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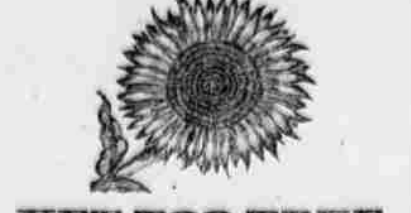
Themes for Thought, Talk and Action.

A meeting of the city council was held yesterday afternoon, at which all the members were present except Ald. Goulden. The new city clerk, Mr. Saviacoff, occupied his chair for the first time, Recorder Burke returning to his duties as auditor.

Having watched the operations of the fire department of the city since its organization, I have no hesitancy in saying that no better organization exists in any city in the Union. No more important department is connected with the general administration. No money spent for public purposes has been more judiciously and more wisely spent.

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Tax Statement table with columns for 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.

A comparative statement is also presented which may be of some interest as a guide to public duty in this matter:

ASSESSMENT AND TAX LEVY—1876 to 1881. Real estate, Personal, Total, Tax levy 10 mills.

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There are \$6,500 of the bonds of the city which fall due in February next, and take the liberty of recommending that some provision be made for the payment of these obligations as maturity. It occurs that the best method of doing so would be to levy a tax for that purpose instead of issuing bonds, to renew those old ones. It also seems that something should at once be done to make general fund warrants par and keep them there. This should be done by a sufficient tax levy to reduce the amount now out standing, and then with the proper restraints of the statutes regulating their future issuance, and such ordinance as will be the credit of the city might be maintained without the sacrifice of a discount to which she has so frequently been compelled to submit, and from which she now suffers.

The streets and alleys of the city are important matters to every citizen, no matter what his circumstances. During other administrations, and under other circumstances, the city undertook the making of certain improvements, and has expended large sums of money that are not now available because of the unfinished condition of these improvements. Besides the general utility of these works, it would be a serious general loss not to proceed to their completion. This is the case with the grading of Main street, of the Washington avenue extension, of Union avenue, and material and important change to be made in Vaughan avenue. Of the latter, a personal examination shows that a change in location should be made at the Rock 1/2 land right of way, so as to avoid a dangerous approach, and also an unnecessary expense in connection with the going to the city of an approach to the bridge which the county proposes to erect.

In close connection with the last class of improvements is the construction of a dyke levee, so as to guard the western part of the city against any future overflow. The necessity of such an improvement is not debatable. The resources, according to feasible and economical plans, are within reach, and no delay should be allowed, and none would be judicious, now while the danger is distant, but which nevertheless confronts us at all times. Property, both public and private, is in great danger in case of flood from the flume in Indian creek above Market street, because of its worn-out condition, beyond repair, and in order to save the valuable bridges below that point I would recommend its removal at once. I would also suggest that regulations be at once adopted so that all sewers, whether public or private, emptying into that stream, be so adjusted that their contents shall cease to be a constant menace to the health and comfort of the people of the city. It is important to notice a matter by a proper prohibitory ordinance, and that is the erection of barbed wire fences within the city limits, as both dangerous and unsightly.

Our Railroad Interests. Council Bluffs is prominently a railroad center, and to its numerous railways it is indebted for its reputation abroad as being the greatest railroad center in our state, and in fact west of Chicago. This great interest ought not, nor could it, be ignored by us in the administration of the affairs of our growing city. It aggregates and brings together a million of city and people more than any other ten states therein combined, and to illustrate I have casually gathered a few statistics relating to a quarter of a million of dollars in the erection of one of the finest elevators in the north-west, all of which money has been disbursed in our city, and at least one-half of it is expended among our people.

The last line here—I refer to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad company—have, during the past season, purchased from our people and left them the money for nearly \$45,000 for real estate necessary for its use and to accommodate our people in their business. The other line, the Chicago and North-western, have also been and are still making purchases of thousands of dollars for its accommodations, and will so continue to make additional outlays in our midst as their increasing business wants demand. All this adds wealth and prosperity to our city and to its people. In fact, I may say that these great industries have become a part and parcel of our city itself, and the great corporations controlling them look upon our city and to its people as a place where and to whom their great interests, so closely identified with our own, will receive the same just and proper consideration at our hands as any and all industries in our midst, and in my judgment our policy towards them should be not only just, but thoroughly liberal.

