AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Council Orders the Indexing of All Ordinances of the City.

ACTION IS TAKEN ON CITY HALL SITE

Location to be Submitted to Voters at the Same Time the Bond Proposition is Voted On—High Man Takes It.

At the meeting of the city council held last night the attention of the authorities was called to the condition of the city ordinances. At the suggestion of City Attorney Lambert the city clerk and Assistant City Attorney Winters will index the ordinances and prepare this index under proper heads and subheads, so that records can be easily obtained. For the work the council agrees to pay the city clerk and Attorney Winters $150. At the present time there are about 1,500 regular and 200 special ordinances. The last compilation of city ordinances cost something like $800, but this new work is only an index. The city attorney's idea is to carry ordinances under heads and subheads, so that it is really as valuable as a compilation would be. This work will take a couple of months to complete. This index will be printed in pamphlet form for distribution to the public.

A petition signed by John J. Ryan and sixteen others was presented asking that a water main be extended from Thirty-ninth street west on S street to Forty-fourth street. This communication went to the fire and water committee for a report.

Councilman Adkins introduced a resolution regarding the site for a city hall building and it carried unanimously. This resolution declares that at the coming election ballots will be prepared and given to voters to express a preference for a city hall site. The sites named in the resolution are: Northwest corner Twenty-fifth and N streets, southwest corner Twenty-fifth and M streets, Twenty-third and M streets, southwest corner Twenty-fourth and O streets, southeast corner Twenty-fifth and O streets, southwest corner Twenty-fifth and M streets and the property north of the new Beck building on Twenty-fourth street.

The resolution concludes: "That in the event of the bonds carrying, the location receiving the greatest number of votes shall be selected as a city hall site, providing that the same can be purchased for a reasonable sum. That in the event that the same cannot be bought for a reasonable price then the location receiving the next highest vote shall be selected, providing it may be bought for a reasonable price."

Kiewit wants an ordinance drafted by the city attorney making it a misdemeanor to expectorate on city sidewalks. The ordinance will be drawn when the city attorney gets around to it.

A list of judges and clerks for the election on April 4 was sent down by F. A. Broadwell, clerk of the district court, and it was ratified by the council.

The salaries for March amounted to $1,932. All the list was allowed. The fire department roll was for $840 and the police $1,260.

An ordinance for the paving of Q street from Thirty-third to the city limits was read for the first time and referred to the judiciary committee.

The Missouri avenue paving and grading ordinance passed the council and was immediately signed by the mayor.

While the council adjourned for a week an informal meeting is to be held with Andrew Rosewater of Omaha Thursday night in regard to the sewer system in South Omaha.

Republican Rally Tonight.

A. H. Murdock, chairman of the republican city central committee, has sent out notices for a big rally tonight at Workmen temple. The object of this meeting is to put before the people the pledges of the republican candidates for the Board of Education. Three members of this board are to be elected this spring for a three-year term. The candidates are Dana Morrill, Jay Laverty and Dr. W. L. Curtis. At the meeting tonight Chairman Murdock will speak and Henry C. Murphy is down for an address. J. H. VanDusen is to be called upon for a few remarks.

Using Streets for Gardens.

Joseph Moran has sent a communication to the city authorities complaining that Walter C. Wyrick is plowing up a portion of Washington street near Twenty-sixth street and proposes using it for a truck garden. The request is that a stop be put to his plans. The council committee on viaducts, streets and alleys will be called upon by the mayor to make an investigation and report.

Nineteenth Annual Meeting.

On Wednesday of this week the nineteenth annual meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers' association will commence at Norfolk. J. A. McLean, superintendent of schools in South Omaha, is the president of the association and will leave today for Norfolk to complete arrangements for the meeting. N. M. Graham, principal of the South Omaha High school, has been given a place on the program along with a number of other Magic City school teachers. On account of the school being given a vacation this week it is thought quite a number of teachers from this city will attend the session, which commences Wednesday and ends on Friday.

Miss Lovely Sues City.

