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STILL GRINDING AWAY AT THE CAPITOL

TAXATION, MOVIE CONTROL AND OTHER MATTERS DETAIN THE LAWMAKERS.

The legislature was unable to finish its work Saturday afternoon and decided to run end-on into another week. The senate adjourned shortly after 5 o'clock until 2 o'clock Monday and the house adjourned until 9 o'clock the same day.

Incidentally H. R. 2, a bill providing a more workable law for organization of water power districts by municipalities or country territory, sponsored by R. B. Howell, of Omaha, is still in the hopper, having been referred back by the senate to the committee on irrigation for the purpose of striking out a portion that repeals the present law on that subject.

Some progress was made toward a settlement of the differences between the two houses in the matter of taxation. A conference committee filed a report restoring to S. F. 65 the provisions for a tax on intangible property, but changing the tax from four mills to 25 per cent of the rate imposed upon tangible property in the district where intangible property is taxed.

Senator Anderson, of the senate revenue committee, together with Norval of Seward and Randall of Cedar, presented the conference committee report to the senate and that body adopted it after an explanation of its effect by a vote of 22 to 2.

The conference committee, in addition to changing the rate of taxation for intangible property to a sliding or movable scale, adopted the house amendment to S. F. 65, which separates the office of state tax commissioner from the office of secretary of finance, with a salary of \$5,000 for the tax commissioner. The committee report also takes from the secretary of finance the power he now has in taxation matters.

The committee changed the bill by restoring only four of the industries originally taxed on a basis of average capital invested. It now applies only to manufacturers of sugar, moving pictures, grain dealers and wholesale dealers in oil. The assessor files the property of these industries as he finds it on hand April 1, then ascertains the average capital invested in the business during the year and if this exceed the tangible property listed he shall list the excess for taxation.

BASE BALL BUGS OUT

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the baseball enthusiasts of the city were on hand at the Red Sox park, where the various members worked out and the first steps of the 1921 season were taken by the reorganized baseball association. Manager Barclay and Captain Connors are working hard to get all the players possible out in order that there may be an ample opportunity to select the best team that can be found in this part of the state. The afternoon was spent in a friendly game in which the players were all given a chance to work out.

The fence around the park has been completed now and looks more inviting than heretofore and with the fixing up of the seats the fans are assured of having a comfortable place to enjoy the game.

FOR SALE

A few registered Shorthorn bulls for sale. Phone 3521. — Elbert Wiles.

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CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our appreciation of the kindness of our friends and neighbors who were so kind during the last illness of our beloved husband and father and at the time of his death for their ministry and help and sympathy, also for the flowers furnished and the kindness of the choir of the Presbyterian church of Plattsmouth in providing the music at the funeral. Mrs. G. P. Meisinger; H. A. Meisinger and Wife; Will Meisinger and Wife; Henry Thierolf and Wife; Miss Gertrude Meisinger; Ivan Meisinger. dau.

PARTY ENTERTAINS AT OMAHA MISSION

Plattsmouth People Assist in Program for Members of the City Mission in Metropolis.

Yesterday a number of the Plattsmouth people well known in the entertaining line visited the city mission at Omaha on the invitation of Miss Anthony, superintendent of the institution and gave a very pleasant program for the young and old who are in touch with the work of the mission.

The program was given at the conclusion of the Sunday school at the mission and consisted of musical numbers and readings and served to delightfully entertain the large number who were present at the mission. This institution is the only form of social settlement work in the metropolis and is located at Twelfth and Pacific streets in the heart of a large foreign settlement which it serves in Christian instruction work as well as administering to the more temporal needs of the friends and neighbors. The institution is supported by private subscriptions and has been one of the most successful institutions of its kind in the west.

Those going from here to spend the day in the mission were J. E. Wiles and wife, Luke Wiles, wife and family, A. J. Heeson and wife, E. H. Wegcott, wife and family and Miss Alice Louise Wescott.

The meeting was very largely attended and the program proved interesting to the large audience, the members of which were delighted with the different numbers given.

ALIEN ENEMIES CAN NOW BE NATURALIZED

War Time Restrictions are Removed by Government and Applications Get Quick Action

The war-time regulation of the admission to citizenship of alien enemies has been removed by congress in one of the recent measures and it has become a law as the repeal was signed by President Wilson as one of his last acts.

This change places the former residents of Austria or Germany on the same plane as residents of other foreign countries as far as the applications for citizenship are concerned. Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson has received notice of the change from the naturalization bureau and is instructed to receive applications for citizenship on a pre-war basis.

Heretofore these applications have been held up pending review by the department of justice at Washington, and all applications now pending are to be taken up at the naturalization hearings over the country without further delay, as the federal government has ceased its supervision of the matter.

SURPRISED ON 26TH BIRTHDAY.

