REFORM IN CIVIL SERVICE

Omaha Woman's Club Listens to Talk on Interesting Topic.

MERIT SYSTEM IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Speakers Handle Various Phases of the Subject and Present Many Views for Its Consideration.

Civil service reform, now being discussed by women's clubs all over the country, was the subject under consideration yesterday afternoon at a union meeting at the First Congregational church of the federated wemen's chibs of Omaha and the Century club of South Omaha. Flye addresses on the subject were given by eading public men of this city and South Omaha. Owing to lack of time, the length of the business was limited and the speaksmall phase of the subject. Mrs. F. H. Cole, chairman of the meeting, said in behalf of the club that she hoped each one of the speakers would be able to ad-

say all he wished. The meeting opened with an address of velcome by Mrs. I. R. Andrews, president of the Omaha Woman's club, A plane duet was given by Miss Grace Hancock and Miss Henrietta Rees. Then Edward service. Rosewater, who delivered the principal address of the afternoon, spoke in part as

The administration of public affairs on high plane of capacity, integrity and fidelity is of comparative recent date in the most enlightened nations of Europe. In all European countries public office was for centuries regarded and treated as the prerogative of the ruling classes. It is still largely monopolized by the scions of nobility and their favorites in smaller monarchies of Europe. In Germany and France they have no civil service laws like ours, but appointment and promotion in public office depend in a great measure upon examination, which, howevar, are not competitive, in our sense The service there is a growth, not a legislative creation, as it is in the United

Experience in England. Up to 1870 in Great Britain the right of selection for official piaces below the heads of departments was substantially in the hands of members of Parliament and was used in making friends for themselves in places for their favorites. Not until then was official monopoly of nomi-

nations broken up. "In Great Britain, the examinations held by the civil service commissioners are open ditionally to all native-born and naturalsed citizens of Great Britain, irrespective of politics, religion or place of residence. They are of three kinds: Open competition, competition limited to a selected number of candidates mominated by the head of the department in which the vacancy exists, and non-competitive examination of persons appointed to office by the heads of departments, subject to the condition that they satisfy the civil service commissioners of their ability to discharge the duties of

"Among the positions filled by appoint-



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ment, subject to non-competitive examina ions, are those of postmuster, letter car rier transmitter attached to the diplomati

on, vice consul and consul. "Letter carriers are examined in reading, opying, manuscript writing and arithme ic. Postmasters are examined in the same ubjects and in spelling.

Employment of Women. Employment of women in the civil serv is limited to comparatively few posi-They serve as postmistresses, clerks, sorters, telegraphers in the postoffices and as typewriters in others departments, but with those exceptions they are employed only as matrons, housekeepers and a few other isolated and unimportant positions

"The Netherlands have adopted the meri ytem in its most radical form. The priniple of competitive examination is not aplied to the lowest grades of the service to he same extent as in the United States. It does not apply to letter carriers, copysts or laborers, but all the higher offices elow the grade of secretary general to lepartment are filled either by examination promotion within the department from nferior positions filled by examinations. ers were obliged to confine themselves to a Promotion, as well as appointment, is in many cases made dependent on examina-

Among other countries discussed by Mr. Rosewater were Italy, Norway and Russia. dress the club at a time when he could Italy has the competitive examination sysem. In Russia and Norway appointments are made without examination. In Russia members of the orthodox church have adyantage over Protestants add Catholics. while Jows are excluded from the civil

Concerning the consular system of Great Britain, Mr. Rosewater said: "It is to the searching character of the examinations that the excellence of the British consular service is due. The candidate is required, in addition to a perfect knowledge of the English language, to speak and write Freuch correctly and fluently, to have a sufficient knowledge of the current language of the post at which he is to reside to enable him to communicate directly with the authorities and natives of Russia, Australia, Italy and most of the the place. Consuls are required to possess familiarity with the principles of British mercantile and commercial law relating to shipping, bills of exchange, contracts for

carriage of goods and contracts of marine

insurance. Civil Service in United States. Dr. George L. Miller talked on the advance of civil service reform in the United States. He spoke of the recognition of merit in the early administration of the the doctrine was promulgated, "To the victor belongs to spoils." Then he noted the conditions of affairs which led to reaction and universal protest, ending with the beginnings of reform in 1867. Roosevelt he praised as an agitator of civil service reform and a factor in bringing it about. He believed that we are in the midst of likely to be crushed by the centralization of power, such as President Roosevelt is favoring in his present attitude on the question of ratiroad commissions. Diaz. he said, has long held the Republic of Mexico in the hollow of his hand by the very agencies now being promulgated for

the control of this government. Merit System in Schools.

