

### TIE VOTE FOR THE FIRE APPARATUS

Matter May Now Go Over Until the Return of Commissioner Kugel Next Week.

#### BIDS ARE NOT YET REJECTED

A tie vote of six city commissioners on the awarding of a contract to the American LaFrance Fire Engine company resulted in failure of Commissioner Withnell to carry his recommendation. Commissioner Kugel is out of the city. Commissioners Withnell and Hummel and Mayor Dahlman supported the LaFrance resolution; Commissioners Butler, Drexel and Jardine voted "no."

Inasmuch as the bids before the commissioners have not been rejected, it is understood the matter may be brought up again next week when Commissioner Kugel will have returned.

After the vote had been announced, Commissioner Withnell said: "Well, we must keep the horses. I'll have standard motor apparatus or none." Later in the proceedings he offered to support any of the bids which might be agreeable to the other commissioners.

**Guarantee with Bids.**  
The LaFrance proposition was to sell the city eleven type 40 combination hose and chemical cars at a price of \$5,000 each. Bert Murphy of the Murphy-Brien company, local LaFrance agents, told the council he would give the city a guarantee to inspect the equipment every month and agreed that the city would not be required to spend a cent on repairs for five years if LaFrance cars were purchased.

The fight was on the price of the cars. There was not an unfavorable statement against the LaFrance cars. Chief Clements of the Lincoln fire department appeared to endorse the LaFrance machines, of which he has three now in use. A controversy developed over the bids offered by the LaFrance company at Toledo, O. Mayor Dahlman read a telegram from the mayor of Toledo, stating the LaFrance bid there for type 40 was \$5,000, the same as the Omaha bid. Commissioner Butler read a telegram from another official of Toledo, indicating a lower figure than the Omaha bid. Representatives of the LaFrance company told the commissioners they had information from nearly 300 cities and offered to show that in only one instance was the bid lower than the Omaha figure and that instance was at Middletown, N. Y., where an agent had blundered and had to stand the consequences of his mistake in price.

**Jardine Wants Time.**  
Commissioner Jardine made this statement: "I am inclined to think that Chief Salter's recommendation as to the kind of cars he wants should be supported, but I believe the prices are too high. I think all of the bids are high. I intend we should take more time for consideration of prices. As for the LaFrance machine, I believe it is the best."  
Mr. Jardine proposed that three sample machines be used in the fire department for a month as a test, and then one or more selected, but Mr. Withnell insisted he would standardize the motor equipment or have none at all.

Alleged lower bids of Toledo were explained in detail by the LaFrance people, who said that one bid contemplated taking back some old equipment, another bid included installation of old equipment on each chassis and a third bid was for new cars and equipment throughout.

**Omaha's Order is Larger.**  
In connection with the statement of the LaFrance representatives relative to the Omaha bid being the same as other cities, it is stated that with one or two exceptions the 16,000 bids made in other cities were for one, two or three cars, while the Omaha bid was for eleven cars. The main contention of Commissioner Butler was that the city of Omaha should get a better price on account of the size of the proposed purchase as well as the proposition that the city intends to standardize its motor fire apparatus and that this purchase means additional equipment each year for several years, entailing an expenditure of more than \$30,000.

### Suit for \$50,000 Against the Water Board is On Trial

Suit for \$50,000 damages brought against the Omaha Water board by Bartholomew Julien, 445 North Fortieth street, as the result of injuries alleged sustained when he fell into a meter pit in front of his home, his case is on trial in District Judge Hedrick's court.  
The plaintiff is represented by Attorney T. J. Mahoney and T. A. Donohoe and the Water board by John L. Webster.

### FATHER OF FIVE CHILDREN DISAPPEARS FROM HOME

Tuesday morning, at 9:30, Walter J. Horton, who lives two miles west of Benson, left his home ostensibly to go to work. He has not been seen or heard of since, and the police have been asked to make a search.  
Horton is 46 years old, married and the father of five children, only one of whom is old enough to work. He was formerly employed as a shipping clerk at McCord-Bradley company, but recently quit there to become a stock salesman. His efforts at this latter venture were not attended with success and he is said to have been very despondent of late.

### AUTO FIRM CHANGES NAME AND INCREASES STOCK

The Stewart-Toeber Motor company has changed its corporate name to the J. T. Stewart Motor company and increased the capital stock to \$50,000. J. A. C. Kennedy succeeds G. E. Toeber as a director. The Henry & Allen Heavy Hardware company has become the Henry & Robinson Hardware company. The Cavers-Sturtevant company is now the Cavers Elevator company.

