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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1899.

ECHOES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The meeting of the city council tonight promises to be interesting from the start to finish. All the members will probably be present, with the exception of Clement, who is in Chicago. In view of the fact that Alderman St. John resigned and the vacancy is to be filled by appointment by his colleague, Szitnick, there will be a new face among the aldermen. Mr. Szitnick has appointed A. P. Hart as successor to Mr. St. John. The appointment will be ratified by the council, and Alderman Hart will take a seat on the right side of the table.

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One of the important matters to be attended to by the council tonight is the opening of the bids for the construction of the north side sewer. If the bids are in such shape that the council can get at each estimate, the contract will probably be awarded tonight. It is thought the system will cost something like $25,000 and will be completed in about three months after it is started.

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Alderman Bennighoff will carry a city hall under his arm tonight. That is, it will be on a roll of paper under his arm. At the meeting two weeks ago Mr. Bennighoff stated that he would talk more on the city hall question and be prepared to show the council what his idea was in the matter. Mr. Bennighoff favors a city hall off to itself, on city property, while others are quoted as being in favor of building on the present site. The opponents of the present site say that it is not of sufficient area and would not do at all unless a three-story building was erected. The object of a new building is to accommodate all the city officers, besides the fire department and council. Those favoring the present site do so because they think it is the most central point in the city. If time will permit there will probably be quite a debate on the subject.

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Alderman Frizelle, who broached the subject of municipal ownership of the water-works at the last meeting, says he will have something more to say tonight and statistics to read, if there is any time. He has not been idle in the matter and has been talking with a number of citizens and property owners, all of whom favor it to a unit. Alderman Frizelle thinks, as do hundreds of others, that the time is now ripe for the agitation of this subject, which is of so vital interest to every citizen and taxpayer. Mr. Frizelle will not have to fight this battle alone. There are at least four other members of the council who favor municipal ownership and will stand by him to the end. Besides these, the mayor also favors it, having gone on record in his inaugural address last June. This is one of the matters which will occupy the attention of the council for some time to come, or at least until it is solved by its adoption. This completed, then will follow the city ownership of the present electric light system, or a new one.

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The petition of Austin North for a franchise for an electric street railway should be reported on tonight. Then there is the ordinance granting W. B. George a franchise for an electric street railway, which has been drawn up, but not adopted. Mr. George does not like its wording and has been staving it off. Can the council grant two franchises, is the question which has been asked by several.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Great Fall has three cases of small pox all in one neighborhood in the most populous part of the city, and the city health officers has established a quarantine. All the patients are employes of the Boston & Montana. The disease is identical in type with that which appeared in a dozen cases a few weeks ago. All the physicians of the city then called it chicken pox.

Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska, suffered a half million dollar fire Saturday morning. Several printing establishments, St. Paul's M. E. church, one of the finest in the city, the Masonic temple, which contained the city public library were among the buildings destroyed.

The baseball season in the western league closed Monday with Indianapolis the winner of the pennant at a percentage of 614, seventy-five games being won and forty-seven lost.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, the wealthy New Yorker, died Tuesday from a stroke of paralysis. His death came as a great surprise to his family and friends.

The comptroller of the currency, has issued a call for statements of the condition of national banks at the close of business Sept. 7.

General Merritt is to be sent to the Philippines.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Sheriff Hubbard returned Friday from Helena where he witnessed the hanging of the young half-breed, Joe Allen, for the murder of J. S. Reynolds. Sheriff Hubbard says that Allen died game, making no speech on the scaffold, but going to his death with a nerve that was wonderful. The execution passed off without a hitch and was witnessed by several sheriffs from about the state. To sheriff Hubbard will fall the solemn duty of twisting a knot under the ear of Murderer W. C. Brooks in about two months, unless the governor commutes his sentence to imprisonment, which is not at all likely.

