

NEW COUNCIL GOES IN.

Mayor Cather Assumes Reins of Government - Saloon Licenses Granted.

The old council held meetings Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and wound up the year's business, and the new administration held its first meeting Wednesday night. Following are the proceedings of the three meetings:

May 1.
The city council met in regular adjourned session Tuesday evening, May 1, with Mayor Dickenson in the chair. Councilmen present Cather, Warren and Wolfe.

On motion a cement crossing was ordered laid on the west intersection of Webster street and Second avenue.

Claim of D. H. Kaley, agent, for rent of P. & M. Bank building for election purposes was laid over.

The following claims were allowed:
J. M. Sellars, engineer.....\$ 40 00
Buffalo Meter Co., meters..... 85 31
T. J. Ward, labor..... 33 00
J. W. Kinsel, water com'r..... 12 50
J. O. Caldwell, coal..... 11 50
B. E. Eshelman, use of engine..... 10 00
L. A. Crouch, labor..... 3 50
L. H. Blackledge, attorney fees 144 45
L. E. Tait, printing..... 37 00
A. C. Hosmer, printing..... 21 00
L. H. Fort, office expense..... 20 00
J. W. Kinsel, night watch..... 12 50
Henry Clauson, labor..... 7 80
George Clauson, labor..... 6 50
Cloyd Cummings, labor..... 5 85
Chief Pub. Co., printing..... 4 00
Robinson & Burden, mdse..... 2 30
Mike Donovan, labor..... 2 00
E. M. Gard, doubletree..... 90

May 2.

Council met in adjourned session, Mayor Dickenson presiding. Present, Councilmen Cather, Warren and Wolfe.

Annual report of the city treasurer was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of water commissioner was read and placed on file.

On motion the following claims were allowed:

J. O. Butler, freight..... 204 20
Wm. Wolfe, labor..... 8 00
F. W. Studebaker, crossing..... 9 60
Will Sullivan, lumber..... 80
F. W. Studebaker, labor..... 29 15

Following the allowance of the claims, Mayor-elect C. F. Cather took the oath of office, and the old council ceased to exist.

The new council was then called to order by Mayor Cather. Present Councilmen Warren and Wolfe.

C. D. Robinson and Henry Diedrich, the new councilmen, were sworn in.

The official bonds of J. O. Butler, city treasurer, and L. H. Fort, city clerk, were approved.

The applications of John Polnick, Fred Mandeville and C. W. Bushee for saloon licenses were granted.

On motion the bid of Studebaker & Pinkenbinder for the construction of cement walk in front of lots 19 and 21, block 31, was accepted.

Councilman Warren was elected president of the council.

Mayor Cather appointed standing committees for the ensuing year.

T. J. Ward was reappointed street commissioner, with the additional duties of water commissioner, with a salary of \$40 per month.

J. M. Sellars was appointed engineer of the water works plant.

Adjourned to meet at call of mayor.

City Finances.

Following are the annual reports of the city treasurer and water commissioner. There will be on hand in the city treasury a cash balance of \$1,465.32 after all outstanding warrants are paid.

Following is the report of the city treasurer:

OCCUPATION FUND.	
Balance May 4, 1905.....	\$ 702 45
Receipts.....	2156 50
Total.....	\$2858 95
Disbursements.....	2467 96
Balance May 2, 1906.....	\$ 390 99

WATER FUND.

Balance May 4, 1905.....	\$ 398 35
Receipts.....	2534 73
Total.....	\$2933 08
Disbursements.....	1251 91
Balance May 2, 1906.....	\$1681 17

WATER LEVY FUND.

Balance May 4, 1905.....	\$ 340 00
Receipts.....	630 00
Total.....	\$ 970 00
Disbursements.....	927 76
Balance May 2, 1906.....	\$ 13 14

GENERAL FUND.