### POWELL CARTOON MAKES HIT WITH THE MAYOR

Powell's cartoon in The Bee on the Welcome Arch evidently made a hit with Mayor Jim. For he sent the following letter to Doane Powell: "The Welcome Arch cartoon in today's paper is a good one. Hope the fine artist lady does not slip on the walk while walking away."

### Superintendent for the Welfare Board Arrives, Ready for Work

K. L. Schreiber, recently appointed superintendent of the new Welfare board, is here from Brooklyn, N. Y., to begin his Omaha work. He was introduced to members of the board and the city council by Chairman Sturgess of the Welfare board. Until the board shall meet Saturday evening Mr. Schreiber will not have any definite plans to announce. It is the sense of the board, however, that the legal aid and employment features shall be given first attention.

The city council accept a bid of \$19,300 of the Alfred Bloom company for remodeling the balcony of the city council chamber for use by the Welfare board. Until permanent quarters shall have been completed Mr. Schreiber will have an office in the city legal department.  
The new superintendent has been engaged in child welfare work in Brooklyn. He was engaged in welfare work in Kansas City for six years and was recommended by the superintendent of the Kansas City board.



K. L. SCHREIBER.

### FOUR WITH FEVER IN SAME FAMILY

Nineteen New Cases are Reported by the Health Office for One Day.

#### ELEVEN QUARANTINES RAISED

Nineteen new scarlet fever cases were reported to the health office during the last twenty-four hours. Eleven quarantines were released.

Four children in one family were stricken with the disease, the names being: Willie, Arthur, Luther and Morris Gilbert, 12, 4, 2 and 7 years of age, respectively, of 2478 South Eighteenth street.

The ages of the new cases are from 2 to 32 years.

Health Commissioner Connell was asked if he had any statement to make regarding Dr. E. Holovitchiner's claim that most of the cases reported to be scarlet fever are a form of grip. "You may say for me," said the health commissioner, "that the statement of Dr. Holovitchiner is preposterous. I do not have time to answer statements made by anybody who has a pipe-dream."

During the first nine days of this month 118 scarlet fever cases were reported to the health office.

New cases reported are:

- Ladislav Ditrich, 2418 South Eighth street.
- Mrs. W. G. Moore, 4913 California street.
- Clarence Newell, 1848 North Twentieth street.
- Bennie Cohn, 1111 North Seventeenth street.
- Harry White, 834 South Thirty-fifth street.
- Gilbert, (four children), 2478 South Eighteenth street.
- Olsen, 3404 Parker street.
- Burgott, 2706 South Fourteenth street.
- 1217 South Second street.
- Peterson, 2223 Fowler avenue.
- Lucille Nielson, 1728 South Thirtieth street.
- Bernice Anderson, 1105 South Twenty-eighth street.
- Edward Carlson, 1516 South Twenty-fifth street.
- Ida Greenhouse, 1912 North Twenty-sixth street.
- Lee, Hamilton apartments.
- Helen Cullen, 2004 North Twenty-first street.

### Udpike Sells 100,000 Bushels of Wheat for the War Zone

One of the biggest wheat deals made in Omaha in a long time was when the Udpike Grain company sold 100,000 bushels of wheat for export to Europe. It going through Atlantic ports. From Omaha the wheat will go east on special trains. It will fill about eighty cars that will be run in two trains.  
Like all other grain markets throughout the country, Omaha was weak, wheat selling off 2 to 5 cents per bushel. There were seventy-eight cars on the market, prices ranging from \$1.06 to \$1.14.  
Corn slumped 2 to 3/4 cents per bushel, selling at 54 to 55 cents. Receipts were 117 carloads.  
Oats were off 1/2 of a cent and sold at 45 to 46 cents. The receipts were fifteen carloads.

### Friedman Refuses to Be Held Up; Takes Gun from the Bandit

When a negro entered the grocery store of Joseph Friedman, 703 North Thirty-third street, Wednesday evening, the proprietor engaged in a desperate struggle with the stranger, wresting a revolver from him and putting the man to flight. The negro held the weapon in a menacing position and demanded cash, which Mr. Friedman refused, backing up his refusal with a right-arm jab and then grappling with the negro.  
The revolver was not loaded. Detectives are on the trail of the negro, who is said to be running fast.

