

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print It. Gas, Electric Fixtures, Burgess-Granden, Times, Printing.

We have examined the accounts of S. J. Ditcher, a former employee of ours, and on a final investigation find no short-coming in his accounts.—Bryon R. Hastings.

Any Woman's Silk Dress in our store Saturday at \$10.00, regardless of former prices. See our windows. Nebraska Clothing Co.

Witt to Buffalo for Burial.—The body of Charles Witt, the lineman electrocuted Saturday, was taken to Buffalo Monday night for burial. An inquest will be held Thursday.

Printers Hold Annual Dance.—The annual play dance of the women's auxiliary of Omaha Typographical union No. 190 was held at the home of Mrs. Monday night.

Travelers Are Sued.—Mrs. Libbie Moom, the widow of John W. Moom, a traveling salesman who died from the effects of a fall he received February 15, brought suit Tuesday in district court against the order of United Commercial Travelers, to collect \$5,000 for her husband's membership in that order.

Morrison Taken to Hospital.—John Morrison, well known Omaha billiard hall proprietor, who was ill several weeks ago, had a turn for the worse Monday and has been removed from his home to the Wise Memorial hospital. He has been suffering for a long time and his trouble has become acute.

Collectors Will Elect.—Omaha branch No. 2 of the American Philatelic society will meet at the home of R. C. Hoyt Friday evening. The branch officers for the year will be elected. At the close of the business a reception will be tendered to George Marple, the president of the branch for the last two years, who is leaving to make his home in Chicago.

Special Medical Train.—A special train, carrying nearly 500 members of the American Medical association, will leave Chicago June 10 on its way to the annual convention of the society to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., June 11 to 15. The train will reach Omaha June 12, and will take aboard the Omaha doctors who will attend the convention. The Burlington is running the special train.

Improves Studying Commission Rules.—Commission government for municipalities will be discussed before the Southeast Improvement club Wednesday night at a meeting to be held at Ninth and Bancroft streets by P. A. Wells, a lawyer. Mr. Wells is to espouse the cause of the commission advocates. At a meeting a week hence the club will hear someone representing the opposition.

Kennedy Grants Brick Injunction.—Judge Kennedy this morning granted the National Construction company, one of the bidders for the South Omaha paving contracts, a decree restraining the city council from holding valid the petitions of certain alleged property owners, designating Buffalo brick block as the material to be used. The suit was brought on the grounds that a number of the signatures were not record property holders.

Loyal Legion Elections.—Election of officers of the Loyal Legion was held last night in Burleigh's hall and was followed by a banquet at the home hotel. The roster of officers follows: Commander, J. J. Mercer; senior vice commander, Russell; junior vice commander, C. S. Montgomery; recorder, Frank Bryant; treasurer, E. Updegraff; General J. H. Culver was toastmaster at the banquet. Speeches on the work of the Loyal Legion were made by Messrs. Montgomery, Curtis, Swingley, Shelby, Morrison and Dr. Foote.

OBJECTION IS RAISED TO LODGING HOUSE ORDINANCE

Harry Zimmerman Asks that All Action Be Delayed for Two Weeks.

Opposition to the proposed lodging house ordinance, which seeks to regulate and license them, has resulted in the measure being laid over for two weeks.

Proprietors contend that the proposed regulations will put them out of business. They do not object to the license fee of \$10, but raise all sorts of objections to many of the provisions.

The ordinance will have to be sent back to the legal department for revision. An amending clause has been omitted through an oversight.

The ordinance has passed first and second readings and was referred to the committee of the whole.

PRESIDENT OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL HERE THURSDAY

Charles H. Markham and Other Officials Guests of the Commercial Club.

Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central, will make his first visit to Omaha Thursday, and the Commercial club has arranged to entertain him, together with other officials who will come at the same time.

Man Wounded with Saw and Another with Gun Are Asking for Damages.

Two suits for \$1000 each in damages on charges of assault were filed in county court Tuesday morning. In one Bert Hoyt alleges that Claus Mathias badly wounded both of his arms by striking him with a saw, the teeth of which, he says, penetrated the flesh and lacerated the bones.

The assault is alleged to have occurred on May 4.

In the other, Harold E. Johnson, aged 18 years, brings suit, through his father, Grech A. Johnson, against John P. McCaffrey and his son Owen, to recover damages for an alleged shooting.

