

## CITY COUNCIL HAVE A PLEAS- ANT MEETING

Very Quiet Session Considering the Amount of Business Transacted and Oratory Expanded.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the city council last evening was one that was filled with a great deal of discussion and argument over the different questions that were brought up and the members of that august body proceeded to thoroughly thresh out all of the problems that they were permitted to take up.

The opening gun of the meeting was brought out when the communication from the chief of the fire department, A. F. Braun, was read, in which he recommended that the new hose cart and equipment be left at the central hose house and one of the other carts sent out to the south part of the city, as the need was greater at the central point than it would be in the outlying districts for a better equipped cart.

This suggestion brought forth much protest from Councilman Harris of the Fifth ward, as well as from Councilman Shea of the same ward, in which the new hose house has been erected.

Councilman Johnson thought that the suggestion of the fire chief was one that should be heeded, as he was the head of the fire fighting force of the city, and the fire department could understand better the needs of the city in this line than the council. He also called the attention of the council to the fact that the better pressure in the Main street district for fire use was ninety pounds, while in the south part of the city it was only fifty pounds, and while he did not care about the new hose cart, he thought the new hose should remain where the chief desired it.

Councilman Lushinsky was also of the opinion that the fire chief was the proper person to pass judgment on the place for the new fire fighting equipment and as the levy had been made on the whole city for the building of the hose house and buying the equipment, he thought that it was best to carry out the wishes of the fire chief.

Councilman Harris in reply to the defense of the fire chief's recommendations, stated that while he was willing to allow the new hose to be retained down in the central part of the city, he desired the new cart sent out to the Fifth ward, as he thought that the levy provided for this.

Councilman Shea of the Fifth was not in favor of leaving either the cart or new hose at the central house, but desired them both placed in the new Fifth ward house.

Councilman Bajek pointed out that the chief of the fire department was in a position to know the needs of the city and was the best judge of where the new equipment would do the most good to the taxpayers, and if the need for the use at the central house was greater it should be kept there and one of the other carts sent out to the south side fire house.

The question was finally put to a vote on a motion to place the new hose cart and hose in the south side hose house and was lost by a vote of seven to three, Maury, Harris and Shea voting for the motion.

A communication was received from R. L. Propst asking for grading on North Seventh street in order that he might put down a permanent walk, and this was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

A communication was received from a number of the residents on Vine street, between Eleventh and Thirtieth streets, asking for grading for permanent walk and this was also referred to the streets committee to look up and determine the cost to the city.

The report of Chief of Police Barclay for the past month showed that there had been twelve arrests, eight of whom had paid fines, two worked out, one not yet paid and one man turned over to the county.

Police Judge M. Archer reported that the amount of money collected for the month had been \$45, and that there had been twelve arrests, eight fined, two worked out their sentence and one not yet paid, as well as one prisoner turned over to the county.

City Clerk Nemetz reported that during the month just closed he had collected the sum of \$63 from various

sources which had been turned over to the treasurer.

The judiciary committee of the city council, through Chairman Maury, reported on the petition of Mrs. Christina Dearing in regard to having certain lots on the northern boundary of the city which were used for purely agricultural purposes set outside of the corporate limits of the city, and on the agreement of Mrs. Dearing to relinquish all claims to land on the river bottom belonging to her, and which was in dispute with the city, the committee recommended that the petition be granted. The report of the committee was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The judiciary committee of the council also reported on the matter of the occupation tax ordinance in regard to the tax on auction sales and recommended that it be reduced from \$20 per day to \$5 per day. With the report was the opinion of the city attorney citing a number of cases in the supreme court in regard to the levying of an excessive tax that was prohibitive and which held in a case from the city of Lincoln that a tax of \$12 per day was excessive and prohibitive and therefore void. It was explained that this section applied to that section covering the furnishing of goods for auction sales and that the other section provided for a tax on auctioneers direct.

City Attorney Douglass stated to the council that he did not think that the ordinance would stand and could not be enforced with the present rate of taxation as carried by the ordinance, as the courts had passed on similar cases several times. He thought that the change to \$5 per day would be upheld by the courts.

