

CITY LOSES SUIT ON FIREMEN'S PAY

Clow F. Adams, Who Sought Back Pay, Gets Judgment In County Court.

ENTITLED TO INCREASE

In the case of Clow F. Adams, retired city fireman, against the city of Omaha for back pay under an act of the legislature in 1915, Judge Crawford in county court held that the plaintiff is justly entitled to the amount of the claim and that the act of the legislature mentioned takes precedence over any conflicting provision of the city commission law.

If carried into effect the ruling of Judge Crawford would mean payment of \$15,000 back pay to Omaha firemen and an increase of the present payroll to the extent of \$1,500 a month, based on 300 firemen at \$5 a month.

Assistant City Attorney TePoel took the position that the city commission law gives the council power to fix its own salaries, with an option of increasing certain salaries as outlined in the legislative act under question, which, in the case of firemen, was \$5 a month.

Attorneys Rosewater and Cotner, for the plaintiff, argued that the new act superseded the commission law in relation to pay of firemen and they were sustained in this argument by Judge Crawford.

It is understood the city will take the case to a higher court for review.

The city council increased the pay of policemen under the same law which is being tested by the firemen. In denying the increase to the firemen the explanation was made by city officials that the fund would not permit such increase unless the number of men should be reduced.

All Large Cities Will Have to Come To Pasteurization

All large cities will have to come to pasteurization of their milk supply sooner or later, says Dr. J. Arthur McClintock, bacteriologist, representing the Milk Trade Journal, who has been in Omaha for almost a week.

For several years Dr. McClintock was consulting bacteriologist for ninety independent dairies in Kansas City. "For a long time I fought pasteurization," explained the doctor before leaving for Ames, Ia., "and I thought Kansas City could get along without it, but it must come. There are some objections to pasteurization, but they are overcome by the desirable features. I am now especially favorable to 'in the bottle' pasteurization. This means placing the milk in the bottle first, and then heating to the required temperature.

At the present time Dr. McClintock is making investigations of "clarification" in all the principal cities of the country. He reports that so far it has been demonstrated that clarification reduces the bacterial count very materially. He has no doubt but that it will be required in every large city before many years.

Humane Society Would Censor Wild West Steer-Roping

Censorship of the steer-roping contest in the Frontier Days' show of Irwin Bros. is being attempted by the Nebraska Humane society. Dean James A. Tancock of Trinity cathedral, president of the society, is expected to hold a conference with Charles Irwin. Dean Tancock, it is said, will request that the steer-roping be eliminated.

Mrs. J. De Forest Richards, who is a western woman, characterized the steer-roping as cruel and inhuman, often resulting in broken necks and great suffering to the animals.

Members of the Humane society are planning to attend the first performance in a body. If they decide the performance is inhuman an injunction against the wild west show will be asked in one of the courts.

A letter from Miss Jessie Millard and Mrs. Richards of the Humane society to Chief of Police Dunne requesting co-operation of the police department with the society's work was read at police roll call Saturday morning.

U. P. Officials Meet Body of "Bob" Ruble

The body of "Bob" Ruble, assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, who died in Denver of rheumatism of the heart, passed off yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is being taken to Beloit, Wis., the old home for burial. The body was met at the Union station by a large party of Union Pacific officials.

On the trip it is accompanied by General Passenger Agent Basinger. There is considerable speculation as to who will become the successor of Mr. Ruble at Denver. It is a matter wholly in the hands of Passenger Traffic Manager Fort of Chicago, and he has not indicated what he intends to do.

There are a number of Union Pacific men who are of the opinion that the passenger and freight departments in Denver will be consolidated and that F. B. Choate, now assistant general freight agent there, will be given the title of general agent and will be placed at the head of the two departments.

Planning Board Works Out Street Widening Project

Chairman Morton of the City Planning board announces that the engineers of the board will start to work out the proposed Twenty-fourth street widening project. Engineers Goodridge, Ford and Robinson are here, and will remain for several weeks. They will make several surveys and leave with Secretary Keenid the data which will be worked up.

This will be one of the largest projects the planning board expects to have for some time. Legislation will be asked for next winter, and it is believed that by next spring the proposition will be well under way.

CITY DADS ENTER THE LISTS AGAIN

Electric Light Question Serves as Fuse to Touch Off Butler and Parks.

SHOW A BURST OF SPEED

City Commissioners Butler and Parks "got all hot up," as they say down at Hensfoot Corner. It was the first time the new commissioner from the South Side has shown any real speed. Up to date he just jogged along and watched and listened. When he saw an opportunity to lap Butler he hit up a clip which made the other commissioners sit up and take notice.

