

# SWORN IN AS MAYOR WITHOUT CERTIFICATE

### Charles Off Placed in the Chair Last Evening and is Now the Acting Mayor of the City of Keokuk.

## OBJECTION FILED TO PROCEEDINGS

### Mr. Off Made Public Statement That He Was Willing for Recount and Would Step Down if Not Elected.

Sworn in as mayor of the city of Keokuk without a certificate of election, Charles Off took charge of the city council last evening as per arranged program and is now the acting mayor, officiating under protest.

But as acting mayor, Off is doing the fair and square thing. He refuses to make any appointments until the contest is decided and gave his word in open council and before two hundred spectators that he was perfectly willing for a recount of the votes to be made and in case he was not entitled to the office, to step down and out.

He resigned last evening as alderman from the fourth ward. The meeting was devoid of anything sensational, there being no objections made in any way to the illegal swearing in of Mr. Off as mayor. The old council held a short meeting and then the new council held a meeting at which city officers were elected. A notice of protest was filed by the minority against all actions of the new council, but this protest was received and filed by vote of the majority.

#### Recount this Week.

Finding that resistance to a recount of the ballots was a most unpopular move in Keokuk, the objections have been gradually withdrawn and it is stated that a recount may possibly be made this week by a special committee appointed by Messrs. Sterne and Off.

If this is done, the public will not have to wait until May 4, the time set by Mayor Strimback for the council to recount the votes.

The notice of contest, filed by Louis Sterne, was received and filed by the council last evening by a democratic vote, the minority aldermen voting against such action.

Ex-Mayor Strimback still retains possession of the certificate of election for Charles Off and is not permitted to turn it over under the law until the contest is decided. Off was sworn in without producing it last evening, the law being a second consideration to him and to the clerk of the superior court who swore him in; both acting on the advice of attorneys who insisted that a certificate of election was not necessary.

#### Sworn in Quickly.

During the meeting of the old council, Alderman Off sent in his resignation. It was received by the council, whereupon he immediately left his seat in the council room and became a private citizen.

He found a position close to superior court clerk O'Brien and the very second the council adjourned, was sworn in by the clerk, not a moment of time.

## Mild Laxative for Baby Free

The child of today is the parent of the future, and whether it grows up healthy and strong, or puny and weak, depends upon the intelligence of its parents, for most children are born into the world healthy, but thousands become future weaklings because of birth and the age of ten, when the parents are still in greatest control. The prime cause of trouble is in the stomach. A baby that is digesting its food seldom cries and always looks cheerful; the little child whose stomach is good romps and plays and never whines; the growing child learns well at school and is eager for fun if its head is clear and its stomach light, and that means if it has no constipation.

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few remarks. He thanked the aldermen for the kindness and courtesy shown him by all and thanked all city officers.

#### The New Council.

After the old council had adjourned and the officials had been sworn in, the aldermen stood around talking for awhile until Alderman Hickey told Acting Mayor Off to start the new meeting, which he immediately did, rapping the new council to order.

The acting mayor made a short address to the council and to the audience, but it was one which touched the right spot in everyone's mind for he was fair in stating that he was perfectly willing for a recount of the ballots and would agree to step down and out if the recount did not show him to be elected.

He expressed thanks for the honor conferred upon him and stated that as a notice of contest had been filed on him, he would announce no platform. He was perfectly willing for a recount to be made and was willing to withdraw if defeated by the same. If shown to be elected by the recount he would issue his platform.

Alderman Hickey then took charge and made the greater majority of all motions which came up. He first presented one that the rules of order of previous meetings be adopted.

Alderman Annable then filed a written protest with the clerk, signed by the five members of the minority.

#### The Protest.

The petition stated that the aldermen protested against the action of the majority of the council in permitting Mr. Off to qualify as mayor and protested that any actions taken by him would be illegal for the following reasons:

First—Because he had never received a certificate of election.

Second—Because he had instituted a law suit in court asking for the possession of a certificate.

Third—Because Louis Sterne had filed a statement of contest and the same had been served on Off.

Fourth—That until the contest is determined, Mr. Off cannot legally qualify as provided by the state law and city ordinances.

Fifth—Because all acts of Mr. Off, acting as mayor will be illegal and void until he is duly qualified.

Alderman Hickey moved that the protest be received and filed. The majority voted for this motion, the others not voting.

Alderman Hickey moved that the ballot for city officials be taken.

It was then discovered that the roll call had not been made of the new council and this was done, eleven being present.

Then Alderman Hickey presented his motion regarding the rules again. Alderman McCormick and Annable were appointed tellers, Alderman Annable serving under protest.

A number of the ballots cast contained the words "under protest." The results were as follows:

#### The City Officers.

For mayor pro tem W. Frank Brown was named by Alderman Hickey and John P. Johnson was named by Alderman Lindstrand. The vote was 6 to 5 in favor of Brown.

