

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Council May Have to Reject All Bills for Supplies.

CHARTER REQUIRES MONEY ON HAND

Consequently the Stationers, Fuel and Feed May Be Purchased Only as Needed and Bills Held Up for 1903 Appropriation.

In the Rec of Thursday mention was made of the fact that City Clerk Shrigley, in conformity with the city charter and the ordinance in force, had advertised for bids for supplies for the various departments.

The bidders are supposed to file with the city clerk their bids by noon on December 23, while the city reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

"It is more than likely that the city will reject all bids for supplies," said a member of the council last night. "Section 168 of the city charter says that no contract shall be entered into by the city council or any committee or member thereof and no expense incurred by any of the officers or departments of the corporation, whether the object of the expenditure shall have been ordered by the city council or not unless an appropriation shall have been previously made."

With this section of the charter in view the members of the council cannot legally pay any attention to bids received. While one portion of the "good books" says that bids shall be advertised for at a certain time another contracts that by certifying that there must be money on hand. Consequently the supplies will most likely be purchased as needed and the dealers will remit bills to the city when the 1903 appropriation is available.

Highlanders Elect Officers.

Dunoon castle No. 43 of the Royal Highlanders elected the following officers for the year: C. Christensen, protector; S. Clark, chief counselor; Mrs. S. Clark, worthy evangelist; Dr. J. A. Aberly, secretary; A. P. Madsen, treasurer; A. S. Homan, guide.

Talks About Alaska.

A. J. Meale, whose home is at Valdez, Alaska, was in the city yesterday visiting Councilman E. W. Walsh. Mr. Meale was here about a year ago, when he was making his second trip to the far northwest. He says that the mining company of which he is a member is doing nicely and that returns will be shown before long. Mr. Meale says that surveys have been made for a railroad from Valdez to Eagle on the Yukon. The survey will, he asserts, mean the moving of the town of Valdez from its present location to a point nearer the water line, where the harbor is deeper. As for the movement of the town, Mr. Meale said that it would not incur any great expense, as the buildings were all "shacks" and could be easily moved.

Chief Etter Wants Horses.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Etter of the fire department sent to Mayor Koutsky a request that he be provided with two additional horses and 600 feet of hose. It has been known by city officials for some time past that horses should be purchased for the use of the department and that more hose was needed. Just where the money is to come from at this time is what is worrying the mayor and the members of the fire committee. Some shift will be made to provide for the keep of the fire department, even though the appropriation has run out.

Thompson Commences Grading.

Frank Thompson commenced grading yesterday for his buildings to be erected at Twenty-fourth and H streets. It has been known by city officials for some time past that the O'Neil property at Twenty-fourth and J streets. A car of brick and a car of sand is already on the ground and Mr. Thompson proposes to push the work on his store building and his residence as rapidly as possible.

Ice is Getting Thicker.

The ice at Seymour lake and at Jetter's pond is reported to be four inches thick. Ice men say that should the present cold weather continue, cutting will commence on Tuesday. By that time it is expected the ice will be six inches thick. The first crop will be harvested to make sure of some ice, and then the lakes will be left open for thicker ice.

Chicken Dinner.

The King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian church will give a chicken pie dinner at the troop armory in the city hall building today. This dinner of the Presbyterian women is an annual occurrence and is generally well patronized. The proceeds go to forwarding the work of the King's Daughters in South Omaha.

Frank Elligan Buried.

Frank Elligan was buried yesterday. Brief funeral services were held at the family residence, Twenty-fourth and K streets, and then the body was taken to St. Bridget's church, where services were held. As the deceased was a member of the local bartenders' union, the members of the order in Omaha and South Omaha turned out in full force. The lodges represented were No. 372 of South Omaha and No. 245 of Omaha. A march to the church was made. After the services the body was taken to Holy Sepulcher cemetery, Omaha, for interment.

Maize City Gossip.

Zack Cuddington is back from Iowa and will stay here a day or two. A son has been born to John Irwin and wife at Twenty-ninth and F streets. A son of John Flynn was quite badly hurt while coasting yesterday afternoon. There will be an election of officers of Casa Council, Royal Arcanum, tonight. H. K. Wilcox is able to get downstairs now and will be glad to see his friends. Mayor Koutsky has signed the bonds for the grading of Twenty-seventh street from B to F streets. The contract is for \$100,000. The Magic City King's Daughters gave a box at the home of Colonel and Mrs. A. L. Scott last night. The affair was well attended and the proceeds will go toward the furnishing of a room at the South Omaha hospital.

