

City Council Proceedings

CANTON, S. D., May 4, 1908.
The city council of the city of Canton met this 4th day of May, with all members present.

The minutes of the meeting of April 6th were read and approved.
The minutes of the canvassing board were read and approved.

The following bills were allowed:

O B Kennedy, Sal City Atty	\$175 00
Wm Corson, Weigh Master	45 00
Jack Glasser, Steward	5 00
M O Bergstrom, Jail Cells	32 30
J R Pattee, Booths	1 50
Geo M Higby, Transcript	26 00
D Brenner, Judge of Election	2 00
E Dean	2 00
O Hustel	2 00
Stephen Jones	2 00
H H Mallory	2 00
Elmer Burleu	2 00
I Sheffer	2 00
M A Johnson	2 00
W A Kinsley	2 00
J R Pattee	2 00
O Engen	2 00
Otto Herrig	2 00
E A Jones, Clerk of Election	2 00
H Anderson	2 00
D H Slade	2 00
Floyd Cooper	2 00
C G Lawrence	2 00
H H DeLong	2 00
F L Nims	2 00
F A E Goodroad	2 00
W C Parks, burying dogs	1 00
Will A Beach Printing Co, rubber stamps	2 00
F L Nims, Salary Alderman	25 00
L L Redfield	25 00
Frod Ovre	25 00
C Engen	25 00
C Sandvig	25 00
D Brenner	25 00
A Repp	25 00
G S Hanson	25 00
H F Quisen, aud. for April	25 00
O B Kennedy, copy Bill of Ex-ceptions	5 00
W C Gemmill, salary Mayor for 4 months	50 00
Geo Olson, clerk's fees Connell cage and filing bond Solem	16 70
Arthur Linn, print and pub	29 00
A E Manson, booths	1 00
E O Berg, salary for April and 4 days of May	56 40
H W Brenner, salary for April and 4 days of May	56 40
Canton Gen'l Electric Co. lights less water rent	227 75
Matt Schoenauer, bd of prisoners	1 00
Claid Robinson, draying	2 50
Math Hanson, sal and postage	126 00
Mutual Lumber Co. tiling, dray	2 55
E Ellington, rep hose carts	9 35
E O Berg, killing 9 dogs	13 50
Sioux Valley Hd w and Imp Co. Hd w	1 30
Bowman-Kranz Lum Co., tiling	12 60
J P Nordseth, sal St Com	32 00
S O Bergstad, crossing	9 60
Hemstock Bros. unloading coal National Meter Co. meters and supplies	179 60
E Ellington, repairs	2 75
Wm Naason, labor pump house	4 00
E Ryne, labor	21 88
A H Way, salary Water Com	65 00
Brown Coal Co. coal	25 19
Mutual Lumber Co. coal	106 00
Math Hanson, cash adv	32 23
Crane Co. meters	58 30

The following reports were read and on motion approved: city treasurer, city auditor, city weighmaster and street commissioner.

The finance committee reporting on the Anna Nims matter through Chairman Repp, reported an agreement to settle all claims in full against the city on payment of \$1,000 and recommended the acceptance of this proposition.

Alderman Repp, seconded by Alderman Redfield moved to adopt the report of the committee.

Roll call vote was as follows: Sandvig, yes; Brenner, yes; Ovre, yes; Hanson, yes; Redfield, yes; Engen, yes; Repp, yes; Nims, passed; and motion was declared carried, and warrant ordered to issue to Anna Nims in the sum of \$1,000 settlement in full for all claims against the city on account of personal injury received September 23, 1906.

Mayor Gemmill then delivered his farewell address, which is as follows: Gentlemen of the Council:

With these proceedings we come to the close of another year and another administration. What in the beginning was hope is now history, and history all of which does not conform to the honest hope which preceded it. History, some of which might have been differently written had our vision been a little clearer, and history, too, of which we need not be ashamed.

According to custom I will review briefly the leading events of my term and express some convictions borne in upon me as the result of my experience.

We inherited from the previous administration a net debt of nearly \$1,000. We have paid this debt; we have expended more money in necessary grading and cross tiling of streets and have put in and paid for more street crossings than in any like time in the history of the city. At the same time our council has been liberal in the matter of street lights and other public works.

But there is one matter which has been a source of trouble to the city and which we have not been able to solve. It is the matter of the liquor traffic. We have at times thieves and robbers, forgers, incendiaries and even murderers, yet the greatest menace to law and order and the greatest shock to the moral stability of a community comes through the illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors.