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County Superintendent Burlu finds himself in the midst of a busy season just now since the various district schools of the county are beginning work for the fall and winter. He visited the Laurel school last Wednesday, which he found in excellent condition and progressing satisfactorily under the professorship of J. E. Kurtz, who presided over the Canyon Creek school last year. There are thirty pupils already enrolled and ten more expected shortly. The Park City school opened last Monday under Professor McCrary, who was in charge last year. Thirty-three pupils are attending and more are to come. The trustees of the school decided to open a primary department and have engaged Miss Florence Mitchell to conduct the same. The Allendale school house has been moved up the railroad, about two miles from its former location, and is now situated in the center of the district. It has been plastered, painted and otherwise improved. School began in it yesterdy with Mrs. C. D. Strang as teacher and about twenty two pupils attending. The Trewin district between Park City and Laurel, began school yesterday with Miss Grace Church of Billings as teacher. She will have about ten pupils to instruct. Miss Alice Walk is again teaching the young idea how to shoot in the Newman district, south of Billings. Her school will only be of four months' duration. The Roundup school started yesterday with Miss Kate Gillispie of Billings in charge. The trustees of the Tilden district have not yet decided whether or not they will have school this year. Last week being fair week, a number of the schools had vacation, thus permitting teachers and scholars to visit Billings.

WILL MEET HERE.

Montana Association of Congregational Churches Come Here Next.

The annual meeting of the Montana association of Congregational churches closed in Helena Monday with a morning session. During the closing hours a committee of three on missionary work was appointed to correspond with the national council committee of fifteen on missionary work. The association voted to come to Billings next year, appointing Rev. E. D. Bostwick, of Big Timber to preach the sermon, with Rev. F. G. Blanshard of Helena, alternate.

Certain amendments were made in the constitution, including the adoption of the national council's creed of 1883 as a doctrinal basis, and the determining the status of ministerial members of the association, an important point being that every pastor must become a member of some church in the association before he can vote at any meeting of the association.

The committee on resolutions among other things extended thanks to the kind people of Helena for their hospitality in throwing open their homes and entertaining the delegates otherwise.

The following are the standing committees of the association, to act during the ensuing year:;

Home Missions—Rev. W. D Clark of Billings; Rev. V. F. Clark of Livingston; Rev. F. G. Blanshard of Helena.

Sunday Schools—Rev. O. C. Clark of Missoula; Rev. E. D. Bostwick of Big Timber; Mrs E. O. Railsback of Billings.

Ministerial Standing—Rev. W. S. Bell, of Helena; Rev. V. F. Clark of Livingston; Rev. W. Watson of Red Lodge.

Missionary Work—Rev. O. C. Clark of Missoula; Rev. V. F. Clark of Livingston; Rev. F. G. Blanshard of Helena.

Programme for Next Meeting—Rev. W. D. Clark of Billings; Rev. Josheph Pope of Columbus; Rev. W. H. Watson of Red Lodge.

ORDINANCE NO. 120.

An Ordinance creating Special Improvement District Number 3 of the city of Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, and defining its boundaries and providing for the construction of a system of sewers therein for sanitary purposes to connect with and empty into the public sewer of the city, and to provide for assessing the entire cost of constructing the same against the property benefitted thereby, and for extending the payment of the cost of constructing said district sewers over a period of three years, and creating Special Improvement District Number 3 fund.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Billings:

Sec. 1. That a special improvement district for the purpose of constructing sewers for sanitary purposes within the area of said district and for the purpose of extending the payment for the cost of constructing the said sewers over a period of three years be, and the same is hereby created and established in bered 105; thence along the north line of said alley and the east and west alleys in blocks numbered 106, 107, 108 and 109 to the intersection of the alley in block numbered 109 with the east line of the north and south alleys the city of Billings, State of Montana, which said district shall be known and designated as Special Improvement District Number 3, and which said district shall be and consist of that portion of the city of Billings which is bounded by and contained in an exterior line described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of the east line of North Twenty-fifth street with the south line of Fifth Avenue north; thence running northwesterly along the south line of Fifth Avenue north to the intersection of said avenue with the east line of North Thirty-second street; thence running southeasterly along the east line of North Thirty-second street to the intersection thereof with the north line of the east and west alley in block numin said block 109; thence north along the east line of said alley and across First Avenue north and along the east line of the alley in block numbered ninety-two to the south line of Second Avenue north; thence along the south line of said Second Avenue to the west line of the alley in block number ninety-one; thence south along the west line of said alley and of the north and south alley in block numbered 110; to the intersection of the north and south alley in block numbered one hundred and ten with the east and west alley in said block one hundred and ten, thence easterly along the north line of said east and west alley across North Twenty-sixth street and along the north line of the east and west alley in block numbered 111 to the west line of North Twenty-fifth street; thence northwesterly along the west line of North Twenty-fifth street to the place of beginning.

