

Street Grading Bids Rejected

Armory Proposition Will Be Put To City Council In Revised Form.

Movable Sign Boards Must Go. Gas Co. Gets Favorable Consideration.

Herman Hold and Elmer Haerberle appeared before the city council at the regular meeting Tuesday evening for the purpose of finding out how the members felt in reference to granting a franchise to the gas company which is to be financed by local capital. It was intimated to them that an ordinance safeguarding the interests of the citizens would receive favorable consideration and action.

In view of the fact that City Attorney Somsen had rendered an adverse opinion as to the issuance of bonds by the city for armory purposes, the question of submitting this proposition to the voters at the annual city election was disposed of without being put to a vote. Some other plan of securing funds from the city, which would be legal is being considered and may be brought to the attention of the city fathers at a special meeting when Col. Wright and other officers of the National Guard are expected to be present.

Mich. Lampl and John Neuwirth, who desired to know what had been done to compel the M. & St. L. to open up Seventh and Thirteenth South streets across its right of way were informed that the committee, which has this matter in charge reported progress.

A ban was put on the use of movable sign boards by the proprietors of the moving picture shows. This action was precipitated by F. E. English, one of the proprietors of the American, who lodged complaint against the Gem theater for using this method of advertising.

The following judges were appointed for the spring election: First ward, Aldermen Behnke and Schnobrich and Joseph Smasal; Second ward, Aldermen Mueller and Ruecke and Herman D. Beussmann; Third ward, Aldermen Giesecke and Retzlaff and Christ Filzen, Jr.

It was announced that each of the members of the city council had received a communication from Emil G. Hage asking for a strict enforcement of the ordinance relating to dogs.

City Clerk Meyer was directed to advertise for sealed bids for the sprinkling of Minnesota, Broadway, State and Washington streets and also for hauling the large hook and ladder truck in cases of fire and on other occasions, the bids to be in before the regular meeting in April.

Gustav Schroeder was voted the sum of \$10.50 for work done during the winter on the dumping grounds. Ochs & Baer were granted permission to remove their frame warehouse from the Mueller & Aab lot to the rear of the F. W. Elbner lot in the same block and John Woroatschka was given a permit to recover his barn with galvanized iron.

Mayor Fritsche's reappointment of Jos. F. Groebner as fire marshal was confirmed and his salary was raised from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per annum.

At the special meeting held Thursday evening, the bids received for the laying of watermains on Franklin street from Fifth North to Seventh North and from Franklin to Washington street and for grading, graveling and boulevarding Franklin street from Fifth North to Twelfth North were opened. For the former work Chas. Emmerich's bid of \$1,857.50 and that of Gulden & Hippert for \$1,981.53 were the only ones considered and the contract was awarded to Chas. Emmerich. It appeared later that John Keogh of St. Peter had also presented a bid for this work but had placed it in the same envelope with his bid for grading. The bid as accepted is \$245.50 higher than City Engineer Minium's estimate. When the bids were opened, Mr. Keogh was asked if he had no bid for the watermains and from his answer, the council got the impression that he had only one bid for the entire work of laying the watermains and grading the street and he withdrew his bid unopened when he was informed that it did not conform to the notice inviting the bids. When the lone bid of Elmer E. Haerberle for grading the street was being considered, Mr. Keogh volunteered to read his bid and it then developed that he had a bid for the total work and also separate bids, but as they had been withdrawn they could not be considered. His bids were as follows: Laying watermains \$1,875.00; grading the street \$6,050 and the entire work \$7,725. Mr. Haerberle's bid was \$6,762.00. Because it was over \$700.00 higher than Mr. Keogh's figures and more than \$1,000.00 above the estimate of the city engineer, the council by a vote of 5 to 1 rejected the bid and instructed the city clerk to advertise for new bids which will

be considered at a special meeting to be held Friday evening, March 28. At this special meeting bids will also be considered for the laying of 4 inch watermains from Garden street to the Loreto Hospital, the city clerk being instructed to advertise for bids for the work, which is to be completed not later than July 1.

A "Walliford" in Trouble.