Superintendent W. M. Davidson of the city schools and Superintendent McLean of South Omaha spoke of the merit system in the selection of teachers in the public schools. Mr. Davidson explained the present universal reform agitation by the fact that the new generation has been trained in the schools and colleges to a higher ideal of citizenship.

Dr. A. B. Somers, discussing the applica-ion of civil service rules to the care of infortunates, talk of the surface of the s unfortunates, told of the system prevailing in Iowa. That state removed the power of appointment in state institutions from the governor and placed it with a board of control. Such a law, he said, has failed of passage in Nebraska because of the fear of the legislators of losing political

R. E. Stewart, superintendent of the Nebraska School for the Deaf, emphasized the mportance of the merit system in selecting teachers for the deaf. A class of five children from the school was present and exemplified the methods of teaching. After the program a reception in honor of the twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Woman's club was held.

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Appropriements of the Theaters. When Henrietta Crosman first presented Mistress Nell" in New York she literally took the metropolis by storm. All the critics joined in hailing her as the greatest of American comediennes, and the public crowded the little theater night after night. She was moved into one of the larger theaters of the city, and the crowds still Of this total 2,341 head went to Iowa and ame. This play is the play she will preent at the Boyd on Thursday evening of this week, it being her first visit to Omaha larger than for some time past, the week's since she has been halled as a star. The bill will be repeated on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the matinee, and on Saturday evening Miss Crosman will be seen in a great double bill, "Nance oldfield," in which she has made a decided hit, and a one-act society tragedy, "Madeeine," in which the gifted actress shows that she can sound depths as well of ragedy as of comedy and pathos.

The Orpheum will give an extra Della which will be attended by one of the largest theater parties of the season. The Shriners have taken 500 seats for their women and children in a body. The same popular prices of all the mid-week matinees will prevail. Paul Powell's marionettes, one of the headliners, is one of the prettiest and most attractive features for children as well as adults that has been seen

at the popular vaudeville house

Obesity in America. A New Yorker recently undertook a long fast, for the second time, to reduce his weight, but such heroic methods are not likely to be adopted by many. Moderation in diet, however, has long been recommended, but never more so than now, and particularly so in conjunction with certain mineral waters, the use of which is strongly advised by some medical authorities. The say that the efficacy of a Hungarian aperient water named Apenta for the systematic treatment of obesity is clinically established; a leading Berlin medical journal speaking of observations made in the famous clinic of Prof. Gerhardt at the Charity hospital, Berlin, says that this Apenta water produces a reduction of fat in the body without detriment. The necessity for this moderation in diet almost leads one to picture the typical American of the present day as rotund and bucoll rather than long and lanky, as has been the favorite characterisation of Uuncle Sam.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Deputy Assessors.

FOURTEEN WHO WILL LIST PROPERTY

Work to Begin Monday of Next Week and Continue Until Middle of June, When Figures Must Be Computed.

At a meeting of the city council, held night, Tax Commissioner O'Neil sent in a list of fourteen deputies whom he has ngaged to make the 1965 assessment of real and personal property. The council confirmed the following deputies: S. L. Raynor, J. M. Fitzgerald, G. W. Howe, W. H. Rawley, G. Tylee, Joseph Nodolinski, Fred Carpenter, S. C. Shrigley, Peter Picueur, E. Copenharve, Gus Oleson, James Rybin, M. Fitzgerald and Joseph Pipal. These deputies will commence work on May 1 and the returns must be made by June 15. For compensation the deputies will be paid at the rate of \$3 per day. Councilman Dworak handed in a report recommending that Frank Thompson given the contract of taking care of the

the rate of \$25 per month, the city to furnish the material used. The report was voted down. The street car transfer ordinance drawn at the request of Kiewit and filed with the city clerk on Saturday was withdrawn before the council was called to order. An ordinance prohibiting expectorating on the sidewalks and in public places was

passed. Persons violating this ordinance are subject to a fine of \$10. The request of the police board for new harness and repairs to hose wagons was referred to the fire and water committee of the council with power to act. It ost the city \$20 for a fire insurance of \$1,000 on the emergency hospital.

