THE GREAT DIVA'S COMING.

Great Preparations to Hear Mme. Patti in Grand Opera.

A MAGNIFICENT TREAT IN STORE

The Boyd Management Take Charge of the Patti Engagement—Prices of Admission Fixed at a Very Low Rate.

The Patti Engagement.

Tom Boyd and Doc Haynes have taken charge of the Patti engagement and will manage it. At the suggestion of those instrumental in securing this great attraction that somebody of experience in such affairs should have the local management to insure success, the Boyd opera house managers were called in and asked to assume this part of the responsibility.

An agreement was soon entered into, certain preliminary arrangements put under way at once and by this time next week things will be in such shape as to insure the most brilliant season of grand opera ever known in Omaha.

Messrs. Boyd and Haynes visited the Coliseum yesterday, took measurements for a stage and ascertained just what will be required in the way of dressing rooms, scenery, lights, etc., providing seats, and the work of providing all these accommodations will be commenced without a particle of delay.

According to present plans it is proposed to erect a stage at the north end of the building five high by sixty feet wide and forty feet deep. This will come inside the row of roof supporting columns and be large enough to admit of the production of any opera.

That portion of the building, including bicycle track and promenade, can be utilized for dressing rooms. It will be shut off entirely by heavy canvas curtains at either side of the stage opening. Provision is also being made for 400 incandescent electric and fifteen large arc lights so that the building will be made as light as in midday.

After the stage has been erected there will then be seating capacity for 8,000 people, and that many chairs are to be provided. This will enable the management to fix tickets of admission at cheaper prices than were ever before offered to any community to see not only the great diva, but all the greatest singers of the world in grand opera, including beside Mme. Adelina Patti, Sig. Francisco Tamagno, the wonderful tenor; Mme. Fabri, Mme. Nordica, Mme. Albani, Sig. Del Puente, and a dozen others whose names are well known in the operatic profession.

The sale of seats will open Wednesday morning of next week at the box office of Boyd's theater and it has been decided to first offer 2,000 or 2,500 season tickets the choice sittings, covering both performances at $5 each and thus putting the best admission at only $2.50 for a single performance. As compared with the schedules elsewhere, Chicago, Mexico, San Francisco and Denver, where the first choice ranged from $7 to $10, this is considered remarkably low. The following prices will prevail:

Season tickets	$5 00
First single admissions	2 50
Second single admissions	2 00
General admission	1 00

The first day's sale will be devoted exclusively to season tickets.

The Coliseum directors made a deposit Monday afternoon while Abbey's representative, Marcus Mayer, was here, in the Bank of Commerce, of the $13,500 guarantee money.

Sarasate, the world's greatest violinist, visited the Coliseum, tested its acoustic properties and pronounced them excellent for Grand opera. He says the people of Omaha ought to feel particularly proud to have the opportunity of patronizing such an attraction. America has never before been visited by an opera company to compare with it. The organization, besides its principal artists selected from all ports of Europe, is composed of the finest chorus that could be gotten together in Milan, the best drilled ballet of London, and an orchestra of picked musicians from New York.

Business and Pleasure.

The Public improvement club of Lowe's addition and vicinity met at Thirty-third and Parker street Monday evening, John F. Daley, the president, in the chair.

Mr. McCoy offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this club express its cooperation with and will give its support to the organization formed in the north part of the city for the grading of Thirty-third street from Lake north to Ames avenue.

The secretary was instructed to call attention of the proper authorities to the gasoline lamps in the vicinity, some of which burn only for a few hours and some of which have not been lighted at all. The idea was to have steps taken to remedy this fault.

After adjournment of the club and Mr. Daley had left, the members surprised him at his pleasant home on Thirty-third and Franklin streets, the occasion being his birthday. A pleasant time was spent in card playing, singing, etc. It took the hostess, Mrs. J. F. Daley, but a short time to prepare a sumptuous repast, to which justice was done, and expressions of esteem and congratulations for many returns of the day were made. Another day had begun to dawn before the party started for their homes, highly delighted with the social time they had experienced.

Go where you will, you will find people using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and unanimous in its praise.

I suffered most severely from rheumatism during winter. After using Salvation Oil two days the pain entirely subsided, and now I am a well man.

Preparing for a Big Meeting.

The members of the real estate exchange are making preparations for a big meeting on Saturday, when annexation and other topics of interest to the city will be discussed.

There was only one piece of property listed:

Gate City park, lots 13 and 14, block 2, $650.

Sales were reported:

By C. S. Jaynes & Co., lot 26, block 4, Sherman Avenue park, $350.

By Mumaugh & Fitchett, lot 16, block 2, Hanscom place, $3,500.

By J. P. Flock, lot 7, block B, Saunders & Heimbaugh's addition, $600.

Many people habitually endure a feeling of lassitude, because they think they have to. If they would take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla this feeling of weariness would give place to vigor and vitality.

Building Permits.

