

LINCOLN.

The Capital City's "Finest" Police Force on the Warm Anxious Seat.

A Lime Committee Appointed, with a Bristling Brush.

Sarcastic Comment on the Recent Jail Delivery.

A Con Man's Narrative of His Crooked Career--City Items and State Personalities.

AT THE CAPITAL.

Monday night several policemen and other subalterns felt that their time had come, and many were the walls which they gave utterance to. The city council met and the matter was brought up by Mr. Billingley, who offered a resolution that the council appoint a committee to investigate charges of corruption and fraud on the part of policemen.

This is putting it on pretty thick to be sure. It is seldom that the Bee indulges in poetic comparisons, but a few lines from Wadsworth strikes the situation so well that they are given:

"Great God, grant that every scapred child of clay, Who cries presumptions, 'Here the food shall stay,' May in its progress see thy guiding hand, And cease his acknowledged purpose to withstand;

Or, swept in anger from the insulted shore, Sink with his scummed hands to rise no more."

His honor is making a desperate fight against public opinion and putting on a bravado equal to that of "The accepted chief of clay," but the true conduct of the police will certainly come out, not in this "investigation" which the mayor has inaugurated, but from other sources. His honor took occasion to compliment the police for its noble conduct during the state fair week, and the tally thus administered fell upon the police gathered in the room like rain drops on an arid soil.

Billingley, the chairman of the investigation committee just appointed, smiled benignly over his desk at the reassured copper as it to say, "Boss, you have nothing to fear from me," and then turned the aspect of a love feast. Mayor Burr said that the police force of Lincoln was one of the finest in the country, and that each member's individual conduct during fair week was beyond reproach.

Ours gentleman who listened to the proceedings said from the nature of things as represented by the mayor and one or two councilmen, each policeman was justly entitled to a gold medal, which, he would suggest, be struck off immediately. "There is no money in the city treasury to pay for them," said another man, which assertion struck with such force upon the ears of the mayor that he left the hall, and was seen no more.

The jail delivery will also be a subject which will come before the committee. It was pretty unanimously decided, however, Monday night that any one, with a tooth-pick in the mouth, or a key through the tiny-four inch slots all of the yard in a very short time. "What we want," said one child of innocence, "is a boiler-room cell to put those fellows in. I believe this is the only thing that will hold them." The rest of the gentlemen agreed with him, and doubtless as soon as the money is raised the cell will be constructed on plans furnished by Pon Courville and his associates. As a matter of fact there is nothing the matter with the cell from which the men escaped, and with the slightest care they would all be in custody now, and soon as the money is had been given terms in the penitentiary.

"Yes," said Councilman Billingley, "we are going to give this matter a thorough overhauling and sift it to the innermost drags. The investigation will be held Friday or Saturday and the committee will issue subpoenas and other process in legal form according to law." The gentleman assumed a stern cast of features as he uttered the last words, and his eyes flashed something akin to fire. If the city jailor and his associates had been on the ground certainly they would have resigned their places immediately through fear of the consequences.

When Kieg Francis the First was captured and confined in Madrid by Emperor Charles Fifth, of Spain, Francis became listless and weary because he loved the fresh free air of nature. His high born nature could not stand the trammels of a prison life very well, but he had to manage it some way, for he was imprisoned several years, but through the special indulgence of the authorities he was granted privileges out of the ordinary kind.

In no term history analogous cases have been met with, for instance Ben Tweed, was given all the best food, clothes and money purchases during his incarceration in the New York toms.

Looking over the vast number of incarceral cases from the beginning of history there is no particular instance where a crowbar was found in the cell after the birds had flown. Lincoln is the first case on record where so many people of the same crooked turn of mind were kindly furnished by friends the means of escape from an unceremonial place of temporary residence, and this will be the subject which Councilman Billingley and his associates will investigate. Success to the committee, and the Bee trusts that their labor will prove unlike former efforts of the same character.

From the amount of hand-shaking, however, between members of the committee and those under its ban it is concluded that nothing but smoke will arise from the affair, and a white-wash report very like the Nebraska railroad commissioners' report on railroads will be adopted and passed unopposed, thus placing things in their former smooth working condition, before the Bee came to invade the sanctity of the ring.

