

CITY COUNCIL ENJOYS BUSY DISCUSSION

The Water Company Taken Down the Line for Something That Perhaps Could Not Be Helped.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council was held last evening at the city hall with all members present and while the session was an extremely short one it was filled with much interest in the discussion of several matters of importance to the city and its affairs.

A communication was received from William Ballance tendering his resignation as a member of the city park commission. This was accepted by the council and Mayor Sattler promised to present the name of his successor at the next meeting. Chairman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that Peter Claus had been interviewed in regard to his residence property on Washington avenue and had promised to have the house remodeled in such a way that it would not protrude over the lot lines but would conform with the city ordinance.

Chairman Johnson of the fire and water committee reported that the bill of the water company for service at the drinking fountains for October and November had been taken up with Manager Minor of the water company and that he had promised to bring the matter to the attention of Mr. West, of Portland, Maine, owner of the plant, in an effort to secure a more reasonable rate.

Chairman Luschinsky of the lighting committee presented a petition signed by all the residents along south Lincoln avenue who petitioned that the light company extend their lines that far in order to supply current for use in their homes, that are at present without the benefits of the electric light. On motion this was referred to the light committee for investigation and to see if it were possible to have the electric service line extended along this thoroughfare. Chairman Luschinsky also reported on the M. P. viaduct light, stating the city had power to compel its installation and on motion the light was ordered put in and the city attorney to bring the matter to the attention of the railroad company.

Councilman Buttery called the attention of the council to the fact that the street lights were put out too early in the morning and cited Saturday morning as an instance when they were out at 6:15 when it was still too dark to see in proper manner. Councilman Buttery also brought up the matter of the speeding of automobiles on the avenues and inquired as to what authority the police committee had been given in the matter and stated that if it was up to them that the auto joy riders would be given a jolt for fast driving.

Councilman Bestor pointed out the habit of drivers of horses of leaving their teams stand unhitched on the streets of the city and that two instances of this kind had been learned of yesterday and he desired to have the practice stopped by the police before a serious runaway resulted from it. This led to some discussion and it was decided by the council to have the police look into the matter without delay and put a stop to it.

The opinion of City Attorney J. E. Douglass was read covering the regulation of sewers of the city in regard to the character of the refuse that is dumped in to them was read covering ordinance No. 42. This provides \$25 fine for the violation of the ordinance. It also was decided to prepare an amendment to the ordinance to provide for the use of screens over the sewers and to do away with the open sewer that has occasioned considerable trouble to the city.

The ordinance providing for the purchase of the lots on Washington avenue was then read and provided for the city paying the sum of \$1,100 for the purchase of the same for park purposes.

On the first reading of the ordinance Councilman Bajec moved the suspension of the rules and to have the ordinance placed on its second and third readings for final passage. City Attorney Douglas was called upon to state the title to the lots and gave a brief outline of them stating that Chris Mokenhaupt, the present owner, had been in possession of them for more than ten years and that the tax title to the property had been purchased by Mr. Mokenhaupt from Henry R. Gering, and that while the possession of the city was guaranteed in the deed from Mr. Mokenhaupt, if desired a suit to quiet title would give them a clear title from the district court. This however he did not think necessary.

Councilman Johnson stated that he

did not think that the city should clear up the title to the land but that it was up to Mr. Mokenhaupt. In this opinion Mr. Luschinsky also joined and moved to lay the ordinance over to the next meeting but this amendment was later withdrawn and the original motion to suspend the rules was voted on and carried with Councilman Johnson voting no. On the final passage however all of the councilmen joined in voting for the ordinance.

The water company was then made the subject of some discussion. Mr. Luschinsky calling the attention of the council to the fact that recently the city was without sufficient pressure from hydrants to use in case of fire and that for several hours the water supply was limited owing to a break to one of the pumps at the pumping station and also that the standpipe was empty, exposing the city to the possibility of a heavy loss in case of fire. The Burlington shops had also been a sufferer from the water shortage on this occasion and several departments had been compelled to lay off on this account. In his opinion the water company should see that the pressure for fire purposes is kept up at all times and that the standpipe be kept filled for use in case of necessity.

