

FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE

Mayor Moore Suggests Several Changes in the City Charter.

THINKS INCREASE OF FUNDS NECESSARY

Would Have Fire and Police Forces Made Stronger, More Hydrants in Suburbs and Better Pay for Officials.

Speaking of necessary alterations in the city charter, Mayor Moore said:

"The most important of the amendments necessary for the practical operation of the city government refer to an increase in the charter limitations in the size of certain funds. At the present time the fire fund is limited to \$125,000. This amount is not sufficient to operate the department and the limitation should be increased to about \$165,000. This does not mean that amount would be required at all times, but it could be wisely expended some years and it should be made available. At the present time the force is inadequate for the best results and one or two more companies should be added. The sum now at the disposal of the city would go a little more than pay the wages of the men who should be employed, to say nothing of incidental expenses. The city owns all but two of the houses in which the companies are now located, and these houses should be repaired and repaired if they are to be maintained. The appliances of the department need many repairs, which cannot be made now for lack of funds. These expenses cannot be done every year, but when they do come there should be provision to meet them.

"The limitation on the police fund should be increased. The force is not large enough for the best service and more men should be added when necessary. The lighting fund and the water fund should both be increased. There should be a large number of additional street lamps in various parts of the town, while there are sections of the city practically without fire protection. In most instances the shortage of fire hydrants is in the suburbs where the houses are owned by poor people, people who have their savings invested in the homes and because of insufficient protection are compelled to pay high rates of insurance.

Suggests New Paving Laws.

"Another change which should be made is in the matter of paving the streets. At the present time we are attempting to do except upon petition of property owners. Some of our best known citizens and wealthiest property owners will sign paving petitions and the work will be hardly completed before they are attempting to discontinue some way in which to place the expense of the work upon the city at large and to nullify the special assessments. What we should have is a system whereby the city council and mayor can order the paving of streets and the property owners be given thirty days in which to file protests. If these protests are found to be satisfactory the resolution ordering the paving could be repealed. There is so much property owned by non-residents and those who have little interest in the streets, butting it that they will not move for paving, and the council should be in a position to make them act.

"Then in the matter of salaries there should be some changes. The police judge should receive as much salary as a district judge. The present police judge draws into the city through fines and costs over twice as much as his salary and estimates as much time to his work as any of the judges of the district bench. Before the present change was enacted he received \$2,500 a year and there is no reason why he should not get that much now. At the police court the city prosecutor receives \$900 per year. This salary should be increased to at least \$1,500, so a good lawyer can afford to give the work the attention it deserves.

"There is no reason why the city clerk and the city comptroller should not receive as much compensation as the city attorney, the city engineer and a number of other officers. They devote their entire time to the work and \$2,500 is certainly not too much to pay for the service. "The fund at the disposal of the Board of Health should be increased, as the health of the community depends upon quick and sometimes very expensive work. The park board should also have the right to expend more money. "The railroads should pay higher taxes than they have been doing and there are several other changes which might with advantage be made, but they do not occur to me just at this time."

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NEW OMAHA JOBBING HOUSE

H. R. Penny Will Soon Open Large Hosiery and Underwear Business.

January 15 H. R. Penny, who has for many years been in the grain business in this city, will open the hosiery and underwear business at the new Rogers building, 1204 Douglas street, with a warehouse at 327 South Tenth street. Mr. Penny will be the sole proprietor of the new company at the start and the working capital will be \$20,000. The house will carry a full wholesale line of hosiery, underwear, sweaters, fancy woolen goods, suspenders and handkerchiefs. Five traveling men will be placed on the road and the territory covered will be the states of Iowa, Nebraska, northern Missouri, South Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming, while specialties will be sold as far west as the Pacific coast, and the cities of Minneapolis, Denver, St. Paul, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines and Sioux City will be visited by persons who are particularly well known in those places.

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Amusements.

