

HARD TASK FOR COMMISSIONERS TO CUT EXPENSES

Each Member of Budget Board Wants to Cut Down the Other Fellow's Fund.

The mayor and city commissioners, sitting at an annual budget board, yesterday encountered what appeared to be a stalemate in endeavoring to make a maximum general fund of \$2,023,000 spread out to cover department estimates aggregating \$2,200,000.

"It seems to me that the longer we haggle over this the more money we figure on spending," said Mayor Smith at the close of the morning session.

The council will try again Wednesday morning.

Cutting Other Fellow's Fund.

The city officials started out yesterday with the intention of cutting down the estimates \$175,000, but each commissioner seemed to think that the other fellow should stand the greatest cut, which resulted in some humorous and acrimonious exchanges.

Commissioner Zimman proposed a cut of \$5,000 in the street lighting fund, by replacing gas lamps with 100-watt electric lights.

"A good light is almost as much comfort to a neighborhood as a policeman," said Mr. Zimman.

Police Commissioner Ringer handed him an ominous glance.

Mr. Zimman agreed to reduce the fire, building department, city hall maintenance and other funds under his jurisdiction to the extent of \$25,000.

He offered to reduce the fire fund \$15,000 from his estimate, by reducing the personnel of the department.

"Slams" Fire Department.

"It has been uncontradicted that Omaha's fire department is costing more, according to population, than any other city," said Mayor Smith.

"You should not make such a statement," replied Mr. Zimman.

"You have no money for too many fire stations," rejoined the mayor.

"We have not enough men to handle the apparatus now. You are playing with fire when you attempt to cut the fire fund. We must be prepared to protect life and property," Mr. Zimman answered.

Cut Health Department.

When the health department fund was considered, the suggestion was made that the sanitary plumbing inspector, who is paid \$2,100 a year plus an allowance of \$420 for automobile, might be dispensed with and this work cared for by the city building department, which Mr. Zimman agreed to assume.

Henry L. Bridwell is sanitary inspector now attached to the health department. The estimate for the health department includes an increase of salary for Dr. J. F. Edwards, health commissioner, from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year, and a total increase for four assistant commissioners, from \$6,000 to \$6,900 per year.

The tentative health fund for this year has been fixed at \$133,000, as against \$120,000 for last year. A further reduction probably will be made.

Fights for Library.

Mayor Smith made a hard fight for an increase in the public library fund from \$50,000 last year to \$75,000 this year. Final action on this has not been taken.

The Board of Public Welfare fund of \$10,000 allowed for last year will stand for this year, according to present plans, and similar action will be taken in connection with the city planning commission's fund of \$15,000.

Commissioners Ringer and Zimman, whose departments require two-thirds of the general fund, were urged to go over their estimates again and make further reductions.

Mayor Turns Over Profits of Municipal Store in Auditorium

Mayor Smith yesterday handed to the city council a check for \$2,096.49, amount of net profits from the operations of the municipal store held in the Auditorium last year and also covering a small loss on the sale of potatoes by the city.

The mayor's figures follow:

Receipts from municipal store, \$44,102.47

Paid for supplies, \$42,256.55

Expenses of store, \$58.50

Net profit, \$1,887.42

Cost of potatoes, \$2,932.23

Receipts from potato sale, \$2,829.20

Loss on potatoes, \$123.82

Remitted to city treasury, \$2,956.49

Retailers to Confer Again On Reducing High Costs

New York, Jan. 6.—Retailers of the country, who conferred here last month with agents of the Department of Justice on methods to reduce the cost of living, will hold another conference with federal officials in this city January 19 and 20 to launch their campaign, it was announced today.

The retailers will be represented by a committee of 17, comprising members of the National Retail Drygoods association, National Association of Retail Clothiers, National Garment Retailers and National Shoe Dealers' association.

Through co-ordination of governmental and business efforts, the retailers announced, they hoped to reduce prices by increasing production, eliminating distribution wastes and sale of medium and low priced merchandise. The Department of Justice has announced its intention of co-operating by using the Lever act to lower prices.

Restrictions Are Lifted On Travel to and From Cuba

Washington, Jan. 6.—General Blue announced today in answer to many inquiries that all restrictions on travel between this country and Cuba had been lifted by the public health service. For a short while there was a quarantine in effect of the arrival here from Cuba of several persons afflicted with smallpox.

Capt. Howard White, Former Fort Omaha Officer, Dies In South



CAPT. HOWARD WHITE

Announcement of the death of Capt. Howard White, one of the first officers to arrive at Fort Omaha when it was opened for war training, was received yesterday at a post from Wingate, N. M.