Mayor Sattler also joined in the discussion stating that the franchise of the water company provided for giving the city sufficient pressure for their fire hydrants and this he thought should be lived up to by the company. Councilman Bestor thought that the water company should take steps to see that the pipes along the streets were laid below the frost line as he had been informed that thirty-five families were without the city water as a result of frozen pipes and that the pipes should be properly placed so as to protect them.

Councilman Luschinsky stated that at the fires on Wintersteen hill the pressure had been very low and that it had not been sufficient for effective work.

On motion of Bestor, seconded by Buttery, the fire and water committee take up the matter of keeping the pressure up in proper shape as well as to bring to the attention of the company to the frozen condition of the pipes in different parts of the city. This motion was then adopted.

Councilman Buttery stated that the waterway on the east side of Seventh street near the Propst garage had been filled up with cinders and desired that these be cleaned out, which was so ordered.

Councilman Harries in referring back to the water pressure question stated that he had understood that at the last fire on Wintersteen hill that there had been a great deal of muddy sediment and slush ice in the hose and that he desired the fire and water committee investigate whether or not the fire hydrants were in proper shape for use at all times.

Councilman Johnson stated that it must be taken in consideration the fact that the hydrants on Wintersteen Hill were on the same level as the standpipe and it could not be expected that the pressure would be as great there as at the other points over the city, and the water company could not be blamed.

These Amick was present at the meeting and secured permission to address the city legislators stated that he had been selling gasoline from the barrel on the curb line of his lot, but had been stopped by the fire chief and had since refrained from selling, but that other garages had continued the practice of selling in this way without being stopped and he did not think it hardly fair to him that such a condition should prevail. Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that if one of the dealers had been stopped from selling from a tank situated above ground at the street curb he did not see how the others could be allowed to do this. Mayor Sattler stated that there was an ordinance against it and other dealers had been notified and the police would see that it was stopped in the future.

After the allowance of the following bills the council adjourned: Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$10.50; Charles Allen, street work, \$14.40; I. N. Cummings, burying three dogs, \$1.50; Earl Hyde, nozzlemans at Hanasek and Williams fires, \$3.00; Frank Kozak, nozzlemans at Hanasek fire, \$1.50; Frank Kozak, nozzlemans at Herold fire, \$1.50; Lewis Lee, nozzlemans at Hanasek fire, \$1.50; P. H. Field, fire chief inspecting buildings, \$1.40; Guy McMaken, hauling cart to Herold fire, \$1.50; Guy McMaken, hauling hose cart from central house to house No. 3, \$1.50; Ben Hankinson, hauling hose cart to Williams fire, \$1.50; Clyde Martin, watchman at Williams fire, \$1.50; Roy Roerbeck, drying hose, Williams fire \$1.50; W. R. Egenberger, nozzlemans at Williams fire, \$1.50; A. M. Renner, nozzlemans at Herold fire, \$1.50; A. M. Renner drying hose, \$1.50; A. M. Renner nozzlemans at Williams fire, \$1.50; Gus Kopp, drying hose at Williams fire, \$1.50; Gus Kopp nozzlemans at Williams fire, \$1.50; Gus Kopp nozzlemans at Herold fire, \$1.50; Ed Lewis nozzlemans at Wil-

liams fire, \$1.50; Ed Lewis watchman at Williams fire, \$1.50; Sandin, nozzlemans at Williams fire, \$1.50; Ed McCulloch nozzlemans at Hanasek fire, \$1.50; Gunnel Johnson drying hose, Williams fire, \$1.50; Ganner Johnson drying hose at Herold fire, \$1.50; T. M. Scarbrough nozzlemans at Williams fire, \$1.50; T. M. Scarbrough nozzlemans at Herold fire, \$1.50; Waterman Lumber Co. supplies to commissioner, 70c; Waterman Lumber Co., coal to city, \$8.50; W. R. Egenberger, coal to city, \$8.50; Plattsmouth Journal, printing notices, \$52.57; J. H. McMaken, interest on work in paving district No. 11, \$12.68.

