

NEW CITY SERVANTS NAMED

Council Readily Confirms List of Appointments of City Hall Employees.

BICYCLE LAMP ORDINANCE DEAD AGAIN

Mayor's Veto Overridden by Council—Resolution Referring to Wooden Sidewalk Repair Contract Adopted After Long Debate.

At its meeting last evening the city council employed another warlike with the bicycle lamp ordinance, which lobby of respectable proportions was awaiting an announcement of the appointive municipal officers.

The following appointments, submitted by the mayor, were unanimously approved: Samuel W. Scott, license inspector; John Matthews, assistant license inspector; J. W. Stone and Henry Schroeder, members of the board of engineers; David Gilbert, engineer at city hall; George Cahro, fireman at city hall; James E. England, fireman and watchman; C. W. Johnson, Scott McWilliams and Harry W. Vickers, elevator boys at city hall; John Billings, Emil Wahlstrom, James J. Brooks and Albert F. Mayne, janitors.

The appointment of William Coburn as secretary of the advisory board was also approved. That of Dr. J. B. Ralph as inspector of contagious diseases, of L. K. Hutton as meat inspector, of Edward Allen as sanitary inspector and of John Barker as clerk in the office of the health commissioner.

On reports of the city attorney the claim of James W. Cornish for \$5,000 personal damages because he was confined in a voting booth post house, was rejected, and a compromise of John Flanagan's \$1,500 damage claim for \$200 was authorized.

Bids of Kluge & Bartlett and the Omaha Printing company for printing the annual reports for 1898 and 1899 and certain maps were opened and referred.

Paving Contracts Approved.

The contracts and bonds of the Grant Paving company for paving Ames avenue between Twentieth and Twenty-fifth street and Burt street from Thirty-eighth to Fortieth street, and of the Barber Asphalt company for curbing Burt street from Thirty-eighth to Fortieth street were approved.

Property owners on Capitol avenue between Eighth and Seventeenth street petitioned for the removal from that street of the express teams that are wont to congregate there, because of the profanity of the drivers and the inconvenience to those doing business there. The petition was referred to the police committee.

A petition was read from the Central Labor union asking that only union labor be employed on street work, and was referred to the proper committee. The petition was signed by a committee comprising F. Blomberg, Charles Singer, E. W. Kracht, and here the endorsement of Asa Taylor and C. E. Sparks, president and secretary of the Central Labor union.

Sidewalk Repair Contract.

A resolution by Hassall led to a considerable discussion of the sidewalk repair contract. It provided that no more wooden walks be repaired under the contract that prevailed last year, as under it the repairs were burdensome to property owners. He said in support of his resolution, that under the contract the contractor was to go out and practically rebuild a sidewalk which was 75 per cent gone and charge it up at repair rates, making it cost twice as much as a new walk, without any notice to the property owner. His resolution provided that repairs costing to exceed 20 per cent of the cost of a new walk cannot be made without notice to the owner of the real estate and an allowance of time for the latter to make the repairs himself, and that repairs costing less than 20 per cent of the cost of a new walk shall not be made in any case.

It was stated by Lobeck that bids are to be opened for a new contract next Friday and suggested that action be deferred until the meeting next Monday, but Hassall insisted and the resolution passed.

In explaining how this contract was adopted in receding from a policy that resulted in the construction of many miles of permanent walks, Engineer Ross water ascribed its adoption to the lack of funds on the part of the city to put in walks and collect thereafter from the property. He said that when this contract was inaugurated many people were complaining, and that in putting in repairs in front of some 5,000 lots it was not strange that twenty or more property owners had found cause for complaint, but if the records of the Board of Public Works were examined it would be found that many of them would be ill founded. He pointed out the impossibility of keeping wooden walks in repair, saying that in the outlying districts it was almost impossible to keep any wooden walk during cold weather, as they were carried away by fuel. He related how long since a member of the police force

COFFEE ARGUMENT.

New Evidence of the Effect. A South Dakota man, W. A. Dawley, Sturgis, explains the condition some men get into from coffee drinking. Let it be understood that coffee seems to agree with some people well enough, but when a person finds it does not agree, it is better to leave it off. He says: "I used coffee about twenty years, and quit it September 30, 1898. I had become almost a complete wreck, thin in flesh and emaciated, dyspepsia and indigestion of the worst order, nerves shattered, no appetite, slept very little, and my blood was so thin that the slightest breeze chilled me through. "Medicines gave no relief; I had about given up when I finally concluded to investigate and see if it was really true, as I had read in a number of your statements that coffee acted like a poison to some people. It was an excellent water to leave off coffee when I took Postum Food Coffee, for the food coffee tasted as good as the other, and to my surprise, it set good on my weak stomach. "I have been buying the Postum through my grocer, Mr. James Meyer, and always have followed directions carefully. I liked it from the first and have drank Postum three times a day ever since. Have gained twenty pounds in weight, my appetite is better than ever before, my sleep perfect, dyspepsia is a thing of the past and my nerves are what they should be. I can vouch for the statement that Postum Food Coffee 'makes red blood' and plenty of it. My son, Amos Dawley of this city has been completely cured of dyspepsia in three months by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee. This is given you as an honest testimonial of the priceless value of your (to me) life-saving food drink. You are welcome to use my name if you want." Respectfully,

