

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Park Board Notifies Council that It Claims the Road Fund.

SEQUEL TO LEVY FOR PARK PURPOSES

Report that Express Companies Will Refuse to Pay Taxes on Franchises and Stocks as Assessed by Tax Commissioner.

Yesterday Mayor Koutsky filed with the city clerk a letter received from William Maberry, secretary of the South Omaha park board. This letter says that at a meeting held on January 19 the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the road fund derived from the levy made by the county commissioners for the years 1899 up to and including 1902 belongs to the park board and that any diversion of this fund will not be recognized by the board.

This section is in line with a threat made to the city council last July by James H. Van Dusen, one of the members of the park board. At the time the question of the amount of the levy came up Mr. Van Dusen addressed the council and asked for an increase. In making up the budget the council appropriated \$500 for park purposes, as it was reported that there was a balance in the park fund. The idea was to keep the levy as low as possible. Van Dusen talked for some time, but could not convince the council that more money was needed. The levy ordinance was passed with an appropriation of only \$500 for park purposes. Mr. Van Dusen left the chamber, saying that he would see to it that the city turned over to the park board the amount of the road fund. He asserted that under the law the park board was entitled to this money and it could be recovered by action at law.

Now comes a notice written by the secretary of the board showing that the resolution noted above was adopted. The communication will be read some of these things when the council meets and it probably will be referred to a committee for a report or it may be placed on file. The disposition of the communication depends entirely upon how the mayor feels when the paper is read.

For years past the city has received a portion of the county road fund. The amount received varies according to the amount of taxes paid in on this fund. When a sum of money accumulates in the county treasury and he goes to Omaha and obtains a check for the portion of the fund due South Omaha. Some years it is \$3,000 and then again it is more.

When the matter was brought to the attention of the city authorities yesterday the general opinion was that if the park board wanted to obtain this money, especially the money that had been secured and already expended for street repairs, it would have to bring suit.

When shown the communication from the park board one member of the council who is well posted on city affairs said that the present mayor and council would not be bluffed by Mr. Van Dusen or any other member of the park board, and that only a decision of the courts would compel the city to disgorge the money already received and spent. The park board is now composed of John F. Schultz, W. J. McCann, J. H. Van Dusen, William Maberry and C. M. Hunt.

The opinion is freely expressed that the park board wants to establish boulevards and go to expenses entirely beyond the means of the city.

Express Companies Balk.

It was stated yesterday that the express companies doing business in South Omaha would refuse to pay taxes on the valuation of franchises and stock as returned by the city tax commissioner. While the attention of the city authorities has not been called to this matter yet, it is presumed that since the fact has been made public some steps will be taken by the city treasurer to collect this tax. The express companies assert that they are doing an interstate business and for that reason no municipality has a right to assess a franchise.

Annual Charity Ball.

The annual charity ball of the South Omaha Hospital association will be held in the large dining room at the Exchange building on Monday night. Officers of the association report that a large number of tickets have been sold and that a big crowd is expected. Excellent music from Omaha has been secured and the entertainment is understood to be the dancing hall.

RULERS OF THE WORLD

Meat Eating Nations Are the Leaders in Every Branch of Human Achievement.

The ruling nations of the world are meat eaters, and history records that they always have been.

Vegetarians and food cranks may explain this in any way they choose, but the facts remain that the Americans, English, French, Russians and Germans are meat eating nations and they are also the most energetic and most progressive.

The principal food of the heroic Boer soldier known as Bismarck is a sort of dried beef, affording a great deal of nourishment in a highly concentrated form.

The weak races of people are the rice eating Chinese, Hindus and Siamese, regarded since the dawn of history as non-progressive, superstitious and inferior physically and mentally to the meat eating nations who dominate them.

The structure of the teeth plainly indicates that human beings should subsist upon a variety of food, meat, fruit and grains, and it is unhygienic to confine one's diet to any one of these classes to the exclusion of another.

Meat is the most concentrated and most easily digested of foods but our manner of living is often so unwholesome that the digestive organs refuse to properly digest meat, eggs and similar nutritious and wholesome food, but it is not because such food is unwholesome, but the real reason is that the stomach lacks, from disease or weakness, some necessary digestive juices hence arising indigestion and later on chronic dyspepsia.

Nervous people should eat plenty of meat, convalescents should make meat the principal food, hard working people have to do so and brain workers should eat meat should eat not so much meat, but at least once a day, and to insure its perfect digestion one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets should be taken after each meal, because they supply the peptones, diastase and fruit acids lacking in every case of stomach trouble.