GREAT SHOW AT THE PARMELE SATURDAY NIGHT

"The Girl He Couldn't Buy," a new four-act drama by Sumner Nichols comes to the Parmele Theatre on Saturday, March 3rd, for one performance. It is a story of gripping and intense human interest in which a love story and the tangled threads of two captivating Americans are beautifully and brilliantly united in a sanely happy ending, there is no sermonizing of weary preachment in the crisp and often laughable dialogue, but in the life of the girl who is "The Girl He Couldn't Buy" of the play there is a lesson which parents, teachers, and employers as well as boys and girls who are just starting into the important affairs of life cannot learn too quickly or remember too long. Splendidly staged and acted, this new play must compel both the interest and the approval of all audiences and the mingled humor and pathos, the contrasted defeats and the final victories of the virile characters have won the enthusiastic applause and approval of all beholders. The plot is woven around real incidents of every day American life and the fine meaning of it reaches and lingers with all classes of men and women.

SURPRISE PARTY IN HONOR OF MISS CLARA'S BIRTHDAY

The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Parkening, west of this city, was the scene of a most delightful surprise party Saturday evening when about fifty young people gathered in to help Miss Clara celebrate her birthday. The evening was spent in playing games and in the enjoyment of music, both vocal and instrumental, which proved a pleasant feature of the evening. Miss Dorothy Group, gave several very delightful readings which were enjoyed to the utmost by everyone fortunate enough to be present. A most delicious luncheon was served at an appropriate hour to which all did ample justice. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing their hostess many more such happy events and declaring they had spent a most pleasant evening. Those in attendance were: Misses Vera Moran, Sophia Hill, Lena and Marie Philpot, Helen Hunter, Doris Valley, Dorothy Group, Eleanor Heil, Florence and Mable Rummel, Dora Nolting, Fay Gregory, Margie Valley, Katie Heil, Lorine Meisinger, Messrs Emil Hill, Fred Campbell, Albert Philpot, Rudolph and Paul Heil, Harley Wiley, Fred Kehne, Fred Nolting, John and Elmer Rummel, Edgar and Lester Meisinger, Earl and Floyd Becker, Fred, Dan and John Terryberry, Walter Meisinger, Virgil Urish, Charlie Valley, Carl Heil, Atho and Lloyd Gregory, Carl Keiser, Ed Group, Dailey Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parkening and daughter Estelle and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parkening.

BOYS ARE SOME WRESTLERS.

At the wrestling match on Tuesday night the work of the young boys taking part in the preliminary won much favorable comment from the crowd and the boys displayed much skill in their efforts at the mat game and were warmly applauded for their efforts. The first preliminary was won by Willie Williams aged 8, in two falls of three and four minutes each in their exhibition. In the second preliminary Gordon Wilcoxon, aged 19, and his brother, "Red" Wilcoxon, aged 11, staged a fast go, and Gordon won the first fall in five minutes, but the second bout went ten minutes to a draw.

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COMING TO THE PARMELE THEATRE

Sumner Nichols' Great Problem Play, "The Girl He Couldn't Buy," to Appear at the Parmele on Saturday Night.

When Sumner Nichols wrote the play which will be presented here at the Parmele Theatre on Saturday night March 3rd, he dug deep into the inner experience of many a shop girl who is working at a wage of six dollars a week and trying to live an honest and upright life, and his heroine, Hope Nelson, typifies what a girl must do and suffer to escape the persecutions of those human parasites who prey on the lives of unprotected girls and pose as men of honesty and prominence in the eyes of "upper society."

Hope Nelson is the daughter of a wealthy banker. He is ruined by his partner, David Burnham. He dies and Hope is left penniless and nearly friendless. When the curtain rises she is living at a boarding house on six-dollar-a-week salary she earns, the room with one of her store companions, a saucy and light-hearted girl by the name of Kitty Burns. But is a hard struggle for existence, made harder than ever by Burnham, who again makes his appearance, and this time a tempter. He dangles ease, luxury, wealth and what he calls happiness before her in return for her paying with her honor, and when the girl spurns him he becomes desperate and threatens to drive her into the street.

