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CITY TO CLOSE STREET NEAR MASONIC HOME

UNANIMOUS VOTE OF COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN PLANS TO BEAUTIFY THE HOME.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The session of the city fathers last evening was of more than usual duration and quite a good deal of interest was passed upon by the members of the city legislative body.

Every member was on the job when Mayor Schneider called the assembly to order and the work of grinding away on the city's business affairs was commenced at once.

The first matter to come up on the list of communications was one from August Beck, in which he requested the city to furnish him with a duplicate warrant to replace the registered warrant for \$500 which he had lost or stolen in Omaha a few months ago. On motion of Councilman Schullhoff this was ordered replaced.

The judicial committee through Chairman Mason presented a report on the matter of the surety bond for \$1,000 which had been filed some weeks ago by the Western States Construction company to cover the work on Chicago avenue paving and the committee recommended on the investigation of City Attorney Martin that the bond was not sufficient and should not be accepted, but this was later settled when a bond for \$2,500 was presented by the company and accepted by the city.

Councilman McCarthy of the fire and water committee reported that he had been looking up the complaint of Mrs. Mary Heinrich on the refusal of the water company to install their mains to her residence property, at the price stipulated in their franchise. Mr. McCarthy stated that the manager of the water company had informed to install all new connections at cost but that the company could not install them at a loss such as the price of \$20 would cause. The committee was undecided as to what course to take in the matter and whether to demand that the company abide by their franchise or permit them to make the charges that might be necessary to save loss on the work.

On motion of Councilman Ptacek the matter was referred to the fire and water committee for a recommendation at the next meeting.

Councilman Iverson of the lighting committee reported that he had looked up the matter of the light of the Missouri Pacific at their crossing in the west part of the city and it was necessary for the city to enter into an agreement with the railroad company to pay the city for the light.

Mayor H. A. Schneider presented a report covering the checking up of the special improvement taxes in districts 2, 4, 8, 9 and 13. The Chicago avenue paving districts, Mr. Schneider found that districts 2 and 4 were paid out and that some of the payments in the two remaining districts were yet to be collected and that in order to clear up these funds and retire the registered warrants on which interest was being paid it would be necessary to transfer a small amount from the curb and gutter improvement fund. In matters of the intersections on Chicago avenue Mayor Schneider found that the money to pay the costs of the intersections had been raised in the intersection fund but that all the claims had been filed against improvement district No. 13 and accordingly he recommended that the amount of \$9,669 be transferred to the fund of district No. 13 and to care for the city's part of the paving. The amount asked for transferring from the curb and gutter improvement fund will be \$4,200 and will clean up the special taxes up to district No. 13. Mayor Schneider also reported that the sidewalk record of the city for the year's past had been kept in very poor shape and that the city had lost thousands of dollars in the years past through the fact that many pieces of work had not been charged up against the property at the time. Within the last three or four years the creation of a special sidewalk tax book has cut down the loss but there is still a large amount of money that the city should have. On motion of Councilman Mason the mayor and finance committee were authorized to appoint some one to check up the books of the clerk's office and give them a complete audit for a number of years back in order to secure the collection of as much of this tax as possible.

On motion of Councilman Maurer the report of Mayor Schneider was adopted and the transfer of the funds made as requested and these funds will be straightened up and taken off the city's books.

Councilman Iverson had visited the scene of the proposed changes with other members of the council and expressed himself well satisfied that the change would be most acceptable and on his motion the ordinance providing for the vacation of the street was placed on reading and by the unanimous vote placed on the second and third reading and unanimously passed and 14th street will now be vacated for the half block that is necessary.

Councilman Ptacek stated that as 14th street was being closed up for a half block he thought it would be a good plan to open up 13th street from Locust north as it would give an additional road from the north while the work was being carried out on the new street that is being fixed up and this was so ordered.

Councilman Vroman of the cemetery committee asked that the cemetery road be graded up and also Patterson avenue from Chicago to Washington avenue and this work was ordered done as soon as possible.

Councilman McCarthy reported that the fire department had reported in favor of installing an electrically operated Klaxon fire alarm in the business section of the city which could be handled from the office of the telephone company. On the suggestion of Mayor Schneider this matter was laid over until the next meeting of the council.

Councilman Maurer called the attention of the mayor to the fact that it would be necessary to scout around for places in the various wards where the voters might cast their ballots and Mayor Schneider appointed as the committee to the scouting act, Mayor, McCarthy and Mason.

