

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Ordinance Providing for Condemnation of Old Shacks is Proposed.

MOVEMENT TO CLEAN ALLEYS AND YARDS

City Officials Intend to Keep Garbage Wagons Moving—Repairing Big Washouts—Notes from the Magic City.

City officials are figuring on having an ordinance passed giving the right to the city engineer and an advisory board to condemn old shacks and have them razed. Engineer Beal said yesterday that he had suggested to City Attorney Murdock the necessity for an ordinance giving to the engineer and a committee of the council the power to order shacks within the five limits torn down. It is understood that as soon as Mr. Murdock returns from his vacation he will look into the matter and if his views concur with those of the mayor and members of the street and alley committee, an ordinance will be presented.

City Engineer Beal asserts that at least two dozen wooden shacks are now standing within the five limits and that for the protection of the adjoining property those should be torn down.

It was not very long ago that Chief Eiler of the fire department talked about this matter to a number of city officials and it was then practically agreed that the proposed ordinance would meet with no opposition.

Merchants in the business portion of the city are interested in having these shacks torn down, as it is asserted that possibly a decrease in the insurance rates might be made on account of less risk. The matter is to be pushed by those who have buildings in close proximity to the shacks included in the engineer's report.

More Cleaning Up.

Since the mayor has succeeded in having the street force do a little work on the river road Sanitary Inspector Jones proposed starting out to serve a lot of notices to have the alleys and backyards cleaned up. Not for a number of years has the city been in such a poor sanitary condition. The city authorities are not, however, all to blame, as it was found impossible to find suitable dumping grounds for refuse. New street arrangements for a road to the river have been made it is the intention of the city officials to keep the garbage wagons moving, and the orders to clean up issued by the inspectors will be enforced, even though it is necessary to go into the courts.

Already Inspector Jones has caused half a dozen warrants to be served on property owners who permit waste water to run into the gutters instead of making connections with a sewer. The health department proposes demanding that every one who can avoid too much expense make connection with a sewer must do so. A couple of arrests were made yesterday on this charge and more will follow today.

Secretary Marsh Talks.

Secretary Charles Marsh of the local Young Men's Christian association said yesterday to a Bee reporter that preparations were being made for the season's activities along all lines.

"The membership," Mr. Marsh said, "is much larger than ever before. On August 3 the total was 406. The rooms of the association were so overcrowded last season that the board of managers decided to secure additional quarters and the rooms secured on the second floor will add greatly to the floor space and relieve the pressure on the upper rooms. These additional rooms will be fitted up shortly, and with the help of the Woman's auxiliary made as attractive as possible."

J. P. Bailey will deliver an address at the men's meeting Sunday afternoon.

Hunting for Dirt.

City Engineer Beal and the members of the street and alley committee of the council are hustling for dirt to make fills in three of the big washouts. At Twenty-second and L streets it is estimated that it will take about 1,000 cubic yards to make the fill, while the second floor will be needed to fill the hole in the roadway at Twenty-second and Q streets. As for the big washout at Twenty-third and E streets the engineer estimates that it will take 5,000 yards.

There was some talk of the city advertising for bids and having their holes filled by contract, but consideration of the matter changed the plans and now the street and alley committee will try and secure dirt from private parties, as it is considered cheaper. As little if any grading is being done in the vicinity of any of these washouts but now dirt for this work will necessarily come high, especially in case of a long haul. Unless grading is commenced soon on some of the lots east of Twenty-fourth street the city will have to pay a considerable sum of money to fill these big washouts.

Maize City Gossip.

Martin Jetter will commence building his residence at Thirty-first and U streets today.

A meeting of the official board of the First Methodist church has been called for this evening.

Theodore Vols and family have returned from Bonington, Neb., where they spent a week visiting friends.

Rev. M. A. Head, pastor of the First Methodist church, has returned from a month's stay in Colorado.

The music hall on lower N street, formerly operated by the Markson's, has been closed by the police.

Mrs. M. A. Dillon continues to improve at St. Joseph's hospital and will soon be able to return to her home.

Mrs. Florence W. Moore and daughter Blava have returned from Marseilles, Ia., where they have visited friends for a couple of weeks.

Eugene Meyers, formerly a resident of South Omaha, but now located at Des Moines, Ia., with the Armour's, is here for a few days visiting friends.

Cholera Morbus.

