

HOWELL'S WATERWORKS BILL

Read and Discussed by Author at Real Estate Exchange Meeting.

PROPOSES BI-PARTISAN WATER BOARD

Provides for General Tax Levy of Not More Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars for Water Fund Each Year.

Senator Howell's bill to compel the mayor and city council of Omaha to proceed to the purchase of the Omaha water works was the theme presented to the Real Estate exchange yesterday. It was read by its author, who commented at length upon its terms. He read eighteen sections of the proposed law, saying that in these the entire matter is presented.

The bill provides that since the city has voted bonds for acquiring the water works the mayor and city council shall proceed within thirty days after the passage of the law to acquire the plant, that a water board of six members be appointed by the governor shall recommend to the mayor and council the names of appraisers to value the plant and that the city shall have the right to proceed by right of eminent domain or to acquire the plant, that a water board of six members be appointed by the governor shall recommend to the mayor and council the names of appraisers to value the plant and that the city shall have the right to proceed by right of eminent domain or to acquire the plant, that a water board of six members be appointed by the governor shall recommend to the mayor and council the names of appraisers to value the plant and that the city shall have the right to proceed by right of eminent domain or to acquire the plant.

Water Board of Six Members.

The water board shall consist of six members, three of whom shall be chosen from each of the political parties, making the highest number of voters for governor at the preceding election; two, one from each party, to serve until the next election for governor; two until the second such election and two until the third such election, two, one from each party, being elected by the people of the city for a term of two years at each election for governor; that this board shall have power to manage the water plant and adopt a scale of prices and regulations for the sale of water. It shall elect a water commissioner, a practical engineer and shall from its membership elect a chairman. Civil service rules shall govern the discharge of all regular employees. The members of the board shall have the powers necessary to enforce their rules and shall receive a salary of \$500 each year.

General Tax Every Year.

The bill provides that the water board may compel the council to levy a water fund not to exceed \$100,000 in any one year. The water fund, said money to be used for the plant and the payment of interest on bonds; all money received from the operation of the plant or any other source by the board to be placed in the water fund and balances to be covered into a sinking fund for the payment of bonds.

Speaking to the latter clause of the bill Mr. Howell said that the water company had two duties to perform—one supplying the people with water and the other supplying fire protection, and that the former should be paid for by those using water while the latter should be paid for by all of the people generally, as property owners, resident or nonresident, would receive the benefit of the fire protection while they would pay nothing for it unless it was provided for by a general tax, and that this would permit a lower rate to be charged resident consumers of water. He then took up the question of the purchase of the water plant, showing the estimated value and cost.

Before adjourning for the day, President Harrison named a committee to examine and report on Senator Howell's water works bill, the report to be made at a special meeting to be held at noon on Friday. The committee is made up of D. C. Patterson, N. P. Dodge, Jr., George G. Wallace, A. F. Tukey and C. C. George.

ROBERSON LECTURES TONIGHT

Former Omahian Is to Tell of Martiniac, Its People and Its Late Catastrophe.

Frank R. Roberson is to lecture tonight at Boyd's theater on the catastrophes on the Island of Martiniac, illustrating his remarks with views he procured recently with his own camera and expressly for this lecture. This is to be one of the features of the Young Men's Christian association course, and the association feels that a double interest will be felt by reason of the fact that the topic is a comparatively new one and the lecturer is a native of the island. He has lectured here since removing from this city and has given the association such satisfaction that it feels warranted in billing him as one of the best of its many good offerings.

Abie Came Back.

Jesse Abie of Des Moines, Ia., was arrested last night and an effort will be made to bring him to Omaha for a lecture. He is said to have committed last fall in Des Moines a crime for which he was sentenced to a term of years in the penitentiary and his change was laid on the counter. The prisoner picked it up and fled to Iowa.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to James E. Faxon, Lincoln, Neb., aged 23, and Marie A. Fox, Lincoln, Neb., aged 23.

Half and Half.

The dyspeptic may well be represented pictorially as being half masculine and half feminine, and combining the least desirable characteristics of either sex. He has all the stubbornness of the man and the peevish irritability of a sick woman. He's not pleasant company at any time or abroad.