A NOTED CROOK.

The Bee reporter had the pleasure Monday evening of a short conversation with one of the seventeen gentlemen who escaped from the city jail and his career, which he seemed very proud of and anxious to unfold. It will be given as related to the reporter. He said that for reasons of his own he had given the gentleman at the city jail the euphonious

DOUGLAS DEMOCRATS.

A Growing Demand for Two Primaries--The Hampton Faction--A Veteran Talks.

As the October days draw on apace and political war clouds gather on the horizons of both state and county, the veterans begin to lend the weight of their judgment to the speculation which is starting into life. Already the corners have their evening rallies, the grocery stores and "inverns" their all-day assemblages and even the busy citizen has a moment to drop a word or obtain an item of advice on the popular drift.

Omaha is not allowed the excitement of being the scene of either state convention. The capital this year will be permitted to enjoy the crowd and noise. Lincoln is certainly in a fair way to have enough of it as the whole turmoil of both conventions is centered there within two days, October 14th and 15th, republican and democratic.

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THE MISSOURI'S SHORT OUT.

The Survey of Proposed Route of the Missouri Pacific to the City--Other Railroad Matters.

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THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Plans of Architect Meyers for the New City Hall Adopted.

Three Suspended Policemen Dismissed From the Force--New Officers Appointed--Other Business.

The regular meeting of the city council was held last evening, President Bechel in the chair, and all the members present except Schroder. There were a large number of outsiders present, considerable interest being shown in the disposition of the cases of the suspended policemen.

From the mayor, approving certain ordinances passed at the last meeting of the council. From the mayor, approving the ordinance granting right of way to the Union Pacific railroad across Third street, with certain suggestions in reference to future granting of such privileges. Placed on file.

From the mayor, approving the contract between the city and Edward C. Callahan, grade Eighteenth street, from Castellor street to the alley north of Martha street. Filed.

From the mayor, appointing W. J. Kennedy, I. S. Hascall and A. R. Sauer as appraisers to assess damages by the change of grade of Thirtieth street. Confirmed.

From the mayor, nominating Hon. T. C. Brunner as a member of the board of public works for the unexpired term, vice Fred W. Gray, resigned. Referred.

From the marshal, reporting the suspension from duty of Officer Joseph Rowles for insubordination and breach of discipline. Referred to the committee on police.

From the marshal, asking instructions from the council in regard to the removal of dead animals from the streets causing an intolerable nuisance, as the garbage man refused to remove them unless payment was guaranteed. Referred.

From the city attorney, reporting adversely on a lease made by the city to G. A. England of certain property on Sixth street, but recommending that the property be leased. The lease was approved.

From the city attorney, recommending that the assessment on property belonging to D. J. Hayden be reduced from \$1,095 to \$445. Adopted.

From the city attorney, reporting that he had prepared an ordinance, in compliance with the request of the mayor and council, authorizing the marshal to make expenditures for the detection of crime. Filed.

From the city treasurer, reporting bids for district paving bonds from the Omaha Loan and Trust company at 102, and from Blake Bros. & Co., of Boston, at 103. Bonds awarded to the highest bidder.

From the board of public works, submitting the estimate of C. H. Watson for building sidewalks up to September 16. Approved.

From the board of public works submitting the final estimate of J. E. Riley for paving Howard street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, amounting to \$4,138.11. Approved.

From the board of public works submitting the estimate of E. J. Brennan for paving Farnam street, from Fifteenth to Twentieth streets, amounting to \$3,020.88. Approved.

From the board of public works submitting the final estimate of W. J. Buckley for curbing Farnam street from Fifteenth to Twentieth streets, amounting to \$2,020.88. Approved.

From the board of public works submitting the first estimate of the Barber asphalt company for paving St. Mary's avenue. Approved.

From the board of public works submitting the contract for sidewalk construction for the quarter ending January 1, 1886, in favor of Charles Gardner. Approved.

From the board of public works submitting the contract for the brick work of No. 1 engine house. The contract and bond was referred back to the board of public works.