This is an extremely dangerous disease. In almost every neighborhood some one has died from it, and in many instances before a physician could be summoned or medicine obtained. Mrs. E. H. Delano of Durant, Mich., is subject to severe attacks of cholera morbus. During the past four years she has kept at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and says it has always given her quick relief. During this time she has used two bottles of it. This remedy can be depended upon in the most severe and dangerous cases. The safe way is to keep it at hand ready for instant use.

Lake Okoboji and Return.

On Saturday, August 16, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will run a special train of coaches and dining cars to Lake Okoboji and return. The train will leave the Union depot, Omaha, at 8 p. m. Saturday and arrive back at about 6 a. m. Monday. All day Sunday at the lake. Boating, fishing and a pleasant day's outing at the prettiest resort in the middle west.

City ticket office, 1504 Farnam street.

MERCER SEEKS ENDORSEMENT

Congressman Learns, However, that Realty Exchange is Not in Politics.

At a meeting of the Real Estate exchange it leaked out that Congressman Mercer had solicited members of that organization to secure an endorsement of his candidacy for re-election in congress from that body and that up to the present time the effort had met with failure. The fact came out in the discussion which followed the introduction of a resolution declaring the exchange to be out of politics. This resolution, after having been defeated last week, was brought up again by E. A. Benson.

President Green took the floor in opposition to the resolution. He said that as long as he held the position of president such a resolution would be useless, as he would see that no political action would be taken by the organization.

Mr. Benson said that since the rumor that the exchange had gone into politics became current he had been approached by a member of congress asking that the body use its influence to secure his re-nomination. Another member of the exchange who seemed to know all about the matter said: "The congressman learned that the exchange was not in politics, so I think there will be no more trouble from that source."

W. T. Graham opposed the resolution, saying that if it were passed it would be considered as a reflection upon certain members of the body who aspire to political honors. At the conclusion of Mr. Graham's talk the resolution was withdrawn.

At the request of the Christian church convention committee a committee consisting of W. T. Graham, Charles L. Saunders and H. E. Fry was appointed to visit the Coliseum and pass upon the question of expense which will attach to the changes necessary in the building to fit it for the convention, with the understanding that the exchange will later attempt to raise the funds to meet the cost of the work.

The committee having in charge the question of meter service by the water company stated that an opinion had been asked from City Attorney Connell, and that pending the receipt of that opinion no report would be formulated. It is from the construction of the ordinance the members of the committee did not believe that the water company could charge more than the term service rate on houses classified in the ordinance, even though it installed meters at its own expense.

A short talk was made by Rev. Robert Yost of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church and the subject of "Parks" was made a special order for the next meeting.

Look out for malaria. It is seasonable now. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters is a sure preventive.

Amusements.

Krug Park. Ideal summer resort weather and two rag-time concerts as special features of a long and varied program brought out one of the largest crowds of the season at Krug park yesterday. The afternoon attendance was mostly picnic parties, composed of women and children, and in the evening the big rush came, as Wednesday has become quite a society night. It was a compliment to comic melody, attesting its popularity with all classes. The scores responded to were as numerous as the numbers in the regular program. Repetition was requested in many cases, for example, "The Bowery Bunch" was asked for and repeated no less than three times. Huster graciously acknowledged the compliments, complying with requests with his usual good nature, and played "The Holy City" for a "trombone solo. The pretty moving picture production of the favorite old fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" was the treat of the evening for the children, twice as many juveniles being present as on any previous occasion. Yerza, who is styled the human vampire, presented his contortion act, and "The Passion Play" was given to climax the picture exhibition.

On Friday evening Huster's band will render a program composed of selections from popular light operas.

E. W. Drove.

This same must appear on every box of the genuine Laxative Bismuthine Tablets, the remedy that cures a cold in one day. 25 cents.

YOUNG RETURNS FROM WEST

Impressed with Vast Amount of Improvements Being Made by Railroads.

Charles S. Young, general advertising manager for the Burlington & Missouri river route, has returned from an extended trip to the Pacific coast. His route was from Omaha to the northwest coast points, over the Burlington and Northern Pacific, taking in Butte City, Helena, Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria and other points of interest.

From the northern coast section he proceeded south, through Portland and San Francisco to Los Angeles, visiting all southern California attractions and the Catalina islands. His return trip was made through the central west, over the Denver Rio Grande and Burlington. Mr. Young visited all the general western agencies of the Burlington. He returns much impressed with the vast amount of improvements and construction work being done by the railroads of the west and is convinced that this is an age of construction.

