

The Daily Bee.

OMAHA.

Wednesday Morning, April 18.

LOCAL BRIEFINGS.

—Moonlight nights have returned.

—Ben Hogan still continues to speak nightly at the Baptist church.

—The firemen hold a social at their hall on Thursday evening of this week.

—The river is nearly bank full, being over eleven feet above low water mark.

—Capt. Marsh will lay his track on that part of Thirtieth street which is to be paved, to provide for future extensions.

—Jefferson county takes the cake this year in the enterprise of her farmers who have already planted their corn and will get an early crop.

—Roller skating at the Y. M. C. A. rooms has been postponed.

—Ben Hogan is speaking to large audiences at the Baptist church.

—T. S. Potter closed his musical convention, which has been held at the North Omaha Presbyterian church, with a grand concert last night.

—About 8 p. m. Monday a little son of Mr. Frank Coll was run over, near Tenth and York, and seriously hurt, frequent hemorrhages indicating internal injuries. Reckless driving was the cause.

—The Union Pacific baseball team will start Friday for a trip which will take in St. Louis, Springfield and Peoria, at all of which points they will play professional clubs. They will be absent about a week.

—In the city maps recently published, the distance circles make the postoffice the central point, whereas it should be further west for residence property, as the city is growing so rapidly. So say many who are interested in the matter.

—The first extension of the Omaha street railway will be from upper Cumming street to the Northwestern depot and down Thirtieth street to South Omaha. It will be sometime yet, however, before this improvement is undertaken.

—Those who heard the New Orleans University students, colored, sing at the First M. E. church Monday are in certain cases over their singing. They had a quartet, which the large audience present was the finest ever heard in the city.

—The remarkable growth of Omaha is shown by the great demand for houses to rent situated convenient to business, the demand far exceeding the supply, and extensive additions to the street railway system are becoming absolutely necessary.

—The society in aid of the Home of the Friendless will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the First M. E. church, corner Davenport and Seventeenth streets. All members of the society and ladies interested in the work or those who will consent to help the friendless are urged to present. [Mrs. J. M. Dismore, president; Mrs. Jennie E. Glan, secretary.]

—Senator George Van Dine Monday made a big trade with Dr. V. H. Hoffman by which he secured the doctors fine trotting mare "Folly." George traded for the mare his driving team, buggy and harness, valued at \$1,000 and is well satisfied with his bargain. Folly is a young horse, being only seven years old, and has a splendid record which she will best with a little training. She is an easy trotter, never needs the touch of a whip, and will go all day without tiring out or showing signs of fatigue.

—At the meeting of the German School association Monday it was determined to proceed at once with the erection of their building, after the plans drawn by Dufrene & Mendellson, a copy of which was on exhibition in Max Meyer & Bro's window last week. A committee on subscription was appointed and the funds necessary to complete the work, over and above the amount raised, will be obtained by mortgaging the property, so that the early completion of the house is now assured.

—Assistant General Manager Kimball, General Ticket Agent Stebbins, General Passenger Agent Morse, of the Union Pacific, accompanied by General Supt. Smith, of the Kansas Division, and Mr. M. T. Dennis, the New England agent of the road, left Monday for Topeka, to meet the railroad commissioners of Kansas and representatives of other roads, in reference to carrying out the new law.

—The county clerk, Mr. John Baumer, has received an Ewen paper containing an account of a bold and successful robbery which was committed March 18th, in Krefeld, Germany, and of which his brother was the victim. Mr. Baumer's brother is a jeweler in Krefeld and on the date named, while he was absent at dinner, about 1 o'clock, the robbers entered his store, which is on the principal thoroughfare, and carried off 6,000 marks worth (\$8,500) of gold chains. This was the first news Mr. B. had of the theft.

—The sun was hot enough yesterday for the middle of April.

—As an evidence of the persistence of office seekers it may be said that Mayor Chase Monday received 87 calls and had 19 up on Monday yesterday.

—Married—On Sunday evening, April 15, 1906, at the Christian church, by Rev. D. R. Jones, Mr. James A. Harvey to Miss Clara J. Webb.

—There is a dangerous hole in upper Farnam street, near Twenty-second, occasioned by a washout, which should be attended to at once by the authorities.

—Ben Hogan spoke at the Baptist church last night to a large audience. He will speak again to-night. Much interest is being manifested and many, both old and young, are seeking for prayer. It is earnestly hoped that all Christians of the city will attend, for there is work for everyone. Let all come. Young men are especially invited.

