

COUNCIL RELEASES SWEARINGEN

CITY COMMISSIONERS DECIDE TO ABANDON PLANS FOR SOUTH-SIDE SEWERS.

The longest and most important session that the city commissioners have held for some time was staged yesterday morning in the city hall. Several matters of moment came up and were discussed at length. Sewer Engineer Swearingen was called before the council and after a discussion of the situation on the south side, it was decided to do nothing more with the sewers in that part of town, at least, for the present.

After other business had been disposed of, Mr. Swearingen came before the council and the south side discussion commenced. Mr. Swearingen stated to the council that he was under a contract with the city to do certain work on the south side and that he understood this work was to be abandoned and that the council desired to use the rooms which he has been occupying. Mr. Swearingen said that the contract was binding on both himself and the city and that he desired to know what action the council would take in the matter.

Mayor Evans then asked Mr. Swearingen to make an estimate of what money was due him. After the mayor had read to the council the original contract with Mr. Swearingen, the sewer engineer asked if the mayor did not think it advisable to go ahead and complete the plans for the south-side work, as these had already been started.

Mayor Evans said: "No, I personally think it would be better for you to submit an estimate on the work you have done and we can then go about our business." Mr. Swearingen said that before he brought in an estimate, he would like to have some definite notification from the council in regard to what was going to be done.

Mayor Evans moved that the question of plans for the south side sewers be abandoned for the time being and that Mr. Swearingen be notified to submit to the council his bill for any work already performed on them. Mr. Swearingen then said: "I would like to ask one question. Have my services been satisfactory?"

Mayor Evans said that the engineer's work had been satisfactory to him, but that, if the work on the south side were resumed at any time in the future, he would want a different form of contract. Commissioner Peat said that the mayor's view of the case was his. Commissioner Price said: "I have been over the work carefully and I would have liked one unit of the south side sewers to be completed. I think Mr. Swearingen has given the city the best that is in him and I think that he has done the work in a very thorough and efficient manner. Several of his innovations have been great money-savers to the city and I am of the opinion that he has given us a fine sewer system."

Preliminary to Mr. Swearingen's appearance before the council the matter was given a little discussion and Commissioner Peat stated that the rooms held by Mr. Swearingen should undoubtedly be vacated at once in order to permit of the removal of the police headquarters to the city hall. He stated that the present quarters were entirely unfit to stay in and that it was necessary to air out the rooms every time the automobile truck was taken out of the fire station below. He also inveighed against the fact that the south-side sewers had been foisted onto the residents of the north side by the south-side people. When the mayor put his motion before the council, Commissioner Price seconded it. When the vote was taken, Commissioner Peat registered his voice in the negative, as he stated that the people of the north side would not countenance his voting against putting sewers on the south side. After some discussion with the other members of the council, however, he changed his vote to the affirmative.

The reason for the action taken by the council was given as being the decided sentiment of the south-siders against sewers at the present time and the expense that would be involved in having the plans completed. It was stated by the mayor that the complete

design of the south-side system would cost about \$7,000, and that this would come from the general fund.

Police Reduction.

Some time ago, Mayor Evans introduced a resolution before the council looking toward the reduction of the police force. This was brought before the council yesterday morning for action. Mayor Evans stated that, in his opinion, the city could, at the present time, be easily patrolled by seven men, but that the resolution would cut down the force to nine. Commissioner Peat did a neat little balloon ascension and began a long argument against reduction to nine men. He stated that it was absolutely out of the question to reduce the city with nine men and cited statistics to prove his statement. He harked back 15 years and produced documentary evidence to uphold his position. The argument lasted for some time, but the commissioner of public safety finally won the battle and the resolution was changed so as to make the reduction to 10 men, instead of to nine. As Officer Fabert is quite seriously ill and may not be able to work during the coming winter, there will probably be no reductions made in the force.

Bad Checks Received.

Mayor Evans produced before the council two checks issued to the city for taxes. One of these checks is for \$286.14 and the other for \$42.52. They were issued to Treasurer Hatheway on November 23 and returned from the bank about December 11. Mayor Evans stated that the maker had been notified in regard to the return of the checks, but had not seen fit to take any action in the matter. A Treasurer Hatheway had issued tax receipts to the value of the checks, the council passed a motion that the receipts be cancelled and orders issued for their return to the office at once.

The Higgins Lots.