In order to put a stop to sidewalk in erest drawing warrants the council appropriated \$4,707 to take up outstanding sidewalk warrants. The money to take up these warrants was taken from the scavenger fund. This action cleans up all outstanding indebtedness on sidewalk ac-

counts. A large number of permanent walks were ordered laid in all parts of the city. government and the extermination of the City Clerk Gillin was directed to advertise merit system under Andrew Jackson when for bids for the grading of Sixteenth street from Missouri avenue to I street. Some unimportant routine business in reation to tax cases was disposed of and then the body adjourned for one week.

Library Patrons Increasing. At the present time the patrons of the South Omaha library number 1,535. With only a few over 2,000 volumes in circularevolution in which civil service reform tion a large proportion of the books are out all the time. Of course government records and books of reference are not called for as much as works on history, travel and fiction. One new feature is the collecting of standard magazines. Miss Jane Abbott, the librarian; said yesterday that the spring house-cleaning had resulted in the bringing of a large number of magazines to the library. It is proposed to have these magazines bound as soon as sets are completed. All person having standard magazines are requested to send them to the library in order that full sets may be prepared for binding New books are needed and residents of South Omaha are requested to contribute books to the library. Screens and curtains have been placed at the library build-

The Jetter Brewing company of South Omaha still continues to make improvements. Monday brick laying was comnenced on a \$3,000 brick building at Thirtieth and U streets. The contractors expect to finish this structure within fifty days. Work has also been started on a frame saloon building at Forty-sixth and Q streets to cost not less than \$2,000.

In addition to these two buildings plans have been drawn for a brick and steel cooper shop and pitch shed at the brewery Mr. Jetter stated that it would be twenty or thirty days before work could commence on the new cooper shop on account of the scarcity of good building brick. The cooper shop and pitch shed will be erected on ground north of the brewery and west of the bottling works and when ompleted will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000. It is the intention to make other improvements at the brewery this year, ut arrangements and plans have not been

Feeder Shipments Increasing. There was a liberal movement of feeder cattle and sheep at the yards here last Reports filed at the stock yards week. offices Monday showed that 4,244 head of cattle feeders were sent to the country 1.877 head to Nebraska feed lots. output of feeder sheep and lambs was output being 24,077 head, as compared with 11.545 head the week previous. Most of the sheep feeders consisted of Colorado lambs and were sent to Illinois to be shorn and fattened. Of the total shipments of lambs 22,904 head were shipped to

Hillinois, 760 head to Nebraska feed lots and

413 head to Iowa farms. Beef May Go Higher.

A few cars of Wyoming cattle arrived at the yards yesterday and sold at good prices. Shippers are expecting that the Fox matinee on Wednesday, April 26, price of cattle will go considerable higher. C. L. Talbot, chief brand inspector at the yards here, said last evening that stock growers were looking for an increase in the price of cattle on the hoof. His correspondents assert that stock is in fine condition and that an increase in price of from 50 cents to 75 cents is anticipated. Dealers in meats in South Omaha seem to think that the price of beef will go higher before it lowers to any remarkable extent. Even with the prevailing high prices of meats of all kinds local butchers leclare that there is apparently no falling

off in the demand. Will Inspect Fire Houses Today.

Some time today a committee of the council and two members of the Fire and Police board will visit Omaha fire stations for the purpose of arranging for plans for a barre.

BUFFALO. N. Y., April 23.—William J. Bryan this afternoon addressed a gathering of men at the Young Men's Christian association on "The Prince of Peace." Mr. Bryan left this afternoon for Wilkesbarre. Will Inspect Fire Houses Today. new fire department headquarters to be built here this year. The council commit-British Medical Journal goes so far as to tee will consist of Adkins, Queenan and McCraith, while A. L. Berguist and A. A. Nixon of the fire board will accompany the councilmen. It is the plan to inspect have an architect draw plans suitable for

this week. This work was started last fall, but the cold weather prevented putting of the finishing touches. By the end of the City Council Confirms O'Neil's List of week the roadway will have been put to grade and then the permanent sidewalks ordered will be put down. A great improvement in this one block of street has been made by the grading, and when walks are ald the street will be as good as any unpaved street in the city. A temporary board waik was laid on the north side of the street pending the completion of the work, but as soon as the graders leave permanent walks must be put down.