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OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is frequently said by the older teachers and principals who have served many years in the city schools that the young women who are coming in each year are the real and greatest obstacle to the establishment of a successful annuity or benefit fund for teachers who have served out their usefulness or been dependent. In speaking of this one of the older teachers said recently: "These girls seem to think that any system for the maintaining of which they might be ever so little taxed would be an imposition upon them because they do not happen to be interested. In need of any such assistance themselves. They seem to be strangely indifferent for women who have taken up the profession of teaching and it is deplorable, but a fact nevertheless, that a surprising number of the young women who are coming into the school room as merely a temporary thing and they do not seem inclined to subscribe to the support of any teachers' benefit organization that they do not expect to profit by personally. The odd part of it is that the majority of these young teachers have nothing definite in prospect beyond the school room and are just looking ahead in a vague sort of way, taking it for granted that they will marry, or that something else, equally uncertain, will turn up, and since their future dependence upon a teachers' benefit fund. This should not be so, and it is not so in all cities, for I have investigated the matter thoroughly. It is a much discussed fact that a large percentage of the young women who are teaching as a profession never marry and this percentage is increasing each year. It is not wholly a selfish interest that makes us older teachers anxious for the establishment of such a benefit fund, but rather our experience, and since this matter has been agitated during the last ten years, we are especially glad to find that the young women who are coming in at that time, as earnest as we older ones in their wish for such provision as their cities have."

It is estimated that there are fewer pupils enrolled in the grammar schools of Chicago than in any other large city in America, the enrollment averaging forty-three pupils to each teacher. In New York City there are fifty pupils to each teacher; in Philadelphia, fifty; in Boston fifty; in Baltimore fifty-one; in St. Louis fifty-eight; in Cleveland forty-four; in Buffalo forty-seven; in San Francisco forty-two; in Cincinnati forty-six; in Washington the normal runs as low as forty-one, while in Milwaukee it is forty-six.

The teachers of New York City are contemplating the erection of a club house, and to this end a committee of 100 teachers, members of the Teachers' association, have been appointed to interview the other members of the board of education and the majority in the matter and the probable amount that can be raised for such a purpose.

Of the 15,034 teachers in the public schools of New York City, it is known as the Teachers' association, 1,374 from state normal schools, 1,165 from private normal schools and 2,718 have had no training aside from the common school education.

A splendid new building is being erected in New York City, to be known as the Teachers' Experimental school, and is to be conducted under the direction of the Teachers' college. The model building is to cost \$100,000, which was given for this purpose by Mr. and Mrs. James Speyer. The idea was to make the work of the school into the families of the children. There will be in connection with the school clubs and classes, and resident teachers will instruct the parents of the children after school hours in domestic economy and kindred subjects.

In a recent article in the New York Times Isabel R. Wallach presents the subject of deficient children in a manner that must interest all primary teachers. Since the institution of public schools these unfortunate have had the more or less sympathetic attention of the primary teachers who are able to do little for them, after all, even in carrying out the experiments that many would be interested in making. It is the special provision for and instruction of these children that Miss Wallach especially emphasizes, pointing out that if they were imbeciles they would be provided for, but only being deficient they have to take their chances in the regular classes, where a certain amount of work has to be accomplished. The lesson is an individual and always short. Intellectual exercises are combined with manual training and very often the child that cannot learn arithmetical processes in the regular classes learns them in knowing corners or filling bean bags in the classes of constructive exercises.

The Teachers' Retirement Fund of the state of New Jersey is maintained by a system of voluntary payments by the teachers throughout the state under a certain percentage of each year's salary makes one eligible to the benefits of the fund. The plans and workings of this system were recently presented before the Educational association of Newark by Miss E. A. of Hoboken, who is deeply interested in this work.

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS ACT

Bankers, Lawyers and Merchants Will Urge Its Passage by the Legislature.

There will be an attempt made at the present session of the legislature to pass an amendment to the negotiable instruments laws of the state, the purpose being to make these laws identical with the laws at present in force in a large number of the states. The bankers, lawyers and a large number of the mercantile houses of the state have at various times endorsed the law as proposed, and it is expected that it will meet with little opposition. The act will repeal practically all of the laws at present in force which relate to bills of exchange and will substitute therefor a law that gives legal definition to such terms as are in general use among bankers and merchants as to such instruments and their parts. It provides that bills may be corrected after signing by anyone to make the bills conform to the facts, and that such correction, such as the insertion of a date, a rate of interest or the like, shall not invalidate the note; that days of grace are to be abolished entirely and both notes and bills are to conform to it. The intention of the promoters to get such laws and such decisions under them as will make it possible for any person familiar with the mercantile laws of the state to know his exact standing in any other state and to bring about uniformity of treatment of all such affairs.

