

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Claim for Library Site Lodged by a Man from St. Louis.

REPORT ON STREET CAR STRIKE

Special Committee Brings in Findings and Recommendations Which Reflect on Company's Service and Are Promptly Filed.

Notice was given to the city council Tuesday evening that a claim is to be advanced in the courts for ownership of the two lots on which the Omaha Public Library stands...

Report on Street Car Strike. Councilmen Kugel, Bridges, Schroeder, Hummel and Davis, the special committee appointed to examine into and report on the causes of the street car strike...

Suit on Garbage Contract. A resolution was passed, on motion of Councilman Berka, instructing the city attorney to investigate the garbage contract held by Guy L. Axtell...

Protest is Withdrawn. A communication was read from Casper E. Yost, president of the Nebraska Telephone company, which stated: "Having gone through the courts on the question of tax on gross receipts, and having been beaten at every point in the courts, I wish, on behalf of the company, to withdraw the protest..."

New specifications for paving, repaving, curbing and gutters were approved. They comply with the requirements of the city engineer...

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY

How to Save \$2 On Cough Medicine by Making it at Home

Cough medicines, as a rule, are mostly syrup. To make the best syrup, get a pint of Granulated Sugar, add 1/2 pint warm water, and stir about 2 minutes. Get two and one-half ounces of Elixer (50 cents worth), put it in a clean pint bottle, and mix with the sugar syrup...

How to Make Good Bread

One day a piece in a paper I read: It was telling how to make good bread. And this was the whole of its secret power: "Use only to use 'Pride of Omaha' Flour."

Would Please the Shah

On all the border of the west, in north or south or east, it would crown a goodly feast, And would please a poet, peasant, king, And e'en the mighty Shah. But wouldst thou know of what I sing? 'Tis "Pride of Omaha."

Santa Claus Will Fill 'Em

The "Pride of Omaha" comes around each Wednesday to our door: We hail it with delight And always wish for more. It gives us health, it gives us wealth, And sweetest comfort, too. If ever its supply should cease, I don't know what we'd do. Old Santa Claus will be here soon: We'll just eat and eat 'till clean And hang it by the fireplace. Just where it can be seen. Old Nick will turn to stone. And with a smiling face, Say, "Hi! Hi! This is right. I'm sure this is the place. I'll refill the 'Pride of Omaha' To prove their judgment true. And tie a ribbon 'round the top To prove that it's true blue."

Bread a King Would Eat

The most excellent flour milled in our day. It's made from the finest and choicest wheat. And it makes a bread a king would eat.

Some Things You Want to Know

King of Grain Crops.

If one will take the trouble to ask the next ten men he sees what grain crop gives the greatest yield of grain in bushels, five of them probably will answer instantly, "Corn." Two of the others will guess "Wheat" and two will say "Rice."

Samuel Johnson said oats were eaten by men in Scotland and horses in England. "Yes," replied a canny Scot, "and have you observed that England is famous for its horses and Scotland for its men? What wheat is to the American, rice to the Japanese and Chinese, that is oats to the tables of millions of European families. Indeed, Europe, which produces only an eighth of the world's corn and half of its wheat, produces two-thirds of its oats.

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Though the word "corn" is seldom used as meaning oats, it is applied to nearly all of the other grain crops of the world. An American it means maize, to the Scotch it means oats, to the Englishman wheat, and to the Scandinavian a "corn field" means a field of rye. "Corn" is a word that applied to all grain crops, but it is used usually by a people to designate their principal crop. The Englishman would no more think of calling maize corn than the American would think of speaking of wheat as corn. When the Savior spoke of the "corn of wheat" He meant the same that we mean by a "head of wheat," and the Englishman by an "ear of wheat."

To Scotland the world owes its first acquaintance with oats as a food for the human race. In generations gone by thousands of people lived for years with oats and milk as the principal article of diet. As rice converts the Japanese into fighting machines with an endurance far beyond that of the European and American meat eater, so oats produces a race of strong people able to endure much, and gives point to the declaration of the Scotch that England is famous for its horses and Scotland for its men.

The tables of the world's production of oats and other grains reveal some wonderfully impressive and significant facts. Europe and North America, with a land area only one-fourth as great as the remaining continents, produce four times as many bushels of grain, including rice, as all the other continents together. Reckoning on the basis of population it will be found that one-fifth of the human race grows four-fifths of the cereal crops of the world. Europe and North America grow 12,000,000,000 bushels that represent a normal world crop of gathered grain; of which crop oats constitute nearly 24 per cent. It is difficult for the human mind to conceive the immensity of this yield of grain. It would fill a bin 4 1/2 miles long and a mile wide, with a height about 430 feet, or 100 average city blocks piled over 400 feet high.

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Judging from the record of the South Omaha postoffice, the city has every reason to be satisfied with its degree of prosperity. The postal receipts of 1909 show an increase of 50.7 per cent over 1908. To get this rate eight months were compared, beginning with April and including November. Such an increase will mean a substantial addition to the salary of the postmaster.

The month of November showed in actual cash received \$14,676.71, as compared with \$9,737.11 last year. This is an increase of 50.5 per cent. One reason for the large increase is that the Cudahy Packing company, which has had its general offices in South Omaha since April, has bought all its supply of stamps at the local office. The postage for this company alone amounts to \$2,000 or more each month.