Arthur Atkinson Arrested.

Monday afternoon Captain Shields arrested Arthur Atkinson and turned him over to C. E. Bowlin, chief of police of Mich. gan City, Ind. Atkinson is wanted for unnection with the robbery of a dry goods was arrested in Council Bluffs on Saturday and will be taken back to Indiana with his brother Arthur. When arrested by Captain Shields Atkinson had nothing to say. Upon seing searched none of the money reported o have been stolen was found on his per He made no resistance when turned over to the officer from Michigan City. His letention in the South Omaha city jail lasted not more than fifteen minutes.

Old Pipe Causes Trouble. While digging up the payement at Tweny-fifth and N streets, preparatory to the lying of a new car track on N street, city fire alarm system for six months at workmen discovered a flow of water below he concrete base. City Engineer Beal was alled on for information and he stated that the leak came from an old lead pipe that was laid on Twenty-fifth street over ten years ago. The street department force was called upon to dig down to the pipe and stop the leak. Owing to the concrete base being so hard it took several hours to reach the old pipe. This leakage is one of the causes of the pavement and the car tracks sinking. Now that repairs have

Magie City Gossip. Frank Flannagan, Twenty-seventh and F streets, reports the birth of a son. Mrs. Peter Sweeney, Thirty-second and R streets, is reported to be seriously ill.

The Eagles' Dress club dance at Workman Temple last night was well attended. H. B. Norris of Humphrey, Neb., was in the city yesterday, the guest of Martin Jetter.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overton, 865 North Twenty-first The Fire and Police board will meet to-night to take action on applications for liquor licenses.

The Burlington viaduot across the tracks t Thirty-ninth and L streets was opened or traffic yesterday. for traffic yesterday.

Dog tags are selling rapidly at the city hall. On May I the city poundmaster will start on his rounds and gather in all the untagged dogs he can find.

On Thursday evening of this week the Latin department of the high school will give an entertainment at the auditorium in the high school building.

Wednesday night the local lodge of Odd fellows will celebrate the eighty-sixth an-diversary of Odd Fellowship in America at the hall, Twenty-fourth and M streets. The Tooter, the organ of the high school, was issued yesterday. With every issue this paper improves, and those in charge are to be congratulated on the contents of the last issue especially.

HALF WORLD DECIDEDLY QUIET Chief and Members of the Police

Board Make a Tour of District.

Acting Mayor Zimman and Police Commissioners Thomas, Broatch and Spratien, companied by Chief of Police Donahue, made a tour of the red light district last night in order to see for themselves how the recent orders affecting the denizens of that part of town were being regarded. erned the conduct of every one, and nothipg was seen that called for special criti-

The examination was a prolonged one and extended to all parts of the district. The fact that the distinguished party was on a tour of inspection seemed to get heralded around with surprising speed, much faster than the party moved, Whether this had something to do with the absence of the usual go-as-you-please conduct of the women, or that they have made up their minds that the orders really nean business and must be obeyed in the future is not known, but the fact was that the submerged has not been as quiet for a long time.

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Attention, F. U. of A. Members of Mondamin lodge No. 111, F. U. of A., are requested to attend the funeral of our late frater, Jacob Kline, from his late residence, 2719 Cuming, Tuesday, April 25, at 1:30 p. m. Interment, Pleasant Hill cemetery. Sister lodges invited.

S. S. ALCOX, Fraternal Master. H. C. H. COOK, Secretary. Harry B. Davis, undertaker. Tel. 1226.

Driver's Leg Broken. Dennis Rose, colored, of 558 North Fortyfifth avenue, a driver for a contractor
named Clarke, while dumping a load of
earth at Thirty-second street and Lincoin
avenue yesterday afternoon, the wagon
upset and falling on Rose broke his leg.
Dr. Porter attended to his injuries and Rose was taken to his home in the patro

Bryan Talks at Y. M. C. A.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

A. B. Wood of the Gering Courier is in C. Tanner of Falls City and B. L. Sco-of Chadron are at the Her Grand.

some of the engine houses in Omaha and have an architect draw plans suitable for South Omaha fire department headquarters.