A bill was presented to the council from the C. P. Higgins estate for \$250 rental due on the lots by the fire station. The mayor stated that he had taken this matter up with Ronald Higgins immediately on entering upon his office and that he had written him several letters in regard to this matter since that time. He stated that he would be in favor of allowing \$10 a month rental, instead of \$25, and that a motion be allowed for \$50 instead of \$250, provided a receipt in full to December 1 was given the city. The motion was carried.

Three small bills were allowed by the council. One of these was for 50 cents, an expense incurred by the necessity of conveying a deceased dog to the city dump. The others were salary payments in favor of W. G. Torrance, temporary sanitary inspector, and Theo Smith of the fire department. Both of these men are retired from the city's service.

The report of Plumbing Inspector Pope was received and ordered placed on file. It showed nine permits issued during the month of November.

Commissioner Price stated that the swinging bridge which leads across the island under the Higgins estate bridge was in an unsafe condition. The matter of having it fixed up was left with Mr. Price.

The city was asked to furnish a grade in the alley back of the First National bank, where a set of scales is being installed by the electric light company. The matter will be taken up with the city engineer, but the opinion of the council was that it would be unwise to fix a grade at that point now.

GASPED FOR BREATH

Gastritis Nearly Ended Life of William V. Matthews. Read His Letter.

"I was bothered for years with stomach trouble and gastritis. Food laid like lead in my stomach and fermented, forming gas. This caused a pressure on my heart, so that I choked and gasped for breath and thought my time had come. Mi-o-na cured me after I had doctored without success."—William V. Matthews, Bloomington, Ind.

If you suffer from indigestion, headaches, dizziness, biliousness, constipation, inactive liver, nervousness, sleeplessness, bad dreams, foul breath, heartburn, shortness of breath, sour stomach or despondency, be sure and get Mi-o-na stomach tablets. They are guaranteed. Large box 50 cents at George Freilheimer's and druggists everywhere.

PRESS AGENTS TALK OF THEIR SHOWS

That wise old city, Montgomery, Ala., was delighted with the performance of the Schubert Symphony club and Lady Quartet, and from the collection of testimonials from the excellent people we clip the following from that sterling gentleman and scholar, Rev. Dr. W. Dudley Powers, rector of St. John's Chapel: "Your entertainment was very satisfactory to all who saw it, and has received warm compliments from all to whom I have spoken. I regard it as a refined, artistic and pleasant entertainment. To me your company gave exceptional pleasure, and I shall always be glad to give any word of commendation that may be of service to you." The best people are always the best pleased with the Schuberts.

The fact that our citizens stand ready to patronize a first-class entertainment liberally is well demonstrated by the large sale of seats for the Schubert Symphony club and Lady Quartet. There is a very little doubt of a full house to hear these favorite entertainers when they appear at the Harmon theater on December 25, and the audience will be composed of our best citizens.

Notification.

The colored children's Christmas tree and concert by their Sunday school will be Saturday, December 23 at 5 o'clock p. m., at their church on Phillips street, near the Lowell school. We solicit the attendance of everyone who so desires to come.

Signed: C. C. BOWMAN, Pastor.

Only 3 Shopping Days B. C.

Our Hardware Department, Too, Is a Great Christmas Store for All

Here, for instance, one gets the prettiest and fastest Sleds, slickest Skates, best Knives, dandiest Coaster Wagons and Express Wagons, Velocipedes, Wheelbarrows, Air Guns and really Guns and Athletic Goods that go a long way towards satisfying children's wants; Razors, Tools, Revolvers, Drawing Instruments, Wardrobe Sets, and many other articles especially appreciated by men and young men; while for housekeepers and bachelor maids are Coffee Percolators, Alcohol Stoves, Fine Cooking Utensils, Manicure Sets, Sets of Scissors and Embroidery Scissors of the better grades, and many other things—even waterpower washing machines.



The Cheer of the Open Fire

Was ever a fairy tale more real to a wide-eyed child than in the half-light of a flickering blaze? Is there a matron reader who has not some bit of sentiment stowed away that only one other and the andirons knew?

Here are all those things that make for beauty and charm and utility—art within the open grate:

- Black Iron Andirons, \$4.95, \$6 to \$9.
- Brass Andirons, \$10 to \$20.
- Hearth Sets, shovel, tongs and poker, in black iron and brass, \$8.00 to \$20.
- Fenders, iron and brass, \$9.00 to \$15.
- Screens, black and brass, \$2 to \$15.

Gifts of Cutlery

—only cut friendship when the article given is not worthy. Only the best makes fine representation here.