From Monday's Daily.

On last Monday evening, April 18, a crowd of friends with well filled baskets gathered at the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Meisinger, near Cedar Creek, surprising Mrs. Meisinger on her twenty-sixth anniversary. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing, music being furnished by the player piano.

At a late hour a delicious luncheon was served, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake, cream puffs and coffee. Soon after this the hour of departure was at hand, and the guests left wishing Mrs. Meisinger many more happy birthdays and declaring they had had a most delightful evening.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allie Meisinger, F. J. Hennings, Anton Meisinger, Frank Salsberg, W. H. Meisinger, Ralph Meisinger, Mrs. J. H. Meisinger, Mrs. Adam Meisinger, Mrs. George Horn, Miss Helen Horn, Helen Meisinger, Hazel Nichols, Edna and Ethel Born, Arthur, Earl, LeRoy and Philip Meisinger, Walter and Elmer Salsberg, Herman Hennings, Merrill, Marion and Gerald Meisinger, Carl Hall, Henry Hyde and Fritz Frank.

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FUNERAL OF LATE G. P. MEISINGER HELD

Concourse of Friends from all Over County Gather at Home Yesterday to Pay Honor.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral services of the late George P. Meisinger were held from the home near Cedar Creek, where he has resided for so many years, and from far and near his friends gathered to pay to the memory of this good man their last tributes of love and respect.

The home and the grounds surrounding were filled by the concourse of mourning friends whose sorrow has been profound at the taking away of this splendid citizen and friend and it was a fitting tribute to his long and useful life that this splendid gathering of the citizens of Cass county gathered at his Bier.

The Rev. Rhodes of the Eight Mile Grove church, officiated at the service and in his remarks paid a glowing tribute to the life of Mr. Meisinger and his long and useful career as a citizen of Cass county and to the family, whose hearts have been burdened by the loss of the husband, father, brother and uncle, the minister held out the vision of a future filled with the brightness of the realization of the fulfillment of Christian faith and a reuniting where the pangs of separation would come no more.

During the service the choir from the Presbyterian church of this city gave a number of the well loved hymns which the departed had cherished so much during his lifetime. The members of the choir were Rev. H. G. McClusky, George L. Farley, Mrs. Edna Marshall-Eaton, Mrs. G. L. Farley and Miss Estelle Baird.

At the conclusion of the service, the body was borne to the Glendale cemetery where it was laid to the long rest. The pall bearers were selected from the old friends, being George and William Lohnes, Adam Fornoff, William Schneider, John Bechler and Peter Schroeder.

CARNIVAL GOODS ON DISPLAY IN GAS COMPANY'S WINDOW

The display window of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company is the object of much attraction since yesterday, when a part of the goods were given away at the Legion's indoor carnival the last three days of this week, were placed on display there.

Not only did Mr. Kuykendall, who is the Legion's near neighbor, occupying the ground floor of the building in which the club rooms are located, graciously consent to the use of his window for displaying the goods, but he also slipped into the display a fine gas heater, which is the company's donation. He also is keeping the window well lighted each evening, and many people pause in passing to look at the magnificent display of goods.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

A case entitled Rosine Allen vs. Grace and Louise Valley and Arthur D. Allen vs. Grace and Louise Valley has been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court Robertson, in which the plaintiff, Rosine Allen asks judgment for \$25,000 for injuries alleged to have been sustained when the plaintiff was struck by an automobile which was occupied and driven by the defendants in the city of Omaha and as the result of which the plaintiff claims damages in the amount named. The plaintiff Arthur Allen alleges that he has suffered damages to the amount of \$7,500 as the result of the injuries to Rosine Allen, his wife. Brome & Ramsey of Omaha and W. A. Robertson of this city appear for the plaintiffs in the case.

Another case filed is that of John C. Lindeman and wife and W. T. Craig against Jess W. Bashus and in which there is a long standing controversy over the possession of land on the river bottom north of the pumping station. The plaintiffs seek a writ to have the defendant placed under a bond bond to keep the peace. This case has been laid over by the court until Friday, when it will be heard.

GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS

From Monday's Daily.

William Hanks, federal prohibition officer, who has been working in this state and Iowa for some time looking after cases of violation of the Volstead law in the two states, departed yesterday afternoon for Minneapolis, where the headquarters of the law enforcement bureau for Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Minnesota are located. Mr. Hanks will attend the session of the federal court in which a number of hearings on cases that he has prosecuted will be taken up by the government. During his stay here he secured a large number of convictions and seized several illicit liquor outfits.

CASES ARE DISMISSED

The docket of the district court has been relieved of several cases that have been pending for some time, and which have been settled and dismissed by the parties to the various actions.

