

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Political Dopesters Are Planning Spring City Election.

PROPOSE TO MANDAMUS MAYOR

Speer and Company of Chicago Given Hundred and Ten Thousand-Dollar Block of City Bonds at Low Interest.

South Omaha is to have another city election next spring according to political astrologers.

It seems, according to the wise men, who incidentally have once served the people in official capacity, that the law extending the term of the present administration, is illegal, null, void and unconstitutional.

As the state is marked, there is talk of the following lineup: Joseph Koptetz for mayor, Chris Melcher for treasurer, Tom Hoefler and John Gribble and a few others for what is left.

When some of the merchants and business men were told of the move yesterday they openly expressed their disapproval.

Speers & Co., bond buyers of Chicago, Ill., were awarded the \$100,000 issue of renewal bonds at 4 1/2 per cent after a fight that has caused the mayor and city officials to become doubtful of the altruistic intentions of bond houses in general.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock and representatives of four houses were present in the persons of W. J. Long, agent of the Bank of Chicago; A. J. Spencer, agent for Hoehler-Cummings of Toledo; A. J. Fischer, agent for Roth-Well of Cincinnati and Chicago.

Speer's bid was a written communication sent direct from their house without any third party or agent to offer it.

Telegraphic and telephonic communication satisfied the officials that the Speer people were thoroughly reliable and the only question to be decided by the council was whether the transactions can be completed and gotten out in time for the Speer people to take them up before January 1.

In case the attorneys of the Speer house find the transactions improper they may reject the agreement and leave the city without means of redeeming the outstanding and imminent obligations which, unless satisfied, will seriously threaten its credit.

The promises of the local banks to stand by the Speer house are not considered entirely satisfactory for the reason that national banks cannot go surety or guarantee the credit of the city.

It is hoped, however, that the company to whom the bonds have been awarded will carry out its contract and successfully float the issue.

With the final conclusion of the sale will pass an element of disturbance in the city government.

At yesterday's meeting there were personalities bordering on recrimination. The bond buyers claimed they had not been fairly treated by the city.

Mayor Trainor said that the bond buyers had done anything but treat the city according to law.

Joe Cheloud Injured.

Bewildered in the middle of the Missouri Pacific railroad track at Railroad avenue and X street, Joe Cheloud, an employe of the city street cleaning department, was struck last night at 9:30 o'clock by a westbound freight which inflicted injuries that are expected to prove fatal.

Cheloud, who resides with his wife and four children at Twenty-first and Washington streets, had just parted with some friends at Twenty-fourth and W streets when he was struck by the train.

He was making his way home and in crossing the track is supposed to have become bewildered. His head was badly crushed and Dr. A. H. Koenig ordered him removed to the South Omaha hospital, where it is expected that he will not survive the night.

Cheloud is 32 years of age.

The train was in charge of Engineer Devine, Fireman Gatter and Conductor Klein.

Good Makes Speech.

City Clerk Frank Good, who when he is dignified, puts on the last ounce of "dog" that can be carried by one person at one time, outdid himself yesterday afternoon when he made a presentation speech to the young women employes of the city hall.

The stage was set for the event with every attention to detail. Six chairs in the north light, which, as every artist knows is the proper vantage point for works of art, were placed for the accommodation of the young women. When all things were in readiness Clerk Good emerged from his private office to the middle of the outer room, where he was flanked on either side by his deputies, John Fennel and John Mercell.

Amid a deathlike stillness the clerk then presented Misses Isabelle Fishery, secretary to the mayor; Matilda Wogensen, stenographer to the city attorney; Anna Martin and Agnes Fitzgerald, stenographers to the city clerk, with gold-headed umbrellas. Mrs. Barnes of the Associated Charities received a fountain pen and Maude Cloud of the same association a book. Mrs. Anderson of the city telephone exchange was given a Bible.

At the conclusion of his impressive presentation the clerk intimated that he expected to have the pleasure and honor of presiding at a similar function next year.

Many Partake of Mulligan.

Tom Conway speaking as a past cognoscent of the dish says that mulligan compounded from aged meats are not flavored just exactly to his taste. He expressed this opinion yesterday afternoon immediately after he had partaken of a mulligan prepared in the basement of the city hall.

The affair was strictly informal and

was designed and engineered under the skillful hand of a past master at the gentle art of mulligan making.

Among the guests entertained by the irresistible Tom were George Johnson, Hank Eisfelder, and a score of others.

Token for Mrs. Greer.

As a token of esteem and appreciation of her services as organist of St. Martin's church for the last six years, the choir members last evening presented a solid silver toilet service to Mrs. L. H. Greer, who is about to take a two months' trip to the Pacific coast.

