

CHANGES FOR CITY CHARTER

Amendments Being Considered Without Publicity by Douglas Delegation.

LEGISLATORS HAVE AGREED NOT TO TALK

Expression of Public Sentiment is Desired by Some Members of the Delegation, but They Dare Not Ask for It.

At the meeting of the joint committee of citizens at the Commercial club Friday night the impression was given out by one of the members that the Douglas county delegation to the state legislature had prepared, in part, a number of amendments to the city charter which would have an effect upon the administration of the city from a political standpoint, and that the delegation preferred to receive from the joint committee recommendations upon what may be called the business features of the charter and not the so-called political features. Yesterday a member of the delegation denied that this impression was correct and said that as far as he knew the members of the delegation desired suggestions on all subjects relating to the city charter.

A person very close to the members of the delegation and who has kept in touch to a great extent with their conferences, but who would not permit the use of his name, said: "I am in a position to know that, while the members of the Douglas county delegation have an understanding by which none will speak for publication without a united expression from all a number of the members, a more general discussion of matters which may be presented, and were it not for the rule which has been adopted they would talk more freely. Certain members who have expressed themselves upon certain subjects have been cautioned by their fellows, and steps have been taken to keep them from speaking into public print. For this reason I do not desire to be quoted by name, for the matter might be traced to one or more of the delegation.

FOR CHANGING ELECTION TIME.

"At the same time I know that a number of matters have been considered and that a number of the legislators would like to have them discussed by the public. Among these questions, and to cover which I understand a bill has been tentatively drafted, is one to change the date of the city election from April to May or June. This is done on the representation of a number of citizens, who say that at the time of the spring election the business men are very busy and cannot take that part in the campaign which they feel they should, and that if the election were held in the latter summer months they could take part.

"Another proposed change refers to the election of county commissioners. At the present time the city councilmen are elected by a majority of the electors of the city, and it is proposed to have the county commissioners elected by all of the electors of the county, as the people in one part of the county are as much interested in the selection of the entire board as they are in the selection of any one member.

There is a strong feeling with the delegation that the city attorney, the city engineer and the prosecuting attorney of the city should be elected and not appointed. When this proposed amendment was suggested there were those present who suggested that if this were done the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and the street commissioner should also be elected, as this board and this officer have much influence in the city government. An expression was earnestly desired on these subjects by a number of the members of the delegation, but they are not in a position to ask publicly for such an expression, as they cannot get a unanimous request for it.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

"Another question on which an expression of public sentiment is desired is the municipal ownership of public utilities. Suggestions have been made that the law governing this feature of the city government should be changed to give the city a right to much freer action in this regard. It is almost certain that no charter amendment will be submitted as an independent bill. The majority of the delegation feel that it would save opportunities for making mistakes to have all bills to amend the charter referred to a committee which will compile them and introduce an omnibus measure. This measure, when considered as a whole and amended as found desirable. It is true that this plan will make it more difficult to secure any amendments, but it is believed that it will be the best plan, as it will save the presence of contradictory and conflicting provisions in the charter.

"So far as I can learn there is no opposition to placing in the charter a provision which will place the railroads upon the same basis as regards taxation as all other property in the city, but the matter has not

NOBODY IS EXEMPT.

A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later.

Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called laxative purgatives, which in many cases are merely strong cathartics. Such things are not needed. If the organs are in a clogged condition, they need only a little help and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels and often do more harm than good.

Purgings is not what is needed. The thing to do is to put the food in condition to be readily digested and assimilated. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do this perfectly. They partly digest what is eaten and give the stomach just the help it needs. They stimulate the secretion and exertion of the digestive fluids and relieve the congested condition of the glands and membranes. They put the whole digestive system in condition to do its work. When that is done you need take no more tablets, unless you eat what does not agree with you. Then take one or two tablets—give them needed help and you will have no trouble.

It's a common sense medicine and a common sense treatment and it will cure every time. Not only cure the disease but cure the cause. Guess about it in a perfectly sensible and scientific way. We have testimonials enough to fill a book, but we don't publish many of them. However—Mr. E. M. Faith, of Byrd's Creek, W. Va., says: "I have taken all the Tablets I got of you and they have done their work well in my case, but I feel like a different person altogether. I don't doubt if I had not got them I should have been at rest by this time."

Dr. W. L. Harlow, of Iowa, says: "Mr. White of Canton, was telling me of your Dyspepsia Tablets curing him of dyspepsia from which he suffered for eight years. As I am a sufferer myself I wish you to send me a package by return mail."

Dr. Brooks, Detroit, Mich., says: "Your Dyspepsia cure has worked wonders in my case. I suffered for years from dyspepsia but am now entirely cured and enjoy life as I never have before. I gladly recommend them."

It will cost 50c to find out just how much Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will help you. Try them—that's the best way to decide.

RECEIVED MUCH ATTENTION AT THIS TIME, BEING LEFT OVER TO COME UP WITH THE OMBUS BILL.

AUDITORIUM STOCK READY

Certificates Will Be Issued to Subscribers Who Have Paid in Full.