Pocket Knives

To see a boy or man well pleased, give him a pocket knife selected from our line of famous "Tree Brand" Cutlery.

- Boys' Pocket Knives, 25¢ to \$1.25.
- Men's Pocket Knives, with stag, pearl, gunmetal and aluminum handles; some very thin models to carry in a vest pocket; all put up in chamois pocket cases; 50¢ to \$4.00.

MANICURE SETS.

Three to nine piece sets, fitted with first quality tools, with steel, bone or pearl handles, in leather cases; \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$12.00.

EMBROIDERY SCISSORS.

The better grades, made for service, in fancy shapes; 50¢ and 75¢.



Safety Razors

This is the age of the safety razor, and of the many on the market the Gillette is the undisputed best.

- Gillette, in standard model, \$5.00.
- Gillette, in vest pocket edition, in handsome gold and silver plated cases, \$5.00 and \$6.00.
- Also the "Auto-Stop" and Durham "Duplex" Razors, at \$5.00.
- "Enders" Razors, \$1.00; sets to \$10.
- Plain Razors, \$1.25 to \$3.00.
- Rubberst Lather Brushes, 25¢ to \$1.75.
- Shaving Mirrors, \$3.00 to \$6.00.

A Free Gift

With a purchase of \$5.00 or more in our hardware department we will give a Durham-Duplex Demonstration Razor FREE.



THE GREAT CHRISTMAS STORE

Don't Get Caught in the Rush!

The Coffee Percolator as a Gift For Housewife or Bachelor Girl

Of course, it must be a good-looking piece of furniture—in its brave nickel coat—but it must also be a reliable helper when the coffee hour comes, well constructed, easy to manage and safe.

Its best practical recommendation to everybody's favor is its superiority over the coffee pot for making healthful coffee. The percolator, you remember, does not boil—it distills, extracting all the essence of the coffee with none of the tannic acid that hurts you.

PERCOLATORS FOR TABLE USE—in nickel; some styles quite simple, others more elaborate; \$5.00 to \$13.75.

"UNIVERSAL" STOVE PERCOLATORS—For use on the gas or the coal range; \$2.50 to \$5.00.

"UNIVERSAL" TEA BALL TEAPOTS

With one of these, perfect tea is a certainty, and the last cup is just the strength of the first.

- In Aluminum—4-cup size, \$3.00; 6-cup size, \$3.00 and \$3.50.
- In Nickel—6-cup size, \$5.00.

Electric Appliances for Christmas

To do things by electricity is the modern way, better, safer and more convenient. Gifts selected from our line of electric appliances will surely please.

- Electric Curling Iron Heaters, \$3.00.
- Electric Toasters, \$4.00.
- "Superior" Electric Sad Irons, \$4.00.
- "American Beauty" Sad Irons, \$5.00.
- Heating Discs, \$4.75.
- Electric Warming Pads, \$5.50.
- Electric Percolators, \$13.75.

Wardrobe Utilities and Clothes Hangers

"The beauty of the house is order." This being so, gifts that tend to order are welcome, for everyone, whether in a home or bachelor apartment, would have his or her "home" beautiful.

- Separate Coat, Trousers, Dress, Skirt and Shoe Hangers, in various styles, from 10¢ UP.
- Gentlemen's Wardrobe Sets, for three or six suits of clothes; \$2 and \$3.50.
- Women's Wardrobe Sets, \$2.00 and \$2.75.

King Air Rifles

What boy does not want one of these for Christmas? A gift that develops accuracy of eye and promotes health by encouraging outdoor exercise.

- Single-shot King Air Rifles, 95¢.
- Repeating King Air Rifles, 350 shots at one loading, \$1.25.
- Repeating King Air Rifles, 500 shots at one loading, \$1.50.

Really, Truly Rifles for Men and Boys

22-Caliber Rifles in Standard Makes, Make Splendid Presents

- Remington Repeating Rifles, \$9.50 and \$12.00.
- Winchester Repeating Rifles, \$5.50 and \$10.00.
- Savage Single-shot Target Rifles, \$6.50.
- Winchester Single-shot Rifles, \$4.00.
- Remington Single-shot Rifles, \$3.50.
- Other Rifles, large calibers, all prices.