Miss May Lovely has started suit against the city of South Omaha for damages amounting to $10,200. Late last fall Miss Lovely and Mrs. L. H. Proudfoot were driving along South Twenty-fourth street when the horse shied at a roller used by Contractor Hannon in the paving then being laid. The horse ran away and both women were thrown out and physicians say they were quite badly injured. The claim of Mrs. Proudfoot for a small amount was disallowed by the council, and the filing of a claim for such a large amount by Miss Lovely was a surprise. City Attorney Lambert stated last evening that the case would be contested, and taken to the supreme court if necessary. Under his agreement with the city the paving contractor was compelled to keep all tools, rollers, etc., on the ground during the progress of the work. The west side of the street was open to traffic, but the roller rested on an unfinished portion of the work on the east side of the car tracks.

Want City to Sprinkle Streets.

A petition is being circulated among the business men of South Omaha which is to be presented to the council before long asking that the municipality take charge of the sprinkling of streets. For some years an independent street sprinkler has been in operation, but this has not been at all satisfactory for the reason that this independent sprinkler starts late in the spring and quits early in the fall.

Improvement Club Meeting Tonight.

This evening the Northeast Improvement club will meet at Twenty-fourth and F streets. A report from a committee will be received regarding the paving of Twenty-third street from the city limits on the north to L street on the south. This committee has been busy for some time securing signatures to this paving petition and it is expected it will be ready to report on tonight. Every member of the club is urged to be present tonight, as other improvements will be discussed.

New Commercial Club.

An adjourned meeting of those interested in forming a new commercial club was held at Workman temple last night. About sixty business men were present. Dr. W. J. McCrann was elected permanent president; C. A. Dunham, treasurer; E. B. Towl, first vice president and F. A. Cressey, second vice president. The secretaryship remains in the hands of H. M. Christie, who agrees to serve temporarily.

These directors were named: C. A. Dunham, T. J. O'Neil, E. B. Towl, J. E. O'Hern, M. R. Murphy, E. B. Shugart, W. J. McCrann, H. M. Christie, E. Munshaw, Henry Murphy, G. F. Beavers, J. J. Markey, John Flynn, George Gibbs, F. A. Cressey, W. B. Cheek, Colonel James G. Martin, James H. Bulla, J. S. Walters, C. W. Miller and J. M. Guild.

The club will proceed at once to look for permanent quarters.

Mayor Signs Warrant.

Just before the city council convened last night Mayor Koutsky signed the warrant for $600 in favor of J. H. VanDusen and F. A. Brogan for services rendered in the Fire and Police board case. The mayor was compelled by mandamus proceedings to attach his signature to this warrant.

Magic City Gossip.

Joseph Duffy, Fortieth and Q streets, reports the arrival of a daughter at his home.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duval, 1305 North Twenty-fourth street.

M. Takayama was fined $2 and costs by Police Judge King yesterday for shooting within the city limits.

Mrs. B. E. Wilcox and Mrs. P. H. Honey have returned from Dallas, Tex., where they spent a few weeks.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown was buried at Laurel Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon.

All those interested in the public schools are invited to attend the rally at Workman temple this evening.

It is reported that tickets are selling rapidly for the Vaughn lecture, to be delivered at Workman temple on Thursday evening of this week.

The supply committee of the Board of Education has purchased from the Collins Music company a Hanover piano for $525. This piano will be placed in the auditorium of the High school building.

John C. Owens died yesterday at his home, Nineteenth and Missouri avenue. Pneumonia was the cause of death. The remains will be forwarded today to Skidmore, Mo., for interment.

Genuine Heyn photos always are marked with an H before the Heyn. 318-20-22 S. 15th st., 2-story building on west side of street.

Another Improvement Club.

A call has been issued for a meeting of residents of Sherman avenue and other citizens of the north side, Tuesday evening at McKinley hall, corner of Locust street and Sherman avenue. Organization will be effected and the policy of the club will be outlined. This action is taken in the belief that the neighborhood will get few improvements from the city government unless the people get together and work for what they want. Those instrumental in calling the meeting point to the good results of the work of other improvement clubs in the city. Parks, boulevards, sidewalks and grading are among the subjects to be discussed.