Captain White was in charge of the quartermaster corps at Fort Omaha during his three years' service there. He was sent from here to New York and later transferred to New Mexico.

Surviving are his wife and a 2-year-old son.

Porche Hearing Again Deferred; Is Wanted In Two Other Cities

Preliminary hearing in the case against Harry J. Porche, 217 Sherman avenue, charged with complicity in the Benson bank robbery, was again deferred in central police court yesterday until today, as he had not been returned from Lincoln.

Porche, who was the first man arrested in connection with the robbery, was arraigned last Saturday, but a continuance was taken until yesterday.

He was released upon \$10,000 bonds, and later arrested again at the request of Lincoln authorities and taken there Sunday to face a larceny charge in connection with the theft of an automobile three years ago. He was to have been returned to Omaha yesterday morning.

Porche's attorney and his wife were in court, but no witnesses for either side were present.

Police say Porche will be taken to Minneapolis this week for investigation concerning his alleged complicity in the blowing of a safe there.

Porche is also wanted by Kansas City authorities, police allege.

FARM CONGRESS AND IMPLEMENT DEALERS MEET

Machinery Men Welcomed by President O. A. Rystrom—Governor to Address Conventions Thursday.

Two of the most important conventions scheduled for the year convened in Omaha yesterday, the 11th annual meeting of the Mid-West Implement Dealers' association, with headquarters at the Hotel Rome, and a complete display of farm implements at the Auditorium, and the 11th annual session of the Nebraska Farmers' congress, with headquarters at the Hotel Castle.

The implement dealers' convention is expected to draw more than 500 retail dealers from territory in western Iowa, Nebraska, eastern Wyoming and South Dakota. More than 150 were on hand at the opening of the display of implements, placed by 56 implement firms, a majority Omaha establishments, in the Auditorium yesterday.

The display is the largest ever staged by the Mid-West association, according to members, and includes new types of trucks, tractors, attachments for binders, plows, and a newly invented anti-freeze stock watering tank. Latest models of every machine that can be used on the farm is on exhibition. Every inch of floor space in the Auditorium is filled.

President Rystrom Speaks.

The first session of the implement dealers convened at 2 yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by President Oscar A. Rystrom, who delivered his annual address. Governor McKelvie will address the convention this morning on "What We Can Do to Improve Industrial Conditions." The address was to have been delivered yesterday.

Another feature of the implement dealers' Omaha is a conference with 30 representatives of national implement and vehicle manufacturers.

Farmers' Congress Meets.

The first meeting of the farmers' congress was called at 11:30 at the Hotel Castle by President C. G. Smith of Kearney, Neb. Mayor Smith delivered the opening address, welcoming the delegates to the city. Charles Graff of Bancroft, Neb., responded to the mayor's welcome with the assurance that Nebraska farmers liked Omaha as well as Omaha liked the farmers.

A business session was held in the afternoon. Governor McKelvie will speak on "Americanism" this morning. One of the main objects of this meeting will be to demonstrate the value of work done by county agriculture agents.

The farmers are just beginning to realize that county agents are appointed to help them," said Mr. Smith. "Their work, with the farm-

er's co-operation, will increase the production of Nebraska farms and help to prevent crop failures.

"The farmers of the state are showing more interest in these annual meetings than ever before. The work of increasing production during the war put new life into the average farmer, gave him broader interests and more ambition. His day is just dawning.

H. W. Brokaw, director of grain extension service, Lincoln, Neb., spoke on "Benefits Derived from County Farm Bureau Organizations" yesterday afternoon. A general discussion, led by C. Y. Thompson, West Point, Neb., followed.

Newsboy's Lungs Were Too Good and Judge Fines Him \$1

"He has a voice like a fog horn, judge, and he was hollering like a drowning sailor," said Patrolman Boegh in central police court yesterday, testifying against William Scott, negro newsboy, 1810 North Twenty-second street, who was charged with disturbing the peace.

Officer Boegh arrested the newsie at Fourteenth and Farnam streets about midnight Monday night because he objected to the volume of sound which Scott was emitting in selling his papers. The judge fined Scott \$1 and costs.

J. J. Isaacson Resigns As Head of Public Recreation Activities

J. J. Isaacson has resigned as superintendent of public recreations, which position is in the jurisdiction of City Commissioner Thomas Falcover, head of the park department. The resignation will take effect February 1. Mr. Isaacson states that he has purchased an interest in an Omaha retail shoe store and expects to devote his time to business. "I expect to take an active interest

in the Community Center work after February 1 in a voluntary capacity," he said.

