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Proceedings of the City Council.

October 10th, 1910.

Council met in regular session with all members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Petitions of Clapp and Turner for permits to conduct and manage pool and billiard tables and card tables in the building located on lot 8 in block 22 in the original town of McCook, accompanied by their bonds, were read, and on motion petitions were granted, bonds approved, and license ordered issued.

A resolution was adopted and approved ordering street lights placed in the underground passage where street passes under the tracks of the C. B. & Q. railway.

A resolution was adopted and approved ordering the construction of sidewalks on certain streets and abutting certain lots within the corporate limits of the city.

On motion the city clerk was instructed to forthwith certify to the county clerk the names of all persons in McCook city liable for poll tax for the year 1910.

The contractor's bond of the McCook Cement Stone Co. was approved.

The plumber's bond of Jennings, Hughes & Co. was approved.

Monthly reports were received from the city weighmaster, police judge and city treasurer.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

Henry Walker, milk for pest house	\$ 2 24
Barbazette & Son, bread for pest house	2 30
Dr. J. D. Hare, medical services	18 00
S. N. Wilson, livery hire	2 00
N. J. Campbell, sewer inspections	6 00
McCook Water Works Co., meter repairs	14 25
J. E. Kelley, rent of building for hospital purposes	14 00
F. M. Kimmell, printing	2 55
H. P. Waite & Co., hardware	3 60
Ed Huber, salary 2nd qr.	18 75
H. W. Conover, salary 2nd qr. and expense	51 35
J. R. McCarl, salary 2nd qr.	82 50
L. Thorgirson, salary 2nd qr.	37 50
L. W. McConnell, salary, 2nd qr.	12 50
H. P. Waite, salary 2nd qr.	12 50
J. R. Stansberry, salary 2nd qr.	12 50
Wm. Wood, salary 2nd qr.	12 50
H. T. McCaig, typewriter	60 00
T. C. Hegeman, Sept. salary	40 00
John Ekstedt, Sept. salary	90 30
R. M. Osborn, Sept. salary	65 00
Henry Trout, Sept. salary	55 00
T. M. Philippi, Sept. salary	55 00
W. A. Gold, Sept. salary	45 00
J. M. Henderson, Sept. salary	27 00
J. C. Brewer, work on street	1 40
Welsbach Street Lighting Co.	154 00
McCook Electric Co.	82 00
McCook Water Works Co.	779.58
Barnett Lumber Co.	108 51

The following fire claims at \$4.00 each: John Wentz, L. Wooten, E. Ward, L. Thayer, G. R. Talbot, C. W. Snider, Frank Putnam, J. R. Pence, E. F. Osborn, M. R. Osborn, J. C. Nicolson, John Madron, G. L. Harmon, John Gaarde, H. F. Feekin, C. E. Emerson, Floyd Berry, V. Barbazette, Joe Braker, W. C. Allison.

The following at \$2.00 each: L. P. Davis, L. W. Jennings, Sam Pickard, J. W. Spencer, C. L. Hileman. Also Guy McKern, \$7.00; E. F. Osborn, \$2.50; L. P. Davis, \$2.50; T. Hamman, \$2.00.

Council adjourned.

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A Noble Heart.

His Wife (2 a. m.)—Still working, dear? The great author—Yes, I've just finished my four hundred and fiftieth only unpublished poem. You see, I want to leave enough so that the family and all my friends will be able to live comfortably after I die.—Puck.

Subscribe for The Tribune.

The Spoil Of the Fire King

THE poor we have always with us, as some one has put it; likewise the forest fire. Last year, the year before and as far back as one can remember the problem of protecting the forests from fires has received nation wide attention, and while much has been done in this direction, the conflagrations still continue. In fact, forest fires in the year 1910 have been more prevalent than ever before in the history of the country. The great forests of the northwest have been ravaged as never before. In Winnipeg last May fire caused a loss of more than \$1,000,000 in lumber on the stump and already cut, as well as the destruction of numbers of lumbering outfits in the path of the flames.

Minnesota also suffered with forest fires, and in the same month Winnipeg reported heavy loss. Trains to Duluth in the upper lake country arrived with the paint scorched from their sides and passengers in a state



FIGHTING A FOREST FIRE.

of terror. Many small hamlets were wiped out by the fire, some lives were lost, and the property loss was enormous. Ontario also reported great fires in June. The F. Wayenhauser company, the greatest lumbering firm in the world, lost \$1,500,000 in this blaze.

In July Victoria, B. C., reported fires that caused a loss of more than \$3,000,000 and took five lives. And now has come a conflagration that has spread over a thousand square miles in western Montana and Idaho, destroying millions of dollars' worth of property, burning towns and villages, causing scores of deaths and driving hundreds of fugitives before it. It is much like the fires of yesteryear and like more fires that will sweep the forests this year from Maine to California.

It was not until Aug. 3 that President Taft authorized the use of the troops to fight the flames, although for days before that single companies had been engaged in combating these near headquarters. Since that date, however, the army has had active work to do with whole regiments of men. In-



START OF A FOREST FIRE.

cluding the forest rangers and the soldiers, the government put to work more than 5,000 men to fight the fires.