Cousin's Death

My trouble, but a genuine quarter buy of Dr. King's New Life Pills, for constipation, malaria and jaundice. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses to wed were granted to the following:

Name and Residence. Age. Frank Bouza, Omaha, 25. Annie Bakovic, Omaha, 19. Emil L. Sells, Lincoln, 25. Ivy E. Byss, Norfolk, 23. Hugh H. More, Spalding, 24. Margaret L. McMasters, Decatur, Ill., 21. Wallace Schmidt, Omaha, 20. Alice Smith, Omaha, 20. Andrew Elliott, South Omaha, 20. Augusta McMasters, South Omaha, 20. Andrew Murphy, Omaha, 20. Evelyn Murphy, La Platte, 17.

BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Councilmen Are Most Active in Fight for the Place.

BERKA AND SCHROEDER LEAD

Each Claims to Have the Job Landed for Himself.—To Be Decided by Republican Members of the Council.

As the time for selecting a successor to Goodley Brunker as president of the city council draws near, aspirants for the honor are active in their own behalf.

At present two pronounced candidates are in the field, Councilmen Louis Berka and Fred Schroeder. Both contend that they have the place all sewed up and all that remains is for the successor to be named.

Berka bases his claims on a promise, which he says members of the combination made to him. He contends that when Brunker was elected by the combination, he was promised the place this year. Other members say the honor was promised to some republican and that is where the difference lies.

Schroeder takes issue with Berka, claiming that the place is open for a republican and that he has a much right to it as Berka. He claims six votes, which means a deadlock if he can produce them when the count is made.

The fight for the place, however, will never reach the floor of the council chamber, members say. Under an agreement, it is left to the republican members to name a successor to Brunker and the combination is to go through for the selection. The whole thing will be settled in the meeting of the republican members, which will be held later in the week.

Unless there is a split in the combine, the choice will prevail hands down. However, Schroeder is said to be ready to desert the combination, and he declares that he can carry two of the insurgent democrats with him.

May Have Deadlock.

In the event of a deadlock, Burmeister and Davis will be placed in nomination, it is said. But present signs point to Berka's selection. His supporters claim that Kugel, Davis and Burmeister are for him first, last and all the time.

"I am for Berka as long as he has a chance," says Davis. "In my opinion, he has enough votes to nominate him. Whether he can be elected is another question. The minute he shows he can't I am going to declare for the honor myself."

"If Schroeder can carry two members of the combination with him, I believe he can force a deadlock, as I do not doubt the three standpaters will vote against Berka."

The standpaters, Funkhouser, McGovern and Bridger, are lying low. They think they hold the key to the situation and by lining up with some candidate other than Berka, can secure important concessions in committee appointments.

Funkhouser has long nursed a grievance because he was rolled from the lighting committee, which he was formerly chairman. He wants to see a change in that direction again and has hopes of the place if Berka is not elected.

The incoming president will have the appointment of the various committees, which in themselves are of more importance than the presidency.

Hugo Brandeis to See Coronation

Merchant and Wife Will Be Present at Ceremonial of Crowning England's King.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Brandeis leave Saturday for Europe to see the coronation ceremonies, and also to enjoy a series of old world sights off the beaten paths of travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandeis will take passage on the Laurentian of the White Star Line, sailing from Montreal on May 20. The sea voyage from that port will be of three and three-fourth days' duration. Mr. Brandeis was fortunate enough to avail himself of apartments in London six months ago, and for four months ago he engaged seats in a large position that is being built on the strand, from where the splendor of royalty will be seen to the best advantage.

Before returning, Mr. and Mrs. Brandeis will visit the Emerald Isle, and will also journey to Norway and Sweden. Their itinerary will include a side trip to North Cape, where visitors hope to view the gorgeous beauty of the midnight sun.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald will join Mr. and Mrs. Brandeis in London.

Creighton Will Crown the Queen of the May

College Lads to Hold Festivities on the Annual Gala Day, May 19.

The coronation of the May queen and the May pole dance will figure in the activities of university gala day at Creighton.

The queen is to be elected by the students and friends of the university. The contest is between Miss Sybil Woodruff, Miss May Yeats, Miss Catherine Cass and Miss Parry Williams.

The coronation will take place in the afternoon of May 19.

Preparations for the main attraction, the vaudeville show, are nearly complete.