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. H. MacColl of Lexington is in the city. W. M. Nesbit of Tokamah is at the Murray. J. L. Mc'Brien of Geneva was at the Millard. The guests at the double of George H. Thummler, clerk of the United States circuit court and while in the federal building was addressed as Mr. Thummler several times. Ben B. Warner, manager, Cora Warner, leading lady and Walter Warner, advance agent, of the Warner Comedy company, now playing a two weeks engagement in Council Bluffs, are guests of Sergeant and Mrs. A. H. Bobbit, 2033 Harney street. H. A. Miller and N. E. Jones of Heatrice, John Weems and J. H. P. of Pullerton, P. Ebbesen of St. Paul, D. D. Hall of Norfolk, William H. Frune of Kearney and J. W. Williams of Blair were among the late guests at the Merchants Tuesday.

NEW THROUGH CAR SERVICE

Reported Combination of Two Omaha Roads is Affirmed.

LINE FROM MINNEAPOLIS TO KANSAS CITY

Second Service of Similar Nature Routed Through Omaha—Little Difference in Time of Competing Lines.

Affirmation of the reports that have been current for some time relative to the establishment of a new Minneapolis-Kansas City through service via the Minneapolis & St. Louis, Illinois Central and Missouri Pacific has been gained by the Missouri Pacific. The change of the Missouri Pacific from the Webster street depot to the union station April 29 will be followed almost immediately by the inauguration of this new service. The change in depots by the Missouri Pacific will permit the through car to go through Omaha without any delay necessitated by the transfer from one depot to the other.

At present there are three through car services between Minneapolis and Kansas City, provided by the Chicago Great Western, the Washburn and the Omaha-Burlington lines. The latter route passes through Omaha. The entry of the new combination into the field will be accomplished under circumstances favorable in every respect. Under the present schedule the time is practically the same as that made by the other routes.

The Chicago Great Western, which has a direct line between Minneapolis and Kansas City, has two daily trains each way, the south-bound trains making the run in twenty-three hours and twenty minutes and nineteen hours and fifty-five minutes. The service furnished by the North Western "Omaha" line in connection with the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs system also provides two through trains daily, the time from Minneapolis to Kansas City via Omaha being nineteen hours and forty minutes and twenty-one hours and fifteen minutes.

The Washburn has a through line in conjunction with the Iowa Central and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and its time southbound between Minneapolis and Omaha is two hours and thirty-five minutes.

The only thing that has prevented the combination between the Minneapolis & St. Louis-Illinois Central and Missouri Pacific from the time that the Illinois Central first entered Omaha has been the separate depots used by the two roads. The new through car will leave Minneapolis according to the present time schedules via the Minneapolis & St. Louis at 9 a. m., arriving in Omaha over the Illinois Central at 12:30 p. m. It will be transferred at the Union station to the Missouri Pacific southbound train, which will probably leave at 10:15 p. m. and reach Kansas City the next morning at 6 o'clock.

This will make the time approximately twenty-one hours, although this schedule may be lowered considerably when the new service is put into operation.

Railway in Receiver's Hands.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The Chicago General railway today passed into the hands of a receiver. Judge Tutill appointed to that office Frank H. Sellers, trust officer of the Title Guaranty and Trust company. John H. Witbeck, former president of the company, died the petition for a receivership several days ago, at which time Judge Tutill issued an injunction restraining the present officers of the company from using any certificates of stock, from signing any judgment, note or confession or taking any action in repudiation of the resolution of the directors passed January 29, by which the bonds and stock in the treasury were transferred to John H. Witbeck. The receiver is the result of dimensions of long standing over the management and control of the property.

Union Pacific Freight Ditched.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 17.—(Special Telegram.)—A broken wheel on second No. 20, an eastbound Union Pacific freight train, ditched fifteen loaded cars ten miles from Cheyenne this morning. The locomotive was six hours late in reaching Omaha, not reaching Omaha until noon.

Railway Notes and Personal.