Bad Boy Confesses.

Willie Bracken, 12 years old, has confessed to the theft of fourteen boxes of cigars from the store of F. Heyn, 1522 Leavenworth street, Saturday night. He is in the matron's department at the city jail and will be turned over to "Mogy" Bernstein. The boy has long been known as incorrigible and was in jail once before for stealing a horse and buggy. Monday, while the matron was absent, he tore her gas stove to pieces and soaked the room and its contents by squirting water from a faucet.

AT THE PLAY HOUSES.

"Macbeth" at the Boyd.

John Griffith, a tragedian of the old school, and his company presented "Macbeth" to a slender audience at the Boyd theater last night. Mr. Griffith's methods are those of a by-gone day; he has the robust physique and the big, resonant voice, which he uses unsparingly, and quite effectively in his milder moments, but his passions are surely terrible, while his remorse was quite equal to anything Macbeth or any other self-convicted miscreant might have felt. Edward Sullivan does his Macduff quite intelligently. In fact, his was the one bit of acting that seemed to really deserve the attention the production was given by the few present. The others in the company are reasonably well qualified for the task set for them. The engagement was for a single performance.

AK-SAR-BEN AND THE PUBLIC

Samson Has His Ears Open Waiting to be Called to Get the Needed Cash.

Whether there will be any electrical or daylight parades at the fall festivities this year is something that the Board of Governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben would like to know. The subject is now before them, and they hesitate to solve it before the business men and railroads are given a chance, for unless the latter speak the answer to the question will be in the negative. Last year the parades cost $15,000, of which business interests contributed one-half and the street fair the remainder. The governors think this is not right and if the town wants the parades, particularly the electrical parade, which has long been one of the accepted wonders of the west, it should go down in its pockets and pay for it. Especially is it desired that the railroads, the brewers, the saloon and hotel and restaurant men cough, not slightly, but loud enough to be heard by the treasurer. Pending the epidemic of coughing the board holds its decision, but everything else is going forward smoothly for the annual summer of initiations and the ten days' autumn frolic.

At the meeting of the governors last night the date of the festivities was fixed for the time beginning September 27 and ending October 7. It is planned for the Horse show to follow, rather than precede, the gaiety this fall.

Initiations will begin at the den on the first Monday night in June, or the 5th of that month. This is a week ahead of last year, but the show itself, which is in course of concoction, is promised to be miles ahead of anything yet.

Archie Love was elected a member of the board in the place of Luther L. Kountze, whose term expired last fall and whose place had not been filled. Thomas A. Fry's resignation was accepted, principally because Mr. Fry had worked as a governor for nearly eleven years. C. A. Wilhelm's resignation was turned down rudely, because he has not completed his term of three years and the governors do not propose letting him get out of his share of work.

No Excess Fare Charged on Nickel Plate Road.

Its trains are composed of the best equipment, consisting of through vestibuled sleeping cars in both directions between Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, New York, Boston and intermediate points, with unexcelled dining car service, meals being served in Nickel Plate dining cars on the American club meal plan, ranging in price from 35 cents to $1; midday luncheon, 50 cents.

Train No. 2, leaving Chicago at 10:35 a. m. daily, has through vestibuled sleepers for Boston via Nickel Plate, West Shore and Boston & Maine roads and through vestibuled sleepers to New York and intermediate points via Nickel Plate and both the Lackawanna and West Shore roads.

Train No. 4, leaving Chicago at 2:30 p. m. daily, has through vestibuled sleeping cars for Buffalo, New York and intermediate points.

Train No. 6, leaving Chicago at 9:15 p. m. daily, has through vestibuled sleeping cars for Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, New York and intermediate points, arriving at New York City early the second morning.

Rates always the lowest. Write, 'phone or call on nearest ticket agent, or John Y. Calahan, General Agent, Nickel Plate Road, 113 Adams street, room 298, Chicago; Chicago Depot, LaSalle and Van Buren streets.

Niagara Falls, Mohawk Valley and Hudson River.

