

COUNCIL NARROWS STREETS OF CITY

PASS ORDINANCE MONDAY EVENING FIXING NEW WIDTHS FOR ALL CITY STREETS.

FRANKLIN STREET OWNERS PROTEST

Capt. Merry, Senator Tirrell and Jos. Hutchinson Oppose Narrowing Franklin Street.

The much discussed ordinance narrowing practically all of the streets of the city was adopted by the council at its meeting Monday evening.

A petition of property owners abutting on Franklin street was presented by Joseph Hutchinson, as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Manchester, Iowa: We, the undersigned being the respective property owners of property facing on Franklin street between Butler street and Clara avenue, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to order the city and a gutter three or four feet wide along both sides of said Franklin street between Butler street and Clara avenue, and to cause to be laid between the gutters graded with crushed rock to the depth of 6 to 12 inches, to be properly rolled and graded with said gutter, and the cost of same to be borne as follows:

The property owners pay for the curb and half expense of gutter and gutter, and expenses in laying same, and that the other half be borne by the city. This is with the understanding that the width of sidewalk be increased to 48 feet from street curb as now, 48 feet from street to curb.

To the petition was affixed signatures and in presenting it Mr. Hutchinson stated that the names represented all but three of the property owners abutting on either side of Franklin street from Butler street on the south to Clara avenue on the north. In the course of his remarks Mr. Hutchinson said that while the property owners on Franklin street were willing to cooperate with the city and to bear their share of the expense of improving the condition of the street, yet he found in interviewing the several owners that there was the universal and emphatic sentiment that the street should not be cut narrower than its present width.

The ordinance proposed by the council provided for the narrowing of Franklin street to 40 feet. Captain J. F. Merry spoke in favor of leaving the street at its present width but hearty endorsed the action of the council in their efforts to improve the travelled portion. He advocated the use of crushed rock with a well rounded center and a cement curb and gutter to carry off the surface water. He said that in his travels he had observed that nothing added so much to the attractiveness of a city as trim well kept streets. He urged the necessity of at least 48 feet on Franklin street, owing to the large amount of traffic which daily passes over this thoroughfare and on account of the congested condition here at certain times of the year when gatherings are held at the fair grounds. This being the only street to carry the traffic to and from the fair grounds, he was strongly of the opinion that it would be a mistake to cut this street.

He pointed out the inadvisability of crowding horses and automobiles in narrow streets, making the observation that with the increasing number of automobiles there should be plenty of room on all the streets for teams and motor vehicles to pass. He cited an instance of this which he noticed in the past month at Vicksburg, where he saw a team turn on to a main street and run away because it was crowded in a narrow street by an automobile. He closed with the remark that he believed the council intended, and would do what they believed was right under the circumstances, and that the wishes of the property owners who had their money invested in homes and who lived on the street where the improvements were to be made, and who would be called upon to pay a large portion of the cost of making them, would be fairly considered and respected.

R. W. Tirrell spoke next and strongly advocated the 48 feet street. He was particularly anxious that the West Union street should not be narrowed to 20 feet as proposed for the reason that at certain times of the year when large gatherings are held at Tirrell park, the street at its present width was none too wide to accommodate the congestion of teams and automobiles. He endorsed the proposition to improve the travel portion on Franklin and believed that crushed rock properly laid would make an excellent paving. He earnestly advocated the use of a steam roller and said that he believed that if the council intended to make extensive improvements on the streets in the future, that it would be policy for the city to purchase one for its own use. He said that in his travels in Europe, he observed that the steam roller played a very important part in the making of roads

there. He said that everywhere you went there you would see steam rollers in use on the streets of the cities and towns and he believed that it was due to this that they had such excellent roads there. After presenting the side of the property owners the gentleman retired and the council discussed the ordinance proposed for all the streets. Had Senator Tirrell remained in the council room he would have discovered, perhaps, that the city was in no need of paying out any money at this time for a new steam roller. The witnesses and dispatch with which the ordinance was turned down convinced the spectators that the new council has a thoroughly effective steam roller already in commission.