—Mr. A. L. Sirang, who is one of the most enterprising and progressive men in this part of the country, has just issued a handsome illustrated catalogue of his stock, including power and steam pumps, wind mills, engines, steam and water supply, machinery elevators, flourmills, and numerous other articles of trade. The catalogue is elegantly printed and illustrated, and contains 141 pages. It is one of the most creditable publications of the kind ever put out by an Omaha business man.

THE MAYOR'S MANIFESTO

A Sound Inaugural Address from Champion. S. Chase.

He Outlines His Policy Strongly but Concisely.

The Local Legislature Does a Good Night's Work.

No Appointments Made as Yet.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last evening, the following members being present: President Baker, and councilmen Anderson, Behm, Donham, Haecall, Kaufmann, Leeder, Murphy, McGuckin, Redfield, Thrane, and Woodworth.

Mr. Redfield offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the rules of the late council be adopted for the government of the body until other rules are established.

MAYOR CHASE appeared for the first time since his illness and presented his message, which was read by himself.

Mayor's Inaugural Address.

EXECUTIVE DEPT. CITY HALL, OMAHA, April 17, 1906.

Gentlemen of the Council:

In assuming for the fourth term, after a lapse of two years, the duties devolving upon the mayorality of this city, it may reasonably have been supposed that I would present at considerable length my views concerning city affairs, and especially concerning the present condition of the finances. Inasmuch, however, as I am as yet but partially informed in regard to the real condition of the city treasury, based upon which your action as councilmen must so greatly depend, I have concluded to postpone my special recommendations concerning those branches of city affairs, your action upon which must necessarily depend so much upon the true statement of affairs in this regard. I therefore recommend that at an early day a complete statement of the various funds of the city, and the monthly condition of the same during the last two years, be prepared under your special direction in such tabular or other forms as will enable, not only yourselves, but all parties interested to see just how the city stands in this respect.

I ask for a statement covering the two years, in as much as this is the term of the general officers elected. I am reliably informed that the overlap in the general fund, at this date, is about \$40,000, and that a report such as I have called for will show it.

THE PRESENT COUNCIL.

There are some general matters to which I have the honor to call your attention, and concerning which I believe the views of a majority of the people of this city are pretty well known to be in accord with my own. But first, gentlemen, let me congratulate you, as well as the city, upon your election to guide city affairs, and to act as councilmen for the city during your respective terms at office.

The expressed approval of the people for their choice at election, and the almost unanimous endorsement of the same, since the election, has raised high hopes that they have a council composed of unusually wise and prudent men, progressive enough in their ideas to willingly and cheerfully promote the rapidly growing interest of a city like ours, and yet not sufficiently aggressive to make unwarranted expenditures for the sake of temporary attractiveness or other reasons. I am confident that in this regard the hopes of the people will be realized. Upon your action depends to a great extent, at this peculiar crisis of the city's development, whether or not we are soon to have a city unsurpassed, for its age, in all that is desirable in connection with its substantial prosperity and growth.

POPULATION AND IMPROVEMENT.

Omaha to-day contains, beyond a reasonable doubt, a resident population of 50,000 people. An strange as this may seem to those few men, still living here, who planted the town less than thirty years ago, yet, nevertheless, the comparative census taken for the purposes of a city directory, and the school census, which shows an increase of nearly one thousand pupils during the last year, the whole number being now about 10,000, proves this estimate.

The ratio of increase for coming years will be far beyond that of the past. Every public improvement, then, in the city, should be of a substantial character, and such as to be not only temporarily useful, but as will withstand the wear and tear of time. It will require your most careful and considerate judgment, oftentimes, to determine what class of improvements should be used for particular purposes. The cultivating skill of those personally interested in particular systems of improvements, in the presentation of their claims, must be resolved in your minds to the simple question, what is best, all things considered, for this city and then, independently, act accordingly. Omaha to-day is well-known as one of the model cities of the Northwest, and must not lose her place nor her prestige by mistakes in her improvements.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Every executive well knows that he has few, if any, duties to perform which cause him more anxiety, and require greater discretion, impartiality and consideration than those which require of him the appointment of public officers. Oftentimes the scale is very evenly balanced as between the honesty, capability and faithfulness of those applying for these positions. Losing sight of his own personal preference, as much as may be, he seeks, if a worthy executive, to put in these places only such men as will earnestly and diligently perform the duties assigned to them. Even the most experienced executives are sometimes misled in making these selections. I may make mistakes. If so, I shall be more than ready to cooperate with the council in rectifying them. I take it that no man is fit to fill a public position who will make a brokerage of his office in

the procuring or bestowing of favors, or who is in the habit of thinking more of his salary or pay than he does of how he shall best labor for the good of the public.