General Agent J. A. Kuhn of the Northwestern went to Chicago last night. General Manager of E. M. Morse of Burlington is in Chicago on a short business trip. S. E. Crance, general superintendent of Burlington lines in Missouri, arrived in the city in his private car last evening. Donald A. Smith, who has been city passenger agent of the Burlington system, has resigned. His successor is H. A. Schaub. W. J. Robinson, superintendent of the Burlington station, has returned to his post after a short pleasure jaunt through Iowa and Illinois. Owing to snow and bad weather in the west Union Pacific No. 4 from Denver was six hours late in reaching Omaha, not reaching Omaha until noon.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

Happy Family Reunion for Fiftieth Marriage Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gould P. Dietz of This City.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gould P. Dietz was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dietz last evening. The rooms prepared a beautiful appearance with their wealth of lights, bouquets, palms and ferns illuminated with the yellow glow of numerous lights and thronged with guests.

The occasion was a reunion of the family, which consisted of Mr. Frank Dietz, wife, son and three daughters, of Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stickle, and four daughters of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson and son from Chicago, and Mr. Gould Dietz. Mr. and Mrs. Dietz were married in New York state in 1850, but have spent the great part of their half century of married life in Omaha, where they have a wide circle of smiling friends.

Having married at an early age each is still in the prime of life and gives good promise of realizing the toasts given for their continued enjoyment of many more years of married blissfulness.

Thos. W. Carter of Ashboro, N. C., had kidney trouble and one bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a perfect cure, and he says there is no remedy that will compare with it. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's Drug Store, South Omaha.

Lagrippe coughs often continue for months and sometimes lead to fatal results after the patient is supposed to have passed the danger point. Foley's Honey and Tar affords positive protection and security from these coughs. For sale by Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha; Dillon's Drug Store, South Omaha.

A Letter to Hon. W. J. Connell.

HON. W. J. CONNELL, City: Dear Sir: On my return home I learn with regret of an epidemic which has taken place in your store during my absence there and myself and Mr. Nash. While Mr. Nash, in what he did, in no way represented us, and we disclaim all and any responsibility for the epidemic, referred to, as it was outside of the line of his duty, and absolutely contrary to our instructions, yet I feel that since the affair took place in our store that an explanation and an apology are due you, both of which I freely extend.

What was done by Mr. Nash was done in a moment of anger, hastily and rashly, and I am sure no one regrets it more sincerely than he does. Trusting that you will accept this explanation and apology in the spirit in which they are extended, I beg to remain, Yours very truly, JOS. HAYDEN.

Magic City Gospel.

The city council meets again next Monday night. Mayor Kelly is credited with being a first-class presiding officer. A crosswalk has been ordered placed at Twenty-second and P streets.

Mrs. A. I. Lott found a pair of gold eye-glasses on the street yesterday. A case of scarlatina was reported at the house of Ed Daugherty, 212 Q street. Bee Hive Lodge of the Masons will work the Master Mason degree on April 20. The Lotus club gave a very enjoyable dancing party at Masonic hall last night. Workman lodge, No. 277, will give a ball at Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening.

Polleman Ed Kreller has given a very entertaining and the council has accepted the same. City Clerk Shrigley is doing very nicely in his new position and is giving satisfaction to all. The sidewalk on Twenty-eighth street between S and W streets has been ordered repaired. R. C. Beavers and wife have gone to Kansas City and other southern points on a pleasure trip. They will be gone about two weeks.

GLORY WILL NOT BE DIMMED

Omaha's Annual Fall Festival is to Be Undiminished in Beauty.

KING AK-SAR-BEN STILL IS PUISSANT

Board of Governors Finds Much Encouragement in the Situation and Feels Assured of Ample Support.

With the encouragement, substantial and otherwise, afforded them by Omaha citizens since it became apparent that united effort would have to be made to insure the perpetuity of the popular Ak-Sar-Ben festivities, the members of the board of governors participated in an eminently satisfactory meeting at the Omaha club Tuesday night. Assurances of sufficient financial support to warrant a continuance of the plans for a more elaborate celebration than has ever been held awakened new interest on the part of the governors. Inspired by the public spirit shown in the recent mass meeting of Omaha citizens, the deliberations of the governors centered upon an idea—arrangement of a program for Ak-Sar-Ben well surpassing all former efforts.

"We are more than pleased with the outlook of financial support," said Secretary A. H. Noyes at the conclusion of the meeting. "Committees began a canvass of the city today and were met on every hand with flattering encouragement and substantial aid. The amount that we will be able to raise is altogether a conjecture. Until we are able to have an opinion upon the probable amount it will be impossible for us to announce the nature of our program. If we raise \$15,000 we can have an exceptional amount of expense which will be liquidated by that amount. Of course, we expect to secure more than this sum, but whatever we may be able to raise, just that amount and no more will be expended on the celebration. Consequently, the greater the sum the better the program, for no indebtedness which ever will be incurred for which we have not the funds in sight to cover.

Will Take Up a Week.

