

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

A Remarkably Short and Peaceful Session Held Last Evening.

UNITED STATES COURT DOINGS.

Notes Gathered in Police Circles—A Few Lines on Lauer—Happenings of a Day Interestingly Related.

Local Legislators.

It was a little after the usual time when the city council was called to order last evening by President Bechel. The snow outside had detained a number of the councilmen, and they entered the chamber slowly and one at a time. Finally a quorum was on hand and the meeting was open. The members present were Messrs. Behm, Bailey, Dailey, Ford, Furry, Goodman, Lee, Leeder and Schroeder. The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

From the mayor, announcing his approval of certain ordinances passed at the last meeting. Also appointing Martin Kelly a special policeman at Boyd's opera house. Continued.

From the city physician, reporting the number of deaths for the month of November as 44 and the births 88.

From the gas inspector, reporting that his tests of gas during the month showed the quality to be very poor for water gas, as it passed through the meters much more rapidly than coal gas and should, therefore, be of better quality. The report also said that numerous complaints had been received about high gas bills during the month, and recommended that the council take action to compel the gas company to produce better gas. Referred.

From the auditor, approving the bills of the fire department. Bills allowed.

From business men on Fifteenth street, asking that the sidewalks be cleared at the corner of Fifteenth and Farnam where they are now blocked with building material. Referred to the board of public works with power to act.

From the Barber Asphalt Paving company, asking for the payment of the ten per cent reserve due them, amounting to \$1,000. Referred.

From the mayor, appointing appraisers to assess damages to property by changes in several streets and also by the erection of a viaduct on Tenth street. Confirmed.

From the city engineer, submitting a plat of the proposed boulevard around the city and making certain recommendations. Referred to a special committee of five.

From appraisers, reporting the damages to property by widening of Harney street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth, at \$5,300, and on Nineteenth street, from Farnam to Harney, \$2,200. Referred.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Goodman—That the chief of the fire department and the committee on fire and water works be instructed to make such tests of hydrants as may enable them to determine their capacity and usefulness for fire protection and whether the pressure complies with that contracted for with the city, and to report the results of the examination to be made to the council. Referred.

By Dailey—Locating a hydrant at Seventeenth and Paul streets. Referred.

By Lee—That the committee on fire and water works inquire into the cause of the accident which occurred to the apparatus by reason of the electric light wires coming in contact with the city wires December 3, ascertain the responsibility for the same, by what authority fire alarm and electric light wires occupy the same poles, and report what additional legislation is necessary to more fully protect the city's citizens and telegraph and telephone companies from the constant source of danger from said electric light wires occupying our streets. Adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Police—Recommending that the bill of E. D. Meadimber for the patrol wagon be paid, as the president of the board of education had refused to sign the warrant, and Mr. Meadimber was in need of the money, the amount to be refunded by the board of education as soon as it could be paid. Referred to the city attorney.

Police—Recommending that the appointment of George Trimble as policeman and driver of the patrol wagon be confirmed. Adopted.

Police—Recommending the allowance of several bills out of the general fund, which the auditor had OK'd to be paid out of the police fund. A general discussion followed on the amount of money in the police fund to pay the officers. The report was amended so as to pay the money out of the police fund, and was then adopted.

Paving, Curbing, and Guttering—Recommending the adoption of Mr. Lee's resolution in regard to the advertising for various paving material, with the amendments made by the committee. Adopted. A resolution by Mr. Bailey instructing the city engineer to prepare a plat showing all the portions of the several streets named in Lee's resolution, and to submit the same to the council.

A resolution, by Mr. Dailey was adopted, that the committee on claims be directed to ascertain the cost of the engineering department, and how the pay bill in that branch may be decreased during the winter months.

Several ordinances were read for the third time and passed.

President Bechel announced the members of the boulevard committee as Schroeder, Dailey, Furry, Goodrich, Goodman. The council then adjourned.

UNITED STATES COURT.

