

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Next Print II. R. F. Swoboda—Certified Accountant. Richard, Photographer, 18th & Farnam. Lightening Fixtures, Burgess Grandin Co. Keys, photo, removed to 16th & Howard. Equitable Life—Policies eight drafts at maturity. H. D. Neely, manager, Omaha. Every Dollar Placed with the Nebraska Savings and Loan Ass'n, helps to earn another. Six per cent per annum credited semi-annually. The Board of Trade. Who Owns This Company?—Who owns the Johnson Lamp company is a matter with which district court must concern itself. Prof. S. H. Kraus, who asserts a half interest and W. G. Hassell, postmaster of Cedar Rapids, Ia., are at war over this. Hassell says it is his. Kraus says he gave a bill of sale for the whole thing by mistake. Chief to Give Police a Dance—Morgan's hall, Sixteenth and Ohio streets, will be the scene of a mixer among the police this evening. The occasion being a dancing party given by the officers who travel beats under the direction of Chief Donahue. Invitations have been extended to a number of friends and acquaintances and the police propose to have a right royal good time. Two Men Bound Over—Ole Sims, charged with breaking and entering, and A. J. Young, colored, charged with robbery, on complaint of Charles Finn, were given preliminary examinations in police court Tuesday and bound over to district court in the sum of \$500. Sims is charged with stealing a quantity of tools and pawning them, while Young, it is charged, held up and robbed Finn a few evenings ago. Officers of Camp Lee Forby—Camp Lee Forby No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, elected the following officers Monday evening, meeting for the first time in their new quarters in Bargar hall: Commander, Perry Miller; senior vice, Harry W. Vick; junior vice, A. E. Thompson; officer of the day, George S. Jamison; officer of the guard, Charles Goodall; chaplain, Frank Whitteman; trustees, Howard B. Havens, three years; Brover E. McClure, one year. The newly elected officers are to be installed at the meeting on the first Monday in January. Three Million Pounds of Beef—Bids were opened Monday in the office of Lieutenant Colonel F. F. Eastman, purchasing commissary for the United States army for this district, for 3,000,000 pounds of fresh beef for the posts of the Department of the Missouri. The lowest bidder was the four Omaha packing houses. The contract bids were from 1 to 1 1/2 cents higher per pound than a year ago. The supplies are for the six months beginning January 1. The awards will be made for several days, but all are likely to go to the Omaha packing houses. FOOTPADS ROB MR. FROELICH Two of Them Relieve Him of Valuable Gift Watch at Point of Revolver. Two highwaymen held up Paul Froelich of 23 North Nineteenth street at 1:20 o'clock last night and robbed him of a gold watch. He was on his way home when the men suddenly appeared before him, using white handkerchiefs for masks. They pointed guns at him and ordered him to throw up his hands. He did so and one of the men searched his pockets while the other held guard with the revolver. The watch was a present to him from the employes of the Paxton-Vieling company's foundry, where he is employed in an official capacity. CLASS OF '11 ELECTS OFFICERS Elbert Wade is Made President and Neil Ryan Wins the Secretaryship. The class of 1911 of the Omaha High school held its first meeting Wednesday afternoon. About 180 members of the class were present and took part in the election of the class officers and the class teachers for this school year. Following are the winners: President, Elbert Wade; vice president, Helen Miller; secretary, Neil Ryan; treasurer, Voyle Rector; sergeants-at-arms, Lea Howard and Harold Andrus. The class teachers elected were Miss Bridge, Miss Sullivan and Mr. Carns.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Council Rejects Bid for Large Block of Paving Bonds. ANDREAS FALTON ELECTROROUTED Workman in Hide Cellar of Cadaby Packing Company Dies Instantly from Contact with Live Wire. The South Omaha city council rejected the bid for and accrued interest on the \$12,000 bonds for the grading of M street because the conditions were stipulated asking the city to pay \$60 attorney fees for the examination of the history of the bonds. The bid was made by the Surity and Trust company of Toledo, O. The city charter provides that no bonds shall be sold for less than par or accrued interest. The committee of the whole council, in whom were referred