Mr. Isaacson has been with the recreation department three years, being on leave six months when he was in military service. He has taken a keen interest in promoting outdoor sports, amateur base ball being one of his specialties.

A successor has not yet been named.

Says City's \$9 Coal Beats Dealer's at \$13.50 Per Ton

City Commissioner Butler has received from the city chemist a report showing that Colorado coal be-

ing sold by the city at \$9 per ton contains more heat units than Colorado coal sold by local dealers at \$13.50 per ton.

An ash test made by the chemist shows 4.16 per cent in the \$9 coal as against 6.6 per cent in the \$13.50 coal.

COFFEE

38c Per Pound

Three pounds 95c, bulk. Special for Wednesday and Thursday.

H. H. HARPER CO., 17th and Howard Sts., East End Flatiron Building.

Advertisement for Brandeis Stores featuring an extraordinary Philippine sale of 750 genuine hand made imported Philippine blouses. Includes store hours (9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.), starting Wednesday at 9 a.m., and a price of \$5.95. Also features an illustration of a woman in a blouse and a tropical scene with palm trees.

Advertisement for Philippine Night Gowns and Envelope Chemise. Offered Wednesday in two lots at low prices. Lot 1 includes dainty gowns and chemises for \$2.75 to \$4.00. Lot 2 includes more elaborate garments for \$3.85 to \$6.95. Includes illustrations of a woman in a gown and a chemise.

A MAN OF RENOWN



Among the notable professional men of this country who achieved great success along strictly legitimate lines was Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Devoting his attention to the specialty of women's diseases, he became a recognized authority in that line. His work, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," is now in over two and a half million homes in this country and Europe. At one time Dr. Pierce represented his home district in Congress.

Just fifty years ago This Winter he gave to the world a Prescription which has never been equalled for the weaknesses of women. Many women in every hamlet, town or city will gladly testify that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription did them a world of good. Another of this great physician's successful remedies is known as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and, like the "Prescription," is now sold by druggists everywhere, in both liquid and tablets. This is probably the most efficacious discovery ever made in medicine, for the list of men and women all over the universe who have successfully used it for indigestion and as a blood tonic and system builder, makes an amazing total of thousands.

ARMY GOODS FOR SALE

- 1619 HOWARD STREET
U. S. Jerkins or Leather Vests, very special, at... \$1.75
Heavy Grain Leather, Chocolate, Munson Last Shoes, exceptional value, at... \$4.95
Army Munson Last Piece-Lined Shoes, just the thing for this cold weather, \$5.95
U. S. Blankets, brand new, heavy, wonderful value at... \$8.75
U. S. White Canvas Barrack Bags, each... \$1.25
U. S. Army Raincoats or Slickers, used, \$4.95
U. S. Marine Blankets, all wool... \$6.50
Cotton Double Blankets, 72x84, in gray, brown, or plaid, brand new, while they last... \$5.95
U. S. Army Cot Beds, all iron, with Simmons Sagless Springs... \$5.95
U. S. Army Munson Field Shoes, brand new, at a price of... \$6.95
Army Munson Infantry Shoes, brand new, sale price of... \$5.95
Cotton Plaid Mackinaws, heavy... \$6.75
Three-fourths Sheep-lined Coats, molekin... \$14.00
U. S. Army Under-shirts, brand new... \$3.75
Corduroy Sheep-lined Vest without sleeves, all sizes, brand new at... \$7.50
Leather Vests, molekin leather lined, with leather sleeves... \$9.49
Khaki or Brown Flannel Shirts, brand new, while they last... \$4.95
Sukiline Khaki Kerchiefs, 2 for... 25c
Wool Union Suits, brand new, per suit... \$3.75
Wool Undershirts... \$2.75
Khaki Sweaters, sleeves, brand new, wool, at... \$4.68
Khaki Sweaters, with sleeves, brand new... \$5.58
Sweaters with shawl collars, brand new, gray, wool, at... \$4.95
Barb Wire, painted, 60 lb. rolls... \$2.87
Pork and Beans, per can... \$4.50
Per case, 24 cans... \$4.50
U. S. Army Regulation Tents, 16x16, used but in good condition; our special offer... \$35.00
Regulation Issue O. D. Shirts, special... \$5.98
Brooms, \$1.25 value... 75c
Khaki Sweaters with sleeves, brand new, wool, at... \$4.68

Advertisement for a sale of beautiful hand made laces. Imports from China and Italy. Real Filet Laces, Real Val Laces, Real Chinese Cluny Laces, and Real Irish Laces. Includes illustrations of various lace patterns and prices ranging from 1/3 to 1/2 off regular prices.