Small Business of the Day—A United States Suit, Etc.

Three small criminal cases were disposed of by Judge Dundy yesterday as follows:

Soi Kissel, selling liquor to Indians, pleaded guilty but first offense, fined \$1.00 and costs and placed in custody of the marshal for twenty-four hours; Wm. Flynn, selling liquor without license, pleaded guilty, fined \$25; Abram Cohen, selling cigars without license, pleaded guilty, fined \$10.

Judge Dundy then took up the suit of Caroline E. Doud vs. the Union Pacific Railway Co. On February 2, 1882, Wm. W. Doud, a wood chopper, was run down by a locomotive and killed in the Union Pacific yards at North Platte. His widow sued the company for an indemnity of \$5,000, but the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

The case of Lucia Knut vs. the United States was then taken up and was still on when court adjourned. The suit is for \$5,000 damages, which Mrs. Knut, an old lady, claims to have received by falling off the platform of a train at North Platte.

District Attorney Lamberton filed a suit yesterday in the circuit court, under the title "The United States vs. the administrators of George E. Dorsey, deceased," he had office at Bloomington, entered upon his term in 1878, and continued death this year. His estate is worth \$1,350,111, and he has left a large amount. The

administrators are Charles Dorsey, of Lincoln and Wm. Dorsey, of Beatrice. They report the assets of the estate as follows: Thomas Valentine, Isaac Sheppardson, Wm. McBride, Sanford R. Raze, Daniel Fuller, James T. Reams, Paris A. Williams, of Riverport, Ernest Arnold and Jos. L. Mumpower of Bloomington; Thos. Maitaly, Alfred T. Smith, Matthew W. Blackburn and John N. Lucas, of Republican City.

POLICE COURT.

He Pawned His Things for Money to Gamble With—Morning Cases.

Among the prisoners in police court yesterday was one who answered to the name of L. M. Day. He was a middle-aged man, with gray hair and a general broken down appearance. On his shabby clothes were found a number of pawn tickets.

"Day," said the judge, "you are charged with being a vagrant."

"I don't know how you make that out," was the reply, "I am a carpenter and work for contractors in this city. I live on Davenport between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets. Last night I was coming out of Higgins' intending to go home and the police collared me."

"How is it that you seemed to have pawned everything you've got?" asked the judge.

"Well, I'll tell you just between you and me, judge. Gambling has got the best of me. I work hard to earn money and then I throw it away on gambling."

"Day, I am going to let you go, and get away from gambling if you could, and in this condition the judge released him."

Joe Burns, drunk and disorderly, was discharged, and was also James Goodman, on the same charge.

John Powers and John Dailey, two visitors from Wahoo and Springfield respectively, had come to Omaha and got on a tremendous spree here. They were released on a promise to leave town at once.

Frank Liske, charged with intoxication, paid a fine of \$1 and costs.

O. J. Wilson, charged with vagrancy, was discharged upon an earnest promise to seek work at once.

Lon Hewitt, the incorrigible little tough, was sentenced to jail for ten days for petit larceny, but penalty was suspended.

Clubbed by a Block Watchman.

Jake Heitman, a block watchman on Tenth street, was arrested about 1 o'clock this morning on complaint of Jim McQuade for assault and battery. According to McQuade's story Heitman entered a restaurant where the former was eating oysters and endeavored to quarrel with him and create a disturbance. In this he did not succeed and soon left the restaurant. When McQuade was on the way home he saw Heitman standing in a doorway when the latter jumped upon McQuade and struck him with a billie. The latter ran, but Heitman overtook him and struck him again on the head.

McQuade, however, says Heitman was the aggressor. Both men were locked up in the city jail for the balance of the night. McQuade's head shows the marks of the billie by two cuts. He says he believes Heitman intended to hold him up and rob him, as he had just drawn his month's pay and had it in his pocket.

Selling Liquor to Minors.

