

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Committee of Citizens Argues for Retrenchment.

NO ACTION IN THE MATTER TAKEN

Protest Against the Use of the Basement of the City Hall for a Jail

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Joseph Barker illustrated the necessity for retrenchment in the manner in which he himself and other heavy property owners were embarrassed by the stringency of the times combined with heavy taxation. The returns on investments were very small and the taxes so heavy that men of large capital had not cleared a single dollar on which to support their families during the past two years.

Edward Rosewater said that he had been a resident of Omaha for thirty-three years and was the first time that he had appeared to ask for retrenchment. He took the position that the school year should not be cut, but a large amount of expenditure could be lopped off by removing branches from the general system and concentrating on the part of an elementary education.

W. S. Poppleton said that the committee had been brought there by an extraordinary state of affairs. There was not a family or a business firm in Omaha that had not cut its expenses fifty per cent, but the school system was being run on the same expensive basis as in previous years. He contended that the general tax levy for 1896 should be kept down to 40 mills and in order to do this the levy for the school fund could not exceed 5 mills.

Miss Katherine M. Morse, a training school graduate, applied for a position as teacher. Her salary was \$20 per month. The committee on finance reported that the insurance on school property, amounting to \$55,000, had expired during the year. It recommended that the policy of maintenance of an insurance fund be continued and that \$1,000 be invested in interest-bearing securities on this account.

The salaries of training school teachers were fixed at \$20 per month. A resolution by Johnson instructs the committee on salaries to bring in a report effecting a readjustment of the salaries of teachers and principals involving a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent. The resolution was promptly tabled.

Elmer Mason, janitor of the board rooms, was granted a leave of absence to April 1, on account of illness, and the committee on heating and ventilation was authorized to fill the vacancy.

LONGED FOR A SHARPER LASH

Judge Gordon Fretted at Being Retrenched by Statute.

GIVES BAKER THE LIMIT FOR WIFE BEATING

Sorry He Could Not Send Him to Jail for a Longer Time for His Unusually Cruel Offense.

H. J. Baker, the wifebeater, who has been in jail for several days, was sentenced yesterday morning by Police Judge Gordon to ninety days in the county jail, the middle ten on bread and water. Judge Gordon then looked through the statutes to see if he could not find some more penalties to impose.

Baker's wife did not appear in court to prosecute. The only reason why she was not there. One was that she was still too ill. The other was that she feared that her husband would kill her, or severely beat her again when his sentence expired.

Baker at first tried to work the bravado act. He refused to ask any of the witnesses questions until he had an opportunity to swear out warrants for them on some charge. He later changed his mind.

"I did it in self-defense, your honor," was his plea. "She hit me first and then I knocked her down. I did not kick her, or walk on her, but I'll admit that I slapped her with my open hand. I want some of these people arrested. I came with a gang at midnight to kill me."

The gang he referred to consisted of the woman's son-in-law and the police officers. "Has this man a gun?" asked the judge. "No," answered McKenna. "He don't do a thing else."

When Baker was asked why sentence should not be imposed, he reiterated the statement that his wife began the row and would not stop being compelled, therefore, to knock her down. He said he could prove by a witness, Felix Slagle, who is working at Port Crook, that the wife was the attacking party.

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FIFTH WARDEN TO RETRENCH.

What They Would Have Done to Retrench Taxation.

Meeting of the Fifth Ward Improvement Club.

A meeting of the Fifth Ward Improvement club was held last night at 1910 Sherman avenue. Retrenchment in municipal management was the one subject discussed and on all sides it was agreed that the city council must cut down expenses.

The following resolutions were passed: Resolved, That the tax levied should be no more than thirty-two and five-eighths mills, by proper reduction of the public expenses.

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INDIGNATION IS RAMPANT

First Warders Make a Declaration of Political War.

IS AGAINST MAJORITY OF CITY COUNCIL

Every Member Who Voted for Hascall and Wheeler to Be Remembered on Next Election Day.

A hot indignation meeting was held by the South Side Improvement club of the First ward last night over the action of the council in electing Hascall and Wheeler to fill the vacancies in the council.

The sentiment of the meeting was expressed in a set of resolutions which were passed unanimously. They started out by stating that the council had agreed to abide by the decision of the voters of the ward expressed at primaries, that the central republican committee provided for the primaries, that afterward the council went back on its agreement and that, disregarding the wishes of the First warders, elected corporation tools in the persons of Wheeler and Hascall.

Resolved, That we denounce and repudiate the action of the members of the city council in electing Hascall, Wheeler, Alton Burmeister, Charles Jayce, Louis Stover, Prince Taylor, Thomas and Saunders, who refused to recognize the wishes of the citizens of the south side expressed at the polls as unprecedented, and that their names be placed on the records of the club for consideration at future conventions and elections.

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