

KNOTTY PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Fire and Police Commission in Something of a Dilemma.

DEPARTMENT IS NOW SHORT OF MONEY

Charter Prohibits Creating Overlap and District Court Holds Against Discharging Men on Account of Lack of Funds to Pay Salaries.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has itself called upon to solve a decidedly puzzling and embarrassing problem. On account of the small sum of money that has been levied by the council for the maintenance of the police department, it is absolutely necessary to cut down the force in order to keep within the appropriation or else be held liable for the overlap that will occur. On the other hand the district court has virtually declared that a lack of money to pay men is no excuse for discharging them inasmuch as it has reinstated men who were dropped for that reason.

"If we keep the force at its present number, we will find ourselves something like \$12,000 short for the year," says a member of the board. "Under the charter we would be held liable for that debt on our bonds. On the other hand the court has held that we cannot discharge men for lack of money. That is a very interesting situation, you see, for the members of the board particularly, but I think that I would rather incur the court's displeasure by discharging men enough to keep without our levy than to be called upon to pay my share of a \$12,000 shortage out of my pocket."

Thus it is very likely, unless money is provided from some other source, that the police force will be cut down very considerably to keep within the levy. Last year the force of patrolmen numbered 101 monthly. This number has been cut down until there are at present eighty. A further cut of at least fifteen and possibly twenty must still be made. Otherwise for the last two months of the year there will be absolutely not one cent for the maintenance of the force and it would have to be discontinued entirely.

Must Decrease Force.

The amount of money that will be netted the police force from the levy will be \$37,267.50. Under the charter provisions 10 percent of this must be reserved, so that there will be available for the department but \$33,540.75. From this must be deducted the expenses of running and maintaining the city jail and one-half the salaries of the fire and police commissioners, amounting in all to \$3,310. Consequently there will be left but \$30,230.75 to pay the salaries of the police officers and patrolmen.

The cost of maintaining the department on the basis of 101 patrolmen last year was a little more than \$300,000. On its present basis—one chief of police, two captains, four sergeants, six detectives, eighty patrolmen, two matrons, one clerk and one hostler—the monthly pay roll of the force will amount to \$8,958. On the basis of 80 for the year. Consequently, if the force were maintained as it is now, the police fund would be \$12,241.25 in the hole at the end of the year, which is almost equal to two whole months' salary. Therefore, if the board maintained the force at its full strength from now on and stops running the department when the money gives out, Omaha would have no police force during the last two months of the year.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, however, proposes to cut the expenses of the department that the city will have something of a police force all the year around. The officers' salaries cannot be cut, because they are fixed by the charter given to the city by the people at the legislature of two years ago. Therefore the size of the force must be decreased. The estimated \$12,241.25 deficit that would exist if the force is maintained on its present basis represents the salary of 14 patrolmen and a policeman and this is the number that is likely to be discharged.

FAST TRAINS ALL THE WEEK

Railroad Companies Will Not Put Their New Schedules Into Effect Until Next Sunday.

There will be one more week of the twelve-hour passenger trains between Chicago and Omaha. The Northwestern and Rock Island roads could not rearrange their schedules in time to take the trains off yesterday, but they announce they will come off next Sunday. Beginning on that day the Northwestern and Rock Island will leave Chicago at 6:30 p. m., instead of 8 p. m., and arrive in Omaha at 8:15 a. m., instead of at 7:55 a. m. The dining car which was taken off with the reduction of the schedule will be replaced. The Des Moines sleeper will also be carried on this train. The train now leaving for the east at 6 p. m. will continue to run, but will go no further than Tama, Ia., which point it will reach at 1:10 a. m. The Rock Island has made no announcement of its new card, but as its fast train was a new one it will probably be discontinued and a fast mail exclusively be operated.

Emigrants Looking Toward Nebraska

W. H. Lanning, an immigration agent at Hastings, has just been in consultation with General Passenger Agent Francis of the Burlington over immigration matters and says he has been receiving more inquiries regarding farm lands in his section of the state than he has received in several years. Most of the inquiries come from people who contemplate moving west next fall, they having completed arrangements for remaining where they are during the present season. The inquiries live in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin and Mr. Lanning interprets the conditions to point to a heavy immigration to Nebraska next fall if there is a good season here this summer.

Cold Weather Hurts Traffic.

After a slight decrease for the previous seven days the Milwaukee comes forward with a statement for the second week of February showing an increase in gross earnings, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, of \$4,687. The aggregate gross earnings were \$97,570. President Miller was pleasantly surprised over the statement, for he had expected a decrease on account of the falling off of traffic during the cold weather. Officials of the

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