

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Serious Hitch in Purchase of Property for City Hall Site.

LAW INTERFERES WITH SALE BY O'NEIL

Injunction Sued Out by David Anderson Also Served on City Clerk.

Which Puts Another Crimp in the Program.

There was much comment, both favorable and adverse, yesterday on the action of the city council Tuesday night ordering the purchase of a city hall site. A great many people looked with suspicion on the transaction, but few went so far as to think that the whole business was illegal and that the party who proposed to dispose of his property to the city laid himself liable to a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, but such is the fact of the case. This broad statement is based on the clear provisions of the statutes of Nebraska. Anyone who wishes may read and assure himself of the facts. The first reference recommended to the public is chapter xlii, article ii, section 36, compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1905. There will be found the law under the head of interested contracts as prescribed in the charter provisions for cities of from 25,000 to 40,000 population. There is found the express provision forbidding any city officer being interested in any contract in which the city is a party, and also forbidding such city officer furnishing to any contractor with the city any material for the carrying out of his work for the city. There are still more stringent provisions which provide that the city officer be not directly or indirectly interested in any such contracts. Everyone knows that T. J. O'Neil is the tax commissioner for the city of South Omaha.

It will be a surprise to the public in general that there is still another statute bearing on the case which will cause the council and the contracting parties all to think twice. In the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1905, chapter xiv, article 7, section 2, under the head of cities and villages generally, and under the caption of contracts by officers and penalty, is found the following: Any officer of any city in this state who shall hereafter be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract in which the city is a party, or who shall enter into any contract to furnish, or shall furnish to any contractor, or sub-contractor with the city, of which he is an officer, any material to be used in performing any work for such city, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined...

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The suit is a novel one in the fact that it is the first instance in which the federal courts have been asked to decide upon the constitutionality of the Nebraska supreme court commission. In his running remarks Mr. Doud said it had cost the government in its various wars an average of \$100,000 for every Indian killed and altogether the large sum of \$50,000,000 to carry on those wars. The Christian missionaries have done what millions spent in wars failed to accomplish the speaker said.

Mr. Doud explained how the Indian girls are being taught the domestic industries, the boys the practical industries the women elevated from their former condition of servitude and the men taught to be independent.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Sarah Watkins et al to William S. Curtis, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 25, Dundee Place, \$2,500. William J. Fritts and wife to Gladys Fritts, one-half interest in S. A. Curtis, block 25, Dundee Place, \$2,500. William J. Fritts and wife to Gladys Fritts, one-half interest in S. A. Curtis, block 25, Dundee Place, \$2,500.

John D. Goussard et al to John D. Peterson, 24 1/2 lot 3, block 127, South Omaha, \$1,000. Alfred J. Clark et al to John D. Peterson, 24 1/2 lot 3, block 1, Anderson place, \$250. James W. Hamilton and wife to W. A. Halston, 24 1/2 acres in block 94, Benson, \$500. Anna E. Andrews to Stephen J. Curtis, 24 1/2 lot 14, block 14, E. V. Smith's add, \$1,000. Catherine Zweifel lot 3, block 1, Andrews & Benson's add, \$1,000.

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MIKE ENRIGHT AN EX-CONVICT

Man Charged with Holding Up \$3,000 Keener Admits Serving Three Years for Robbery.

Mike Enright, charged with holding up the saloonkeeper Admet Burke at South Omaha, went on the witness stand in his own behalf at the afternoon session of court yesterday. He denied having been in Burke's saloon on the day of the robbery and said he did not see the witness who identified him. He admitted on cross-examination that he had served a term of three years in the penitentiary for robbery. For the purpose of impeaching his testimony the state introduced an affidavit signed by him alleging he was in indigent circumstances. It was decided to put in evidence that he is the owner of a part interest in a house in South Omaha.

At 4 o'clock the defense ran out of witnesses and an adjournment was taken until Friday morning. As Thursday is a holiday no session of the court will be held. The progress of the trial was slow because the lawyers and the court got into a tangle over the pronunciation of the names of several of the Polish and Lithuanian witnesses for the state. The first trouble came when Martin Labanowaky was on the stand. He was in the saloon at the time of the holdup. Attorney Murphy for the defense objected to his testifying because his name appeared on the information against Edlin Lindahl. Judge Sutton has to decide to pronounce his name several times, and failing to discover any resemblance between the real name and that on the information sustained the objection. A similar objection was made to the next witness, but by agreement the witness was excused him until the afternoon session, by which time the attorneys will