For clerk of the council H. T. Moore was named by Alderman Swanson, and Rice H. Bell was named by Alderman Christie. The vote stood 7 to 4 in favor of Moore.

For city engineer J. Ross Robertson was named by Alderman Hickey and Clifford Yant was named by Alderman Annable. The vote stood 7 to 4 in favor of Robertson.

For city attorney A. T. Marshall was named by Alderman McCormick and W. R. C. Kendrick was named by Alderman Johnson. The vote stood 6 to 5 in favor of Marshall.

For clerk of the superior court James Brehany was named by Alderman Tighe, and W. M. Maxwell was named by Alderman Christie. The vote stood 6 for Brehany, 4 for Maxwell, and 1 for George Hennemann.

For city treasurer J. Leroy Wolf was named by Alderman Kiefer and J. A. Kiedaisch was named by Alderman Hickey.

The report of the experts who examined the city books was received and adopted as read.

The following petitions were received: From F. C. Smith, M. D., asking for the appointment as physician to the board of health. Referred to the board of the new council.

From Louis Sterne asking for a recount of the votes. Received and filed upon motion of Alderman Hickey by a party vote.

From a large number of business houses and citizens asking that Main street be kept clean. Referred to the street committee of the new council.

From W. B. Collins objecting to the employment of J. Ross Robertson as city engineer and asking that all accounts be kept separate. The first one was received and filed and the second one was referred to the finance committee of the new council.

The board of equalization asked for further time and asked that February 16 be set as the time for hearing its report.

The city engineer made a report to the street committee showing the work done during the fiscal year, which was received and filed.

The clerk read an abstract of the election returns. It was adopted by a vote of 7 to 5.

Alderman Charles Off sent in his resignation as alderman of the fourth ward and the same was received.

The old council then adjourned after retiring Mayor Strimback made a

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man DeYong. The vote stood 8 to 3 in favor of Wolf.

For city collector Paul Luedtke was named by Alderman Brown, and Axel Sandburg was named by Alderman DeYong. The vote stood 6 to 5 in favor of Luedtke.

For watchman of the Des Moines bridge, William McLaughlin was named by Alderman McCormick, and Willie Mundy was named by Alderman Johnson. The vote stood 6 to 4 in favor of McLaughlin, 1 vote being cast for Geo. Hennemann.

For wood measurer, George Heinz was named by Alderman Hickey. There were no other nominations and the clerk was instructed to cast eleven votes for Heinz.

For street supervisor, James Farrell was named by Alderman Kiefer and George W. Wright was named by Alderman Lindstrand. The vote stood 6 to 5 in favor of Farrell.

#### Collins Refused an Audience.

While the above election of officers was being made, a request was made by W. B. Collins to address the council, but he was refused permission. Alderman Annable asked that he be heard but Alderman Hickey said that the council was too busy. Then Mr. Collins arose and asked the chair for permission to speak upon the question of electing a city engineer. Alderman Hickey again said that the council was too busy. Alderman Johnson moved that Mr. Collins be heard, but there was no second to the motion and the acting mayor denied Mr. Collins a hearing.

Mr. Collins had filed a protest with the council, asking that the present city engineer be not employed again, this petition being received and filed.

The only change in the city officials, made in the above list, is that of treasurer and of the clerk of the superior court, the office going to James Brehany who succeeds the popular and efficient T. E. O'Brien who had been the clerk for the past two years.

Acting Mayor Off announced that he would make no appointments of officers until the contest was settled.

#### The Abstract Again.

The clerk then again read the abstract of the election, the same as had been filed with the old council and upon motion of Alderman Hickey, the same was adopted by a vote of six. Alderman Annable then filed again his protest.

The acting mayor appointed the committees and the council then adjourned, the large sized audience flocking inside of the hall and offering congratulations to various officials.

#### The Committees.

Acting Mayor Off made the following appointments of committees: Auditing—Kiefer, Christie, Johnson, Bridges—Tighe, McCormick, Swanson, Lindstrand, Annable.

Fire—Tighe, McCormick, Brown, Lindstrand, DeYong.

Finance—Hickey, Kiefer, Swanson, Christie, Annable.

Judiciary—Brown, Hickey, McCormick, Christie.

Light—Swanson, Tighe, Brown, DeYong, Johnson.

Library—Kiefer, Annable, Lindstrand.

Manufacturing—Tighe, Brown, Hickey, DeYong, Lindstrand.

Market—Swanson, DeYong, Johnson.

Police—Mayor, Hickey, Annable, Railroad—McCormick, Brown, Christie.

Sidewalk—McCormick, Lindstrand, mayor.

Sewer—Swanson, Tighe, Johnson.

Street—Hickey, McCormick, Kiefer, Swanson, DeYong.

Waterworks—McCormick, Hickey, Christie, Annable, Brown.

Wharf—Brown, Kiefer, DeYong, Lindstrand.