For some time the police have looked upon John O'Connell's saloon on South Tenth street as a low dive which ought to be suppressed as a resort for boys of bad and indolent characters. It has been openly charged by the police, furthermore, that the place is a notorious center for the young thieves who are constantly committing depredations throughout the city. Marshal Cummings is determined to break up the place and yesterday he swore out a warrant against the O'Connells on the charge of selling liquor to minors. It is claimed that the case against the proprietors of this place is conclusive, as the police have been to work for some time securing evidence.

Mrs. O'Connell, in whose name the license is issued, was arrested during the afternoon and taken to police court, where her trial was fixed for Friday next.

A Sixteenth Street Headbopper.

It was reported a police headquarters yesterday that Marsh's butcher shop, on Cuming and Sixteenth streets was entered by burglars Monday night.

The proprietor had left the shop early in the evening, the safe not closed. About \$25 in cash was taken from the till, besides some articles of minor value.

A Compromise.

The Higgins case came up for trial yesterday afternoon in police court. After some parley Mr. Higgins agreed, if all the suits against him were dismissed, to pay the fine in the case where he was convicted and appealed, and to pay the cost in all other cases, and to obey the law in the future.

The last number of the Police Record contains a notice to the effect that J. H. Ackerman, a notorious thief, had broken from the penitentiary in Mississippi. Ackerman was well known in Omaha, where part of the time he went under the alias of Mars. He figured conspicuously in the Hanley-Fell prize fight, and was the first man to draw his revolver in the grand melee which attended that event.

Marshal Cummings received a letter yesterday from a man in Norfolk, Neb., who signs himself Michael Meylan, asking for an appointment on the Omaha police force, and offering a bond of \$500 to \$1,000, should he be accepted. He says he has been reading the Omaha papers, and infers from certain articles therein that there is a probability that the police force will be increased by at least ten men.

A happy wedding was held Monday evening at the South Tenth street Methodist parsonage. Rev. Edward G. Fowler performed the ceremony in which the popular William Hutton and Miss Sarah Cahro were made husband and wife.

LAUER AND THE PUBLIC.

Mr. Thurston Afraid of a Habeas Corpus—"Popular Feeling."

Hon. J. M. Thurston said yesterday when questioned as to his future proceedings in the Lauer case, that he was not yet determined what course to take.

"I am prepared to enter action for a habeas corpus, but I do not feel that it would be good policy to release Mr. Lauer. I must learn the full drift of public feeling in this matter. It might not be safe for Mr. Lauer to be abroad in the community. Some of these murderous wretches who are writing these threatening letters might do him injury."

An old time citizen who has been in Omaha ever since the days of Indian scares and has observed every phase of popular emotion here under stress of the numerous exciting episodes in the city's history, laughed loudly when Mr. Thurston's solicitude was mentioned to him yesterday morning.

"In the first place," said the old-timer, "those menacing letters are written by some cranky wag who is totally irresponsible and has not the faintest intention of executing the blood-thirsty threats he makes. His only aim is to have some fun at the expense of the timorous recipients of his notes and the more fuss they raise the more he

will write and the more he will laugh. The people are about ready to drop the Lauer tragedy as a thing of no account and leave it to the courts to settle, but the publication of such notes as Mr. Thurston's last evening, revives the matter and not in any too healthy light either."

ASSISTANT TRAFFIC MANAGER.

The Rumor Relative to General Freight Agent Shelby.

The publication in a morning contemporary relative to P. P. Shelby, general freight agent of the Union Pacific, is a prevented and too utterly premature attempt at a statement of facts. The writer obtained the impression through an erroneous construction of the purposes of the company. It has been rumored repeatedly that the first day of the coming year will witness some changes in the traffic department of the Union Pacific. Nothing of the details of the plans has ever been made public and probably not more than one or two of the general officers of the company are advised of them. The understanding has been, however, that the change would give the road stronger representation in the west than it ever had before, and from this the opinion is formed that Mr. Shelby would be selected for emigration. The general freight agent coming next to the traffic manager in traffic importance, it is not altogether without judgment that Mr. Shelby was selected upon by the rumor, although the rumor may be radically wrong.

