

Council Bluffs

BOYER WANTS PAYEMENTS

Alderman Introduces Resolution Covering Wide Field.

MAYOR IS NOT FAVORABLE

Declares Avenue A and Cross Street Plans as Suggested Would Create Too Big a Deficiency for Taxpayers.

Improvement resolutions providing for the pavement of Avenue A from Fourteenth street to Thirty-seventh street and all of the cross streets from Broadway north, in several instances as far as Avenue E, including also South Twenty-Eighth street from Broadway to Fifth avenue; curbing and guttering over all of these streets and cement sidewalks to the extent of about eight miles were introduced in the city council last night. The only action taken on any of them was to refer them to committees of the council to investigate and report back to the council.

The pavement resolution was introduced and advocated by Alderman Boyer, who said his constituents were clamoring for the improvement. When the magnitude of the enterprise became apparent Mayor Maloney, who had been doing a little figuring, said the deficiencies that would have to be borne by the city would require all of the money that would be realized in the improvement fund for the five years and would prevent any paving in other parts of the city, where any deficiency was probable, for the next six or seven years.

"I want to put myself on record clearly," said Mayor Maloney, "that I will veto any improvement ordinance that will put an unwarrantable burden upon the general taxpayer. I can foresee a deficiency here that will be largely in excess of that required to pave lower Broadway, where the general public received substantial benefit. The majority of the lots involved can not be valued at more than \$200 and a valuation of more than \$200 will be required to pay for the pavement. I never have stood and never will stand in the way of public improvements, but I will not consent to the improvement of private property at public expense. If the property owners down there want this paving the only way they can get it is to sign waivers as they did on Franklin avenue and other places where there were deficiencies."

Alderman Boyer said he did not think there would be more than \$2,500 cost for the grading of Avenue A and that all of the improved property on that street would bear its full share.

"There is no part of the city where the improvement is more greatly needed," said Alderman Boyer, "and all I want to do now and have is to have this list of streets published and let the people express their views. There will be some opposition, but there will be plenty of property owners who will sign the waivers. Many people who own automobiles and have a few blocks north of Broadway are frequently unable to use their machines on account of the mud."

"I'm thinking of the many others who can't afford to own automobiles, whose property can't stand the assessment," interjected the mayor.

Alderman Boyer asked that the resolution include bids for concrete base and vitrified brick and also for concrete pavement. The committee, which includes the city attorney and city engineer is to report at the meeting on Monday next.

To Tear Up Brick Walks.

The resolution providing for sidewalks was so long that half an hour was required in the reading. More than two miles of cement walk is included in the fourth ward, the resolution requiring the tearing up of pressed brick walks that are declared to be as good as any cement

No Nature Fake! Cat and Rat Good Friends



Nature fakers will probably be a little surprised to learn that this cat and rat pictured above are the best of friends and share their food and milk with each other. Hereditary enemies for years, these two have formed a strange friendship. They both belong to a Mr. Birch, who lives in Dalston, England. They play together during most of the day, and, as the picture shows, the cat is so gentle that the rat goes calmly to sleep on pussy's back with no fear of harm.

Girls on Long Hike Arrive in Bluffs

Miss Margaret Righter and Miss Maimie Smith appeared at the city building yesterday with bronzed faces and dresses showing the effects of wear and asked Mayor Maloney officially to attest that they had arrived in Council Bluffs. The young women have walked all of the way from Detroit, and said they do not intend to stop walking until they reach San Francisco some time this autumn. They have been posing for the S. & A. Film company and are to appear in some realistic cowgirl moving pictures when they get further west. They are taking the long walk partly for the pure fun of it and partly to get the complexion tint supposed to be required to typify the genuine cowgirl. They left Detroit on May 13 and have been tramping along the public highways ever since. Some days they say they have walked as far as forty miles. One day they walked forty-five miles, but their record was when they were seeking to get out of a peculiarly inhospitable part of Illinois, when they arose at 2:30 in the morning and walked until 10:30 at night, making a journey of fifty-five miles.

The young women say they only found one Iowa farmer, who deserves to be called a man. They complain bitterly at the treatment accorded them by Iowa farmers, and say they only encountered sneers and insults all of the way across the state. They walked into the Bluffs from Weston, ten miles east, in two and one-half hours, and continued their journey to Omaha at noon.

The ordinance reducing the distance between the curbs to twenty-six feet on Volusia street, Clark street, Stahl avenue, Thomas street, Morningside avenue, Union street and Franklin avenue was passed. Protests of a few property owners to the sewer on Fifteenth avenue and High street were ignored and the sewer was ordered. Two additional windows were ordered opened in the side walls of No. 4 hose house.

Woman's Club Plans Lawn Fete Reunion

Plans have been perfected for a reunion of the members of the Council Bluffs Woman's club to be held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. J. Lovett on East Pierce street. All of the members of the club have been requested to bring dinner baskets and the plan is to have a picnic on the lawn with dinner for all of the members of the various families.

Dinner is to be served at 6:30 o'clock and in the evening the musical department of the club will give a program. A moving picture machine will be brought into use and some pretty moving pictures will be shown.

The reunion has been planned by the members of the musical department, who have sent invitations to all of the club women to come and bring their families. If the affair proves to be as enjoyable as anticipated it is quite likely that other lawn fetes with some distinctive features of club work made prominent will follow during the summer.

Highway Expert Writes of Roads

Thomas H. McDonald, engineer of the Iowa Highway commission, has written Elmer E. Minnick, chairman of the streets and roads committee of the Council Bluffs club, a long letter concerning his work and the best means of bringing about the improved conditions sought by the roadmakers of the state and nation. Engineer McDonald points out that any hope of getting a good road anywhere in this part of the country without paying for it may as well be abandoned at the start. He says if dirt roads are to be maintained the first necessity is underdrainage, and the second, drag when the weather conditions permit. Building the road and packing the earth firmly is easily done and well understood. Permanent roads he says can only be made by the use of macadam or gravel, and he prefers gravel with a clay and oil binder to the quality of broken rock obtainable in this vicinity.

CLARK MERCANTILE FIRM LOSES BARN BY FIRE

Fire damaged the barn and rear of the store belonging to the Clark Mercantile company on Thirty-fourth street, owned by J. J. Crowe. The barn, which was a storage house for cement, nails and lumber, caved in and was destroyed by the fire. The loss will be \$2,000. Firemen of Engine company No. 3 lost a nozzle and ask that it be returned if found.

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Barton Takes Steps to Get More Money for War Jubilee

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Aroused by reports that the appropriation of \$60,000 was too small to take care of veterans at the Gettysburg celebration next week, Representative Barton today took steps to have an adequate appropriation made.

At the opening of the house session he asked the speaker if the secretary of war had reported to the house for such an appropriation.

He learned that no request had been made. "I shall take this matter up with the secretary of war at once," said Mr. Barton, after the house had adjourned. "If it is true as reported that present funds are insufficient to care for the soldiers at Gettysburg, the War department ought to have asked congress for such an appropriation. If I find that conditions demand it, I shall endeavor to secure an appropriation sufficient to cover any need that may arise."

TWO JOBS WILSON OFFERED REFUSED, NOT POSTOFFICES

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Diplomatic appointments went a-begging today when Meredith Nicholson, a novelist of Indiana, declined the post of minister to Portugal, and within a short space the White House received the declination of James D. Phelan, former mayor of San Francisco, to accept the position of ambassador to Austria-Hungary. The two declinations were a fiasco for the administration, which is experiencing some hitches in filling foreign posts.

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