Travelers using the New York Central lines are, in addition to a fast, safe and luxurious train service, favored with scenic attractions of unparalleled interest, including Niagara Falls, the Mohawk valley and the Hudson river.

The points mentioned possess the charm of historic associations as well as scenic beauty, and it is small wonder that the New York Central is the popular route between the west and the east.

Homeseekers' Excursions.

The Chicago Great Western railway will on the first and third Tuesdays of each month sell tickets at one far plus $2 for the round trip to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. For further information apply to S. D. Parkhurst, general agent, 1512 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

Live lobsters, California hard-shell crabs, Lymhaven bay shell oysters, green sea turtle soup Tuesday and Friday. Genuine imported beer on draught. Ed Maurer, 1309 Farnam street.

Buy Constant Oil stock. 301 N. Y. L. F2234.

Hotel Clerks' Association.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Hotel Clerks' association of Omaha was held last evening in the Murray hotel. The only question under discussion was the proposed step to indorse the movement that meets with considerable favor to organize the Nebraska State Hotel Clerks' association, a step that would involve the abandonment of the local organization. At the meeting last evening the discussion was strongly in favor of the proposed change. A committee was appointed to formulate a definite plan of organization, so that it could be brought up for discussion at some future meeting.

STREET IS STILL HELD BACK

Council Not Yet Ready to Make the Donation Asked by Webster.

John R. Webster of the Omaha Bridge & Terminal company appeared before the general committee of the city council again yesterday afternoon to urge that Chicago street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and the alley north, be donated to the terminal company for use in establishing a freight house and other new industries. Councilman Hoye took issue with Mr. Webster as to whether the city should receive compensation for the land. Hoye said he wanted the matter put in the hands of the city appraising board and handled in the usual way, as he did not see any reason why streets and alleys should be given to a railroad company when private firms and individuals have to pay for similar concessions. Most of the other councilmen seem to be in favor of donating the land. The matter was left open and an ordinance will be introduced into the council this week.

B. D. Dailey appeared on behalf of the Prospect Hill Improvement club with the request that the city appropriate $150 or so to buy a hose reel to equip a volunteer fire department for the protection of property in the extreme northwestern part of the city. Mr. Dailey said his locality was one mile from the nearest fire station at Thirtieth and Spaulding streets, and that a building had never ignited that did not burn to the ground. He said he had asked the Fire and Police board to equip the company and that they had agreed to furnish hose, but said they had no authority to buy a reel. The volunteer company is to provide its own quarters and the councilmen looked upon the proposition with favor. Councilman Evans took the matter in hand.

It was agreed by the councilmen that the body no longer has any right to order the installation of new fire hydrants and that the new water law places such powers in the hands of the Water board. Water Board Member Howell so informed Councilman Huntington a few days ago. Therefore the committee decided to pass such ordinances of the kind as are before it and refer them to the Water board. Whether the old ordinance, providing for a 20 per cent cut in water rates, should be referred to the Water board, placed on file, or passed because such passage now would have no effect, was left open, but Councilman Schroeder will bring in a report recommending the document be placed on file.

Following the lead of other city officers who use a horse and buggy in their work, License Inspector Scott asked the council to allow him $15 a month to support the equine. It was agreed to allow him the money. This makes a total of $480 a year for the purpose that has been voted by the council within the last several weeks.

FRED METZ'S NEW SPRING HAT

Something of a Beauty and Tangled up With a Pair of Good Stories.

Fred Metz, prominent knight of Ak-Sar-Ben and member of the Metz Brewing company, owns perhaps the costliest men's spring hat in Omaha. Its retail worth is quoted at $25 and its texture and workmanship are exceptionally fine—so fine in fact that Metz is afraid to wear it until Easter morning. The hat is a light-colored fedora and was won on a bet. A year or so ago Metz fell in with a salesman of an eastern hat company who wanted to wager that the attendance at the St. Louis exposition would be more than that of the Columbian exposition in Chicago in 1903. He was taken up and a new hat made the stake. The Omahan had forgotten all about the matter until the other day when a local furnisher called him up and told him his hat had arrived and then explained what he meant. The brewer told some of his friends and mentioned the exceeding price of the skypiece. They procured the oldest, dirtiest and most disreputable hat they could find, wrapped it carefully in the approved box after covering it with many layers of tissue paper and sent it to Mr. Metz. They were present when he opened it and heard him swear. After he had fully resigned himself to the pleasure of wearing a $25 hat a boy showed up with the real thing. It cost Metz just about twice the price of the hat in the end.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Not in ten generations has such a combination of talent been offered the American public as is now presented in Sembrich and Caruso. Mme. Sembrich stands today alone as the most dazzling of colaraturе artists, while Mr. Caruso, with a tenor voice of such beauty that mere words can never describe it, has swept through the cities of the west like a whirlwind.