J. M. Mor of Omaha, representative of the Phoenix Ink Works of that city, was in town Saturday looking for business and incidentally inquiring into the transactions between numerous business men of our city and a certain slick young fellow who victimized the aforesaid business men quite neatly during December. The young man called at banks and other places of business and gave a demonstration of a kind of ink he pretended to be selling. In showing the qualities of the ink he wrote out a check using some of the ink used daily by his victim and after blotting the impression he would write across it with some of the ink he was demonstrating. Blotting that impression he would proceed to use a chemical ink eraser freely over both impressions. The impression made by the victim's ink would completely disappear and that from the salesman's pen would show up brighter and clearer than ever. Oh, it was nice ink all right!—It wouldn't corrode steel pens nor gum in the inkwells and would be an absolute protection against check raising. He found a ready market for his wares. However, the ink when delivered did not look quite the same as the purchasers expected it would and the story leaked out that the slick young man hired a boy to carry seven pails of rainwater to the hotel for him and the ink was a simple powder dissolved in the rainwater. No one knows how much money the young "Get-rich-quick Walliford" carried away with him from our city but one of the South Dakota towns figured his sales at \$200 or more there.

Mr. Mor told the Review office that the Phoenix Ink Works had run the perpetrators of the scheme down and that they are now serving 5 year sentences in the Iowa penitentiary. It seems that they made use of labels on their rainwater ink bearing the name of the Phoenix Ink Works.

Lecture Proves Interesting

Those who attended Monday night's lecture on Astronomy must have left the hall impressed chiefly with the idea of the immensity of the universe as it extends far and away beyond the conception of the human mind. Prof. Bauer of the University of Minnesota was the speaker and the lecture was illustrated with unusually fine stereoscopic pictures of the various heavenly bodies which have been photographed by means of wonderful telescopes.

The lecture was given under the auspices of the Men's Club of the Methodist Church and was well attended, the Masonic Hall in which it was held being comfortably filled. Rev. Hohn presided and introduced the speaker after the invocation by Rev. Wheeler and two musical numbers, one a piano solo by Miss Mabel Durbahn and the other a song by the Young Ladies Chorus of the Methodist Church. In introducing the lecturer Rev. Hohn dwelt on the progress the world is making in science in this age and spoke of the desire of the people for information concerning not only our own little world but other parts of the universe as well.

Prof. Bauer's first pictures showed primitive peoples and he gave some of the interesting explanations the uncouth, ignorant savage has had to account for the mystery of the heavenly bodies and their movements. From these people he passed to pictures of the great men of all ages who have interested themselves in solving the same mystery, Ptolemy, Sophocles, Anaxagoras, Copernicus, Galileo, Newton and Prof. G. A. Hill of Columbia University. He then showed the evolution of the telescope from the accidental use by a boy of the two lenses discarded by his father the spectacle maker to the great telescopes of the Lick Observatory with their photographic apparatus.

The greater portion of the lecture was given to the discussion and illustration of the Nebular and Planetary Theories in explanation of the formation of new solar systems. It was this part of the lecture that overwhelmed the audience with the vastness of the realms of space and the infinitesimal part our little world is of the Great Plan. The pictures showing the different great Nebulae, the Pleiades, Saturn were very beautiful and greatly enjoyed by all.

Nagel Will Run In First Ward

City Politics Gradually Warming Up. H. W. Engelbert Also in Race.

Numerous Candidates Talked Of. Only Two Have Announced Candidacy.

Up to the time of this writing the only avowed candidate for aldermanic honors is H. W. Engelbert who has announced himself as a candidate for councillor of the First Ward and is circulating the necessary petition at the present time. As soon as F. C. Schnobrich the present incumbent had positively declined to be a candidate for re-election, Mr. Engelbert decided to enter the race, especially after he had received the assurance of Joseph Flor that he would not be a candidate if Engelbert would make the race. Herman Nagel has the itch to try for this office again, but so far has made no public announcement of his candidacy.

President Mueller of the second ward has been quite close-mouthed when his candidacy for re-election was discussed. There is, however, every reason to believe that he will be a candidate. Ernst Sauer's name has been mentioned quite frequently and in the last few days Jacob Klossner's name has been mentioned also in this connection, but it is extremely doubtful if either one of them can be induced to run.