The "Ladies' Minstrel show" cast has received gowns.

POLICEMEN "PLAY SOLDIER"

Squad Put Through Paces by Lieutenant Hayes, Drillmaster of the Force.

"Why, they look just like policemen," remarked a pretty miss as she viewed the maneuvers of Lieutenant Hayes' drill squad Monday evening at Eleventh and Douglas streets. Heads up and shoulders squared up down the street they marched and counter-marched at the word of the doughty major.

"This is the first time in two years," mused the lieutenant as he remarked the gyrations of a new recruit, "and 'till take time and patience to get them into trim for the review."

But the lieutenant knew as the onlookers, that the men drilled well and when the major reviews the "line" on May 20 "is neither the "best" nor his squad will be without pardonable pride.

Is there anything in all this world that is of more importance to you than good digestion? Food must be eaten to sustain life and must be digested and converted into blood. When the digestion fails the whole body suffers. Chamberlain's Tablets are a rational and reliable cure for indigestion. They increase the flow of bile, purify the blood, strengthen the stomach, and tone up the whole digestive apparatus to a natural and healthy action. For sale by all dealers.

Ed Maurer is Taken by Game Wardens

Manager Clark of the Millard Pays a Fine of Two Hundred Dollars for Keeping Game.

Mine host, Ed Maurer, who is conscientious to a painful degree in serving with culinary satisfactions his friends and customers, has sworn off on one kind of game. The next man who comes into his restaurant and asks for wild duck will get a refrigerating stare. No more wild ducks are to be bought in that shop.

Several days ago two innocent and mid-mannered men ambled into the Maurer cafe and looked with open scorn upon the game listed on the bill of fare. They called the head waiter.

"We want something wild, something that has a smack of the fresh water or the woods. We pine for savage food."

The head waiter opined that a brace of ducks might be the proper thing, and the two men looked first at each other with a knowing expression and then called for the brace of ducks. When they had finished the ducks, cleaning up the plate to the last tender bit, and acting as if they enjoyed it they called over mine host Ed Maurer and had him pinched.

Ingratitude is one of the worst words in the mine host's vocabulary, but since the men were Henry Miller, state game warden, and one of his deputies, and since selling or serving wild ducks is a violation of the state game laws, nothing could be done. Mr. Maurer protested innocence, however, and will be given a trial before Justice of the Peace Mooker within a few days.

On the same day the wardens went prying around the larders of the Millard and found there 123 birds of various sorts and degrees of succulence and confiscated the whole flock. W. B. Clark, manager of the Millard, came into Justice of the Peace Mooker's office and paid a fine of \$200. The legal rate is \$5 per bird, but rebates are allowed and he paid for only forty of his ice box brood.

Man Bird Peeks at Helpless Drunkard

John Doe Sleeps Off Jag Near Aviation Field and Suffers Wild Flight.

Bird men flying through the air are not good for the alcoholic imagination. An unknown wanderer, evidently headed toward Omaha, got as far as a road house on West Center street Monday morning. He indulged frequently in a more or less until he was thrown out of there, and unable to proceed further in a straight line he lay down to rest in the grass near Ruser's park. Just over the hill to the north is the Speedway. In the afternoon when the sun got around to where he lay he stirred himself and looked up into the blue sky.

Soaring calmly above him, triking among the clouds and evidently enjoying his empyrean travel was a huge bird. To the wanderer's imagination it was tremendous. He stirred himself and rushed madly back to the road house.

"I'm a game chicken," he yelled, "there's a hawk out there as big as a house."

"Aw, yer drunk yet," said the road house man and pitched him back out of doors. The poor wanderer skulked along the roadway to the west watching the sky furiously. The bird made just one more swoop at him, but he escaped, but he was driven still more frantic by the whirr of the creature's wings and the appalling sight of a man astride of its back. Toward evening he fell exhausted in a corner of the road. Next morning the sheriff's office was notified and Tuesday noon Deputy Sheriff Ira Flanagan went out in a motor car and brought him to the county jail where he was booked as "John Doe, plain drunk."

Crops Are Not Hurt by Recent Cold Spell

Winter Wheat is Benefited by the Plentiful Accompanying Moisture.

