

COUNCIL ACTS FAVORABLY ON STREET GRADING

St. Mary's Avenue and Howard Street Petitions Approved With Two Dissenting Votes.

The city council yesterday, Commissioners Butler and Falconer dissenting, approved petitions for the St. Mary's avenue and Howard street grading project which has been in abeyance for more than two years. The city attorney and city engineer returned to the legality and sufficiency of the petitions and the council overruled the protests. The contemplated improvement, which probably will not be completed this year, provides for the reformation of a district described as St. Mary's avenue, Southeast street to Twenty-fourth avenue, Howard street, Seventeenth to Twentieth streets, and the grading of intervening streets from Seventeenth to Twenty-fourth to conform to the grades on St. Mary's avenue and Howard street. The plan of improvement indicates that the lowest point on St. Mary's avenue will be 13 feet at Twentieth street, and the grade will rise to 15 feet at Twenty-fourth street. A similar rise will be made on Seventeenth street. The deepest cut on Howard street would be seven feet in front of the Carlson hotel. Twentieth street would be affected most of the distance between Leavenworth and Howard streets. A special ordinance authorizing a board of public works to make a plan for the grading would be passed. The plan would leave a six-foot wide street, which would be slightly higher than Jones street on St. Mary's avenue, and would have the present grade lowered five feet from St. Mary's avenue to the present terminus of the street at Howard.

Spooning Parlors Will Be Feature of New Church to Be Built In Omaha Soon

Affectionate Couples No Longer Will Have to Fear Park Policemen or Prying Eyes of Boarding House Inmates When They Stage Their Tableaux—\$150,000 Structure to Be Erected.

Affectionate couples who just cannot help holding hands and caressing and fondling, who have no facilities at their command in order to shut out the public gaze while they engage in their loving demonstrations no longer will have to fear the spooning park policeman nor dread the prying eyes of boarding house inmates who peep at the public tableaux under the window shades. In the near future an Omaha church is to institute spooning parlors, which will offer privacy and protection for young couples who have no partners in their boarding and apartment houses.

This will be a feature of the new neoclassical church, which soon will be in course of erection at Leavenworth and Leavenworth streets by the congregation of the Third Presbyterian church, according to an announcement yesterday of Rev. Raymond J. Rutt, pastor.

Why should we not have spooning parlors in our church? inquired the minister. "Better by far have these young folks do their courting in the church than in places of vice and in contaminating atmospheres, where too often they are led because of the lack of proper provisions."

Rev. Mr. Rutt declared the new house of worship would be a \$150,000 structure and would be open every night of the week. It is to be a four-story building and will

face 132 feet on Leavenworth and 61 feet on Twenty-fourth streets, and is expected the architect will submit the plans within the near future. In addition to the spooning parlors, it is said the plans will include a gymnasium, in which wrestling and boxing matches would be staged, reading rooms, and numerous other departments, the details of which will be worked out later, it was declared. Rev. Mr. Rutt asserted institutional workers would be employed, together with playground instructors, music teachers, sewing teachers and other instructors.

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Bacon Press Library & Silk Shade Lamps, 25 per cent. discount. Grand. 25—Adv.
Custer Post Meeting—George A. Custer post, U. S. R., will meet Saturday at 2 p. m. in the court house.
Recovering from Influenza—F. O. McCaffrey and family are reported recovering from an attack of the influenza.
Assistant Fire Chief—John Simpson, assistant chief of the fire department, is ill of pneumonia. He was stricken Wednesday.
Kiwanis Club Meeting—The Value of Food Products as a Food will be the subject of a talk by Dr. B. B. Davis at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Hotel Fontenelle this noon.
Graduation Friday—The graduation exercises this year at Saratoga school, Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue, has 16 members. The exercises will be held at 2 P. M. Friday afternoon.
Second Evolution Lecture—"Evolution of Religion" will be the subject of Rabbi Frederick Cohen's lecture at Temple Israel tonight at 8. This is the second lecture in the course on the general subject of evolution in honor of the centenary of Herbert Spencer.
Former Omaha Dies—Word has been received here of the sudden death of Frank H. Lester, which occurred at his home in Brea, Cal., last Thursday. He left Omaha for California 12 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mayne Lester, and by two sons.
Thirty-Day Jail Sentence—Thomas Morrissey, 321 North Thirty-fifth street, was given a jail sentence of 30 days in central police court yesterday for intoxication. He was arrested Wednesday night at his home after police had made two trips there upon complaint of neighbors of his family.
McCaffrey Funeral Services—Funeral services for Mrs. Leona McCaffrey will be held Saturday morning at St. Peter's Catholic church at

