

CITY COUNCIL HAS A VERY BUSY SESSION

Quite a Bit of Business Transacted. Among Which Was an Agreement to Buy Park on Washington Avenue.

From Tuesday's Daily. The session of the city dads last evening, while not a lengthy one, was filled with much interest, and considerable spirit was shown by the members at times over the discussion of the business of the city.

A communication was received from the Plattsmouth volunteer fire department giving the list of officers recently elected and which were submitted to the council for confirmation. This communication occasioned considerable discussion as to the condition of affairs at the shops relative to the protests that had been made on certain of the railroad employees holding office in the department. Councilman Johnson stated that he had talked the matter over with Mr. Baird, the superintendent at the shops, and he had stated that owing to the jobs held by the men, which required their constant attention, it would not be practical to allow them to hold the offices in the fire department, as if they did, it would be necessary to give them other lines of work. Mr. Johnson stated that the superintendent was very desirous that the city council turn the offices down at the meeting. Mayor Sattler in a few remarks stated that the election of the officers to the fire department was a matter that rested entirely in the hands of the members of the department, and he thought that the differences between the officers elected and the management of the shops was of a nature that the city council had no business to dip into, but that the men, realizing the condition of affairs, were in a position to govern themselves accordingly. The names of the members of the department had been furnished Mr. Baird on his request by the secretary. At the close of the discussion the names of the officers were confirmed by a vote of the council.

The members of the park board of the city presented to the council the recommendation of purchasing the lots on Washington avenue, where the former brick and terra cotta works was located, and which could be secured for \$1,100 from Chris Mockenhaupt, the present owner. In the opinion of the members of the board this was a splendid opportunity to secure a good sized park for the city at a most reasonable figure.

Councilman Bejeck of the Second ward, in moving the board of park commissioners be given authority to go ahead and purchase the property for a site, spoke of the central location of the proposed park and its advantage to the appearance of the fine driveway when it is fitted up as a park, and also of the reasonable price at which it is offered to the city.

Councilman Johnson was not in favor of purchasing the site for a park and did not think it advisable to purchase the same until at least the park fund was amply able to afford it, and also questioned the right of the park board to expend the funds for the purchase of new parks, holding that it was merely for the maintenance of the parks already owned.

Mayor Sattler pointed out the advantages to the city in general in providing a pleasure spot in that portion of the city, which would remove an unsightly spot and allow of a playground for the children, and stated that the lots would become more valuable each year and that if the park funds were not sufficient to care for the purchase at once, that the difference could be supplied from the business tax fund.

On the vote to authorize the park board to purchase the lots it was carried, with Patterson, Bajek, Buttery, Bestor, Luschinsky and Harris voting for the proposition, and Mauzy, Weaver, Johnson and Shea voting against. The claim of the Plattsmouth Water company for water for the drinking fountains from October to November was referred to the claims committee for action and to report at the next meeting of the council.

Chief of Police William Barclay re-

ported that during the month of January there had been eight arrests, six of whom had paid fines and two who had not et paid up.

City Clerk Wurga reported that he had collected \$190.60 during the month of January, which had been turned over to the city treasurer.

The finance committee of the city council then presented a resolution asking that the sum of \$600 be transferred from the business tax fund to the park fund as there had been no levy made the past year for park purposes. This was adopted, with Weaver, Johnson and Shea voting no.

Police Judge M. Archer reported that during the month of January \$34 had been collected in his office and turned over to the city treasurer.

The judiciary committee reported that they had examined the matter of the request of J. H. McMaken for the release of the 5 per cent held for work in paving district No. 11, and that the committee found that the bond of Mr. McMaken was sufficient to protect the city for five years and that in view of this they recommended that the 5 per cent of the cost of the work be released to Mr. McMaken.

Councilman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee called the attention of the council to the condition of the bridge on Maiden Lane, which is badly in need of repairs, and asked that this be brought to the attention of the board of county commissioners, as well as the fill on the road leading from Oak Hill cemetery which is also in bad shape. The streets committee was authorized to go ahead and take up the matter with the commissioners.

