

LUNT PICKS OFF THE PLUM

Secures Election of Attorney for Board of Education.

GETS MAJORITY ON THE FIFTH BALLOT

Controversies Over the Book and Piano Contracts Come Up and Are the Subject of Animated Discussion.

A. J. Lunt was elected board attorney for the coming year to succeed Frank H. Gaines on the fifth ballot at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Education.

The board took another step in the direction of disposing of the \$250,000 high school bonds voted at the last election, by determining to advertise for bids at once.

This matter was determined upon as a consequence of a communication from City Treasurer Edwards to the effect that no better terms than the present can be secured for disposing of the bonds in view of the eagerness with which money is seeking investment.

Remarks Become Pointed. The ghost of the fight that occurred several months ago over the purchase of books from the American Book company arose from a report of the committee on claims.

When the appropriation sheet was read Member Van Gilder wanted to know why it was that the American Book company has a bill so much larger than the other book companies.

"I voted against the introduction of the geographies which this money is to pay for just as you did," interjected Dr. Moore.

"When the truth is told about this matter the members of the board equate behind their seats," retorted Van Gilder. "When the vote on this matter came up, you, Dr. Moore, skulked out of the room to escape going on record."

"I did not," answered Moore. "You did," retorted Van Gilder loudly, and then continued: "The American Book company is one of the most corrupt institutions in the country and has already beaten this city out of \$20,000."

It was more superlatives and more school boards than any other company. Why? Because it goes down into its coffers to buy them. That's why it is now being paid five or six times more than any other company for its books by this board.

The agent of this company was in Denver the other day and was telegraphed to be here tonight. Why? Not that he might get his pay for the books his company furnished, but to see to it that he gets 25 cents more for each book than any other institution. This geography that costs 25 cents more than any other geography is no better than many others published, even if it is better.

BLAMES IT ON HIS ENEMIES

Wright Believes that the Fire in His Store Was Started by Some Person Who is Interested.

A fire of incendiary origin occurred Monday in the rear of W. L. Wright's second-hand store at South Tenth street.

An ice cream can which had been filled with gasoline was found near the door leading out of the store. Around it was a lot of charred paper, showing that the incendiary had feared the oil would not have the desired effect.

Mr. Wright said he had a lot of enemies, but he did not know which particular one might have started the blaze. He thought if he knew it would be useless to try to punish him.

Show People Object. William Post with the Cole & Johnson company of colored comedians, takes exception to a telegram from Fairbury in the Bee of this morning.

Young World-Constructor Starts Out. Fourteen-year-old Henry Bryan left home Sunday morning and without telling the family of his intentions started on a trip around the world.

FLAMES FOUGHT TO A FINISH

Firemen Do Good Work in Handling a Drug Store Blaze.

SHERMAN & MCCONNELL BADLY SCORCHED

Wood Alcohol Ignites by the Vapor Coming in Contact with a Gas Jet and an Explosion Follows.

An exploding barrel of wood alcohol set fire to the Sherman & McConnell drug store at 1513 Dodge street yesterday at 8:40 o'clock, and a disastrous conflagration was averted only by the prompt and effective response of the fire department.

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NORTH SIDE MEN INDIGNANT

Openly Declare Against the Location of the Pest House.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ARE CENSURED

Declaration is Made that if the So-Called Nuisance is Not Removed Resorted To.

About thirty North Side taxpayers and citizens congregated at the Saratoga Congregational church at Twenty-fifth street and Ames avenue Monday night and adopted resolutions, in which they expressed their indignation at the action of the municipal board of health in locating the pest house in that part of the city.

There was no fire in the church and while the aforesaid taxpayers and citizens pictured in vigorous language the danger they were incurring from smallpox on account of the pest house, they also expressed their remote chances of getting through the nearby gates through the medium of grip and pneumonia.

J. Hess called the meeting to order and announced that it was called to take action on account of the pest house and incidentally to organize a North Side Improvement club that will take action on this and other matters that involve the interests of that part of the city.

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REIGNING THE PARK BOARD

J. H. Evans Elected President, C. E. Bates Secretary, After Which Committees Are Named.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

There was a good attendance of taxpayers at the meeting of the city council last night and the proceedings were watched with interest.

Kelly offered a motion authorizing the city attorney to confer with the city engineer and the city auditor on the subject of securing assistance in the Twenty-fourth street paving case, which will come up in the district court on February 6.