the bids for the paving contracts, reported progress, but asked more time for its report. A special meeting of the city council will be held this afternoon to receive the report of the committee. The report that the paving bids were higher than desired, which included contractors interested in advance reasons yesterday for the bid. Dan Hanson declared that his bid of \$1.32 per square yard for paving block on a gravel base was the cheapest ever offered in the city of South Omaha. Other contractors declared that the advance was due to an advance in the price of cement and in the price of broken stone. They declared that cement had increased in price, 30 cents per barrel. The greater part of the council session was confined to routine matters. The monthly reports were read, which included the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$25,196. This is the lowest balance for several years. The sanitary inspector reported one case of typhoid, four of diphtheria and one of small pox. A petition was received for the grading of Y street from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-seventh. A foot bridge was ordered for Twenty-third and Monroe streets. The O'Farman Heating, Plumbing and Construction company was awarded the contract for making proper connections with the sewer at Twentieth and Y streets, which included the \$2,000 bond issue for fire equipment was finally passed. This will provide the city of South Omaha with two new fire halls and a fire engine. Three more ordinances for paving were passed, they were, B. C. and Twenty-second streets. School Board Holds Session. The Board of Education met last evening at the South Omaha High school. The chief item was the information from E. C. Bishop, the state superintendent, that the course of study in the normal training class was satisfactory and the school would stand the inspection and showed an enrollment of more than ten pupils. This would entitle South Omaha to \$30 of the state funds. It was learned with regret by the board that it had been impossible to get ten students of the school to choose this work this year. The city will therefore lose its appropriation. The school census enumerators have made a report additional on omitted names in their districts and were last night granted the full balance of their pay. The date of the Christmas holidays was fixed. They will begin Friday, December 24, at noon. The schools will be reconvened January 3, 1910. An examination for teachers will be held on December 21, 22 and 23. Byron Cummings, a boiler inspector, reported all the heating apparatus in good condition in the South Omaha schools. Miss Pearl Alexander was elected to a position on the unassigned list of teachers. Bids to the amount of \$18,000 were allowed. Andreas Falton Electroouted. Andreas Falton, a laborer in the hide cellar of the Cadaby Packing company, was instantly killed by an electric shock yesterday morning. He was trying to repair the light and in so doing grasped the socket as he was standing on a bale of hides. Instantly there was a flash and he fell to the floor dead. Just before this his partner had grasped the socket and had been knocked down, but not seriously hurt. The electric lights are considered dangerous in the hide cellars on account of the dampness and the liability of grounding the current. Andreas Falton was a Slav and had been in the city since last April. He had a wife and four children in Slavonia. He was only 35 years old. The inquest will be held at J. p. m. today and the funeral will be from the Church of the Assumption at 1:30 today. He lived at Eighteenth and S streets. Maze City Goes. Dr. C. N. George, Osteopath, 708 N. 24th, Jettler's Gold Top Beer delivered to any part of the city. Telephone No. 3. Mr. Glenn B. Livers of Waterville, Kan., is visiting his brother, Ben, at Ralph W. Livers, and attending the Corn Show. Mrs. J. H. Robbins of Lindsey, Neb., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. George Chase, and her sister Mrs. Bessie Bane. The Magic City King's Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. O. P. Taylor, 1224 North 24th street, Thursday, December 9, at 2:30 p. m. It is reported that W. Scott King has resigned his position with the National Construction company. Mr. King is at present out of the city. The women of the English Lutheran church will have their Christmas dinner, and dinner and supper, in the Scarco block Wednesday. Fancy articles for sale and meals 25 cents. Watches—FRENZER—18th and Dodge.