At Boyd's Theatre—

Five acts of highly intense melodrama constitute "The Convict's Daughter," which opened an engagement at Boyd's theater yesterday afternoon, and the verdict of the audience at that time was in favor of the piece. The play is by J. A. Frazer, whose achievement is neither a literary classic or a strong composition in a dramatic sense, but it possesses many of the elements of the successful melodrama. The central character of the play is a tramp, who is naturally possessed of generous and at times even noble impulses, but is coerced by the man who knows the secret of his escape from Sing Sing prison into various acts of villainy, until finally his manhood asserts itself and he rebels in spite of the consequences. The other principal persons of the play are all typical of melodrama.

Of the company as a whole it may be said that it is capable even beyond the degree of those usually to be seen in this character of play. Miss Jewell Darrell is a charming and convincing Edith, and in the part of Weary Willie Mr. W. E. Ogden earns the approval of his audience.

At the Orpheum—

The Christmas week bill at the Orpheum is a good one from start to finish. Wartenberg brothers open the show with a unique and juggling act and Carlos and Willard follow with an amusing turn in German dialect. Then come Jules and Ella Garrison, who cleverly present bits of burlesque on drama and tragedy, followed by Harris and Walters, who became favorite funmakers with the Orpheum clientele last season.

Adele Parvis Ori does some difficult juggling and executes a pretty serpentine dance on a revolving globe, and Little Tauda adds his excellent whirlwind tumbling to the act. Stuart Barnes, with a budget of new songs and stories, is another local favorite who appears and strengthens his popularity.

Webb's seals and sea lions, six in number, perform a number of wonderful stunts, displaying a remarkable degree of intelligence. The entertainment closes with the story of "Husband" in moving pictures.

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JUDGE BAKER VISITS OMAHA

Says New Mexico and Oklahoma Will Be Admitted to the Union.

Judge B. B. Baker and wife of Albuquerque, N. M., are in the city for a week's visit and are staying at the Her Grand. Judge Baker was for so long a time a resident of this city that it is difficult to think of him other than as an Omaha man. He is now on his way home from Washington, where he has been in the interests of the omnibus bill.

"New Mexico and Oklahoma will be admitted to the union without doubt," said Judge Baker yesterday afternoon. "Arizona will also be admitted, either by itself or consolidated with New Mexico. If the omnibus bill could come up right now there is enough votes to pass it without trouble, but the work of the opposition may throttle it before it gets its hearing in congress. There is quite a feeling in the east against so many western admissions."

"New Mexico is going to be one of the richest states in the union. It has timber, coal, iron, sulphur and is a good agricultural country. Sheep raising is the chief industry. There are splendid opportunities there, and I am very well pleased with it as a home state. "In my opinion Nebraska is the best state in the union and New Mexico is the best territory."

RIP IT IN THE BUD.

First Appearance of Dandruff a Forerunner of Future Baldness.

That such is the case has been conclusively proven by scientific research. Prof. Una, the noted European skin specialist, declares that dandruff is the burrowed-up cuticle of the scalp, caused by parasites destroying the vitality in the hair bulb. The hair becomes brittle and in time falls out. This can be prevented.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Jake Willard of Carson and Willard is at the Midland.

W. L. Besasch and wife of Provo, Utah, are staying at the Her Grand during their few days in the city enroute east.

C. S. Halligan, government inspector of Indian supplies, with headquarters at Dakota City, Neb., is staying at the Deltone while in the city on business.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

F. W. Kenny, Jr., of Blair, Neb., left a valuable overcoat in the cloak room of the Orpheum theater last night and failed to find the same after the performance. The police were notified.

James Henry, a negro cook employed by the Union Depot hotel, fell dead at 2 o'clock yesterday morning in that hotel from the effect of heart failure. Deceased was 67 years old and leaves but one known relative in this city, a married daughter, Mrs. Paul Murray of 231 Parker street, with whom he lived.

The funeral of Mrs. William Hysam, who died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning of cancer of the stomach, took place yesterday afternoon at the Her Grand, residence at Twenty-third and Burt streets, interment being at Forest Lawn cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. G. H. Schieb. Several persons were present from Red Oak, Ia., deceased formerly lived in New York City.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST, black cheviot overcoat, at Orpheum theater, Sunday night; return to theater and receive liberal reward.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Mayor Koutsky Calls Meeting of the Charter Revision Committee.

