

PLANS TO IMPROVE OMAHA

City Planning Committee Will Ask Municipal Aid to Beautify City. MILLIONS WILL BE NEEDED. Craig Says Utility Must Not Be Forgotten in Tearing Up Old Plans and Beginning New and Better Era.

Representatives of nearly fifteen civic organizations and unaffiliated citizens met in the city council chamber last night upon the call of the mayor and discussed "city planning." A large number of suggestions were made, but City Engineer George W. Craig struck the keynote of the meeting when he advised the organization to take up not only the subject of beautifying the city, but also the manner in which it could be improved "in utility."

A resolution was passed directing the mayor to name a committee of five to draft a constitution and by-laws and a second meeting will be held next Friday night to perfect a permanent organization. The city will be called upon for financial assistance in hiring local and outside experts to prepare plans for the proper improvements. A resolution was passed recommending that \$10,000, or whatever portion of the city's budget for the first of the year, be appropriated for this purpose.

George A. Morton was named temporary chairman and Miss Elizabeth N. McCartney was chosen temporary secretary. Speakers were: Mayor Dahlman, George W. Craig, John J. Ryder, Harry Dooley, T. R. Kimball, F. W. Fitch, W. T. Kierstead, J. E. George, W. A. DeHord, John A. Rine, Viktor Rosewater, Judge W. W. Slabaugh, Fred Paffenrath, C. L. Camp, W. O. Paisley, J. P. O. Paisley, C. A. Alden and J. P. Ekins.

It is now a Chief Problem. Opening the meeting the mayor said: "City planning is intensely practical; beauty follows as a logical sequence when such planning is orderly and along scientific lines. Moreover, the planning of a large city to improve its utility as well as increase its beauty has become one of the chief problems that confronts public-spirited citizens in every part of the country. In a sense it is a new problem in that it has been forced on public attention by the rapid growth in population in hundreds of cities.

"Let the new cities of the west profit by the mistakes of the east. Our eastern cities are trying in every way and at great expense to redeem grounds neglected when lands were cheap. "Concentration and congestion are the two subjects of most importance in city planning. Congestion means bad living conditions and must be avoided. Concentration is desirable and inevitable. "In planning a city beautiful it must be remembered that everything must be useful. It is not a city with merely a conglomerate of statues, flower beds and decorated lamp posts—it is a city with well ordered arrangements of streets which lead the people quickly and easily to and from their businesses—a city of open places, playgrounds accessible to the small children in the downtown homes, park drives, business streets and residence streets of various widths, with and without grass and tree borders.

"Public school buildings should be surrounded by small parks. "The city of Omaha has been laid out on a general plan. Possibly in the future we may appreciate it more than we do now. We are gradually building a fine system of parks and boulevards. Our streets are wide, but they are expensive to keep in repair and to keep clean. "Our city is growing in every direction and we should set aside lots in these new additions for fire stations, school and municipal buildings.

Skyscrapers Undesirable. "All the city planners agree that the skyscraper is undesirable. Many extremely tall buildings on one block bring about congestion and bad sanitary conditions for the people working in them. Streets should not be less than 100 feet wide. This does not mean a wide and expensive driveway. That may be limited to not more than thirty feet, but there should be parking either down the center or along the side of the streets.

In the rapid growth of our cities we have paid more attention to the present development of business than to permanent improvements which affect the health and happiness of the people. "City planning is a new problem which has been forced on the people by the rapid growth in city population allied with the development of traction companies that have changed the maps of most cities.

English Law is Good. "What is good for one city is not necessarily good for another. The city of Philadelphia copied some tenement houses which had been a great success in New York and brought about the worst condition of congestion they had ever known. "Each city has to work out its own 'individuality.' The English town planning act of 1891 is the best and simplest law passed on this subject. "We have a common interest in the business proposition that we call 'Omaha'—a common responsibility for its largest success. We cannot shift the responsibility to the shoulders of our public servants or to any group of men. When we do, our share of the American experiment—democracy, a government by the people—fails.

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Public interest is at last awakened, he said, to the public needs, and if the commission could frame some just and effective measure there would be little difficulty in getting the people to approve it and vote the necessary money to carry it out.