Mr. Shelby left night before last for California and could not be personally interviewed on the subject.

An Imposter Ventilated.

A newspaper correspondent by the name of W. V. Rooker has seen fit to ventilate his grievances in a local paper, concerning his alleged mistreatment by the managing editor of the Bee. The cause of his outburst is the following letter:

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 29, 1885.—New York Editor, Morning Edition. I understand that one W. V. Rooker is in the habit of having telegrams addressed to him in care of the Omaha Bee, thus conveying the idea that he has access to our news. This is a gross misapprehension on your part, and any telegrams addressed to him in care of the Bee will not be received at this office nor get any attention whatever. Yours truly,

Per Managing Editor.

On the face of it Rooker is a very much abused individual. A bit of outline of his career in Omaha will show that we were justified in taking such precautions. Rooker made his appearance as an Omaha some time last spring with a letter of introduction from the assistant manager of the associated press in Chicago. He made application for the position of night editor of the Bee, and was engaged at a high salary upon the representation that he had been and was then night editor of the Chicago News. He represented himself as fully qualified to do the work of managing editor, in addition to handling the telegraphic service. He also represented that he was then getting \$35 a week from the Chicago News. In due time it turned out that Rooker was an imposter and blow-hard. Melville E. Stone, editor of the Chicago News, pronounced him an impudent liar. The fact was he had never been night editor, nor telegraph editor of the Chicago News, but merely assistant to the telegraph editor, and his pay was \$25 a week. At the time he came to Omaha he was out of employment, and had been discharged from Stone for reasons best known to himself. His work on the Bee was entirely unsatisfactory. He was incompetent even for the handling of the telegraph. He never wrote a line of editorial, or performed any work outside of revising telegraph.

This is neither here nor there, however, and we should never have referred to it merely as a matter of impudent brag. When Rooker was with this paper he obtained special telegraphic correspondence from several papers on the strength of his connection with the Bee by reason of his superior news facilities. After he had left the paper he adroitly kept up appearances as an editorial employe of the Bee. He fumbled among our dispatches in the telegraph office, and had orders for special messages addressed to him in care of the Bee, as stated in the letter which gives him such offense. After patiently submitting for some months to his impudent brag, it was thought best to ask the New York World that he was no longer connected with the Bee. We had a right to protect ourselves against such sneaks, and should not hesitate to do so again under like circumstances.

Death of James B. Charlton.

James B. Charlton, for ten years a citizen of Omaha, died at his residence, at Seventeenth and Davenport streets, at 6 o'clock yesterday. Mr. Charlton was stricken by paralysis on last Friday evening, gradually sinking from that time until the hour of his death. He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1818, but spent his boyhood and the earlier part of his manhood in Washington county, Pennsylvania. In 1860 he removed with his family to Monmouth, Illinois, where he resided until 1874. In 1875 he came to Omaha, where he has since resided. An earnest devoted Christian, he had not in all his wide range of acquaintance an enemy, or one who regarded him as aught but a man of integrity. His good name and the memory of a life singularly free from faults are the heritage he leaves his children. His wife, Mrs. L. G. Charlton, well known among the temperance and Christian workers of Omaha, and five children mourn his loss all witnessing his departure. His children embrace J. L. G. Charlton, assistant general ticket agent of the Wabash at St. Louis; J. B. Charlton, Jr., connected with the same road at the same place; Mrs. Mary Grace Edholm, Alex. G. Charlton, with McQuade Brothers, and Loudon Charlton, with the First National.

The funeral will take place from the United Presbyterian church, Eighteenth and California streets, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, when services will be conducted by Rev. E. B. Graham.

Affairs in Salt Lake City.

