

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

As a result of Registrars to Be Given Official Investigation. CHIEF BRIGGS CONSULTS WITH SLABAUGH. Effort Will Be Made to Punish the Men Who Drink While on Duty at the Primary Polls on Tuesday.

Chief of Police Briggs made the statement Wednesday that he proposed consulting County Attorney Slabaugh with reference to the disgraceful action of the election officers in the Second precinct of the Fifth ward. The chief declares that these officials became intoxicated early in the day and by noon were not fit for duty. Three of the registrars got so drunk that they had to be taken home to sober up and it was not long until the others showed the effects of liquor. Fights in the vicinity of this voting place were frequent and it was thought at one time that it would be impossible to get enough members of the board sober enough to compile the returns.

"These men should be severely punished," declared Chief Briggs, "and if possible I will see to it that they are. It is my intention to consult with the county attorney and if possible bring some action against these delinquent officials in the county court. There is no use starting anything of the kind in the police court here, the proper place, in my opinion, being the county court. Every year we have trouble with some of the election boards about drinking while on duty and the practice should be stopped."

The chief was very much put out and plainly showed it. He said that there was enough mixing in interpreting the new law without having trouble with intoxicated judges and clerks.

Police Judge Candidates. At the recent publication primaries five candidates filed for the nomination for police judge, and this is something unusual because as a general thing republican candidates for this position have been scarce. From the very start the race in this five-handed game was interesting. All of the candidates worked hard and a great deal of interest was manifested by supporters of the five.

When the returns were all in the vote showed that Arthur C. Panoat was carried off the honors. The vote stands as follows: Panoat, 233; Agnew, 186; Maly, 170; Allen, 126; and Stephens, 72. Those who worked for Attorney Panoat now declare that he is sure to be elected.

Herman Beal Congratulated. Friends of Herman Beal, the republican candidate for county surveyor, are more than pleased at the showing he made Tuesday. Mr. Beal has been city engineer of South Omaha for twelve years, and prior to that time was employed in surveying and building railroads in the west. Beal has hosts of friends in South Omaha who not only voted for him but got out and hustled for him. His vote in South Omaha was 877, as compared with 192 for Edgelist, his opponent. All day Tuesday Mr. Beal was receiving the congratulations of his friends and the declaration is freely made that his election is assured.

Trouble About Ballot Boxes. County Clerk Drexel had a lot of trouble Wednesday about getting the South Omaha ballot boxes returned to his office. As it was late when the count was completed the election officers left the boxes at the city clerk's office. At the time the boxes were left Clerk Gillin called the attention of the registrars to the law about taking the boxes to Omaha. No attention was paid to the warning given and so the boxes remained at the clerk's office until noon. Sheriff Power came down to see about the matter. He rounded up the registrars and by threatening them with arrest compelled representatives of each box to convey the boxes to the county clerk.

Saloon Will Robbed. The police are searching for Al Evans, who is wanted on the charge of robbing the till of the Shats saloon on Twenty-eighth and R streets. Evans is based at the place, but was not on duty last evening, but it is charged he came into the saloon and while the proprietor was out of the room for a moment took \$39 from the till and departed.

Magie City Gossip. Colonel J. C. Gallup has gone to Wyoming to look after some business matters. The funeral of Mrs. Minnie L. Jewett will be held at Bellevue at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Zack Cuddington, formerly of South Omaha, is now pleasantly located at Los Angeles, Cal. J. H. Morris has returned from New Mexico, where he spent some time in search of health. This evening the women of the Christian church will give a dinner at 919 North Twenty-second street. L. D. Knight, Fifteenth and M streets, is entertaining his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Knight of Dodge, Ia. Mrs. W. E. Yarnall has returned from Kansas City, where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Anderson at the place. James Chester, local manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, left yesterday for Alliance, Neb., for a few days shooting. W. W. Elliott of Los Angeles, Cal., started for his home last evening after a visit of a week with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Farrell. South Omaha circle No. 8, Fraternal Life association will meet at the residence of W. H. Nichol, Railroad avenue and county line, on Friday evening. Cornelius Schmitt, 77 years of age, died at the Clarkson hospital, Omaha, Wednesday. The remains will be taken from Bertha's undertaking rooms to St. Mary's Magdalene church, Nineteenth and Dodge streets, Friday morning where services will be held. Interment at the German cemetery.