The opera in which these two artists are to be heard is "Lucia di Lammermoor," the masterpiece of Donizetti. This is the opera which initiated Chicago's grand opera season one week ago last Monday evening and to describe the demonstration on that occasion when Sembrich and Caruso were heard in the sextette is quite impossible. Omaha is to hear this opera on Thursday evening next, identically as it was heard in Chicago, and it is safe to say that the Auditorium will be packed to suffocation on that occasion, for such an opportunity has not come to this community in half a century and may never come again. Sure it is that anyone missing this musical treat can never forgive himself. The advance guard of the company will arrive in the city this evening, among the artists being Miss Olive Fremstad, Messrs. Burgstaller, Van Rooy, Goritz and Conductor Hertz. All these artists will be quartered at the Iler Grand and are coming one day ahead that they may be fully rested up and be in fine fettle for the grand production of "Parsifal" tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. This performance will begin at 5 p. m., with the first act ending at 6:45, and then will follow an intermission of two hours until 8:45 for dinner, and the whole will end at about 11:30.

Mr. Conried's representative feels highly elated at the promising outlook for Wednesday and Thursday's performances. He has pinned his absolute faith to the Omaha public and he feels confident that this faith will not be put to shame.

Choice seats are still to be had for the performance of "Parsifal" as well as "Lucia" at $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3 and $4 at the office of the Piano Player company, 1518 Harney street.

Joseph Murphy, the legitimate Irish comedian, now playing an engagement at the Krug theater, will change his bill to "Shaun Rhue," which he will play tonight and tomorrow matinee and night.

Harry B. Davis, undertaker. Tel. 1226.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses to marry have been issued by the county judge:

Name.	Age.
Fred A. Knight, Irvington, Neb.	42
Ida L. Gilson, DeBolt, Neb.	37
William Foley, Carson, Ia.	38
Minnie Allen, Oakland, Ia.	27
Hans Garner, Omaha	21
Ethel McKee, Omaha	18

18 K. wedding rings. Edholm, jeweler.

HELLO GIRLS HARD TO GET

One of the Great Problems of Handling a Telephone Exchange is to Keep Good Operators.

"The problem of securing and retaining the right kind of female labor in the telephone exchanges all over the country has grown more difficult year by year as the service increases and the demands made more exacting," said S. P. Kelley of the engineering department of the Nebraska Telephone company to the Electrical club at the Young Men's Christian association last night.

"It will be a matter of time only until Omaha will be forced to have a training school for operators the same as has been established in New York and other cities. This has been found to be economical and much more satisfactory than the old way of teaching a new girl the business.

"But getting the girls who can do their work well, not offend the public and stay with their jobs is what perplexes the exchange manager. In every large city constant study is given the question of what class of girls make the best and most reliable operators. In Chicago the decision has been reached that the Irish-American girls are the best because they are quick-witted, can handle the public easily and hold their tempers. They also remain longer than do girls of other nationalities. But St. Louis declares that German-American girls are the best there. In Omaha I do not think the classifications have been made in this way.

"Another problem of operating is how to keep the girls interested in their work and the standard of efficiency maintained. In Chicago there are sixteen large exchanges. They compete every month for the honor of the best handled exchange and a prize in the shape of books, which go to make larger libraries that have been started in every exchange and which have proved to be a refining influence with the operators. In Omaha the merit system, or graduated pay on the basis of efficiency, was tried to keep up the grade of work.