Nervous dyspepsia catarrh of stomach, gastritis, sour stomach, gas and acidity are only different names for indigestion, the failure to digest wholesome food, and the use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets cures them all, because by affording perfect digestion the stomach has a chance to rest and recover its natural tone and vigor.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the real household medicine. It is as safe and pleasant for the stomach as the baby as it is for the imperfect digestion of its grand sire.

They are not a cathartic but a digestive, and no pill habit can ever follow their use. The habit of good digestion and consequently good health.

will be elaborately decorated for the occasion. The committee in charge of the affair were given in the papers a week ago. It is expected that quite a sum will be realized. This money will be spent in making improvements and enlarging the hospital accommodations.

Important Meeting.

All members of Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge No. 227 are requested to be present at a meeting to be held Wednesday evening of this week. Special business of importance will come up and it is desired by the officers that every active member be present.

Workmen Temple Association.

Under the new management the business affairs of the Ancient Order of United Workmen Temple association are doing very nicely. So far \$12,500 worth of stock has been sold. This represents 1,250 shares fully paid up. Contracts have been let to the amount of \$16,000. All of the work on the structure except the lighting and wiring has been contracted for. When completed the building will cost not less than \$20,000, and this amount of money is practically in sight.

Should the weather hold good for two weeks the building will be under roof. Even so it is the contractors hope to be able to turn the building over to the association by April 1. The temple is fifty feet in width by eighty feet in length and will be two stories high. On the first floor there will be an auditorium seating 600 people. The upper floor will be used as lodge rooms and parlors.

Society Elects Officers.

The A. B. L. society of the South Omaha High school met Friday afternoon and after a social session elected the following officers: Miss Nellie Ennor, president; Miss Anna Graham, vice president; James M. Cox, secretary. The members of the society gave a sleighing party last evening.

Cut in a Saloon Row.

In a saloon row at A. Dezer's saloon, Thirty-sixth and U streets, last night Patrick Shea cut and badly injured Joseph Rezek. From all accounts, there was a rough house. The story told by Shea, who is now in the South Omaha city jail, is about as follows: "There was a gang of fellows in the saloon talking about the Venezuela question and the result was a mixup. When the stove went over I was the under one in the fight and I did the best I could to protect myself." Continuing, Shea said that if he cut Rezek he did not know it. Later on he admitted that he did the cutting, but it was done in self-defense.

Shea has been employed at Cudahy's for years and is considered an expert butcher. From accounts, he had a skinning knife with him at the time of the trouble and went into the fight well prepared. Shea lives at Thirty-eighth and U streets, where he owns property.

As for the injured man, the police had him removed to the South Omaha hospital, where Dr. McCrean and Delaney attended him. An inspection showed two long cuts on the scalp and one quite deep cut just over the heart. At first it was thought that the blade of the knife had pierced the heart, but this did not prove to be the case. At midnight Rezek was resting easily and it is expected he will recover unless complications arise. Rezek lives with his family at Thirty-ninth and Jackson streets and has a wife and two children.

The police are of the opinion that all those implicated were under the influence of liquor at the time of the fight. Shea, while held at police headquarters, has not been booked, as the police are awaiting the outcome of the injuries to Rezek before making formal charges.

Magie City Gossip.

Hand cold, all sizes. A. L. Bergquist, Tel. 100. John Flynn, the city hall letter carrier, is laid up with a severe cold. J. C. McDonald, the contractor, is out again after a few days' illness. J. W. Christie was obliged to quit work last week on account of an attack of the grip.

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AGREES ON COMMERCE BILL

Joint Conference Decides to Leave Interstate Commerce Commission Untouched.

FRAME NEW STATEHOOD SCHEME

Sultan of Morocco Sends Strange Document to Visitor of Foreign Affairs of the Excited American Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The conference on the Department of Commerce bill have reached an agreement. The contention of the senate in the most important matters have been decided by the house conferees, which leaves the Interstate Commerce commission a separate organization.

All reference to the Interstate Commerce commission is eliminated and the statistical bureaus to be transferred are specified as being confined to the War department, the Navy department and the Department of Justice.

Previous to the meeting of the senate Senator Clay asked the democratic members to meet him for an informal discussion of the deadlock over the disposition of the Interstate Commerce commission. He explained the situation and all of them expressed their willingness to stand with him in opposition to the report in case the bureau should be transferred to the new department. Senator Clay carried the information of this proceeding to the conference. Senator Nelson stood with him in demanding that the bill be left as an independent division of the government, while Senator Hanna declared that he did not desire that the success of the bill should be incumbered by an amendment to accomplish a purpose which he thought had already been accomplished.