Said district number 3, containing and consisting of all that portion of the city of Billings between North Twenty-fifth street on the east, North Thirty-second street on the west, Fifth Avenue on the north and the north line of the first alley south of First Avenue, on the south, which is not already included in and taxed for sewers in Special Improvement District Number 2, and consisting of 720 lots, as shown on the official plat of the original town of Billings, now on file and of record in the office of the county clerk and recorder of the county of Yellowstone, state of Montana.

Sec. 2. That district sewers for sanitary purposes be and the same are hereby ordered constructed in said district as follows:

A sewer 12 inches in diameter, inside measurement, to serve as an outlet for the lateral sewers in the district, commencing on Third Avenue north, where the alleys in blocks commonly known as blocks 48 and 54 intersect the same (said block commonly known as block 48 being block numbered 52 as shown on the official plat above referred to); thence east along the center line of said Third Avenue to a point where the same intersects the center line of the alleys in blocks numbered 42 and 60; and a sewer 15 inches in diameter, inside measurement, to serve as an outlet for the above described sewer on Third Avenue and the laterals emptying into the same, and also to take the place of the lateral sewer to drain the property immediately abutting upon it, running from the end of said Third Avenue sewer at its intersection with the center line of the said alleys in blocks numbered 42 and 60, south along the alley in block numbered 60 to and across Second Avenue north and along the alley in block numbered 90 to and across First Avenue north, and along the north and south alley in block 111 to and emptying into and connecting with the present city sewer.

Also lateral sanitary sewers, 8 inches in diameter, running south from the north line of said district to the said Third Avenue sewer one on each of the alleys as follows, viz: Between north Thirty-second street and north Thirty-first street; between north Thirty-first street and north Thirtieth street; between north Thirtieth street and north Twenty-ninth street; between north Twenty-ninth street and north Twenty-eighth street; between north Twenty-eighth street and north Twenty-seventh street, and between north Twenty-seventh street and north Twenty sixth street, and between north Twenty-sixth street and north Twenty-fifth street, except that the laterals between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-seventh streets and between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-fifth streets shall commence at the south line of the Big Horn Southern railway right-of-way.

And similar lateral sewers, 8 inches in diameter, inside measurement, between the south line of said district and said Third Avenue sewer, one on each of the alleys as follows, viz: Between north Thirty-second street and north Thirty-first street; between north Thirty-first street and north Thirtieth street; between north Thirtieth street and north Twenty-ninth street; between north Twenty-ninth street and north Twenty-eighth street; between north Twenty-eighth street and north Twenty-seventh street, and between north Twenty-seventh street and north Twenty-sixth street. Said sewers to be constructed of vitrified clay pipe, together with the necessary flush tanks, manholes and other appurtenances.

Sec. 3. That all the property included in Special Improvement District Number 3, exclusive of the streets and alleys and public places is the property which will be especially benefited by the above described proposed improvements, the entire cost and expense of which shall be assessed against said property in the following manner:

The total cost and entire expenses of constructing said lateral sanitary sewers in the alleys, including so much of the cost of constructing the 15 inch sewer on the alleys betwee north Twenty-sixth street and north Twenty-fifth street from Third Avenue north to where it enters into the public sewer, as would be necessary to pay for constructing a lateral sewer similar to the lateral sewers above described for the purpose of draining the property abutting on said 15 inch sewers, shall be taxed up to all of the lots in said district abutting on said laterals and said 15 inch sewer on the alley between north Twenty-sixth street and north Twenty-fifth street, in proportion to the linear feet bordering on said laterals and said 15 inch sewer, and the cost of building said sewer on Third Avenue as the outlet for said laterals and of said 15 inch sewer between north Twenty-sixth street and north Twenty-fifth street, over and above the amount of the sum to be taxed as above to the abutting lots on account of its use as a lateral sewer., shall be paid by all of the property in the district, to be assessed in the proportion which its area bears to the area of the whole district exclusive of streets, alleys and public places.

Sec. 4. That the assessment of the taxes above provided for shall be extended over three years, exclusive of the year that the same are placed upon the tax roll, the whole to be paid in four equal, annual payments, and all the moneys to be derived from the payment of the taxes levied as above shall be by the treasurer of said city placed in a special and separate fund of said Special Improvemnet District Number 3 to be called Special Improvement District Number 3 fund, which said fund is hereby created, and the construction of said district sewers shall be paid for by warrants drawn upon said fund.