Mayor Richey stated that he could not agree with the committee, as the people who held these auction sales at which the ordinance was aimed were usually parties who came in here with a lot of old shoddy stuff that was sold to poor people at excessive prices and worked an injustice on the persons who bought them, and thought as far as the part of the ordinance covering traveling auctioneers or stocks of goods were concerned that it ought to be permitted to stand.

Councilman Johnson heartily agreed with the mayor on the ordinance and thought that if the traveling peddlers and promoters of these kinds of auctions could be kept out it was far better for the town.

The matter was finally settled after considerable discussion to refer back to the judiciary committee to revise and make another report at the next meeting. Councilman Buttery took occasion to state that he thought that the ordinance should be kept as high as possible to protect the home merchants.

On the petition of Homer McKay and other residents of North Eighth street in regard to having that street placed in a safer condition, Chairman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee recommended that the petition be granted and that the old roadway be closed up and the present road widened so as to make it safe for travel, and also that there be a culvert placed in the hollow at the foot of the hill to carry off the surface water that accumulates there from the rains.

Councilman Buttery reported that the electric light at Eighth and Locust streets was out and had not been burning for the past six nights. The light committee was requested to look after this matter.

Councilman Bajek stated that a number of the citizens and business men had requested him to see if something could not be done in regard to paving the half blocks on Third, Fourth and Fifth streets back to the alley, which will be paved this spring, and he thought the idea a mighty good one. Mr. Bajek moved that the city attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance creating a paving district in these three half blocks, the paving to be of brick similar to that in use on other streets. This was seconded by Lushinsky and carried by a unanimous vote.

The council enjoyed a few minutes recess while the different councilmen selected the judges and clerks of election in their respective wards, and the following were selected to serve at the coming April election:

First Ward—W. D. Messersmith, Fred Black, J. H. Thrasher, judges; Governor Dovey, Carl Schmidtman, clerks.

Second Ward—Claus Boetel, sr., W. B. Rishel, William Weber, judges; J. J. Svoboda, Nelson Jean, clerks.

Third Ward—Joseph Kelley, C. C.

Despain, Gus Johnson, judges; Ed Roman, John Cloyd, clerks.

Fourth Ward—August Tartsch, John Weyrich, John Kirkham, judges; John Ledgway, J. C. Petersen, clerks.

Fifth Ward—Fred Reinrich, George Schantz, James Higley, judges; Ray Sawyer, John Beeson, clerks.

The matter of the alley paving in the rear of the property of William Schmidtman and William Hassler, which has been in dispute between the property owners and the contractors and the city for some time, was brought up and discussed by the council and the members were free in expressing that they thought the matter should be looked after by the contractor and the paving made satisfactory to the property owners, as the city was losing money in interest right along through failure to have the taxes listed. This was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee with instructions to see that it was settled in some manner as soon as possible.

Councilman Lushinsky made quite a lengthy speech in support of the proposition for the erection of a new school building, as it was badly needed and the interests of a progressive city demanded that this step forward be taken by this city. It was decided to lay this matter over until later for action.

The finance committee of the council presented the following bills as being correct and they were ordered paid: Alvin Jones, salary, \$65; W. M. Barclay, salary, \$75; William Wilson, salary, \$20; P. G. Fricke, paint for cemetery, \$2.60; Weyrick & Had-raba, supplies to police, \$1.20; M. E. Manspeaker, livery to police, \$3; Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., rents for March, \$3; Warga & Schul-dreke, material and labor, 55 cents; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at city hall, \$5.10; Charles Green, boarding city prisoners, \$5.20; Frank Boetel, nozzelman, \$1.50; Ed Cotner, drying hose, \$1.50; Gus Kopp, nozzelman, \$1.50; James Kresak, same, \$1.50; James Blaha, same, \$1.50; W. R. Egenberger, hauling hose cart, \$1.50; William Grebe, drying hose, \$1.50; John Bauer, material street commissioner, \$39.70; Mike Carney, street work, \$17; Charles McBride, same, \$34.80; Albert Funk, same, \$7.20; Merle Parmele, same, \$7.20; Mike Lutz, same, \$26.70; M. Archer, salary, \$30.