The controversy was over the electric light question, which is a question having the qualities of Banquo's ghost. At first Mr. Parks was with Mr. Butler on this proposition, but now Mr. Butler is standing at Thermopylae alone, but unabashed.

"You started out on this commission all right," said Mr. Butler, leaving the inference that Mr. Parks had gone through a bridge or turned turtle.

Parks refers to "the Bunk." "Yes, and I am going to keep on going, all right. I don't care for that bunk, as the mayor said. The trouble is we are afraid to trust each other. I want to vote intelligently on this question," replied Mr. Parks.

Then Mr. Butler charged there is too much privacy in the relations of the council and the Commercial club, to which Mr. Parks retorted, "I can meet with anybody, even the Commercial club, and not be contaminated."

It was evident that Mr. Parks' cholera was much aroused.

Adopted Jardine's Resolution. The council finally adopted a resolution offered by Commissioner Jardine, naming Corporation Counsel Lambert chairman of a committee to be composed of the seven members of the council, to arrive at an independent conclusion from information to be submitted by the Commercial club's special electric rate committee.

The resolution expressly stipulates that it is deemed inadvisable for the commissioners to work in connection with the Commercial club's committee. It is understood that Chairman Sunderland of the Commercial club committee will give the city copies of the reports of the three experts who recently went over the books and physical property of the light plant. The object is to determine what rates the light company shall charge consumers. Until this shall have been determined, the Butler 6-cent ordinance will be held up.

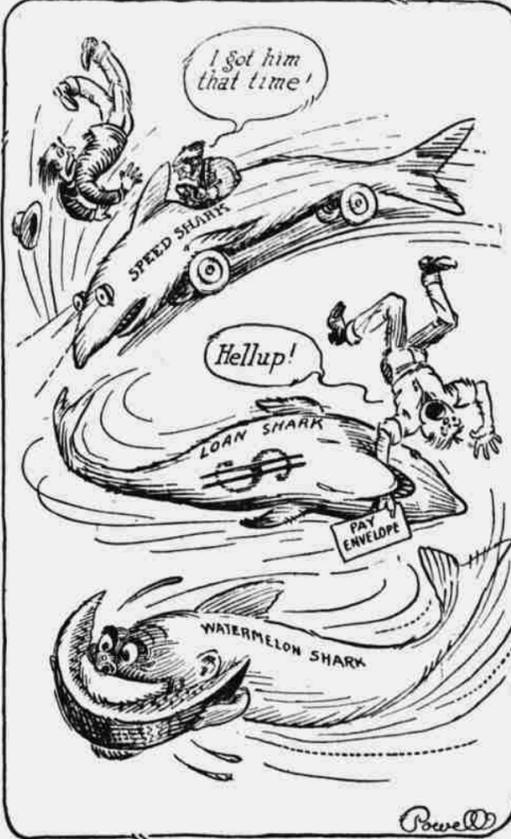
Report Goes Through. Chairman Butler of the committee of the whole brought in a report, placing on file documents in connection with naming an expert to prepare for the city estimates of the cost of a municipal light plant. This report read that the papers should be filed because "it is evident that a majority of the council does not favor municipal ownership of a light plant." The anxiety of the other commissioners to get this matter on file transcended the charge that they do not favor municipal ownership. The report went through without a murmur.

Commissioner Kugel offered a resolution asking for bids from engineers capable of determining the valuation of the existing electric light plant. Mr. Kugel takes the position that if the city wants municipal ownership of a light plant it would be better to acquire the plant now in operation than to build a new plant.

Nobody Wants the Mayor's Old Auto

Mayor Dahlman has received his new touring car. He gave the old car to Commissioner Kugel for general use in the police department. Commissioner Jardine inveigled Kugel to give the car to the public improvement department, which Kugel did. Monday afternoon Jardine thought he would take a ride. At Nineteenth and Cumming streets the car stopped and dropped most of its inwarders on the street car track and tied up the traffic for several minutes. Mr. Jardine believes he will give the car to Commissioner Butler, the only city commissioner who does not own an automobile.

Look Out for Inland Sharks



Employment Agent Will Refund Money; Is Given Release

W. L. Dillon, proprietor of the Nebraska Employment agency, arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was released after a hearing in police court, when it developed Dillon's partner had conducted the doubtful transaction without Dillon's knowledge and had then skipped town.