The matter of a suitable fee was talked over for some time, but no conclusion was reached and the committee will report to the council what sum will be demanded by the some of the leading attorneys of Omaha.

The idea will be to select a lawyer who will assist in fighting the case through the district court if it becomes necessary to take it to the court of last resort.

Attorney Sutton appeared on behalf of the milk dealers and a plea for a reduction of the annual milk license from \$25 to \$10 was made. The milkmen, however, declined the present license more than they could pay.

If the present ordinance was not modified the matter would be taken into the courts for the purpose of testing the validity of the ordinance. Some months ago an amendment was introduced to amend the ordinance, but was for some reason sent back to the license committee, where it yet remains.

It was decided to have the license committee report on this ordinance at the next meeting and so nothing will be done until after this report is made.

While the idea of making this kind of a settlement was thought best to settle in preference to running chances before a jury. The city attorney was instructed to see if he could bring about a settlement for the report.

Two experienced mechanics will be employed to look over the iron work in the new city jail and make a report as to the probable cost of the work. McKay & Co. are in a bill for \$400, but this is not much and the work is to be completed.

The printing committee was authorized to have 5,000 certificates of vaccination printed, and these will be sent to all the physicians in the city so that school children may have a document to show that they have been vaccinated.

A. L. Berquist sent a letter to the council offering to furnish hay for \$7.35 per ton and oats for 25 cents per bushel for the fire department. The offer is some lower than what is now charged by the city. The letter was placed on file without comment.

Senator VanDusen sent in a communication regarding the Twenty-fourth street paving, and stated that if the city desired legislative relief he would be pleased to present a bill to the legislature and do all he could towards getting it passed.

Mr. VanDusen will be thanked for his thoughtfulness, and a meeting of the officers of the municipality will most likely be held soon to take some action.

William Russell filed a claim for \$100, alleging that he was injured by falling on a defective sidewalk at Twentieth and O streets last December 8. J. James also filed a claim for \$25 for a horse which he asserted, fell off the bridge in Albright. Both of these claims were referred to the proper committee.

Dr. Robert Scott of the Cudahy Packing company has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he appeared before the army investigating committee. Mr. Scott was questioned regarding the beef furnished by the Cudahy plant during the war.

His testimony showed that ice was the only preservative of beef used by the packers of South Omaha. General Miles had been informed that the packers used quantities of powdered borax for preserving meat, which was known as "sweet pickle, mild cure."

The English people demanding meats of milder cure than is generally used in America. In order to accommodate this trade all mild cure meats intended for export are packed in boxes instead of salt, chemists assert that the use of borax for packing meats is not harmful and the cure is much milder than when the dry salt process is used.

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TALKS TO THE OMAHA WOMEN

Madame Yale Lectures on the System for Improving the General Health and Explains Secrets.

COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, HOARSENESS, SORE THROAT EFFECTIVELY RELIEVED.

A large and appreciative audience of women gathered at Boyd's theater Monday afternoon to hear Madame Yale's lecture on beauty. The subject of the lecture was "The Foolish Virgins" and was ably handled by the madame.

After the lecture was devoted to an explanation of the remedies the madame sells, which they are how to use them. Madame Yale is a great believer in the theory that women cannot be beautiful unless they are healthy.

To be one without the other is an impossibility. She does not believe that all women can be beautiful, but she contends that all may increase their physical charms by careful attention to details. Facial beauty is not all in the truly beautiful woman. The poise, the carriage of the body, the manner of holding the head, all these things must be considered.

Physical culture will enable all to at least increase what nature gave it, so possessed, so she says. In closing the madame paid a tribute to the exposition just closed and promised that she would return to the city next year.

Next year will find her exhibit in the Greater America Exposition. She will return in two or three months and give another series of lectures. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a preventive for loss of voice and hoarse throat.

DOUGHERTY FEELS WRATHY Because He Was Arrested While Out Delivering Some Meat He Will Sue Officer Who Took Him In.

Patrick Dougherty, who runs a butcher shop at Tenth and Center streets, was arrested Sunday night by Officer Hoekhus on a suspicious character and taken to jail. He now promises to sue the officer on his bond for false imprisonment and to make the city a party to the suit.