He called attention to the large number of cities that are now interested in beautifying and improving themselves. Many small towns have also turned their attention to the new demand and voted money to make civic improvements.

Omaha's topographical advantages are exceptional, concluded Mr. Ryder. "It will take large sums of money to make the necessary changes, but the time to begin is now. Delays will increase the cost."

Harry Dooley said he had become so interested in the movement that he had written several cities now engaged in city planning activity. He read letters from officials of these cities, detailing the manner of the work and the cost.

It was his suggestion that the committee appointed to perfect the permanent organization and suggest the employment of proper expert help be not composed of any one class of business, professional or non-professional men, but include representatives of every line.

When plans are prepared and submitted in concrete form it is his opinion that the citizens will endorse them. He asked that a man be employed at once to draft these plans.

T. R. Kimball declared the Fine Arts society was enthusiastically in support of the move. He earnestly advocated that the organization be divorced from politics.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Citizens Circulate Petition to Enlarge Charter Committee.

OBJECT TO MOVE BY COUNCIL

Want Body Made Up of Representative Men Who Will Take Broad View of Changes Needed in City Government.

Condemnation of the personnel of the charter revision committee appointed some days ago by the mayor and city council has culminated in a movement upon the part of heavy taxpayers and businessmen generally throughout the city. Petitions to the mayor and city council asking that the committee be increased from a membership of five to twenty-five, were prepared and circulated yesterday by a number of businessmen.

Respectively of party affiliation the condemnation of the high handed proceedings that composed a charter committee from a number of men who are not regarded as typically representative of the plain citizens is general. The petition prepared and circulated is backed by democrats and republicans alike without regard to the gangsters who are now attentive to what is termed "state making."

The following is a copy of the petition circulated and the names of the citizens chosen to supplement the charter committee appointed last week: To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of South Omaha, Nobles-Gentlemen: We the undersigned, believing that the matter of the revision of the city charter concerns all the people of the city and that whatever changes are proposed or made should have careful consideration of those who contribute largely in bearing the burden of taxation, hereby respectfully request your honorable body to increase the charter revision committee from its present number of five (5) to twenty-five (25).

We respectfully suggest that the important matters to be considered by the charter revision committee be more adequately adjusted if considered by a larger body of tax-paying citizens whose names are herewith submitted. We, therefore, respectfully suggest that the mayor and council incorporate and make a part of the charter revision committee the names herewith submitted: Larry VanAnt, S. C. Scribner, James W. Murphy, George H. Brewer, Charles E. Scarr, Frank Koutsky, Morgan J. Hoadley, L. C. Gibson, P. J. Traiser, William Frank, Thomas Kosiol, John McMillan, Peter Peterson, Manley McCarty, P. J. Martin, Jerry Fitzgerald, Mr. Chance, John Gribble, August Miller and A. H. Murdoch.

well, but... Emmet McMahon Henry Du Barr, the pink of politeness... John O'Mara Tommy Lough, a light-fingered heavy villain... John Hoshorn Willie Schoenberger, a good young fellow... John McEwan "Daddy" Wisnare, a cunning old gentleman... Charles Leppert His frisky sons... Edward Cahill Fred... John Sexton The naughty village kids: Looey Krausmeyer... Bert Tanner Rudolf Krausmeyer... Raymond Reith Nick Nighthawk, one of the finest... William Dore Miss Beatrice B. Attitude... Miss Anna McMahon Katrina Krausmeyer... Agnes Fitzgerald First boy... Henry Wrede Second boy... John Parks Third boy... John Parks, Jr. First girl... Mary McGowan Second girl... Mary O'Connor Third girl... Mercedes Farrell

Scouting with a 2-caliber rifle in the vicinity of the home of Mrs. Anna Espergren of 713 North Twenty-first street nearly cost the right eye of Arthur Espergren, his 16-year-old son, Thursday afternoon. The shot was fired by Carl Matson, the 10-year-old son of Alfred Matson, Twenty-first and K streets, and a playmate of the injured boy.