The boot-legger and the hole-in-the-wall, shorn of the garb of respectability and outside the pale of sympathy are easy propositions. But when any man uses a reputable and honorable business as a shield and cloak to conceal his stealthy and persistent efforts to sell "poor whiskey" both in violation of law and the expressed command of his community, he is contemptible in contrast with the man who runs an open saloon and is an enemy of society and should be branded as such.

Until people generally will awaken to the enormity of this offense, orderly government in prohibition territory will be difficult. When they do so awaken it will be like coming out of a bad dream with a restful knowledge of safety and security.

I leave the office of mayor willingly, gladly, in fact eagerly, but not sore and discouraged and not without conviction that the people have in their hands the means to make their demands effective as regards the liquor traffic.

In conclusion, I want to thank this council strongly for their kindness and consideration towards me at all times. I have defended your action at times when I questioned if you were right; you have done this same with me and all to preserve the spirit of fellowship and harmony which I believe has not once been broken, and I am sure we are all now glad of this record.

It is my purpose to keep in line with you and with my successor who is my friend, and I pledge you my support in your assured efforts to promote the material and moral interests of this community.

Moved and carried unanimously that the address of Mayor Gemmill be spread upon the minutes. A vote of thanks for faithful service to and courteous treatment of the council during his term of office was extended to Mayor Gemmill.

On motion council adjourned sine die.
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of three cells, a very necessary utility, and we can now house our unfortunate in a humane manner. We have introduced the system of grates in street crossings, which although costing a little more in the first instance are so much better drains and are so necessary in keeping clean the connecting walks and add so much to general appearance that their use ought to be continued in all future crossings.

We worked an economy in the operation of the water plant whereby we have saved more than \$1,000 during my term. We have put \$1,800 into the sinking fund and it will now be possible during the coming year to take up \$5,000 of city bonds which will leave us with only \$11,000 bonded indebtedness. We will turn over to our successors assets practically sufficient to offset all warrants issued, thereby showing a better financial condition than two years ago. The routine work of the various offices and of the council committees has gone on smoothly and I think well, and while not all our acts and measures are above criticism, I believe, as a whole, the city's affairs have been as judiciously handled as they would have been by any other set of men.

But while our people expect economy and care in these matters of business their greatest concern at all times relates to questions of law and order, and herein lies the most difficult and serious part of the administration. While the open saloon is generally recognized as a destroyer of manhood and a breeder of crime, the fact remains that orderly government is still harder to maintain when the saloon is banished. Of course, there is not so much riotous disorder, but there is the more serious stealthy violation of law which imposes a much greater burden upon official responsibility. However, this is no reason for admitting the saloon but it does show that with too many people antagonistic to the liquor traffic stops at the saloon.

If the people in their zeal to do good would classify the unlicensed vendor of strong drink where he belongs, beneath the man who runs a licensed saloon, and would place him socially and in business ways on the same footing, there would then be assurance of successful operation of our prohibitory laws. But so long as personal friendship or sympathy can intervene to investigate crime of this sort, just so long will success be relative only.

For a considerable portion of my administration a wholesome respect for the law, perhaps, has kept this class of disorder fairly well in check, but conditions for some time prior to the recent election have seemed to inspire a growing freedom from restraint and I have been conscious of a backward movement along this line. This fact emphasizes the constant menace to law and order to which we are exposed and it emphasizes, too, the fact that when official scrutiny is for any cause supposed to be momentarily diverted, that moment is quickly seized upon to do an illegal thing.

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Gentlemen of the Common Council

Moved and seconded that the ap-

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Moved and seconded that the appointment of Wm. Corson as city weigher for the ensuing year be confirmed. Motion carried.
Moved and seconded that the appointment of A. H. Way as water commissioner for the ensuing year be confirmed. Motion carried.
On motion made and seconded the bonds of the following named officers were approved.
R. P. Dean, Mayor, \$3000, with B. F. Whitmore and Edgar Dean as sureties.
Math Hanson, city treasurer, \$10,000 with J. E. Holter, Hans A. Skie, M. L. Syverud, C. H. Fitch as sureties.
John C. Solem, city justice, \$500, with Chas. L. Kundert and Ole Hokensad as sureties.
Edward A. Jones, city auditor, \$2000, with J. V. Conklin and Wm. Osborne as sureties.
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L. L. Redfield was elected as president of the council for the ensuing year, and Chris Sandvig, vice president.

