HOME FOR MATRON

Will Be on Third Floor of the City Building as Soon as Vacated.

LEASE FOR YEAR HELD ON IT

Council Adopts Recommendation of Committee for Appointment of Officer.

Appointment of a police matron, in response to a petition from the women of the city, was recommended to the city council at its meeting last evening by the finance and health and police committees, to whom the question was referred, the new officer to be quartered on the third floor of the city building.

This means that the present administration will not have a matron, and it will be a year after the new administration assumes direction of the local government before the officer is named, if the recommendations concurred in are not reconsidered, for the reason that the third floor of the city hall is under lease for another year to Company A of the national guard.

The lease was renewed at the first of the present month. The company has been occupying the third floor for the past few years for a meeting place and wardrobe. The members of the two committees that had been conferring with the women in relation to the appointment, while confessing that they realized that it would be a year at least before the matron was placed on duty, wanted to be seen in the position of heartily favoring the addition to the police department, in fulfillment of their promise to the women that they would do all in their power to bring about the enforcement of the ordinance under this head.

Advocates in Dark.

The aldermen had not told the women that the third floor was under lease for another year. They did not have the heart to do it, it appears, but Ald. L. V. Eckhart said last evening he could not see that there was anything to be gained by beating about the bush. He thought that it was only right to come out flat and inform the women as to the real conditions. Ald. Anderson, who had a resolution instructing the mayor and clerk to get the rooms on the third floor in trim to meet the requirements of the matron, as soon as possible, demurred to Ald. Eckhart's suggestion. Ald. Anderson, whose tact and diplomacy have pulled him through many a council battle without even a scratch, insisted on proceeding with the rearrangement of the third floor, as soon as possible, and his resolution was adopted. In discussing the police matron Mayor McConochie took occasion to give expression to his personal views. He said:

"A good deal has been said of late, through the press and otherwise, on the question of the appointment of a police matron, and, especially, for this city. I have been informed, whether correctly or not I am not prepared to say, that during the administration of my predecessor this question was up and the appointment would have been made then. But the ladies who were pushing the question could not agree upon who should receive the appointment. That would not have embarrassed me, because I would have made my own selection. But I do not believe I will have either the pleasure or honor of making this appointment during my brief term of office, for several valid reasons. First, we have no funds available for this purpose, and none can be had during the present municipal year, unless through the passage of an emergency ordinance, and you must agree with me that no such emergency exists. Second, we have no suitable quarters now available. It is true, the committee recommends rooms on the third floor, but to secure them now the lease to the state would have to be annulled and the boys turned into the street. You are hardly prepared for that yet.

Resident of City for Place.

"I will say this, however: Should I make the appointment, I would make my own selection. I will not say I would not consult and accept the indorsement of the ladies who are behind this movement. But the lady I would appoint must not only be a resident of Illinois, but also of Rock Island, free from all entangling alliances, and would have to be subordinate to and under the direction of the Rock Island police department. She need not necessarily be a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, nor is it entirely essential she should trace her ancestry to the Mayflower. No attention would be paid to sect or creed. I would select a woman of good moral character, sensible and practical, a kind, motherly lady whose heart would be in the work, fully equipped and qualified by nature and temperament. I am radically opposed to the appointment of any impracticable theorist, who would waste time and money firing blank cartridges in the air."

Southwestern Drainage System.

More important to the city just now, in the opinion of Ald. Eckhart, than the bringing of new industries, is the building of a drainage system for the southwestern section of the city. It had been planned to undertake this improvement during the year under the law enacted by the last legislature empowering cities of the size of Rock Island to initiate public improvements to be paid for by special taxation without a petition from the abutting property owners, distributing the benefits for several blocks on both sides of the improvement, but this law has been held to be unconstitutional by the supreme court.

Problem For the Council.

How the city is to secure the drainage system is the problem that confronts the council at this day. It could be done by special assessment, but a majority of the property holders will not sign, and strongest resistance comes from the owners of the acreage property west of Ninth street. The course of the proposed train is west on Eleventh avenue from Twentieth to Twelfth streets, then south a couple of blocks, thence on a zig zag course to the Mississippi. With a pumping station, to be maintained at the mouth of the drain, the total cost would be approximately $200,000. City Attorney W. L. Ludolph and City Engineer W. E. Treichler were instructed to confer and report at the next meeting what in their opinion would be the best course for the city to pursue in providing the drain.

Plat Accepted Finally.

The plat of L. Mosenfelder's Place was accepted finally, after a lengthy delay, caused by a jog in Tenth street, north of the Place in another addition owned by Mr. Mosenfelder. It was agreed to make Tenth street through both additions 60 feet wide instead of 80 feet, as planned originally, thus giving the uniformity for which the aldermen have been contending.

WITH THE FIGHTERS

May Fight Briton.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Willie Fitzgerald in all probability will be matched with Jabez White, the champion lightweight of England. He has received a letter from Mr. Matheson, the American representative of the National Sporting club of London, stating the match could be clinched if Fitzgerald so desired. Willie's manager, Johnny Reid, immediately wired Matheson as to the conditions, purse, etc., and if satisfactory he will sign Fitz to fight the Briton.

Fighter Dies From Injuries.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 17.—Alexander Nedzinska, aged 19 years, died yesterday as the result of injuries received in a prize fight with George Kubasak. The men fought in a barn at Millmont, near here. In the fifth round Nedzinska was knocked unconscious. He could not be revived, and was carried to his home, where medical aid was summoned, but the physicians were unable to restore consciousness. Warrants have been issued for Kubasak and the seconds of the two men.