The election being near at hand the council decided to name the judges and clerks of election and the following were chosen:

First Ward—Judges, W. D. Messersmith, Fred Black, Frank Claus, Ed Fricke, Carl Wohlfarth.
Second Ward—Judges, W. B. Bishel, Frank Silvrack, Claus Boetel, Charles, James Rebal, George Widenman.
Third Ward—Judges, Clarence Beal, John E. Schutz, C. C. Despain, Fred Hirt, Charles E. Stanton.
Fourth Ward—John Weyrich, Rudolph Skalak, William O'Donnell, George Fenwick, J. M. Cunningham.
Fifth Ward—Judges, James B. Higley, Geo. Shantz, Henry Dooley, Ed Travel, Walter Brittain.

Mayor Schneider brought up the matter of the salaries of the men engaged in street work and pointed out that they had been raised several times in the past year and now with the falling prices of feed for horses and in other lines it would relieve the road fund greatly if the salaries were reduced to some extent and still permit the men a living wage. There was some discussion of this matter and it was finally referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action.

After allowing a number of matters of street work and considering the following report of the finance committee the council adjourned.

Smith & son, supplies city—	10.50
John Cochal, street work—	46.20
John Mauer, work man and team—	103.30
John Mauer, balance on street work—	1.19
Walter Goucheourt, street work—	79.20
Mike Lutz, street commission—	64.80
Claus Boetel, burying dogs—	1.20
O. Sandin, salary fire chief—	25.00
C. C. Smith, salary—	6.25
D. Ebersole, driver fire truck—	5.00
E. J. Weyrich, chemical man—	5.00
fire truck—	16.50
Anderson Co., shaft and nozzle—	16.50
Anderson Co., supplies fire department—	50.00
Carl Ezenberger, balance street work—	50

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HITCHCOCK SAYS U. S. HARD PRESSED

Two Billions Less from Excess Profits and Income Tax Creates Need—Up to Administration.

"It would not surprise me to see the republican administration back a movement to issue bonds to meet the expenses of the government at no distant date," said United States Senator G. M. Hitchcock Monday on his return to Omaha for a short stay.

"The republicans took office under a pledge to reduce taxation, but there is no immediate possibility of the administration being able to bring that about and besides, the administration is faced with immediate necessity for funds.

"The business depression that has prevailed for nearly a year in view of the foreign situation has greatly curtailed the probable income from excess profits. Total reduction from this source may run as high as a billion and a half dollars. Receipts from the income tax will be less. As a whole, I believe the reduction in revenue from these two sources alone will be about two billions.

"Would Create Big Problems
"It appears that the imposition of a high protective tariff would be a further bar to foreign commerce. To solve the situation, the trend of affairs in Washington indicates one source of revenue in a sales tax upon all commodities. If this is followed the result will be that in place of the revenue coming as now from the rich in the form of excess profits taxes and a tax upon income, the producers and merchants will pay a percentage upon their sales whether their businesses have advanced or not at a profit or not. The farmer whose crop has been disposed of for \$4,000 a year, will contribute \$40 to the government.

"Issue of bonds would of itself create big problems. The present 4 and 4 1/2 per cent bonds of the government are quoted at around 96 and would probably be necessary to issue new bonds at around 5 per cent and this might entail refunding.

"Business Men Need Leverage
"There has been some slight effort to cut down the forces of government departments as an economy move, but the result has been negligible when compared with the task of meeting the big problem of government expense. This situation is one that calls for immediate action on the part of the administration.

"I think President Harding as a result of pure business necessity at no distant date will have to reconcile himself to some policy that will make the United States a member of the league of nations.

"President Harding wants more than anything else to bring prosperity but Europe cannot pay for the raw materials that have been sent over and the government cannot stand by a policy that will keep continually adding to the balance sheet of European nations of about \$300,000,000 a year unless some means of credit is established. Entry into the league has ceased to be an ideal or an altruistic principle. It is desired by the business interests of the United States so that a basis of credit may be found.

"Meaning of Viviani Visit
"Recent indications, as for instance, the proposed visit of Viviani to this country would seem to point to a possible amendment of the covenant whereby the administration might deem changes enough had been made to permit the United States to join. The covenant contains provisions whereby amendments to its provisions may be made by its members. In this way it would be possible to remove whatever barriers President Harding might conceive existed. There seems to be a feeling that European governments would agree to some such plan.