It is important that the city government have additional facilities for the transaction of business. This is recognized in the pressing want of a building suitable for city officers, a court room and accommodations for the superior court, better prison facilities, market and grounds, etc., all of which have received the consideration of the citizens, and demand the earnest attention of the city government.

Entering as we are, upon a new era in the history of Council Bluffs, it is earnestly hoped that all classes of people will act in harmony in every enterprise circulated for the general good.

Those Reported for the Violation of the Sunday Law—A Square Deal. The ordinance requiring saloons to close up at 11 o'clock at night and to keep closed Sundays has been a dead letter so long that it seems as if the officials had forgotten that any such ordinance had existed. With the coming in of the new administration the following resolution was adopted by the new council:

Resolved, That the mayor and marshal be and they are hereby instructed to enforce rigidly and impartially the ordinance defining misdemeanor and fixing punishment. Also the ordinance concerning the closing of saloons and tipping houses. The ordinance referred to provides that saloons shall be kept closed from 11 p. m. to 4 a. m. the next day, and fixes the penalty at not less than \$5 and not more than \$25; also that saloons shall be kept closed on Sunday under penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25.

Last week the police reported a number of places open after 11 o'clock at night, and yesterday they reported twenty-three places open on Sunday. Officer Guanella reported Burche & McCalister's open until 1 o'clock at night, and the beer garden as open until 12 o'clock. Officer Sterling reported the following places: D. Frazer, California house, Metropolitan house Anderson's, Forbes, Peter Johnson's, Beckley's, Maive White's at the Pacific house. Officer Barlyte reported as open on Sunday: The Central, Pat Lacy, Peter Bechtel, Lee Mitchell, Exchange, Sam Ford, Ogden billiard saloon, Hatch, Henry Leland, the saloon under Turner hall, Moss and Lawrence Hall's old place. Officer Clough reported the Lower house, Mike Noland, Burlington house, St. Joe house, Keil's house, Dick Kennedy, Creton house, Nick Shura and Chris Swinger.

Under the resolution of the council, it is the duty of the mayor and city marshal to enforce the ordinance, and as these thirty-three violations are reported, the question naturally arises, what will be done about it? Thus far nothing has been done beyond making a report. There seems to be a determination on the part of the new city government to enforce the ordinance. The expenses have been made to move on to the side streets and driven off Broadway. If it is fair to enforce the ordinance as regards expressmen, there should be no hesitancy in enforcing this one. The council have issued the order that the saloon shall sell as required by law. Numerous violations have been officially reported. If they let the matter drop there, the whole thing will be a farce. It is a thing that it remains to be seen whether they will retreat or go on. Having started in on the express ordinance they should make it a square deal for all violators of ordinances, or else rescind the ordinances altogether.

Council Meeting. The city council met last evening. J. M. Baldwin presented a verbal petition in behalf of the policemen, that they be paid from the police fund, instead of the general warrants, which are at a discount. Referred. A remonstrance was presented, signed by fifty or more, against raising the saloon license \$1,000. The auditor presented his report of expense for April at \$3,600. An ordinance was introduced providing for the council to choose park policemen, instead of the mayor. The mayor presented the name of C. P. Warner as a park policeman. Adjourned until this evening.

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PERSONAL.

Col. Cochran has returned from Little Sioux. P. O. Leonard, of the Times, Buena Vista, Cal., was yesterday in the city, a guest of the Ogden house. James P. Vincent, superintendent of the Florence Cutoff, was in the city yesterday, on his return from Onawa, Iowa. He honored THE BEE office with a call and some cheery words. Board of Trade. The board of trade held a regular meeting last night, at which little was done, owing to a limited attendance. Adjournment was taken for one week, at which time the question of recommending a location for the proposed government building here will be taken up.