

WATER BOARD PROTESTS

Objects to Water Franchise Asked For at South Omaha.

INFRINGES ON OMAHA'S RIGHTS

Board Maintains that Omaha Has Paid Half a Million for South Omaha Plant and Does Not Want to Lose It.

In the special report from the committee appointed by the Omaha Water board to investigate the water franchise of the city, it was recommended Friday that the board take immediate steps to prevent the passage of an ordinance contemplated by the South Omaha council.

The report says that notwithstanding protests Omaha finds it must pay more than \$200,000 for the water plant in South Omaha. The Water board wishes to guard the city in all ways possible. Now that it appears that the South Omaha city council has under consideration an ordinance that might seriously affect the water plant in South Omaha, unless reasonably modified, it is plain duty to take steps to secure reasonable modifications or a new ordinance.

Accordingly this committee has recommended to the council of South Omaha that the proposed ordinance be so amended that the privilege asked by the Stock Yards company shall run only to the Stock Yards company and its successors, and that streets, alleys and public grounds be definitely stated, all to be finished on or before January 1, 1911.

The committee called upon E. Buckingham and in short he stated that the franchise was just as the Stock Yards company wanted it. "It would appear that influences controlled by the Omaha Water company are urging the South Omaha council to grant to the Stock Yards company, without out any valuable rights, that the United States courts are compelling the city of Omaha to accept from the Omaha Water company and pay therefore a substantial portion of \$500,000," says the report. "It is possible that the Omaha Water company might acquire again these rights for which they had been handsomely paid without returning a dollar of the money paid. It is understood that the mayor and a majority of the city council of South Omaha are likely to be in favor of the ordinance as originally introduced."

E. M. BADGEROW RETURNS, MARVELS AT CITY GROWTH

Former Resident of Omaha City's Wonderful Development of City's Business Enterprises.

Egbert M. Badgerow of Tacoma, Wash., formerly a resident of Omaha and prominent in business here, where he practiced law, being connected with the Cudahy Packing company's law department, and later with the old City Savings bank and other institutions, is in the city on business and is registered at the Hotel Rome.

To the Bee last night he was enthusiastic over the development of Omaha along the lines of city building. He mentioned as an evidence of the vast growth of financial interests that one of Omaha's banks that opened for business in 1893 had a total business July 1, 1910, that amounted to the payment of three checks totaling \$50 and that yesterday the same bank paid in the ordinary course of business over \$1,500,000 in checks and that they now had a bank equipment the equal of any in the world and the two men who opened this bank forty-five years ago were actively in charge of the institution today. "It is simply marvelous," added Mr. Badgerow, "and right here in Omaha reside the widest awake, most resourceful body of intelligent business men on earth."

FIRE OF DOUBTFUL ORIGIN BURNS SMALL COTTAGE

Flames Discovered in Opposite Ends of the Building at the Start.

Fire, thought to have been incendiary origin, damaged a cottage at 929 North Twenty-seventh street, to the extent of about \$200, Thursday night. Firemen who worked on the burning building, said that when the department arrived at the fire, flames were discovered in opposite extremities of the house, while the floor between the two rooms in which fire was found were saturated with kerosene. A man is said to have been seen running from the cottage just before the alarm was sounded.

MONTANA COUPLE IS MARRIED

Charles W. Witter, in Charge of State's Exhibit at Land Show, Weds Bride Here.

Charles W. Witter and Miss Lucy A. Veder of Helena, Mont., were married last night at the home of John W. Pyfe, 722 Charles street. Rev. J. H. Presson officiating.

A company of guests from various portions of Nebraska, and particularly from Lincoln and Pawnee City, attended the ceremony. After a trip east, Mr. and Mrs. Witter will reside in Helena.

Among relatives and friends present were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pyfe, Miss Mary Pyfe, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lindsey of Lincoln, Mr. J. F. Treney of St. Joseph, Mr. Lewis Penwell of Helena, Mont.; Mr. R. M. Calhoun, Jr., of St. Paul, Mrs. Nettie David, Miss Lillian David of Lincoln, C. A. McCann of Hedgesville, Mont.

HYMENEAL

Larsen-Almen. Miss Signa Almen, daughter of Ferdinand Almen, and Chester A. Larsen, both of Mead, Neb., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his residence Thursday afternoon at 4:30.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

A. R. Kelly, manager Reliable Credit company in the Paxton block, has returned from a two weeks' business trip east. Mrs. C. H. Andrews of 218 1/2 North Sixteenth street, who has been suffering from pneumonia is now pronounced out of danger by the attending physician, Dr. Leroy Trummer, as the crisis has been successfully passed.