Board of Health—Mayor, Hickey, Kiefer, Johnson, Christie.

Alderman Annable called for an eye and nay vote on the adoption of these committee appointments and it was carried by the vote of 6 to 5.

This wound up the business of the evening and upon motion of Alderman Hickey, the council rose to meet on

the evening of Friday, April 16, at 7:30 o'clock.

#### Expert's Report.

The report of the experts, was as follows: Report of Committee Appointed to Examine the Books and Accounts of the Various City Officials.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Keokuk, Iowa. Gentlemen: We have examined the books and accounts of the clerk of the council, city collector and city treasurer for the fiscal year ending: April 8, 1909; and of the city weigher for year ending April 3, 1909, and of the clerk of the superior court, city marshal and calaboose keeper for the year ending March 31, 1909, and report as follows:

In the books of the clerk of the council we found a few clerical errors, but find that monies collected by him and due the city have been paid into the city treasury, as shown by receipts held by the clerk and signed by the treasurer.

We further report that the council proceedings up to the meeting of April 6, 1909, have been copied in the proper record book.

We also report that the balance of cash on hand April 1, 1909, in cemetery fund is on deposit in the State Central Savings Bank.

In the accounts of the collector we found but two clerical errors, but we find all monies collected by him due the city have been paid to the treasurer, as shown by receipts held by the collector.

The accounts of the city treasurer we found correct.

The accounts of the clerk of the superior court we found correct and all money collected and due the city paid over to the treasurer.

We report that the city weigher has turned into the city treasury all money collected by him.

The city marshal has collected all

money earned by him in state criminal cases and paid the same to the treasurer of the city, except \$2.55 which has not been collected.

We find the calaboose keeper in making out his bills for boarding prisoners made the following errors, viz: In October, 1908, he failed to charge for two (2) meals ... \$ .40

In November, 1908, he failed to charge for two (2) meals ... .40

Total ... .80

In April, 1908, he charged for one (1) meal too many ... \$ .20

In May, 1908, he charged for one (1) meal too many ... .20

Total ... .40

Balance due ... .40

And we recommend that said sum of forty (40) cents be allowed him.

We hereto attach itemized statements of the receipts of the clerk of council, city collector, city weigher, clerk of superior court, city marshal and a statement of cemetery fund and make them a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted, RICE H. BELL, D. D. HARRINGTON, Examiners.

#### Clerk's Receipts.

Corporation and water tax ... \$294.40

Sundries ... 4718.00

Mulct tax ... 13025.00

Scale license ... 13.25

Wharf rent ... 281.00

Redemption certificates ... 16.75

Peddler's license ... 76.50

Opera house license ... 58.50

Fruit and lunch stand license ... 37.50

Houses of public entertainment license ... 4566.68

Skating rink license ... 80.00

Bowling alley license ... 22.50

Park stand license ... 75.00

September to January, 1909 ... 238.87

September to January, 1909, H. C. Landes, J. P. ... 12.90

1909

January, February and March 64.30

Total ... \$478.76

Less expense ... 119.21

Net earnings ... \$359.55

Paid city treasurer, per receipts on file: 1908,

September 21 ... \$ 47.00

1907,

January 9 ... 224.25

January 9 ... 11.00

April 7 ... 74.65

Total ... 358.90

Balance uncollected ... \$ 2.55

#### Receipts of Clerk of Superior Court, Fees Earned and Collected.

1908. Civil Cases, City Cases, Total

April ... \$7.25 \$14.55 \$21.80

May ... 6.00 13.90 19.90

June ... 1.50 14.05 15.55

July ... 9.50 26.75 36.25

September ... 4.00 30.10 34.10

October ... 3.50 62.50 66.00

November ... 4.05 4.05

December ... 53.50 53.50

1909,

January ... 8.75 27.40 36.15

February ... 3.50 16.35 19.85

March ... 6.75 17.02 23.77

Total ... \$52.50 \$304.57 \$357.07

#### Cemetery Fund.

Receipts:

Balance April 1, 1908 ... \$1185.52

Burial permit ... 779.00

Cemetery deeds ... 1829.00

Rent of pasture ... 60.00

Improvements ... 581.50

Vaultage ... 216.50

Disinterment ... 10.00

Total ... \$4661.52

Disbursements:

Special bequest fund ... \$ 300.00

Freight, etc ... 53.20

Coal ... 10.50

Certificates of removal ... 55.00

Cement walk ... 327.17

Lot returned ... 40.00

Macadam road ... 251.57

Coat fees ... 2.25

Supplies, etc ... 453.20

Sexton's salary ... 720.00

Labor orders ... 1716.95

Cash on hand April 1, 1909 ... 731.52

Total ... \$4661.52

The following persons have paid for perpetual care of their lots, viz:

C. O. Emerson estate, lot 6, block 62 ... \$100.00

David G. Anderson estate, lot 2, block P ... 100.00

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