"The senator arrived in Omaha yesterday for a week in Nebraska during which he will go to Lincoln to confer with county and state officials over a bridge for which government aid is sought, and also will attend a meeting of the legislative league in Lincoln next Monday.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Monday's Daily.
Mrs. Val Burkle of this city, who for the past week has been at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha taking treatment, was operated on this morning in the hope of giving her permanent relief from her suffering. Mrs. Burkle has been very poorly for the past two years and her health has been such in the last month that made an operation imperative. The many friends of this estimable lady will anxiously await word from her bedside and trust that she may have a speedy recovery and enjoy her former good health.

COUNTY ASSESSORS HOLDING MEETING

Nine New Members Enter Into Plattsmouth Lodge, and Occasion is One of Much Enjoyment

From Wednesday's Daily.
Last evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 729, R. P. O. E., added nine new additions to their membership and the occasion proved one of the most pleasant that the beloved brotherhood has enjoyed for some time.

The members were introduced into the order with the beautiful ritualistic work, the station of exalted ruler being taken by Dr. J. S. Livingston, the newly elected exalted ruler and one of the leaders in the Elks in the city. The candidates were introduced with the essays they had prepared to the virtues of life and they will long remember this occasion with pleasure as well as profit.

The special work was in charge of H. R. Cole and the candidates who were introduced by the committee headed by S. S. Child and composed of Eugene Lester and Fred Stewart and the luncheon embraced all that the inner wants of man could well ask for.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF M. F. SCHROEDER

Were Held Yesterday Afternoon at Home of Daughter, Mrs. W. C. Tippers.

From Monday's Daily.
The funeral services of the late Morris Frederick Schroeder were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Tippers on North Eighth street, where for the past few years he has made his home.

There were a large number of the old friends and neighbors in attendance at the service to pay their tribute to the memory of the splendid old friend and neighbor who had gone from them after a life filled with good to his fellow man.

Rev. H. G. Cook of the First Presbyterian church conducted the service and as his sermon spoke on the lesson of Easter, "The Resurrection" and in which he held forth the vision of the christian faith that realizes that there is more than the mere closing of the eye in death, as the dawning of immortality allows the spirit that has been partitioned to enter into eternal life.

A quartet composed of Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Miss Estelle Baird, G. L. Farley and Rev. McCluskey sang two of the old favorite hymns of the departed, "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

The body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest beside that of the wife who had preceded him in death nineteen years ago.

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Chicago Conference to Discuss National-Wide Co-Operation Enterprise—Question of Methods.
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"If a general plan for handling of all grain is agreed on, it gives promise of making the largest farmers' co-operative enterprise in the country." Mr. Sapro is here representing the Northwestern Wheat Growers' exchange, which operates in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. He said that W. B. McGreevy of Wichita, Kans., national secretary and treasurer of the Wheat Growers' Association of America, was expected tomorrow. Clifford Thorne, counsel for the American Farm Bureau fed-

STORMS AND COLD MAR EASTER DAY

Drop of Temperature Brings Mercury to 15 Degrees Above Zero—Damage to Fruit Reported

From the pleasant warm and balmy weather of the past few weeks, the temperature took a sudden change and late Saturday night the heralded cold wave swept down from the northwest bringing it its wake the shattering of hopes for a bright and pleasant day for the annual Easter festival parade.

The drop was very sudden and in a few hours the mercury had settled down some fifty degrees from the weather of Friday and the change was accompanied in many places with severe storms, although in this portion of Nebraska there was no serious atmospheric disturbances.

The intensity of the storm in the northern states was shown in a carload that went over portions of Minnesota doing damage estimated at \$200,000. Last night Kansas City and the southern portions of Kansas and Missouri were visited by a snow storm that covered the ground to the depth of several inches and was accompanied by a falling temperature that however was not as severe as further north.

In this vicinity the greatest damage was to the early fruit which had made great progress in the last few weeks and in a large number of cases the fruit trees were all headed and ready to burst into bloom as the warm rain of the last of the week had greatly benefited them.

This morning the temperature stood at 15 degrees above zero, or seventeen degrees below the freezing point and consequently the damage to the early fruit will be quite heavy.

The cold and blustry conditions yesterday served to check the usual Easter pleasures and the streets were almost in a deserted condition for the greater part of the day, save in the hours when the church-goers on their way to and from the places of worship.

