

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS HELD

Contracts Let for Paving Chicago Avenue and Curbing and Guttering Seventh Street, and Claims Allowed.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last night when the gavel of the mayor sounded, the roll call showed there were nine of the law makers in their places, the only one missing being Vondran of the Third ward. All were apparently satisfied with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the record was sealed.

A communication signed by a number of residents of the southwest portion of the city asking for the setting out of the city of a number of blocks, which are used for agricultural purposes, was referred to the judiciary committee.

In the report of the committee the judiciary had nothing to offer. The chief of police reported one arrest and one fine paid, which corresponded with the report of the police judge. This was followed by the report of the finance committee and was as follows, all present voting its adoption:

Report of Finance Committee.

W. A. Swatek, cemetery fund	\$ 1.35
Q. K. Parmele, road	93.69
I. N. Cummings, dog tax	1.00
Claus Boetel, dog tax	2.00
F. W. Elliott, police	35.00
W. A. Barclay, police	75.00
Telephone Co., general	3.25
Hatt & Son	.50
M. Archer Co., general	30.00
Journal Co., general	74.07
J. E. Mason, general	1.00
Jr. streets	43.00
S. one, streets	35.00
M. streets	63.00
Jo. ca, streets	42.00
Joh. ser, streets	29.00
Wm. antner, streets	73.00
John Jessup, streets	43.75
Richey Lumber Co., streets	63.30
Harvey Shipley, streets	28.80
M. Kearnes, streets	105.00
W. A. Swatka, streets	7.50
D. B. Ebersole, streets	5.75

On report of the cemetery committee it was moved by Harris that the salary of the sexton be changed from \$12.50 per month to \$20, with the understanding that he should drag the road. This was carried by the unanimous vote of those present. Then followed a request of some parties in the south part of the city, for the city to furnish some tile for a driveway into the residence of the parties, which was supported by Mr. Harris of the Fifth, but was refused by the council. Following was the treasurer's report, which showed a number of funds overdrawn, in all amounting to \$7,026.22, while the balances on other funds showed \$25,413.22, leaving a cash balance in the treasury of \$18,387.

Under new business came the opening of the bids for the construction of the sewer, and the paving of district No. 13, on Chicago avenue, and the report of the engineer's estimate of the cost for curbing and guttering South Seventh street. The engineer's bill for the work on South Seventh street, being \$42.50, was referred to the finance committee. The estimate for the work being \$2,980. On motion by Bestor, the mayor and clerk were instructed to advertise for bids for the work. In the reading of the bids for the paving of Chicago avenue there were four bidders, the Monarch Engineering Co. of Falls City, the Western States Construction company of Lincoln, the Kennedy-Olson Construction Co. of Omaha, and J. H. McMaken & Sons of Plattsmouth. After the reading of the bids they were referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for tabulation and report. In bidding on the construction of the sewer there were but three bidders, they being J. S. Huntington, whose bid was \$3,800 for wire cut brick, with specified charges for extras; the Monarch Engineering Co., with a lump bid of \$3,849, and stated prices for extras; and J. H. McMaken & Sons, with a lump sum of \$3,787.50 for reinforced concrete pipe, and these were referred to

the streets, alleys and bridges committee for report as soon as possible, when a recess was taken for the sitting of the committee to formulate its report.

After the recess the report showed the sewer bid by J. H. McMaken & Sons to be the lowest and best bid, and in the sum of \$3,787.50, work to be completed by November 1, 1917, and the contract was awarded to the home firm.

The report of the committee having in hand the bids for the paving then reported, which showed the bid of the Western States Construction company as having placed the best and lowest bid, which aggregated \$30,621.46, and they received the award of the contract. Then followed a number of requirements of grading, culvert and crossing work over the city. The next matter to receive the attention of the council was a motion by Luchinsky, asking that the city clerk be instructed to notify the head officers of the Nebraska Lighting company to be present at the next meeting of the city council, when the matter of lights would be discussed. In speaking to his motion Mr. Luchinsky said that the service of the lighting company had become so bad that the city, the business men and the residents could no longer stand it, and that with the promise of the company to furnish lights, they must expect to do it or have their contract and franchise cancelled. The city must have lights, and the council wanted the officials of the lighting company present to hear just what the council and citizens would have to say.

