetting, but there is little or no damage reported from the storm in this city. With the large amount of rain we have had the ground does not absorb the water very easily and it soon washes down to the creeks and sewers in the lowlands, making quite a volume of water, but has been handled with ease so far and without the damage that has been caused in a number of the towns of the state.

NEW LIBRARY AND CITY HALL NEXT IN LINE

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MR. AND MRS. HARRY KRUGER MOURN DEATH OF THEIR LITTLE SON

From Wednesday's Daily. A great sorrow has befallen Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kruger in the death of their little 23-months-old son, Harry, who passed away Tuesday morning at 1:45 at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. The little one was taken sick on Sunday morning with a very severe attack of what seemed bowel trouble or appendicitis, and on the advice of the attending physician he was at once taken to Omaha by auto, where an operation was performed in the hopes of saving his life, but it was useless and the little one gradually grew worse until death ended his sufferings a few hours later. The body was brought back home yesterday afternoon by the broken-hearted parents, and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home, and will be conducted by Rev. F. M. Druiner of the Methodist church. In the loss of the little one, who has been so dear to them, the grief-stricken parents will receive the deepest sympathy of their many friends in this, their hour of deepest grief and sorrow. The attack of sickness of little Harry was very sudden and the blow fell on the family almost without warning and before they were aware of the seriousness of the illness the little one so dear to them had been called home.

Office supplies at the Journal of Ice.

From Wednesday's Daily. A. C. Reed, one of the employees of the Burlington freight car repair department, yesterday afternoon suffered an injury that required the attention of a physician as a result of his stepping on a nail. He was engaged in carrying a jack to the box car where he was working, when he stepped on a board which contained a nail with the business end protruding, and it entered his foot, making a rather painful wound, but which is not thought to be serious. The man had the injury dressed, but will be compelled to take a few days off as a result of the mishap.

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YANKEE ROBINSON'S ADVERTISING CAR ARRIVES

From Wednesday's Daily. The advertising car of the Yankee Robinson show while here distributed a great deal of the advertising matter for the company, as well as billed the city and vicinity with the announcements of the big show that is to be here on Monday, August 9th, and the further advertising of the circus on the bill boards and in circulars will be looked after in order that all may learn of the great treat afforded by this high-class company.

ESTIMATE AS TO THE COST OF THE CITY HALL AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT IS TO BE PAID FOR.

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STRANGE "MASHER" GETS HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE IN A JIFFY

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening while two ladies of this city were homeward bound they had a very unpleasant experience with a strange "masher," who intruded himself on them in a most objectionable manner, and as a result of which he was placed in jail. The ladies had come up Main street and turned the corner at Sixth street, starting north, when the young man started after them and shortly after they passed the corner caught up with them and made several advances, which were rejected, and he then insisted on accompanying them home, but was again turned down by the ladies, who by this time were quite alarmed, and as C. H. Fuller came along Sixth street bound for his home, the ladies secured his aid and he soon caused a great light to filter in on the "masher," when he gathered him by the arm and brought him back to Main street, where he was turned over to the custody of Officer Alvin Jones and lodged in the city bastle over night. The young man was very sorry of the mistake he had made, but it was decided that a little meditation and punishment for the offense would make him more careful in the future as to whom he stopped to lavish his fascinations and offer his company. The ladies were quite badly frightened by the experience and lost little time in getting home after the man was taken away.

A. C. REED INJURES FOOT BY STEPPING ON A NAIL

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