Sporting Goods

Everything one can think of for indoor or outdoor sports, for men and boys. A list that is too long to print in the space left, from fishing rods to gymnasium equipments. Just room for these items:

- Footballs, \$1.50 and \$2.50.
- Striking Bags, \$1.50 to \$4.00.
- Boys' Boxing Gloves, set of 4, \$1.50.
- Men's Boxing Gloves, set, \$2.50 to \$4.

Carving Sets

Landers, Frary & Clark's famous Carving Sets, in twenty styles, in handsome cases, \$4.00 to \$16.00.

Two-piece Bird and Game Carvers, \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Show Us a Man or Boy Who Doesn't Want a Tool Chest or Some Tools

—and we will show him the finest tools and tool chests made—and he will decide that he does want a tool chest or tools.

The tools we offer were made by the most expert tool-makers in America, and embrace every sort of a tool for every purpose, from driving a tack to building a skyscraper. We will gladly help make up assortments—small or large.

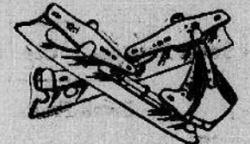
Here's a fine tool chest, solid oak, with brass fittings, equipped with 21 first-class, full-size carpenters' tools; a fine outfit, for \$10.00.



Sleds and Coasters

Flexible Flyers, the sleds that steer, are safe and strong and save shoes; all sizes; prices from \$6.00 to \$3.50. Firefly Coasters, made by the Flexible Flyer people; in three sizes, at \$3.25, \$2.50 and \$2.00.

Boys' Coasters, in wood and steel; some plainly painted, others finished like a carriage and handsomely decorated. Little ones for little chaps and big ones for older boys; all prices, from \$3.50 to \$6.00. Girls' sleds, wood and steel, high frame, plain and fancy; prices, \$1.40 to \$5.00.



Ice Skates

Most every boy and girl and little tot and many grown folks have SKATES written down on their list of Christmas wants, and usually the word is prefixed with M.M.Co., because M.M.Co. Skates are best.

- Children's Double-runner Skates, 50¢.
- Men's and Boys' Skates, 65¢ to \$3.00.
- Men's Hockey Skates, \$1.50 to \$3.25.
- Men's Acme Club Skates, \$4.00.
- Girls' and Women's Skates, \$1.00 to \$4.00.

ROLLER SKATES.

—For children, plain and extension frame styles, 60¢ and \$1.25.



ELOCIPEDES

Are wanted by boys and girls not old enough for bicycles. Ours are built entirely of steel, are light running and strong and serviceable. In various sizes, with 14, 16, 20 and 24 inch front wheels.

- With Steel Tires, At \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.75 and \$3.25.
- With Rubber Tires, At \$3.50, \$3.85, \$4.25 and \$5.00.

EXPRESS WAGONS.

Made with steel bodies, in seven sizes, 17-6 in, 9x18 inches, with 8 and 9 inch wheels, to 15x30 inches, with 12 and 15 inch wheels; 90¢, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25.

STAR COASTER WAGONS.

The best and strongest wagons made for boys; wheels have roller bearings.

- Body 14x26 inches; 8-in. wheels, \$4.50
- Body 14x26 inches; 11-in. wheels, \$5.50
- Body 16x24 inches; 11-in. wheels, \$6.50
- Body 28x24 inches; 11 in. wheels, \$7.50

TOY WHEELBARROWS.

Steel bodies and wheels; four sizes, 8x12 to 15x18, at 75¢, 90¢, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Two Lines of Sleds Go Coasting Out at Reduced Prices

Star Steel Coasters and "Paxaway" Flexible Coasters } HALF PRICE

Two too many lines of sleds and coasters than are really needed, so to adjust our stock we've decided to let all our Star Steel Coasters and "Paxaway" Flexible Coasters slide at HALF regular prices. With good coasting assured by the heavy snow and the close proximity of Christmas, when every boy and girl wants a sled among their gifts and the energy of a good push in these lowered prices, they will surely go like the wind.

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- No. 1—10 1/2 x 24 1/2 inches high, reduced from \$1.35 to 68¢
- No. 2—11 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches high, reduced from \$1.50 to 75¢
- No. 4—12 1/2 x 28 1/2 inches high, reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.00
- No. 104—12 x 24 1/2 inches high, reduced from \$2.45 to \$1.25

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- No. 10—12 x 30 x 7 1/2 inches high, reduced from \$1.35 to 68¢
- No. 20—12 x 33 x 7 1/2 inches high, reduced from \$1.60 to 80¢
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- No. 11—11 1/2 x 41 inches, reduced from \$3.50 to \$1.75

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