The money loss from the Montana-Idaho fires will reach far into the millions, and the nation will be lucky if it sustains direct damages from loss of timber during the season of less than \$10,000,000. The indirect damages—the retarding of forest growth, erosion of the absorptive "sponge" or forest humus that retains snows and rains, torrential floods succeeded by droughts that dry up the water courses and ruin the crops and the washing of fertile soil to the sea—can hardly be estimated.

The United States loses millions of dollars each year, much of it needlessly, through forest fires. Lightning sometimes ignites the dead wood of the old trees. This is the time of year when the bee hunters start fires in the bottom of old trees to smoke the bees out. Fishermen, campers out and berry pickers are guilty of much that is careless in the way of starting fires. Much recent legislation has been aimed, with little effect, against railroad companies to find a way to prevent the flow of thousands of sparks from the smokestacks of locomotives as they go rushing through the forests. Undoubtedly this last is the most general cause of forest fires and must be dealt with before the evils and waste can be stopped. Appreciating the dangers, insurance companies decline to insure woodlands that come near to railroads; therefore the great trees are at the mercy of the fire king.

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CRUSHING A HOTEL KEEPER.

The Beau Was Elegant In Dress and Exquisite In His Bluffing and Played His Part Well—Never Known to Pay a Bill Under Any Circumstances.

"Misery loves company," quoted Mr. Tabb, an old time Virginia gentleman, the other night. "There's a great deal of truth in that old saying.

"Some forty or fifty years ago there was a celebrated Virginia character, well known in Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, whom I shall call Beau Smith, because Smith wasn't his real name. Beau Smith was not only noted for the elegance of his dress, but also for his absolute disregard of all financial obligations. He was never known to pay a bill under any circumstances.

"Beau entered the office of the old Monumental hotel, in Baltimore, one night, registered, and upon being assigned to one of the best suits of rooms in the house, for he would be satisfied only with the best, he proceeded to make himself thoroughly at home and settled down for a long stay. He ordered champagne by the case and cigars by the box for the entertainment of such friends as might visit him in his apartments and, in short, lived as though he had millions behind him. The proprietor of the hotel, Mr. Guyer, had heard of Beau, but he could not believe that he would deliberately run up such a large bill if he had no intention of paying it, and he hesitated about speaking to such an elegant gentleman about such an inelegant thing as money, but after Beau had been a guest at the Monumental for more than a month and had said nothing about paying his bill Mr. Guyer summoned up his courage and had Beau's bill made out and sent up to him. In a few moments Mr. Guyer received a polite but urgent message from Beau, asking him to come to his apartments at once.

"I sent for you, Mr. Guyer," said the impeccuous beau, "to show you a most remarkable document which has been sent up to me from your office. I don't wish to complain of your clerks, sir, but I dislike being annoyed in this way. Will you kindly look at that and tell me what it is?"

"That is a bill, Mr. Smith," said Guyer as soon as he recovered his breath.

"So I observe," responded Beau, "but, Mr. Guyer, it is made out against me."

"Certainly," replied the hotel man. "It is our account against you for board and lodging, wines, cigars and other extras for the last month, and I would be glad if you—"

"Why, my dear sir," interrupted Beau, laughing, "you surely never expected me to pay this bill?"

"I most certainly did and do expect you to pay it," answered Mr. Guyer firmly.

"But, dear sir," said Beau gently, "you knew who I was when I came to your house."

"Mr. Guyer admitted that he did.

"Then, you know," continued Beau, "that I have never been known to pay a bill to any one, and no one in his senses ever expected that I would. Now, my dear sir, I beg of you to destroy this ridiculous document and see that I am not annoyed again with such foolishness."

"Do you intend to pay this bill or not?" demanded the hotel proprietor sternly.

"I do not," replied the Beau quietly.

"Very well, then, I will sue you, sir."

"That is your privilege, sir."

"And I will get a judgment, too," said Guyer angrily.

"You will get more than that, Mr. Guyer," responded Beau calmly. "You will get yourself laughed at by the entire country for being so foolish as to imagine that you could collect a bill from Beau Smith. Pray do not subject yourself to such ridicule."

"Goyer hesitated; he knew he would be laughed at unmercifully by every one, and, then, too, he could not help but admire the colossal cheek of Smith, so he sat down again and lit a fresh cigar.

"Mr. Smith," said he, "I'll tell you what I will do. If you will move over to the City hotel and play this same game on old man Barnum I'll give you a receipt in full for all that you owe me and say no more about it."

"Receipt the bill, Mr. Guyer," answered Smith coolly. "I had been stopping with Mr. Barnum for a month prior to coming to your house, and he also promised to give me a receipt in full for what I owed him if I would move over here and play the same trick on you."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Dry Cleaned Them.
"Why is your grandpa's face bandaged?" asks the lady next door.

"He was sleeping in his big chair," explains the little girl, "and Willie turned the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner against his whiskers."—Life.

And Peck Was Silent.
Peck—I really think, my dear, that Miss Brown will make our son a good wife. Mrs. Peck (snappily)—And what, sir, do you know about good wives?—Boston Transcript.

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