HORSES PLAY NASTY PRANKS

One Throws Jockey and Another Injures Self Before New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Optional Pearl Finder and Saint Trumphy were the winning favorites today. While at exercise this morning Orville bolted and threw Robert, breaking his collarbone and wrist. Lady Sterling while at exercise ran out two miles and collided with the fence and scalped her front legs, breaking a kneecap. Weather rainy, track muddy. Results: First race, six furlongs; Suburban Queen won, fading Light second, Verna Fonso third. Time: 1:30. Second race, selling, six furlongs; Optional won, Bummer second, Andes third. Time: 1:27. Third race, selling, one mile; Pearl Finder won, Swordsman second, Alfred C. third. Time: 1:40. Fourth race, handicap, one mile; Honolulu won, C. H. Campbell second, Ray third. Time: 1:38. Fifth race, selling, one mile and a sixteenth; the winner Optimo second, Prince Blazes third. Time: 1:57. Fourth race, seven furlongs; Saint Trumphy won, Brockenon second, Kiss Quick third. Time: 1:38.3.

SLOPPY TRACK HALTS HORSES

Ingliside Favorites Fare Badly, Although Articulate Wins the Fourth Event.

RAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Articulate made his first appearance at Ingliside today and scored a victory in the fourth event, for which he was favorite. The track was sloppy and other favorites fared badly. Results: First race, one mile and three-sixteenths; selling; Arthur Ray won, Jim Brown second, Harry Thayer third. Time: 1:58. Second race, five-eighths of a mile; Delschland won, Iridis second, Fossil third. Time: 1:08. Third race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling; Dunblane won, Golden Cottage second, St. Sever third. Time: 1:24. Fourth race, one mile, selling; Stuyva won, Dunblane second, Autolight third. Time: 1:44. Fifth race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, selling; Bedner won, Golden Cottage second, St. Sever third. Time: 1:24.4.

CLUB AMENDS RACING RULES

Drugs are Prohibited and Starting Gate May Be Abandoned by Consent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Several amendments to the racing rules were adopted by the Jockey club today. One provides for the ruling off of any person who shall have administered a drug or stimulant internally or by hypodermic methods prior to a race, or who shall have used appliances, electrical or mechanical, other than the ordinary whip and spur. Another provides that no person shall be in the forfeit list all disabilities shall apply to both. Another amendment decrees that by special permission of the stewards of the Jockey club, or in case of an emergency, the stewards of the meeting, or a starter, a race may be started without a gate. The rule thus amended also provides that "whenever the horses are started by a flag there shall be no start until and no recall after the assistant starter has dropped his flag in answer to the flag of the starter."

NEW MOVE MADE FOR PEACE

National and American Leagues Try Again to Settle Base Ball War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The members of the committees appointed by the National and American leagues to settle the base ball war will meet tomorrow. Ban Johnson's reply to the request for a peace conference sent out on Monday evening by the National league was delivered to the American league yesterday afternoon. The conference will be held at the Hotel Victoria today. Those taking part in the conference are: Ban Johnson, president of the American league; Charles Sommers of Cleveland; J. C. Kilbuck, president of the Cleveland club; August Herrmann of Cincinnati; James E. Sullivan and Frank De Haas Robinson of St. Louis, the three last named representing the National league. At the National league meeting today matters of minor detail were discussed. In the afternoon the Manhattan field officials. Tomorrow officers will be elected.

COUTLTHARD IOWA'S CAPTAIN

Missouri Valley Boy to Run the Iowa Eleven During Next Season.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—George Harry Coulthard of Missouri Valley was elected captain of the Iowa football team for next year. The ballot stood: Coulthard, 9; Briggs, 8; Jones, 2. Coulthard played right tackle, right end and fullback on this year's team. He has played in the games for Iowa for three years past. He is a heady player while he lasts, but as yet has played through but two games. He has not entered. His position on next year's team cannot be predicted.

Hastings Outbowls Minden.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram)—Hastings bowlers took the Minden team down the line this afternoon and won out by 48 pins. Scores:

Table with columns for names, scores, and totals for Hastings and Minden bowling teams.

With the Bowlers.

In a league game on Clark's alleys last night, the Germans lost two to the Clarksons. Scores:

Table with columns for names, scores, and totals for Clarksons and Oerlans bowling teams.

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NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Alice MacGowan Writes Interesting Story About a Texas Girl.

HARPERS PUBLISH A COOK BOOK

Neltje Blanchan is the Author of a New Book on Birds—Henry T. Coates & Co. Publish a Book on Whist.

"The Last Word" by Alice MacGowan, is a novel just published by L. C. Page & Co. It is a story of a Texas girl, who, having done some writing, attracted attention to her work, was invited by a New York publishing house to join its staff. Carrington West, so the girl is named, starts for her new field of labor. On the train she falls in with a man, and after some hesitancy consents to a talk with him. The two fall on love, and later Miss West discovers that the man is the president of the publishing house with which she has just made arrangements for the publication of her manuscript. He is a Randolph of Virginia, chivalrous, handsome, and dictatorial, who entertains the medieval view of women. Upon this rock the ship of their hopes suffers something akin to destruction and is taken off the reefs and put in seaworthy condition only as the result of much spiritual labor, the details of which may be left to the persuasiveness of the author, who knows how to say what she has to say in an engaging if somewhat self-conscious manner. One of the best chapters in the book is that in which the cowboys of Texas take leave of Carrington West, she being, evidently, a heroine in their eyes, though why and how is not explained.