Bad Boy Locked Up.

George Hottel, a 14-year-old boy, living at 1313 South Thirtieth street, was arrested last night as an incorrigible. He is said to have borrowed a push cart and loaded it with two manhole covers and a boiler brace, which he hid in a convenient place. He was negotiating for the sale of the boiler brace when he was arrested. He got the castings from the platform at the rear of Dewey & Stone's wholesale house.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Receives Another Request for Vacation of Streets and Alleys.

RENDERING WORKS ARE FROWNED UPON

Official Says the Project is Not to Be Thought of and Certainly Will Be Shelved—Mangle City Gossip.

Another request for the vacation of streets and alleys has been filed with the city clerk. This time Wolf & Murman ask, by letter, to have several streets and alleys vacated in order that they may, perhaps, locate a packing house. The fact that J. B. Smiley of the Union Rendering works has been looking for the same thing for some time leads city officials to believe that Smiley and his company want to turn this city property, which is trackage ground, into a "deodorized" rendering plant. In the same deal there is the Union Pacific plan to have the city vacate a big patch of its streets and alleys commencing at L street and continuing north to the city limits at the last meeting of the council the Burlington tract was in a request for the vacation of a tract over on Thirty-sixth street. A city official said last night that if a few more roads would send in applications now the entire portion of the city west of the Union Pacific tracks might be vacated, just to accommodate the railroads. As for the latest proposition, that of a rendering works right in the heart of the city, an official said that the communication would not be considered at all. "When read at the next council meeting the firm making the request will doubtless have the pleasure of reading in the official reports of the council that their neat little typewritten communication has been placed on file."

Mayor Koutsky and leading members of the council say they are in favor of doing all in their power to advance the interests of the city, but they do not think it wise to give up good streets and alleys and good trackage ground for mere accommodation. "Some rental, payable in advance, or other consideration should be made by the city before streets and alleys in the most valuable portion of the city are vacated," said a city official. This seems to be the general idea and the chances are that it will be a long time before Smiley gets his rendering works in operation on the property north of the L street viaduct, which now belongs to the city.

Marsh Prepares Statement.

Secretary Charles Marsh of the South Omaha Young Men's Christian association has prepared a report showing the receipts and disbursements for the year 1902. Senior members have paid in \$1,271, while the juniors have paid \$167. Subscriptions have amounted to \$1,520. Other receipts bring the total up to \$3,556. With the balance on hand the total is \$2,556. For expenses the association has paid the general secretary \$1,000, and the assistant secretary \$720. Janitor service has cost \$280, while rent for the present quarters amounted to \$475. Other expenses bring the total up to \$2,556. The balance on hand is \$1,000.

Cannot Heat Fire Hall.

Chief Etter of the fire department is authority for the statement that it is impossible to heat the fire hall on Twenty-fourth street so that the men are comfortable. Two big stoves are kept running day and night but with plenty of fuel the men have to get up and walk around at night in order to keep warm. The horses kept moving about in their stalls so that sleep is practically impossible. The chief said last night that there was coal enough on hand to keep up the hall that it was impossible to keep the temperature at what it should be.

Charter Bill Introduced This Week.

Mayor Koutsky said last night he understood the charter revision amendments for South Omaha would be introduced in the house this week. The document containing the amendments is now in Lincoln. Representative Ten Eyck will introduce the bill. The people of South Omaha are watching with considerable interest the outcome of this bill.

Continuance Taken.

The cases against John and William Siegler for the alleged larceny of a bridge belonging to the city of South Omaha have been continued thirty days as both the defendants have gone to South Dakota. In the meantime the city is without a bridge to the emergency hospital. Mayor Koutsky said last night, after the cases had been continued, that in case there was occasion to use the hospital it would be necessary to construct a temporary structure. The mayor insists that the Siegler case prevent the city from maintaining a road to the hospital.

Show Signs of Wear.

The city officials all show signs of wear. In the council chamber the furniture looks like an army in a second-hand store. In the office of the city treasurer the floor covering is so badly worn that it is with difficulty the officials get around without the use of stilt. Time and again City Treasurer Howe has asked for a presentation floor covering, but as nothing has been done about the matter Mr. Howe said yesterday that he guessed he would have to buy new matting himself. Every office in the city hall building needs new furnishings of some kind, but when a requisitor is made the same old story of no money comes back. The democratic council does not seem to wish to grant any requests made by any republican officeholder, no matter how great the necessity.