In the third ward, Mr. Giesecke will be a candidate for re-election. Although he has not said so in so many words, all his actions point to that conclusion. In connection with the councillorship of the 3rd ward, Fred Pfender's name has been mentioned quite frequently and he has been impudently entered the race, but so far he has turned a deaf ear to the siren song of his political friends in the "Bloody Third" and says positively that he will have no more of it. Yesterday Otto Tappe's name was mentioned for the first time in connection with aldermanic honors and we have it from quite a reliable source that he did not enter a flat refusal and it is quite likely that he will shy his castor into the ring in the near future.

The outlook for a spirited campaign is not the very best. From present indications we would say that it will be a tame affair indeed. Still, the campaign is young yet and something may turn up that will put a little ginger into it.

Later—Since the above was written Mr. Nagel has become an avowed candidate and will circulate his petition to-day.

Confirmation Classes.

Next Sunday being Palm Sunday, there will be confirmation exercises both at the Lutheran church and at the Friedens Church. The following will be confirmed at the Lutheran Church: Wilhelm Engelmann, Harold Fenske, Louis Melzer, Herman Nun, Edwin Thiede, George Arndt, Walther Mielke, Arthur Gaisler, Elder Schreyer, Friederich Tepe, Arnold Hoppenstedt, Louis Windborn, Walter Neesen, Stanley Giesecke, Emma Braun, Gretchen Winkelmann, Mabel Olin, Frieda Beyer, Lillian Guggisberg, Elsie Radke, Clara Fitzke, Erna Knoes, Ella Bethke, Esther Giesecke, Ella Ruecke, Agnes Wilbrecht, Esther Guth, Marianda Werner, Hildegard Haberberg, Esther Witt, Edna Fritz, Else Stege, Elisabeth Reuter, Meta Weissenborn.

At the Friedens Church the following will be confirmed, the last two being from the church at Essig: Adeline Kottke, Hertha Radke, Irma Puelle, Erna Borchert, Eleanor Schreyer, Emilie Roetting, Alwin Oswald, Eltor Dehn, John Affolter, George Mayer, Wesley Kottke, Edwin Schreyer. Essig: Otto Vogel, Robert Radke.

As announced in last week's issue of the Review services will commence at 10 a. m. in both these churches instead of 10:30 as heretofore.

Henry Seifert, an employee of the Western Union at Minneapolis, was in the city over Sunday, called here by the illness of his mother who underwent an operation at the local hospital on Saturday.

Active Classes Voted Expenses

Lecture By Ad. Falbisaner Greatly Enjoyed by Visiting Turners.

Fund of \$50 Voted Each Class Going To Denve Bundesturnfest.

The 47th annual convention of the Turners of the District of Minnesota was held at Turner Hall, Saturday March 8th. In addition to delegates from the societies in Minneapolis and St. Paul and the local society, five members of the executive committee were in attendance. The societies of West St. Paul and Wahpeton, N. D. were not represented.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. by Carl Schober, District President and the convention organized by electing Fred Paender, chairman, Frank J. Geist of Minneapolis, vice chairman, Albert Steinhilber, 1st secretary, J. Geo. Rhombert of Minneapolis, 2nd secretary. Capt. Frank Burg was elected honorary chairman.

Then came the reports of the officers of the executive committee (Bezirksvorort) giving information of the business transacted during the year. These reports were all received and filed and the recommendations contained therein referred to the proper committees. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$504 on hand. The Chairman thereupon appointed the various committees required under their order of business and a recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m. to give the committees an opportunity to prepare their reports.

During the session a representative of the Rock Island and of the Union Pacific were given an opportunity to present the inducements their respective roads will offer to the participants of the Bundesturnfest at Denver in the latter part of June. No definite action could be taken but it was left to the executive committee to find out if it were possible to secure a sufficient number of participants to charter a special train. As the railroad companies require only 75 passengers, it is highly probable that this plan will be successfully carried out.

A committee consisting of Herman Hein, Albert Schintz and Otto G. Modler, physical instructors of the three societies that will send classes to Denver was appointed to decide upon the hat or cap to be worn for this occasion. An effort will also be made to establish "Minnesota Headquarters" at Denver. The active classes that will take part in the national tournament were each voted the sum of \$50 to help defray the expenses of the trip.