Councilman Buttery of the Second ward brought to the attention of the council the house that has been moved on the lot west of the German Home and the placing of which had caused the narrowing of the alleyway at that point, and he desired the streets, alleys and bridges committee to look up and find out if Mr. Claus, the owner of the building, was placing the structure on the alleyway. It was decided to have City Attorney Douglas notify Mr. Claus not to trespass on the alleyway or street with the building.

Councilman Luschinsky reported that the Missouri Pacific Railway company had refused to pay for the placing of an electric light under their subway on West Locust street, and that he was desirous of having the committee authorized to go ahead and install the light and charge the same to the railroad company. Councilman Johnson desired to refer the matter back to the light committee to look up the ordinance covering this matter and report later.

City Attorney Douglass stated to the council that he had looked up the law and ordinance both in this matter and found that the city had the right to order the light installed and the cost taxed to the railroad company. On motion the matter was handed back to the light committee for further action.

Mayor Sattler called the council's attention to considerable trouble that had been experienced with the sewers on lower Main street, and thought that the cause of the difficulty was in the open private sewers in that locality, where rags and other articles had blocked up the sewer. He desired to have an ordinance prepared requiring owners of sewers to have gratings placed over them to prevent them being stopped up. On motion of Councilman Bestor the city attorney was authorized to draw up an ordinance covering this matter.

City Attorney Douglass reported on the pest house land by stating that it was the property of Cass county, and had been leased to the city for ninety-nine years for the use of the city to erect a detention hospital, and that the lease had been running since 1882.

Councilman Buttery desired to have some action taken to try and secure more prompt work from the water company in fixing broken pipes as the streets had been filled with water and ice as the result of the breaking of these pipes, and that this condition had prevailed for several days.

After the allowance of a number of claims against the city the members of the council took up the matter of the session of the board of equalization on the Washington avenue sewer, and as it was necessary to await the twenty days allowed the protestors against the taxes to appeal to the supreme court, the council adjourned.

For Sale—My home place on Granite St. Telephone 391-W. Mrs. H. Bestor.

IN HONOR OF FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. W. S. Leete Entertains St. Luke's Parish in Honor of Father W. S. Leete, Rector of Episcopal Church.

Coates' hall has often been the scene of many very delightful social gatherings, but none more pleasing than that held there last evening, when Mrs. W. S. Leete entertained the members of St. Luke's parish in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Father W. S. Leete, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church. It was an occasion in which the spirit of enjoyment and sociability found its most pleasing expression and the large number of guests present were delighted with the charming manner in which they were entertained. The hall proper, where the dancing was enjoyed for several hours, was arranged with the bright and attractive Japanese lanterns and made a pleasing appearance. The ante-room where the refreshments were served was decorated in the color scheme of red throughout, red hearts and cupids in honor of St. Valentine's day, predominating in the decorations and transforming the room into a veritable bower of beauty. Here the small tables were prettily decorated with the red hearts and cupids, while red candles and bouquets of red carnations added their touch to the scene. From the serving room a cozy corner had been prepared in which those who desired, might spend a few moments in rest, and rugs and easy chairs made the appearance of this nook very homelike indeed. In the ladies' cloak room every arrangement for the comfort of the guests had been looked after by the hostess, which was appreciated to the fullest extent by the guests.

In the receiving line were the Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, bishop of Nebraska, and Mrs. Williams, Father and Mrs. W. S. Leete and Madame Leete, and the seats of the receiving party were very prettily decorated in the color scheme of red.

Promptly at 8:30 the grand march was sounded by the Holly orchestra, and led by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Falter, the guests moved through the hall to the catchy strains of the march. The occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Falter as well as Father Leete, she was selected to lead the march in honor of the event. Following the march the company proceeded to enjoy the evening in dancing and the occasion was one which will be long remembered, by those in attendance as being most pleasant in every way. For the older members of the party a Virginia reel as well as a quadrill provided a great deal of merriment and brought back other days when the members of the party had enjoyed similar events, while for the younger folks the catchy one-step and waltzes proved most entertaining. The costumes of the ladies in attendance were very beautiful and made a most striking picture of attractiveness.

During the evening a number of the old-time songs, "Annie Laurie," "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and "America" were sung by the members of the party, which added much to the enjoyment of the occasion and proved a delightful feature of the evening.