Balance May 4, 1905.....	\$ 638 63
Receipts.....	1516 00
Total.....	\$2154 63
Disbursements.....	2116 41
Balance May 2, 1906.....	\$ 38 22

FIREMEN'S FUND.

Balance May 4, 1905.....	\$ 41 60
Receipts.....	75 00
Total.....	\$116 60
Grand total receipts.....	\$9004 16
Disbursements.....	6764 07
Balance May 2.....	\$2240 09

Warrants outstanding..... 774 76

Actual cash balance.....\$1465 32

The report of the water commissioner is as follows:
Receipts.....\$1908 75
Disbursements..... 1735 92
Balance on hand May 2.....\$ 172 86

T. J. Ward, who was employed to collect overdue water tax, collected \$624.55, of which \$502.10 was turned into the city treasury after deducting his commission of \$62.45.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers for week ending Wednesday, May 1, furnished by Walker & Bailey of Webster County Abstract company.

Hannah Morris to Ida Smith lot 5 block 3 Buschow add to Blue Hill wd.....	\$ 450
C A Trimble to Eli Morris same wd.....	1
A P Johnson to L Dickerson lots 1 and 2 block 5 Bladen wd.....	2700
Elizabeth Besse to Wm K Green lots 11 and 12 block 22 Red Cloud wd.....	600
Leonard Everett to Solomon Beckwith e2 19 and w2 sw4 and w2 nw4 20-2 12 wd.....	6240
Soloman Beckwith to O M Emycart same wd.....	9600
J S Dyer and wife to R W Koontz lots 8 to 12 block 2 Williams add to Red Cloud wd.....	1200
C C McConkey and wife to C W Kaley w2 sw4 6-2 10 wd.....	1500
Maggie E Carpenter and husband to J F Richardson e2 nw4 32-1-11 wd.....	2800
I W Tulleys to Annie W Tulleys lot 1 and part lot 2 block 8 Le Duc add to Red Cloud wd.....	600
Albert Kailey et al to James W Hughes lot 8 block 12 Guide Rock qd.....	500
State of Neb to J T Nichols sw4 sw4 and ne4 sw4 and sw4 se4 36-4-12 wd.....	3600
David B Spanogle to C A Schultz part block 2 LeDuc add to Red Cloud wd.....	410
W A Wayman to May M Ellsworth part ne4 18 4-11 wd.....	1000
Total.....	\$31101
Mortgages filed.....	\$10800
Mortgages released.....	\$11000

Swallowed a Wire.

Little Dorothy Baylor, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baylor, swallowed a piece of wire about half an inch long Monday afternoon while in school. For a few hours afterward she complained that the wire was scratching her throat, but since then the wire has worked downward and she has suffered no inconvenience, and it is hoped no serious results will follow.

A Certain Cure for Aching Feet.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, r powder. It cures tired, aching, callous, sweating, swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

LOOKS LIKE GRAFT.

T. J. Ward Seems to Have "Good Think" With City Administration.

At a meeting of the city council early in March it was decided to make an effort to collect the city water rentals which were long overdue, and T. J. Ward was employed to ascertain the amount due and make the collections, for which service he was to receive 10 per cent of the amount collected. The records of the city clerk show that Ward was employed to collect only water taxes that were long overdue, it being understood that J. W. Kinsel, who was drawing pay as water commissioner, would look after the balance of the work.

It would seem, however, that Ward not only collected back taxes, but also those which came due only recently and which it was the duty of Commissioner Kinsel to collect.

Now, we are not kicking about the tax being collected. Not at all. But it appears from the records that Jeff Ward has been drawing double pay for the work for which J. W. Kinsel also drew a salary. At the meeting of the city council April 4, Ward presented a claim of \$28 for 14 days labor on water works, and again at the meeting on May 1 he presented another like claim for \$33 for 16½ days labor. Both claims were allowed. Neither claim shows what labor was performed, and it can only be presumed that these claims were for reading and testing meters—part of the work of ascertaining the amount of water tax due, for which he was also receiving 10 per cent of all he collected.

