

CHARGES EASILY REFUTED

Mayor's Opposition to Crooked Work Being More Clearly Brought Out.

DEFENSE IN THE IMPEACHMENT CASE

Records Show That Mayor Bemis' Action Was Well Taken in His Opposition to the Council Combining Electric Light Deals Exposed—The Evidence.

Neither Manager Wheeler nor Hassall appeared in court yesterday in the Bemis impeachment trial. The proceedings began promptly at 9 o'clock...

These records showed that the council had from time to time allowed the bills of the New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Light company...

The original ordinance, providing for the creation of the office of city electrician, introduced by Sol Price and passed April 20, 1892...

LEGISLATION OVER LIGHTING

This was the ordinance under the terms of which M. Cowgill became the city electrician after his appointment...

Hassall's electrician ordinance was read for the information of the court, and therein there was not a word to show that it was required that the official should be a proper person for the position...

WHO OPPOSED THE MAYOR

"Who took the prominent part in the discussion of the general electric ordinance when it was before the city council?" asked Mr. Connell.

With a score of objections in that many names were given by the managers were upon their feet to protest.

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Then came the celebrated resolution, appointing L. M. Rheem city electrician, simply because the mayor would not name a power which by the provisions of the city charter, rested only with the mayor.

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BIDS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT

Dropping the electric matter for a time, Mr. Connell took up the subject of bids for electric lighting of city streets.

He showed that early in the year the council invited bids for electric street lighting for the term of three years, and that when the bids were opened, the bid of E. T. Pardee and Co. was the lowest, being \$112, knocking the Wiley company out.

record showed that Wheeler was hand and glove in the matter. In the latter part of the records showed that bids were invited for street lighting, to be accompanied by a certified check for \$500.

On June 19, 1894, he submitted a report in his own handwriting urging the rejection of all the bids. In this report he and Wheeler said that the bid of the Citizens' company was the lowest, but that it was worthless.

A message was sent to the office of the city electrician to secure some papers bearing upon the subject of street lighting, and while he was absent, Mr. Connell probed the ordinance of which so much has been said.

"What's that?" asked Mr. McCulloch, as Mr. Connell presented the ordinance to the court. The ordinance was the one which you have been parading in your party campaign," responded Mr. Connell.

Mr. McCulloch appealed to the court, and the three judges shut off the interesting little discussion, while electric matters were again taken up.

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always said that witnesses could not be secured. It was impossible to get officers to get into the rooms when gambling was going on, and again, men who were in the rooms would not testify that they had gambled, or seen anyone gambling.

CHIEF SEAVEY'S TESTIMONY. W. S. Seavey, the chief of police, was next called to the witness box. He testified that he had had the position for some time, and had done his best to suppress gambling, but there never was a time when he could stamp out the crime.

Such a plan lessened the evil, gave the police free access to the gambling houses, and brought complaints being filed by parties who had lost money. Under the present system, officers could not enter the houses unless they were armed with a warrant.

At this point the mayor's instructions to the chief of police were introduced in evidence. The communication bore date of March 14, 1893, and directed the chief to suppress all houses of ill fame outside of the bar district, to close all wine rooms where women were present, to close saloons on Sunday, to close all gambling houses where minors might congregate, and where parties under the influence of liquor were present.

Chief Seavey testified that there was never a time when Mayor Bemis raised any violation of any of the city ordinances or the state law.

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DEFINITELY SHELLED AT LAST

County Commissioners Vote to Submit Platte Canal-Bond Proposition

The county commissioners held a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which they formally decided to place the question of voting \$1,000,000 for the Platte river canal before the people at the next general election on November 6.

Changes in the original proposition have been made of import as follows: If the legislature passes a law granting the authority, the county of Douglas of the city of Omaha may buy the canal at any time prior to August 1, 1895, but in the event that the purchase is not made by August 1, 1896, the right of purchase shall be deferred and shall terminate at the end of the twenty-year period, when the bonds mature.

Prices for power in Omaha and South Omaha range from \$5 for one to five horse power to \$23 for over 500-horse power. These prices are per horse power.

Canal must be completed by October 1, 1898, with payments to be made as follows: \$100,000 for the canal, \$100,000 for the completion of each of the forty miles; \$75 additional when the Elkhorn river is reached; \$75,000 additional when the Platte river is reached.

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MAY RESULT IN MURDER.

Nonunion Cooper Brutally Beaten by a Gang of Toughs.

Charles and Jack Neff have been arrested on the charge of assaulting and severely injuring John Peterson, a cooper working at Swift's packing house in South Omaha. All the men are packing house employees and the cause of the assault is alleged to have been from the fact that Peterson is a "scab" cooper who has taken the place of one of the South Omaha strikers.

Peterson lives in Omaha and Monday morning he went to the Seventeenth street crossing to await the Union Pacific work-truck. Peterson did not make his escape and the gang beat him into insensibility. He soon recovered and went back home. He began growing worse and in a short time was a very sick man. Physicians were sent for and it was found that Peterson's skull had been fractured, rendering an operation of trepanning necessary.

Officers were sent after the gang who assaulted him and that night they arrested the two Neffs, who were identified as the leader and the gang. They were taken to the county jail, where they were held on a charge of assault, but will be held to await the outcome of Peterson's injuries.