## FAREWELL RECEPTION TO THE MISSES HETHERINGTON AND EGAN

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Last evening the girls of the Olson Photo company gathered together in one of their rooms in the Olson Photo company building to tender two of their associates, Misses Mary Hetherington and Katherine Egan, a farewell. Miss Hetherington and Miss Egan will leave soon for Fort Riley, Kan., to take charge of the office which Mr. Olson has established at that point. The evening hours were most delightfully whiled away with music and dancing, and at a late hour delicious refreshments were served. For the occasion the table had been very prettily decorated in the red, white, and blue. After the serving of refreshments the victrola was brought into use, and dancing was indulged in until a late hour, when the girls journeyed home, declaring they had had the best time, yet sad at losing two from their bunch. Those in attendance were: Misses Mary Hetherington, Katherine Egan, Florence Ledgeway, Ida Ledgeway, Marjorie Christinger, Delores McCarthy, Alice Lister, Sophia Chaloupka, Augusta Wallengren, Muriel Barthold, Edith Johnson, Elizabeth Shea, Barbara Ptak, Edna Warren, Nora Baughman, Bessie Holly and Cecil Schiappacasse.

## TRAVELING WITH MITCHELL.

Frank Beeson, brother of Judge Allen J. Beeson, accompanied by his son, Joe, came last evening from Ft. Madison, Iowa, where Mr. Beeson has just completed the installation of a new pumping plant for the city of Ft. Madison. Mr. Beeson has been engaged in the installation of the plant there for the past five months. He stopped last evening to visit his mother, Mrs. Eliza Beeson, and other relatives, departing this morning for his home at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, traveling overland in his Mitchell car. They expect to reach home tomorrow.

## WILL VISIT AT NORFOLK.

Mrs. J. W. Tritsch, accompanied by her daughter, Esther, last evening departed for an extended visit with relatives and friends at Norfolk, this state, where she will be the guest of Miss Ida Hazel, her sister. Mrs. Tritsch will remain about a month and will also visit with friends and acquaintances there, as she formerly lived there, and returning each year for a visit of some time, is well acquainted with many people there, which adds to the pleasure of her visits.

## JOY RIDERS GO INTO THE DITCH

They Wanted to Get Home in a Hurry and They Cut Her Loose—And Now Some of Them Will Stay Home for Awhile.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Just to know how fast gasoline will make a car run is, perhaps, a laudable idea, but be sure you have some way of escape before you turn on the juice too strong.

Last evening a half dozen of the young men of Plattsmouth went out for a joy ride, and like all young men with pulses throbbing with ambition, and carrying one hundred and fifty pounds of steam, they exceeded the speed limit.

Since the beginning of time, people have flirted with the grim specter, Death, sometimes to only flirt, but at other times they make a sure-enough contact with him.

Last evening Harley Becker, with his father's Hudson Super-Six, which has a reputation for speed, with Johnnie Wickman, Andrew C. Marshall, (June) Freddy Speck and Joseph Hawksworth, visited Union, and after seeing the town, which looked pretty good, they started to return, with Wm. Schmidtman, Jr., at the wheel.

"All went as merry as a marriage bell," as they skipped over the hills and across the valleys, until a short time after they had turned north towards Plattsmouth, and were negotiating a hill, looking this way. At the top of the hill they passed an Overland, which could not run fast enough to keep out of their way. Passing the top of the hill, one of the boys said, "Make her go a little faster." The car was then making thirty miles or better. A little more juice was given, and with the dimmers on, the occupants of the car were not able to sight a team ahead until they were but a short distance from it and much too close to stop. Will turned the car to one side and it is supposed that some one put on the break at the same time, which turned the car nearly across the road and with tremendous speed rolled it over three times. Then some of the boys went to sleep and when they awoke, there laid the car, with others of the merry company setting around or trying to restore the ones who were yet unconscious.