Senator Nelson suggested the provision specifically mentioning the statistical bureaus to be transferred. Mr. Hepburn was the first of the house conferees to yield and afterward the other members came forward and the way was cleared for the executive department was completed.

Calls Hay Visitor. In World Oriental style the State department has been notified that the sultan of Morocco has decided to make an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, and has set apart \$100,000 for that purpose. The notice came to the department with the following preface:

"Thanks be to Allah, alone to the venerable, the highly honored, the wise, in whom reliance is placed, John Hay, visitor of foreign affairs of the exalted American government."

Hope to Settle Statehood Deadlock. The leading republican members of the senate who oppose the omnibus statehood bill were in conference for quite a time today trying to devise a compromise measure.

They did not change their plan for a double consolidation, providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian territory as one state and of Arizona and New Mexico as another, but they talked especially about the possibility of bringing the subject before the senate. Finally they decided that the new bill should be submitted first to the committee on territories, and that the question should be sprung next week, but did not set any definite day. The one difficulty was the doubt of securing the adherence of all the republican senators, as the opponents of the omnibus bill object to the admission of New Mexico and Arizona even as one state.

The democrats generally declare that they will not agree to consolidation, and some of them say that rather than submit they will let the bill fall altogether.

Leaves Land Office.

Filbert Roth of New York has resigned as chief of the forestry division of the general land office to return to the forestry bureau of the Department of Agriculture.

H. E. Jones (Ind.), the present assistant chief, has been selected as the chief of the division.

Plan for Commercial Exchange. Senator Patterson today introduced an amendment to the Philippine currency bill to carry into effect the president's recommendation for a commission to devise a plan for a commercial exchange relation between gold standard states and silver coin states. The amendment authorizes the president to invite Great Britain, France and Germany and other gold standard countries, Mexico and China and other silver standard countries, to appoint representatives to a conference to devise a plan for adoption by the several governments by which a fixed commercial exchange might be established.

Salvador Wants No War. Senator Lopez, the Salvadorean minister, has had a message from his government of a reassuring character which he communicated to Secretary Hay. Generally it was to the effect that the people of Salvador were not inclined to war with their Central American neighbors and were determined to keep the peace.

President Makes Nominations. The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Navy: Lieutenant Commander Robert C. Denning, to be commander. Revenue: William F. Reynolds, to be captain; Second Lieutenant C. E. Johnston, to be first lieutenant; Third Lieutenant Joseph H. Crozier, to be second lieutenant.

Will Stop Chinese Smuggling. Senator Foster today presented to the president Clarence W. Iff, collector of customs of the Portland district of Washington. Mr. Iff is in Washington in conference with the treasury officials regarding the smuggling of opium and the illegal entry of Chinamen into the United States. It has been determined, as a result of the conference, that radical measures must be resorted to to put a stop to both practices, which are particularly flagrant in Collector Iff's district.

French Ambassador is Presented. M. J. Jusserand, the recently appointed French ambassador, was presented formally to President Roosevelt today.

Davis Becomes General. The senate today confirmed the nomination of Colonel Charles Davis, Fifth infantry, to be brigadier general in the army.

Bristol is Not to Retire. Mr. J. L. Bristol, fourth assistant postmaster general, has returned from a two weeks' visit in Kansas. While out in his native state General Bristol purchased a newspaper plant and the announcement of the fact caused a renewal of the rumors that he is to retire from his present position in the government service. The general stated today that he had no intention of resigning, and further, that he was getting very weary of hearing that resignation report which had been circulated almost weekly for the last three years. It is known, however, that certain influential political friends of the general, Dave Mercer, who failed of re-election in the Second Nebraska district, are urging the administration to find a place for him, preferably one in the postoffice department.

Several senators and representatives have urged the Nebraska for General Postoffice place and have used considerable influence to effect this change.

PLURAL WIVES IN MEXICO

Senate Discussing Statehood Means Mormon Anti-Polygamy Revelation Could Not Speak Spanish.

SUES U. P. FOR MILLIONS

Durko's Administrator Seeks \$55,000,000 from Harriman Interests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The statehood bill again today claimed the greater share of the senate's attention. Mr. Keam (N. J.) continued, but did not conclude his speech, and toward the close of the day there was a general debate on the necessity of inserting safeguards against polygamy.

A large number of bills to which there was no objection were passed. Senator Gallinger (N. H.) presented a partial report of the conference on the bill increasing pensions to ex-soldiers who had lost limbs. He stated that the house had changed the rates materially. The report was adopted and further conference ordered.