The two lads had been playing together during the afternoon. When the lad paroled Arthur Espergren remained sitting in a swing at his home. Carl, the younger lad, thought to scare him by a shot, and his aim being bad drove a bullet near the eyeball of his playmate.

"State making" is the order of the day in democratic circles these days. It appears that the last hope of the men who are opposed to the election has vanished. It is said that a meeting held some nights ago in a private residence in the north part of town indicated the bitter fight that is going on between the Gillinists and the democrats of the town. That Gillin is the stern center as usual appears with the odds against his success. William Martin a strong democrat from the west end of the city, and one having a strong following of personal friends is considered as a strong candidate for city treasurer. Jerry Fitzgerald, present tax commissioner, and re-elected last time by a combination of both parties, is also a likely candidate, if he will accept. Both Martin and Fitzgerald are anti-Gillin men.

Without doubt the eighteenth annual ball of the South Omaha fire department was accounted a success last night. For days Chief McKale and the officers and men of the department have been active in completing arrangements for the big celebration. Their efforts were rewarded last night by one of the largest crowds that has ever filled the big hall at the Live Stock exchange building. The blue suits and brass buttons of the firemen stood out in striking contrast to the light colored raincoat and beaming faces must have meant much to the fire laddie, who stand ready all year to protect the homes of the citizens against fire.

Fellow's hall, Twenty-fourth and M streets, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11, by the pastor. The topic is "Useful Forgetting." Epworth league at Brass chapel at 6:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, pastor. First Christian church, Twenty-third and I streets, Rev. J. W. Hastie, pastor. Bible study at 9 o'clock. Communion and sermon at 11. The subject will be "Things that Abide." Christian endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Song service and sermon. "The Third of a Thing," at 7:30 p. m. Memorial invitation is extended to the public.

First Presbyterian church Twenty-third and I streets, Rev. Dr. Wheeler, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. The subject for the morning sermon, "Looking Backward." Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. The topic for the evening hour worship is "The Pasture of the Good Shepherd."

Magic City Gossip. I. D. Wayne from Milton, Penn., is in the guest of Ray Bronson. Mrs. M. D. Amundson and little daughter are visiting with relatives near Colby, Kan. A. C. Morgan, a former Omaha man, now of Denver, is in South Omaha for a few days.

The body of Frank Kirtley, who died last Thursday afternoon, will be sent to Citron, Ia., from the Brewer undertaking rooms this morning. C. J. Hampton, a lawyer from Des Moines, Ia., was in town a few days the first of the week on business. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hamilton and son, Harry, left yesterday for their home in Chicago after a two weeks' visit with relatives here. Miss Clara Stockeimire and Miss Ellen Bower entertained in honor of Miss Bower's guest, Miss Ester Wallace of Beatrice last night. The evening was enjoyed at high five, followed with music and light refreshments. Tables were arranged for twenty-four.

Magic City Howling League. STELLINGS. Ist. 2d. 3d. Total. Ham... 165 175 178 519. Kell... 196 167 136 499. V. Hestad... 181 267 176 624. Spiveen... 146 263 230 639.

Table with 4 columns: Name, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Total. Includes names like Stelling, Mann, Scarr, Tombrink, Straw, Totals, Handicap.

ONE COMMITS SUICIDE WHILE TWO MAKE EFFORT

One suicide and two attempted suicides by the carbolic acid route, the shortest line over the great divide, kept Police Surgeon Folts busy for two hours last evening.

Pat J. Dwyer of Plattsmouth committed suicide in a rooming house at 2112 California street at 6 o'clock by drinking four ounces of acid. He had been stopping at the rooming house for several weeks. His wife, who lives at Plattsmouth, has started suit for divorce and this is thought to have caused him to take his life. Besides his widow, he leaves four children.

Because he was unable to pay bills William Hostetter of 619 North Seventeenth street, made an attempt to commit suicide. After drinking one-fourth of the burning poison, he loudly called for help. Otis Singleton drank three-fourths of an ounce of the acid at the Bailey rooming house, Ninth and Farnam streets, where he has been staying since separation from his wife some weeks ago.

NATURE'S ESSENCE... Extracted From Forest Plants.

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