The Bezirksvorort for the ensuing year will be selected from members of the St. Anthony Turnverein and the next convention will be held in the hall of that society next March. Other routine business of minor importance was transacted and after approving the minutes of the meeting the convention adjourned shortly before six o'clock.

The delegates were the guests of the Ladies' Society at a sumptuous repast which was served in the Dutch Room shortly after adjournment.

In the evening there was a lecture by Ad. Falbisaner of St. Paul. Preceding this there was a well rendered violin solo by R. W. Scherer with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Scherer. A trio consisting of Mrs. W. G. Alwin, Mrs. L. G. Bell and Mrs. Herman Hein sang two songs which took the audience by storm. Mr. Falbisaner gave a very interesting and instructive talk, and was listened to with rapt attention by the audience for fully an hour. His theme was: "Ein Kleinod der Turnerschaft." He quoted extensively from German American poets and contended that the Turners as an organization have done more than any other body of men to encourage the German American poets and to keep alive the German folksong that is so dear to the Germans.

Sunday afternoon there was a "Turntag" in the gymnasium of Turner Hall. Under the direction of physical instructors Schintz, Modler and Hein the actives of the New Ulm, St. Anthony and St. Paul societies

took up running exercises, calisthenic and apparatus work.

In the evening the delegates were guests of the local society at the play given by the Oberammergau Company which was followed by a dance.

Peasant Players Score Hit.

With the "Wunderdoktor" presented Sunday evening, the Oberammergau theatre company brought their engagement in this city to a successful close. It was a case of standing room only. The attendance Monday evening of last week when "S' Lenerl von Oberammergau" was staged and on Tuesday evening when "Amerikaseppi" was played, was exceptionally good and looked like a packed house, but Sunday evening's performance so far as attendance goes eclipsed them all. Fully 700 people were crowded into the theatre. Thursday evening the company played at Mapleton, Friday at Mankato and Saturday at St. Peter, to mediocre houses only. New Ulm did itself proud and gave these artists the rousing reception they so richly deserve. Our city is partial to Bavarian productions, having had ample opportunity in past years to see this class of peasant plays staged by local talent.

There is nothing conventional about these plays. In them is depicted the daily life of the sturdy, natural, carefree, song- and amusement-loving people that inhabit the Bavarian uplands. All of the plays presented were of good natured fun that kept the audience in a laughing mood all the time and provoked them very often to violent outbursts of merriment.

What appealed to the audience more even than the plays themselves, were the song numbers, the zither playing and the "Schubplattler" and "Auerhahn" dances. These specialties struck a responsive chord in every one and they were exceptionally fine. Good voices and graceful dancing rounded out three evenings of wholesome enjoyment.

New Ulm audiences certainly appreciated the peasant players and the actors felt perfectly at home here. According to them there is only one place in the whole United States and that is New Ulm. From here they left for Chicago and after filling a few more engagements they will return to their fatherland.

Death of J. K. Dorrington, Indian Fighter.

Funeral services for John K. Dorrington, aged 85, a former coal dealer of Pittsburg and an Indian fighter of the pioneer days of the western states, was held today at his residence, Bell avenue and Mountford street, Pittsburg, Pa. He was a native of Carnegie and on the discovery of gold in California in 1849, went from Pittsburg by the overland route to the gold fields. Later he went to Minnesota, settling on a farm near St. Peter, on the Minnesota river, where he was active in putting down a rebellion of the Sioux Indians at Fort Ridgely, Minn. He was one of the first to respond to the call of frontier settlers, who were being massacred. He was in the midst of a battle lasting 48 hours, when the Indians had surrounded the little frontier town. In 1864 he returned to Pittsburg, and entered the coal business in which he continued 32 years. He leaves one sister, Miss Margaretta M. Dorrington.

The above item was sent us by John H. Dorrington of Pittsburg, a nephew of the deceased. Mr. John K. Dorrington was one of the old settlers who though living far distant took a great interest in the celebration of last summer and no doubt he will be remembered by many of the "Review" readers.

Building Activities on South Minnesota.