Mr. Morgan (Ala.) again called up his resolution calling for papers concerning the movements and correspondence of naval officers in Colombian waters.

High (Ill.) motion to refer this resolution to the committee on naval affairs prevailed by a strictly party vote of 31 to 18. The resolution was therefore referred and when Mr. Morgan complained that it would not be acted upon by the committee, Mr. Hale replied that it would not be favorably reported in its present form with his consent.

The senate then passed the following bills: Authorizing the promotion of Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon in the United States army; for the relief of Captain Joseph D. Sims of the United States revenue cutter service; providing for the holding of circuit and district court of the United States at Kansas City, Kan.; giving pensions of \$75 each to the widows of General Slocum; for the relief of the national parks of the United States.

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DEATH RECORD.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.) The funeral of Mrs. Jane Reagan was held from the family residence this morning, and was under the auspices of the Rebecca degree lodge. A beautiful solo, "The Golden Shore," was sung by Mrs. O. E. Mickey. The choir of the Presbyterian church furnished the music. Prayer and the reading of an obituary by Rev. Knox Boude was followed by an address by Congressman E. H. Hinshaw of Fairbury, who is a cousin of the deceased. The bearers were Colonel George West, H. F. Henderson, M. W. Miles, Hon. E. L. King and six honorary bearers from the Rebecca degree lodge. The deceased was about 67, and had lived in Osceola since 1882. She leaves to mourn her death her mother, Mrs. Pentz, who is 72 years of age; two sisters, besides an adopted daughter, Miss Mary Maude Reagan. There were present from abroad Congressman Hinshaw, B. T. Reagan, formerly of Lincoln, but now of Indianapolis, and Edward Danielson of Columbus, Ga. The services at the grave were conducted by the Rebecca degree lodge, with Mrs. C. G. Gilling as noble grand, Mrs. Hamilton as chaplain and John Holt as marshal.

James B. Martin. James B. Martin, transfer clerk at the Webster street depot, died Friday night of rheumatism of the heart. Mr. Martin was one of the oldest employes of the railway mail service in Omaha. He was appointed clerk on the Pacific Junction and McCook route January 29, 1879, and ran over the Burlington until 1888, when he was transferred to the Webster street depot. He was about 60 years of age. Funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from a brother residing in Illinois. Gottlieb Sellner.

Gottlieb Sellner, one of the prominent German residents of Omaha, died Friday afternoon at his home, 2714 Yates street, of the age of 90 years. Mr. Sellner had been a resident of Omaha for the past seventeen years, coming directly to this city from Germany. He had been ill for some days with pneumonia, which was the cause of his demise. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the family residence. The remains will be laid to rest in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Ex-Sheriff Lancaster. YORK, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Word has been received here of the death of Mr. Warren Lancaster, ex-sheriff of York county, who only recently moved to Iowa to engage in the livery business. He was a very old man, and leaves a wife and four children. The remains arrived here today and the funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. The deceased was a member of several fraternal orders.

Funeral of Herman R. Young. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The funeral services for the remains of the late Herman R. Young will be held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be conducted by the Rev. Samuel Garvin. The Ancient Order of United Workmen, Royal Tribe of Joseph and Sons of Herman, will attend the services in a body.

Charles F. Krecklow. LOUISVILLE, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles F. Krecklow died this morning after an illness of several weeks. He was nearly 70 years old and was one of the early settlers of this county. His wife is very sick and her recovery is very doubtful.

Sister Johanna. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Sister Johanna, one of the founders of the Order of Sisters of Charity in the west, is dead here of old age. She was 82 years of age and had been a sister sixty-four years. She was one of the original sisters in St. Mary's academy in this city, where she died.

Mrs. Sophia Reppert. WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The body of Mrs. Sophia Reppert, a former resident of this city, was brought here from Madison and interred in the public cemetery yesterday. She was 88 years of age, and leaves five children.

Ex-Senator Daves Buried. PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late Senator Henry L. Daves was held today. The committal services were held at Pittsfield, the county bar and various societies were represented and all places of business were closed.

William C. Freeman. LEBANON, Pa., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—William C. Freeman, the Cornwall millionaire, died today at Cornwall. He was 62 years of age and vice president of the Lehigh Valley Iron and Steel company of Buffalo.

Former Premier Karaveloff. SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Former Premier Karaveloff, who was one of the great statesmen of Bulgaria after the abdication of Prince Alexander, died yesterday of apoplexy.