The affair was a total surprise to the guest of honor and came at the conclusion of rehearsal. On behalf of the parish H. J. Carruthers in a neat speech made the presentation.

Mrs. Greer will be absent for two months during which time she will visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Stewart of San Francisco. Upon her return she will reside in Omaha, but will still maintain her connection with St. Martin's church.

Schools to the Front.

Assistant State Superintendent Anna V. Day has notified the schools of this city that \$18 in premiums were awarded to the South Omaha public schools for the display of work in the state industrial exhibit in connection with the State Teachers' association at Omaha.

How these prizes were won is information as to the standing of the school in reference to others. Upon special inquiry information has recently come saying that the South Omaha schools were awarded four first prizes, as follows: First in manual training work, first on kindergarten industrial work, first on clay modeling, first on raffia and reed. On the collective art exhibit the third prize was awarded. With four first premiums out of five the schools have reason to be satisfied with themselves.

Church Services.

First Reformed Church, South Central Boulevard and Twenty-third Street, C. M. Rohrbach, Pastor—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; W. Thomas, superintendent; Morning worship, 11 a. m., subject of sermon: "The Fullness of Time." Evening service at 7 o'clock, subject, "The Wise Men from the East." Christmas program Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

On Christmas morning, at the First Presbyterian church, corner of Franklin and Third and J streets, there will be "an hour of worship," conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. G. Smith, beginning December 24, Dr. Robert L. Wheeler, pastor. Public services at 11 o'clock sharp. Admission free. Subject, "The Nativity." Choir and chorus. Hymn, "The Nativity," number 142. Gloria Creed—Invocation. Scripture lesson. Pastor's talk to the boys' department. Hymn, "Joy to the World." Hymn number 144. Report of clerk of session, baptism and confirmation of babies. Following reception of members into church fellowship—Clerk J. A. Bradley. Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds Us Together." The Glad Tidings—Choir. Reception of Christmas offerings, board of trustees. Songs—The Home, Clara. Anthem, "The Christmas Star Shines Round the World."

Special musical services will be held at the First Baptist church, 1229 University in the morning at St. Martin's church. Following is the program: Organ Prelude.....

Invisible Chorus—Holy Night (From the German).....

Procession—The Christmas Carol.....

Sing—Mendelssohn Anthem—Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings.....

Sentences of Christmas-time.....

Paater—Domine, Dominus noster; Dominus ex terra.....

Carol—O Little Town of Bethlehem.....

Scripture—Vision of the Christ Office (Lusk).....

Magnificat.....

Scripture—The Story of the Nativity (Lusk).....

Carol—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.....

Offertory—Anthem—Sing and Rejoice O Daughter of Zion.....

Bonny Prayer.....

Recessional—O Come All Ye Faithful.....

Reading.....

Death of Mrs. Burns.

Mrs. Catherine Burns, wife of Jack Burns, died yesterday evening at her residence, 122 North Eighteenth street. Mrs. Burns was 59 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Jack Burns, and two sons. The body will be shipped this evening at 5:30 o'clock to Winchester, Ill.

Anna Johnson, the 12-year-old daughter of Street Commissioner Johnson is dangerously ill of pneumonia.

James Wesley Is Dead.

James Wesley, aged 67 years, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hickson, 2818 H street. The funeral will be held in Plattsmouth, Neb.

War Veteran Passes Aways.

B. H. Hamilton, a veteran of the civil war, died yesterday evening at 1812 Missouri avenue. He was 60 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children, one of whom is Conductor D. J. Hamilton of the Union Pacific railroad. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Funeral of F. Weisner.

Fernando Weisner, who was killed on the Union Pacific railroad some days ago, will be buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Brewer's chapel. The services will be in charge of Rev. Dr. Wheeler of the First Presbyterian church. Members of the Switchmen's union and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will attend the funeral in a body. Interment will be made in Evergreen cemetery.

Hacks for Private Calls.

Give your private calls for funerals. Price reduced. H. Broderick & Maslow, 281 Q St. Bell South 183, Ind. P-307.

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. D. G. Robb is visiting relatives at Villisca and Corydon, Ia.

Mrs. George Jones is critically ill at her home, 122 North Twenty-third.

Lost—Gold watch, hunting case, finder reward to B. N. Rembl, 224 F St.; reward, Miss Monetta Lee left yesterday for a visit with Mrs. C. Nelson Aurora, Neb.

Mrs. Mary Nilsson, 1204 North Twenty-eighth street, will on December 25 entertain the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society. Mesdames C. Campbell and F. C. Bliss are assisting the hostess.