Finishing J Street Grading.

Owen Bros., who have the contract for grading J street from Twenty-fourth to Havelock are at the her Grand. J. H. Street R. G. Webster and J. Holman of Lincoln; C. W. Friestly of Oakdale and A. L. Beegle of Grand Island are at the Millard.

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Twenty-fifth street, will finish up the work REFORM IN COUNTY AFFAIRS

Commissioners Start Work in Earnest on Promised Retrenchment.

COAL CONTRACTOR TO BE INVESTIGATED

plies for Poor Farm and Hospital to Be Purchased with Great Regard for Economy,

Retrenchment and rigid watchfulness that the county does not get the worst of bargains with contractors of various kinds had the inside track at the meeting of the house in Michigan City. George Atkinson Board of County Commissioners Monday morning. Orders were given for the investigation of reports that the Omaha Coal, Hay and Building Supply company is furnishing short weight coal and fuel of poor quality; County Clerk Drexel was induced o promise that he would dismiss his "tax department" force of six men May 1, meaning a lopping off in monthly expense of \$465, and a resolution was adopted directing Superintendent Mumaugh of the county ospital first to submit all orders for supplies not covered by contracts to Chairman Trainor of the hospital committee before buying.

> Alleged unsatisfactory service from the firm that furnishes coal to deserving poor

Small Tons of Coal Delivered.

upon orders was brought up in a letter from County Agent Glassman, who cited two cases in which he had ordered a ton of coal each for two families. He had the deliveries weighed and found 775 pounds had been left at one house and 885 at another. He said he had been able to investigate only these two of many combeen made no further trouble is expected plaints, declared that much of the fuel supplied is little better than slack and not fit to burn in stoves and recommended that the contract be cancelled. In a letter the coal company explained that there had been a misapprehension in the orders and it was supposed half-ton lots were wanted; urther, that the delinquencies are due to teamsters with whom the firm has been having considerable trouble, discharging three for drunkenness on the very day the errors were made. A willingness to make good all short weights was expressed and romises given for better service in the future. Nevertheless, the commissioners considered the matter a good one for thorough investigation and it was placed in Commissioner McDonald's hands for this

Delicacies at Hospital.

nissioner Trainor introduced the esolution arranging for a check upon the purchases of the hospital superintendent. He produced figures to show that the superintendent has been buying articles not specifically enumerated in the contracts for meats and groceries, although they are provided for in a general way, with the exception of luxuries like "duck" and "mushrooms." Thirty-five pounds of the former at 15 cents a pound were ordered and a quantity of mushrooms as 30 cents a can

"Were there many mushrooms ordered?" was asked Commissioner Trainor. "Quite a few, I understand," he replied

'I can't say that I see any call for this kind of truck at the poor farm. Sick persons may need delicacies, but it looks to me as though mushrooms is going too far. I don't believe in a lot of hardworking, self-supporting people living on liver and bacon in order to supply this kind of feed to dependents."

Among the things bought on a recent order were sausages for 10 cents a pound, contract price 6 cents; mutton for 10 cents with a contract price of 7 cents; boneless ham for 121/2 cents, whereas the contract calls for the superior plain ham at 9 cents and a quantity of seeded raisins for 8 and 10 cents a pound, when the contract price is 6 cents. Other instances were cited whereby stuff was bought for higher prices than is possible under the contracts.

Casting Off Clerks. The men who are to go out of the county clerk's office May 1, are as follows: Tom Boyd, C. E. Forbes, Harry Premeau, James White, William Johnson and Clerk Cerns Commissioner Bruning had a resolution drawn up to do the work, but County Clerk Drexel headed it off by declaring that he had come to the decision himself and did not want to be "forced." Auditor Smith recommended the casting out of the clerks

The names of Dr. Louis Swoboda for county physician and F. A. Kelly for druggist at the county hospital were proposed by resolution, but action was deferred a week. There are a number of applicants for each place and the commissioners have not fixed things yet so that any one of them is sure of the job.



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