

# The Madisionian.

## TO BUILD A CITY HALL

### THE COUNCIL DISCUSS THE PROJECT

And It Will Be Brought Up at the Next Regular Meeting—Eugene Stark Re-elected City Marshal—May Improve the Cemetery.

The dead lock in the city council is broken and Eugene Stark will be chief of police for another year. The council held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening, a full board, Mayor Bennett, Aldermen Allen, Vickers, Foreman, Gilbert, Mitchell and Donaldson and City Clerk Clark being present.

When the city marshalship matter came up the application of the new candidate, Will Neuenberger, was read and balloting was proceeded with. The first ballot resulted:

Stark	3
Neuenberger	1
Cole	1
Warrington	1

There being no choice a second ballot was ordered, resulting:

Stark	4
Cole	1
Neuenberger	1

Mr. Stark having received the necessary two-thirds, the mayor declared him elected.

Mayor Bennett then laid before the council an important proposition—that of building a city hall. He stated that the council could consider this his inaugural address. The matter was then informally discussed by the councilmen, all of whom endorsed the project. The proposition as presented by the mayor was to submit the matter to the people at a special election to be held some time in the near future, and if it met with their approval, to bond the city for the required amount and build a handsome little structure, two stories, one room to be designed as a public hall of sufficient capacity to serve all the interests of the town, and the remaining room to be cut up into offices, the rental of which would pay interest and taxes and put a little in the sinking fund. Another idea was to build a hall for general purposes, but with the necessary ante-rooms in connection, so that it could be used by secret societies. On motion the mayor was empowered to appoint a committee to feel the pulse of the people and report at the next meeting. The mayor appointed Aldermen Gilbert, Vickers and Allen as such committee.

The matter of beautifying the cemetery was also discussed considerably, but as the water works transfer was not yet complete no definite action was taken.

### THE CITY HALL PROJECT.

It Meets With an Enthusiastic Reception.

The project to bond the city for the erection of a city hall is meeting with a reception that is pleasing. Just at present it looks as though the proposition would carry by a handsome vote. Of course, the council are very much pleased with the reception of their enterprise, which talks louder than sounding brass and tinkering cymbals for the public spirit of old Virginia. Alderman Allen who is a member of the council committee appointed by Mayor Bennett was seen by a MADISONIAN reporter yesterday. Up to that time he had not met with a single tax payer who opposed the project. "Of course" said Mr. Allen, "we want it understood that we have taken no definite action, and that this committee was appointed solely for the purpose of sounding public sentiment. From talks that I have had with the more prominent tax payers, I should say that sentiment is decidedly one-sided, and right sided too, for that matter."

Alderman Vickers, who is also on this committee, had met with no opposition. Alderman Gilbert could not be found.

### LADY MACCABEES.

Successful Organization of a Hive of That Order.

The newest secret society in the city is Virginia Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees.

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bees, which was instituted last Monday by Mrs. Eudocia S. Moffat, deputy supreme commander of the order. While this order is an auxiliary of the Maccabees it is entirely independent of the male order. It is a beneficiary order and offers to its members life and accident benefits. The new order begins life under very favorable auspices, having about 25 enthusiastic members.

At a public installation, held at the Methodist church Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed:

Mrs. Henry Elling, past lady commander; Mrs. W. W. Cheely, lady commander; Mrs. Lew L. Callaway, lady lieutenant commander; Miss May Vickers, record keeper; Mrs. Flora McNulty, finance keeper; Mrs. O. D. French, chaplain; Miss Reta Elling, sergeant; Miss May Gohn, mistress-at-arms; Miss Sarah Gilbert, sentinel; Miss Hannah McGovern, picket; Dr. LeRoy Southmayd, high physician.

The officers were installed at a public installation Tuesday evening, the attendance being quite general. The ceremonial was very pretty. A guard of 12 young ladies, who had been drilled by Mrs. Moffat during the day, executed maneuvers which caused much complimentary comment. Mrs. Moffat made a short and appropriate talk on the objects of the order, after which Lew L. Callaway, commander of Fair-weather Tent, made a very pleasing address on behalf of the Tent, in the course of which he indulged in a number of pleasantries. This was followed by an informal reception.

### WANTS MORE MEMBERS.

The Literary Society is in Quest of More Material.

Wednesday evening's program of the Literary Society was up to its usual enjoyable standard. The attendance was good. Mrs. Guiler's vocal solo, "The Bridge" was encored. "The Gossip," under the editorship of R. A. Vickers, was entertaining. The character sketch of Longfellow by Mrs. Guiler and the review of Longfellow's work by Prof. Hall were both excellent productions and gave evidence of much care in preparation. Then followed a general discussion of the great American. The singing by Rev. and Mrs. Guiler, Miss McCloud and Prof. Hall was well received.

The society wants more members. President Mountjoy made this known in a special message in consequence of which the bars were let down at the business meeting and the by law providing for an initiation fee of 25 cents went the way of the perishable and was swept out of existence by a vote, which, in its unanimity rivalled the one recently taken by the Senate on the Cuban resolution.