Society Writers

Mingle With Real Society Belles

Unique Dinner is Given at the Commercial Club to Newspaper Women.

"I double dare you to give him an olive." It was Miss The Bee, a block or two east of the society room, talking. "Waahha, huh!" straightway remarked Don H. Foster, the young man at Miss The Bee's left, and with that he politely tendered the dish of olives to Mr. Charlie Croft. Accepting the courtesy with simple dignity, Mr. Charlie Croft ate the morsel to the degree of great gusto not to say sang froid.

Thus was the ice broken at one table, much in the same way small talk fell into an easy swing at the others. In the Commercial club dining room Friday night, Miss The World-Herald, Miss The News and Miss The Bee had society with bells on right at their dainty elbows. Sioux Indians wearing the traditional jewelry and decorations of shells, elk teeth and feathers, graciously broke bread with the young women on terms of friendliness.

Never was there such a dinner. Will A. Campbell, smiling and playing his part in the very essence of grace. Invitations to the unique dinner described the function as one having the purpose of giving the Indians and the women a good time. The Commercial club was donor of the affair.

Besides the three feminine guests of honor eight red men, their dusky wives and several very small Indian lads and lassies sat at the feast. It was due to the incidental presence of Ernest and Frank Jackson, Opie Chambers and Don Foster, who merely own land in the Rosebud reservation of South Dakota and have an exhibit at the Omaha Land show, that the conversation of the event brooded easily along.

Chief Yellow Horse responded to a toast by rising to his feet and delivering himself of an excellent speech in the language of the Sioux. Among others present were Messrs. Henry Milk, Kane Milk, Charles Croft, Ben Charging Hawk, Herman Crooked Foot, George Rainwater, Alfred of His Horse, Josephine Charging Hawk, Elizabeth Lila Star, Sarah Blue Bird and Gue Little Chief; John Steel, P. B. Podrea, E. E. Herron and Messrs. Shank, W. O. Palsey and Buckley of the Land show management.

City Officials Do Not Like the New Public Service Bill

Assert it Will Take the Right of Granting Franchises Away from City.

If the bill giving public service corporations in Nebraska indeterminate licenses and putting these matters in the hands of the State Railway commission is passed, the city of Omaha will have no more to say about franchises in this city than a man in Oshkosh, according to Assistant City Attorney I. J. Dunn.

The bill was introduced into the senate by Senator Alberts and is known as senate file No. 128. The bill provides that all public service corporations shall be given indeterminate licenses and gives these regulations in the hands of the State Railway commission," said Mr. Dunn.

"This means that franchises may be granted in Omaha to public service corporations by the commission without the city council or people having a say in the matter. "This commission, under this act, can do as it pleases. It can grant franchises in Omaha, from which the city will not derive one cent of revenue. That will be a fine state of affairs. The purposes of this bill are too obvious. A campaign against the passage of the bill will be started by Omaha officials. The bill is being closely studied by City Attorney Rine, who will make suggestions for its defeat as soon as he has studied its phases.

OMAHA MAN KILLED IN MEXICO

Charles F. Shelby is Crushed Beneath Automobile When It Turns Turtel—Son of P. P. Shelby.

Charles F. Shelby, a son of P. P. Shelby of this city and an old Omaha boy, was instantly killed in Cerro De Paso Wednesday when an automobile in which he was riding turned turtle and crushed him beneath it.

Shelby has been superintendent of a smelter at Cerro De Paso for the last two years, having gone there from Chihuahua, Mexico, where he had held a position similar to the South American one.

THIEVES TAKE OVERCOATS

Intrude Home of George Barker While Family is at Breakfast Table.

While the family of George Barker was at breakfast sneak thieves entered the house and carried off the overcoats of the male members of the family. The Barker residence is located in the most fashionable residence district in Omaha, the number of the house being 623 South Thirty-seventh street.

MILLARD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Is Knocked Down by a Street Car and Badly Bruised—Is Taken Home.

C. W. Millard, 706 North Twenty-eighth street, was knocked down by a street car and had his shoulder severely bruised, but was able to go to his home. Millard alighted from a Harney street car at Tenth and Harney streets, and passed behind the car when he was hit by another car, coming from the opposite direction.

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