The refreshments were in keeping with the St. Valentine season and the dainty mariscino cherry hearts on the ice cream served to carry out the spirit of the occasion, while tiny motto hearts of candy were served as favors.

The occasion throughout was one that was most enjoyable to everyone present to join Father Leete in the observance of his anniversary, and it was the universal expression that they might enjoy many more such happy events with the genial rector and his family in the future and trusting that the future years might deal gently with them. In remembrance of the happy event Father Leete was presented with a purse containing \$50 in gold from the members of the parish as a token of their esteem and respect for his services for them in the church. The presentation was made by Bishop Williams, who spoke of the splendid work of Father Leete in St. Luke's parish and the pleasure that the occasion gave to him to be present with

the members of the church and Father Leete in the celebration of the event.

Those in attendance from out of the city were: Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams and Mrs. Williams, Miss Lenore Williams, Dr. Roy Dodge and Miss Violet Dodge, all of Omaha, and Miss Adams of Lincoln.

LECTURES ON HOME ECONOMICS AND SCIENCE IN HEALTH

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Harriett S. MacMurphy of Omaha, widely known throughout the state as one of the ablest authorities on home economics, is in the city today arranging to give a series of lectures along the lines of home economics as well as the science of health in which Mrs. MacMurphy has devoted much thought. In the series of lectures given there are five on "Eating to Live, with Cookery Demonstrations" which will be given under the auspices of a number of the business men of the city, while five other lectures will be given on the "Science of Health," keeping young, growing young, with physical exercises. The last series of lectures will be given under the auspices of the ladies of St. Mary's Guild. It is expected from the present plans that the lectures will be given at the Grand theatre and those who are familiar with the work of Mrs. MacMurphy along these lines are anticipating a treat in the series that will be both interesting and beneficial. More interest than usual is attached to the visit of Mrs. MacMurphy to this city in that she was for a number of years a resident of Plattsmouth where her husband published the Nebraska Herald and during the years since her residence in Omaha she has been very active both with the pen and in personal work along the lines of home economics. Mrs. MacMurphy has in her possession probably the oldest American flag in the state, it being the standard presented by President Franklin Pierce in 1854 to Logan Fontenelle, chief of the Omaha tribe at the time of the signing of the treaty between the Indians and the United States government. Mrs. MacMurphy expects to bring this flag with her to Plattsmouth and it will be displayed for inspection of the public by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

EARNEST ROESNER DIED AT HIS HOME IN LINCOLN TUESDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home in Lincoln occurred the death of Ernest Roesner, well known in this city where he formally made his home. Mr. Roesner had been sick just two weeks yesterday with typhoid fever and gradually grew worse until death came to his relief. Mr. Roesner was born June 6, 1878, in Saxony, Germany, but spent almost his entire lifetime in the United States, coming here when but a child of tender years. He was married in Plattsmouth on August 17, 1903, to Miss Martha Luschinsky, and since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Roesner have made their home in Lincoln, Mr. Roesner being employed as an engineer on the Burlington out of that city. He leaves to mourn his death the wife, the father, residing in Omaha, and two brothers, Paul Roesner of Lincoln and August Roesner residing in South Dakota. The news of the death of this splendid young man will come as a shock to the friends in this city where passed so many happy years and they will join in the grief of the heartbroken wife who is prostrated over the misfortune that has befallen her. There has been no definite arrangements for the funeral as yet until the brother in Dakota has been heard from. Mrs. Roesner is a sister of George Luschinsky and a cousin of Mrs. John Schulhof of this city.

NARROW ESCAPE OF DESTRUCTION OF RESIDENCE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Fire originating from a defective flue, did considerable damage to the residence property of Peter Hovold, on Granite street, this afternoon, and but for the timely arrival of the fire department would have caused a total loss of the building. The fire was discovered a few minutes before 1 o'clock when a passerby noticed the smoke issuing from the roof and alarmed the members of the family who were unaware of the fact that the home was in flames. The alarm was at once turned in and in a few minutes the hose cart was on the scene and the task of putting out the fire undertaken. The blaze was between the roof and the ceiling of the room below and made necessary the cutting of considerable of the roof to reach the seat of the fire. The damage will be in the neighborhood of \$200 it is thought including the damage to the interior of the house from the water.

