

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Police Fund is Depleted and Overdraft Already Exists.

MAY CUT DOWN THE FORCE

Former Police Captain Eisefelder Feels the Change in the Wheel of Fortune—Lunches for Students.

Steadily the South Omaha police fund is growing shorter and shorter and unless something is done in the way of curtailing expenses in the department the fund will be cut before the end of the year. Year after year the promise has been made that the police fund and the fire fund would not be depleted before the end of the year. This year the legislature provided an increased appropriation for the double shift on the fire department. The police fund, however, was not increased. It was hoped that City Treasurer P. J. Martin would be forced to allow the back tax money to go into the different funds as of old, thus increasing each fund over and above the amount appropriated by the city council. Martin backed up by the city attorney's office, insisted that the money should go as the charter indicated, into the interest and sinking fund in order to reduce the city's debt and thus reduce the taxes on the people. Mayor Hector wanted the money to go into the different funds. A court battle was threatened. Both City Attorney Murphy and City Treasurer Martin said they would welcome a court decree in the matter, but that the money spent on such a suit must not be taken out of the city treasury. Matters had been in that state for some time. Now it is understood that the police fund is at least a month and a half overdrawn. This means that the police must be laid off and the citizens deprived of protection at the end of the year if something is not done. Both City Attorney Murphy and City Treasurer Martin are anxious to protect the men and they warned the police board at the beginning of the year.

Jackman's Home Dancer. Police Conductor John Jackman is recuperating at his home, Thirty-ninth and S streets, after his terriblemourning efforts at the coppers' ball New Year's night. Conductor Jackman admits he is the best tangoist on the South Omaha police force.

Eisefelder's Plight. Former Police Captain Hank Eisefelder, who for many years served on the South Omaha police force and who had earned a reputation as a fearless officer, now knows what the turn of a political wheel in South Omaha may mean. A year ago Eisefelder was a police captain and acting chief at times. This morning he stands before Police Magistrate James Callanan, a prisoner, where formerly he stood as a prosecutor. The cause of his arrest was insignificant. But he was thrown into jail and kept there until the arresting officer who formerly served under Eisefelder called up the police judge who released Eisefelder on his own recognizance. When Eisefelder was released from the captivity to make room for some one else, he lost his temper and refused to serve as a patrolman. The board of police commissioners quickly availed itself of the veteran's refusal and took his star. Eisefelder has been unable to secure work since. His wife has been ill for six months and his luck has pursued him. His worth as a police officer was admitted here and in Omaha. However, in South Omaha there are different standards of merit when it comes to the police inner circle, it is said.

Lunch for Students. N. M. Graham, superintendent of schools, expects that within a few weeks the different classes of the domestic science classes will place the operation of the new department on a paying basis by supplying lunch to the high school pupils. It is the plan of the superintendent and the instructor in domestic science to have the girls of the new department cook such edibles as may be useful for lunches. These lunches will be prepared in dainty packages and distributed hot to the many students who are expected to take advantage of the new department.

In the early spring the agricultural classes will begin active field work out on Q street. The five acres now held by the school district will be subdivided into lots and they will be devoted to raising grain, foodstuffs and vegetables. The

Married Fifty Years



Mrs. and Mrs. T.A. Hazelbaker.

A delightful golden wedding anniversary was celebrated New Year's day for Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hazelbaker, 268 Charles street, by their six children and eleven grandchildren. The members of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hazelbaker, Edgar, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hazelbaker, Haigler, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazelbaker, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. F. B. Ramsey, 2628 Charles street; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rely and Mr. and

Mrs. L. R. Clough, Omaha. The friends invited were Judge Charles B. Foster, T. B. Dyart, C. E. Dyart, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lynch of Florence, and William Willard of Omaha. A large feast was given in the evening and during the day many old-time friends stopped in to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Hazelbaker. Mr. Hazelbaker is employed at Thompson, Helden & Co.

vegetables will be used for the domestic science department and perhaps for the schools where the teachers will be equipped to prepare hot lunches.

All in all, the practical side of education will be developed more than ever before in South Omaha.

Magic City Gossip. The Live Stock exchange will hold their annual election next Monday.

Mrs. John Zaloudek, wife of Police Captain John Zaloudek, is said to be suffering from a slight illness at her home.

