

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Council Will Hold an Important Special Meeting Tonight.

BIDS ON PAYING AND BONDS TO OPEN

Repeating on North Twenty-Fourth Street and Sale of Intersection Securities Are the Chief Items for Action.

An interesting session of the city council is looked forward to for tonight. Proposals for the repaving of the Twenty-fourth street pavement are to be opened and some live and close bidding for this work is predicted. Intersection bond bids will also be opened. The impression prevails that no bids will be submitted on account of the low rate of interest. Should there be no bids, an ordinance is to be introduced and passed increasing the rate of interest from 4 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent. This will occasion delay and the expense of readvertising. Reports from the street and alley committee regarding neglect to lay permanent sidewalks where ordered will be read and acted upon. When permanent walks are ordered laid the property owner is allowed thirty days in which to do the work. In case the walks are not laid at the expiration of the time given, a report is made and a resolution passed directing the contractor who is doing the city work to proceed at once and lay the walks. While walks are being laid all over the city many have neglected to comply with the ordinance, most of these cases of violation are where the property owner is a nonresident.

In case Councilman McCraith is present, Mayor Koutsky will again hand in the name of Frank Dolezal as paving inspector for the Railroad avenue paving. Last Monday night the mayor appointed Dolezal, but the appointment was not confirmed owing to the two democratic members voting in the negative. With McCraith present the appointment will go through.

Protest Against Delay.

City officials are complaining almost daily about the delay in getting down to work on the paving of Railroad avenue. Chairman Kiewit of the council committee on streets and alleys brought this matter up informally at the city hall yesterday and stated that he would bring it to the attention of the council tonight. Mr. Kiewit says that Dan Hannon was awarded the contract for the grading, curbing and paving of South Twenty-fourth street and Railroad avenue last March. Up to date less than 100 feet of artificial curbing has been set and the grading is not nearly completed. The curbing that is being laid starts at the Broadwell-Rich coal office and runs south. Along this route the channel of Mud creek will have to be changed in two places in order to permit the curbing to be laid. Kiewit had a heart-to-heart talk with Contractor Hannon yesterday and told him that something would have to be done and that right away. Hannon lays the blame for delay on Wickham of Council Bluffs, who is furnishing some of the material, but the council has nothing to do with Wickham. At the meeting tonight Hannon is to be called in and told he must push the work if he expects to retain the contract.

Eagles Fly Tonight.

Tonight a large number of members of the local lodge of Eagles will attend the eagles' carnival in Council Bluffs. Three special motor cars will leave Twenty-fourth and N streets at 8 o'clock sharp. It is expected that fully 300 members of the local lodge will make the trip across the river. An enjoyable time is promised those who make the trip.

Gas Permits Issued.

City Engineer Beal has issued these permits to the Omaha Gas company for the laying of mains: Twenty-second street from H to I, Twenty-sixth from A street to the city limits on the north, Twenty-sixth from J to K, B street from Twenty-sixth to Twenty-seventh, Twenty-fifth street from H to I. Some of these mains are now being laid and the balance will be put down as rapidly as material arrives.

More Tax Notices.

City Treasurer Howe is still pounding away on personal taxes. Yesterday he sent out 1,000 postal cards to delinquents requesting that a settlement be made immediately. Delinquent personal taxes draw interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum. On the postal card is printed a section of the revenue law calling attention to the fact that no demand for personal taxes shall be necessary. The same law empowers the treasurer to levy and collect such delinquent taxes by distress and the sale of the personal property seized.

Mugle City Gossip.

Not a single arrest was made yesterday for intoxication. A. J. Nixon has returned from a two weeks' stay in Colorado. T. G. Seville, Twenty-seventh and C streets, reports the birth of a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Walmer have returned from a two weeks' visit at St. Louis. Mrs. W. L. Holland has returned from Los Angeles, Cal., where she spent a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rich leave today for Estes Park, Colo., to spend a couple of weeks. Jacob Meisner is acting temporarily as inspector of the laying of curbing on Railroad avenue. Judge Jacob Levy has returned from Bonneton, S. D., where he registered for a tract of land. Charles Schaub, one of the tellers at the Farmers' National bank, is away on a two weeks' vacation. Miss Flynn was the winner of the diamond ring at the social given by St. Bridget's parish Tuesday night. A meeting of the directors of the local Young Men's Christian association is to be held at the association rooms tonight. The Christian Women's Board of Missions of the Christian church will meet Friday with Mrs. J. B. Orange, Twenty-second and H streets.

VETERAN FIREMEN'S PLANS

Will Send Two Delegates to Attend the Convention at St. Louis Next Month.

At the regular meeting of the Veteran Firemen's association, held in Chief Salter's office last evening, it was decided to send two delegates to the firemen's convention and tournament at St. Louis August 22 to 25, inclusive, which has been designated as firemen's week at the exposition. The convention will be held from August 22 to 24 and the tournament, the balance of the week. Fire apparatus from all parts of the country will be on the ground and a big time is anticipated. Frank H. Koester, secretary of the local veterans, has been selected as one of the delegates and President Hunt will appoint the second soon. Alfred R. Tooser, a resident of Omaha for forty-one years and a member of the old volunteer fire guard, announced that he expected to leave Omaha in a week or so to take up his residence in the state of Washington. It was voted to retain his name on the membership list without the payment of further dues.