The lucky one was Johnnie Wickman, who was thrown clear of the car and wreckage and was not injured, although he was jostled about quite a bit. June Marshall had one ankle turned, which caused considerable pain, but he was trying to locate himself. Joe Hawksworth, who still has two large knobs on his forehead, like eggs, had pulled himself together, and was rolling a cigarette while Will Schmidtman was still lying on the ground with his eyes closed. Harley Becker came to and said, "I wonder what pa will say?" On examination he was found bruised about the head, and his right hip and leg were badly injured. Will Schmidtman opened his eyes to the world, and a world of darkness it was, it being after night and the lights on the car having gone out. An inventory of his troubles showed an abrasion of the skin about an inch and a half wide across his forehead, the loss of some flesh from his nose, at about the location where he may some day wear glasses, a finger that had been closed the wrong way as he struck solid earth, a portion of the flesh gone from his left wrist and patches of skin missing from his shoulder and neck. Freddy Speck was picked up and laid in an easier position, blood running from a gash in his forehead. He finally came to and was able to locate numerous other bruises over his body. After canvassing their injuries, all could smile, for the injuries, although severe, were apparently not of such nature as to suggest fatality or permanent serious injury.

Sam Smith went after the crowd and brought back four who were injured the least, they being Joe Hawksworth, June Marshall, Johnnie Wickman and Freddy Speck. Mr. Speck had to have three stitches taken in his forehead to close the wound that was found there, but he is now doing fairly well. Joe Hawksworth, with the exception of the bumps on

his head, is getting along fine, while Marshall, with his sprained ankle, is also progressing nicely.

Will Schmidtman and Harley Becker, who were the most badly injured, were taken back to Union, at which place they were given what aid could be provided, and were then brought to Plattsmouth at about twelve o'clock. Both are confined to their beds and Dr. Cook is rendering what care he can to relieve their sufferings.

They will be all right, it is said, in a short time, but at present they are very sore and stiff from the cuts and bruises. The car—well go see it yourself, at the Propst garage—looks very much as though it had been shot out of a cannon. Mr. Becker said, regarding the accident this morning, "Of course it will cost a good deal, but if the boys get all right, what is the difference about the car?"

## KNIGHTS TEMPLARS ENTERTAIN FOR DR. COOK AND WIFE

From Wednesday's Daily.  
At a royal banquet given in the Hotel Riley last evening, the Knights Templar of Mount Zion commandery No. 5 honored their past commander, Dr. E. W. Cook, and his wife.

About 8 o'clock the hosts, led by Sir Knight Thomas and wife, escorted their wives and guests to the dining room. The uniforms of the gentlemen, combined with the delicate evening gowns of the ladies, made the scene one of unusual beauty and brilliancy. Dinner was served in five courses, interspersed with music from the victrola. Astors were used for decoration.

As a fitting close to an evening of good-fellowship came the toasts, all expressive of friendship and admiration for the character of their honored member, and of sincere regret at his coming departure. W. A. Robertson was a masterful and gracious toastmaster. The members responding kindly and eloquently to his introductions were: Messrs. Francis E. White, W. B. Banning, Theodore P. Livingston, James M. Robertson. Dr. Cook also expressed his mingled feelings at the change to come, and his confidence in, and abiding friendship for the fellow Knights of Mount Zion commandery. The out-of-town guests included: Messrs and Mesdames V. P. Sheldon, Nehawka; G. W. Tidd, Enid, Okla.; M. N. Drake, Louisville; Dr. G. H. Gilmore, Murray; W. B. Banning, Union; F. E. White, Omaha, and Mr. F. H. McCarthy, Union; Mr. D. C. West, Nehawka, and Mr. R. L. Mauzy, Omaha.

## GEORGE M. PORTER PROMOTED.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Geo. M. Porter, who has been living in Lincoln for some time past, but for many years lived in Plattsmouth, and who has been working for the Omaha Bee for a number of years, has been promoted as regards to position, and also salary. Mr. Porter has been taken off the road, where he has traveled for the past twenty years, and given the south side office in Omaha, with a coterie of about forty people to look after. Mr. Porter is moving from his home in Lincoln to Omaha this week, and will hereafter make his home in that city, residing near Hanscom park. Mr. Porter will make this town for some time yet, but only until other arrangements are made for the caring for this city is worked out on the route of the man who will take up the work which Mr. Porter has been doing. Here's to you, Mr. Porter, we congratulate you on your advancement—you have earned the promotion.