The council did not order in any curbs and gutters at its meeting Monday night, but it is their intention to order their construction on Main and Franklin streets in the very near future, conforming with the newly established width. There is a strong sentiment among the members of the council to follow this improvement by paving the sidewalks and gutters, and the only reason for delaying the ordinance in the city and gutters is that there was that the council decided to consider the matter of paving until next week, the construction of the gutter depending somewhat upon the character of paving to be constructed. It is very probable that one or two other streets may be likewise improved this year. The one most talked of is Union street from the dry run of the river, the other being Brewer street from Union street to Main. The ordinance as it was proposed last week narrowed practically all of the side streets of the city to 30 feet, but after some consideration this was determined to be unwise, and as adopted appears in full in another column of this issue.

To Pave an Alley. Burton Clark appeared before the council and asked that the alley on the north of his place of business, known as Franklin street, be improved in some suitable manner. The committee were unable to find the proposition and directed that the city engineer establish the grade in this alley and also on the continuation of it to the Court House. The matter was referred to the proper committee with power to act, and it seemed to be the sentiment of the council that this alley should be paved with cement and that the committee would probably find it advisable to present a resolution of necessity to this effect at the next meeting.

The city marshal was instructed to notify all persons to repair their sidewalks where the spots of ice and snow caused portions to be raised so that they were dangerous to pedestrians. The question of water rates and meters was allowed to sleep over the Monday evening session of the council, and the new ordinance proposed last week was not discussed. The members of the water committee were in error in requesting the Press to say that the schedule as it appeared in the last issue of this paper and the observations on the subject were largely erroneous. The schedule and information as given in this paper were correct which we believe the water committee now recognizes. The members of the committee who inspired the statement in the Press did not at that time, we believe, have a thorough understanding of the schedule, which they proposed to adopt, and we would not refer to the matter again at this time, were it not for the fact that the mistaken correction might deceive some into the belief that the proposed water rate is a cheaper rate than that published in this paper last week. The council took no action in the matter Monday evening, and we understand that the ordinance establishing new rates will not be called up for passage until after the water meters are installed. As soon as the meters are in it is the intention of the council to again take up the subject of rates.

The council will meet again on Monday evening of next week for the consideration of other important business. Ordinance No. 207. An ordinance to repeal Section 6 of Ordinance No. 188, being Chapter XXXIII of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Manchester, 1908, and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to the fixing and establishing grades of streets, gutters, sidewalks, and alleys and the width of roadways, berms and sidewalks. Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Manchester, Iowa, Section 1. That Section 6 of Ordinance No. 188, being Chapter XXXIII of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Manchester, 1908, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof: "Section 6. That the grades, elevations, and excavations of the several streets, gutters and sidewalks, as shown in said book of streets, gutters and sidewalks grades, be and the same be established as the permanent grades of the several streets, and parts of streets, gutters and sidewalks mentioned therein: Provided, however, that the width of each

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THE LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

WHAT MANCHESTER PEOPLE ARE DOING AT HOME AND ABROAD.

REVIEW AND FORECAST OF EVENTS

Items of a Personal and General Nature Picked Up About Town.

Mrs. B. W. Grems visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Abbott at Lamont Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hatfield, who reside north of town, are the parents of a baby boy born on the 18th inst.

The City Charity Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Barnard on Friday afternoon of this week.

A. D. Long went to Cedar Rapids Monday evening, where he is attending a meeting of the Scottish Rites.

The eighth grade examination for rural school diplomas will be held Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5.

Deputy County Auditor J. B. Evers went to Hopkinton today for a few days visit at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Will Burke won the set of dishes given away at the Lyric theatre last Saturday. Save your coupons.

Miss Winifred Maley, who is studying professional nursing at Dubuque, is home for a few days vacation.

Mrs. S. A. Steadman went to Waverly Thursday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. White departed Saturday morning for Chicago, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Waugh of North Franklin street have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Milton Waugh of Chicago.

Headmaster C. E. Bronson and H. C. Bronson were guests of Miss Gail Bronson at St. Joseph's college at Dubuque Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Pontony returned home Sunday, concluding a several days' visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Magill.