Christ Filzen, Jr. has been busy for the past week with teams and men excavating next to the American Theatre for two business blocks which will be erected within the next two months. Dr. Schoch expects to let the contract for the buildings in a very short time now. They will be 25x75 feet each and one story high. The basement will be of concrete construction and the balance of brick. The Doctor expects to have the buildings ready for occupancy some time in the month of May. Mrs. Franz Schnobrich has agreed to rent the store next to the alley. For the other there is no tenant as yet.

Congregational Men's Club.

This week Thursday evening, March 13th, at 8:15 P. W. Johnson will lecture at the Congregational Church by invitation of the Men's Club on "The Trend of the Times." Music will be furnished by the Masonic Quartette. The public is invited. No admission or collection.

Will Work For Scenic Highway

Springfield "Good Roads" Meeting A Huge Success. Nearly 200 Present.

Steps Are Taken To Carry On Work Between Mankato And So. Dak. Line.

If enthusiasm and interest count for anything, that part of the National Scenic Highway lying between Mankato and the Dakota line will be completed ere the summer wanes. The Springfield "good roads" convention packed to the doors of the assembly hall with delegates from every city and town along the line of the proposed highway and consisting of quite as many business men from the farms as from the cities shows the interest people in this section are taking in the proposition.

T. G. Bonnallie of Tracy, President of the Southern Minnesota Better Development League presided at the meeting, which was held Friday afternoon and evening at Springfield. One hundred seventy-one delegates were present, coming from Nicollet, Brown, Redwood, Lyon and Lincoln counties. All of the commissioners of Nicollet county were in attendance and a number of Mankato people, among them Judge Lorin Cray. New Ulm's representatives were Ferd. Crone, J. A. Ochs, J. P. Graff, W. J. Julius and E. G. Hage. The visiting delegates were met at the train by the Springfield Good Roads' Boosters with a band and escorted to the convention hall. The first speaker was H. C. Solberg, Professor of the Engineering School of Brookings College, Brookings, S. D. His topic was "The Scenic Highway From Chicago to Yellowstone Park" and his enthusiasm rapidly communicated itself to the audience as they realized that Mr. Solberg was thoroughly conversant with his subject and an authority on road building matters. Senator Elwell, author of the "Elwell Law" was present and explained the provisions of the act. An impression prevails in many farming districts that under the Elwell Law, farm lands immediately adjoining proposed highways are to be subject to a special road tax for construction and support. Mr. Elwell explained that not only lands adjoining highways, but also those lands which lie tributary and make use of the highways are to be taxed for the road fund. He stated that the amount of the tax would not ordinarily exceed 2 or 3 cents per acre. Claus Swanson, Nicollet county commissioner, advocated a plan of disseminating knowledge of this particular feature of the law, saying that a great number of farmers oppose the law because they fear it will lay a great burden upon them. E. G. Hage and other delegates spoke briefly on various phases of the matter in hand and Judge Cray spoke at length on the practical application of the law, giving particulars concerning road work done under its provisions in Blue Earth county.

An adjournment was then taken until 7 p. m., when an elaborate banquet was served to the delegates and the discussion continued. It was voted to go ahead with the east and west road between Mankato and Brookings under the Elwell Law during the coming summer. The delegates from each county pledged themselves to raise \$100 from each of their counties to defray the expenses of preliminary work, circulating of petitions, etc. T. G. Bonnallie was chosen as chairman of a committee, which he will appoint from towns and cities along the line of the road to look after the general interests of the improvement. H. N. Somsen and J. P. Graff of New Ulm were mentioned for places on the committee.

The convention was rounded out by musical numbers rendered by Springfield talent, all of which were highly enjoyed by the delegates. The New Ulm contingent returned home brimming over with enthusiasm for the work.

Co. Commissioner a Benedict.

William C. Steinke of Sleepy Eye, the popular County Commissioner of the 4th District was married yesterday at Portland, Oregon to Mrs. Dorothy Humphrey, a former resident of Sleepy Eye and on Monday his daughter Frances and L. Hale of Vancouver were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the same place. They will make their future home in Vancouver, B. C., where the groom has a lucrative position. Mr. and Mrs. Steinke will take a short honeymoon trip to San Francisco and other California points before their return to Sleepy Eye shortly before Easter. Mr. Steinke and daughter left for Portland last Tuesday. The evening before they left they were tendered a farewell reception at which Mrs. Adina Schultz of this city was one of the guests.