Stowell Has a Problem.

J. C. Stowell, 33 North Twenty-fifth street is undecided in his mind whether he is the greatest fool living or that that personage is to be found among the ranks of the Omaha police. According to the police Stowell is passing his time away by throwing his money into the cash register of various saloons night before last, left the heat and took out a mistake and he left the saloon he made a mistake and took a coat belonging to another person. Yesterday he found out his mistake and went around the saloons he thought he had

OUT BOTH HORSE AND MONEY

Teamster Buys Stolen Animal from Stranger, Who Gets Cash.

OWNER OF HORSE IS VICTIM'S EMPLOYER

Imposter Takes Fifty-Five Dollars and Agrees to Return for Balance, but is Still Absent.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," solemnly muttered Abraham White, 117 South Tenth street, who paid a stranger \$55 for a horse and later discovered that the animal was one that had strayed away from White's employer and for which the latter had been diligently looking for several days.

The stranger who "bounced" White has not been seen since the transaction, although he was to return and collect \$10 balance on the price asked for the horse. White was such an honest looking man that the stranger agreed to accept \$10, which was all White had with him, and call later in the day for the balance. Up to a day or so ago White was doing grading work for Owen Bros., who have their camp at Twentieth street and Poppleton avenue. Tuesday John Owen called White's attention to the fact that one of his horses was balky and said he would have to get a better animal if he wanted to stay in their employ. Tuesday evening a stranger waited on White, said he understood he had an undesirable horse. The stranger said he had such a horse as White ought to have in the grading business. White wanted to know the price. The stranger wanted the money—and got it.

Buys His Employer's Horse.

By appointment White and the stranger met Wednesday morning and started out to see the horse. They stopped at one of the depots on their way so that the stranger could see after some shipments of hogs and sheep he was expecting. White thought he expected them. They arrived at Twenty-third and Bancroft streets and found the horse tied to a tree. It was a fine animal and \$55 was cheap. White thought. The stranger agreed to take \$35 down and to call for the balance later in the day.

White felt jubilant. He hurried to the Owen grading camp, sought his employer and told him of his good fortune. Owen told White to sit down a few minutes and let the horse nibble the grass round the camp. Owen then telephoned the police station, saying the horse he had described as having been stolen from the camp the day before had been returned. The police are looking for the man who stole the horse. White is out and Owen Bros. have come into their own.

DECIDES TO STAY IN OMAHA

Sloux City Visitor with Three Dollars Coin Works His Way Free Through Omaha.

If Charles Carlson of Sloux City had stopped when he got enough Wednesday afternoon he would have been ahead of the game, but he could not stand prosperity, so was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and fined \$4 and costs when he arrived in Omaha. He started to make the round of the North Sixteenth street saloons, tendering in payment for drinks his gold coin, which was refused by the various bartenders, who were not familiar with that denomination of coinage. Consequently the Iowa citizen was placed on the free list at every liquor emporium he visited. It was just like getting money from home, thought Carlson, who finally acquired a greater load than he could move over the bad pavement of North Sixteenth street.

Carlson told Judge Berka he had come from Sloux City with \$5 in his pocket, still had his wealth intact, and the taste of fine time besides, so he thought he would stay in Omaha.

READY FOR LIVELY CAMPAIGN

Republican State Headquarters at Murray Hotel is Formally Opened.

The headquarters of the republican state committee at the Murray hotel has been formally opened and Chairman Burgess is now preparing for the work of the campaign. Only a few clerks are now at work, but within a few weeks there will be a large force and the eight rooms of the committee on the parlor floor of the Murray will be one of the busiest places in the city of Omaha.

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year he comprised of eight members, instead of six as heretofore. The extra two places will be given one to Douglas and the other to Lancaster county. The chairman expects to announce his appointments this week or the first of next week.

"We will not get down to real business," said Mr. Burgess, "until the executive committee is appointed and takes up its duties. Then we will proceed to make things lively throughout the state. We expect to roll up the largest republican majority that Nebraska has shown in a good many years."

INTRUDER ELUDES POLICE

Bold, Bad Man Escapes Through Saloon from Small Army of Officers.

Early Thursday morning the police station was notified by telephone that a burglar was in Tobin's saloon at 512 South Tenth street and that Officer Shepherd was in trouble. There was a general rush of reporters, detectives and policemen to the spot where they found Shepherd guarding a back window with a drawn revolver and the front door torn open. "Don't go in there," said Shepherd as Detective Dan Baldwin made a move to enter the house. "Don't go in there. He is waiting for you."

Baldwin, with a muttered curse, pushed Shepherd aside and, going through the window, started a hunt. Sergeant Dempsey followed and after the place had been thoroughly searched it was discovered the burglar had torn the padlock off the front door and fled. Officer Shepherd said he first noticed the man by his attention being drawn to the fact that the lights were turned low. He told a hotel clerk to telephone the station, and running around to the back window, arrived there just in time to see a head popping out.

"I was not three feet from the man," said the officer, "and took four shots at him and I am sure I hit him."

The police were unable to discover any blood stains and came to the conclusion that the lone burglar had just completely outwitted everybody.



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