

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Laying of Permanent Sidewalks Taken
Lead in Improvements

THIRTY-IX ORDINANCES ARE PASSED

It is Estimated that About One
Thousand Dollars a Day Will
Be Spent by the City in
This Direction.

In the line of improvements in South Omaha just now the laying of permanent sidewalks takes the lead. Ten different gangs of men, in the employ of one contractor, are at work laying walks. This is exclusive of the men employed by property owners who desire to superintend their own work.

Last week the city council met in special session three nights and passed over three dozen permanent sidewalk ordinances. The passage of these ordinances entails a large amount of work for the city clerk, as he is compelled to send out a notice to every property owner interested. About 1,500 notices will be sent out. A portion of the notices made out by the clerk will be paid by the city claim agent and others will be mailed. All nonresident property owners will be notified by mail or through their agents in this city or in Omaha. In all of the notices being sent out the property owner is given thirty days in which to lay a permanent walk. If at the expiration of that time the walk is not laid the city contractor will do the work and the cost will be assessed against the property. At the rate the work is going on now it is estimated that \$1,000 a day is being spent for labor and material in the laying of walks.

In the last few years the city has paid out large sums of money in damage suits on account of defective walks, and it was with a view to prevent suits of this kind that the authorities decided to have permanent walks laid on all streets that are graded and thus do away with old and dilapidated plank walks.

Guild Preparing List.
Secretary J. M. Gould of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange is preparing a list of the members of the exchange who will take the three days' trip through Nebraska. This excursion will be over the Union Pacific lines and the members of the live stock exchange unite with the Omaha Commercial club on this trip. The party leaves here on the morning of June 23 and will spend the first night in Columbus and the second night at Kearney. If the itinerary is carried out the party will return to Omaha at 7:30 Sunday morning. Those who go from the exchange here will be plentifully supplied with everything matter and will do what they can to advertise the South Omaha live stock market.

Still Grinding Away.

The Board of Review is still grinding away and will continue in session until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 24. So far very few complaints have been filed. It is thought that the business of the board will pick up about the middle of the week. As for the changes in figures made so far the total valuation is not changed. City officials hope to see the valuation left at or above the \$19,000,000 mark.

Temperance Union Convention.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union of Douglas county will hold its annual convention at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-third and N streets, on June 24, at 10 a.m. on the day appointed the convention will be called to order and the session will continue throughout the day. In the evening at the church a Demorest medal contest will furnish the program, the class being composed of young people in the Magic City. Sunday evening, June 25, there will be a union meeting of all of the churches in the city. There will be addresses by Mrs. G. Covell of Omaha, Rev. Dr. R. L. Wheeler, Dr. F. M. Lankton and others. The Young Men's Christian association concert will furnish the music. All of the meetings are open to the public and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Flag Day Luncheon.

Wednesday afternoon of last week Mrs. W. H. Myers, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. R. Hathaway and Mrs. C. L. Talbot gave a flag day luncheon at the home of Mrs. Myers, 1318 North Twenty-third street. The invited guests were Mrs. Thomas Stevenson of Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. D. G. May of Honolulu; Mrs. G. W. Van Winkle and Mrs. A. Laidlaw of South Omaha. The decorations were in red, white and blue, while on the center of the table was a flag, crimson. The guests enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Firecrackers Prohibited.

Chief Briggs issued orders yesterday to the men under him that he would not permit the setting off of fire crackers or the discharge of fire arms on the streets until the evening of July 1. All patrolmen were instructed to arrest all persons violating this order. Cannon or dynamite crackers will not be permitted to be sold at all. The chief said that the prohibition against causes many quarrels, and this he proposes to prevent this year if it is possible to do so.

C. D. Layton Returns.

C. D. Layton, one of the pioneer settlers in this section, returned yesterday from a four-week western trip. While Mr. Layton is 83 years old he stood the trip well and said that he enjoyed it greatly. While away he visited Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. He declares that Nebraska beats them all, and while he had a

pleasant journey he was glad to get back to his farm on West Q street.

Magie City Gossip.

Miss Myrtle Elliott is visiting relatives at Hastings, Neb. B. Murphy, Twentieth and O streets, reports the birth of a son. C. M. Rich and wife are entertaining Mrs. H. H. Herring, of San Francisco. The South Omaha butchers will hold a picnic today at Nebraska City. Mrs. J. Buckley has resigned his position on the fire department after serving four years. Rev. Dr. Wheeler preaches morning and evening today at the First Presbyterian church. Members of the Christian church will give a social at Highland park on Thursday evening. H. Shabugh leaves on Monday for Ohio, where he will visit relatives for a couple of weeks. Miss Kate Demmell is rapidly improving in health and expects to visit friends in the east this summer. Mrs. D. D. Ringer is still reported seriously ill and there seems to be little if any hope of her recovery. Mrs. E. A. Broadwell entertained the P. E. O. society at her home, Twenty-fifth and F streets yesterday afternoon. Those who drive are continually complaining to the city authorities about the condition of the pavement on Twenty-fourth street. The members of Leifer Memorial church will hold a picnic at Vista Springs park, Thirtieth and county line, on July 4. Rev. Mr. Stambaugh extends a cordial invitation to the Sunday school children and church people of South Omaha.