Investigation Shows That No Butcher Has Purchased Unfit Cattle—Packers Keep Up Controversy—Magic City Gossip.

According to the call issued by Mayor Koutsky, the charter revision committee appointed by the council at its last meeting will meet in the council chamber at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The mayor said yesterday that when the committee assembled he would state the object of the meeting and then would announce the election of a president, vice president and secretary as in order. When the organization is perfected it is expected that subcommittees will be appointed for the purpose of holding sessions with the different heads of departments in order that the needs of all of the departments may be considered separately. The plan is then to have the subcommittees report to the entire committee and the amendments to the charter read and discussed. After this is done there will naturally be another revision before the proposed amendments are submitted to the Douglas county delegation.

So many features are to be brought out that it will take the committee some time to do its work if the proposed amended bill is to be presented to the legislature in the early part of the session.

A politician who happened into the city hall toward evening yesterday remarked that it was noticeable that those most interested in framing the present charter had not been appointed on the general committee. This, he said, was taken by many as an indication that the charter as it now stands was framed for the benefit of certain individuals who failed of election or appointment.

What the mayor wants is a flat-footed discussion of the needs of the city and the amendments placed in such shape that there can be no mistake, should they become law.

Discredits Published Stories.

Within the last few days some Omaha sheets have been publishing stories about the selling of diseased meats within the city limits. When the attention of Mayor Koutsky was called to this matter yesterday he said that, in his opinion, the stories were circulated for the purpose of setting public opinion against him because he had removed Clark Howard from the office of city stock examiner. The mayor said: "Since these reports have come out I have caused a thorough investigation to be made and I cannot find a single instance where a butcher in South Omaha has purchased a piece of diseased meat."

Joseph Koutsky, a brother of the mayor, said: "It is a fact that at the request of my brother, I assisted in making a thorough investigation of the statements made by certain Omaha papers, and some local papers as well. I find the statements untrue. In order to give the representatives of those papers a chance to make good and prove what they say, I will offer a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any individual who buys diseased animals in the city and slaughters the same within the city limits. This amount is now on deposit at the Packers' National bank."

Continuing, Mr. Koutsky said that he could be found during business hours at his store, 415 North Twenty-fifth street.

Packers Getting Coal.

Packers are still getting coal right along although there is no very large supply on hand. Quite a large amount has been received during the last few days, during the soft weather, and as the shipments seem to come in with regularity it is thought here that the mine operators and the railroads are making an effort to supply the demand. None of the packers appear now to fear a coal famine, unless extremely cold weather should set in suddenly. Such a condition, it is said, would block traffic to some extent and thus delay the delivery of coal already on track.

For local coal dealers little if any coal is coming in. Some bituminous coal is coming from the south, but there is not enough in the yards here now to last through the winter should the supply be shut off. As for anthracite, there is none for sale in the city.

Little Credence Given.

A report has been current on the streets for a few days past to the effect that the Burlington was going to build a depot at Thirty-eighth and L streets. This is an old story which has been going the rounds for the last five years. Rumor has it that the Burlington would erect a depot at Thirty-eighth and L streets and then the street car line would be extended out L street so as to make connection with it. When this question was seriously considered some years ago engineers examined the L street viaduct and declared that the structure would not support heavily-laden motor trains, so the project was abandoned. The bridge at that time was in much better shape than it is now, so that

there cannot be any possibility of the extension of the car line west on L street.

Maxwell Still Held.

William Maxwell is still being held at police headquarters while an investigation into his past is being made. A few days ago Maxwell appeared in the city and endeavored to secure money from Masons by putting up a tab of woe. The story was so gauzy that he did not succeed except in two or three cases. Instead of leaving the city when he had raised about \$25 Maxwell proceeded to get drunk and was arrested. When searched receipts for dues in the Masonic lodge at Pikeville, Ky., were found on him, some of the receipts being dated as far ahead as 1906. Members of Bee Hive lodge here are investigating and have found that Maxwell is not a member of the Pikeville lodge. From his demeanor it is thought that Maxwell is slightly demented.

Literary Bureau Organized.