The cases of Frances S. Valley vs. Henry Meisinger et al and Frances Valley vs. Myrtle Bell Marks et al have been dismissed as has also the partition suit of William Buskirk et al vs. Ervan Buskirk and the action of the Farmers State Bank of Greenwood vs. F. D. Clymer.

MAKING QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT THERE

Work Already Done at Masonic Home Shows What May be Expected as Result of Changes.

The work of improving the surroundings of the Nebraska Masonic Home in the west part of the city has progressed to such a point that it is now possible to have some idea of the wonderful changes that will be made during the next few weeks in the immediate vicinity of the home.

The work of tearing away the sheds and buildings on the Fitzgerald property has been completed and the grading for the extension of the street is now on in full blast. The view from the Missouri Pacific station is greatly enhanced by the removal of the buildings giving passengers the opportunity to see the home to much greater advantage as well as to look down Locust street for a great distance.

The portion of Fourteenth street that was vacated by the city is being filled in and will be planted to grass and give an uninterrupted sweep of lawn from the Thirteenth street side of the Masonic Home property clear to Fifteenth street, and will add much to the beauty of that portion of the city.

The walk that formerly led from the home to Locust street is also being taken up and will be given over to the grass and sod. Beautiful flowers and shrubs will also be used extensively in the decorations of the grounds and will add greatly to the general decorative plans of the home surroundings.

On the building proper there are a number of important changes to be made along the west front and the main entrance will be from that side instead of at the south with a fine ornamental porch placed there and the top of the building will be surmounted by white ornamental stone decorations that will add to the general beauty of the building.

ODD FELLOWS HAVE BIG TIME AT NEHAWKA

Number from This City Enjoy the Closing Session of District Meeting Last Night.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the district meeting of the I. O. O. F. was held at Nehawka and was one of the most enjoyable held in the district in the history of the order in recent years. The meeting was marked by the conferring of the first degree on a number of candidates as well as with a fine banquet which followed the work and which was served in the auditorium.

The banquet was one of great delight and the extensive toast list comprised a number of the leaders of Odd Fellowship in this portion of the state. The banquet was presided over by Dr. J. W. Thomas, who proved a splendid presiding officer and whose clever introductions of the different speakers kept the members of the banquet party in the best of spirits. The addresses of the evening included many of the principles of Odd Fellowship and among these was one on "Friendship" given by Joseph C. Warga of this city, past noble grand of this city.

Among those attending the meeting from this city were John P. Sattler, Frank Detlef, Sanford Short, Joseph C. Warga and John W. Marquet.

RAIN BRINGS RELIEF

From Monday's Daily.

The slight rainfall early this morning came as a great relief following the dust that was blowing so profusely all day yesterday and which made the Sunday travel very disagreeable. The storm clouds began to gather early in the evening but it was not until 2 o'clock this morning that the rain commenced to fall. It was certainly appreciated by the residents of the city and particularly those along Main street.

MRS. DOOLEY POORLY

Mrs. Henry Dooley, who is at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, where she was operated on last week, is reported as being quite poorly as her case has been very serious, but her condition is now such as to give hopes of her ultimate recovery, although it will require some for the case to pass the crisis. The many friends of Mrs. Dooley are anxiously awaiting word from her bedside.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS SWORN IN LAST NIGHT

C. A. JOHNSON SUCCEEDS H. A. SCHNEIDER AS MAYOR—3 NEW COUNCILMEN

The meeting of the city council last evening was not unlike the play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," in that it witnessed the inauguration of a new administration following three years in which Henry A. Schneider has presided over the destinies of the city and its government.

The old council was brief in their meeting as no matters of importance were taken up owing to the short remaining period when they would exist as the governing body of the city.

Councilman Mason of the judiciary committee took up the matter of the petition of Frank R. Gobelman to have a street on Wintersteen hill closed, and asked that it be referred to the city attorney for adjustment as there was no record of a street as claimed and the fact that it had been used as a street for the past twenty-five years regardless of any existing record, raised a question as to what steps should be taken to adjust the matter and on motion the city attorney was left to wrestle with the problem.

Councilman Ptacek of the streets, alleys and bridges committee asked for more time on the matter of the erection by John Albert of a stone wall on his property on Pearl street, as there was no ordinance covering this matter and this permission was granted.

The park board of the city reported that during the year closed there had been expended by the board the sum of \$482.51.

The fire department presented the names of Frank Detlef, C. C. Smith, Roy Mayfield and R. W. Knorr as fire marshals and which were confirmed by the council and these gentlemen were given authority to act in a police capacity at fires that might occur in the city.

The council then took up the matter of bonds for the new city officials and the following were approved: Mayor, C. A. Johnson, \$1,000—E. P. Lutz and L. B. Engenberger as surties.

Treasurer, C. E. Hartford, \$25,000, Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Maryland.

Clerk, A. H. Duxbury, \$1,000.—Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Maryland.