NO IDEA OF EXTRA SESSION. Senator Cady Thinks Legislature is in No Danger of Being Called Together. State Senator Cady of Howard county is in the city on private business. Asked if he thought there was any likelihood of the governor calling an extra session of the legislature the senator, the recognized leader in debate in the upper house last winter, said: "I think not. A strong attempt was made last winter to pass an anti-pig law and it failed. It seems to be the general opinion that the chance of passing the bill at an extra session would be no better than last winter."

Wright's New Brick Building. Dr. A. S. Wright has taken out a permit from the city for a new brick store building, three stories high, to be built on Sixteenth street, to cost \$25,000. Dr. Wright also has secured a permit for \$10,000 alterations and repairs to the brick building at 230-34 North Sixteenth street. Other permits issued were to Ira Homan for a \$10,000 frame dwelling at Twenty-seventh and Brown streets and to Mary Bacon for a frame dwelling at Twenty-fourth and Lawrence avenues.

FRANCHISE FOR TELEPHONE

Prospect Hill Improves Debate Question of Admitting Independent System.

Franchise for an independent telephone company in Omaha was the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Prospect Hill Improvement club last night. A. B. Hunt, one of the promoters of the plan to establish a second system in Omaha, and G. H. Pratt of the Nebraska Telephone company had been invited, and a warm debate was expected between the two. To the disappointment of the club Mr. Hunt did not make his appearance and the independent promoters had no representatives. Mr. Pratt made an extended address on the disadvantage of another system in the city. "Another company in the city will compel the use of two telephones by the man who would do business in the right way," said Mr. Pratt. "They tell you their services will be cheaper and the competition will be the means of making the Bell company reduce its rates. If it is true that they start in with cheaper rates than the Bell people there is absolutely nothing to insure the people against the increase of these rates at any time. It is a fact that in every city in the United States where there has been an independent system for any length of time the rates are about the same as those of the Bell company. The people of Toledo were promised low rates and they granted a franchise. They got low rates for a time, but now the rates are almost equal to those they pay on the Bell and they have to use two telephones. In St. Louis two telephones cost the business man \$200 a year, where here a second company came in they paid \$300 for the telephone. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Des Moines all have the same burthened upon them."

John Dalley and J. H. Butler talked in favor of an independent company. Charles V. Hunt, J. W. VanGilder, Ernest Hoel and Mr. Carr talked against it. The whole discussion came up after Mr. Dalley had offered a resolution to the effect that the question of granting a franchise to a second telephone company be submitted to the people. The resolution was laid for further discussion at next week's meeting, and a motion was passed to tender a second invitation to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Pratt said he would be present to answer any arguments Mr. Hunt might make.

MONEY TO REPAIR STREETS

Four Thousand Dollars Called for in Resolution Introduced in Council by Nicholson.

At a special meeting of the city council held Wednesday afternoon Councilman Nicholson introduced a resolution providing for the appropriation and expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$4,000 for "repairs to damaged or unpaved streets caused by the recent violent and extraordinary storms and rains." It was set forth that this condition was brought about by an unforeseen accident and the expense declared necessary in the way directed by the charter for spending money that the city doesn't happen to have. Whatever is used will be taken from the general fund.

The ordinance arranging to submit to the electors questions for issuing paving and sewer bonds was amended so as to make it call for \$90,000 sewer bonds instead of \$125,000 and \$50,000 paving bonds instead of \$75,000, as at first proposed. An ordinance was introduced providing for the same procedure for a proposed bond issue of \$60,000 for building new fire engine houses. Half of the amount is wanted for the new station at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets and half for the new house in the north end of the city. In the district north of Willis avenue, west of Sherman avenue and east of Twenty-fourth street.

Ways to get money to keep the municipal asphalt plant running and pay off about \$2,500 debts for material and supplies were discussed, but no action was taken. It is reported that Mayor Moore may reconsider his determination to veto the proposed \$6,000 emergency appropriation from the general levy fund.

GOVERNOR WILL BE PRESENT

Nickey and Commander Lett Are to Attend Dedication of Monument.

The special committee having in charge the unveiling and dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument at Forest Lawn cemetery has about completed all the details for the affair, which will take place at 2:30 Thursday afternoon. Instead of at 2 o'clock, as first announced. Governor Mickey and Department Commander John Lett of the Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic will be present. The dedicatory oration will be delivered by James Chester, local manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, left yesterday for Alliance, Neb., for a few days shooting.

