

## THE CITY COUNCIL HELD VERY BRIEF SESSION

While the Session Was Comparatively Brief There Was Considerable Business Transacted.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The meeting of the city council last evening was one that was quite interesting and a number of matters pertaining to the welfare of the city were taken up and discussed by the city dads.

Thomas Wiles presented a communication to the council in which he stated that he had wired his residence for electric lights and the light company had asked the sum of \$20 to put the service into the residence and he sought to have the city secure some relief for him. Councilman Bestor moved that the communication be referred to the light committee to see if they could not secure relief for Mr. Wiles in some way. Councilman Buttery stated that the distance to run the line to the Wiles property was a block and a half and that a similar condition existed at the home of C. W. Hula and he thought where the people had gone to the trouble of wiring their homes they should have service. This was finally referred to the light committee for action and they will take it up with the light company.

A number of residents on West Oak street presented a petition to the council asking that the water mains be extended on that street for a few blocks. On motion of Bajcek, seconded by Buttery, this was referred to the fire and water committee.

The names of the new officers of the fire department were then read, and on motion were confirmed as the official appointees of the city to the various positions.

The city clerk reported that twenty-three of the merchants of the city had failed to comply with the occupation tax ordinance and he desired to have the matter taken up with the city attorney for some action.

Councilman Bajcek amended the motion that the city attorney take such legal steps that would be necessary to collect the occupation tax due, as well as the occupation tax due for the holding of the auction sale in this city the past two weeks, as he did not think it right to allow them to get away with the money when the other merchants were paying their taxes to be protected in this matter. Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that the city attorney should proceed to take such steps as were necessary to collect the money for the city.

The judiciary committee, through Chairman Maury, reported that they had investigated the protest of Mrs. Laura G. Marshall against the proposed change in the grade on North Seventh street, and they reported that the proposed change in the grade should not be made as it would do a great deal of damage to the property.

The judiciary committee of the council also reported that during the year 1915 there had been paid out by the city something over \$7,000 in salaries in all the departments of the city government and these figures had been prepared for the use of the city in case it was desired to take up the liability insurance plan as outlined at the last meeting of the council.

Councilman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that the blue prints of the avenues, with their width and the curb lines, had been received by him and on motion the city attorney was instructed to look the matter up and report as to how the paving tax could be levied on the different properties adjoining Washington avenue and whether or not the city could be compelled to merely tax the property along the avenue itself or the adjoining lots to the avenue.

Chairman Johnson of the fire and water committee reported that they had investigated the matter of the equipping of the hose house which is to be erected in the south part of the city and found that the output for the hose cart would be in the neighborhood of from \$65 to \$70 and the hose could be procured at \$1 per foot for the same kind that was in use at the present time by the city. It was finally agreed that the city go ahead and

erect the hose house and fit it up with a cart and 500 feet of hose.

Mr. Johnson also reported that the gas and smoke helmet which the city had ordered was here and could be secured by the fire department from the city clerk, and that the \$25 with the privilege of a thirty days' test. On motion of Lushinsky the committee and fire chief were instructed to test out the helmet.

On motion of Councilman Harris the committee was instructed to go ahead and build the fire house, using concrete blocks for the foundation and filling the floor with cinders.

The matter of insuring the city employees under the employers' liability act was then brought up and after hearing the statements of Mr. Dagnell, the representative of the company proposing to take up the matter, it was finally agreed to accept the proposition of the company to assume the liability of the city in case of accident or injury to any of the city employees. The insurance for all departments of the city will total the sum of \$153.41 per year, which is very cheap and relieves the city of a great deal of responsibility in the future. On inquiry City Attorney Judge Douglass stated that while the law was not compulsory, it was a measure of protection and saved the city from the possibility of defending a damage suit.

Councilman Patterson requested that the property owners on North Sixth street be requested to fix up their lawns and parking so that the mud and dirt would not wash down on the sidewalks and make travel very hard along this street.