Ward's report to the city council shows that he collected \$624.55, of which he turned over to the city treasurer \$562.10, having deducted \$62.45 as his commission, in addition to which he received \$61 for reading meters, etc., making a total of \$123.45 for his work, at least a part of which should have been done by Commissioner Kinsel.

We would not be greatly surprised if Ward should put in an additional claim for mileage for walking up and down the streets in his search for delinquent water consumers.

This proceeding looks a great deal like hiring a man to build a fence for you at a stipulated price, and then paying him extra for digging the post holes and nailing on the boards.

The mayor has rewarded Mr. Ward for his strenuous labors by appointing him street and water commissioner at a salary of \$40 per month.

Making the Editor Smile.

Every once in awhile we receive a letter from some delinquent subscriber similar in tone to the one published recently, wherein the writer claims he never subscribed, or he does not get the paper, or he never reads it, or that there "is nothing in it," etc., winding up with a refusal to pay for the paper which he has been receiving regularly and for which we have been trusting him and hoping that he would some time come in and settle without our resorting to the services of an attorney. About the time we are beginning to feel discouraged, however, along comes a letter from some honest man, of which the two following are fair samples, to renew our faith in the honesty of mankind in general and warm our hearts:

"LARRABEE, IA., April 29, 1906.—Dear Sir:—I received your letter a short time ago, but have not been to town since, or had a chance to send till yesterday. * * * Inclosed find draft for \$5, which makes me one year ahead. Thanking you for sending the paper and waiting so patiently for the money. Yours,
CHAS. IRWIN."

"BLOOMINGTON, NEB., April 28.—Dear Sir: Please find inclosed the sum of \$3 to apply on my account. Thanking you for your kindness. Respectfully,
WM. SEEL."

Some of our contemporaries will probably say: "This could never hap-

pen in our shop, where we have adopted the cash in advance plan." It may be that we are constituted a little differently from other publishers, but we have faith in the honesty of most men and are willing to accommodate them for a time. In fact, we do not care to have subscribers on our list whom we are afraid to trust for a dollar or two. It may be that we lose a little money occasionally by trusting people, but it is worth the price to find out who is, and who is not, honest.

GEORGE BALL IN THE TOILS.

Former Citizen of Webster County Connected With Land Fraud.

The older citizens of Red Cloud will remember George Ball, who was deputy sheriff under Joseph W. Warren, and it was he who allowed the mob at Blue Hill to take from him Joe Cook, the murderer, and hang him to a windmill. But for the timely arrival of Sheriff Warren, Cook would have ended his career then and there. Ball is now sheriff of Washington county, Colorado, and dispatches in the daily papers tell of his arrest for alleged frauds committed by him while he was connected with the land office at Akeon, Colorado. He is now under \$1000 bond.

Notice to Teachers.

The state department has issued a ruling on the certification law, which will be of special interest to teachers preparing to meet the requirements of the new law.

The new rule provides that all teachers holding first grade county certificates who are able to pass the examination in any four of the nine subjects required for a state certificate, over and above the first grade county certificate, may have their first grade county certificates renewed without further examination.

It also provides that teachers who hold strong second grade certificates, and who are able to pass the required examination in the four first grade subjects over and above the second grade certificates, may have the markings on their second grade county certificates accepted and made state grades to apply on their first grade county certificates.

NELLIE WEST CASTER,
Co. Supt.

Boone Saunders, Sprinter.

Boone Saunders, of Saunders Bros. Lumber Co., took in the I. O. O. F. celebration at Guide Rock last Thursday, and now his friends are telling of his record-breaking run to catch the excursion train. He was standing in the hotel uptown when the engine whistled. He immediately started on a run for the depot, but had not proceeded very far when he ran off the end of the walk and took a tumble. Picking himself up, he decided that he could make better time by taking the middle of the road. The night was dark and the road muddy, and when he reached the track he fell in a deep ditch. In his efforts to get out of the ditch he managed to stick his head in the soft mud in the side of the bank. He finally reached the depot, only to find that he had an hour to wait before the train would leave for home.