SEMINARY BEGINS THE YEAR

Presbyterian Divinity School Starts, but Many Students Are Detained at Opening.

The Omaha Theological seminary began the school year Wednesday morning. Only twelve students were present for the opening classes, the others having been detained until after next Sunday by their pulp duties in various parts of the city. Twenty-four students, at the least, will enroll this year, as against an enrollment of twenty last year. The opening exercises, the feature of which will be the inauguration of Charles F. Morrison as professor of ecclesiastical history and missions, will be held Tuesday evening, September 26. Dr. E. Hart Jenks of the First Presbyterian church will deliver the charge to the professor. An address to the students and faculty will be made by Dr. M. B. Lowrie, president of the seminary.

\$4.00 to Clear Lake and Return

Chicago Great Western Railway. Tickets on sale every Friday and Saturday. Final return limit the following Monday. Good fishing, boating, bathing and other outdoor sports. Reasonable hotel rates. Tourist sleeping cars run on Saturday night train. For further information apply to S. D. Parkhurst, G. A., 1312 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

Had Check Worker Taken. R. J. Morris, giving his address as 118 North Nineteenth street, was taken last evening on a charge of forgery. He was apprehended while trying to pass checks at Hammon & Sullivan's saloon on North Sixteenth street. Morris is one of the gang of forgers which passed four checks of \$50 each at the City Savings bank. The forgery of Mr. Turner of the Young Men's Christian association, two of the gang, Marx and Shaddock, were taken on a charge of forgery. Morris and the other went to Sioux City and after forging several bad checks doubled back to Omaha. Here he was shadowed and caught in the act.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Farmers Not in Combine. HEADLINE: Not Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has been called to an article in The Bee of September 15 saying that the York Times has made the statement that the farmers elevators of York county are in the combine. I think that is a false rumor. While they are getting along with the dealers all right the facts are that the old dealers have become reconciled to their fate and are willing to accept small margins. The farmers' elevators of the different towns in York county were organized and incorporated with the understanding that they should handle the grain for its patrons and take for a margin the exact cost of handling and 10 per cent on the money invested. We did not organize for the purpose of killing off the old dealers, but simply to have our grain handled at cost. I was an organizer and served as a director in the Bradshaw Farmers Elevator company for one year, having turned it over to my successor June 1. I have implicit confidence in the integrity of the directors and manager. If they have gone into a trust they have been very successful in keeping it from me, and it would defeat the purpose of the organization.

I admire Sedgwick for getting after taint wherever it is apparent, but this time I think he is on the wrong side. Yours truly, JOHN DORAN. Some Missouri Corn. ROCKPORT, Mo., Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Have just read in your issue of today about the corn sent in from near Blair by J. W. Jacobs. Living five miles north of Blair, which measured fifteen feet in height and the highest ear eight feet from the ground. At our fair here last week we had corn sixteen feet high, with ear twelve and a half feet from the ground, raised by A. B. Calvert, near this city. E. S. OTIS. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF OPENS Largest Enrollment in Its History to Start the New Year Under Promising Prospects.

Yesterday the regular school year for the Nebraska School for the Deaf commenced with an enrollment reaching to a few above 20, the largest in the history of the school. It also began the fifth year of Prof. R. E. Stewart as superintendent. In speaking of the school and its outlook, Superintendent Stewart said: "The prospects are brighter than ever, I think. We have the greatest attendance we ever had, and the teaching corps, which has been newly arranged, is in earnest in its desire to make a record, during the summer many improvements have been made on the buildings and rooms, adding to the equipment and conveniences, and the school is now in first class condition." The teachers in the literary department are: C. H. Eldridge, J. W. Sowell, Louis A. Devine, C. E. Comp, Albert Regnier, Lillian Bamford, Anna Kirkpatrick, J. Humphreys, Emma Hutton, Nellie Nichol, Ida G. Hendee, Edith Ross, Emma Anderson, Marion Finch, Linda K. Miller.

In the household and industrial department the instructors are: Nora O. Johnson, matron; J. H. Parry, foreman, carpentry; Lloyd Blankenship, drawing teacher; E. Rogers, foreman, painting; E. N. Reynolds, foreman, horticulture; Samuel Goveia, foreman, shoe shop; Leslie Scherer, foreman, tailoring; Hoislaw, clerk; Dr. J. H. Vance, physician.