Awful Losses to Cattle

Follows specter of throat and lung diseases, but Dr. King's New Discovery cures such troubles or no pay, 50c, \$1.00.

POPULAR AND CLASSICAL NIGHTS.

Classical Program Tomorrow Night at Courtland Beach—Popular Attractions.

The Courtland beach orchestra under the direction of Mr. Ernest Nordie, will render an exclusively classical program tomorrow, Friday evening, and on Saturday night a program composed entirely of popular selections. The Friday night program consists of compositions by Wagner, Weber, Strauss, Gounod, Leoncavallo, Scherzke, Verdi, Kunitzky, Rimsky and Mendelssohn and will be given in treat for lovers of the classical. In addition all the entertainment features, which have attracted such large audiences recently, will all be given in their regular turns.

Excursions and Picnics at Yorkville, Iowa, August 17.

Annual outing Clau-na-Gael of Omaha and South Omaha. Everybody welcome. Bring your lunch and spend a day in the cool country. A magnificent grove twenty acres in extent. All kinds of fun. Speeches, races, ball games, etc. Tickets \$1.00 on sale at 1504 Farnam street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

M. H. Madden, who is now located at Spencer, Neb., was on the real estate business, has been visiting with his family in the city for the last week. He reports that the real estate market in that section is in a prosperous condition.

Mr. H. A. Thompson, wife and son, Harold, left yesterday for Duluth, Minn., and will take the boat for a trip to the eastern markets before returning home.

OPEN ALL NIGHT.

CATCHING UP ON STUDIES

High School Pupils Who Are Behind Make Up for Lost Time.

GAIN POINTS BY DOING VACATION WORK

Many Who Failed in Part of Their Course Are Trying to Get on Even Footing for Fall Promotion.

Considerable complaint has been manifested against the unit system recently introduced into the Omaha high school by pupils who have been compelled to forego the greater part of their summer vacation and devote time to making up studies which they expected to have for rest and recreation. If these pupils who have had to continue their school work through the summer months were satisfied that their backwardness was due to themselves, they would doubtless complain less, but they for the most part insist that they have been kept back by being assigned to the slow classes and that under the system in vogue before the unit schedule was introduced they would have had no difficulty in completing their course by the regular instruction during the school year.

By a rule requiring them to make up units in which they are deficient and to do so not by home study but by lessons and recitations to regular teachers of the high school they have been required to pay tuition for instruction which they have received in the high school, supported by taxes paid by their parents. While the teachers say that they do not care for these summer pupils who interfere with the enjoyment of their vacations, some of them nevertheless have been making quite a seat addition to their classes by private instruction during the school year.

What the Principal Says.

When these complaints were brought to the attention of Principal Waterhouse, he explained the situation as follows:

"At the beginning of the season we divide the work to be done in the year into two equal parts, and expect the average pupil to complete each within one semester. To illustrate: We will say that 200 pages are to be completed by a certain class within the semester. This is subdivided into portions of 50 pages each and each period is known as a unit. The pupils of one grade will start in the same place in the book, but there are many divisions of the grade reciting the lessons to different teachers. It will soon become apparent that certain pupils will work faster than others, and these bright pupils are placed together, the slower pupils being placed together. The result is that one subdivision of the grade will accomplish all four units in the course of the term, while another subdivision of the same grade will accomplish but two or three. Each pupil receives credit for the work he does, and there is no setting back for failure. The slow pupils accomplish the work of their more rapid classmates, but it is done in longer time.

"This year the total failures at the high school in one or more studies was 247, the number failing in more than one study being 191. The total number of studies in which failures were made was 433, this being equal to a total failure of 110 pupils, or 5.1 per cent, the percentage of the attendance on the last day falling in one study or more being 20.1 per cent.

How Points Are Obtained.

"The pupils are advanced from the ninth grade to the tenth grade upon the completion of eight studies, which gives them eight points. To advance to the eleventh grade they must secure sixteen points. The twelfth grade is attained when twenty-four points are secured, and when thirty-two points have been placed to the credit of the pupil he is graduated. It frequently happens that at the end of a year a pupil will have fourteen or fifteen points to his credit and he will desire to make up the one or two points necessary to permit his advancement to a higher grade during the summer vacation. This is permitted, the only requirement being a certificate from one of the teachers in the high school that the work has been done. We also insist upon the pupil devoting as much time during the vacation to the study as he would devote to it during the school term. As he carries four studies in school, one-quarter of the time devoted to one study during vacation will be accepted and if his recitation periods are one hour during the vacation instead of the forty-five minutes required in school, the time is again reduced by one-quarter.