And then, at the climactic moment, Joe Maynard, a "cracksman," enters her life through the window of her own desolate room, from off the fire escape. He is fleeing from the police and asks her to find for him a temporary hiding place. Something about the man compels her to grant his wish, and the police are foiled.

Then Maynard tells her his life story, going back to the time when he was a trusted clerk with a big financial institution, and was falsely accused and found guilty of a crime of which he was innocent; how he served three long years, and after released adopted his present method of making a living because the police refused to permit him to earn it in any other way.

And Hope in turn trusts him and proves it by relating her experiences with Burnham, incidentally confiding to Maynard her suspicion that certain negotiable bonds belonging to her dead parent were stolen by Burnham and are still in his possession.

And from that time on "the shop girl" and "the cracksman" become fast friends, and the man, fearless and brave, promises to protect her, to fight for her, to live for her, to love her in the right way, and to reform for her.

And of course everything turns out as it should in the end, but it takes four thrilling acts to tell the story, with situations so tense that hardly has one relaxed from breathless watching a grave danger passed when another great one confronts the heroine. Yet through it all there is a thread of delicious humor introduced by Kitty Burns and her sweetheart "Flip" Edwards, that makes each thrill pass off with a laugh at just the proper moment.

RETURNS FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Mrs. E. E. Goodwin, who has been at the Emmanuel hospital in Omaha for the past several weeks recovering from a fractured hip, sustained in a fall at her home in this city, is now so far recovered as to be able to return home. Mrs. Goodwin is being cared for at the home of her son, R. L. Propst, and while still feeling the effects of the injury is now on the highway to recovery. Mrs. Goodwin is well advanced in years and despite this fact has shown wonderful strength and patience during her affliction, that has resulted in her recovery.

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NEBRASKA FIFTY YEARS OLD TODAY

Many Towns Are Celebrating the Anniversary With Programs Appropriate to the Occasion.

Nebraska is fifty years old today and the state now ranks as one of the most important of the commonwealths of the states of the union, forging ahead in the half century of its life to this position through the splendid efforts of the men and women who have made this state their home. In the days preceding statehood, Nebraska was the shuttlecock of the political forces of the nation, and over its creation as a territory there was a great political conflict in congress, in which Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, the author of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, occupied a prominent part in the years 1854-55, and which was the opening of his efforts to gain the presidency.

It was on March 5, 1860, that the first attempt to create a state out of the territory was undertaken by the territorial assembly of the state, when the proposition of statehood was submitted to the people for their approval, but was rejected by a vote of 2,084 to 2,372. In this election the voters of Cass county were decidedly in favor of statehood, the vote being 449 for statehood and 146 against the proposition, but other sections of the state were not in the mood to assume the responsibilities of the statehood measure and it was passed by. The congress of the United States in 1864 passed the enabling act that permitted the people of Nebraska to form a state constitution for submission to the people and to once more take up the effort to gain admission into the union of states.

It was early in 1866 that the tentative constitution was prepared for submission to the people of the state and provision made for the election of the state officers who were to guide the proposed state during its first days. This was approved by Governor Alvin Saunders, and on June 2, 1866, was submitted to the voters of the state for their approval or rejection.

The political conditions at the time made the admission of the state more or less of a political nature, the republicans striving to have the constitution and statehood proposition adopted, while the democrats and the liberal wing of the republicans opposed it, although both parties had nominated full state tickets for the election. The campaign, described by those who remain of the pioneers of those stirring times, was one that was tense and bitter and the young commonwealth was teased by the friends and foes of statehood in speaking and working for their respective causes.

It was in this stirring fight that Cass county occupied the limelight, and upon the vote cast in Rock Bluffs in this county hung the balance of fate for the question of statehood. Cass county gave a decisive majority against statehood and it was only by throwing out the vote of Rock Bluffs that the constitution was declared adopted and the republican state ticket, headed by David Butler as governor, was declared elected, defeating for the office of governor J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City.