### FOOTPAD SHOTS VICTIM IN FOOT AND ESCAPES

Charles Lampart, 1008 North Eleventh street, was shot through the right foot by a highwayman, who accosted him near Eleventh and Clark streets early this morning. Lampart remonstrated with the footpad, when the latter fired and then ran away, making good his getaway.

### ASSERTS FATHER-IN-LAW REFUSED TO SPEAK TO HER

Mrs. May E. Shay, who testified that her father-in-law refused to speak to her for a week when she and her husband went to live with the parents of Willie E. Shay, on a big ranch near Oshkosh,

### DATE FOR BIG FEED HAS BEEN CHANGED

Annual Event by Ex-Legislators to Be Staged at Lincoln February Twenty-Fourth.

#### MYSTERY SURROUNDS CARD

The date for the big feed of fish and fun to be enjoyed by the lawmakers and former lawmakers of Nebraska at Lincoln has been changed from February 25 to February 24. That will be on a Thursday night. The oyster cocktail, fish, tenderloin and Neapolitan ice cream are to be served at the Lincoln hotel.

This is the annual event staged by the Nebraska Legislative league. No less a light than Senator W. V. Hoagland of Lancaster county is president of the league. Orlando Tefft of Cass county is the august vice president and Henry C. Richmond of Douglas is the pompous secretary.

Old political issues of the state will be talked over, and new ones will be counseled upon. Yes, and a mock session will be held, a mock session of the legislature. Just which session will be represented in this mock proceeding no one perhaps will know until the time comes. Will it be a county option session, or a 2-cent fare session? Will it be a loan shark session or an Omaha annexation session? Will it be a Metropolitan Water

### Doc and Tip Victims of the Recent Cold Spell; Freeze Tips of Their Ears

Numbered among the "injured" from our recent cold spell are Lieutenant Thomas M. Tipton, United States navy, and Dr. Francis B. Cochran. "Tip" is in charge of the local navy recruiting station and "Doc" is the examining surgeon.

Upon a day last week when the thermometer was registering below zero, "Tip" and "Doc" decided it would be a good day to take a hike. "The fresh air will do us good," they agreed.

So they set forth, despite the lowly car lab and allowing their aural appendages to flap in the icy breeze.

Up hill and down dale they trudged, practicing the well-known deep breathing, remarking how bracing the air was and congratulating themselves on what good appetites they would have.

#### LOOKS FOR GOOD YEAR FOR SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION

Sam Hoff, former member of the legislature, who with several other local men, is proprietor of the Ferris wheel at the San Diego exposition, has returned from a trip to the coast. In his opinion the exposition will be more prosperous this year than last.  
"Many of the attractions at San Francisco have been removed to San Diego," said Mr. Hoff. "And the exposition is now the most attractive place in the country for travelers to visit."

#### THROWS SUGAR BOWL TO CLINCH BIG ARGUMENT

John Boyd, guest at the Bailey hotel, became engaged in a dispute with Earl Bailey, son of the proprietor of the hotel, with the result that Boyd essayed to clinch all arguments with the aid of a sugar bowl, which he aimed at Bailey's head with good results. A call was sent to police headquarters and Officers Farland and Aughe hustled to the scene. Boyd heard them approaching and started to give the officers a race through the halls and rooms of the hotel. After several minutes of the pursuit, Boyd tried to make his escape via the

"The wars don't feel a bit cold," said "Tip."  
"Neither do mine," said "Doc."  
But just at that moment he happened to look at "Tip's" starched ears, that being the one in closest proximity to himself.  
"Gosh, Tip, why I believe your ears' freezing," he said. "It's white."  
"So's yours," said "Tip."  
The good ship "Tip-Do" was promptly steered to a place of refuge and warmth where the frozen extremities were treated with first aid. The frost 'e's are not serious.

"Tip" hasn't had such a surprise since he spent half a day, when he was a freshman at the naval academy, going about asking for a "hammock ladder."  
And "Doc" hasn't been more surprised since he was sent on a wild goose chase over the medical college looking for a "skull stretcher" that had been mislaid.

fire escape, but found Aughe on hand to meet him as he made the descent. He was arrested on a disorderly charge. Bailey's hurts were minor.

#### TELLS JUDGE FOSTER HE DIED IN DECEMBER, 1913

Earl Grove of Centerhall, Pa., told Police Magistrate Foster that he had died December 21, 1913. Foster asked him if he wanted work and Grove replied, "They will be done, oh, Lord." The police judge explained that his name was Foster and was about to discharge Grove when it was suggested the fellow be held for the insanity board.

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