"No teachers are required to teach pupils during vacation, any bargain they may make with the pupils being satisfactory to the school authorities. The teacher may charge the pupil for her time or not as she elects. We have no way of telling until the beginning of the school year the number of pupils who are making up studies, but there are several, as we have already received some certificates of proficiency from some of the teachers.

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Right after a rain is a fine time to paint two coats.

As to the KIND of paint to use—we refer you to most painters or art pupils, and to ALL WHO HAVE USED SHERWIN-WILLIAMS paint.

Believe us the quality of a few of the thousands of Omaha people who have used them—ask them what they think of the quality, covering capacity and brilliancy of paint bearing the SHERWIN-WILLIAMS label.

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J. R. Ringwalt, insurance agent.

D. T. Beas, paymaster, B. & M. Ry.

H. Lancaster, the doctor.

Colonel J. B. Smiley, South Omaha.

See Canton Bridge contractor.

W. C. Cramer, superintendent mails, Omaha postoffice.

John Grant, paving contractor.

BRANDEIS BOSTON STORE & SONS
50c and French Challis 29c
75c
29c
Sensational Sale
LADIES' WAISTS
75c Ladies' Colored Shirt Waists, 15c
15c
Here is beyond question the greatest bargain ever presented in this store. These waists are all of this season's styles, well made, in dozens of different patterns and all sizes. Although there are over 20 dozen shirt waists in the lot, to give everybody an opportunity to participate in these bargains, we will only sell two to each customer. These waists are real 75c values, but our price today is fifteen cents.

\$1.00 Umbrellas at 50c Each.
Here's another umbrella bargain. On front bargain counter we place on sale 1,000 fine mercerized gleam silk umbrellas. All kinds of handles, absolutely worth \$1.00 a piece, will go on sale today at.....
50c

Continuing the Sale of Handkerchiefs
Here are nearly 1,000 dozen of the finest kind of handkerchiefs for men, women and children. In almost every style of hemstitching and embroidery and fancy sewing. Absolutely worth as high as \$1.50. On sale today at.....
3 1/2c, 5c, 10c and 25c

Special Bargains for Today IN THE BASEMENT
One big table of 40-inch wide dotted drapery Swisses, worth 25c, go today, as long as they last, at, a yard.....
5c
25c Wash Goods at 10c
Your choice of our entire stock of 15c, 19c and 20c printed dimities, batistes, nainsooks, etc., that we will begin to close out today at eight o'clock, for, a yard.....
10c
Closing out one big table of 36-inch wide percale, worth 25c, at a yard.....
5c
\$2 Shoes and Oxford Ties for 89c
For today, we offer fully 2,000 pair women's button and lace shoes, women's oxford ties, women's strap sandals, made by C. M. Henderson & Co., of Chicago. These are worth without doubt, at the very lowest, \$1.50 pr. Many would cost \$1 and some of them as high as \$2.50 pr. The entire lot goes on sale today at.....
89c

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That's the Shoe
Have You Heard of it? The "Onimod" \$3.50 Shoe.
All the men who wear it praise it. "It's a beauty," "It fits," "It wears," and other commendatory phrases express the fact that our new "Onimod" \$3.50 shoe is the shoe of the hour.

Price Always \$3.50 and \$2.50

Regent Shoe Co.
205 South 15th St.

Keep Your Feet Cool
Having too large a stock of canvas shoes we have decided to close them out at the following prices:

- Men's Linen Bais, \$1.75 grade at \$1.00.
- Men's Linen Oxfords, \$1.80 grade at \$1.00.
- Men's Canvas Bais, \$1.50 grade at \$1.00.
- Boys' Canvas Bais, \$1.25 grade at 80c.
- Youths' Canvas Bais, \$1.10 grade at 80c.
- Little Girls' Canvas Bais, \$1.00 grade at 80c.

These shoes are the best quality lines and canvas with solid leather insoles and counters. No shoddy.

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Omaha's Up-to-date Shoe House,
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Well, "we should smile." Can't be beat, Met's beer. Made from best grades of barley, malt and hops, in accordance with most approved methods. A perfect brew. Pure, wholesome, nutritious. Unexcelled as a tonic and mild stimulant. Gives cheer, health and vigor. Get the brewery bottling.