Several days ago five men sought jobs at the employment agency. Fees to the sum of \$33 were accepted from the men, who were then sent to Pender, Neb., with instructions to report to the cashier of the bank there. The cashier had no jobs for the men and when he heard their story, he wired the Omaha authorities to apprehend Dillon.

It was found, however, Dillon was not the man who sent the job-seekers to Pender and he was released. He will make good the \$33, however. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Dillon's partner.

Street Car Company May Proceed With Track Extensions

The city council adopted a modified resolution, prepared by Corporation Counsel Lambert, and intended to straighten out the controversy which arose when the street railway company asked permission to extend its tracks on North Twenty-fourth street, Kansas avenue to Ida street.

The corporation counsel advised the council that the resolution protects the city's rights in connection with any future franchise investigation, and at the same time does not give to the company any advantage it does not already possess.

The company will now proceed with the extension and the incident may be regarded as closed.

McCord Home Sold to Morris Rosenblatt

W. H. McCord has sold his handsome home at the southwest corner of Twenty-second and Cass streets to Morris Rosenblatt. While the consideration is not made public, it is generally known that Mr. McCord has for some time held this property at \$20,000. The deal was made through A. P. Tukey & Son.

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SOME CHANGES AT U. P. HEADQUARTERS

J. S. Sykes Becomes Chief Clerk to President—With Road Twenty-five Years.

BEGAN AS STENOGRAPHER

Effective Wednesday, J. S. Sykes becomes chief clerk to President Calvin of the Union Pacific, and I. D. Kyle, who held the same position under A. L. Mohler, former president, becomes assistant clerk and private secretary.

Mr. Sykes has been with the Union Pacific nearly twenty-five years and is one of the most popular men around headquarters. He started with the Union Pacific as a stenographer in the office of the general manager, but it was not long until he was promoted to the position of chief clerk, and as such he served under W. L. Park and Charles Ware. He is now chief clerk under General Manager Jeffers.

It is asserted that with his long experience with general managers, Mr. Sykes has come to be one of the most efficient all around railroad men in the central west. His successor in General Manager Jeffers' office has not been named.

Another official change in Union Pacific officials is in the secret service department. C. L. Patterson, who has been chief secret service agent since the death of W. L. Canada, a year ago, is transferred back to assistant, in charge of the work on the Colorado division. The position of chief goes to J. C. Gale, who has been a special agent for the last few years, with headquarters here.

Prior to coming to the Union Pacific, for a number of years Mr. Gale was connected with the secret service department of the Denver & Rio Grande road, in Denver.

F. M. Cashman, who has been traveling watchman with the Union Pacific, succeeds Mr. Gale as special agent in Omaha.

ATTORNEY IS SUED BY FORMER CLIENT

Joseph O. Burger and Glenn Moran, His Partner, Accused of Overcharge.

HOUSE AND LOT DEEDED

Joseph O. Burger, lawyer, and Glenn Moran, who, although not an attorney, is associated with Burger in legal business, are being sued in Judge Sears' court by Miss Lela Douglas, formerly Mrs. Lela Alexander, who alleges that the two men collected legal fees from her greatly in excess of the value of service rendered. Burger and Moran procured her a divorce.

Burger, on the stand, admitted that Mrs. Alexander had paid Moran and himself \$35 when the divorce suit was filed, had later given him a bracelet, which was pawned for \$35, from the proceeds of which Burger got \$10, and the balance was turned over to Moran, and that Alexander, the divorced husband, had been compelled to pay \$25 attorney fees when the divorce was granted.

In addition, Mrs. Alexander also deeded to Burger and Moran a house and lot in Omaha, which Moran now occupies, but the former Mrs. Alexander now wants it given back to her.

Deeded to Mrs. Moran. Burger and Moran have since deeded their shares of the property to Mrs. Moran, Burger taking an \$850 second mortgage on the place.

Burger testified that Mrs. Alexander had deeded over the place as part of the attorney's fees, with the understanding that if it could be sold for anything more than the mortgage already on the property, she was to have \$100 and the balance was to go to the attorneys.

He claims that the place could not be sold or mortgaged for more than its incumbrance, and that Moran there-

upon decided to improve it and hold it as an investment. Since Moran has been in possession he has increased the value of the property at least \$850, Burger testified.

Miss Douglas wants the deeds set aside and the property placed in her possession, claiming that she had paid an ample fee for the legal services without giving up the house and lot. The divorce suit was not defended.

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