The first detailed crop reports concerning the effect of the rains, snow and in some places the frost of last week were received Tuesday at the offices of the Burlington and Northwestern. Winter wheat was greatly benefited by both the snow and rain and none of it was hurt by frost. Small grains of other kinds and some of the fruit were nipped by the frost, but the extent of the loss will not be known for some time. In no place will it injure the farmer very much.

Corn planting is completed, but the planting has been held back somewhat by the chill weather. Potatoes, alfalfa and meadows have also been retarded for the same reason, but the wet weather of this week will bring them out well. Plums, cherries and early apples were the fruits possibly damaged.

Merger of Creamery Interests Reported

Beatrice Company is Said to Have Purchased Fox River Company's Plant.

Substantial authority has it that the Beatrice Creamery company, with headquarters in Lincoln, has purchased the entire interests of the Fox River Butter company. Terms of the purchase have not been given out, but the interests involved are reported to be the largest creamery transfers recorded. The Fox River concern, which has its headquarters at Aurora, Ill., is reputed to be the greatest distributing concern in the country. It is capitalized at more than \$200,000.

EKELUND LOOKING FOR FUN

Former State Senator Goes to Kansas City, Declaring He Can Find No Amusement Here.

John T. Ekelund, former state senator, had moved to Kansas City. There he is spreading the glory of Omaha in the following words, according to the Kansas City Journal:

"I was the second white child born in Omaha and I have grown up with the town. Senator Ekelund said last night. It has been a good town for me to raise my family in, but now that my children are growing up, I am forced to move away so they can see a park in the summer time."

"Since the city closed Krug park some time ago lovers of amusement parks have had to go to Council Bluffs or stay at home. My family stayed at home until we were all tired of it; now we are coming to Kansas City."

"I can say this for Kansas City," concluded Senator Ekelund. "I have enjoyed myself more in the two weeks I already have spent here than I did in all the forty-seven years I put in in Omaha."

NASH HINTS AT BLACKMAIL

Explains Why Light Company Operates Without Franchise.

HAS TILT WITH COUNCILMEN

Representatives of Pool Hall Owners Come Before Council and Make Objections to Commercial Club Plans.

Characterizing the petitions of the Omaha and Council Bluffs power company and E. L. Kirk and associates for electric light power franchises as blackmailing schemes, F. A. Nash, president of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, urged the members of the city council not to approve the franchise Monday afternoon at the meeting of the committee of the whole.

Declaring that neither petitioner had any intention of carrying out the terms of the franchise, Mr. Nash cautioned the council not to rush into any action which granted franchises to other companies.

Mr. Nash also charged that the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company has been and is doing a power and lighting business in direct violation of the city ordinance.

"For thirty years, the Omaha Electric Light and Power company has been doing business in the city of Omaha," said Nash. "In all that time we have lived up to every requirement of the city; we have paid our royalties and occupation taxes gladly. Last year we paid into the treasury 8 per cent of our gross business. We have tried to avoid litigation with the city Peace Lodge within a few days."

"Now, these companies come in and ask for franchises, which if granted, would seriously handicap our business. I hate to say it, but the propositions are blackmail. The promoters know they can get court Monday afternoon and I have no hesitancy in saying that is what we would have to do."

Mr. Nash's statement precipitated a long argument between himself and Councilman Funkhouser, who contended that it was the duty of the councilmen to consider any application for a franchise. Funkhouser suggested to Nash that his company petition for a franchise.

"You have no rights and privileges legally," said Funkhouser. "Why don't you come in and ask for a franchise? The courts have held that you have no rights to do an electric light and power business."

Decision is Not Final.

Mr. Nash contended that the decision of the appeal court was not final and that his company still considered that it had a perpetual franchise. "Are you willing and ready to ask a franchise?" interjected Councilman Hummel.

"Not at present," replied Mr. Nash. "Until the supreme court declares our franchise void or until we can agree with the council as to what franchise we should have, we will stand on our rights. We are giving the people everything they demand. What else can they ask?"

"Residence rates are too high and I can prove it," interposed Funkhouser. "My competitor, we can get fairer rates. The people look to us to protect their interests and when it comes to granting franchises for twenty-five or thirty years, we will investigate it from every angle."

The franchise ordinances were laid over for two weeks that the city clerk may have copies of both made for members of the council. Neither ordinance was discussed by the council members.

Pool Hall Ordinance Up.