NOW IS HOTEL MANAGER.

The many friends in this city of Ed Brantner will be pleased to learn that he has become manager of the Palace hotel at Pender, Neb., and is now in charge of that hostelry. Mr. Brantner is a genial and accommodating gentleman and one who will make a great success in this line of work, and those who visit Pender and stop at the Palace can be assured of the best of treatment. Mr. Brantner will make the hotel first class in every way and with the latest accommodations.

C. H. Cobb of near Central City, who has been visiting in this city with his daughter, Mrs. E. P. Stewart and family for a few days, departed this morning for his home.

DOINGS IN JUDGE ARCHER'S COURT THIS MORNING

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning George Olson was taken into custody by Officer Alvin Jones on a charge of disturbing the peace on the streets. It seems that Olson was driving down Main street and was on the left-hand side of the street as Bruce Rosenburg came up in an auto on the same side of the street and attempted to pass between Olson and the curb but was unable to do so, and considerable swearing was indulged in, which reached the hearing of Officer Jones, who placed Olson under arrest. He was brought before Judge Archer and given a fine of \$1 and costs, amounting to \$4, which was arranged for payment and he was allowed to go on his way. George Statts, the dispatching clerk at the post office, was the chief sufferer in the affair, as he made a mad race for the Burlington station with the mail for No. 4 and succeeded in pulling down the record for foot racing even if loaded down with sacks of mail.

Oscar Corbett was also a caller at the court of Judge Archer to answer to the charge of being in a state of intoxication last evening, when he was placed under arrest by Officer Alvin Jones. He was given a fine of \$2 and costs, which was settled and he was allowed his liberty.

PLATTSMOUTH DEFEATS HANSGOM PARK, OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily.

The basket ball game last evening at the roller skating ring proved to be "fruit" for the members of the Presbyterian aggregation of this city who ran away with the far famed Hansgom Park Methodist team of Omaha by the score of 62 to 12. The visitors had the reputation of being one of the real fast aggregations in the big city but their reputation was badly shattered with the result of the game last night and they retired homeward dragging their colors in the dust of defeat. The Presbyterians are scheduled to play the Townsend team of Omaha tomorrow night and a real struggle for supremacy is looked for. As a preliminary last evening the team of the eight grade of the Central building defeated the Sophomore team of the high school.

THE MACK-MAY STOCK COMPANY COMING BACK

From Tuesday's Daily.

Manager Charles Peterson of the Parmele theatre has closed arrangements for a week's stand of the Mack-May stock company in this city on the week of March 12th, at the Parmele theatre. This company it is remembered was at the Air Dome last summer for a week and delighted the amusement loving public of the city with their excellent performances and the news of their return will be good news to the many friends they made during their Parmele theatre. This company is to be remembered was at the Air high standard plays that they will offer for the benefit of the patrons and there is no reason to doubt but that they will be as successful as on their previous visit.

Henry A. Guthman of the Bank of Murdock, was in the city yesterday afternoon, motoring in to look after some business affairs as well as to enjoy a short visit with his relatives.

SUFFERS A VERY PAINFUL INJURY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Albert Epenberger is badly crippled up as the result of an accident that befell him yesterday afternoon while he was engaged in some work on the farm of E. J. Lutz near this city. Albert was riding on a hay rack and in driving along slipped and fell from the rack to the frozen ground below and injured himself very painfully. A small gash was cut over the right eye but the chief injury was to his hip which was badly bruised and he finds much difficulty in getting around and is compelled to use a cane to assist in propelling him about. The accident will lay Mr. Epenberger up from active work for some time.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AT THE HOME OF THOMAS L. WILES

At the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Wiles on Sunday evening, February 4th, at seven-thirty occurred the marriage of their daughter Nannie E. to Rudolph W. Hart. Miss Grace Jameson presided at the piano playing the wedding march and very sweetly singing, "O Promise Me." The nephews and nieces of the bride and groom held blue and white streamers thus forming an aisle for the bridal party. Elder Wilkinson of Bethany led the procession downstairs and was followed by the little flower girl, Majorie Wiles, little niece of the bride, scattering red and white roses. Next came the bride and groom attended by Miss Ruth Hart, twin sister of the groom as brides maid and Mr. Albert Anderson as best man. They took their places under wedding bells in the large doorway of the living room which was beautifully decorated in blue and white, and in the presence of a large number of relatives and a few intimate friends were joined in holy wedlock.