Knockout in Twenty Seconds.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 17.—Charles McCarthy, of Buffalo, knocked out Joe King, of San Francisco, yesterday in 20 seconds. The men were to have gone 15 rounds. After sparring a few seconds McCarthy landed a right swing on King's jaw and put him out.

Ryan Refuses to Fight Douglass.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 17.—"Buddy" Ryan, of Chicago, refuses to meet Fred Douglass on account of the poor crowd.

PRESENTED WITH AN OFFICE

How Eight State Job Holders Repaid Yates' Favors in Kind.

The most unique gift that has been given by friends to a friend was given to Gov. Yates on his retirement from office by eight of his social and political associates. Usually under such circumstances the gift takes the form of a gold watch, a gold-headed cane or a diamond on which some sentiment has been inscribed in letters that cannot be read. Gov. Yates' friends went out and rented him an office, fitted it up and furnished it, put in the telephone and then paid the rent for six months. One day near the close of December the governor received the following explanatory letter signed by each of the eight donors:

My Dear Governor: We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. As a remembrance of the season, and as a slight token of our respect and esteem, we ask you to accept the enclosed receipt for rent of your office room in the Y. M. C. A. building, which will be fully furnished and ready for your occupany on your retirement from your present office. With kind regards, we are, yours very respectfully,

W. R. VREDENBURGH.
C. M. TINNEY,
T. W. SCOTT,
A. W. SALE,
J. E. EGAN,
F. C. DODDS,
E. A. SMITH,
J. A. WHEELER.

William S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did, and it effected a complete cure. This liniment is for sale by all leading druggists.

GLIMPSE IN STUDIO

Lorado Taft, Famed Chicago Sculptor, Appears at Illinois.

EXPRESSION OF A SUBJECT

Transferring It to Marble or Bronze the Artist's Real Problem.

Lorado Taft, the famous sculptor, an instructor in the Art institute of Chicago, addressed a large audience last evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association, at the Illinois theatre, on "A Glimpse of a Sculptor's Studio; or, How Statues Are Made." The latter subject more clearly explains the lines along which the sculptor spoke last evening. His studio was reproduced on the stage, and he and his assistant, Mr. Crunnelle, explained every step in their art by their work on the stage. The lecture, while full of information, was given in an entertaining way that won the applause of the audience.

The lecturer first devoted some time to a discussion of the artist's problem of putting into marble or bronze the expression of the subject. He went into a detailed expression, and pointed out the various muscles of the face which give expression. The muscles of expression, said Mr. Taft, are only for the purpose of making life more interesting and more beautiful. He told how, some years ago, a Frenchman had discovered the muscles of expression by means of a battery applied to the face of a paralytic subject.

Quick Changes of Face.

The work which was done on the stage to illustrate the various expressions of the face was the most entertaining feature of the evening. A large clay model of the head of the Princess of Sambalie was made use of, and the sculptor then with a few deft movements would change a smile into a frown, a frown into a look of surprise or pain; a young face into one marked with age, and one of a beautiful woman into that of a man, the last showing the sculptor's ideal of the Spanish knight, Don Quixote.

Death masks were explained to the audience, and, in fact, every step in the work of the sculptor, from that of modeling the little clay sketch to chiseling the stone of the marble statue.

In Mr. Crunnelle, Mr. Taft has a very able assistant, and his work in clay modeling won repeated hearty applause from the audience. He molded an ideal child's head in clay, and the completed work was greeted with hearty applause. Mr. Crunnelle was working as a miner in a coal mine near Decatur, Ill., when he was first discovered by Mr. Taft. Mr. Taft told of how he came to learn of the young man's then undeveloped talent. He took Mr. Crunnelle to Chicago, and gave him instruction during the Chicago world's fair. He is now somewhat famous as a sculptor of ideal child's heads, and the exhibition he gave the audience last evening showed that he is an artist in that line.

Tribute to His Assistant.

The pieces shown on the stage were largely the work of Mr. Crunnelle, and Mr. Taft paid him high tribute in the course of his address. The evening's entertainment closed with the exhibition of the plaster cast of a child's head, the work of Mr. Crunnelle. This was made when Mr. Crunnelle had been working under Mr. Taft but a short time, and was made from a study of one of Mr. Crunelle's children.

Lorado Taft himself is a native of Illinois, and a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he gained his first art instruction. He went to Paris in 1880, and for three years studied at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts. He took several prizes for his work while a student in Paris, and since returning to Chicago in 1886, to become instructor in the Art institute, has won great fame in his work.

The Diamond Cure.

The latest news from Paris is, that they have discovered a diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee, of Vanleer, Tenn. "I had a cough for 14 years. Nothing helped me, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which gave instant relief, and effected a permanent cure." Unequaled quick cure for throat and lung troubles. At Hartz & Ullemeyer's drug store. Price 50 cents and $1, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Speedy Relief.

A salve that heals without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. No remedy effects such speedy relief. It draws out inflammation, soothes, cools and heals all cuts, burns and bruises. A sure cure for piles and skin diseases. DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of counterfeits, they are dangerous. Sold by all druggists.

The reason that coughs and colds produce constipation and weaken the lungs is because they interfere with all digestion. That new discovery known as Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar cures all coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and assists in expelling colds from the system by gently moving the bowels. It is pleasant to take and contains no opiates. Sold by all druggists.