

AN IMPORTANT SESSION.

The City Printing Still Stagnant by a Vote of 7 to 5.

The Office of Gas Inspector Created and Filled.

The Police Investigation Still Before the Committee and Council.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council was held last evening, acting Mayor Murphy in the chair.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS. From the mayor, presenting a copy of a notice served by him upon the Barber Asphalt company, together with its reply, and asking that it be placed on record.

From same, giving notice that he had approved certain ordinances.

From George B. Stratman, asking that the city council reimburse him for damages caused to his lot by the grading of Division street.

From Buck Copeland, John Ryan, Edward Farris, James White, Edward Wells, and John Williams, stating that they had come to Omaha from Atlantic, Iowa, to attend the state fair, and while here had been arrested, sentenced to thirty days imprisonment, fined \$30 each, and were not guilty of the crime charged against them.

From E. B. Williams and others, that a gas lamp be placed on the corner of Douglas and South Jefferson streets.

From Charles Turner and others, asking that a nuisance in block one in Kountze & Rush's addition, be abated.

From Isaac Lornfelt, presenting his claim for \$60 damages, caused by an overflow into his cellar.

From same, offering to sell thirty-three feet in front of his property on Sherman avenue, to the city, for \$100.

From I. S. Richardson, asking that the council defer action on the resolution authorizing the abating of a nuisance in block one, in Kountze & Rush's addition.

From City Marshal, presenting the names of Peit and Hyde as inefficient members of the police force.

From Frank Neumit, and others, asking that Jack Bailey's brick yard be abated as a nuisance.

From Samuel Stober, asking that his salary as sewer inspector be fixed at \$120 per month.

From N. B. Falconer, requesting that the Italian in the rear of his building be allowed to keep his store where it now is.

From Vaclav Kubec, tendering his resignation as member of the police force.

From J. J. Neligh and others, asking the use of the council chamber for the evening of September 25.

From James E. Boyd and others asking that the council cause the passage between Farnam street and St. Mary's avenue west of Twentieth to be opened to the full width of sixty six feet.

A number of bills were referred without reading.

From J. H. Winepear and others asking that William S. Robertson be appointed a member of the police force.

From Mrs. Ish and others asking that Jacobs street be opened to its full width and sidewalks be laid.

From Kitchen Bros' Hotel company and others requesting that the street commissioner be ordered to remove the materials on the corner of Fourteenth and Harney.

From Murphy & Lovitt presenting policy of insurance on city buildings in Hanson's Park.

From J. H. Winepear, Zenas Stevens and Allen Koch presenting their award of damages arising from changing the grade of California street from twenty-second to twenty-third and twenty-third from Cass to Webster.

From the city engineer, giving estimate of \$1,585.29 as the cost of bridge on north nineteenth street recently constructed.

From Wallace Bros. presenting another proposition for the city printing.

From W. J. Connell, stating he had presented the ordinance creating the office of city auditor.

By Furry, that the committee on paving, curbing and guttering be instructed to inquire into the action of the Barber Asphalt Co. in not complying with its agreement with the city with respect to putting down granite blocks next to the street railway.

By Behm, that board of public works change the plans of paving St. Mary's avenue, Webster, Sixteenth and all other streets to be paved, so as to advertise for broken stone or sand for foundation.

By Behm, that the city marshal notify the owners of lots on Jefferson to remove obstructions in the street.

By Thrane, that the U. P. R. Co. cause its track on Ninth street to be plankled to its full width between Jones and Leavenworth.

By Kauman, that no more money be paid the contractors grading Hickory street until such a time when it is shown that their laborers have secured their wages.

DAY OF JUBILEE.

The Twenty-Second Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln.

Monday night at Zion's chapel 1116 Farnam street, the colored people of this city met to celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the issuing of the emancipation proclamation.

A large crowd was in attendance and the meeting was called to order by E. R. Overall, who, in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. G. W. Woodbey.

The orator said that twenty-two years ago to-day Abraham Lincoln issued his immortal proclamation of emancipation. He then went on to compare the emancipation with the declaration of independence, and said that he considered it greater than the latter because it proclaimed liberty to those who were more oppressed than were the whites of this country under the British.