Garfield Circle club will give a card party Tuesday afternoon, January 6, at Moose hall, Twenty-fifth and M streets.

Skating at Seymour park was reported yesterday and many young people took advantage of the clear weather and the holiday to enjoy the skating.

Jack Fitzgerald of this city is visiting with relatives while enroute from Reno to Philadelphia, where he will box with one of the square circle adepts.

Rev. John G. Aibers of Lincoln, who preached in the First Christian church last Sunday, will conduct the services tomorrow, both morning and evening.

We will rent our modern, 8-room house, 1311 Georgia Ave., completely furnished, for two or three months to responsible party, at \$20 per month. We furnish coal. J. W. Blanchard.

City Treasurer P. J. Martin reports that almost 70 per cent of the annual taxes have been collected. The treasurer's office is running after hours in the evening and all during the noon hour.

The policeman's ball netted the coppers about \$100. The expense of the ball will not go over \$100. The rest of the money will be divided and given to the policemen. There is no benefit fund here as in Omaha.

There will be a special meeting of Bee Hive lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, this evening at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of exemplifying the Master Mason degree at Masonic hall, Twenty-fifth and N streets.

St. Luke's Lutheran church, Twenty-fifth and K streets, Rev. S. H. Yerman, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Mission band at 3 p. m. Confirmation class at 4 p. m. Sun services at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. Robert L. Wheeler.

The Week of Prayer. The South Omaha Ministers' union has arranged for united services during the week of prayer. They also recommend the topics suggested by the British alliance. The schedule of services is as follows:

Sabbath Evening, January 4—At Lutheran church, Twenty-fifth and K streets. Topic, "The Unity of the Church." Speaker, R. L. Wheeler. Scripture texts, John xviii:21, Acts i:3, Mark xvii:15.

Monday, January 5—First Presbyterian church, Twenty-third and J streets. Topic, "Thanksgiving and Humiliation." Texts, Psalm 98, I Samuel xvii:13-25. Speaker, William A. Pollock.

Tuesday, January 6—At the First Christian church, Twenty-third and J streets. Topic, "The Church Universal." Texts, Ephesians i:13-23, II John i:13-24, I Corinthians iii:1-5. Speaker, William R. Hill.

Wednesday, January 7—At United Presbyterian church, Twenty-third and H streets. Topic, "Home Missions." Texts, Zachariah xii:9-10, Romans xi:13-15, Psalms 2 and 7, Isaiah lxv:1-3. Speaker, S. H. Yerman.

Thursday, January 8—At Albright Methodist church, Fifteenth and Madison streets. Topic, "Foreign Missions." Texts, Matthew xxviii:18-20, Acts iv:31-37, Romans x:1-15, Galatians ii:1-11, I Thessalonians iii:1-5. Speaker, E. J. Kallins.

Friday, January 9—At First Baptist church, Twenty-fifth and H streets. Topic, "Families and Colleges." Texts, Psalm cii:17, Psalm cix:9-11, Joshua ii:1-9, II Timothy iii:15-17, Proverbs i:7-9. Speaker, E. A. Smith.

Sabbath, January 11—At First Presbyterian church, Twenty-third and J streets. Topic, "Nations and Their Rulers." Texts, Psalm 138, I Peter ii:13-17, I Timothy ii:1-4. Psalm 24. Speaker, J. W. Kirkpatrick.

Meetings begin at 7:30.

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NINE-HOUR LAW VIOLATIONS

Central Labor Union Hears of Many Cases in Omaha.

WILL GO DIRECT TO GOVERNOR

Accuse Deputy Commissioner Pool of Failure and Propose to Make Personal Appeal to Morehead on Point.

Because Deputy Labor Commissioner Charles Pool "just comes to Omaha every little while and visits a few lawyers that got him his job instead of doing anything in regard to the nine-hour law," as President George Norman of the Central Labor union put it, that organization decided last night to send a direct communication to Governor Morehead, as well as to Deputy Commissioner Pool, pointing out the fact that many violations of the nine-hour female labor law are daily being perpetrated in Omaha. The Central Labor union decided that it is time that the governor get busy in the matter, if the labor commissioner do not.