Walter Maley, who is a student at St. Joseph's college at Dubuque, was called home last week on account of the critical illness of his father.

Miss Neva Gray, who is a nurse at the Hospital for the Insane at Independence, visited in this city Sunday at the home of Miss Leah Smith.

Mrs. E. B. Stiles entertained at dinner on Friday in honor of Mrs. P. G. White, who left for Chicago on Saturday. Covers were laid for twelve.

Miss Genevieve Donnelly of Cedar Rapids arrived in the city Monday evening for a few days visit with friends, a guest at the home of Miss Florence Meskimen.

Harry Kelsey, who has been employed with a creamery company at Oxford Junction, has accepted a position with the Dairy City Creamery Company of this city.

Earle Davis departed Wednesday for Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he has secured a position and expects to remain indefinitely. His family will go to that city later.

Mrs. Edward Goss of Ryan was in the city Saturday enroute to Dubuque to visit her sister, Miss Anna who was recently operated on for appendicitis at the Mercy hospital in that city.

Rev. Eugene Melchert of Ryan was presented with a handsome leather rocking chair last week, a token from the members of the confirmation class, which he confirmed at the German Lutheran Church at Ryan on Palm Sunday.

Frank C. Pelet of Atlantic, Iowa, was a visitor in Manchester the past week, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. White. Mr. Pelet, who is a naturalist lecturer, addressed the congregation at the M. E. Church in this city on Sunday evening at the regular church service hour.

Miss Verna Thatcher, daughter of Mrs. B. F. Waughof, and Roy Irving, son of Mrs. Melissa Irving, both of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Ensign last Tuesday afternoon at the home of the groom's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Irving will make their home in this city. The Democrat extends congratulations.

Those from Manchester who expect to attend the Sheffield Choir Concert at Waterloo Thursday evening of this week are Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stoarns, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. LeRoy, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Seeds, Mrs. Hubert Carr, Miss Idel Miles, V. Jos. Hutchinson and daughter, Ethel, Mrs. Sarah H. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rann and daughter, Amy, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams, Miss Charlotte Atwater, T. N. Arnold and daughter, Lucille, Miss Margaret Dittmer, Mrs. R. D. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gildner.

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WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

For the week ending April 24, 1911. The past week was dry and generally pleasant with cool nights, slightly above the normal. Light, but fairly well-distributed showers cleared on the 17th and 18th, but clear weather prevailed generally during the rest of the week, with frost on the morning of the 22d. No damage was done, however, as vegetation was not far enough advanced to be injured. The conditions were unusually favorable for farm work and rapid progress was made in finishing seeding and preparing ground for corn. Nearly all of the small grain is in and that sown early is well and shows a good stand. Winter grains and grass are coming on nicely. Many early potatoes have been planted, and a start was made in planting corn in the southern counties. Fruit prospects are still very promising and more than the usual number of fruit growers are installing orchard heaters for use in case of necessity. The pig crop is disappointing in many localities, but foals and calves are up to the average and are doing well.

GILDNER'S \$3.00 WORK SHOES.

The well known Harvey W work shoe is handled in this city by Gildner Bros. The price is \$3.00 for this excellent shoe and a full line of men's and boys' spring and summer shoes will be found at this progressive store.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Manchester Star Lecture Association will be held at the Council Chambers next Friday evening, April 28, 1911, at half past seven o'clock, for the purpose of electing ten trustees and to transact such other business as may come before it. Please come out. A meeting was called on the 14th and only three were there. If another lecture course is desired, those interested must appear at this meeting. A. S. Blair, President.

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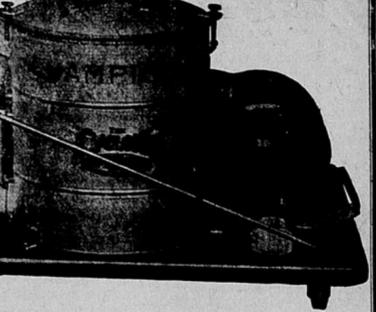
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