Councilmen, F. M. Bestor, \$1,000, J. V. Hatt and H. F. Goos; James Ptacek, \$1,000, C. F. Janda and R. H. Patton; R. W. Knorr, \$1,000, H. A. Schneider and G. W. Moran; John A. Schulhof, \$1,000, A. G. Bach and F. J. Libershal; Frank Sebaska, \$1,000, James Newasek and A. W. Viternik.

Mayor Schneider then called the newly elected officials to the rostrum and administered to them the oath of office that entitled them to enter on the discharge of their duties and at the conclusion while the newly elected members of the city government were assuming their seats Mr. Schneider made a few remarks as the valedictory of his three years of office and in which he wished the new city government and Mayor Johnson success, and stated that during his term it had been his desire and intention to give the best possible service to the city and that while perhaps there had been mistakes made it had been his sincere desire to see that the city affairs were administered in a fair and just manner.

Mayor-elect Johnson made a few remarks of appreciation of the kindly wishes of his predecessor and urged co-operation and economy on the part of the new city council and that the council see that the city receive 100 per cent value for every dollar expended in the conduct of the affairs of the city.

Mr. Johnson then announced the names of the new officials selected by him to serve during his term and named as city attorney C. A. Rawls, which nomination was confirmed. The name of Alvin Jones as chief of police was then presented and confirmed by a unanimous vote.

For the position of night police the mayor presented the name of Henry Chandler, which was also confirmed.

For the office of street commissioner, Mayor Johnson named Mike Lutz, who has filled this position for a number of years and it was rejected by a vote of seven to three. Bestor, Knorr and Schulhof voted yes, while McCarthy, Ptacek, Lindeman, Brittain, Howe, Mauer and Sebaska voted no.

Dr. R. P. Westover was named as city physician and for sexton of the cemetery Warren Tulene, both nominations being confirmed.

For members of the park board the city, Mayor Johnson named R. B. Hayes, John P. Sattler and George Luschnsky.

The mayor announced the names of the new committees of the council as follows: Finance—Bestor, Knorr and Schulhof; Judiciary—Knorr, Howe and Lindeman; Streets, Alleys, Bridges—Ptacek, Schulhof and Bestor; Fire

and Water—McCarthy, Bestor and Howe; Lighting—Schulhof, McCarthy and Ptacek; Police—Howe, Sebaska, Brittain; Parks and Improvements—Lindeman, Mauer and Sebaska; Claims—Mauer, Lindeman and Ptacek; Cemetery—Brittain, McCarthy and Mauer; License—Sebaska, Brittain and Knorr.

On motion of Councilman Ptacek, John A. Schulhof was elected as the president of the city council by a unanimous vote.

Councilman Ptacek called the attention of the council to the fact that the county had completed a steel bridge in the west part of the city and wooden wings to the same that required a fill and asked that the streets, alleys and bridges committee be given power to go ahead and have this work done as soon as possible before a heavy rain washes away the dirt already there. His request was granted.

On motion of Councilman Schulhof the next meeting night was set aside as a time for bringing up the sidewalk resolutions for passage.

The city dads decided also to follow the custom of having the city safe moved to the office of the city clerk and the safe will journey from the store of Mr. McElwain up to the law office of the new city clerk, Mr. A. H. Duxbury.

The finance committee of the old council, before their adjournment, passed on the following bills which were ordered paid: Kroehler Bros., mdse.-----\$51.70 Dave Ebersole, truck driver--- 5.00 E. J. Weyrich, chemical man.--- 5.00 Mike Lutz, street commisr.--- 64.80 Kroehler Bros., repairs.----- 17.60 John Gehal, street work.----- 39.60 John Maurer, street work.----- 94.05 Walter Gouchenour, spring's 69.30 William Hassler, repairs.----- 2.15

GIVES SHOWER IN HONOR OF BRIDE

Mrs. Jack Patterson Entertains at Her Home in Union in Honor of Mrs. Albert Deegen.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson, at Union, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Saturday afternoon last when Mrs. Patterson entertained the members of the "Hikers" and several other friends of this city at luncheon in honor of Mrs. Albert Deegen, of Omaha, formerly Miss Jeanette Patterson of this city.

The appointments of the luncheon were very charming, the decorations being the wildflowers of the season, whose beauty lent a pleasing touch of the scene and amid the profusion of the flowers the ladies enjoyed to the utmost the dainty three-course luncheon that had been prepared by the hostess and who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. G. W. Cheney.

There were fourteen present at the pleasant event and the occasion was one that will long be delightfully remembered by the members of the party present.

BABE IS QUITE SICK

The little week old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henssenflow is quite sick at the home in the south part of the city and the condition of the little one is such as to cause much apprehension on the part of the relatives and friends.

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