## RETURN TO SOUTHLAND.

Joseph Schutz, son of W. G. Schutz, and J. L. Kendall, who have been visiting at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Nicholas Ealmas, and with the family of Peter Halmas, west of the city, departed this morning for their homes in the south. Mr. Joseph Schutz returning to his home at Palfurus, Tex., while Mr. J. L. Kendall will visit for a short time with friends in Kansas City, Mo., and after that return to his home at Dwight, Kan.

## U. S. TROOPS ON PARADE IN LONDON STREETS

Cheered by Throngs and Received by Ambassador Page and King George Yesterday.

No Enthusiasm Like It Since British Troops Welcomed Home from South Africa.

London, Aug. 15.—American troops marched through London today. They were received by Ambassador Page and later by King George at Buckingham palace.

Great crowds lined the streets, which were decorated profusely with American and British flags. Enthusiasm was shown everywhere. The Americans were cheered by civilians, by soldiers on their way to the front and by wounded men.

A cabinet meeting in progress at the time the Americans approached Whitehall was adjourned to permit the premier and his colleagues to pay their compliments to the Americans. The cabinet went in a body to the war office.

As the Americans passed the Horse Guards parade to Whitehall they were greeted from the windows of the war office of Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Balfour, Chancellor Bonar Law, War Secretary Derby, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions; George N. Barnes, member of the war council; Admiral Jellicoe and other high officials as well as by the French and Belgian officials.

The evening newspapers say that for a parallel to the scenes witnessed today in the neighborhood of Trafalgar square, it probably would be necessary to reach the time of the South African war and the return home of the troops.

## A RACE WITH THE MAIL.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The day that we had a letter from Mr. Persinger, telling of meeting Roy South, then on the "Nebraska," in the Pacific ocean, Mr. South himself passed through this city going east, and stopped off the train, shaking hands with Gust Swanson and speaking to Glen Rawles. He only stopped while the train was here. He had been ordered the day following the meeting with Mr. Persinger to go to France, and starting, followed the letter just two days behind, passing through here on his way. At Omaha Roy telephoned to Gust Swanson to meet him at the train, which passed through here at 1:46 in the morning. There were with Mr. South a number of sailors who were going to New York, and from thence to France. Mr. Swanson said Roy had grown and was a big man now, and looked fine.

## WENT WEST TODAY.

Mrs. J. G. Gibson and children, Lloyd and Ola of Trenton, Neb., who have for the past week been visiting in the city at the home of the parents of Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rodecker, being called here on account of the sickness of Mrs. Rodecker, but who is much improved, departed for their home in the west this morning. Mrs. Gibson in speaking of the south-western portion of the state, said that it had been rather dry there this season, still the wheat was making about ten bushels per acre. Last year, she said, on the land out there, which can be purchased much lower than here, they raised forty bushels of wheat to the acre, selling it for \$3 per bushel. They have lived there ten years and have always had something of a crop, but often it has been short on account of dry weather, which is common there.

## VISITING AT OGALALA.

Mrs. J. F. Clugey and daughter, Hazel, departed this morning for Ogallala, this state, where they will visit for about a week with Mrs. Clugey's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Tiltman. They were accompanied as far as Omaha by Mr. Clugey, who will assist them in changing trains, and will look after some business in Omaha for the day.

## A THOUSAND MILES IN AUTO.

Henry Matsen arrived in this city this morning about 11:30, having traveled since last Friday from Red Lodge, Mont., in a Buick auto, the entire distance. Mr. Matsen, it will be remembered, was a former citizen of this place, and whose parents live here. Mr. Matsen dropped into the Journal office on his arrival, telling us of the trip. He saw much country while on the way which was ever a changing scene, from mountains, snow-capped, to fields of waving grain, and many a hamlet interspersed between. He will remain for some time and visit with his friends here.