After Monday morning the stockholders of the Omaha Auditorium company who have paid in full for their stock may receive certificates by applying at the office of the company on the fifth floor of the Board of Trade building. There are about 320 people who have paid for their stock in full and they will receive certificates ranging in amount from 2,500 shares down to one share. The largest shareholder to receive a certificate at this time will be the American Packing company, whose subscription of \$2,500 was paid in full at the time it was made. The second on the list is the local telephone company, whose certificate will show the possession of 2,000 shares in the company. There are probably more than 100 persons who will receive certificates for one share at this time.

The majority of this stock was fully paid up a year or more ago, at the time of the first call, a considerable amount was paid up at the time of the second call, while a smaller part has been paid up since that time.

The third assessment will be due and payable on January 5, and the secretary is now serving notices of such assessment. The money is needed to continue work on the building, and its collection will be pushed by the secretary and board of directors.

MAYOR TALKS OF CHARITY

Denies Commissioner Connolly's Statement About City Drawing on County Store.

A woman applied at the office of Mayor Moors for aid from the city Friday. A year ago this call would have been but one of several. This winter it was unusual. "This cold snap would have sent us fifty applicants a year ago, whereas it now sends us but one," said the mayor. "Despite the high price of fuel, I have very few callers, for pretty nearly everybody is prospering to a greater or less degree and the others have already been discovered and looked after by the policeman assigned to that duty. We are doing all we can to meet the absolute needs of the deserving, but we are going no farther than that. I read in The Bee a statement by Commissioner Connolly that the city drew \$10,000 worth of supplies from the county store this winter. Such talk is both. The city didn't draw \$10,000 worth, and what it did draw was for those who needed the supplies, and needed them right away. The policeman, knowing the people and the conditions on their hearts, are able to see the real state of affairs. The county is apt to require three or four days' time to make 'inspection,' and meanwhile the destitute might starve or freeze."

MARRYING BUSINESS IS DULL

Violent and Sudden Snuff After the Rush Day Before Christmas.

There is a violent, sudden and woeful slump in the marrying business. Leading folks aver that if experience had not taught them to store away some of the Christmas profits they would starve between then and New Year. Last Wednesday there were fourteen licenses issued by Clerk Morfitt, and seven of the pairs were married by County Judge Vinson before they left the court house. Saturday there was but one license issued and no wedding bells at all at the temple of justice.

FIREMEN SAVE FOLL'S LIFE

Find Fireman Lying on Floor in Stupor as His Bed Burns.

The timely arrival of the police and the fire department probably saved Emil Foll, a fireman who was sleeping at 517 South Tenth street, from suffocating yesterday morning. Foll went to bed Friday night intoxicated. Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday morning smoke was seen issuing from his room. The department was summoned and the firemen discovered Foll lying in a stupor on the floor. The bed was in flames and burning fiercely. Foll was found to have been badly burned on his left leg, arm and hand. His face was also out. The origin of the fire was the upsetting of the lamp. The victim was taken to the police station by Detectives and Dr. Hahn and Mick dressed his injuries.

Realty Transfers for the Week.

With one holiday during the time, the real estate transfers for the week ending December 27, were phenomenally large. Because of the transfer of the property of the Omaha Street Railway company to the new corporation, involving a deal of \$100,000, the figures for the total were relatively small, the figures being: Monday \$1,110 Tuesday \$4,000 Wednesday \$3,501 Thursday—Christmas..... \$0 Friday \$180 Saturday \$175

Had Two Much Jewelry.

Ed Warwick, negro, who gave the Elkhorst Valley house as his place of residence, was last night arrested at Third street. He was charged with having stolen \$150 worth of jewelry, which he was trying to pawn at the time of his arrest. He had in two jewel boxes two old-fashioned rhinestone earrings, a marriage diamond ruby ring, ring with two chip diamonds, and a large solitaire diamond ring.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued Saturday. Name and Residence. Agt. Thomas E. White, Kansas City.....\$6 Mary E. Short, Omaha \$6

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Frank Kopecky, who was charged with assault and battery upon his father, was released from the Justice Building court and was fined \$5 and costs.

Mrs. Jessie Winchster, connected with associated charities of Lincoln, will speak Sunday night on "Socialism for Childhood and the Home" at 518 North Sixteenth street.

Fred Banner of 214 G street, South Omaha, and Helen Vicker of 1907 Capitol avenue were arrested last night at the hall for dancing the shine and the buffalo dance. They were held for \$20 bail.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

P. B. Lott and wife of Chicago are registered at the Millard. H. W. Bowen, Marshall, Field & Co.'s Nebraska salesmen, just arrived at the Millard. J. O. Sandford, wife and child, United States army, are stopping at the Millard, on their way to the Pacific coast.

Major W. H. Grabham, stationed at Kansas City, is making the Millard his home while on a visit to Omaha for the holidays.

PAPERS ARE TO PROVE UP

Police Board to Hear Protest from Newspapers Next Monday.

BROTCH THREATENS SODA FOUNTAINS

Suddenly Awakens to the Secret of Their Prosperity and Proposes to Make Them Take Out Saloon Licenses.

