

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Final Report of Experts on Boll's Books Not Received.

PROMISED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

Contract with Acme Company Not Approved—Retrenchment Taking a Setback—Ordinance Taking Bicycles Killed.

The final report of the experts who have been figuring on the Boll's shortage for the past six months was scheduled for submission to the city council last night, but the report was not ready, and it is believed that it will be presented at the adjourned meeting Thursday night.

The contract with the Acme Lighting company of St. Paul, Minn., for lamps for street lighting during the next two years, Taylor voted the objection. He said that the city now had between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for street lights. Therefore he thought all bids should be rejected and the contractor instructed to advertise and see if cheaper bids could be obtained.

The motion to approve the contract was lost by one vote and a motion to refer met the same fate. The contract and bond of C. N. Dietz for lumber during 1896 was approved.

A long petition from First ward property owners asking for the appointment of Dr. J. C. Ayer to succeed Samuel Dubois was referred to the committee on judiciary.

A resolution directing the controller to advertise for bids on gasoline lights was referred to the committee on gas and electric lighting.

Kneut's bicycle tax ordinance was dumped into the waste basket on recommendation of the committee to which it was referred. Knout protested vigorously, but he received no consolation.

The council adjourned to Thursday night. AMUSEMENTS. If you want to have a good time and welcome the New Year with laughter today it is well for you to go to Boyd's theater and spend the afternoon or evening with "Charley's Aunt."

A. M. Palmer's company in "Tribby," which played a short engagement at the Creighton theater, will return to that popular playhouse for three nights and Saturday matinee, commencing Thursday, January 3.

Frank Mayo, in his charming picture of home life at Dawson's Landing, as shown in "Pudd'nhead Wilson," will delight the playgoers of Omaha once more at the Creighton for three nights, commencing Thursday, January 2.

"The Tornado" closes the engagement at the Creighton with two performances today, giving a holiday matinee at 2:30 at popular prices.

Elmer E. Vance's railroad comedy-drama, "The Limited Mail," will be the attraction at Boyd's theater on Sunday and Monday next, the engagement to run for four matinees on Sunday afternoon at cheap prices.

A production that is expected to tickle the risibilities of local theater-goers in a superlative degree at the Creighton for four nights, commencing Sunday matinee, January 5, is the farce-comedy, "A Railroad Ticket," a satire on the reigning machine craze and railway ticket scalping.

Emma Carson, a legal infant, has begun suit through her guardian and father, J. M. Carson, against the city for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained by walking into a hole in the sidewalk at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets on January 1, 1895.

May Gransh Johnston's Property. The Citizens Bank is making steps to garnish some property in the possession of Christopher Armstrong, which it is alleged belongs to Frank C. Johnston.

COLD BLAST FROM MR. BROATCH.

Ardent Supporters of the Great Promoter Receive Their Pay.

Mayor-elect Broatch has thrown off the mask and the army of office seekers, who have been deluged in their best efforts for his election as mayor on the strength of promises of preferment, have discovered how prettily they have been "hoaxed."

Dear Sir—I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your application for an appointment under my administration and will give the same proper consideration.

Now what a cold water douche was that for Broatch through weeks of dirty campaign work; who had been warmly assured that his devotion would be rewarded and that Mr. Broatch was deeply appreciative of the loyalty with which he had stood by his interests.

This assurance was news to scores of faithful pluggers who had herded votes for Broatch. They had labored under the delusion that Broatch had promised plainly and specifically, but at the last moment found that they had been mistaken.

At first it was whispered around that this was just a matter of form. Broatch had simply chosen this method of ridding himself of the fellows whom he had not promised any such document.

Most of the candidates realized that the jig was up and they ceased to hope. It was recognized that by this letter Broatch practically repudiated all anti-election promises and left his road clear to appoint whom he pleased.

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Boston Store Buys Crockery. Olsen sells the entire stock of Crockery, Glassware and House FURNISHING GOODS.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. W. P. Cole, Cincinnati, is a Barker guest. H. S. McDevitt, Chicago, is stopping at the Barker.