"Recent developments have reduced the number of operators in telephone work, but in all kinds of equipment the tendency has been to more expensive and complicated machinery, which is expected to save money in the long run. If present indications are realized, however, new inventions will in the future reduce the cost of operating telephone lines to a small fraction of what it is now."

JUVENILE COURT VISITORS

Judges of District Court Name Board Called for Under the New Law.

The judges of the district court have named the members of the visiting committee for the juvenile court. The appointments were: H. W. Pennock, Mrs. F. J. McShane, Mrs. Draper Smith and C. C. Belden. The committee's duty is to investigate places of detention, correction and punishment of juveniles and act in a general advisory position toward the court.

A. O. U. W. Notice.

Members of 159 and all members of the A. O. U. W. are invited to attend a smoker given by North Omaha lodge No. 159 at the temple, 119 North 14th street, Wednesday evening, March 29. Grand lodge officers and other noted members will be present.

W. H. KELLOGG, M. W.
F. M. M'CULLOUGH, Recorder.

Schultz in Bad Condition.

The condition of Alexander Schultz, who was severely beaten by Gus Christianson Sunday evening on Garfield avenue, continues to be such that the police decline to admit Christianson to bail. It probably will be several days before it can be determined exactly the extent of Schultz's injuries.

IMPROVERS ARE AGAIN BUSY

Central Park and North Omaha Clubs Hold Important and Well Attended Meetings.

The Central Park Improvement club held a very busy meeting last night and got through with a big grist of work. Crosswalks and sidewalks were the general burden of the complaints last night, and the committee to look after these matters was instructed to get busy and see what could be done toward improving the conditions along these lines. That they are needed and very urgently needed is evident to anyone who has occasion to traverse the Central Park streets. Petitions will be at once filed for new crosswalks at Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second streets and Fortieth avenue and Ames avenue, and at various points along Grand avenue and Saratoga street.

More light is also wanted and the club is determined not to be sidetracked with the plea that the light fund is exhausted and overdrawn and that further lights were out of the question for the district. The street car matter came up for a vigorous airing. It was thought that this can be materially improved by a proper presentation of the facts and these facts will be presented to the street railway authorities.

Boulevard matters were also talked of and the special committee having that matter in charge reported that the park commissioners with the special committee made a tour of the proposed route of the boulevard from the terminus in Bemis park to make a detour around Walnut Hill, Clifton Hill, of the Deaf and Dumb institution to Fontanelle park, and thence to Grand avenue, west of Fort Omaha to Kansas avenue or Nebraska avenue, and thence to Miller park.

Next Monday evening an entertainment program will be given in connection with attractive social features. The program will comprise a recitation by Prof. G. M. Ritchie, music and other diversions.

The North Omaha Improvement club held its regular monthly social meeting last night at Magnolia hall, with a big attendance. The affair was under the charge of the women folks, and the program comprised dancing, music and a varied entertainment. It was a big success socially and financially. The club will hold its regular business meeting next Monday night, at which some very important matters will be taken up and disposed of. The boulevard and street parking scheme is up for further discussion, as well as a number of street grade and sidewalk improvement matters.

WOMAN AND THE SOCIALISTS

Mrs. Dunham Lectures on the Topic, Expounding Her Views and Opinions.

Mrs. Marion Dunham of Burlington, Ia., state president of the Iowa Women's Christian association during the last fifteen years, delivered an address last evening at 519 North Sixteenth street on the subject of "Woman and Her Relations to the Socialist Movement." When it was learned that Mrs. Dunham was in Council Bluffs yesterday an invitation was extended her to come to Omaha and deliver an address. Owing to her long continued activity in movements that especially appeal to women Mrs. Dunham was able to impart a special degree of interest to her subject. Her views on the question were illuminated by a wealth of knowledge of actual conditions to be met with in the advancement of the condition of women generally and of socialism. She said that while she was an ardent socialist and believed the day was not far distant when the rights of women and men would be equal in every respect, nevertheless it was the duty of women to thoroughly familiarize themselves with all that was involved in the securing of equal rights, that they would be better able to discharge their duty.