CENTRAL IMPROVEMENTS.

While due attention should be given to the city throughout its length and breadth, it is unquestionably the better policy that its central portion should first be put in good business order. A bit of pavement here and there, a crosswalk here and there, a place of sidewalk here and there, are comparatively useless.

For a given distance, extending through the business portion of a street, all these improvements should be continuous, and in the residential portion sidewalks and crosswalks should be continuous. I therefore recommend, especially as to sidewalks, that a system be adopted so that they be laid in a continuous line, if they be laid at all.

EQUAL TAXATION.

It is well known to those who have taken pains to investigate the matter, that taxation of property heretofore in this city has been very unequal. It may have been to some extent the fault of the assessors, and it may have been the result of hasty equalization. In any event the cash value of property has not been the real basis of taxation. If the system prevailing is one which by intention results in a valuation at a less figure than the property is really worth—one third of its value for instance—still the basis upon which this estimate is made should be the actual value. Three species of property especially have illustrated this unequal taxation, real estate outside of the business center, furniture and personal effects in the houses of the wealthy, and stock in corporations. The result has been that people worth but a few thousand dollars are paying as much money for taxes as others worth many thousands.

This the records in the treasurer's office will show. Your attention is called to this fact in this connection, for the reason that as a board of equalization you can do very much to right the wrong.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

So much discussion has of late been had concerning these subjects that I have at this time but little to add. No city in the world exceeds Omaha in its natural location for these purposes. A drainage north and south, and both to the east, is but simply carrying out the design of nature. As to the peculiar systems to be used, we should adopt those which older and wealthier cities have tested by experiment and found to be good, rather than try experiments ourselves. We have already secured the best system of water works in the west, if not equal to any in the United States. When it is perfected, this assertion will be doubted by no one. Following is a necessary consequence, we must have pavements, gutters, sewers and all the usual facilities for carrying off surplus water and filth and the keeping of our city dry and free from malarious infection, as well as for business purposes.

SANITARY PRECAUTIONS.

Summer is rapidly approaching and will bring with it without doubt the usual classes of hot weather diseases. Immediate attention should be given to the cleanliness of our streets, alleys, highways and byways. It is not probable that there is any town in the state in so unfortunate a condition as concerns want of cleanliness, comparatively, as our own city, and yet we have the right to claim to be the metropolis and therefore to set the example of all that goes towards the preservation of the health and lives of our people. For the present, and until our streets and alleys are proved and the gutters well drained, a city scavenger should be employed whose duty it shall be at the expense of the property owners to gather up daily the filth, filth, ashes, paper and all refuse matter which at present is being constantly thrown on our streets and alleys in the most indifferent, filthy and slovenly manner. If this practice is continued and no speedy remedy applied the result will be punishment by death in many a negligent family and among the employees of our business houses. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

By Kaufmann: To have a fire clean-up on Tenth and Jackson streets. Adopted.

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By Thrane: Calling for a report of sidewalks in the Third ward needing construction or repairs. Adopted.

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By Thrane: To have a hydrant put in on the corner of Sixth and Elm streets. Referred.

By Thrane: To take early steps to abate the nuisance caused by ponds of stagnant water along South Omaha creek. Referred.

By Dunham: Directing the board of public works to take steps for the construction of the storm water sewers from St. Mary's avenue to Farnam street, near 22d, and also for the proposed line of sewers on 16th and Chicago, and directing the city engineer to make survey and prepare details for same. Sewer resolutions were adopted.

By Anderson: Calling for a statement of city finances, to be reported at next meeting. Adopted.

By Kaufmann: Authorizing the employment of two men to do necessary work in Hancock Park for two weeks' time. Filed.

ORDINANCES.

An ordinance to provide for the issue of \$100,000 bonds of the city of Omaha for the construction and extension of certain sewers, was read twice and referred.

An ordinance to provide for the issue of \$100,000 of bonds (or paying for the paving, repairing and macadamizing of the intersections of streets and alleys was passed.

Councilman Leeder was granted leave of absence.

Adjourned.

DIED.

OBERTON—Mrs. John Chilton, 52, of 2 o'clock yesterday, aged 50 years, has been a resident of Nebraska for 29 years. Funeral takes place from her residence, six miles south of the city, at 1 o'clock, Wednesday.

THAT HUSBAND OF MINE

Is three times the man he was before he commenced using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

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POLICE COURT.

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