The bride was becomingly dressed in blue chiffon taffeta silk with a white georgette crepe waist trimmed in bead trimming and shadow lace. She carried a bouquet of white brides' roses and ferns. The groom was dressed in blue serge. The brides maid was attired in a pink silk gown trimmed in rose buds and lace.

After congratulations a delicious three course luncheon was served. A large bride's cake beautifully decorated and bearing lighted candles graced the dining table. A unique feature of the evening was an exercise given by the two older brothers and sisters of the contracting parties. Music and singing occupied the rest of the evening the guests departing when the happy couple were accompanied to the depot, where they took the 11:48 train for Kansas City and other southern points for a short wedding trip.

The bride and groom have grown up in this community and are so well known they need no introduction. They will go to house-keeping on their farm four and one-half miles north east of town in the spring—Weeping Water Republican.

CHARLES E. WATERS & CO. VS. G. E. DOVEY CASE UP

This morning the time of the district court was taken up with hearing the case of the Charles E. Waters Co. vs. George E. Dovey, in which the plaintiff is seeking to recover \$2,900 as a commission of the sale of the stock held by Mr. Dovey in the First National bank, and for the sale of which the plaintiff claims to have a contract. The stock was sold by Mr. Dovey outside of the agency of the Waters company, and they now desire to have the commission paid to them. The jury selected to try the case is composed of G. E. Young, E. H. Pennerman, R. O. Hutchins, Theo Davis, Clark Gonzales, F. A. Finkle, Fred Spangler, J. W. Baty, James Niday, August Krecklow, William L. Kelley and E. F. Hurlburt. The case will require the greater part of the day for completion and to be submitted to the jury.

Dawson Will Fix It.

FARMER'S UNION OF MURDOCK HOLD FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The Farmer's Union association of Murdock held their first annual business meeting at the M. W. A. hall on Tuesday, February 6th, and the report of the different officers was very pleasing to the members of the association. This company was organized a year ago with forty-two members and have had a most prosperous year in every respect. This being its first year of business they have had many difficult problems to deal with, but by successful efforts of their president, F. Stock and Manager, S. P. Lets, together with the board of directors have made a grand success of their grain business. They have handled in the last year more than 10,000 bushels of grain which has returned them a very handsome profit. After paying the stockholders ten per cent on their investment and besides putting a nice sum in the reserve fund there is still an undivided profit of \$1,200 in the treasury. They also handled eight carloads of coal on which they have saved the farmers considerable money which is appreciated and shows up well for giving their share of the business to the elevator. As this is the first co-operative elevator in Murdock everybody is enthusiastic over the affairs of the organization and the loyalty of its members. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Fred Stock; Vice President, Frank Creamer; Secretary, August Rube; Treasurer, H. C. Backmeyer.

THE PRESBYTERIANS DEFEAT TOWNSEND GUN COMPANY TEAM

One of the best basket ball games of the season was witnessed last evening at the roller skating rink when the Presbyterian team of this city proceeded to carry off the victory from the crack Townsend Gun company team of Omaha, by a score of 38 to 35 in a hard fought battle. Both teams were well balanced and a fast contest was had from start to finish, with the odds even until the close, when the locals tossed the winning basket and copped the honors of the game. The Townsends are one of the fastest teams in the metropolis, and on their previous visit to this city they defeated the Presbyterians by a margin of ten points, and had great expectations of winning last evening, but their rosy hopes were dashed to earth. The locals feel very well pleased over the outcome of the game as they have a right to be, as they defeated one of the best teams in this part of the state.

The "Mutt" and "Jeffs" of the high school held a very interesting game as a preliminary to the main event, in which the "Mutts" proved the winner, by the score of 15 to 10. The "Jeffs" were in bad shape at the opening of the second half, but ran up a good score in that half, but not sufficient to overcome the lead of the "Mutts." The game produced much interest for the crowd present.