Omaha Bank Clearings. Manager Hughes called for Clearing House association has compiled figures on the Omaha bank clearings for 1895, which are as follows:

Building Record of the Year. During the year 1895 the inspector of buildings issued 622 permits for new structures and repairs to old ones.

Met and Made Nominations. The members of the Builders' exchange met yesterday in caucus and nominated two candidates for each office for the ensuing year.

Will Keep Open House. The Omaha Women's club will hold its third annual reception on New Year's day from 3 to 6 o'clock.

ANNUAL FIRE STATISTICS

Omaha's Losses for 1895 Less Than for Many Years.

CHIEF REDELL MAKES HIS REPORT

Insurance Companies Have to Make Good Only \$60,000 While Damage Over Insurance Is About \$27,000.

The report of Chief Redell of the Omaha fire department will include all details which may be of interest in connection with the operation of the department during the year.

The total value of the buildings jeopardized by fire during the year was \$1,383,057; contents, \$1,023,845; total, \$2,406,902. The loss on buildings was \$67,411; contents, \$49,313; total, \$116,724.

There were 830 alarms during the year, as compared with 321 in 1894. The total fire loss in 1894 was \$425,293, showing a balance in favor of 1895 of \$1,981,609.

Improvements which have been completed during the year, although the details have not been entirely worked out, show that the total expenditures for new paving amount to about \$5,000 in excess of those of the preceding year.

Plumbing Inspector's Annual Report. Plumbing Inspector Duncan has completed a report in which he briefly outlines the transactions of his office during 1895.

Public Library Report. Librarian Barrows of the Omaha Public Library has submitted the following report for the year ending December 31, 1895:

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ROOM IN MARRIAGE MARKET.

Yesterday a Record Breaker in Marriage Licenses.

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Mr. Wetling was recalled and placed in evidence the state of the check book covering the month of October, 1894. Two checks corresponding in amounts entered in the book were produced.

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TO OUR WESTERN POPULATION

A Prosperous New Year

May you reap a bountiful harvest and lick England. By the way, that Venezuela boundary question, which comes in direct conflict with the Monroe doctrine of President Monroe, Secretary Calhoun and Senator Cass, America's foremost of patriots, seems to grow to an alarming extent.

There is a department boundary question in this store, which is assuming an unpleasant proportion—just now—Inventory time—you know—Everything topsy-turvy—stock belonging to one department is pushed into another—A general conglomeration of spoils in every department.

To such a large business (as we do) Odds and Ends are expected as a matter of consequence. They are sifted and branded as "Not Wanted." We place but little value on a suit or two of a kind, an overcoat—two—three of a sort, and much less on smaller things—say shoes, hats and furnishings.

In this case a dollar buys as much as a dollar and a half done yesterday. You are likely to find the very thing you want and you are a good many dollars ahead.

COME TODAY. Nebraska Clothing Co. Cor. Douglas & 14th

MRS. J. B. BENSON TOMORROW WE BEGIN OUR January Clearing Sale CHILDREN'S CLOAKS AT ABOUT HALF PRICE.

Ladies' Black Wool Union Suits, the \$2.25 for \$1.75; the \$1.75 quality for \$1.25. Grey Angora, 72c per ball. Sofa Pillows at half price.

Children's Silk Bonnets, fine quality, 50c. Hand Embroidered Center Pieces at half price. Silk Ties at 8c, worth 15c.

Children's Wool Tam O'Shanter, 25c, 35c and 50c. Silk Ties for Sofa Pillows, embroidered in Wash Gold Thread, 85c and \$1.25, worth double the price.

Figured Silk Squares for Sofa Pillows for 25c. 50c Wash Silk for 10c yard. \$1.25 Table Linen for 85c. Satin covered Pin Cushions in all colors, 20c, 30c and 45c, former prices, 30c, 45c and 60c.

WE BEGIN OUR GREAT CLEARING OUT SALE

ODDS AND ENDS. You will save time and money by taking advantage of this great opportunity.

The 99-Cent Store. Hardy's 1319 Farnam Street.

"Good Spirits." The words have different meanings to a spiritualist, a Kentuckian, and an average man. For the average man good spirits depend on good digestion.

How to insure good digestion? A Ripans Tabule after each meal, that's all.

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