### THE COMMISSIONERS.

They are Hard at Work on Matters Pertaining to Madison's Welfare.

The board of county commissioners is in session this week. Present, Jos. Smith, George Copp and Jacob Crisman. The earlier days of the session have been much taken up by examination of the quarterly reports of various county officers.

The board has decided to meet the commissioners of Jefferson county at Gaylord, Monday, March 16, when the bridge matter will be definitely settled and the location selected. The petition presented them by Hon. Patrick Carney was an exceptionally strong one, and it is estimated that fully 80 per cent. of the taxable wealth of the county is represented by the signatures thereto.

Next Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to the consideration of road matters. The reports of the various supervisors will be examined, and supervisors appointed for the ensuing year. Applications for supervisorships are numerous, there being several in each district.

It was decided to reject all bids for jail fixtures, and bring the matter up at some future time.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Jane Parks appeared before the board and made quite an eloquent appeal in behalf of herself and her charges. She talked for 10 or 15 minutes straight and had quite a respectful audience. She said among other things, that she had "divided clothes with the child until I am past deidfn," and concluded her oration by an appeal for aid from the county.

The official proceedings will appear in full in the next issue of the MADISONIAN.

### IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

Time Was When County Warrants Were Not Worth Their Face.

"I can remember when Gallatin county warrants sold for 12 1/2 cents on the dollar," said George Cope one day recently to an Independent reporter. "In '67, '68 and '69, particularly, it was so. Three or four years after that the warrants of Missoula county were selling at 10 cents, and there were few takers, at that. The reasons—for there was more than one reason—were that there were not many buyers in the country then, and that the counties were so new that confidence in their securities had not been established. But there was money in it for those who did buy. There never was a case when the counties did not pay their obligations in full, with interest.

"In the winter of '66, Billy Ray, who still lives in Gallatin county, kept a hotel at Gallatin City, which was then the only town of any importance in the county. He had been taking care of a pauper for the county, and had been taking his pay in those county warrants. In the winter of that year he gave a ball in his hotel. There had to be some whisky for the guests, of course, and he purchased a barrel of it from Judge A. J. Davis, giving his note for the payment of the price, and putting up a bunch of the warrants as collateral. The note drew interest at either five or ten per cent. per month, I don't just now remember which. At any rate the note ran for several years before a settlement was made, and then Judge Davis, who held in all \$6,000 of the warrants, returned about half of them and kept the other half to discharge the debt. Ray got back a warrant for \$3,000, which I bought of him for 12 1/2 cents on the dollar. A short time after that the warrant held by Judge Davis in some way turned up near the top of the list for payment. That made my warrant the next in line and it wasn't long before I got the full face value of it, which proved to be a pretty good investment, all things considered.

"There was more money to be made in '69, when the legislature met at Virginia City. The members would draw the \$12 per day that were allowed, and would sell the warrants for from 40 to 45 cents right away. I purchased nearly all of them. That same legislature thought it had gone far enough and passed a bill to bond the debt of the state. Before the legislature adjourned the warrants went up to double the former price. And before the bonds were sold, I sold all the warrants I had bought at 40 cents, for 60 cents. The purchasers were Maxwell & Vinter, who were then in this state, and who cleaned up considerable over a quarter of a million dollars during their residence here. Maxwell & Vinter are still in the business, but it was in Montana that they made their start. They are now the bankers of Vineland, N. J., and they are large holders of Montana securities to this day. They have the issues of Madison, Choteau, and Fergus counties, and, I believe, some of the others. They have evidently never lost their old time confidence in Montana.

"Those were some of the days of the past. Since then there has never been occasion for the sale of securities of the state or county at a price so low."

### THE DISTRICT COURT.

Business Transacted During the Last Days of the Session.

Court adjourned for the term Saturday. The case of H. Elling et al vs. H. P. Ries decided in favor of the plaintiff, the amount involved being \$34. Judge Showers' decision in this case was to the effect that partial payment on a debt renewed the account and stopped the run of the statute of limitation.

The case of Henry Elling vs. A. J. McCormic was decided in favor of the plaintiff, the judgment being for \$380 and costs.

Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the cases of Henry Elling against A. D. McKittrick for \$170.22 and costs; and in the case of Henry Elling vs. S. C. McKittrick for \$213.63 and costs. Defendants defaulted in both cases.

A judgment was rendered in favor of Wm. O'Brien against Robt. E. McConnell for \$138 and costs.

In the case of N. J. Isdell vs. H. A. Dimick judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$802.74 and costs.

A motion for a new trial by the defendants in the Nyhart-Pennington case was overruled.

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### THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Ed Davis was in from Ennis to-day. Albert Halse, of Sheridan, is in town on a matrimonial errand.

David Stokes left for Butte, Monday, where he will spend a few weeks.