When the subject was once fairly opened on the floor, a half dozen delegates leaped to their feet to tell of specific instances of the violation of this law in Omaha. It was pointed out by several delegates that various bakeries in the city work a force of girls up to 11 o'clock and even to midnight. President Norman said he had called one of the owners up about the matter, and that the very next day that owner went to a department head and ordered him to discharge a certain girl. The department manager protested that she was one of the best girls in the house. "Don't care," repeated the owner. "You discharge her or I'll discharge you."

The result, according to Norman, is that the girl, although she was entirely innocent of giving the labor union any information in regard to the illegal working of girls, was discharged and is now working as a servant in a private home. The Central Labor union endorsed the movement for the Sunday closing of barber shops in Omaha, and recommended that the city council pass the proposed ordinance providing for such closing.

No Meeting for Moyer.

A motion of David Couits, calling for a mass meeting in Omaha to take up the matter of the strike troubles in Calumet, Mich., together with the shooting of President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, was lost. Couits was enthusiastic for such a meeting, as he insisted the tendency among those opposed to unionism was to pick off the men of brains in the unions, such men as Moyer, who were the real workers of the organization. He insisted that if such atrocities as the shooting of Moyer were permitted to go on, there was no telling where the difficulties would end. Others declared a mass meeting would do no good, and that whatever resolutions might be adopted at such a meeting would have no effect, and the matter was dropped.

Blackburn Would Go Back to Old Plan of Secrecy in Some Cases

An attempt to induce the judges of the district court to change the new rule forbidding attorneys to take files from the office of the clerk is being made by T. W. Blackburn, president of the Omaha Bar association. He has proposed a rule which would require the clerk to seal up petitions and answers in divorce cases on request of attorneys and keep them from becoming public until decrees are granted. It is known that some of the judges have expressed themselves as opposed to secret litigation on the ground that fear of publicity tends to deter men and women from immoral acts. Mr. Blackburn asserted that the publishing of divorce charges renders reconciliation of couples more difficult. "Lawyers oppose the filing of divorce petitions," he said, "but a large number of persons who start divorce proceedings afterward repent. If their angry allegations have been published it is more difficult to effect reconciliations." Mr. Blackburn's statements to the judges have been informal and it is not known whether the bar association will take up the subject.

May Change Plan of Examining Jurors

District judges have under consideration a change in court procedure which would put into the hands of the trial judges the preliminary examination of jurors, now conducted by the attorneys. At their recent meeting the judges decided to investigate the merits of the proposed plan, which was called to their attention by Judge Sears. The advantage of the plan is said to be the saving of time in jurors' examinations by putting the usual questions to the entire panel following instructions that failure to answer properly may result in prosecution for perjury. The method is used in the Kentucky courts and to some extent in federal courts. It is estimated that in the Douglas county district court, one-fifth of the time devoted to trials is taken up now by jurors' examinations. T. W. Blackburn, president of the Omaha Bar association, expressed himself as inclined to favor the proposed change. It has been advocated by Attorney T. J. Mahoney, who observed its working in the Kentucky courts, and by Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee.

Constable Bryant Holds the Picture

Mrs. Clara L. Christensen, 2701 Hamilton street, has in Justice Britt's court brought suit against the first wife of her dead husband for a photograph which she asserts was taken from her home by wife No. 1's son, Wilbur. Wife No. 1 declares that the photograph was given her twenty-three years ago by her husband when they were living happily together and that it belongs to her. A writ of replevin was issued and the picture is now in the hands of Constable Bryant, who will hold it until the trial, Thursday of next week.

Advertisement for Berg's Off Sale. Features an illustration of a man in a suit pointing towards the text. The text reads: 'OFF SALE' in large letters, followed by 'Berg Suits Me' and 'Clothes at Half Price'. Below this, it says 'For REAL accommodation, thorough satisfaction and genuine value giving this popular store has got competition skinned forty ways. Backed by the merchandise of the foremost clothes makers in the world—Kuppenheimer, "Stein Bloch," Schloss Bros., "Society Brand," Good Clothes and Sophomore. We cover the whole situation. And no man's pocketbook is too small or too big to not profit with our 100% values at 50c. The satisfied throng of convinced buyers yesterday was a tribute to our endeavors to always give about twenty-five per cent more than the other fellow for the same money. This great sale continued. There are plenty of fine values to be had at Just Half Price.' A list of prices follows: \$10.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$12.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$15.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$5.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$6.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$7.50 Suits & Overcoats, \$18.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$20.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$25.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$9.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$10.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$12.50 Suits & Overcoats, \$30.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$35.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$15.00 Suits & Overcoats, \$17.50 Suits & Overcoats. The Berg Clothing Co. logo is also present.

