AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Public Improvements Furnish Employment for New City Council.

HOCTOR SAYS HE WILL ASK A RECOUNT

Records of Stock Yards Show Heavy Increase of Receipts as Compared with the Same Time Last Year.

The new city council, which was organized on Tuesday, will have plenty of work to look after in the matter of improvements this summer. One of the questions of immediate importance will be the issuing and sale of bonds for the paving, grading and curbing of South Twenty-fourth street and Railroad avenue. Dan Hannon has the contract for this work, but he does not want to start until the bonds are sold, as he fears eastern bond attorneys may pick flaws in the section of the city charter which permits the improvements contemplated without a petition signed by two-thirds of the abutting property owners.

Then there is the opening of N street. This is such an old story that newspaper readers laugh when the proposition is mentioned. Be that as it may the city council has condemned certain property and ordinances have been passed by the council and signed by the mayor creating an improvement district and establishing the grade. For the property that was condemned the appraisers allowed $900, and this money has been paid into the court. The next thing to do will be advertising for bids for the work.

Another matter of great importance to be brought up will be the repaving or repairing of Twenty-fourth street from A to Q. This pavement is in bad condition. It is full of holes and in many places the base has been almost entirely worn away. Improvements made every year on this street cost about $2,000, but still the pavement will not wear any length of time, even after being repaired. A new pavement is being talked of, but property owners do not like the idea of signing a petition for a new pavement. The city council will be expected to find some way to keep the street in a passable condition without making a direct tax on the abutting property owners.

Hoctor Will Contest.

Thomas Hoctor, democratic candidate for mayor at the recent election, stated last night that he was having papers prepared for a recount of the votes. "I have consulted with my attorneys," said Mr. Hoctor, "and we have decided to ask the county court to count the ballots. In our petition we will not allege fraud on the part of the republicans. My contention will be that in calling off the votes an error may have been made by crediting votes to Koutsky which should have gone to me. I will ask for a counting of the ballots in all of the twelve precincts in the city." In conclusion Mr. Hoctor said that he expected the papers would be filed with the court today.

Bazar Opens Tonight.

The women of the South Omaha Hospital association worked hard yesterday getting everything in readiness for the opening of the bazar at Workman temple today. Numerous booths have been arranged and there is to be all kinds of articles for sale. An excellent musical and literary program has been prepared for this evening and also for Friday night. The proceeds will go toward the support of the hospital.

Receipts Increasing Daily.

Official returns at the stock yards last night showed that the receipts of live stock for three days had been unusually heavy. The figures show the receipt of 19,124 head of cattle, 27,766 hogs and 21,853 sheep. As compared with the same three days of last year an increase is shown all down the line. Shippers speak in the highest terms of the facilities at the yards here for switching cars and unloading stock. So far this year there is an increase over last year of 139,845 head of sheep, 56,991 hogs and 8,150 cattle.

Annual Car Inspection Meeting.

The annual meeting of the South Omaha Joint Car Inspection association was held at the offices of the Union Stock Yards company yesterday. All of the roads holding membership in the association were represented. Reports of the various officers were read. Everything was found to be in a satisfactory condition. The Chicago Great Western was admitted to membership, making nine roads in the association.

Mr. Thompson, master mechanic of the Union Pacific, was re-elected president by the unanimous vote of the delegates. F. L. Corwin, superintendent of the Union Stock Yards Railroad company, was re-elected secretary. W. H. Cressey was re-appointed general foreman. F. G. Benjamin of the Northwestern, John Lange of the Wabash and James Connors of the Milwaukee road were appointed on the executive committee to serve for the term of one year. Another meeting of the association will be held at the stock yards offices here in October. The meeting was attended by thirty representatives of the roads forming the association.

Magic City Gossip.

The South Omaha cavalry troop will give a ball at the Exchange on Friday night.

Dr. Towne was in the city yesterday compiling some data on contagious diseases for the State Board of Health.

Alleys and back yards all over the city are in need of a general spring cleaning.

Thomas Myler, the socialist candidate for mayor, received 422 votes at the last election.

Those who intend taking out liquor licenses should file their applications with the Fire and Police board at once.

Dan Hannon will commence grading three lots on the west side of Twenty-fourth street between I and J streets today.