John Neil, the jail fixture man, whose headquarters are in Helena, was in the city this week.

Regular services will be held in Christian church (Masonic hall) Sunday, morning and evening.

A marriage license was issued to-day, to Alfred Halse and Miss Emelia Greis, both of Sheridan.

Court adjourned Saturday evening and Judge Showers and Stenographer Monaghan took their departure.

The date of the minstrel show has been fixed. It is Friday evening, March 20. It will be a mirth producer.

Judge Reel has been quite seriously ill at his home in Pony for the past month, but it is now in a fair way to recover.

George D. B. Turner of Richmond Flat is in the city and reports the mining outlook for the coming year as excellent.

During the illness of County Clerk Jones, Charles Reese is assisting Deputy County Clerk Steffens in the county clerk's office.

"Bread on the Waters," is the title of the play which will be produced by Christian church in a few weeks. The proceeds go to the church fund. Watch for the date.

Hon. Alex Metzel is in the city, on his way to Helena to attend the Immigration Convention. W. A. Clark, chairman of the Madison delegation, will leave Sunday.

Hon. Patrick Carney spent several days in Virginia City this week. Mr. Carney is one of the indefatigable workers in the interests of Madison county, and his visit here was in connection with the Gaylord bridge project.

T. Benton Leiter is at Leiterville but expects to leave for Chicago in a few days. He will return to Montana some time during the summer, probably in June, when he hopes to do something for the general good of Madison county.

Assessor Foreman expects to begin active operations Monday. He requests us to state that the road tax of \$3 is due from all citizens over the age of 21. This in addition to the \$2 poll tax makes \$5, which the assessor must collect from everyone.

Tom Farrell, the well known horseman of the upper Madison, informed a MADISONIAN reporter a few days ago that the people of his section will gladly waive their bridge rights in order that the Gaylord people may have a clear track and the right of way.

Sunday's blizzard was one of the worst that has visited this section for several years. The mercury went down in the neighborhood of 20 and the wind accompaniment was simply awful. The storm was very general and extended all over southern Montana.

Commissioner George Copp arrived in town Monday morning in time to answer roll call at the meeting of the board of commissioners. Commissioner Crisman was not so fortunate, however, having encountered the blizzard which was raging in the Jefferson valley Monday. He arrived Tuesday.

D. R. Beck has returned from the Missoula country. He attended the fruit growers' convention held recently in Missoula, where he grafted a few Bankers Life shoots into the unsuspecting horticulturists of the Bitter Root. He intends to spend most of his time next summer in this section.

The Ann Arbor graduates of Virginia City were the guests of Julian A. Knight, last Friday evening in honor of W. E. Carrol, the Butte attorney who visited Virginia last week. Messrs. Knight and Carrol were arrayed against each other in a case in the district court last week, and when their legal battle was over learned that they were classmates in college. The reunion was celebrated in consequence.

At an entertainment recently held in DeLamar, Idaho, little Austin Byrd, formerly of this city, son of Mrs. A. Byrd was voted a gold medal for the excellent manner in which he delineated his part in the play. The DeLamar Midget contains a half column account of the affair.

Elmer Page, driver of one of Anderson Bros.' four-in-hand coaches from Dillon, frosted both cheeks on his drive from Dillon Monday during the blizzard, but notwithstanding the cold, arrived in Virginia on schedule time. We have known of railroads that made worse time than Anderson Bros.' stage line.

Mrs. George Henderson and daughter Miss Belle, who have spent the past six months with Mr. Henderson at Summit, left for their home in Oakland, Cal., Wednesday morning. Mrs. Henderson and her charming little daughter have made a host of friends during their short sojourn in Virginia.

John Dauterman, of Laurin, braved the wintry blasts to visit the county seat Wednesday. Mr. Dauterman states that he proposes to celebrate St. Patrick's day in the usual happy manner, and will give a ball in the Gloyd & Dauterman hall on the evening of that day. The dances given under the auspices of these gentlemen in the past have been very enjoyable affairs, attended by all the dancing populace for miles around, and it is safe to predict that this affair will be a repetition of former successes.

Drew French rode the Elk goat in Butte a few days ago. The order is one of the most popular in Butte and its membership includes nearly all the prominent men of that city. One who was present informs the MADISONIAN that on the occasion of the initiation of this young Virginian the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, which can be construed in no other way than that Drew is one of the most popular young men in Butte. He recently bought the circulation of the Inter-Mountain, has a good thing and is pushing it along. Drew's many Virginia friends will be pleased to learn of his popularity and prosperity.

The latest in the way of excursion tickets has just been placed on sale by the Union Pacific. The going portion reads to San Diego, Cal., via Portland or Ogden, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The return reads via Southern route through Albuquerque, Deming or El Paso and Denver. The limits and stop-over privileges are similar to those allowed on regular Pacific coast tourist tickets. For rates and other information, apply to E. V. Maze, General Agent, Butte, Montana. 4-1.

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