HORSE SHOW MEN HUSTLING

Arena Now Has Sawdust Carpet and Dirt for the Ring is Being Hauled In.

Sawdust is being placed in the arena at the Auditorium in preparation for the horse show and the dirt from the ring all constructed so that the contractors can begin hauling in the dirt today. The ring will be ready for driving before the latter part of the week, except that part which is taken up by the stage, which cannot be removed until after noon and the Banda Rosa concerts are given.

Mr. Haller, the assistant manager, has his office force at work in the headquarters in the Bee building replying to the numerous inquiries from all sections of the country in regard to entries. He reports the classes are all filling fast. The horse show directors have added another class to the already large list of classes for the horse show. This is the walk, trot and canter saddle horse class and there are three divisions—(a) for mare, horse or gelding up to carrying 150 pounds; (b) for horse, mare or gelding up to carrying 170 pounds; and (c) for horse, mare or gelding up to carrying 200 pounds. The prizes for each division will be \$50 for the first, \$30 for the second and \$20 for the third.

IN JAIL AT NINETY YEARS OLD

Man Sentenced to Fifteen Days for Abusing Wife Five Years His Senior.

Charles McCarthy, 90 years old, who was arrested at the instance of his aged wife, Hannah Riley McCarthy, was sentenced fifteen days when arraigned in police court on a charge of assault and battery. The wife, who is 85 years of age, testified in court that her husband is incorrigible. Mrs. McCarthy said that ever since a little domestic quarrel two months ago her husband has lived in a barn at the rear of her home at Thirtieth and Mason streets.

Mormons to Meet in Omaha

The elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, (Mormon church), in Nebraska have been called to assemble in conference Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, in Omaha. While there they propose to hold a number of public meetings for the benefit of those who would like to hear more about "Mormonism" from a "Mormon" standpoint, and so have engaged Fraternal hall, Fourteenth and Dodge streets, for that purpose, where public services will be held Saturday, September 22, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. and Sunday, September 23, at 11 a. m. and 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

INSURANCE LAW IS EVADED

Law Defense Company Strikes Plan Which Has Passed Legal Scrutiny.

CURTIS BEING GROOMED FOR CABINET

Police Getting Some Clues Which May Lead to Arrest of the Murderers of George Griswold—Looking for Two Women.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—An ingenious evasion of the insurance laws of the state is made in the articles of incorporation of the law defense company, filed today with the secretary of state. The articles were submitted to the attorney general before filing was allowed and he declared them legal. The purpose of the company, which is capitalized at \$100,000, as stated in the articles, is to engage in professions, such as doctors, lawyers and dentists from civil action for damages and individuals and corporations from all sorts of legal prosecutions. Contracts are to be made by the law defense company. It does not guarantee against judgments and damages assessed by the courts. Firms seeking to insure physicians and others against judgments and damages assessed by courts have sought to incorporate in this state but have been refused on the ground of such insurance being against public policy. Some of the state officials are still in doubt as to the present case. The incorporators are: P. J. Lee, treasurer; D. H. McCarthy, secretary; H. C. Keenan, general counsel. The law is to be a lawyer. The question is raised whether such an incorporation does not give those not lawyers privilege to practice law.

Groom Curtis for Cabinet

A new candidate of the state for honors in the line of agriculture has developed from the visit to the state of James Wilson, secretary of Agriculture. The man is Prof. Curtis of the State Agricultural college and the position for which he is said to aspire is that of the secretary of agriculture.

It is stated that he was offered the position of the head of the National Animal Industry department and that he has taken the matter under advisement. His friends are urging that he shall not accept the position. They make the plea that the salary of the position is little more than that he is at present getting as head of the department at the state college and that he is cutting off his own chances of rising in the line of agriculture.

Corn Crop Ripening Fast

According to the latest report of Crop Director Sage, two-thirds of the corn of the state of Iowa is safe at this time and the remainder will be safe in a few days. This view of the situation is not endorsed by many farmers of the section, who say that the corn is not at all ripe at this time, last year, on account of the wet weather keeping it growing too long and also that this same wet weather will keep it green for some time to come.