The invitation of the pastor of the Baptist church requesting the attendance of the new administration at Divine Service on the evening of Sunday, May 17th, was read and on motion accepted.
Moved by Hanson and seconded by Redfield that The Farmers Leader and Sioux Valley News be the legal papers for the ensuing year each to receive one-half rates.
On roll call votes results as follows: Thayer, no; Ovre, yes; Hanson, yes; Sandvig, yes; Nims, yes; Engen, yes; Repp, passed.

On motion, council adjourned to Monday night May 11th at 8 p. m. Attest:
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Notice of the Color of Official Primary Ballots.
Notice is hereby given that the color of the official primary ballots of the respective political parties of Lincoln county, South Dakota, are as follows:
Republican Party.....White
Democratic Party.....Yellow
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Dated this 4th day of May, 1908.
CHAS. L. KUNDERT,
County Auditor.

Advertised Letters.
The following letters remain uncalled for in the Canton post-office on Saturday, May 2, 1908.
Ole T. Borgen,
Mrs. L. Klonton,
Miss Waval Klonton,
Albert McNary,
Carl Olson,
In calling for the above list please say advertised.
T. T. SMITH, P. M.

The Gate City Cigar is a winner. It's a favorite and makes a delightful smoke.
Dr. Morrison's father and mother, is here from Des Moines, visiting the Doctor and his wife.
Fred Gerber, Sr., was in town Monday on his way to Yankton to participate in the Masonic welcome to Admiral Schley.
Thomas Thorson and Charles H. Cassill left for Yankton Wednesday morning to take in the Consistory and help entertain Admiral Schley the gallant sailor who did up the Spanish fleet at Santiago.
Rev. J. D. Bohm occupied the M. E. Church pulpit last Sunday morning and discussed his Bible work and Bible societies. He said the English Bible society printed the good book in over 500 different languages and the American Bible Society in over 242 different languages.
Joe Chraft and his bride have taken up the pleasant and responsible duties of housekeeping in the T. H. Helgeson residence on Broadway, where they will be at home to their many friends and where the charms of a home life will be a perpetual bliss. Mrs. Chraft is one of Canton's most charming young ladies and Mr. Chraft one of Canton's most popular young gentlemen.

and Fellow Citizens:
I assure you it was with great reluctance, I consented to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Canton, realizing as I did then and do now, the many important duties incumbent therewith.
By a majority vote the citizens of Canton have seen fit to bestow upon me that honor, and it shall always be my earnest aim to conduct the affairs of the city in such a manner that the confidence thus bestowed shall not be said to have been misplaced, neither as to myself or my appointees.
I congratulate my fellow citizens in having chosen such able and experienced men as my co-workers, and I doubt not that, with their assistance, the administration will be conducted in a manner which I hope will reflect credit upon ourselves and profit to the city.
Realizing the lack of experience in the administration of matters pertaining to the affairs of the city and having confidence that the Honorable Council will at all times act upon all important questions which may come before them or the administration in a manner to reflect credit upon both, I do not deem it advisable for me, to attempt to make suggestions or recommendations as to what shall or shall not be done.
But should occasion arise, I will not be remiss in recommending such measures as I believe will be for the betterment of our city.
I will therefore, confine myself to a few brief remarks regarding the duties that may fall upon me in conducting the present administration.
There will no doubt be many questions of importance presented to this administration for its consideration. Such questions naturally cause a division of sentiment which at times it is difficult to harmonize; but it shall be my aim to consider at all times what I conceive to be the best interests of the city, both morally and financially, without fear or favoritism, rendering, so far as in me lies, a proper consideration where the interests of the city are paramount to all others.
I am in favor of an economical and business like administration; conserving the revenues of the city so far as possible, and consistent with good government, thereby fortifying ourselves against any impending obligations which we, of necessity, may have to assume.
Our city has the reputation of being one of the cleanest in the state; free from the snares and pit-falls common to many of the larger cities, and it behoves us all as citizens, for our common good, to see to it that our reputation as a law abiding community may ever stand as a monument for future generations.
To this end, the laws of the city, state and nation must be upheld.
Having taken the oath of office as Mayor of the city of Canton, I have solemnly sworn to uphold the laws and ordinances thereof, and I hereby invoke the power of the Supreme Being to sustain us in the effort to see that the mandates of the law are fulfilled.
If the laws are wilfully violated and evidence forthcoming substantiating such fact, you will find me ever ready, so far as the authority is in me vested, to assist in the prosecution of such transgressions. I bespeak the earnest co-operation of the citizens of Canton by their power and influence, to the end that peace, harmony and prosperity may prevail.
R. P. DEAN,
Mayor.