## UNCLE BEN BECKMAN CELE- BRATES HIS 74TH BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

The country home of our old friend, Ben Beckman, was the scene of a most delightful time Sunday, when his relatives and a number of friends gathered to assist him in the celebration of his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary. The day was spent very pleasantly in music, both vocal and instrumental, which added very much to the pleasantness of the happy event, and the guest of honor was showered with good wishes for many more such happy events. Refreshments of all kinds were served, which proved a most delightful part of the very enjoyable occasion. As remembrances of the occasion Uncle Ben was presented a number of gifts to remind him of the pleasant event. The Journal joins with the many friends of this splendid old gentleman in wishing him many more years of happiness. Those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Augustine and family of South Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. William Sporer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ruby and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Stone and son, W. D. Wheeler, Fred Range, jr., Julius Range, Ben Beckman and family.

Dishonesty No Longer Clever.

From Wednesday's Daily.

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time," said P. T. Barnum. That used to be considered a very clever idea, and years ago it may have been well founded. That idea, however, has died an ignominious death. Advertising is now so much a part of every business that it cannot succeed unless it performs the legitimate functions of imparting truthful and honest information. A careful study of the advertising in the Journal shows what the real purpose of advertising is. It is interesting news. It is timely information. It renders a service to the Journal's readers. The circus idea of Barnum's day is dead. The idea of service has taken its place.

## OUR CITY MOURNS FOR THE LOSS OF A GRAND OLD LADY

The Funeral of This Grand, Good Woman Will Occur Thursday Afternoon at 2:30.

The body of the late Mrs. Laura Thrasher arrived in the city this morning from Omaha, where she passed away Sunday evening, and was taken direct to the late home on North Sixth street, where the departed lady had spent so many happy years. The body will lay in state at the home and the friends desiring to take a last farewell may do so from 2 to 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. There will be a requiem celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's church Thursday morning at 9 a. m. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the church, of which Mrs. Thrasher was a most devout member. The following is a short biographical sketch of this estimable lady who has passed from our midst so suddenly and whose death has caused a most profound regret throughout the entire community:

Laura Coats was born near Peru, LaSalle county, Illinois, February 2, 1849. When a mere child she was taken by her parents overland to California, in 1857. In 1858 Mr. Coats and daughter returned to Illinois, and in the following year, 1859, the death of the father occurred. After the death of her parents she attended the convent school at Philadelphia for several years. In August, 1866, Miss Coats was united in marriage, at Winona, Illinois, to James H. Thrasher, and for several years followed the life of the wife of a railroad man, moving from one locality to another as the work demanded. In December 1887, Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher came to Plattsmouth and have since made their home in this city, where the departed lady endeared herself to all with whom she came in touch.

The husband and four children, Wallace Thrasher of Dallas, Texas; Connie Thrasher of Deer Lodge, Montana; Bert Thrasher of Snohomish, Washington, and Mrs. Agnes Keffer of Ainsworth, Nebraska, are left to mourn her death, as well as a sister, Mrs. H. H. Davis, of Persia, Iowa. Mrs. Thrasher was a faithful member of the Episcopal church, and of the Woman's Auxiliary society, in which she was one of the officers for several years, and was also a member of the W. R. C. and the Knights and Ladies of Security, and for several years was the president of the local lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Security. The son, Connie Thrasher, will be here to attend the funeral Thursday. Mr. Arthur Keffer, a son-in-law, arrived yesterday to be present at the last sad rites.

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## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CON- VENTION AT DUNBAR FRIDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

The sixth annual convention of district No. 3 of the Nebraska Christian Endeavor will be held at Dunbar on March 17, 18 and 19, and gives promise of being one of the most interesting meetings which the society has held in recent years. The Christian Endeavor societies of this city of both the Presbyterian and Christian churches will be represented at the meetings. On the program which has been prepared for the event appears the name of Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, as well as R. G. Rawls, who is one of the active members of the society in this city. Rev. McClusky will have charge of the quiet hour Saturday morning, while Mr. Rawls will speak Saturday afternoon on "Enlisting C. E. Members in the Church." Miss Edna Shopp of this city is the superintendent of the quiet hour department.

Household Goods at Auction.

There will be a public auction of household goods held near the corner of Fourth and Main streets on next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Remember, these goods go to the highest bidder.