Funeral of George Griswold

The funeral services for the late George Griswold were held this morning at the residence of the deceased, the remains being held at the East Des Moines undertaking parlors in the meantime. They will be transferred from there to the train and taken immediately to Omaha, where interment will take place. His wife, Mrs. Griswold, left for Omaha this morning before the ceremony to make arrangements for the burial.

The funeral was largely attended, the Knights of Pythias and friends sending elaborate offerings. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Henry W. Rosenberger of the Congregational church. The detectives in the case are still working and the indications are that arrests will follow in a short time. The impossibility of a case being dropped from the case and as the real facts are becoming apparent the advocates of the suicide and the murdered for fear theories are about even.

The last man Griswold is known to have seen, Steve Essex, has been making a number of statements and some of them are leading the police to believe that they have some clues to the situation.

A story is going the rounds that Essex met Griswold by appointment Tuesday evening at the East Des Moines undertaking parlors. Essex refused to talk on this subject, but the police believe they have the women located outside of the city and allege that they were made to communicate with them Tuesday. The theory has been advanced from the first that the knot around the man's hands was tied by a woman.

Essex has divulged a number of financial details in which Griswold was very interested and which were the subject of investigation by the Marion county courts. Essex has attempted to hold out the impression that Griswold was afraid to meet the questions of the second trial and that he died by his own hand.

COLORADO IS A FAST SHIP

Officers Say that it Beat All Records for an American Warship.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The officers of the armored cruiser Colorado, which put in here today for coal, reported that in the recent trials over the new one-mile course near Rockland, Me., the warship attained the fastest speed ever made by an American warship on a trial cruise when manned by a naval crew. The cruiser made 22 knots an hour in a four-hour run to sea on Saturday, which is within 1/4 of the speed it made on its trial trip.

On the Rockland test the ship carried its heavy armament, which was not on board during its trial trip, and it was run without a full fireman's force.

Both Accused of Taking Corn. Alvin Roth is being held on a charge of petit larceny, in that according to statement of C. Milgard, 622 North Twenty-fourth street, he insisted on taking two sacks of corn from the latter's corn field yesterday afternoon. Milgard's son, who came upon Roth, who had two sacks of corn gathered, Milgard asked him to pay for the corn if he wanted it, and Roth said some other man had given him permission to get all the corn he wanted and he insisted on doing it. As soon as Milgard saw that the man would not pay for the corn he went for his horse, while the man, who had a rig, drove toward the city with the corn. Milgard's son, who had a rifle, shot at the officer, near Thirtieth and Bristol, where Roth was arrested.

WIFE FINDS HUSBAND DEAD

Returns from Neighbor's and Discovers Man Lifeless with Pistol at His Side.

Charles Schaeffer of Fifteenth and Washington streets, South Omaha, was found dead at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning by his wife when she returned from a visit to a neighbor. Schaeffer was lying on his bed with a bullet wound in his head and a revolver at his side, the indications being suicide. The dead man was a cripple for several years and appeared melancholy for some time previous to his death. Schaeffer was 44 years of age, and is survived by a wife and four children. The coroner was notified of the case.

Indian Boys Caught

Four little Indians, blinking and solemn as so many owls, answered the sergeant's questions with scarcely audible mutters. They were four runaways from the government school at Genoa, Neb., and were trying to reach the Omaha reservation, to which tribe they belong. They left the school last Saturday and made the mistake of waiting to see the big city, instead of taking the country roads home. They were found in the third grade, but were fired of going to school and wanted to see the world and then go back to the tribe. They are between 11 and 12 years old. Through the examination at the police station they never smiled. They were taken by officers Mitchell, Davis and Cullen at Fortieth and Emmet. When first seen they were riding in a farmer's wagon, which was just starting out of town. Their names are Charlie Fremont, Fred Baxter, Frank Baxter and Thomas Butler.

Automobile Collides with Man

A hurry call was turned in about 8:15 last night with the advice that a man had been struck by an automobile at Twenty-fourth and Cuming street. The machine belonging to John Larson was passing along Cuming street and Charles Hays, who lives at Twenty-second and Cuming street, man aged to get in the way. Hays was knocked off his feet and his reckoning. He lay quite breathless for a few minutes, but had recovered sufficient to get up and walk. The doctors arrived that they found it unnecessary to take him in charge. Mrs. Larson is said to have been piloting the machine, but according to the bystanding witnesses the accident was no fault of hers.

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