Mangle City Gossip.

D. L. Holmes is out again after a short illness. Several South Omaha business men have been summoned on the petit jury for the February term of court. Miss Harrington, general delivery clerk at the postoffice, who has been on the sick list for a week or more, was reported better yesterday. William Nevins, the fireman injured by a fall from a horse on Tuesday, was resting as well as could be expected at his home last night. There is practically no change in the coal situation. All of the packers are getting along from day to day. The fuel supply will be short if the plants would have to shut down.

CROOK WITH OMAHA RECORD

Charles Dennis is Arrested at Wisconsin Town for Bank Robbery.

Charles Dennis, who is said to have been as clever a crook as the Omaha police ever had to deal with, and who made this city his stamping ground about three years ago, has been captured in the town of Wisconsin, Wis., for complicity in a bank robbery which was committed there a few days ago. Dennis was arrested by Chief Donahue and Detective Dunn for having robbed the Schugart store in this city of \$10,000 worth of fur on August 13, 1899. The property which was taken at that time was recovered. Dennis had a pal named Prince, with whom he disappeared shortly after the Schugart burglary. He was later arrested with another pal named Moshaon for a job at Joplin, Mo. Some time ago while at Quinley, Ill., his Omaha pal, Prince, was shot and killed and Dennis "fell" at Chicago last month for having robbed the Jonesboro, Ill., postoffice. He was arrested while in the company of "Paddy" Flaherty, who was wanted for murder. Dennis induced a saloonist in the Windsor to go upon his bail bond and while on his bail he fled from Chicago. He later fell in with the gang which planned the Eagle, Wis., job and was arrested by a posse of citizens who had organized for the purpose of capturing the bank robbers, one of whom was killed by the citizens. Dennis is held there to await trial.

RYAN'S IDENTITY IN DOUBT

Police Are Trying to Connect Him with the Nestle Murder.

STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO MURDERER

No Positive Evidence to Show that Ryan is Thompson, but Chief Donahue Continues Investigation of the Case.

HYMENEAL.

Hoagland-Jackson.

Every effort is being made by Chief Donahue, Detective Dunn and others of the police department to establish beyond all possible doubt the identity of Dan J. Ryan, who is thought to be wanted here for murder. The task is proving difficult inasmuch as the officers have no means of identifying the prisoner through the measurement system, for at the time the crime was committed and Thompson's pal, Reynolds, was taken into custody, the Bertillon system was not in vogue. All that the officers have which will aid them materially in determining Ryan's identity is an old and faded photograph which was taken some time prior to the murder of young Nestle. This photograph is believed to be at police headquarters and a diligent search is being made for it. The officers who were on the force at the time of the murder are certain that Ryan is Thompson, as his general appearance is strikingly similar to that of the man who is wanted.

Prisoner is Measured.

Ryan was "mugged" Tuesday afternoon and his Bertillon measurements were also taken. The police information on this man shows that he was born in New York, and that he has had no residence, making his home in the railroad camp. He is five feet seven inches in height, 44 years of age and weighs 141 pounds. His hair is brown. He is of medium build and has blue eyes. The thumb of his right hand is marked with a scar, while his hands are marked by several prominent scars. Chief Donahue says that Thompson was known to the Omaha police as a tramp burglar, one of the worst types of crooks known to the police. The police are also endeavoring to locate Thompson's former pal, Reynolds, who was pardoned from the penitentiary before his sentence was finished. He would prove a valuable man in identifying Thompson, if it is whom the officers now think they have in the person of Ryan. Ryan was taken to the county jail yesterday afternoon to begin his sentence for robbing Bernhard Bahsen.

The Chief of Healers.

Old sores, ulcers, piles, asthma and like stubborn maladies soon yield to Bucklen's Arnica Salve or no pay. 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

TEAMSTERS SETTLE FIGHT

Warring Unions Agree to Combine Forces and End War of Two Years' Standing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Chicago teamsters unions claim to have won their fight against the International Team Drivers' Union. At a joint conference held here today, under the supervision of the American Federation of Labor, a basis for the amalgamation of the two bodies was arranged on terms highly satisfactory to the local men. The Chicago unions, needed after a period of almost two years ago because that body admitted team workers to membership, and began the organization of a separate national body. Both organizations are now to send delegates to a convention, based on the principle of one vote to each man, as shown by the books of the organization. New officers are to be elected, the first part of the constitutions of both unions are to be embodied in the new one and an application for a charter is to be made to the American Federation of Labor.