"The battery B sent out from Fort Omaha on Saturday," said a well posted army man to a reporter to-day, "will not return to this post. In fact it belongs at Fort Douglas. There is no need for it here. Gen. McCook, the commandant at that post, has long been apprehensive of Mormon troubles, and he thinks that with the aid of Major Raweels and his magnificent little company he can more easily suppress any insurrection. No, I don't think that any more troops will be sent out from Fort Omaha. In fact, I don't believe that we shall hear any more of the Mormon troubles, for a time at least."

Gen. Howard, when asked by a reporter yesterday about the situation at Salt Lake said that he had not received any reports from that point yesterday. "From all that I can hear," he said, "there is no ground for apprehensions of serious trouble. Any precautions that Gen. McCook might have taken to suppress riots and prevent

bloodshed were taken because he believes that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Further than that I can say nothing."

SOUTH OMAHA.

Second Annual Meeting of the Syndicate Yesterday.

The second annual meeting of the trustees and bondholders of the South Omaha Land syndicate—the company which owns the site of the new town of South Omaha—was held yesterday in the office of the secretary on Thirteenth street. A. H. Swan presided, and M. A. Upton acted as secretary.

The following were present: A. H. Swan, Cheyenne; C. W. Hamilton, Frank Murphy, P. E. Her, Thos. Swobe, Samuel E. Rogers and George E. Barker, of Omaha; B. F. Smith, Boston; Auguste Richard, New York; Chas. E. Anthony, Washington Illinois; Joseph Frank, Chicago.

The report of the secretary was read and adopted. It showed a marvelously prosperous condition of affairs and gave promise of great things in store for the young community. One hundred and sixty-two town lots and 157 acres have been sold since the formation of the syndicate in May, 1884. These sales represent receipts to the amount of \$123,900. The property in the town has appreciated \$68,807.08 since the beginning upon the original investment of \$54,000. Thus in less than two years the valuation has almost tripled and is now estimated at close to a round million. The expenditures reach \$45,000, of this \$25,000 was for waterworks, and the system in the town is one of the best in the country.

Following are the trustees and officers: Trustees—A. H. Swan, C. W. Hamilton, W. A. Patton, Frank Murphy, J. M. Woolworth, Thos. Swobe, P. E. Her. Officers—A. H. Swan, president; C. W. Hamilton, vice president; Thos. Swobe, secretary; Frank Murphy, treasurer; M. A. Upton, assistant secretary and manager; L. M. Anderson, superintendent.

Opening Display OF HOLIDAY GOODS.

Wednesday afternoon and evening. J. A. FULLER & CO., 14th and Douglas.

Hebrew Benevolent Ball.

The Hebrew Benevolent society gives a grand ball and concert at Metropolitan hall to-night. The affair promises to be one of the most brilliant thus far of the season and the sale of tickets indicates that the attendance will be large.

The Musical Union orchestra will preside with harmony and the following ladies and gentlemen will participate in the concert: Mrs. M. Melville, Mrs. A. Jacobson, Miss Minnie Rothschild, Mr. Thos. J. Pennell, Mr. Will Taber and Mr. D. Baer.

Following is the committee: Julius Meyer, Mrs. M. Helman, Mrs. Max Meyer, Mrs. Adolph Meyer, Mrs. A. Heller, Mrs. S. Kulis, Mrs. E. Rosewater, Mrs. J. New, Mrs. A. Polack, Mrs. C. Schaw, Mrs. S. Reichenberg.

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Ben Hogan.

The meeting Monday eve in the M. E. church in Blair was largely attended by all classes of people. Mr. Hogan spoke for nearly three-quarters of an hour—subject—"Blind Bartimeus"—which was fairly interesting and instructive. The spirit of superior news facilities. After he had left the paper he adroitly kept up appearances as an editorial employe of the Bee. He fumbled among our dispatches in the telegraph office, and had orders for special messages addressed to him in care of the Bee, as stated in the letter which gives him such offense. After patiently submitting for some months to his impudent brag, it was thought best to ask the New York World that he was no longer connected with the Bee. We had a right to protect ourselves against such sneaks, and should not hesitate to do so again under like circumstances.