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Advertisement for Berg's Clearance Sale. Text reads: 'POSITIVELY THE LOWEST PRICES IN OMAHA. This is a big statement to make but we have the bargains to back it up. It won't take salesmanship to convince you—the merchandise itself will.' Below this, prices are listed for COATS, WAISTS, DRESSES, and SUITS. COATS: \$9.75 to \$24.50, Worth Double. WAISTS: \$3.98, Silk or Chiffon, Regularly \$7.50. DRESSES: \$9.95 to \$35.00, Worth Double. SUITS: \$9.95 to \$37.50, Worth Double. The Berg Clothing Co. logo is included.

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FONTENELLE HOTEL

Bids for the construction of the Fontenelle hotel are to be in by January 15. This is an extension of five days' time over the original time set for the return of bids. The extension was made at the request of some contractors who are figuring on the job.

Culls from the Wire

Dr. S. Wier Mitchell, the physician and author, is ill with grippe at his Philadelphia home. Because of his age, 88 years, his illness has caused apprehension among his relatives and friends. The Oshkosh (Wis.) Motor Car company filed a petition of bankruptcy with liabilities of \$1,500 and assets of about \$1,000. The president of the company, Dr. J. A. Crum, and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Crum, are the heaviest creditors. Three unidentified men were killed near Akron, O., yesterday by a Pennsylvania train. They were walking the tracks and in stepping out of the path of an on-coming freight train, stepped in front of an on-rushing passenger train on another track. They were mangled beyond recognition. Gene Montani, now serving a long term in Sing Sing as one of the ring-leaders in a \$2,000,000 taxicab robbery in New York in 1912, has laid charges before Assistant District Attorney Frederick Grosch for the year just past. He is charged with his arrest offered to free him of the charge for \$5,000. Widely circulated reports that Governor General Harrison has been replacing many civil employees in the Philippines with democrats from the United States led the War department to issue a statement formally declaring that the new governor has appointed only three Americans from the states to office. Charles E. Ways, 73 years old, assistant general traffic manager of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, died at Baltimore yesterday. He was employed as a telegrapher at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., at the time of the John Brown raid and sent the telegram that announced Brown's attack upon the United States arsenal at Harper's Ferry. The business of Louis Martin, Inc., conducted by the widely known restaurateur man, went into the hands of a receiver in New York yesterday. The receiver is New York City. The receiver is said to be involuntarily. Liabilities are placed at \$40,000 and assets at \$10,000. The restaurant, located in the heart of the city's night life section, has been exploited as the headquarters of the up-to-date dance. Colonel Charles A. Doyan, commanding the first brigade of marines at Manila, was detached from that command yesterday and ordered to return to the United States. No successor will be named, as Secretary Daniels already has announced his intention to withdraw all but 150 marines in the Philippines as part of his plan to concentrate the corps at important points in continental United States. There were 7,500 national banks doing business in the United States December 31, according to the comptroller of the currency. The authorized capital of these banks was \$1,070,130,175, with an outstanding bond secured circulation amounting to \$740,555,545. During the year 219 applications to organize national banks were received. Only two were rejected, and 171 so far have been approved.

Here's to You and Me and POSTUM

Advertisement for Postum. Text reads: 'Here's to You and Me and POSTUM—the pure food-drink that meets the desire of young and old for a palatable table beverage which is wholesome and satisfying. Postum is made only of clean, hard wheat and a small per cent of New Orleans molasses. It tastes much like the higher grades of Java, but is absolutely free from caffeine, the drug in coffee, which causes so much headache, sleeplessness, indigestion, nervousness and heart trouble. Coffee drinkers can learn something of value by a 10 days' change to Postum. Then, as the coffee poison is eliminated from the system, the brain works clear, nerves become steady, and the gradual return of peace and comfort will show plainly. "There's a Reason" for POSTUM. Postum now comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be boiled 15 to 20 minutes. Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A scant teaspoonful stirred in a cup of hot water dissolves instantly. The convenience of Instant Postum is apparent. But, when prepared according to directions, both kinds are exactly the same. The cost per cup is about equal. —Grocers everywhere sell both kinds.'