

PEOPLE OPPOSED TO GRADING

Mass Meeting Declares Against Cutting the High School Grounds Down.

QUESTION IS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH

Arguments For and Against the Proposition Are Made—Chief Redell Says Present Building is a Fire Trap.

The Board of Education and citizens generally united in a mass meeting on the subject of the grading of the high school grounds last night and a long discussion of the matter was had. Before adjournment resolutions declaring against any cutting or grading of the grounds and asking the board to build the new building in architectural conformity with the old were adopted.

Hess Speaks for the Board.

Member Hess of the board put the reasons for the cut before the meeting. He said no reduction of the street was contemplated and that he would never sign a petition to that end. But the reduction he had recommended was one of twenty feet at the southwest corner of the present building.

"Then," said General Manderson, "you want to put the new building in a hole."

"You may put it that way if you wish," retorted Hess. "It is better to have a building in a hole than on a hill. And not one parent of the pupils in the high school will object to having the new building put in a hole."

Mr. Rosewater's Ideas.

Edward Rosewater said he had been one of the framers of the law by which the city was enabled to put the high school in its present location and he had been the sole framer of the law creating the present Board of Education for the city.

There seemed to be a great many people, the speaker said, who were shocked at the idea of touching a tree, removing it and planting others. He had planted a great number of trees which had grown to be large and beautiful, had seen them pulled up by the roots and still survived. In the last year he had learned that it was possible to transplant large forest trees and have them flourish as well in their new places as in the old. So that the beautification of the grounds surrounding the high school was a duty serious enough to be considered.

The next thing for the board to do, Mr. Rosewater said, was to call in the city engineer and the city council and find out what effect the proposed work would have on the grades of the adjacent streets.

Chief Redell of the fire department for an expert opinion on the safety of the high school building.

Present Building a Fire Trap.

Chief Redell, while denying that he was an expert, gave it as his opinion, based on numerous examinations of the building, that it was the worst fire trap in the city and it was entirely unsafe. It was one big hole from basement to cupola. It was a balloon construction. The stairways were unound and would not last a minute under a stampede, such as an alarm of fire might create. Its position on the hill made it a menace to the entire city, as fire was known to travel seven miles and commonly went as far as three or four, and in addition the building was surrounded by frame houses.

C. C. Belden spoke from the standpoint of a parent. He had once considered the high school a thing of beauty, but had come to the conclusion that it was not a fit place in which to keep the children.

Dean Fair made the suggestion that the Dodge street school be given over to the use of the high school and that no more buildings be erected on the high school grounds.

NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Structure Will Be Thrown Open to the Public for Their Inspection This Evening.

The new United States court house, custom house and postoffice building will be thrown open to the public from basement to top story this evening, from 5 to 11 o'clock.

Peter Cooper Populist Club.

The Peter Cooper Populist club held its first formal meeting in its new rooms, 1515 Howard street, last night. The hall is tastefully decorated with bunting. The floor is newly carpeted with a substantial material that will wear all kinds of applause.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

E. L. McBride of Lincoln is in the city. Miss Dusenbery of Nelson was in the city Monday.

Wheelermen Get Little Comfort.

Two delegations of wheelmen, one representing several clubs of the city and the other, headed by their opponents, to represent the bicycle lamp industry, appeared before the council for and against the lamp ordinance, which, though passed, is on trial for a life.

PUBLIC VIADUCT CONFERENCE

Council Sees No Better Immediate Way Out of the Difficulty.

SOUTH SIDE INTERESTS ARE CONSIDERED

Motion to Reject the Proposal of the Railroad to Receive Support—Bicycle Lamp Ordinance Unadopted.

The city council, sitting Monday afternoon at a committee, decided to call for a public conference Wednesday evening on the viaduct matter, at which, besides the council and the representatives of the railroad, the property owners of South Seventeenth street would be present.

The subject was brought up by the request of a delegation of South Seventeenth street property owners for a hearing. The resolutions and petition drawn up at the meeting in A. J. Vieling's office Saturday afternoon was read and reinforced by statements from the delegation.

DIAMONDS ARE LOST AGAIN

Mr. Harry Hopkins Believes Her Gems Have Been Stolen—Suspects a House Cleaner.

If she were a resident of one of the southern states Mrs. Harry Hopkins would doubtless believe her diamonds had been stolen. She has a collection of fact locality she has come to the conclusion for the second time within a few months that her gems have been stolen.

TRUBLE ABOUT BELMONT CANAL

John A. MoShane Brings Suit Against Stockholders to Enforce Contract.

REPAIRING GLASSES—(Talk No. 16)—

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OMAHA MEN GAIN CONTROL

President Thompson of Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Company Retires.

JURY IN CRIMINAL COURT LEGIS TO HEAR

Evidence in the Case. FIRST DAY'S TESTIMONY NOT EXCITING

The Farmers and Merchants' Insurance company of Lincoln, of which D. E. Thompson has long been the head, has passed into the control of Omaha men representing American and English capital, the change coming about three weeks ago.

The Omaha men interested in the insurance company since it has changed hands are H. H. Wood, president, and L. P. Funkhouser, Mr. Windsor has been made president of the company, but it is said that he will have only a nominal supervision over its affairs.

STATE'S FIRST WITNESS

The first witness for the state was J. C. Johnson, proprietor of the saloon at 1304 Webster street, in which the stabbing occurred.

Completed this fall. He now represents that Hunt is insolvent, that he is unable to meet the claims of the other stockholders, and that unless the courts intervene he will be driven from his possession and the rights of the plaintiff will be sacrificed.

LOVE PASSED FROM EDEN.

Henrietta W. Eden has brought an action for divorce against Albert C. Eden on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. They were married twenty years ago and have two children nearly grown. Mrs. Eden asserts that her husband has neglected to support her during the last five years.

JUDGES TAKE A VACATION.

This is the first day of the summer vacation and most of the district court rooms are deserted. Judge Baker is occupied with the Choilman murder trial and Judge Dickinson heard a few small matters during the forenoon.

WOMEN WHO VOTE ARE COUNTED

There will be some big surprises among the popular girls of Omaha—We have surprising values every day in Drexel L. Shoeman's men's \$3 tan, viol kid and Russia calf shoes—We have sold shoes a great many years, yet have never been able to offer a shoe that should sell for \$3.50 and does sell at that at most places, for only \$2.00—Years of shoe buying experience enables us to take advantage of every money-saving offering—All the new toes and lasts are in this line of \$3 shoes.

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CHOLLMAN'S FATE IN BALANCE

Jury in Criminal Court Legies to Hear Evidence in the Case.

FIRST DAY'S TESTIMONY NOT EXCITING

It is Largely of a Preliminary Character and Does Not Directly Connect the Defendant with the Case.

The jury that was to decide whether George M. Chollman killed John R. Jones in the saloon at 1304 Webster street last October is now hearing the evidence. The state is getting in its testimony rapidly, and there is every indication that the trial will be exceptionally short.

The completion of the task of selecting a jury was without incident. The examination of jurors included merely the routine questions, and until Mr. Dunn sprung his check for questions about the proceedings were decidedly monotonous.

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