The members of the Board of Registration who served on April 2 were paid yesterday. Each registrar received $5.

CHORUS GETS CITY HALL ROOM

Singers for the Auditorium Opening Will Train in School Board Assembly.

Arrangements have been made for the use of the Board of Education assembly rooms in the city hall for the chorus of the Auditorium opening. A piano will be taken up there and the first meeting of the singers is set for Tuesday evening. Cards announcing this fact will be sent out to all interested. Assistant Secretary Gillan has returned from Kansas City, where he has been hurrying up the shipment of lumber. The first two cars will arrive tomorrow or next day and all the material is to be here by the middle of next week.

One Fare for the Round Trip

Plus 25 cents to Cleveland, O., and return via Nickel Plate road, May 16th, 17th and 18th. Tickets good going date of sale and returning to and including June 10th by depositing same.

Three through daily express trains to Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, New York, Boston and New England points, carrying vestibuled sleeping cars. Meals served in Nickel Plate dining cars on American club meal plan, ranging in price from 35c to $1.00; also service a la carte. Chicago depot, La Salle and Van Buren streets. No excess fare charged on any train on the Nickel Plate road. Chicago ticket offices, 111 Adams St. and Auditorium Annex. 'Phone Central 267.

AT BRANDEIS & SONS SATURDAY.

Men's Clothing Stock in Railroad Wreck—Only Few Suits Slightly Mussed—On Sale at Wonderful Bargains.

MEN'S $20 AND $18 SUITS AT $5.

This sale will offer greater bargains for men than any we have ever been able to offer. A thousand fine spring suits in a railroad wreck—Only a few were mussed—We bought them all at an amazing sacrifice at the Boston Store. This sale will be the talk of Omaha. Saturday, April 16.

J. L. BRANDEIS & SONS,
Boston Store.

Announcements of the Theaters.

On Sunday evening the Rogers brothers will open a short engagement at the Boyd theater presenting their latest skit by John J. McNally, "The Rogers Brothers in London." The music is by Max Hoffman and Melville Ellis, and the lyrics by George V. Hobart and Ed Gardenier. In the company besides the Rogers brothers are such clever people as Joseph Coyne, Lee Harrison, Lillian Coleman, Carrie Reynolds and George Austin Moore. This is one of the biggest musical comedy companies ever sent out from New York, and presents an evening of music and fun such as no other company offers. The engagement is for Sunday and Monday nights only.

Beginning Tuesday evening and for the balance of the week the Rose Cecelia Shay Grand Opera company will be the offering at the Boyd in a repertoire of grand operas.

There remains but three more performances of this week's bill at the Orpheum, tonight and Saturday matinee and night. Hal Davis, Inez McCauley and company in their sketch, "Pals," have given Orpheumites a little sensation that has proven a strong drawing card. The Garsch sisters in their remarkable feats of equilibrium are another feature of the kind that makes people talk.

The Signal of Distress.

Whites of eyes and skin yellow show liver trouble and jaundice. Dr. King's New Life Pills cure or no pay. Only 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Mortality Statistics.

The following are the births reported to the Board of Health for the twenty-four hours ending at noon April 14:

Births—Mr. and Mrs. Lars Johnson, 1531 North Twentieth, girl; Mr. and Mrs. David Shanahan, 2321 South Fourteenth, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skidland, 1112 William, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pavonsky, 318 Poppleton, girl; Mr. and Mrs. William Butler, 2427 Charles, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, 1582 North Seventeenth, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Moses Latz, 618 North Seventeenth, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Allan, 1324 Park avenue, boy.

The Woman's Socialist union will hold a meeting at the headquarters, 519 North 16th street, Friday evening, April 15, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as important business will be transacted.

Marriage Licenses.

Up to noon April 14 the following couples had been licensed to wed:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Charles F. Breitenbucher, So. Omaha	22
Nellie Clinard, Alexander, Mo.	22
Leo Boroff, Omaha	22
Kittie Joslin, Leeds, Ia.	22
Harrison Jencks, Omaha	26
Sadie C. Nichols, Omaha	25

18-K. Wedding Rings. Edholm, jeweler.

Dentist with well established practice in an excellent location in Bee building desires gentleman to share office, preferably physician. Address, E 38, Bee office.

MAYOR SEES POLITICS IN IT

Declares Thomas Seeks to Embarrass Administration in Midnight Closing.