At this meeting there was also held the annual election of class officers, the following being chosen: W. F. Evers, president; George Brinklow, vice president; Ward Whelan, secretary; Hallie Perry, treasurer and E. H. Westcott, teacher. The remainder of the evening was spent in music, both on the machine and singing and at a suitable hour refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL
From Tuesday's Daily.
This morning Charles Gradoville and daughters, Mrs. T. H. Kalouhch and Miss Agnes Gradoville, John Gradoville and Mrs. Rose Krivanek and son, Victor, were passengers for Omaha, where they go to attend the funeral of Miss Sazza Kerbel, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kerbel, former residents of this city and cousins of the Gradoville family.

FOR SALE
One Registered Helstein bull, nine months old, priced right for quick sale.
A. O. RAMGE, Plattsmouth.

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CELEBRATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole, Prominent Residents of County Enjoy Occasion with Family Gathering

From Monday's Daily.
The beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cole near Mynard, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering yesterday when this estimable couple celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their marriage, and the occasion was one that will long be pleasantly remembered by the members of the family, all but two of whom were present to spend the day with the parents. Earl Cole and Carl Cole two sons residing at Brule, Nebraska, were unable to be in attendance, but the remaining children, Mrs. C. L. Willes and family, Roy Cole and family, Sherman Cole and family, and Miss Opal Cole, were present to take part in the enjoyable occasion.

The children had presented the bride and groom of forty years ago with many beautiful bouquets of cut flowers and these found a place in the decorative scheme of the dining room where a splendid dinner was served and which was marked by the feeling of sincere happiness at the completion of the years of happy wedded life by the guests of honor of the occasion.

One feature of the dinner was the large and beautiful cake that had been prepared by Mrs. Roy Cole, a daughter-in-law, and presented to the bride and groom of forty years ago, and which was deeply appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole are numbered among the best known and prominent residents of this portion of Cass county and both have spent their life time here amid the scenes where they still reside. Mr. Cole was born in Mills county, Iowa, October 25, 1853, and was brought to Cass county when a child of four years by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shadrach Cole, who settled on a farm near Mynard, where the family have since made their home. Mrs. Cole formerly Miss Caroline Cook, a daughter of one of the pioneer families of the county, was born near this city March 19, 1865, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook, having been among the early residents of the vicinity of Plattsmouth. It was on March 27, 1881, that Miss Cook and Mr. Cole were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, the ceremony being performed by County Judge A. N. Sullivan, and they have since resided on the home place near Mynard, where the family has been reared to be worthy descendants of the estimable parents and men and women who reflect the splendid training given them by their worthy parents.

AN APPRECIATION
During the illness of George W. Sarader, one of the old and well known residents of the county at his home near Murray, the friends have generously remembered him with gifts and among these has been a very handsome bouquet presented by Mrs. Gobelman and Mr. Shrader and the family desiring to take means of expressing their appreciation of the remembrance, Mr. Shrader is still quite poorly and has greatly enjoyed the tokens of esteem given by his friends.

DEATH COMES TO MRS. MAX PRIES
From Monday's Daily.
This morning at 2:30 at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, Mrs. Max Pries of this city passed away, following a week's stay at the hospital where she was taken in very serious condition last Monday. The cause of Mrs. Pries was one of great seriousness from the start and there was little hope held for her recovery although all possible in treatment and care was given in the hope that her constitution might be able to withstand the suffering that followed an attack of peritonitis.

Mrs. Pries was at the time of her death thirty-eight years of age and was born in Woodbury county, Ia., near Sioux City, May 16, 1883. She was married some twenty-one years ago to Max Pries of this city, who with the five children, Max, Jr., George, Andrew, Fred and Gertrude, survive the passing of the wife and mother. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Olin and one brother, Lee Olin, all residing near Watson, Mo., also survive the death of Mrs. Pries.

The body was brought in this afternoon on No. 2 over the Burlington and taken to the late home where the funeral services will be held on Wednesday but as yet the members of the family have not fixed on the hour.

In the sorrow that has come to them the bereaved husband and children will receive the deepest sympathy of the community in their hour of trial and suffering.

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4% Mental Sunshine!
Mental sunshine is first cousin to "joy of life." We all enjoy the man who has learned that smiles are good medicine and who administers it in large doses to his friends.
And here's a secret—there are few things which will turn on mental sunshine like knowing that you have a little money in the bank—for instance, one of those Certificates of Deposit issued by the First National Bank bearing 4% interest.
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