

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. J. Cowgill was appointed city electrician after his appointment, continuing until Hassall and Wheeler chopped off his head by taking away his power...

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 taken by the managers were upon their feet to protest.

Mr. Connell stated to the court that he wanted to show that Wheeler was the witness at the birth of the ordinance.

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.

"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.

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WILEY THROWS OUT HOOKS

Soon after witness had been appointed Solon L. Wiley of the Thomson-Houston Electric Light company, he requested the clerk to call the official record of the city.

Upon the receipt of the third letter, which was in the nature of a command, Wiley said that he wanted all of the city lights reported as being up to the standard, regardless of what tests might show.

Wiley also told the witness that he would have his salary reduced from \$250 to \$150 per month, providing witness would not object to the proposition.

Regarding the arc lights, Mr. Cowgill testified that of 200 tests made the average candle power was 288, while sixty other tests showed the average candle power to be 217.

A New Train to Chicago

Commencing August 12, the "Omaha and Chicago special," via the Chicago & North-western railway, leaves Omaha daily at 5:45 a. m.

HOMESICKERS' EXCURSIONS

Via Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. Leave Omaha at 6:35 p. m. and arrive at Chicago 9:40 a. m.

JOYCE, MILLINERY, 1224 Douglas street.

HAYDEN'S SILK MAN.

Called as an Expert Witness in a Case Involving the Question of the Value of the Goods.

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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To Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craig, 3700 N. 14th street, a daughter, on September 12, 1894.

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 held the position for four years 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.

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.

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MEANING OF THE ORDER.

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BOYS' SUITS.

At a saving of 50 per cent, from the Isidor Kaufman & Co.'s New York stock, bought by us at 45c on the dollar.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 quality ladies' heavy cloth jacket, full sleeves and full 35 inches long, at \$4.29.

DATES TO BE REMEMBERED.

September 25—Democratic state convention. September 26—Republican primaries to choose delegates to the county convention.

Associated Charities of Omaha.

The annual meeting of this association will be held in the Young Men's Christian association building on Monday evening, October 1, at 7:30.

Political Notices.

Hereafter the Bee will make a uniform charge of 2 cents per word per insertion, in advance, for political notices.

Just a Little Easter.

The "Northwestern" Number Six, leaving Omaha 4 p. m. daily, now arrives at Chicago 7:59 a. m., instead of 8:15, as formerly.

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.

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: August 1, 1896, the right of purchase shall be completed of each of the forty miles; \$75 additional when the Elkhorn river is reached; \$75,000 additional when the Platte river is reached.

Haydn Bros.

Blankets and Blankets. We carry the largest stock, have the best assortment and make the lowest prices or money refunded.

Blankets at 49c, 55c, 75c, \$1.00 pair. See our gray blankets at \$1.25 and \$1.65. These prices are per horse power.

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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.

Peterson lives in Omaha and Monday morning he went to the Seventeenth street crossing to await the Union Pacific work-train.

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.

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

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