STRICKEN MOTHER WAITS PITIFULLY FOR STOLEN BABE

Husband Is Charged With Kidnaping Child From Speechless Wife.

Mrs. Leta Raymond, her second son and her mind affected by illness, sits in the front room of the home on Lee avenue, Mrs. Mary Reed, 4220 North Thirty-third street, and watches for little children to pass in the street.

Her husband, Clarence Raymond, kidnapped her children, according to the testimony of Mrs. Raymond's mother on the witness stand in District Judge Sears' court yesterday, where it is found, who is an employee of the Board of Public Health, to be held for trial to support his wife.

He came to the house, leaving his automobile engine running, and played with the youngest child in the front room, she said. "He suddenly dashed out the door with the baby. We haven't seen it since."

Mrs. Reed, mother of Mrs. Raymond, admitted that she asked the county court last November to be appointed guardian of her daughter.

"Raymond and his wife was crazy and wanted to send her to Lincoln," she declared. "I want to keep her, she's my child. I raised her, and even in her present helpless physical and mental condition she is dear to me. She never speaks, she has lost that power. She watches at the front window and when little children pass she points at them and becomes greatly excited because her own children have been taken away from her."

Judge Sears took the case under advisement.

Chief Clears Police Of Alleged Collusion With Omaha Thieves

Allegation denied of a secret deal in Omaha newspaper that police were in collusion with burglars, as reported in national magazine.

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and shows that "no evidence has been produced to substantiate any charge of collusion with thieves."

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Shave, Bathe and Shampoo with one Soap.—Cuticura

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY "EVERYBODY'S STORE" Friday THE Downstairs Store 10 Extra Special Values in BABY APPAREL

Domestic and Linens Texoleum Matts At 40c or 3 for \$1.00

Two Values in Dress Goods Silk at \$1.10 BLOUSES Priced for Quick Selling at \$3.95

Women's Fine Boots \$5.95 Men's Neckwear 2 for 35c

Extraordinary Values in Men's and Boys' Clothing Just a few of the many values offered Friday in the Downstairs Store:

Just One Big All-Absorbing Idea Cleaning, Dyeing and All the Properly Allied Branches. Phone Tyler 345 Now--Know What Service IS. DRESHER BROTHERS 2211-17 Farnam St.

Food Drafts... Food Drafts will be issued by the First National Bank under arrangements with the American Relief Administration, Herbert Hoover, Chairman. Food Drafts are issued for \$10.00 and for \$50.00. They insure delivery of food in Hamburg, Warsaw, Vienna, Prague and Budapest.

Divorce Courts Grace Francis asked the district court for a divorce from Earl R. Travis on grounds of extreme cruelty. Evelyn Thomas asked the district court to give her a divorce from Horace M. Thomas and restore her maiden name, Frank, on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

DRY GOODS BUYERS for BUTLER BROTHERS, Chicago ON ACCOUNT of contemplated enlargements of our organization, we have most unusual openings for two men not over 40 years of age.

LIKE ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES Tells why a corn is so painful and says cutting makes them grow.

NEGLECTING THAT COLD OR COUGH? Why, when Dr. King's New Discovery so promptly checks it

Safe Home Treatment for Objectable Hairs (Roundup Secrets) The electric needle is not required for the removal of hair or fuzz, for with the use of plain delatone the most stubborn growth can be quickly banished.

Man Freedom for Few Days A live wood alcohol victim, James Rowley, giving his address as "anywhere," took a jail sentence in central police court yesterday, rather than pay a fine of \$10 and costs for drunkenness. He was arrested Wednesday at Twenty-fourth and Lake streets in a serious condition.