The Commercial club ordinance, regulating and licensing pool halls, again came up for discussion, as did the Sheldon and Berka ordinances, which differ from the Commercial club measure, in that the latter makes it imperative for the proprietors to furnish bond in the sum of \$200 and provides for a forfeiture of the license on second conviction, and also provides that the halls must be closed at midnight.

Judge Ben Baker, representing pool hall owners, objected to the bond provision and asked the proprietors, who conduct a mercantile business in connection with the pool hall, be permitted to run the latter after midnight. He also asked that the

opening hour be made 5 instead of 7 a. m. The Commercial club members, Isidor Ziegler and W. J. Baxter, agreed to the change in the opening hour, but stout firm on the closing at midnight. All ordinances were referred to the judicial committee, which was instructed to confer with the legal department and draw an ordinance covering the points in dispute.

J. J. Donahue, chief of police, and James P. English, county attorney, urged the council to pass the Commercial club ordinance.

The ordinance, regulating and licensing lodging houses, was laid over for two weeks, while the petition of Sam Adler to use the sidewalks in front of his place of business on Twelfth street was placed on file.

A petition from property owners on Twenty-third street between Elm and Oak, which stated that the grading contractor was cutting below the established grade, was referred to the city engineer. The report of the sidewalk committee, setting aside \$5,000 from the general sidewalk fund for intersection walks was placed on file, and a motion directing that all resolutions, appertaining money for sidewalk construction be referred to the city engineer, passed in its stead.

The report of the appraisers, awarding damages of \$4,000.50 in the Locust street viaduct, was adopted.

Men in Jail Admit Six of Robberies

Jackson and Howard Confess to the Police Their Guilt in Series of Crimes.

Frank Howard and Harry Jackson, who are held by the police suspected of wholesale looting of residences, Tuesday morning confessed to having robbed six of the twenty-four homes they have been visited with in the last four weeks. Valuables amounting to several thousand dollars have been taken during that time, and it is believed that the men held are responsible for a greater number of the robberies. The confessions made by the men cover the six following burglaries:

J. J. Sampson, 607 South Twenty-sixth avenue. Olive Kenney, 2061 Dewey avenue. A. V. Draper, 224 Jones street. J. Kramer, 206 South Twenty-sixth avenue. Dale, 130 Georgia avenue. A. L. Huff, 212 Jackson street.

FRANK LEHMER NEAR DEATH

Head of Ice Company Likely to Die from Attack of Heart Disease.

Frank Lehmer, president of the Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company, is not expected to survive yesterday.

Mr. Lehmer is suffering from heart disease. He recently returned from a sojourn in Mexico where he was accompanied by his wife who is now in constant vigil at his bedside. The trip to the south failed to better the patient's health.

Oxygen is being administered and every resource known to medical science has been sought in vain. Physicians in attendance have given up hope.

THUG WORKS SYSTEMATICALLY

F. J. Barkley is in Hurry to Get Home, but Hesitates Long Enough to Be Robbed.

Hurrying in order to escape the rain Sunday night, F. J. Barkley of the Burley Printing company was held up at the point of a revolver and robbed of money and jewelry by a lone bandit on Farnam street between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets. The robbery was committed within twenty feet of a passerby, who spoke to Mr. Barkley. The robber is identified in various manner, went through the clothes of Mr. Barkley, obtaining \$20 in money and a solid gold watch.

Big Land Deal Probable.

W. J. Stevenson is offering a 2,500-acre tract in Colorado in this edition of The Bee. It seems likely that a big irrigated tract will soon be available as a result of this offering.

Get an "Asbury" \$2.50 Hat and you'll have the greatest hat value you can find. We've said so much about the style, looks and becomingness of our "Asbury" Hat that you must be pretty well convinced of those qualities. Now we must impress upon you the splendid value you get in an "Asbury." We must tell you of the carefully selected high grade materials, the splendid workmanship and finish that is executed by skillful workmen. In an "Asbury" Hat every single stitch must be perfect before we accept it. That's why we guarantee them to you, as better than any \$3.00 hat in town. Get Your "Asbury" Today, \$2.50

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The above round trip fares in effect daily after June 1st, and are only a partial list of what we offer. Steamship tickets via all Trans-Atlantic Lines on sale at this office. Let us help you plan your vacation trip. J. S. McNALLY, D. P. A., 1322 Farnam Street

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