The Epworth league of the First Methodist Episcopal church is organizing a bureau for the distribution of books, papers, toys and trinkets among the poor of the city. Members of the league request that any persons who have any of the articles mentioned at their home which can be spared donate the same to the work in hand. Contributions may be left at the office of H. T. Braas, Twenty-fourth and L streets.

Ice Crop Spoiled.

The soft weather of the last few days has melted the snow on top of the ice at Jetter and Seymour lakes, reducing the thickness. At one time during the cold snap the ice was about seven inches thick and arrangements had been made to commence cutting. Then came the rain and the thawing weather. Now there is no telling when the ice harvest will commence. There is now only about four inches of ice at the Jetter pond and Seymour lake.

Magie City Gossip.

Mrs. Ed Munshaw is on the sick list. B. E. Wilcox is entertaining his father and mother, who reside at Ida Grove, Ia. Superior lodge No. 123, Degree of Honor, will meet Tuesday afternoon at Workmen hall and initiate candidates. Judge R. B. Moore is receiving the congratulations of his friends on his appointment as deputy county attorney.

Gail Hamill, one of the popular young men employed at the Live Stock exchange, has gone to Atlantic, Ia., to spend the holidays with his family.

Enterprise lodge No. 512, Fraternal Union of America, will hold an open meeting in Odd Fellows hall on Monday night of this week. Friends of the order are invited.

James Carter, chief inspector at the Nebraska telephone office in this city, was out for the first time in five weeks yesterday. Mr. Carter has been seriously ill, but expects to return to duty in a week.

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NEW OFFICERS MEET TODAY

President Nash and Associates Will Decide Policy of Auditorium Company.

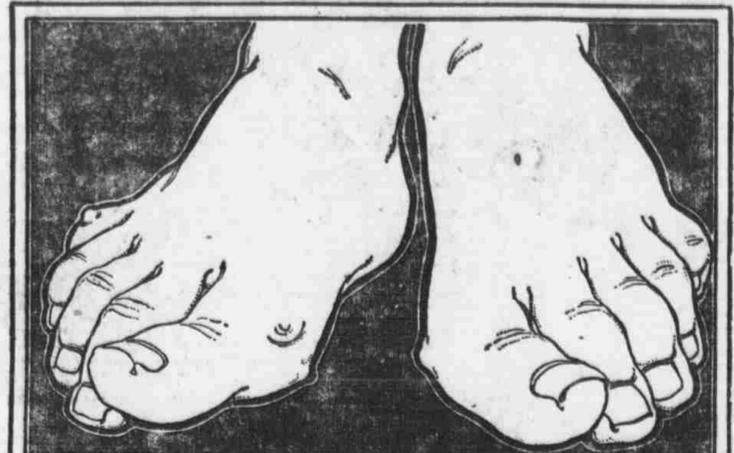
The new officers and executive committee of the Auditorium company will hold their first regular meeting today. President F. A. Nash says steps will be taken at this meeting to determine the policy to be pursued in consummating the plans for the completion of the Auditorium building within the next year. "A number of plans and suggestions have been offered," said Mr. Nash, "but we have of course decided on nothing definite as yet. All the officers and directors seem thoroughly imbued with a determination to proceed with the work of building an auditorium; that much can be said, but the discussion of any special plan or policy now, before our meeting, would be premature."

Thomas C. Byrne, vice president of the new company, said: "We are going to have an auditorium building by next fall, or at least that is the determined purpose. All the directors look to Mr. Nash to declare the policy and will hold up his hands in the undertaking. We are going to proceed with all possible facility."

Announcements of the Theaters.

As a musical comedy success, "Florodora," the great record-breaker of and incidentally the most popular musical comedy ever seen in this country, is this season being given as before, by John C. Fisher and Thomas W. Riley's very large organization of artistic principals, beautiful chorus and dainty "pretty maidens." The same metropolitan production that has been the delight of all who have been fortunate in witnessing "Florodora" is carried intact, with every feature and attribute as heretofore. The comedy will begin its engagement of five performances at the Boyd with a special Christmas matinee. A matinee will also be given Saturday.

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