It is presumed that next Monday evening will witness a showing of hands by the daily papers of the city in the matter of publishing notices of applications for liquor licenses. Friday night's meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that evening was determined upon as the time for hearings on the protests filed by two rival sheets against granting licenses to fifteen of those who had advertised in The Bee alone.

Ten of these were protested against by the World-Herald and News, three by the News alone and two by the World-Herald alone. The protests made simply the general claim that the papers filing them had each the largest circulation in Douglas county of any paper printed in that county.

None But License Masters.

The board devoted its entire session to liquor license matters. It overruled the old protests against the granting of licenses to Henry Rohlf for his place at 302 North Sixteenth street and to N. V. Halter & Co. of 1402 Douglas street, granting the applications of both. Other permits were granted Charles Sorenson, Washington hall; Fabst Brewing company, 303 North Sixteenth; M. Mullen, 301 North Sixth; Minna Wirth, 324 South Tenth; Jacob M. Krug, Twenty-fourth and Hickory; Nat Brown, 211 South Fourteenth; William J. Magee, 1202 Douglas, and Frank Barker, 613 South Thirtieth.

The granting of Barker's license leaves a distinct impression in the mind of Frank H. Mathis that he is working against heavy odds, for he applied for license to sell liquor at 411 South Thirtieth, directly across the alley from Barker's saloon, and was refused. It is understood that the main trouble lay in the fact that Mathis was trying to break into the charmed circle with the amber rods of a LaCrosse company and that some industry was busting him back at every point. He filed a petition with thirty-two signers or two more than the law requires. Home industry whispered things in the ears of four of the signers and they withdrew. Mathis filed three new names; home industry made a few sub rosa remarks and two withdrew. At the same time there was filed a protest signed by twenty of the abstemious and indignant residents of that prohibition district, who could tolerate the existence of no institutions of iniquity in their neighborhood—that is, none except Barker's. Then Mathis gave up the ghost and the board had it duly entered upon its books that his application was refused because he had not a sufficient number of signers to his petition and further, that it was protested.

Soda Fountain Revelations.

After one of the seances in the dark room Friday evening Medium W. J. Broatch whispered the news that the board had seen a great light and is about to do things to the soda fountain men. From the results of the seance had come a number of things and more is a sherry slip than shows on its face, and the spirits had commanded the board to let the totally unsuspecting and dense population of this city by requiring the flippant, or the man who pays his salary and the bill for ordering his pale vests, the same \$1,000 license that is required of those who sell slips under a more common name and disguise not the naked liquor.

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HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 27.—Responsibility for the explosion in the Turf Exchange poolroom was charged to several persons tonight by the coroner's jury in the following verdict: "The jury, expanded to investigate into the cause and manner of death of Billy Helwig, and that he came to his death by explosion caused from the careless handling of high proof alcohol in the Turf poolroom. The responsibility for the alleged coal combine organized by Pierce Oil company, the Arkansas Gas and Light company, and Leo Mayer and Eddie Kelly, who were proprietors of the poolroom, each being responsible through their employees.

CALLS UTAH MAN MURDERER

Salt Lake Judge Says Doctor Administered Anesthetic with Criminal Intent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Louis Burton of Louisville, Ky., a discharged soldier on his way from the Philippines, tonight shot Frank Walker, a negro, in a saloon on Union avenue. Both men had been drinking, but eye witnesses say that Burton shot in self defense.

TRAVELING MEN CONVENE

Express Hope that Interchangeable Mileage Will Be Granted Next Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Eight hundred traveling men were present today at the annual convention of the Illinois Commercial Men's association held in the Masonic temple.

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Gas Asphyxiates Country Woman Caused to Ways of City Stoves.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—John Mahoney, his wife and son of Groveton, Ind., were victims of cooking gas today while visiting at the home of Mahoney's daughter, 3944 Westwood avenue. Mrs. Mahoney and her son are dead and the father is in a hospital. He may recover.

COMBATS PARRY'S CIRCULAR

Cleveland Labor Leader Challenges Manufacturers' President to Public Debate.

CHALLENGING HIM TO DEBATE THE RELATIVE

Rights of Labor and Capital. Mr. Parry is credited with having said that organized labor breeds socialism and is therefore a menace.

COAL LACKING IN WEST

South Dakota Suffers Greatly with Bitter Cold Weather. CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND ALSO SHORT.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Tonight closes a week of intense cold. The ground is covered with a foot of snow and stiff winds prevail. There is only a scant supply of soft coal and wood at any point on the Great Northern and Chicago & Northwestern railways, and not a pound of hard coal to be had. The situation is made more alarming because of the difficulty with which railway trains are operated, the lines being more or less blocked. There will be much suffering in remote sections if fuel is not received from 12 to 28 degrees below zero. It is feared that much stock will perish.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—With a cloudless sky and a temperature of 35 above zero here today a Northwestern passenger train which left here this morning ran into a blizzard at Harrod, twenty miles east of here and was obliged to return to this city.

Count Buildings Abandoned.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 27.—The Chicago & Alton has decided to make strong efforts to relieve the coal famine in Chicago and is borrowing engines wherever possible and is pressing all the road departments and make a thorough investigation of the alleged coal combine organized by railway companies and dealers.

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