Yesterday City Prosecutor Shoemaker filed a new complaint against Charles and Jack Neff, alleging that they assaulted with intent to murder one John Peterson.

As soon as Judge Herka saw Jake Neff he remarked that he had been looking for him not a great while ago on a charge of assault and battery. The records were looked up and show that on August 1, 1893, Jake Neff was charged with assault and intent to do bodily injury. Pending the trial of the case bail was fixed at \$800. A. L. Sutton going for the case.

As soon as released Neff skipped out and put his bondman to considerable trouble and expense. After some months Neff was arrested in Chicago and brought back. He pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and was fined \$100 and costs. Being unable to pay the fine and costs, he was taken to the county jail, where he laid for fifty-one days. During Neff's confinement considerable pressure was brought to bear upon the judge to induce him to remit part of the sentence, but the court said that the testimony showed that Neff had assaulted a defenseless man, and believed in punishing him. No modification of the sentence was ordered, and Neff served out his time.

Peterson is very low, and is expected to die. The doctors said yesterday that he could not live a week more.

VERY LOW RATE. Homeseekers Excursion. On September 25th and October 9th the Missouri Pacific will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip (plus \$2.00 to all points in the Northwest) east daily.

A Remarkable Achievement in Railroad Affairs. Was the running of the Exposition Flyer, the famous twenty-hour train between Chicago and New York via the Lake Shore route, in service during the World's Fair. A handsome little water color of this train may be secured by sending 10 cents in silver to C. K. Wilber, Western Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. California Tourist Excursions. "Phillips Rock Island" personally conducted excursions. First through car leaves Omaha Friday, Oct. 12th, at 1:35 p. m., and weekly thereafter during the winter season. For full particulars, berth reservations, etc., call for Rock Island ticket office, 1602 Farnam street.

Five Motherless Children. Undertaker Maul discovered a sad case in the alley between Sixth and Seventh streets and Pierce and Pacific streets yesterday. Mrs. Anna Goth, age 27, who died Monday night of diphtheria, left five children, the oldest being 7 years and the youngest 1 day old. The husband, George Goth, is employed in a South Omaha cooper shop.

On Trial for Burglary. George Harner and Charles Conning were arraigned in the criminal court yesterday on the charge of burglarizing Richard S. Hall's residence, near Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, on the night of August 17, 1894. The attorneys for the accused demanded separate trials and Harner's case was taken up. A jury has been empaneled and evidence is being taken.

Just a Little Faster. The "Northwestern" Number Six, leaving Omaha 4 p. m. daily, now arrives at Chicago 7:59 a. m., instead of 8:15, as formerly. "Just a little faster." Don't confuse this with the Omaha Chicago special, which still leaves at 8:45 p. m. daily and arrives at Chicago 8:45 a. m. No need to change this train. City office, 1401 Farnam street.

Associated Charities of Omaha. The annual meeting of this association will be held in the Young Men's Christian association building, at 10:30 a. m., on Monday evening, October 1, at 7:30. John Laughland, secretary.

Political Notices. Hereafter the Bee will make a uniform charge of 2 cents per word per insertion, in advance, for political notices. No notice to be less than 50 cents. Candidates can publish cards at the same rate.

Leave Omaha at 6:35 p. m. and arrive at Chicago 9:40 a. m. via C. M. & St. P. Ry. for Chicago and all points east. Trains made up and started on Monday evening, October 1, at 7:30. John Laughland, secretary.

Home-seekers' Excursions. On Sept. 25th and Oct. 9th, one fare for the round trip, with \$2 added, good twenty days from date of sale. For full particulars call at Rock Island ticket office, 1602 Farnam street.

Joyce, millinery, 1624 Douglas street.

HAYDEN'S SILK MAN. Called as an Expert Witness in a Case Involving the MARIETTA. By the first of October Philadelphia will be visited by probably the most brilliant array of counsel ever retained in a law suit, but this is not surprising, for the case to be tried is the famous trimming case, in which more than \$25,000,000 is involved.



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Autumn weight overcoats. Shan't omit to advise you in the matter of selecting a fall overcoat. They're cheaper this year than ever before. If you can't do as well elsewhere try us. We shall please you with a good dressy coat for four dollars, a better one for six fifty, increase in grandeur and dollar by dollar in price until we reach a tailor made, elegantly draped beauty that'll cost you but fifteen dollars. A sample of the queer and awkward overcoat called "Paddock," which is—by the way—the newest extreme for swell wear, on exhibition in our Douglas street window.

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Nebraska Clothing Co. Catalogues (Fall and Winter 1894-5) to be had on application.

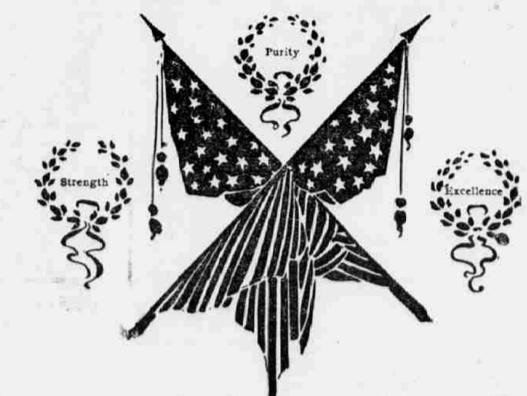
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