According to the evidence Mr. Dougherty was out of his shop at about 11 o'clock with a package of meat which the saloon-keeper desired to use early yesterday morning. The officer stopped him and asked who he was. Mr. Dougherty told him his business and where his shop was located.

The officer inquired concerning the contents of the package and the bearer refused to let him open it on the street. At this the officer took him to the station and he was forced to spend the night in jail. He was freed Monday afternoon and discharged by Judge Gordon.

Mr. Dougherty complains that his meat shop was left closed all day and he suffered both materially and mentally as the result of the arrest. The case of William Prickett on a charge of retaining an officer attracted a large number of Union Pacific employes to the court room.

Mr. Prickett is a foreman in the shops and was arrested on December 10 about 10 o'clock in the morning while going home from work. Captain Iler and Officer Brown testified that as there were numerous holdups being reported at that time they were stopping all persons on their way home from an un-usual condition of the streets.

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Prickett stated that he was on his way to his home at 4706 Chicago street. Upon coming to the street he found Captain Iler's buggy standing on the crossing. He made some remark about people taking up all the street and Brown followed him across the street and struck him naturally he resisted the attack because he did not know whether or not the men were officers.

Judge Gordon said in discharging Prickett that the officers should not use their revolvers except in self-defense. There was no contesting testimony that the defendant occupied a good position he did not see that he could do any better than discharge him.

After the trial Captain Iler said that he believed if the case had been tried shortly after the trial he would have been fined. It was continued half a dozen times, however, and twice when it should have been tried Prickett was not present. No capias was issued for him. After the captain's trouble with Judge Gordon, Prickett came into court and urged that he wanted to be tried.

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GUARDS MERGE INTO COMPANY Fourteen New Members Admitted, Six New Applications Considered and Invitation Accepted.

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TAX CONTROVERSY IS SETTLED Council Committee Decides to Rebate a Portion of the Cost of Improving North Eleventh Street.

In committee of the whole meeting yesterday afternoon the city council settled a long-standing controversy with a batch of property owners over an assessment levied for the paving of North Eleventh street, north of Nicholas, a controversy that has been passed upon by the courts unfavorably to the city. Before the paving was done it was found necessary to fill in the street with the dirt. The cost of this latter work was \$18,000 and this was added to the cost of the paving, making a total of \$44,000 to be assessed against the adjoining property. The property owners contended the grading assessment and offered to compromise by paying \$11,000. This was the proposition agreed to by the council yesterday.

The building inspector was ordered to instruct all the people who erected temporary buildings about the city during the last year to tear them down. If this is not done the city will do so and proceed against the bonds that were given. There are some seventy-five such buildings about the city. The ordinances reducing the hackmen and theater fees was approved and will be passed tonight.

Lists of the Real Estate. Receiver Thomas McCague of the German Savings bank has begun the liquidation of the real estate assets of the institution preparatory to the sale, which will occur March 1, as directed by the district court. Mr. McCague said yesterday it will be a week or ten days before the list of real estate can be prepared, as there are a large

ARE ALL STILL OUT OF JAIL

Judge Scott Withholds the Mittimus in Contempt Case in Order that It May Go to Supreme Court.

THOUGH JUDGE SCOTT MADE HIS FORMAL ORDER MONDAY IN THE CASES OF SUPERINTENDENT S. B. WADLEY OF THE EXPOSITION CONCESSIONS DEPARTMENT, COMMANDANT C. E. LIEWELLYN OF THE GUARDS, MURRAY HILL, C. E. BROWNLEE, J. B. FRYOR, W. W. WILKINSON AND G. L. MARTIN, ALL OF WHOM HE HAD ORDERED FINED AND COMMITTED TO JAIL SATURDAY FOR CONTEMPT IN DISOBEYING THE COMMISSIONER'S INJUNCTION, HE DID NOT MAKE OUT THE MITTIMUS.

The purpose of withholding the mittimus was to give Edson Rich an opportunity of going to Lincoln and securing supersedeas bonds for an appeal in each case. This will have the effect of keeping the defendants out of jail until the appeal shall be decided upon by the supreme court.

Before Mr. Rich could obtain the necessary supersedeas it was necessary for him to have the formal order of the court to complete his transcript. The court said he would oblige the attorney by holding back the mittimus.

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Hundreds of remnants for coat and vest—or coat only—as you may wish.

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