## LARGE NUMBER OF VOTERS WANT MARTIN FRIEDRICH FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning a petition was filed with County Clerk Frank J. Libershal by a large number of the voters of Eight Miles Grove precinct asking that the name of Martin L. Friedrich be placed on the ballot at the primary election in April as a candidate for the office of county commissioner from the First district. Mr. Friedrich has been county commissioner for several terms, retiring from office when the present county commissioner, Julius Pitz, was elected in 1912. Mr. Friedrich is well known all over the county, where he has resided since 1881, and for years was engaged in farming in Eight Mile Grove precinct, up to a few years ago, when he removed to Plattsmouth to make his home.

## WOLF HUNTERS YES- TERDAY KILL THREE OF THE VARMINTS

The wolf hunt held yesterday in Plattsmouth precinct was one of the biggest that has been held so far in this part of the county and the hunters on hand numbered in the neighborhood of 300, and all were armed with shotguns with which they proceeded to secure five of the wolves that have been ravaging this section. The hunt was from the southern precinct line north to the Platte river, and from every locality the hunters came armed to the teeth with firearms and alert to secure as many as possible of the animals. There was a very large number from this city taking part in the hunt under the leadership of Harve Manners, as general, and with John Bajek, John Iverson and a number of the leading hunters of the city in the squad. The country was thoroughly beaten up and all the animals which were routed out were soon made the target for the shotguns of the boys. The round-up of the wolves was made near the Fred Kehne farm, west of this city.

The only unfortunate accident that occurred during the hunt was that which befell Albert Schaefer, one of the young farmers taking part in the hunt, as he was unfortunate enough to have the thumb of his left hand badly lacerated when his gun was discharged while he was attempting to reload the gun and a shell was accidentally discharged. The injury certainly is to be regretted by the many friends of the young man.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM A VERY SERIOUS FIRE

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning a very narrow escape from a serious fire occurred at the home of Mrs. J. C. Cummins on Pearl street, and only the prompt arrival of the fire department and the energetic work of the boys saved the home from being swept away by the flames. The fire started in the roof, where some sparks had evidently ignited the shingles and it was only a few minutes until the deck around the roof and shingles were burning quite freely, but the fortunate arrival of the fire boys allowed the flames to be checked before very serious damage was inflicted by the flames. The loss to the house will be quite small.

Death of Mrs. Charles Ortman.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A message was received here this morning announcing the death in Omaha yesterday of Mrs. Charles Ortman, who is well known here to a large number of the residents of Plattsmouth. The Ortman family resided here for a number of years, where Mr. Ortman was engaged in the bakery owned by J. V. Egenberger, and of late years has operated the New England bakery in Omaha. The funeral of Mrs. Ortman will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. William Hunter and daughter, Miss Helen, departed this afternoon for Omaha to be present at the funeral.

Read the want ads in the Journal.

## THE JOURNAL'S CHOICE FOR FED- ERAL JUDGE WINS

This Paper Has Stood by Joseph W. Woodrough From Start to Finish.

Joseph W. Woodrough, well known attorney of Omaha, was yesterday nominated by President Wilson to be United States district judge in Nebraska. He succeeds the late Judge W. H. Munger.

Mr. Woodrough was born in Cincinnati, O., and came to Omaha in 1891, and with the exception of a few years prior to 1897, made his home in this city and maintained his practice here. He is now a member of the firm of Gurley, Woodrough & Fitch. The firm has been identified in some of the biggest cases of litigation in this section of the country for years.

Mr. Woodrough is considerable of a linguist, speaking French, Italian, German and Spanish fluently. He spent three years abroad where he gave considerable study to the varied intricacies of civil law. He is a member of the Elks, Field, Commercial and University clubs.

The leading other candidates for the appointment that has gone to Mr. Woodrough were William H. Thompson of Grand Island, chairman of the democratic state committee, and Judge J. J. Thomas of Seward. Both Mr. Thompson and Judge Thomas are candidates on the "Bryan slate" for delegates at large to the democratic national convention. Mr. Thompson was Mr. Bryan's personal candidate for the judgeship and the Commoner statesman made a very energetic effort to land the place for him.

Mr. Woodrough stated Monday he had heard nothing concerning his appointment beyond what had appeared in brief news dispatches announcing the fact.