Councilman Bajcek, in addressing the council, stated that while the city was about to start in on the spring work in the concrete line, he thought it would be a mighty good idea for the city to prepare to do their own concrete work instead of having it let by contract, and he thought that it would be money in the city treasury in the long run and better work could be secured in the crossing, of which very few were really what they should be, and in addition to this the curb and gutter work could be carried out by the city much cheaper by doing the work themselves.

In discussing the fact of the canvassers who had worked over the city in the last few weeks, Mr. Bestor called the attention of the council to the fact that they had claimed that owing to the interstate commerce act they could not be interfered with, but this was not the opinion of City Attorney Douglass, who stated that there was nothing to stop them from being compelled to pay an occupation tax. Chief Barclay stated that if the council was desirous he would have the men down before the court at once to either dig up the license money or quit business.

The finance committee reported the following claims as correct and the same were ordered paid: C. Boetel, burying one dog, 50 cents; C. E. Hartford, coal to city jail, \$2.70; Nelson Jean, coal to city jail, \$6.50; James Robertson, fee bill Perry vs. City of Plattsmouth, \$63.80; George Carnes, street work, \$4; Charles McBride, street work, \$14.40; Mike Cranes, street work, \$23.20; Mike Lutz, street work, \$31.50.

## W. F. GILLESPIE FILES SUIT AGAINST MISSOURI PACIFIC R. R.

From Wednesday's Daily.

William F. Gillespie, the Mynard grain dealer, has filed in Justice Archer's court a suit against the Missouri Pacific Railroad company in which he desires to recover damage for \$51.30 and the costs in the case for a shortage in grain that was shipped over the road of the defendant company. In the petition it is stated that during January, 1916, the plaintiff loaded in car No. 39043, belong to the defendant, 86,602 pounds of No. 4 hard wheat for shipment to Omaha, and that on the arrival of the car at Omaha it contained only 83,140 pounds of wheat, or 2,880 pounds less than when loaded at Mynard. This is one of several suits filed by Mr. Gillespie against the Missouri Pacific for grain shortage, and there is one suit on the docket in the district court for \$600, and the several suits aggregate quite a large sum of money.

Come to The Journal for fine stationery.

## TWO THIEVES IN THE ARMS OF THE LAW

Break Into a Bank Car and Steal a Suit of Clothes, Shoes and Other Articles.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening shortly after 5 o'clock one of the men who resides in the bunk car near the Burlington depot returned to his abode and discovered that the lock on the door was broken, and a further investigation of the matter revealed the loss of a suit of clothes, as well as a pair of new shoes and several shirts. He at once came up town and reported the loss to Chief of Police Brelay, who, with Officer Wilson, hastened to the Burlington right-of-way and rounded up all the tramps and floaters that could be found there and brought them up to the city jail, where they were examined, but none of the missing articles found, but one of the men reported that they had saw two men with heavily laden sacks bound toward the Burlington bridge, and here the officers hastened, and Officer Wilson continued up the cut toward the bridge in pursuit of two negroes who were reported as being headed that way, and as he came through the cut was attracted by the light of a fire up on the bank and decided to investigate, as the negroes were found to not be the robbers, and as Wilson came on the camping party he discovered that they answered the description of the men seen headed toward the bridge with the sacks, and he at once got them under way down toward the track where Chief Barclay and Officer Jones were waiting, as they reached the cut just as the two men were driven out by Officer Wilson, and the three officers proceeded to bring the men up town and lodge them in the city jail, where their sacks were searched and the missing articles found.

The prompt manner in which the police got action in the matter is most commendable, and every member of the force was right on the job in locating the thieves, and it was only a little over an hour and a half after the robbery was reported until the men were safe and sound in jail and the owner of the goods had them restored to him.

It was necessary, owing to the absence of County Attorney Cole from the city today, to postpone the hearing of the men charged with the robbery. Both of the robbers are tramps and apparently have no permanent home. The value of the goods taken from the bank car was between \$25 and \$30.