On motion Mayor Dean's address was ordered spread upon the records.
Roll call showed all members present as follows: H. E. Thayer, Chris Sandvig, A. Repp, G. S. Hanson, Fred Ovre, C. Engen, F. L. Nims and L. L. Redfield.
City Justice Solem then administered the oath of office to the four new members of the council: Thayer, Repp, Ovre and Redfield.
The mayor read the following names as his appointees to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:
City Auditor Edward A. Jones
Chief of Police Micheal Olson
City Attorney A. R. Jamieson
City Weigher William Corson
Water Commissioner A. H. Way
Members of the various committees are as follows:
On Finance: Repp, Thayer, Redfield and Engen.
On Streets: Nims, Ovre, Hanson and Sandvig.
On Waterworks: Redfield, Engen, Thayer and Repp.
On Ordinance: Thayer, Hanson, Nims and Ovre.
On City Scales: Engen, Redfield, Sandvig and Hanson.
Lights: Repp, Ovre, Nims and Thayer.
Sanitary: Hanson, Sandvig, Ovre and Redfield.
Fire Apparatus: Sandvig, Repp, Nims and Ovre.
Ways and Means: Thayer, Engen, Repp and Redfield.
On Printing: Engen, Nims, Thayer and Hanson.
On Sewer: Ovre, Redfield, Sandvig and Repp.
Moved by Repp, seconded by Hanson, that the confirmation of each appointment be taken up separately. Carried.
Moved and seconded that the appointment of Edward A. Jones as city auditor for the ensuing year be confirmed. Motion carried.

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Wm. H. BROWN COMPANY,
Mandan, N. D., Mott, N. D., Haynes, N. D.

Death of Mary Rommerlein.
Mary Rommerlein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rommerlein of Pleasant township, died at the home of her parents on the 9th of last month and was buried in the Romsdal church cemetery on Sunday, April 12th. She would have been 21 years of age on the 19th of this month. Every remedy known to the medical profession that would stay the ravages of consumption was tried in vain. Rev. Quello of Beresford preached the funeral sermon and over seven hundred relatives and friends were present at the church as a mark of respect to her memory.

Death of Anna Sivesind.
Anna Sivesind, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sivesind, who live north of Inwood, died on Saturday, May 2nd, aged 16 years and 5 months, and was buried in the Centennial church cemetery on Sunday. The deceased had suffered for three years with dropsy and heart failure. She was patient under this misfortune and welcomed the end with Christian resignation.

Rev. Berge of Inwood preached the funeral sermon, and many relatives from Lincoln county attended the funeral which was one of the largest held in Lyon county for years.

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Notice of Primary Election

Notice is hereby given that, as provided by law, a primary election will be held at the regular polling place in all the voting precincts of Lincoln county, S. D., on the 23rd day of June, 1908, between the hours of 5 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of allowing the members of each political party in the state by their own separate party vote to choose their several party candidates for all state, congressional, judicial, legislative and county officers which are to be filled by election at the next general election, to elect their several national, state and precinct committeemen and delegates to the several party conventions; also to nominate in the same manner the several party candidates for the office of United States Senator, which is to be filled by the next legislative session of this state.

The primary election will be held in the following named voting precincts to-wit: Eden township in school house of District No. 84.
Norway township in Moe hall.
Pleasant township in school house of District No. 43.
Brooklyn township in school house of District No. 42.
Fairview township in school house of District No. 85.
Highland township in school house of District No. 7.
Lincoln township in school house of District No. 80.
Delaware township in school house of District No. 31.
Canton township in town hall.
Lynn township in school house of District No. 52.
Grant township in school house of District No. 89.
Dayton township in Dayton hall.
La Valley township in school house of District No. 53.
Ferry township in school house of District No. 62.
Springdale township in school house of District No. 44.
Delaware township, Tea in Woodman hall.
Hubson in city hall house.
Beresford, Third ward, in Reedy's barn office.
Fairview Inc. in Woodman hall.
Vorthing, in Fire house.
Lemox, in Band hall.
Harrisburg, in Town hall.
City of Canton—First ward, Lincoln County Bank basement.
Second ward, Sheriff's office.
Third ward, West Side school house basement.
Fourth ward, City hall.
Dated this 4th day of May, 1908.
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