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Burr Oaks.

The cozy little People's theatre was crowded Monday night, on the occasion of the third presentation of the stirring melodrama "Burr Oaks." It is not necessary to speak of the play in detail, as its strong points are familiar to every theatre-goer. It is well handled by the company, and will doubtless continue to draw good houses this week.

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A Small Fire.

A cottage occupied by a widow woman on Seward street caught fire about noon yesterday and burned to the ground. The fire department was summoned, but too late to be of assistance. Loss about \$200.

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Broke His Leg.

Mr. J. C. Aldrich, employed in the Novelty Iron works, slipped on the pavement near the corner of Fourteenth and Dodge yesterday and sustained a fracture of his leg in two places. He was removed to his home in North Omaha, where he is now under medical care. His injuries are quite serious.

That was a swell affair at Smith's!

"That was a swell affair at Smith's!" said one man to another on the street cars. "What was it?" was the question, "a ball," said the joker. The swelling could soon have been reduced by St. Jacob's Oil.

At the Risk.

Westbrook and Hacker gave a splendid performance at the rink last night. Their feats were the most difficult, each one harder to perform, seemingly, than the preceding one. Each new feat was greeted by the audience with rapturous applause.

A Scandinavian-American Paper.

Capt. C. J. Lindstrom, recently of the Swedish Tribune, Chicago, is in the city. He expects to associate himself with Capt. Eric Johnson, of the Stromsburg Republican, in the publication of a new Scandinavian-American weekly, to be named in the English language. Both gentlemen are journalists of long and varied experience, and will doubtless make a success of their venture. The paper is to be out about ten days, and will be one of 10,000 copies.

FOR MAN'S CONSIDERATION! NOVELTIES IN ELEGANCE AND HIGH ART At the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street, which would prove a variety to any man's eye when in search of clothing. 76 FUR BEAVER AND CHINCHILLA OVERCOATS To be sold for less than the cost of material which the garment contains at the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. 34 KERSEY AND MELTON OVERCOATS select from, consigned to the Parlors to be sold for less than the cost of material. At the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. 93 FOUR-BUTTON CUT-AWAY SUITS Made from Corkscrew Worsteds, Plain Worsteds, Cassimeres, fancy and plain, Cheviots in latest designs to be sold for less than cost of material which they are made from at the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. 603 PAIRS PANTALOONS Made from Worsteds and Cassimeres, cut in any style man can describe, to be sold for less than he can purchase the raw material at the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. 8g SACK SUITS Cut from imported and domestic fabrics in Cut-Aways, Straight Cuts, Double-Breasted and Don Pedros, to be sold for less than the raw material can be bought for outside of the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. 56 Prince Albert, Chesterfield, Prince William's and Full-Dress Swallow-Tail Coats and Vests To be sold to the person they will fit for less than the cost of material. SEE THEM. At the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. 48 NEWMARKET AND SURTOU'S OVERCOATS These are rare, not to be found outside of the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street. As a guide we mention a few prices: PANTALOONS At \$2.90, \$3.20, \$3.65, \$4.15, \$4.55, \$5.00, \$5.60, \$6.30, \$6.85, \$7.40, \$8.20, 9.70. SUITS At \$9.80, \$10.40, \$11.60, \$12.45, \$13.00, \$14.40, \$15.00, \$15.70, \$16.70, \$17.60, \$18.20. And others more expensive. Each were made to order by a merchant tailor for double the amount to be sold for. OVERCOATS At \$9.40, \$10.20, \$11.60, \$12.20, \$13.30, \$14.80, \$15.50, \$16.80, \$18.80, \$20.60, \$23.80, \$25.10, and others more elegant the space could describe. N. B.—Consignments by express received daily consisting of Pantaloons, Suits and Overcoats. AT THE ONLY MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS 1119 FARNAM ST. 1119