## LARGE CROWD AT WAGNER'S LUNCH ROOM AT NOON SUNDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Sunday the restaurant and lunch room of Fred Wagner, on upper Main street, was well filled at the noon hour, when he served his first Sunday special dinners, which were tempting in every way and a great number were present to enjoy the delightful menu which had been prepared for the occasion, and with the special efforts made by Mr. Wagner for the occasion it is needless to say that the dinner was one of the rarest enjoyment to everyone and there was nothing lacking to make it most delightful. These Sunday dinners are to be a feature of the new restaurant since its enlargement and the first dinner has proven a revelation to the public as to what they can secure for a small sum at this modern and classy eating place.

George M. Hild Quite Sick.

From Wednesday's Daily.

George M. Hild has been confined to his home for the past few days suffering from an attack of erysipelas, and is reported as being about the same, and while getting along very nicely will be confined to his home for some time from the malady. The friends of Mr. Hild will regret greatly to learn of his illness, but hope that he may soon recover and be able to be with them again, restored to his usual state of health.

FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5 1/2 per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock.

## MRS. BEESON WAS OPERATED UPON YESTERDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday Mrs. Allen J. Beeson was operated on at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha and the operation is reported as being a success in every way and the patient feeling as well as possible under the conditions. This will be very pleasing to the friends of the estimable lady and they trust that she may continue to show improvement. The operation was for the removal of an abscess from the side and was very successful. The apparent success of the operation has given her family and friends a great deal of encouragement.

## FRANK H. STEPPAT AND WIFE MAKES AN EXPLANATION

From Tuesday's Daily.

To the Editor of the Plattsmouth Evening Journal:

In the editorial column of your issue of last evening under the heading "Something Doing in Town Saturday Eve," your reporter gave an account of the attack made upon me by Mr. Fritz Hirz, and while no names were mentioned, yet I was given as much blame as my opponent for the fight.

While as above stated no names were given in the article, yet everybody knows who the parties were, the same as if the names had been given. The facts concerning the matter, which are not disputed at all by Mr. Hirz, are that while my wife and I were going peacefully and quietly south on Seventh street towards the livery barn to secure a team to go home, Mr. Hirz, who had become angered at me, quickly came up to our side and struck me a severe blow which felled me to the ground. If he was injured by a knife, I knew nothing of it, and he does not accuse me of committing the injury.

I have never sought any trouble, always meaning to be law-abiding, and did not start this trouble, and was not responsible for it, excepting that I was the victim assaulted.

I wish to state that when Mr. Hirz was brought before the court and the prosecuting attorney he plead guilty to the assault and paid his fine and costs, and in a very manly way apologized to myself and wife and promised to treat us friendly, and we in turn have forgiven him for the wrong, and our desire is to be friendly and neighborly, but I do not wish to rest under the insinuation in your article that I had a part in bringing on this trouble. So far as I am concerned I expect to forget the trouble between myself and Mr. Hirz, and if he is willing to let the matter drop, as he states, I will certainly treat him as I have promised.

Frank H. Steppat.  
Mrs. Frank Steppat.

## MR. AND MRS. MILLER OF ORD GUEST AT STEINHAEUER HOME

From Tuesday's Daily.

Theodore Miller and wife of Ord, Nebraska, are here enjoying a visit at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Steinhauer, as Mr. Steinhauer and Mrs. Miller are brother and sister, and also at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Tipton at the Platte river bridge, Mrs. Tipton being a sister of Mr. Miller. The Miller family are among the most prominent in the vicinity of Ord, where they are engaged in farming, and it has been some time since they have been able to visit the old home in Plattsmouth. While in the city Mr. Miller called at the Journal office and renewed for the Ord Reliable for another year.

Dr. Frank D. Burgess Improving.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Dr. Frank D. Burgess of Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, who was operated on at the St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha on Saturday last, is reported as getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and the short time following the operation. Dr. Burgess will be remembered here as the son of the late Canon H. B. Burgess, and is well known to a great many of the older residents of the city.

## ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT OF CASS COUNTY DIES

Benjamin Marler Died Yesterday Afternoon of Pneumonia, at the Advanced Age of 96 Years.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Benjamin Marler, one of the oldest residents of Cass county, passed away at his home at Mynard at the ripe old age of 96 years, 3 months and 1 day. Mr. Marler, who was quite active and vigorous for his age, had been ill only a short time suffering from pneumonia, but at his great age was unable to withstand the attack of the malady and passed peacefully away yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Marler was a native of Tennessee, where he spent his younger days, later moving to the state of Kentucky, and in 1856 came to Nebraska and settled in Cass county. Here he has made his home and reared his family and won a great many warm friends by his many good qualities and sturdy manhood. Engaging in farming the greater part of the time up until his age made it necessary for him to retire from active work of this kind, he has since been engaged in the care of his home at Mynard and doing such labor as was possible for him. Of a pleasing and gentle disposition, Mr. Marler made many friends and his death will be deeply regretted in the community where he has so long resided. He leaves besides his widow, five children, two sons and three daughters—Frank Marler of near Newark, Eli Marler of Beaver City, Nebraska; Mrs. Jake Sampson of Jackson, Nebraska; Mrs. Maggie Mason of Plattsmouth, and a daughter residing at Beaver City.

The funeral of this good man will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church at Mynard.

## FRED WARREN AT DEATH'S DOOR IN DENVER, COLORADO

From Wednesday's Daily.

A message was received last evening by Frank Warren from Denver announcing that his brother Fred Warren was sinking rapidly and his death was expected at any time as the culmination of his hard fight for life against the dread disease consumption. It is with regret that the friends here of Mr. Warren learn of his serious condition and to the grief stricken family the deepest sympathy of the old friends will be extended in the sad ending of the bright career of this young man. Fred was reared to manhood in this city and was for a number of years engaged in railroad work and later removed to Omaha and hence to North Platte where he was making his home in 1914 when he received the socialist nomination for congress in the Sixth district and the campaign which he made over the district was too great a tax on his constitution and at the close of the campaign he developed the first symptoms of his madly which has claimed his life. He later removed to Denver on the advice of his physicians and since made his home there in the hopes that the climate might benefit his health but has gradually grown weaker as the months sped on until now the end seems but a few hours away. Frank Warren will depart this afternoon for Denver, hoping to reach his brother's bedside in time to bid him a last long fare well.

Resigns His Position.

From Tuesday's Daily.

William R. Egenberger, who for the past few years has been in charge of the coal and feed business of the firm of J. V. Egenberger, and who has of late been assisting C. E. Hartford in the business, has resigned and will engage in other lines, but has not fully decided what he will take up.

County Superintendent Miss Eda Marquardt, is in Lincoln enjoying a visit at the meeting of the county superintendents of the state that is being held in the capital city this week.

## M. FANGER IS SUED FOR \$200 OCCUPATION TAX

From Wednesday's Daily.

The city of Plattsmouth yesterday commenced an action in Justice Archer's court against M. Fanger to recover the sum of \$200 which the plaintiff city claims was due for occupation tax for conducting an auction sale. The action is brought under the provisions of ordinance No. 108, which requires the payment of the sum of \$25 per day for each day that the auction is in progress. The auction sale conducted by Mr. Fanger was in operation from January 13 to 22. Just what the outcome of the case will be is not known, as there is a dispute as to what the tax for auction sales should be and the matter will be thoroughly threshed out if a compromise is not reached between the city and Mr. Fanger before the case is tried.

## GUS BUDIG, BROTHER OF WM. BUDIG, INJURED IN WRECK AT ATLANTA

From Wednesday's Daily.

Among those who were injured near Atlanta, Nebraska, where the wreck on the Burlington occurred Monday, was Gus Budig of McCook, an employe of the Burlington in that city, and a brother of William Budig and father of Mrs. E. M. Geis of this city. Mr. Budig, who has charge of the mechanical and electrical repair work for the railroad at McCook, was called out with the wrecker shortly after the wreck near Atlanta on Monday of No. 7 and a local passenger train on that line, and as the wrecker, which is one of the largest in use on the Burlington lines in the west, was working away removing the debris and wreckage it tipped over and caught Mr. Budig beneath the machinery and injured him quite severely, as well as injuring several other members of the crew. The injured man was hurried to the hospital at McCook for treatment. A message received from there last evening announced that his injuries were very serious, but did not convey to his relatives the exact nature of his injuries and they are anxiously awaiting word as to his condition.