From George F. Meyer and Marion F. Faulkner, representing that property belonging to them had been damaged by the change of grade on Dodge street, and that if no compromise was effected, they would carry the matter into the courts. Referred.

From J. B. Rowley, representing certain fire insurance companies, complaining that the assessment list, as made up, imposes upon the companies three times the amount of tax that is assessed against individuals and other corporations. Referred.

From A. D. Jones, representing that the appraisal on a lot belonging to him was unjust, and asking that an adjournment be had to save litigation. Referred.

From William M. Foster, withdrawing the two plans of Foster's addition to the city, and asking for the return of said plans. Granted.

From the city water works company, submitting a bill of \$7,521.93. Referred.

From Ballou Bros., as agents for Dr. Mercer, informing the council that the rent of the quarters occupied by the city in the city hall will be raised after October 1, and asking for a conference in relation to it. Referred.

From Charles Spotts, presenting a bill of \$54.75 for the removal of dead animals from the streets during July and August. Allowed.

From E. J. Brennan & Co., presenting a bill for extra work done in paving Farnam street, amounting to \$1,207.48. Referred.

PERSONAL.

Prof. W. H. Allman is at the Millard. P. D. Sturtevant, of Geneva, is at the Paxton.

G. H. Jewett and wife, of Sidney, are at the Paxton. W. H. Dickinson, Weeping Water, is at the Millard.

C. C. Valentine, of Lincoln, is registered at the Paxton. N. S. Harding, of Nebraska City, is stopping at the Paxton.

W. H. Vance, of Weeping Water, is stopping at the Millard. Mrs. W. H. Dickinson, of Wahoo, is a guest at the Millard.

J. A. Bennett and wife, of Sherman, are registered at the Millard. John F. Williams and A. G. Benson, of Lincoln, are at the Millard.

Mr. Joseph Levy, business agent for Lawrence Barrett, is in the city. At the Metropolitan are J. H. Richards, Columbus; Miss D. Ray, Cambridge; Thomas Clausen, Grand Island; A. Miller, Norfolk; Mrs. Harry Winters, Sidney; Mrs. Mollie Kirk and child, Grand Island; S. W. Harper, Rock Springs; P. H. Sullivan, Springfield; Henry Willard, St. James; William M. Cornick, Wadsworth; J. H. White, Columbus; James Kelley and wife, Simon Kelley, Lincoln; James Chase, Plattsmouth; J. D. Crane Hastings; G. H. Gifford and wife, Lincoln; C. D. Clapp, Elmwood; N. S. Dawes, Neola; I. S. Winters, Woodville; J. T. Allier, St. Joseph; J. S. Kinsella, Panama; J. E. Daniels, Arcadia; J. J. Jones, Rock Springs; W. J. P. G. Wright, Martinsburg; O. Jacob Darst, Peoria; A. L. Hawkins, St. Louis; S. A. Bent, Peoria; J. L. James King and wife, Keokuk; I. A. McVie, Iowa City; G. E. Smith, Chicago; Mark M. Johnson, Dixon, Ill., and Mrs. Dilling and wife, Denver, Co.

Joe Needham, one of the waiters of the city, made a remarkable run from the billiard parlors at the Millard hotel last evening, scoring 60 points in one hour and fifty minutes.

RECOMMENDING THE PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GRADE OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN TWENTY-FIFTH AND TWENTY-SIXTH AND FARNAM AND HARNEY STREETS. Adopted.

REPORTING THAT THE COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY TREASURER IN REGARD TO THE TAXES DUE ON THE LANDS PRESENTED BY WILLIAM M. FOSTER AS FOSTER'S ADDITION WAS TIMELY, AND ADVISING THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY PRESENT AN AMENDMENT TO THE "ADDITION ORDINANCE" TO THE EFFECT THAT IN FUTURE ALL PLANS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY TREASURERS THAT ALL BACK OR DELINQUENT TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID. Adopted.

RECOMMENDING THAT THE POSITION OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN TRADE ALLEYS FOR PAIRS BE GRANTED, AND THE STREET COMMISSIONER BE INSTRUCTED TO DO THE WORK AS SOON AS