Had One Like Her at Home.

A large automobile containing a man and his wife met a load of hay up in a narrow road not from Red Cloud. The woman declared that the farmer must back out, but her husband contended she was unreasonable. "But you can't back the automobile so far," she said, "and I don't intend to move for anybody. He should have seen us." The husband pointed out that it was impossible, owing to an abrupt turn in the road. "I don't care," she insisted, "I won't move if we have to stay here all night." The man in the automobile was starting to argue the matter when the farmer, who had been sitting quietly on the hay, interrupted. "Never mind, sir," he exclaimed: "I'll try to back out. I've got one just like her at home."

RIVERTON MEN IN TROUBLE.

William H. Bennett and Son Joseph Arrested on a Serious Charge.

The following interesting story concerning some former Riverton people is taken from last Friday's Lincoln Star. The Riverton Review also has a report of the elopement of Joe Bennett and Mrs. Adler, but contains nothing concerning the arrest of the Bennetts. The Bennetts are well-known here:

"With his patriarchal head bowed in shame, William H. Bennett, of Riverton, this morning entered an emphatic denial to the charges made against him by the husband of the woman who was once his daughter-in-law. Accused of one of the most revolting offenses, one hardly even mentioned in the calendar of iniquities, he spent a night in the city jail on the hard bunk of a cell. With him was Joseph Bennett, his son, who was once the husband of the woman, who is now Mrs. August Adler, wife of a butcher of Cheyenne. The son is under the same accusation.

"In the police court hearing, this morning, both men waived their preliminary examinations and were held to the district court under \$200 bond. Their personal recognizance was taken for this, and they were taken at once before the higher tribunal, where the elder man again filed a recognizance to appear at the next term.

"According to the story of the aggrieved husband, August Adler, who is a young man of good appearance, the wife was on a visit to the home of her parents at Riverton. While there she again met the man whom drink had once compelled her to leave, Joe Bennett, and his old love for her returned. It was claimed that the woman's parents urged her to go back to him, and great pressure was also brought to bear upon her by the father of Bennett. Then she left with her former husband, it is alleged, the two going overland and arriving in Lincoln several days ago. After tarrying a while here, they went on to Auburn, accompanied by the elder gentleman, who had met them in Lincoln. When the husband learned of the state of affairs he came to Lincoln and consulted the police judge. He was advised to go to Auburn after them and to consult with Nehama's county attorney. He did so, induced his wife to come back to him, secured warrants and had the father and son arrested. The woman related to County Attorney Caldwell, yesterday many details of the stay in Lincoln, reciting that while her first husband was out attending the team and busied about the city, the father would commit unlicensed acts.

"Mr. and Mrs. Adler have declared their intention of staying in Lincoln, where they expect to secure work. Adler has taken his wife back and is willing to let the past lie in forgetfulness, though he intends to prosecute the men as far as the law will permit.

"August J. Adler filed a suit against William H. Bennett today, making sensational charges and alleging that Bennett broke up his home. For this he asks \$10,000 damages.

"Bennett is 75 years of age and is said to be very wealthy."

Municipal Ownership Pays.

The statement of the superintendent of the electric light plant at Seward is interesting. Seward is a little larger than Red Cloud, and the plant cost about \$12,000. Three hundred twelve customers are supplied. This year the earnings of the plant were \$10,650.10 and the total expenses were \$7,576.02, including an allowance of \$1,277.31 for new construction and \$1,479.96 for interest and depreciation of plant, leaving a cash profit of \$3,114.05. John Martz, who installed the Seward plant and is its present superintendent, will have charge of the construction work in Red Cloud. With economical management, there is no reason why this city should not make as good a showing, proportionally.