

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The "Big Four" Councilmen Under Arrest.

They Appear in Court and Propose to Defend.

Interesting News and Gossip About Town

"CITY COUNCIL UNDER ARREST."

At about two o'clock yesterday afternoon before his honor, Judge Reed, of the district court, those who gathered in the court room, witnessed a most disgusting spectacle. One would suppose if the cheek of the "Big 4" had kept their legs stiff enough to enable them to walk about the city heretofore they would have weakened under the shadow of a criminal prosecution. They took up their line of march towards the court room to answer to the following information.

STATE OF IOWA, POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY. The State of Iowa vs. Henry Dawson, et al. Before Judge Joseph R. Reed, judge of district court. The defendant is accused of the crime of a misdemeanor. For that on the 3d day of October, A. D., 1881, a special election was duly and legally held in the city of Council Bluffs, county of Pottawattamie, state of Iowa, said city being organized and incorporated under a special charter enacted by the legislature of this state by the qualified electors of said city, at which said election the question submitted to said qualified electors of said city and then there voted upon by said qualified electors was the abandonment of the present special city charter of said city by the qualified electors of said city and organized under the general incorporation laws of the state, relating to cities and towns in said state. That at said special city election the ballots cast by the qualified electors of said city by those voting against the abandonment of said special city charter had thereon the words "Against Abandonment," and the ballots cast by the qualified voters in favor of abandoning said special city charter had thereon the words "In favor of abandonment." That the whole number of votes cast both for and against the abandonment were 721; that at said special election 489 votes "In favor of abandonment" were cast, and 232 "Against abandonment."

That two hundred and fifty-seven ballots having thereon "In favor of abandonment" more than the ballots having thereon "Against abandonment" were cast. The information then sets forth the names of the city council, including the mayor, also giving the number of the unfortunate ward from which they were elected. It then proceeds to charge that at a session of the said city council, duly and legally held on the 7th day of October, in said city, A. D. 1881, the same being the first session held by said city council after said election, and after the abstracts of the votes cast at said special election had been certified to said city council, as aforesaid, and was on file and before the said city council at said session, at which said session of said city council it was the duty of said city council and the defendant herein, as a member of said city council, as public officers of said city, under the laws of this state, to canvass the abstract of votes so cast at said special election, and certified to said city council such duty then and there being enjoined by law upon said city council, and said defendant herein, as public officers of said city, to declare the result of such canvass, cause the same to be entered upon the journal of said city, and immediately to call a special election for the election of officers for said city as defined by the general incorporation laws of said state, according to the population of said city. That at the last state canvass the population was over fifteen thousand, and now has a population of over eighteen thousand. That at said session of said city council said defendant herein, Henry Dawson, T. E. Cavin, W. C. Unthank, S. S. Keller, W. F. Spelman, and E. R. Fonda, members of said city council and public officers of said city, as aforesaid severally and separately at and within said county of Pottawattamie wilfully neglected and refused to canvass said abstract of votes, wilfully refused and neglected to declare the result of a canvass of said abstract of votes, and cause the same to be entered on the journal aforesaid, and wilfully refused and neglected to call a special election for the election of officers for the corporation of the city of Council Bluffs, according to its class, under the general incorporation laws of said state, and that said defendant and said defendant herein, as public officers, wilfully acts aforesaid, as public officers, severally and separately, prevented the canvassing of said abstract of votes by said city council at said session. That said defendant, Henry Dawson, and said defendant herein, as aforesaid ever since and still wilfully refuse and neglect to canvass said abstract of votes so cast and certified as aforesaid, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

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upon the pages of our district court they would recant, and without further delay in the premises "assume a virtue if they had it not," examine the returned abstracts, declare the verdict and in accordance therewith call a new election.

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Quite a serious accident happened to one or two of the fingers of a young man who boards at the Coy house in this city, and in a novel way. He was out at Myrster's fishery, and concluded to play a little with some of the large salmon. He placed his hand under water and said: "Come, fishy, come; come, fishy; oh, come, little fishy," and a big fishy sailed in, made a grab at the young man's hand, taking quite a piece out of two of his fingers. He declares that he won't eat any more fish, and when he uses his fingers for bait again it will be at the point of a hook.

ODE TO HERDIES. When the Herdies begin to go, Hurrah! Hurrah! Everybody will thank Vaughan & Co., Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll join the throng that helped them along. By poaching tickets [from W. R. Vaughan; And we'll all drink them blind, Vaughan fill up the bowl!

MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS. Major A. A. Rhodes, of Boston, who has been visiting in this city, left Monday evening for his home in Boston.

If the Tenth street mud hole is not seen to pretty soon the taxpayers will have a bill to pay. Mark that. Some little consideration should be paid strangers who come here to help build us up, and a mud hole that you could sink a mule team out of sight in should not be allowed to remain over three months directly in front of their door on a public street. It does seem as if our mud holes might be filled up at once.

They are more than happy over the way the Colonel received a letter yesterday. "Dear Chapman," was the first salutation. This was at once reported to Clark. He remarked that The Nonpareil and the whole country was safe, and immediately sallied forth and purchased a new suit of clothes.

Mrs. Eliza Purcupill and Mrs. Emma Spangle, of Parsons, Kansas, who have been visiting the families of John Hammer and Judge Edwin J. Abbott, departed Monday evening for their respective homes.

There was a large audience of the best people of the city assembled at Dohanne's opera house and paid all the way from fifty cents to one dollar for a seat to hear and see Rio's Evangelina. Take away the Lone Fisherman, Gabriel and Evangeline and nothing remains. Mr. Stanley may be a good manager, but that company couldn't fill the pit here again.

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