BELIEVES ORDER IS GENERALLY OBEYED

Attorney for Civic Federation Accuses Certain Saloons of Violating it and Mayor Will Investigate More Closely.

Mayor Moores is inclined to wax a little wroth over what he considers the "narrow gauge way" in which the Civic Federation, through its attorney, Elmer E. Thomas, is acting with regard to the midnight closing order as applied to the saloons of the city.

Yesterday a notice was served on the mayor, chief of police and Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, containing the names of nine saloons which, it was stated by Mr. Thomas, were open after 12 o'clock Sunday morning, April 10. The ones reported as so violating the law, and wherein he demanded that action be at once taken against them, were: The Homestead saloon, Twelfth and Farnam streets; Johnson & Larson's, Eleventh and Farnam; Vienna cafe, Eleventh and Farnam; German Shamrock, Tenth and Farnam; James Cuthill, Tenth and Douglas; Emil Gall, Ninth and Douglas; Louis Goldsmith, Ninth and Capitol avenue; Tom Foley, 1412 Douglas, and Tuthill's "Tuxedo," rear of old postoffice.

"When I made that closing order," said the mayor, "I meant every word of it and it is going to be enforced or every man that disregards it is going to be prosecuted. But, in my opinion, this complaint, together with others that have emanated from the same source, is made largely, if not altogether, to embarrass the administration, and not because the saloon keepers are disregarding the law or selling any liquor after 12 o'clock.

Report Shows Obedience.

"Our investigation show us that the closing order is being obeyed and that in nearly every instance the saloon doors are closed and locked promptly at 12. If the proprietors of the places see fit to stay in their saloons to count up their cash and close up their week's business I cannot see why they have not the right to, or where there is any ground for complaint on the part of the Civic Federation or anybody else. Neither can I see wherein the law or order of the city is in any way outraged if the porters and employes of these establishments are allowed to stay in them after the doors are closed and locked to clean up and put things in order. I will make the assertion that in my opinion, based on a careful investigation, in nine cases out of ten, this is all that is done after 12 o'clock in the places that are here reported. In other words, I do not believe that a drop of liquor is sold or that a person is admitted or allowed to remain after midnight, and, as I have said, I think these complaints are made with a desire to create an unfavorable impression with regard to the administration by certain disgruntled persons rather than on account of any righteous indignation or belief that the law is being disregarded.

"I have, however, issued an order to the chief of police instructing him to investigate each one of these places reported and if he finds the closing order has been disregarded to prosecute without any further ceremony."

Thomas Side of the Case.

Mr. Thomas stated his side of the case this way:

"We know that this midnight closing order can be enforced if the authorities want it enforced. It will not do for the mayor to say he doesn't know how to secure the enforcement. He does know, and we know he knows. That kind of talk does not deceive us. With one man we were able on the morning of April 3 to find ten saloons violating the Sunday closing statute, the midnight closing ordinance and the recent order of the mayor and chief of police. These laws again were violated last Sunday morning, after their offense had been published in The Bee. A hundred other saloons may have been doing the same thing. Whenever the mayor and chief make up their minds that this closing order is one of those orders which were meant to be enforced there will be no trouble as to its enforcement. Last Wednesday's Bee quotes the mayor as saying he would take the matter up again with the chief of police and insist upon a rigid enforcement. Now, the mayor either forgot to take it up with the chief or the chief disobeyed the mayor or the police force construed the chief's instructions in a Pickwickian sense. If the mayor forgot our second notice will remind him; if the chief disobeyed him deliberately he ought to be deposed, and if the officers failed to obey orders the discipline of the force requires that they be dismissed from service. In the words of Herodotus, 'I know why they do not enforce the law, but I will not tell you.' If the executive department of this city can't keep a few saloons closed between midnight and 4 o'clock a. m., how can we have confidence in its ability to repress crime and bring criminals to justice?"

Notice Served on Officials.