## SESSION OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening the Knights and Ladies of Security held a very pleasant meeting at their hall in the Modern Woodman building and a most enjoyable time was had in listening to short talks by Mrs. Gertrude Clark and O. D. Patton, representing the supreme organization of the Knights and Ladies. The program had been arranged for the evening and was most delightful in every way and added very much in making the evening one of the greatest of enjoyment. Readings were given by Mrs. William Baird and Miss Ellen Windham, which proved most delightful, and the Plattsmouth Male quartet, consisting of W. G. Brooks, F. A. Cloidt, Jennings Seivers and D. C. York, gave a number of most pleasing selections which were heard with much gratification by the members of the order present. Refreshments were served during the evening, adding very much to the general pleasure of those present.

Young People to Wed.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning County Judge Beeson was called upon to issue a marriage license to J. Martin Johnson and Miss Jennie M. Hitchman, both of Weeping Water. The young people will be married in that city this evening, where they are both well known and very popular among a large circle of friends.

Joe Beil drove in from his farm home, south of this city, Monday to attend to some business matters and visit county seat friends. While here Mr. Beil called at this office and ordered the Semi-Weekly Journal sent to his address in order that he might be kept posted on happenings throughout this vicinity and the county.

## FORMER PLATTS-MOUTH LADY IS HIGHLY PRAISED

Conference of the State and Local Boards of Health at the Rome Hotel in Omaha.

Dr. J. H. Hall returned this morning from Omaha, where he has been attending the conference of state and local boards of health which for the past week has been in session at the Hotel Rome in that city, where the visiting physicians were shown every courtesy by the Omaha Commercial club and the club invited the members to remain for a banquet at the hotel, but this was impossible for the visitors to accept. A large number of the most distinguished health authorities in the United States, and particularly of the west, were present to take part in the meetings and add their part to the program. The meetings were to discuss the general sanitary conditions of the cities, as well as the rural conditions.

Dr. Parquin, health commissioner of Kansas City, was one of the principal speakers of the meeting and urged that all cities have better sanitary conditions in their schools and facilities for handling the needs of the growing generations in the public schools. Out of 800 pupils examined in Kansas City only seventy had the required qualification for proper teeth, and all of the rest of the children were defective in some way in their teeth, and this had been remedied at once by the health authorities. Dr. Parquin also urged the development of the moral side of the child that it might dominate and control the animal spirit that prevails in everyone.

Dr. Freeman of Cincinnati spoke of the needs of extending the work of the health board into the rural districts, which had a very pronounced effect upon the welfare of the people as a whole.

Dr. Townsend of Omaha told of a recent meeting he had attended of the health authorities in Indianapolis, and of meeting there Miss Harriett Fulmer, a former Plattsmouth lady, who has risen in her line of nursing and hygienic work in the city of Chicago and paid her a glowing tribute for her personal work in the homes of those whose cases came to her attention, and stated that there was no one who could command a greater respect than this lady in the medical and social lines.

## W. R. EGENBERGER STARTS NEW COAL AND FEED STORE

A new business enterprise is, in a few days, to be launched in this city and this will be the new coal and feed establishment of William R. Egenberger, that is to occupy the Gorder building on the north side of Main street. The new place of business will probably be ready for operation by next week and begin to serve the public with anything desired in this line. Mr. Egenberger has had a great deal of experience in this line as the manager of the Egenberger coal and feed store and for the past nine years has had control of that institution until it was sold to the present owner. Will is a very genial and obliging young man, and with a large acquaintance, which will allow him to keep in touch with a greater part of the people, and he will see that the wants of all are looked after in his new place of business.

Stork Pays a Visit.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning at an early hour the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kuhns was gladdened by the arrival there of a bright little daughter, who came to make her home with the delighted parents and to be a playmate of the little sister. The mother and little one are both doing nicely and the father is feeling very happy over the addition that has been made to his family.

Letter files at the Journal office.