"We have decided to arrange a program that will occupy the entire time of the last week in September and it is already agreed that the two features which in the past have been so popular—the grand ball and King Ak-Sar-Ben's triumphal parade—will be continued. We have numerous other attractions under consideration to occupy the remaining time. Perhaps we will be able by next week to decide upon the entire program. All of the different features we have under advisement are of exceptional merit and it is a certainty that our festivities this year will be absolutely incomparable with former attractions. It can be stated now that the governors look with considerable favor upon a plan for a superb tournament which will prove interesting to all classes of people and will be something like the like of which has never been seen in this section of the country.

Rehearsals for the initiatory proceedings have been in progress during the past week and will be continued until the public initiations are commenced early next month. The initiation this year is a most interesting one and comprises features of decided originality. No Omaha man who becomes a Knight of Ak-Sar-Ben this year will ever regret it."

The immense telescopes which is now in process of construction is expected to bring the moon within a mile's eye-sight of this world, and to reveal the secrets of all planets. It may cause as great a change in the world's thought as Hottel's Stomach Bitters does in the physical condition of sufferers from dyspepsia, constipation, liver or kidney troubles. The Bitters strengthen the entire system, and also prevents malaria, fever and ague. Try it.

Suffers from Blood Poisoning. R. P. Dolman, one of the street foremen in employ of the city, is ill in his home at Twenty-sixth and Hamilton streets with Hostile's blood poisoning which has been reported to be decidedly threatening. About a week ago, while fixing the handle of an axe, he sustained a slight scratch upon his left hand, from which blood poisoning ensued and his entire left arm is now badly swollen and his physician is usually lancing it and extracting the pus. His misfortune is occasioning serious apprehension among his friends.

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SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

One of the important features of Mayor Kelly's message to the council Monday night was the recommendation that vagrants and suspicious characters be worked instead of being allowed to spend their time idly in the jail. The mayor favors a stone-yard, and more than this he thinks that such prisoners can be utilized in cutting weeds on the streets. Such work as this, he says, will not interfere with the ordinary vocations of labor.

In this connection Mayor Kelly says: "By reason of the vast industrial enterprises of the city and the great number of men employed here, the city is and will be the rendezvous and hiding place of criminals and vagrants. Here they can hide themselves away among the many strangers and workmen who in the nature of things constantly come and go, and excuse their presence by the pretense of seeking employment.

However, they can secure employment for a few days, and thereby convertively tie themselves over occasional periods of want and distress. That this class is a menace to good government, a source of expense to the city and a standing peril to the property and lives of the citizens cannot be questioned or doubted. It is the opinion that the punishment provided and ordinarily imposed is insufficient. It is believed that there are times when the vagrant class commit minor offenses for no other purpose than to secure a temporary home in the city or county jail. There should be some class in the city which should be provided for which the city has not caused such conditions and should not be required to bear the burden. Hence I recommend such legislation as will provide for the working of such prisoners during the period for which they are imprisoned for the violation of city ordinances. According to my idea such legislation should provide for and include the working of only the criminals and vagrants and should not include the occasional erring of any bona fide resident workmen, who might, perchance, in the hour of temptation be guilty of an occasional transgression. Nor would I have the work to be done by this class such as might be in competition with that which legitimate labor might do for hire, or that for which the city is able to hire, or that which the city is not able to hire and which would be done by the means here suggested, would go undone. The object is not to secure for the city work without pay, but to provide an enforceable penalty which will materially aid in ridding the city of a most objectionable class, an end in which laborer and mechanic, minister and artisan should have a common impulse and desire."

If his recommendations are carried out the mayor thinks that it is probable that all prisoners of the class mentioned will be put to work keeping the streets and sidewalks clean, and that a stone yard is one of the possibilities and if such a yard is established the broken stone can be used to good advantage on the Bellevue road which runs through Albright. This road is traveled a great deal and is full of holes into which vehicles almost to the hub if the stone is broken and left exposed to the city it can be carted to the road and spread by the teams employed in the street department and in a very short time there will be a first-class macadam road from Q street to the Sarpy county line.

An excellent idea of the establishment of a stone yard it is suggested that the unused portion of Twenty-sixth street, lying south of the Q street viaduct and east of the Union Pacific tracks, be surrounded by a stockade and used for the purpose mentioned. A stockade could be erected with little cost and the prisoners would not be required to walk but a short distance to and from work.

It is asserted that the establishment of "a punishment factory" at this point will have a good moral effect, as those who are sent there where they will land if they tarry here.

Mayor Kelly has looked into this matter of a stone yard to some extent and he says that a stone yard suitable for the purpose can be bought for about \$10 a car. The stone is broken and thrown into holes in unpaved streets as well as in the macadamizing of South Twenty-fourth street.

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