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Very Special Sales Take Place at This Store Thursday Morning

WE will place on sale all our women's wash waists that sold for 75c and 95c—all at one price..... 19c

They are made of imported gingham, madras cloths and plain chambrays.

ALL OUR WOMEN'S WASH WAISTS that sold for \$1.45 and \$1.90 will go on sale Thursday morning all at one price..... 45c

Remember! These waists are all this season's most desirable garments. Bought to be sold in the regular way. They were not made for special sales.

They are positively MARVELOUS VALUES.

Important Notice to Mothers

THURSDAY MORNING, we will place on sale 610 pair of knee pants that sold for 75c and \$1.00—go at..... **25c**

They are made of the very finest chevots and cassimeres, in all desirable patterns and colors.

The Values Are Simply Wonderful. Be Prompt. Come Early If You Can. The Best Go First.

Sacrifice Sale of Children's Suits

About 300 in all—made of cassimeres and chevots, made up in the latest double breasted coats—also sailor blouse—values up to \$3.50.

They all go on sale in one lot—Thursday—choice..... **75c**

Nebraska Clothing Co.
CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

(Issued Under Authority of the Railroads of Nebraska.)

Statement of the Property Returned for Taxation in Phelps County, Nebraska

And a Comparison With the Census. Some Figures Regarding Delinquent Taxes Which are Interesting.

Statement showing variations in assessments in Phelps County, between 1883 and 1900:

Returned for Assessment in 1883.	Per Unit	Returned for Assessment in 1900.	Per Unit
227,085 Acres improved land.....	\$1,928 2.07	40,042	65,970 1.60
74,931 Acres unimproved land 109,677 1.46		8,853	41,027 6.33
9,262 Horses.....	132,348 12.13	22,098	84,047 2.80
17,444 Cattle.....	46,231 2.66	27,460	27,121 2.80
18,109 Hogs.....	24,280 1.33		12,931
	Agricultural implements 17,121		129,864
	Railroad and Telegraph 173,154		208,958
	All other property.....	347,945	
		\$1,222,903	

The census reports for 1900 gives the following returns for agricultural wealth in Phelps County:

Value Farms.	Value Agricultural implements.	Value Products not fed to live stock.
\$20,481 Acres land.....	\$5,671,330	\$4,862,288
		\$93,250
		1,225,228
		1,294,527

Percentage of land value returned for taxation..... \$1-10 per cent
Percentage of agricultural implements value returned for taxation \$1-10 per cent
Percentage of live stock value returned for taxation..... \$1-10 per cent

Confirmatory of above statement, we give statement of lands sold in this county the present year, the consideration received, and the amount returned for taxation:

Section or Lot	Twp.	Range or Block	Consideration	Assessed Value, 1902	
S. E. 1/4 & S. W. 1/4	18	5	19	\$5,600	\$530
S. E. 1/4	18	6	20	2,500	\$19
N. E. 1/4	18	6	21	4,200	\$85
S. W. 1/4	18	7	17	2,500	\$50
S. E. 1/4	18	5	17	4,800	\$40
S. W. 1/4	18	5	17	4,800	\$35
N. E. 1/4	18	5	17	4,900	\$85

It would be supposed that a county returning such a small portion of taxable property as this statement shows, would be able to soon catch up delinquent taxes and not be materially in default in payment of state taxes. However, this county owes state taxes amounting to \$27,458.45, of which \$5,224.77 are for 1901, which could be assumed to be in process of collection. This leaves \$19,134.45 as property being delinquent state taxes owing by Phelps County. When it is considered that the only reason for any state indebtedness existing is the fact that there are a lot of taxes due the state from different counties that are in default, this statement may be interesting.

Why should Phelps County not pay to the state her due share of state tax? This is but one example, and we have more glaring instances yet to offer. The assessment for taxation would have raised plenty of revenue to run the state with no indebtedness accruing, but the default allowed in some of the counties has worked a hardship to the state administration and an injustice to their neighbor counties.

Since 1883 the delinquent taxes have been only on a par with most of the other counties, but this large delinquency, which occurred from 1874 to 1881 should either be paid, compromised or settled in some way.

STATE DEBT MAY 27, 1902, \$1,910,909.95.
DELINQUENT TAXES DUE THE STATE MAY 27, 1902, \$2,785,063.04.
IF DELINQUENT TAXES WERE PAID THERE WOULD BE A SURPLUS IN THE STATE TREASURY.
RAILROADS PAY ALL LEGAL TAXES WHEN DUE.