It is been several months since the Journal spoke of Joseph W. Woodrough as the most available man for federal judge, and we have kept up the fight, until now we feel very recompensed for a young man who deserves the position.

## MAKING PREPARATIONS TO ENTERTAIN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

From Tuesday's Daily.

The various Sunday school organizations of this city are making active preparations to entertain the Sunday school convention of this district, which will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, in this city, and to extend to the visiting delegates a cordial welcome and provide them with one of the finest programs that will be given in any of the district meetings. The programs are now being printed and will be sent out to the different Sunday schools in the county at once so that all can become familiar with the many good things in store for them.

In this city the convention will be held at the First Presbyterian church, which has one of the largest seating capacities of any of the churches of the city, and its location makes it very convenient for all to attend the convention who desire. On the program of speakers will be Dr. W. M. Wallace of Omaha, Attorney C. A. Rawls and Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city, all of whom will discuss the adult class movement and its effects, as well as the wonderful growth of this branch of work in the last few years, which now makes it one of the greatest features of the modern church and one of the greatest powers for good in the church organization. It is expected that there will be a very large attendance present here at the district convention, as some of the largest and most active Sunday school organizations in the county are in this city.

Philip Leipert, who has been here enjoying a visit with his parents and friends in this city and at the home south of town, departed this morning on the early Burlington train for his home in Minnesota, where he is engaged in farming.

## THE BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUES DRASTIC ORDER

Trained Nurse to Inspect Every Home in This City to See That Healthful Conditions Prevail.

The city board of health, the members of the school board and the different members of the medical profession met this morning at the office of the city clerk to take up the matter of looking into the health conditions of the city and seeing that the health regulations were complied with by the citizens in general, so that there would be no more cases of contagious diseases spread.

The conditions are not in the least alarming or the number of cases of contagious diseases, such as scarlet fever and measles, more than usual, but the authorities desire that what cases there are shall be stamped out, and all further danger eliminated by taking drastic steps in the way of enforcing the health laws of the state and city.

The meeting, after thoroughly discussing the situation and the needs of the city in the way of regulation and inspection, decided to have a trained nurse, who will be an expert in these diseases, and who will, on her arrival here, start in on a house to house canvass of the city to determine the general condition of the health of each family, and if there are any contagious diseases existing that have not been reported, and also on conditions which may be unhealthful or have a tendency toward the spread of disease. This lady, it may be stated, will be given full police power to enter any and all homes to investigate conditions in regard to the health of each member of the family and the citizens are asked to co-operate with the health authorities in giving her all the information possible and not concealing the facts from her in any way that might tend to defeat the intent of her work. Those who attempt to interfere with the nurse in her work or defeat the purpose of the investigation by concealing the truth in regard to contagious diseases will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law by the city health authorities, who are taking this step in response to a request from many of the citizens, and there will be no favorites picked, but whoever violates the health law in any way will be prosecuted. Persons whose homes have been quarantined and who get out and break quarantine in violation of law and expose others to the dangers of getting these contagious maladies will also be hauled up and punished according to the state law.

These steps are taken by the physicians of the city and the board of health for the public welfare and we are authorized to state that any violation of the quarantine law or failure to allow the inspector nurse to conduct her investigations for the welfare of the health of our people will be prosecuted to the fullest extent and everyone is given full notice that this means business.

## FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY PASSES AWAY AT MOLINE, ILL.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A message was received in this city last evening announcing the death at Moline, Illinois, of Mrs. Edward Stamm, a former resident of this city, who passed away yesterday in that city. The body of Mrs. Stamm will be brought to this city tomorrow morning on No. 4, and will be taken direct to the Methodist church, where the funeral services will be held. Mrs. Stamm resided here for a great many years, later removing to Havelock, and for the past few years has resided at Moline with her son, George Stamm, who is employed there as master machinist for the Rock Island railroad. Mrs. Stamm was a sister of Albert Rheinacke and Miss Katie Rheinacke of this city and of Louis Rheinacke of near Murray. A more complete sketch of this estimable lady will be published later in this paper.

W. S. Schwab drove in this morning from his country home and spent a few hours attending to some trading with the merchants, as well as visiting with friends.