Sec. 5. The city engineer is hereby directed to prepare all plans and specifications which are necessary in addition to the plans of the general sewer system of the city of Billings already prepared.

Sec. 6. The city clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for doing said work in accordance with the plans and specifications of the city engineer, all bids to be made in writing and filed with the clerk on or before the 19th day of September, A. D. 1899, at 8 o'clock p. m. of said day, and to be accompanied by a certified check on some bank of the city of Billings for 10 per cent of the bid, to be forfeited to the city of Billings in case said contract being awarded to said bidder, he fails, refuses, or neglects to enter into a contract and suitable undertaking with the city of Billings for the construction of said sewers at the prices named in his bid.

The person to whom said contract is awarded shall enter into a good and sufficient undertaking in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, payable to the city of Billings, and conditioned upon the construction of said sewers on or before the fifteenth day of May, A. D. 1900, according to the plans and specifications above provided for under the direction of the city engineer of the city of Billings and for the prices named in his bid and allowed by the city council.

The city council hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids so submitted.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the council, and approved by the mayor.

Adopted by the city council and approved by the mayor this 5th day of September, A. D. 1899.

Approved:

C. YEGEN, Mayor.

Attest: J. B. Herford,
City Clerk.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Grand.

Friday, Sept. 15.—E. E. Dunne, Chicago; W. J. Crane, Helena, G. Hansen, H. C. McDonough, R. H. Areuson, O. W. McConnell, Helna; S. A. Guthir, Wyo.; W. E. Phillips, T. W. Ellis, Helena; J. M. Daugherty, Omaha; E. W. Bach, C. M. Winter, J. P. Woodman, C. W. Hidman, I. H. Crooker, R. M. McLeod, W. E. Bennett, T. F. Fitzgerald, J. O'Brien, T. M. Swindleburst, Helena; A. Weaton, Livingston; J. Reiss, Chicago; W. O. Snyder, Cody; Y. E. Hogan, Livingston; M. S. Gunn, T. C. Dowter, Helena; J. A. Elyer, Neb.; H. Schinzel, B. Morley, S. D.; A. B. Clarke, St. Louis; T. W. Merrill, Helena; R. Mitchell, A. Anderson, Glendive.

Saturday.—J. Muchmore, Detroit; C. L. Creigh, Wyo.; J. P. Baker, R. Mitchell, A. L. Stubbs, J. W. Gardner, Laurel; F. W. Wagner, St. Paul; B. C. White, Miles City; Miss Kate Gellespiy, Roundup; H. G. McNeeley, M. H. Hawley, city; F. Benedict, St. Paul; A. B. Clark, W. H. Gallaway, N. Y.; G. S. Henry, Ind.; A. M. Heiman, Chicago; H. F. Dent, K. C.; N. C. Brown, Neb.; E. Davis, Neb.; G. L. Rumsey, Helena; H. L. Miller, Glendive.

Sunday.—H. J. Calhoun, J. P. Love, Coumbus; J. F. Davenport, L. W. Phillips, W. S. Goodyear, C. H. Cooper, J. Hamberger, Helena; J. A. Luce, Bozeman; G. Y. Hatten, Bozeman; S. W. Laughorne, Helena; W. H. Hidrige, Chicago; S. Gordon, Miles City; S. W. McCollum, K. C.; G. T. Berry, St. Louis; C W Garbart, Wyo; J A Shelby, Pa; F. D. Ramsdell, Omaha; F. M. Grace, Bridger. S. Thall, N. Y.; T. P. Cullen, Glendive.

Monday.—T. D. Robertson, N. Y.; E. Gardner, Minn.; W. J. Keller, Butte; A. M. Dewey, Washington; A. G. Fisk, Helena; P. R. Taylor, M. F. Trask, Lavina; Karl Simons, Helena; J. Funk, Ill.; C. A. Funk, Chicago; J. Stanley, Huntley; C. E. Homer, N. Y.; J. Ilder, Ill.; J. R. Marks, Chicago; J. F. Eyler, Omaha; P. Flats, Neb.; F. E. Benedict, St. Paul; W. H. Newberg, Mich.; E. H. Johnson, Miles City; O. G. Lambert, Minneapolis; C. H. Gould, Minneapolis; L. Shadr, N. Y.; J. P. Smith, Chicago.

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