

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Davis sells dress.
Brookert sells carpets and rugs.
One fixture and stove at Hixby's.

MAYOR JENNINGS' MESSAGE.

Reviews the City's Finances and Cautions Against Extravagance.

MANY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.

Vacant Lots Taken for Taxes Prove Burden that Should be Loaded -Light Proposition Looks Dark.

The meeting of the city council last night marked the commencement of the new fiscal year, and following the custom established by his predecessors in office Mayor Jennings delivered his annual address, in which he reviewed existing conditions and made a number of suggestions for the future.

The first day of April, under the statute, marks the beginning of the fiscal year. It has been customary at the regular meeting of the city council to review the financial condition of the city for the past year.

Official reports for the entire fiscal year are not yet available. I have therefore prepared a summary of the city's financial condition as will appear in the annual report of the city auditor.

Regular bonded indebtedness \$250,000
Interest on bonds 100,000
Interest on water bonds 100,000
Special assessment pending bonds 250,000
Outstanding warrants 1,500

The city's net indebtedness is approximately \$450,000. This includes the unpaid current bills, with the exception of the \$100,000 of water warrants, above which is the amount of the city's net indebtedness.

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Under these circumstances I feel we are commencing the new century on a sound financial basis, with all our departments working smoothly and efficiently. But the lessons we have learned during the period of our financial distress should not be forgotten.

While due attention should be given to the collection of city revenues from all sources, it is my conviction that the expenditure of our funds demands still more careful consideration in order that there shall be no waste of money.

Great Improvements Needed. We are confronted with a necessity for extensive special improvements, such as paving, grading, curbing, etc., and it is an imperative duty of the city to provide for these improvements.

There are about 125 vacant lots acquired by the city under proceedings to protect liens for special taxes. They have cost the city the amount of special and general taxes, court costs and other expenses and are bringing no revenue.

One of the most important matters pending before the council is the question of special improvement and particularly the grading of streets for paving a number of streets. It has been apparent for several years that the rubbish on many of our streets, by causing a nuisance, must be replaced with a more permanent and substantial material.

WERE YOU FOOLED APRIL FIRST? You were if you bought a pair of shoes without seeing those elegant styles at our store, where your money goes into the best values ever offered in footwear.

FOR RENT... THE BENO STORES. No. 29, 31, 33, 35 Pearl St. No. 28, 30, 32, 34 Main St.

John Beno & Co., the largest retail dry goods and clothing dealers in western Iowa, who have removed to more extensive quarters in the Eisenman building.

E.H. SHEAFE & CO. RENTAL AGENTS, 5 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs.

LEWIS OUTLER Funeral Director (Successor to W. C. Stepp) 85 FRANKLIN STREET, Phone 07.

FARM LOANS. Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, Jr., 124 N. 1st St., Council Bluffs.

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ment under contract last summer. Although this is not a large amount it was placed as a contract on previously laid out work as a means of securing the same. It has afforded such relief and is so much appreciated that a continuation of the work is universally desired.

Much earnest labor and close attention has been given to the question of improvement. To the end that the requirements of the ordinance be strictly followed, it is to be hoped that the city and other embarrasments will intervene to prevent the further progress of work already under way.

Keep Burden in Mind. While it is desirable to pave many streets as soon as possible we should at the same time keep in mind the burden we are placing on the existing roadway and the city. It is to be regretted that so much improvement is necessary at this time that the work could be extended over a period of two or three years.

The kind of paving to be placed on our streets has been quite thoroughly discussed. The material has been carefully considered, viz: brick and asphalt. The latter has some commendable features, but it is not so durable as the former and the constant change for maintenance, I approve your judgment in selecting brick as paving material.

Lighting Cause Perplexity. The proper lighting of our streets has been a subject of much perplexity and one of the most important matters last year in connection with our municipal affairs. The submission of the Bluff City Electric Light and Gas company franchise to the city council was a matter of great interest.

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Smallpox Bills Laid Over. The board decided to leave the consideration of the smallpox bills until today. The bill is estimated to figure up close to \$6,000. The principal ones are: Dr. V. L. Treynor, caring for patients in Council Bluffs, \$1,250; Dr. S. D. Tobey, caring for patients in Washington township, \$1,200; Dr. Emmert, caring for patients in Avoca, \$200; Dr. Gerner, caring for patients in Gerner township, \$1,500; Dr. Williams, \$1,000; Womack's Christian association for expenses it was put in connection with the quarantine of the hospital, \$953.90.

John Treutman, owner of the Atlantic house, which was quarantined for smallpox, has put in a claim for \$457. He asks to be paid \$112 for the services of himself, wife and hired girl during the period of quarantine. For the use of sixteen beds and other furniture he wants \$100 and \$25 for fifty bushels of potatoes, which the board is to buy during the same time.

Applications for the janitorship at the county house were filed by T. H. Riley, George L. Hill and Henry Peterson. The board passed a resolution to the effect that all applicants for the position be required to furnish a certificate from J. C. Bixby, state boiler inspector, that he is a qualified engineer.

Declines to Be a Party to Gift of Sidewalk to Brewer. Mayor Jennings returned unsigned the ordinance vacating three feet of the sidewalk of the west side of Scott street for the use of the Omaha Breeding association, which desires to erect a three-story building on the site of the old non-parallel structure, recently purchased by it. His reasons for refusing to attach his signature to the measure were given in an accompanying communication, which in part was as follows:

Although a motion was passed by the city council requesting me to withhold my signature until certain papers were filed by the applicant, I have the honor to inform you that the ordinance is, in my opinion, so detrimental to the public interests that I decline to sign it unless it is amended so as to become a law by lapse of time.