MAKE INDIVIDUAL DEMANDS

Trainmen and Conductors Dissolve Joint Committee and Will Seek Raise Separately.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—The wage increase committee of the western roads has decided to discontinue the general conference with the management. Until the matter is settled each committee of trainmen and conductors will present its demands for a 20 per cent increase to the management of its road only, and discuss the matter with its management. The decision was arrived at today after the committee had ordered the general conference here by the committees had spent several days with the management of the western roads without making headway.

Engineers Get Increase.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Locomotive engineers and firemen on the Chicago & Western Indiana and the Belt line of Chicago today secured an agreement raising their wages. They will receive an increase of 10 per cent, beginning January 1. Ten hours will be considered a day's work, with pay for overtime.

ENGINEER RISKS MUTILATION

Hands and Feet Freeze, but He Sticks to Cab until the Run Ends.

PERU, Ind., Jan. 14.—His loyalty to the Wabash may result seriously for Edward Irish, an engineer on that road who lives here. He was in charge of the engine that hauled the Continental Limited yesterday, which was running seven hours late because of the blizzard in Canada. When the engine reached Lafayette, Irish found a leak in a pipe under the boiler. While making temporary repairs his hands and feet were frozen, but he gave little attention to it, thinking the warmth of the cab would soon thaw him out. He took his train on to Danville, Ill., where his run ended. His hands and feet were swollen to twice their normal size, but he had made up thirty minutes' lost time. Irish was brought to Peru and is now in the hospital, where the physicians hope to save his hands and feet. He is one of the best known engineers on the Wabash.

YOUNG BOY DEFENDS MOTHER

Shoots Inmate Aunt Dead While She Was Strangling Her Sister.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 14.—In defense of his mother Thomas Whiteman, aged 13, shot twice with a pistol and instantly killed his aunt, Miss May Phipps, aged 35, today. Miss Phipps, who had been insane several years, began choking her sister and likely would have killed her had the boy not shot her.

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Doctors Advise Care to Take Care.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Kieff correspondent of the Standard says the medical advisers of the czar are trying to induce him to transfer the court to Crimea for a few years, as considerations of health make a continued residence in the northern palaces inadvisable. The czar has no particular ailment, but his weak chest makes him susceptible to pulmonary troubles.

No News at Tangier.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—A dispatch received here from Tangier, Morocco, under today's date says a courier who has arrived there from Fez brought reassuring intelligence. Nothing is known at Tangier of the reported defeat of the sultan or of his rumored retreat westward.

Demand Macedonian Reforms.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Vienna correspondent of the Telegraph asserts that the Russian and Austrian ambassadors at Constantinople have presented an identical note to the porte demanding reforms in Macedonia.

Cost of Prussian Government.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The Prussian budget estimates for 1903 show a deficit of \$18,175,000, which will be covered by a new loan. The revenue is estimated at \$650,551,482, the ordinary expenditures at \$629,092,428 and the extraordinary expenditure at \$25,534,074.

MISSION BOARD CONVENES

Discusses Formation of American Branch of British Zenanda Bible Society.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Tenth annual conference of the Foreign Mission Board of the United States and Canada convened today. Among the delegates is the Hon. Emily Kinnaird, daughter of Lord Kinnaird of England, who is an enthusiastic worker in favor of foreign missions. The opening conference was presided over by the Rev. John Fox, one of the secretaries of the American Bible society. The Hon. Emily Kinnaird read a letter from the committee of the Zenanda Bible Mission proposing to members of the missions in America that they co-operate in woman's work in India. The Zenanda Bible Class and Mission was established in 1852 by the late Lady Kinnaird and is the oldest British society working in India. The letter stated that Miss Kinnaird and Miss A. E. Edge were authorized to take whatever steps appeared practicable for the formation of a committee in America and to send out missionaries from America to India. The Illinois Grain Men Are Alleged to Discriminate Against Co-operative Organization.

FIGHT FARMERS' ELEVATORS

Illinois Grain Men Are Alleged to Discriminate Against Co-operative Organization.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—A delegation of farmers from Mason and adjoining counties complained to Attorney General Hamilton today of alleged discrimination by the Illinois Grain Dealers' association and commission men in Chicago against "farmers' elevators." The farmers allege that they are unable to sell their grain, as the Grain Dealers' association has warned commission merchants that they would be boycotted if they continued to receive consignments from the co-operative association organized by the farmers.



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