SWEDISH STUDENTS' CHORUS

Singers from Lund University Will
Include Omaha in Their Tri-
umphant Tour.

On Tuesday evening, June 23, the students' chorus of the University of Lund, Sweden, give a concert at the Creighton-Orpheum. This is the first time a Swedish student chorus has visited the United States. Before leaving Sweden they gave concerts in some of the largest cities there and received everywhere hearty and enthusiastic ovations. These singers are the best picked from among the graduates of Lund university. The managing director telegraphed that "the Swedish tour has been an immense success everywhere we have sung."

On June 7 they sang in London and on the following day started for New York, where they arrived June 15. They called on President Roosevelt on the 18th and were invited as the guests of Yale university, New Haven, on the 19th. They will sing in New York in Carnegie hall, Boston, Worcester, New Britain, Jamestown, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Chicago at the Auditorium, St. Louis at the fair, Swedish day, June 24; Kansas City, Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Paul and on the 28th of June they will be in Omaha at the Creighton-Orpheum.

The Swedish students have at three different world's fairs, in Paris 1887, 1878, 1890, won the first honors in the international singing contests, and were officially declared by the foremost musical judges of Europe, Gounod, Massenet and others, to be above all competition. They can therefore be called the "champion singers of the world."

Elaborate preparations are being made in Omaha to receive the singers. The only fear now is that the seating capacity of the theater will not be sufficient to meet the demands of the people that are anxious to hear them. The committee has already received applications from outside towns for more than 600 seats. Excursions will be run from Stanton, Red Oak and other Iowa towns, also from towns along the Union Pacific, R. & M. and Northwestern in Nebraska. The Stanton people have arranged for 150 seats and will bring with them the silver cornet band.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE'S WORD

Aged Chaplain of the Senate Writes
to Senator Dietrich About
Nebraska.

Senator Charles H. Dietrich was in Omaha a short time Saturday on his way to Chicago, where he will meet his daughter, who has been visiting in the east, and the two will spend some days at Lake Forest before returning to Nebraska, and probably will attend the Chicago convention.

Senator Dietrich expressed his regret at being unable to attend the semi-centennial celebration in Omaha, owing to business affairs that demanded his attention. "The celebration has excited great interest," he said, "in all parts of the state in which I have been."

Senator Dietrich contributed an article on Nebraska to The Bee on the occasion of the celebration, quoting from the book of Edward Everett Hale, a personal friend and chaplain of the senate, and received from Dr. Hale this letter in return:

ROXBURY, Mass., June 14, 1904.—Dear Mr. Dietrich: I am very much obliged to you for the copy of The Bee which you sent me and the very curious history of the state which it contains. I wanted very much to accept the invitation of some of the Omaha gentlemen to speak at the semi-centennial, but my advisers did not wish me to undertake the fatigue of that journey. If I can pick up another copy of my book I shall have pleasure in sending it to the public library which you shall designate.

Will you make my regards and my daughter's to you and your family. I tried to persuade her to come on and see our entire civilization here. Perhaps some day you will bring her here with great respect. Truly yours, EDWARD E. HALE.

The senator expects to spend most of the summer in Nebraska, though he may make a trip to the Big Horn country on personal business. He is at present watching the Kinkaid bill, which he fathered in the senate and hopes next winter to farther more legislation to promote settlement in western Nebraska.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MEETS

Election of Officers Followed by an
Informal Dance at the High
School.

"Where was Moses when the light went out?"

This was the principal topic of discussion at the annual meeting and reunion of the alumni of the Omaha high school Saturday night. For fully half an hour the debate waxed warm until the electric lamps that had suddenly extinguished themselves upon 30 rollicking past and present graduates revived in incandescent glory. For the first time the reunion was held in the new building which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, various shades of lavender striking the prevailing tone set off with palms, floral pieces and class banners. The stairs specially covered with rugs and softened with cushions, proved popular as resting places.

The election of officers of the association resulted as follows: Allan Hamilton, president; Mary Harris, vice president; Guy Montgomery, treasurer; James Houston, secretary. The executive committee chosen consists of these and Murray French and Warren Hillis. Howard Kennedy, Jr., delivered a short address on matters connected with the organization.

Dancing followed the election of officers, and refreshments were served. The men's hall in the new section was used for the dancing.

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