"Harper's Cook Book Encyclopedia" is the cook book of the Twentieth century. It is made like a dictionary, so that you can turn instantly to what you want without going through a maze of indexes and tables of contents. It contains a comprehensive number of approved recipes by which the most famous cooks of the world are represented. Some of the contributors are: Marion Harland, Mary J. Lincoln, Annabel Lee, Christine Terhune Herrick, Mary Stuart Smith, Mrs. Blay, Yaguirer, Margaret Sangster, Josephine Greener and others. There are contributions by every cooking expert and the book is edited by the editor of Harper's Bazar. Published by Harper & Bros.

"How to Attract the Birds," by Neltje Blanchan, is a new book on birds by the author of "Bird Neighbors" and "Nature's Garden." One of the most interesting chapters in the book is entitled "What Birds Can Do for Us." Neltje Blanchan has a pleasing way and she so delights in her topic that readers cannot fail to love all the better God's creatures. The volume is singularly attractive, the illustrations being entirely novel and taken in large part from life. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

"Shakespeare's Plots, a Study of the Dramatic Construction of the Plays," by William H. Fleming. "No one of Shakespeare's plays is more popular than 'The Merchant of Venice.' None is more misunderstood. The opinion is almost universal that the main action is the loan by Shylock to Antonio and the consequences thereof. The opinion is wholly mistaken. The error is the fault of the dramatist, not of the dramatist's construction and the conventional method of staging the play." The opening paragraph of Mr. Fleming's study of "The Merchant of Venice" indicates the character of his work. The author proceeds in an interesting manner to analyze the famous play, both in its mechanical construction and in its aesthetic qualities. In like method Mr. Fleming makes a comprehensive study of four other plays, "Macbeth," "Julius Caesar," "Othello," and "The Twelfth Night."

The method followed is extremely helpful to everyone who reads Shakespeare. To the playgoer and student the book is of value in giving clear insight to playwrighting in general and to an appreciation of Shakespeare's masterpieces in particular. In this respect Mr. Fleming has undertaken a phase in the study of Shakespeare that has not heretofore received its proper attention by writers and editors. The author injects the play into its important place, and shows how a well constructed plot is built by as definite laws as an arch of masonry. Numberless are the commentators of the master, but few have approached the analysis of the plays with better effect or with better results than Mr. Fleming.

Two chapters of the book, by way of introduction, are devoted to explain how the drama is a work of art founded on nature and nature's laws. The author contributes the principal feature, "A Christmas at Sea," a poem, and Margaret E. Sangster has a page of new verse in her best style. A unique feature is "A Trust of Buyers," by Amos R. Wells, the well known editor of the Christian Endeavor World. Among many other entertaining features is an especially interesting article on snow crystals, illustrated with photomicrographs. Fifty cents a year. Everywhere Publishing company, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Noll and the Fairies," by Henry White, is a big story of a little boy in a little town, and there is very much more in it about Noll than the fairies. Noll is a boy who begins life in the book as a tiny blown baby, born at the end of a rain-bow, which is said to be very lucky, and the fairies and the gnomes had a great feast about him and his future life. Every now and then they go to his assistance while he is growing from a little baby into a little bigger baby, and then a little man, but the grown people never know this, so the fairies really do not count, and Noll is without them. Gradually the fact appears that Mr. White had a definite baby in mind, and he proved to be no less a person than Oliver Goldsmith. Mr. White's fancy also runs over in a number of quaint little lyrics, and appropriate illustrations by Elizabeth Kryser. Published by Herbert S. Stone & Co.

"Insurance and Crime," by Alexander Colin, contains a study of the present on society of certain abuses of insurance with historic instances of such abuses. This work is a sane and timely discussion of the temptations to wrong doing incident to the otherwise beneficial system of insurance. The author does not in any way antagonize that system, but points to a formidable array of abuses of insurance (life, marine, fire, infant and other forms) by the weak and the depraved. His work is by no means unconnected, but suggests remedies. Mr. Campbell reserves praise for the publication of a work that must interest thoughtful persons. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

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"Ocellia" is a new novel by Marion Crawford and published by the Macmillan company. The scene of Mr. Crawford's latest romance, which deals somewhat with telepathy, the transmigration of souls, and with a great friendship between man and man, is laid in modern Roman official society. The plot itself concerns a young woman in whom the author has evidently attempted to produce the Hellenic perfection of intellect and beauty; a man who loves her in the usual, commonplace sort of way, and his friend, a commonplace sort of man, who loves her in a most extraordinary sort of way, on the assumption that they had been lovers in ancient Rome—he as a Roman convert to Christianity. When they meet, in the book in the salotto of a modern Roman matron, she recognizes him at once, while that very night he dreams of the circumstances of their supposed former existence, and the next morning they meet unexpectedly at the ruined Temple of Bellona, each evidently being drawn hither by some curious dominating force. There are several characters in the book, together with an artful auxiliary plot.

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