Miss Jennie Leonard of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Day.

Dr. C. M. Schindel returned the first of the week from a business trip in South Dakota.

M. Yost, jeweler, new location, 417 N. 26th street.

Miss Althea Fletcher of David City is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry and son of Austin, Ia., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder of Lincoln will visit with Mrs. Snyder's sister, Mrs. A. W. Tug, this week.

Expert watch repairing at Yost's, 417 N. 26th street.

Miss Tazel True has gone to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. Hertelshimer, of Lincoln.

South Omaha Central Labor Union will meet Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock instead of Monday at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Morrill will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Morrill's parents at Alexandria, Neb.

Ferry MacD, Wheeler, wife and young Robert are having a most delightful visit with Dr. Stewart Campbell at Tilden, Neb.

Frank A. Agnew, lawyer, Hannan block.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lang, 387 E. street, acknowledge a most acceptable gift in the birth of a young son, John Frederick.

Misses Marie Herry, Mabel Martin and Fern Eads are attending the State Normal at Kearney, Neb., are home for the holidays.

The seventh grand ball by Washakie

Orkin's Douglas Street Store

Our Sixth Annual Clearance Sale

Starts Tuesday Morning, December 26 at 8 O'clock

1 Thousands of dollars' worth of High Class Wearing Apparel 1

2 for Women and Misses will be sold at HALF PRICE 2

This is the Great Sale You Have Been Waiting For

In accordance with our usual custom to close out our entire stock the same season it was bought, we announce this vast clearance to start Tuesday morning. This policy which we adhere to strictly every year, enables us to open each season with an entire new stock. Every garment in this great sale is absolutely new—and represents one of the smartest and newest models in this season's styles—Not a single garment is reserved.

Our Entire Stock of Tailored Suits, Coats and Dresses on Sale Tuesday at JUST HALF

Table listing various clothing items and their clearance prices. Columns include 'Suits and Coats at Half Price', 'Plush Coats Half Price', 'All our Fur Coats at a Sacrifice', and 'All our Fur Sets, Scarfs and Muffs at a Great Sacrifice'.

1510 ORKIN'S ON DOUGLAS STREET 1510

Electric Light Co. to Move Into New Quarters February 1

Having outgrown its present quarters in the Young Men's Christian association building, the Omaha Light and Power company will move to the Union Pacific headquarters building, Fifteenth and Dodge street, about February 1, where it will occupy practically all of the second floor of the west wing on the Fifteenth street side and two units of space on the ground floor just east of the Dodge street entrance.

The rooms on the second floor are reached by the broad staircases, or by the elevators, while the rooms on the ground floor have their entrance from the main court, running east and west, just south of the elevators.

On the second floor the electric light company will maintain the offices for the company's officials and the entire accounting department. Besides there will be large reception rooms, equipped with all of the comforts that the patrons may desire. Here nearly seventy-five persons will find employment.

In the large room on the first floor will be the cashiers and the contracting department. There is no street entrance to this room and to reach it, one passes into the building by either the Dodge or Fifteenth street entrances and thence into the broad marble finished corridor, leading east down this corridor, the entrance to the electric light company's room is through the first door to the east of the Dodge street vestibule.

The operating department of the electric light company will continue to be maintained in the present rooms in the Young Men's Christian association building and will be in charge of a superintendent with the moving of the electric light company offices to these new quarters.

WILLIAM LEYOLDT WEDS MISS REED OF LA PLATTE

William Leyoldt and Miss Maria Reed of La Platte were married last evening at the bride's home in that city. Rev. C. E. Babersville of Bellevue pronounced the wedding ceremony, which sixty-five guests witnessed.

Railroad Manager Rises Rapidly to the Top Notch

It was at Cedar Falls, Ia., Christmas morning, 1865, that Frank Walters, general manager of the Northwestern railroad, with headquarters in Omaha, was ushered into this world. Not having been born with a silver spoon in his mouth, Young Frank had to deprive himself of many of the pleasures enjoyed by his comrades. Upon reaching the school-going period, he attended the public schools during their sessions, working hard in vacation. This continued until he was 18 years old, when he went to Fort Dodge, Ia., where his brother was agent, and where he was given employment as a car-checker.

In checking cars, Frank Walters made good and his rise was rapid. Prior to this time he had no particular ambitions, but one day when he was given a promotion, he concluded to go after some other ones. He went and to him came promotions in rapid succession. He went to the Northwestern in 1892 and became general manager in 1896.

Frank Walters is one of the hardest working railroad men in Omaha. He has worked constantly since starting as a check boy and finds much pleasure in disposing of tasks that to many would seem almost unappreciable.

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