## WOLFF & AULT DISSOLVE.

The general merchandise firm of Wolff & Ault, of Cedar Creek, has dissolved partnership, Mr. A. O. Ault assuming full charge of the business. Mr. Wolff will engage in other business. This has been one of the successful firms of Cedar Creek for a dozen or more years, and will sure continue so under the able management of Mr. Ault, who is a thorough business man and one well liked by all. Mr. Wolff will no doubt prove just as successful in the new line in which he will engage—that of automobiles, supplies and accessories—also taking the agency for the Empire milking machine. He will be located in Hotel Hall with a complete line of autos and supplies on hand. Mr. Wolff has handled the Studebaker and Maxwell cars for a number of years and has proven his ability along this line, and will get his share of business in the future. The people of Cedar Creek will be pleased to learn that he will remain in their midst.

## ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION.

Those in charge of the Nebraska Lighting plant in this city seem to think that it is all a one-sided affair when we criticize the management for the poor service, thinking the people here would suppose that it was due to their not making an effort to furnish the best of service. We have tried to make it plain that the difficulty was due to the foreign elements, not to the way the plant was tried to be run here. We all know with what effort the management here and all the workmen have exerted themselves to get the light in the best possible condition, and keep it so. But we want the fact known to the men who control the entire company, that this city and the consumers are not getting what they are paying for. At the same time those connected with the plant in Plattsmouth are exerting themselves to furnish the goods. They are compelled often to get out in the night to remedy some interference which comes from out on the line and which is not due to the works here.

Philip A. Hild, who was so badly crushed some time since between a threshing machine which he was moving and the corn crib, by which it was standing, is so far recovered as to be able to be in town. Philip says he still has some pain and soreness, but he is rapidly regaining his normal condition.

## Vacation in the Adirondacks

Rev. H. G. McCluskey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who has been in the east for the past two weeks, returned home this morning looking brown as a berry and as healthy as one might desire. Rev. McCluskey went first to his old home at Booneville, N. Y., where he had spent his boyhood days and after visiting there for some time with relatives and friends, he and his brother went to the Chain Lakes, N. Y., which are about one hundred and twenty miles from Booneville. Over the entire distance there is a road of concrete pavement, making an elegant ride in the car of his brother. At the lakes the time was spent in boating, fishing, bathing and in touring the forests, which comprise hundreds of square miles. The Chain Lakes are long like lakes connected with small passage-ways between them and are from one to seven miles in length, while their width is from less than a mile up to two miles. Seven of these lakes are connected and make in all a distance of from twelve to fifteen miles in length. At a further distance of a mile or so comes another set of these 'chain' lakes, and continuing thus for miles they stretch across the state. In the forests in which these lakes are located, there are many animals and much game of all kinds.

The Chain Lake section of the state is but little settled up, otherwise than by those using it as a summer resort, and some of the few inhabitants living there the year round tell of the deer from the adjacent forests coming out and eating the cabbage of the farmers near the lakes. Some bear infest the woods, but none of such size as to alarm or frighten visitors therein. Mr. McCluskey stated that he enjoyed his vacation and outing immensely.

## WILL BUY CATTLE TO FEED.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Frank Briggs and wife of Columbia City, Ind., who with other relatives of Omaha, Mrs. S. O. Briggs and two daughters, Misses Gertrude and Garnett, all of whom were visiting at the home of Mr. F. M. Welshmer of this city for some days past, departed last evening for Omaha, where they will visit for a short time longer, when Mr. Frank Briggs and wife will go to Kansas City, where they will buy a number of cars of cattle for shipping to their farm near Columbia City, Ind., for feeding. They had tried to purchase the cattle desired at Omaha, but did not find what was wanted there, and so go to Kansas city to make the purchases, both markets being about equally distant from their home.

## RETURNS TO HER HOME.

Mrs. Walter Green of Gretna, who has with her children, Helen, Howard, Ruth and Clara, been visiting at the home of the parents of Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Budig, for some days past, departed for her home this afternoon, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Budig, who will visit with her daughter, for a few days.

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