There are many left in this locality who in those stirring days took an active part in the struggle and to them the fiftieth anniversary brings back memories of the times gone by that are very interesting and form an important part in the links of the past history of the great state of Nebraska. We owe much to those who have given their lives and efforts to build the state into its present greatness, and to those who come will rest the responsibility of carrying on the work that the past generations have brought forward in such splendid shape.

TWO DEATHS ON TRAIN.

Chas. Welch was a passenger for Plattsmouth Sunday, where he visited friends. When Charley got on the train he said he thought the presidential election was on again, judging from the amount of excited talk being indulged in by many of the passengers. When he discovered the cause he found that a woman had died on the train, south of St. Joe. A doctor was called to the train, and as he was about to leave the train a man rushed up to him, asking that he come to the day coach, where a man had cut his throat. When he arrived the man was dead. Charley thought that was a lot of excitement for a Sunday morning.—Hamburg Reporter.

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SIXTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN ALBERT

Yesterday marked the sixty-sixth birthday anniversary of Mr. John Albert, and in order that the event might be celebrated in the proper manner a number of relatives came to the Albert home just prior to the supper hour and tendered him a very pleasant and complete surprise. The guests had come well armed with baskets filled with good things to eat, and soon after their arrival the guests proceeded to prepare supper, and when all was in readiness the merry company repaired to the dining room and partook of an elegant birthday supper and to which all did ample justice. The remainder of the evening was most delightfully spent in social conversation, music and various amusements, which made this occasion most enjoyable to all and which will not soon be forgotten by the participants. When it was getting quite late, the merry surprisers departed for their homes wishing Father Albert many more happy birthdays. Those in attendance were: Messrs. and Mesdames John Albert and family, Henry Albert and family of Louisville, Henry Albert and family of Cedar Creek, Philip Albert and family of Cedar Creek, August Engelke and family of Murray and Mrs. Geo. Engelke and Murray.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Asbury Jacks were held this morning at 8 o'clock from the home in the south part of the city, conducted by Rev. T. A. Truscott of the First Methodist church. A large number of the friends and neighbors and members of the Woman's Relief Corps were present to pay their last tribute of affection to the memory of this most estimable lady and to share the burden of grief with the members of the family. At the close of the services at the home the body was taken to the Burlington station, where it was conveyed on No. 4 to Hamburg, Ia., to be laid to rest in the cemetery in that place. The members of the family accompanied the body to Hamburg, where a short funeral service will be held.

ANOTHER SUIT FOR DIVORCE FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

A suit for divorce has been filed in the district court entitled Alice Stull vs. J. Frederick Stull and in which the plaintiff asks that the bonds of matrimony be severed between them. The petition of the plaintiff states that they were married at Sioux City, Iowa, November 29, 1913, and that since that time they have made their home in Cass county. It is further alleged that the defendant has been guilty of great cruelty at different times to the plaintiff and has neglected to provide in proper manner for them. There are two small children as the result of the marriage and the plaintiff asks that they be given to her for custody and also that suitable alimony be granted that in the opinion of the court may seem just. William A. Robertson appears in the action as attorney for the plaintiff.

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GODD PRICE FOR FARM LAND IN CASS COUNTY

V. E. Perry, one of the progressive young farmers of the county was in the city yesterday for a few hours enroute to the automobile show in Omaha and took advantage of the occasion to spend a short time with his friends in the county seat. Mr. Perry has just disposed of his fine 160 acre farm which is known as the Oscar Allen farm, to A. E. Lake of near Murdock, who paid Mr. Perry \$210 an acre for the land. This is an excellent price, but the farm is also one of the best in this section of the state and Mr. Perry has maintained the farm at a very high standard of efficiency. It is mighty hard to find land anywhere that can compare with that of old Cass county, and Mr. Lake feels fortunate in securing the farm. Mr. Perry will remain on the farm until next spring when Mr. Lake will move onto the place to reside. Mr. Perry has not decided just what he will do in the future toward securing a new location but will have ample time to pick out a suitable home for himself and family before they move from the farm near Wabash.

MRS. ASBURY JACKS' FUNERAL.

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