There was a moral force behind the proclamation sufficient to enforce it, which the declaration lacked, especially so far as the negro was concerned.

He paid a glowing tribute to Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and Fred Douglass, for the part they took in the struggle for emancipation.

He spoke of the war as being the emancipation cost, and the destruction of property and death of many of her best citizens.

In speaking of the progress, he said that the negro had held almost every position from a policeman to that of United States senator, with credit to the race.

In the south, north and west they have accumulated millions of dollars worth of property. In ability to receive education he has proved himself equal to any other in the country.

There are now 100 colleges and universities in the south for colored people, built by their friends.

There is a grand future before the race which must be worked out by the coming generation.

A few remarks were then made by the chairman, Mr. Overall, after which the company assembled adjourned to the tables, which were laden with the good things of earth and of which all partook with a hearty relish.

It was an occasion long to be remembered by the colored people, more so because it commemorated the birth of their freedom, and was an anniversary of the day which made them citizens of these United States.

A CARD.—To all who are suffering from errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc. I will send a receipt that will cure you, "BEE" OF CHARGE.

THE LIGHTNING'S FLASH. John Burns Instantly Killed by a Thunder Bolt.

One of the most remarkable fatalities in the record of death-causes occurred yesterday at about 2 o'clock near the corner of 18th and Paul streets.

Five laborers, John Burns, John Bakke, Sherman McFarland, P. W. Hunt, and Granville Kiser, all employed upon the grading now in progress on Eighteenth street took refuge from the storm in the barn that stands in the locality designated.

On the hay littered floor of the left the men grouped themselves about the door looking out at the tempest.

Bakke and Burns took stands immediately before the aperture while the three others were close about them.

On the instant of one of the bright flashes of lightning which marked yesterday's storm, four of the men were violently prostrated to the floor, Bakke alone standing.

Three of the men almost immediately regained their feet, but Burns, who, at the flash, had flung forward on his face still lay inanimate and feebly gasping.

Before the others were aware of his extremity, he was dead. A physician, unknown, was called and viewing the body which betrayed not the slightest evidence of violence or injury, wisely declared himself of the statement that the unfortunate man had accidentally inhaled the deadly current.

A prominent physician, to whom the case was detailed, ventured the safest explanation of the wonderful freak, that Burns, of the five men, was in some manner, not evident, more susceptible to the fatal shock of the mysterious element, known but indefinable, called electricity.

That Burns' clothing was more damp than his companions' is a possible cause of his fatal selection.

Coroner Maul was called to the scene, but concluded from the nature of the case, no inquest was necessary.

The body was taken to Drexel & Maul's undertaking room where it was embalmed awaiting tidings from the friends of the deceased.

Burns is known to have lived in Jerseyville, Ill. and to have acquaintances in Tecumseh, Nebraska, but none of his fellow laborers seem to have positive knowledge of the location of his home.

He was 34 years of age and unmarried.

THRIVING YOUNG VINEYARDS SURROUNDING OMAHA.

To the Editor of the BEE. In today's daily BEE I notice an article on "Growing Grapes," which I feel is liable to lead some to believe and confirm others in the belief that the soil and country around Omaha is not as well suited and adapted to the growing of this fruit in perfection as the Bluffs, on the other side of the river.

There can be no greater mistake than this, although Council Bluffs has in fact supplied Omaha for years with fine fruit of this and other kinds.

This year I have for the first time been able to offer in this market grapes in any quantity.

My vineyard being young, but, Mr. Editor, I have already sold 1,500 baskets of grapes, and have almost as many more from 6 1/2 acres of Concord vines, and these at nearly one cent per pound more than Council Bluffs grapes are selling at.

The firms of Little & Williams, J. G. Fountain, J. A. Taggart, Van Green Bros, and a few others have handled this fruit and have cheerfully paid me these prices, preferring my fruit to any other offered.

But, Mr. Editor, talk and statements amount to but little, I know so I will send a specimen basket in proof of what I have written and I do not believe Council Bluffs has ever produced anything that is finer.

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