This is the notice Thomas had served on the officials:

To the Mayor of the City of Omaha, Frank E. Moores, the Chief of Police, John J. Donahue, and the Members of the Fire and Police Commission of said City of Omaha, William J. Broatch, William D. McHugh, Joseph W. Thomas and Lee W. Spratlen:

I hereby notify you, as attorney for the Civic Federation of Omaha, that the following named saloons were open and doing business in the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday morning, April 10, 1904, after the hour of 12 o'clock, midnight, and before the hour of 4 o'clock, a. m., in violation of the statutes of Nebraska, relative to the closing of saloons on Sunday, and the ordinance of the city of Omaha with reference to the closing of saloons at midnight, and an order of the mayor and chief of police directing saloon keepers to comply with this ordinance:

Homestead, at Twelfth and Farnam.
Johnson & Larson, Eleventh and Farnam.
Vienna Cafe, Eleventh and Farnam.
German Shamrock, Tenth, south of Farnam.
James Cuthill, Tenth and Douglas.
Emil Gall, Ninth and Douglas.
Louis Goldsmith, Ninth and Capitol avenue.
Tom Foley, 1412 Douglas.
Tuthill, alley, back of old postoffice.

I hereby demand, on behalf of said Civic Federation, that you, as the executive and ministerial officers of the city of Omaha, hereafter enforce the said statute of Nebraska, or dinance and order, by requiring these and other saloons to comply with the law.

ELMER E. THOMAS,
Attorney for the Civic Federation.

Attention, K. and L. of Security.

All members of Omaha council No. 415 of the Knights and Ladies of Security are requested to meet at their hall Saturday afternoon at 1:30 to attend the funeral of Sister Katie Hime. By order of the committee.

Tribe of Ben-Hur, Notice.

Mecca court No. 12 will give a progressive high five party, dancing and refreshments, at their hall, 16th and Harney, Friday evening, April 15. All members and their friends invited.

COMMITTEE.

WILL WAIT ON HITCHCOCK

Broadwell in No Hurry About Calling Congressional Convention for the Democrats.

No steps have as yet been taken with regard to the holding of the democratic congressional convention for this district and, according to Chairman Frank A. Broadwell, none will be until Congressman Hitchcock can be conferred with in the matter. Just when the latter will come to Omaha is altogether a matter of conjecture, but Mr. Broadwell considers there is plenty of time and says he has not as yet given the matter a thought.

WOMEN FIGHT OVER A MAN

Colored Residents of Third Ward Not Daunted Even by Four Policemen.

So great was the trouble between Mary Payne and Della Myers, both colored residents of the "burnt district," that even the sight of four imposing policemen, representing the mighty dignity of the law, and the fact of them being at the police station, under arrest, did not deter them from finishing the fight they had previously been arrested for. Amid much protest from the other, each told a different and interesting story of the fray. Della Myers said that the Payne woman had entered her home professing friendship, and, in fact, offered the "glad mit," which was grasped instanter.

"Den, Sargen' Havey, while dat black t'ing had hold o' my hand she pasted me in de fix," said Della Myers, "an' den I pasted back an' we bofe scrapped."

Mary Payne said the Meyers woman called her into her home for a chat, and while conversing unsuspectedly the other woman jumped on her and went through the ceremony of flattening her out. After much questioning and personalities the police learned that one of the women had stolen the affections of the other one's man.

Both women have been fined $10 and costs in police court. When arraigned before the police judge and asked what knowledge they had of the broil they laughed and said they had gone at each other with pokers, knives, rolling pins, flat irons and other household utensils. Their faces were covered with abrasions of the cuticle and patches of court plaster, but they appeared to have the memory of a good time and complained not when judgment was passed on them.

The Nickel Plate Road.

Will sell tickets to Cleveland, O., and return, account of National Baptist Anniversary, on May 16th, 17th and 18th, at rate of one fare for the round trip, plus 25 cents. Tickets good going date of sale. By depositing same extended return limit of June 11th may be secured. Through service to New York City, Boston and other eastern points. No excess fare charged on any train on the Nickel Plate road. Meals on American club meal plan, ranging in price from 35c to $1.00; also service a la carte. Chicago depot, La Salle and Van Buren streets, the only passenger station in Chicago on the elevated loop. Chicago city ticket offices, 111 Adams St. and Auditorium Annex. 'Phone Central 267.

All members of the Omaha Retail Liquor Dealers' association are requested to attend the regular monthly meeting on Friday, April 15, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Continental hall, 15th and Douglas streets, as important business will come before the meeting.

JULIUS TRIETSCHKE,
Secretary.