The postmaster is well pleased with the showing of the local office. The Christmas mailing season for packages is at hand and the postmaster wishes to call to the attention of patrons that only the registered packages are likely to reach their destination promptly and safely. The other mail packages are subject to the delays of the crowded season. A hand receipt will be given each purchaser of the registry privilege. A duplicate receipt from the parties receiving the package will show that it has arrived safely.

Lee Pike Injured by a Pike. Lee Pike, Thirtieth and V streets, was seriously injured by the thrust of a pike in the hands of a fellow workman at the Cudahy ice houses yesterday evening. He and several others in the gang were using pike poles to drive the floating ice along the run, when one of the workmen slipped and his pole with a sharp barb plunged into Pike's leg, tearing the flesh and splintering the bones of the shin. The injury was painful and the wound bled seriously. The man was taken to the South Omaha hospital in an ambulance. After examination the doctors thought that the wound would cause little more than a temporary disability.

Ice Harvest Under Way. The Cudahy Packing company has begun the annual harvest of ice at Seymour lake. The men have been cutting since Monday morning on an ice field of the finest quality of ten and eleven-inch ice. The weather conditions have been exceptionally good for so early a point in the winter season. The ice houses were made ready before the first suggestion of winter. Many men are now employed and it is estimated that over half the crop can be harvested in two weeks. The first cutting of the available ice at Seymour lake does not usually fill the houses. It will come near doing it this year on account of its good thickness.

Integration Israel Election. The congregation of Israel held a largely attended and lively meeting Sunday afternoon at the synagogue, Twenty-fifth and J streets for the purpose of electing officers. Harry H. Lapidus was elected president; H. Koslowski, vice president; Jacob Radzinski, treasurer; M. L. Goldenberg, secretary; M. Lipofski, warden; L. Moskowitz, M. Chalken and J. L. Cohn, trustees. The congregation is prospering splendidly and the outlook is good for a very strong organization. A public installation of officers will be held Sunday, January 3. The outgoing president, George Wright, will be presented with a token of appreciation for the splendid work he has done during his term of office.

The Jewish Ladies' Aid society, which is an auxiliary to the general congregation, also elected officers as follows: Mrs. O. Wright, president; M. L. Goldenberg, secretary; Mrs. M. Goldberger, vice president; Mrs. A. Katske, treasurer. Mrs. Harry H. Lapidus, Mrs. A. Levy, Mrs. M. Chalken and Mrs. Sam Meyerson are the trustees.

Union Stock Yards Election. The annual election of officers of the Union Stock Yards company held on the

afternoon of December 13 resulted in no change in the personnel of the executive officials and only one of the board of directors was not re-elected. This was Samuel McRoberts. The officers of the present year are therefore R. J. Dunham of Chicago, president; John D. Creighton, vice president; Colonel J. C. Sharp, secretary and treasurer; and Everett Buckingham, general manager. The directors are R. J. Dunham, Lee W. Spratlan, John D. Creighton, F. H. Davis, Thomas B. McPherson, G. B. Robbins, V. B. Caldwell, R. C. Howe and C. F. Manderson.

The financial report of the company was very favorable and although the expense for permanent improvement and repair was large this year the stockholders found much room for satisfaction. The management under Everett Buckingham has been careful, economical and tempered with

good judgment. The market shows an increase in popularity and the margin of prices between South Omaha and Chicago has been considerably cut. The live stock has brought prices 10 to 15 per cent nearer the Chicago market than ever before.

Magle City Gossip. Jetter's Gold Top Beer delivered to any part of the city. Telephone No. 5. For Rent—Three large rooms, 118 North Thirty-ninth avenue, Phone South 1619. Mr. and Mrs. Canaday of Minden, Neb., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Mead for a few days.

The Presbyterian Brotherhood will meet Thursday evening at the United Presbyterian church. The funeral of Mrs. Anton Novak will be held at 9 a. m. today at the Church of the Assumption. Joseph Zeleny, 26 years of age, employed in the railway department of the Union Stock Yards company, died Tuesday evening at the home of his parents, 257 South

Twenty-first street. The funeral will be held from the home Friday and will be in charge of the Modern Woodmen. William O'Brien was sentenced to ninety days in the county jail yesterday for breaking his parole. He had been sentenced for abusing his family, but the sentence was suspended on his good behavior. The members of Duncan castle, No. 3, Royal Highlanders, will enjoy a card party this evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Rev. D. G. Horn of West Plains, Mo., preached last evening at the Christian church. He will speak again this evening. Frank Henry, who recently returned from a sojourn in Iowa, was given a surprise party Tuesday evening by a number of young folks. Misses Mabel and Lillian Dimock entertained the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church last evening. Officers were elected. Mrs. Collins, 330 North Twenty-sixth street, reported her daughter, aged 7 years, disappeared yesterday after school. The girl left the school grounds with the other children.

Uneeda Biscuit advertisement featuring a large illustration of a biscuit box and the text: 'Uneeda Biscuit', 'Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct, individual food article made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries.', 'They are sealed in a special way which gives them crispness, cleanliness and freshness which "crackers" from the paper bag always lack. They are the Nation's accepted soda Biscuit', 'NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY'.

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