Message of President Taft to the Congress

Message of President Taft to the Congress (Continued from Page Nine.) when issued much less objectionably by the short time in which they may remain effective. Anti-Trust Law. The jurisdiction of the general government over interstate commerce has led to the passage of the so-called "Sherman anti-trust law" and the "interstate commerce law" and its amendments. The development in the operation of those laws, as shown by indictments, trials, judicial decisions and other sources of information, leading to ill-considered orders of injunction without notice and will render such orders, call for a discussion and some suggestions as to amendments. These I prefer to embody in a special message instead of including them in the present communication, and I shall avail myself of the first convenient opportunity to present these subjects to the attention of congress. Postal Savings Banks. The deficit every year in the Postoffice department is largely caused by the low rate of postage of 1 cent a pound charged on second-class mail matter, which includes not only newspapers but magazines and miscellaneous periodicals. The actual loss growing out of the transmission of this second-class mail matter at 1 cent a pound amounts to about \$25,000,000 a year. The average cost of the transportation of this matter is more than 9 cents a pound. It appears that the average distance over which newspapers are delivered to their customers is 21 miles, while the average haul of magazines is 1.69, and of miscellaneous periodicals 1.23 miles. Thus, the average haul of the magazine is three and one-half times and that of the miscellaneous periodical nearly four times the haul of the daily newspaper, yet all of them pay the same postage rate of 1 cent a pound. The statistics of 1907 show that second-class mail matter constituted 6.91 per cent of the weight of all the mail, and yielded only 6.18 per cent of the revenue. A great saving might be made, amounting to much more than half of the loss, by imposing upon magazines and periodicals a higher rate of postage. They are much heavier than newspapers and contain a much higher proportion of advertising in reading matter, and the average distance of their transportation is three and a half times as great. I commend the whole subject to congress, not unmindful of the spread of intelligence which a low charge for carrying newspapers and periodicals assists. I very much doubt, however, the wisdom of a policy which constitutes so large a subsidy and requires additional taxation to meet it. Postal Revenue Deficit. The second subject worthy of mention in the Postoffice department is the real necessity and entire practicality of establishing postal savings banks. The successful party at the election declared in favor of postal savings banks, and although the proposition finds opponents in many parts of the country, I am convinced that the people desire such banks, and am sure that when the banks are established they will be productive of the most good. The postal savings banks are not constituted for the purpose of creating competition with other banks. The rate of interest upon deposits to which they would be limited would be so small as to prevent their drawing deposits away from other banks. I believe them to be necessary in order to offer a proper inducement to thrift and saving to a great many people of small means who do not now have banking facilities, and to whom such a system would offer an opportunity for the accumulation of capital. They will furnish a satisfactory substitute, based on sound principle and actual successful trial in nearly all the countries of the world, for the system of government guaranty of deposits now being adopted in several western states, which, with deference to those who advocate it seems to me to have in it the seeds of demoralization to conservative banking and certain financial disaster. Delay Not Necessary. The question of how the money deposited in postal savings banks shall be invested is not free from difficulty, but I believe that a satisfactory provision for this purpose was inserted as an amendment in the bill considered by the senate at its last session. It has been proposed to establish a postal savings bank until after the report of the monetary commission. This report is likely to be delayed for its approval, and has found that by its control there exercised in respect to reserves and the rates of exchange by some central authority panics are avoided. It is not apparent that a system of postal savings banks would in any way interfere with a change of such a system. Certainly in most of the countries in Europe where control is thus exercised by a central authority, postal savings banks exist and are not thought to be inconsistent with a proper financial and banking system. Ship Subsidy Bill. Following the course of my distinguished predecessor, I earnestly recommend to congress the consideration and passage of a ship subsidy bill, looking to the establishment of lines between our Atlantic seaboard and the eastern coast of South America, as well as lines from the west coast of the United States to Australia, China, Japan and the Philippines. The profits on foreign mails are perhaps a sufficient measure of the expenditures which might first be tentatively applied to this method of inducing American capital to undertake the establishment of American lines of steamships in the directions in which we now feel it most important that we should have means of transportation controlled in the interest of the expansion of our trade. A bill of this character has once passed the house and more than once passed the senate, and I hope that at this session a bill for the same lines and with the same purposes may become a law. Conservation of Resources. In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources, and the subject is one of such importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be served upon in this communication. For that reason I shall take an early opportunity to send a special message to congress on the subject of the improvement of our waterways, upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semi-arid and swamp lands upon the preservation of our forests and the reforestation of suitable areas; upon the reclassification of the public domain with a view of separating from agricultural settlement mineral, coal and phosphate lands and sites belonging to the government bordering on streams suitable for the utilization of water power. I commend to your careful consideration the report of the secretary of agriculture showing the numerous spheres of usefulness which that department has filled and the wonderful addition to the

New Contract for Lighting Knocked Out

City Attorney Picked So Many Flaws in it that Council Will Begin Anew. City Attorney Burman sent an opinion to the council committee of the whole Monday afternoon, to the effect that the proposed five-year contract with the Electric Light company, for lighting the streets of Omaha, was all to the bad. He found so much fault with the ordinance embodying the contract that the committee decided to file it away and have the city attorney draw up an entirely new contract. Council will insist that this be for a shorter term than five years, and will be along the line of the present contract, which expires December 31. This for the reason that if all the receipts from the occupation tax goes into the general fund, and none into the lighting fund, the latter will fall a good many thousands short of the needs of the city. "Go slow, on an open contract if necessary," was the rule adopted by the committee concerning the street lighting. Councilman Barke will this evening introduce a measure to put the Capitol Avenue street lighting for sale to the highest bidder, or failing a satisfactory solution by this method, that it be torn down and the material sold. He served notice to that effect on his fellow councilmen. A favorable report will be made tonight on the request of the fire and police board for \$5,000 to equip the police department with automobiles. Matters put over for later consideration were: The proposed installation of a new fire and police alarm system, the Locust street viaduct, a permanent scheme for decorative lighting, Dodge street viaduct. The latter measure will be threshed out at a public hearing Saturday morning next at 10 o'clock. The proposed new office of city statistician will also bid a later appearance, perhaps. The committee faced the resolution looking to its creation on file. Pneumonia always results from a cold and can be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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