The streets of the city are dedicated to the use of the public and while the city council may have the right to vacate a portion of the street for private purposes, it is not the duty of the city to do so if it is to the detriment of the public. The streets are held in trust by the city for the use of the public and it is for the council to give away any portion of a street for private purposes without the consent of the public.

JUDGMENT FOR BOARD BILL. Mrs. Anna Kelley May Sell Goods of Gilbert J. Moffett. Justice Deane has on his decision yesterday morning in the attachment suit of Mrs. Anna Kelley of First avenue against Gilbert J. Moffett, the convicted insurance swindler, to secure a board bill of \$25, finding for the plaintiff and giving her judgment for the amount and costs. The costs amount to \$45.45. The court issued a special execution against the goods attached and they will be sold by the officer of the court. It is believed that they will not realize the amount of the board bill, much less the costs. The trial of the case lasted seven days, and was bitterly contested by Mrs. Moffett.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses were issued yesterday to the following: Name and Residence. Age. George Allison, Douglas county, Neb., 40. Edna W. Wilson, Pottawattomie, 37. Eliza J. Ager, Pottawattomie, 19. Frank Hester, South Omaha, 21. Nellie Vandewater, Omaha, 15.

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LEAD PIPE MEN GO OUT.

Union Plumbers Lay Down Tools Pending Settlement.

MEETING IS SET FOR OMAHA TONIGHT.

Question of striking them to be decided—Three Large Employing Firms Refuse to Accept New Scale.

The union plumbers have not yet declared a strike, but they laid down their tools yesterday morning and notified the bosses that they would not work pending a settlement of the questions in controversy. A meeting of the Omaha union, to which the union plumbers of Council Bluffs belong will be held this evening, when it will be determined whether a strike in this city will be called or not.

The three large plumbing firms in this city employing union men have declared their intention of absolutely refusing to accept the new scale and rules as submitted by their men. The manager of one of the firms stated yesterday, his company would accept of business first before it would accede to the demands of the union plumbers.

None of the shops were seriously inconvenienced by the walk out yesterday as the union men's places were filled temporarily with non-union men.

UNIFORMITY OF TEXT BOOKS.

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JUDGE WHEELER IS STRICKEN.

Seized with a chill in Court. He is Obligated to Take to Bed.

Shortly before the noon adjournment yesterday Judge Wheeler of the district court was taken with a chill and was unable to hold court in the afternoon. His condition was such that he had to be taken to his home and it is not expected that he will be able to take his seat on the bench today.

Judge Wheeler handed down his decision in the suit of Mrs. Anna Fredericksen, administratrix of the estate of her brother, John Fredericksen, against several banks in this city, Omaha and South Omaha, finding for the plaintiff. Thomas was found dead one morning about a year ago in a little house where he lived alone in the western part of the city.

The court confirmed the sale by the administrator of the drug stock of the late Reams & C. Brown for \$515.

READY TO PICK CAMP LOCATION.

Council Bluffs' Sons Ranges Needed Fund to Secure Brigade.

The money needed to secure the brigade equipment of the Iowa National guard for Council Bluffs has been practically all secured. Captain Tinley wrote yesterday to Adjutant General Myers notifying him of the fact that the money had been raised and select the location of the camp.

The committee from the city council expects to have the balance of the \$800 it started out to raise subscribed for today. The boys of Company L have raised \$600.50 and have about \$100 more in sight. These are the subscriptions secured by Company L.

John G. Woodard, Ed. Smith & Woodard, Peterson & Schenck, George Rogers Hotel & Sportman, Grand Hotel and John Beno & Co. \$25 each. Jacob Neumeier, \$5. W. Rogers, Bluff City Laundry, Peter Jensen, Victor Jensen, I. M. Treynor, B. M. Saxe, E. H. Wadsworth, T. Moore, W. C. Perogy, A. Metzger, J. W. Pinnell, County Engineer, J. C. Bixby, J. C. Metcalf, C. H. Huffer, James Ruberg, Dell Morgan, Barzel & Miller, Jake Zoller, Seth May, R. Green, E. J. G. A. Riley, Minnick & Son, C. J. Cronkleton, Waterloo Creamery company, Edward Meyers, D. W. Bushnell, John Erickson, W. S. Goodrich, E. Saxe, Mueck and Stockert Carpet company, \$1 each.

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Kodol Digests what you Eat Dyspepsia Cure

Some people wonder why pepsin preparations don't help their dyspepsia. They probably suffer because they can't digest foods that pepsin does not affect. The reason is, pepsin digests only nitrogenous foods. The while different substances are required to digest the variety of other foods necessary for proper nourishment. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure contains all the digestants, and is capable of completely digesting every kind of food. That is why it digests what you eat and allows you to eat all the variety you want; and that is why it cures indigestion, even after everything else has failed. As it is the only preparation of the kind known, the demand for it has become enormous. Its use affords instant relief from all forms of stomach trouble.

It can't help but do you good

Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The 81 bottle contains 7 1/2 ounces the 50c. size.

When you suffer from biliousness or constipation, use the famous Little Liver Pills known as DeWitt's Little EARLY RISERS. They never gripe.

FEEL HALF WELL?

Take Mull's Grape Tonic—The crushed fruit laxative. The New Wonder for bad health—good for any system—you'll feel better. Druggists 50c.

The Lightning Medicine Co., Rock Island, Ill.

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