The following building permits were issued yesterday:

Emil Romey, 1½-story dwelling, Twenty-third and Sprague streets	$ 1,300
Martin Kruli, 1½-story frame dwelling, South Twenty-fifth and Lynn streets	200
J. D. Wyatt, 2-story frame dwelling, Twenty-third and Manderson streets	2,000
M. Erickson, 1-story frame cottage, Jaynes and Fourteenth streets	300
R. A. Karr, three 1½-story frame cottages, Sprague and Twenty-fifth streets	5,400
M. Anderson, 1-story frame cottage, East avenue and Harris street	800
N. Nelson, 1-story frame addition to store, Seventh and Leavenworth streets	200
A. P. Tukey, two 1-story frame cottages, Grant and Forty-first streets	2,000
Henry Goertsen, 1-story frame cottage, Dorcas and Fourth streets	500
Nine permits, aggregating	$12,600

Many people believe that goods of western manufacture cannot be sold cast in competition with old established houses in that vicinity. It depends entirely on the merits of the goods themselves. If superior to the goods now sold there, they will soon become popular. Up to November 1, 1889, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been sold in Pittsburg, Pa., now Messrs. F. H. Eggers & Son, prominent druggists there, say it is the most popular patent medicine they handle, also E. E. Heck of Allegheny City, Pa., says: "I regard it as the best seller in that line of remedies I have in the store and one of the most satisfactory in its results."

THE PLANTEEN MURDER CASE.

Meyers' Wife and Little Baby Present at the Trial.

Mrs. George Meyers sat at her husband's side in the district court yesterday during his trial for the killing of Nels Planteen. She held in her arms a bright-eyed baby, four months old, that was born while its father was in jail. Myers, while endeavoring to pay attention to the evidence that was being given against him, turned often to caress his child, which is almost a stranger to him.

No evidence of importance was given. Emil Gustafsen, who was with Planteen at the time of the row, was recalled, but gave no convincing evidence.

The testimony of Frizzell and Dr. Svensen, given at the last trial, was received and the prosecution rested its case.

The defense placed Dr. Reigert on the stand and endeavored to show by him that Planteen's death was not due entirely to the injury he received, but was in a measure caused by the exposure to which he subjected himself after the row.

Judge Kincaid of Holt county was in Judge Hopewell's place yesterday, but had no case, as most of the attorneys of the bar are in attendance upon the supreme court at Lincoln.

The case of Mrs. Altshuler against William Coburn, a suit for the possession of the Freyhan liquor stock, was given to the jury in Judge Doane's court.

Norman A. Kuhn has brought suit in foreclosure against Mary I. Tidball et al on three lots in Creighton Heights.

Richard S. Maulsby has commenced suit against Norman A. Kuhn et al for violation of a real estate contract and the recovery of $285 alleged to have been paid on a transfer of three lots in Creighton Heights.

Samuel Elkins has sued the street railway company for $2,000 damages for injuries resulting from being run into by a motor train in South Omaha on the 10th inst. His horse became frightened at a motor and turned directly in front of it. On account of the tracks at that point being about a foot above grade Mr. Elkins was thrown from his buggy and was rolled and pushed several feet, sustaining severe injuries, for which he asks damages.

County Court.

Peter Kelley has brought suit in the county court against William Deering & Co. for $1,000 damages by reason of injuries received while operating a pile driver used in the construction of the building at Capitol avenue and Eighth street. On the 4th inst. Kelley was adjusting the yoke of the pile driver and was standing beneath the hammer. While he was in this position the engineer allowed the hammer to descend, striking Kelley on the head and injuring him very severely. Congestion of the brain was threatened and the injured man was nearly deprived of the use of his lower limbs. Since the accident he has been compelled to give up his usual occupation in connection with a pile driver and is obliged to work at some other business at less than he was able to earn before.

The case of Alonzo J. Sawtelle against the American waterworks company, for $1,000 damages by reason of the loss of three horses while engaged on the building of the new basin at Florence, was concluded yesterday. The jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff $259.66 for the loss of two of the horses and finding for the defendant as to the third horse.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething softens the gums and allays all pain. 25 cents a bottle.

Cause of Garrison's Death.

The inquest to determine the cause of the death of Charles Garrison, the colored cook of the Occidental hotel, was held yesterday afternoon at Gring's undertaking establishment, on lower Farnam street.

The first witness examined was Philip Stuart, a cook at the hotel. He testified to the fact that Garrison had been complaining of feeling sick for several days. Monday morning he appeared in the kitchen, but was so weak that he fainted. The witness helped him back to his room and gave him some water. His duty called him from the room for a few moments, and when he returned shortly afterwards Garrison was lying on his side on the bed. The witness at once notified the people in the house.

William Cott, a traveling man who boarded at the hotel, said he had seen Garrison about the house, sick, for several days. He seemed to be irrational at times and had the appearance of being a pretty sick man. He had heard it stated that Garrison had the asthma.

William Yeoman, another cook at the hotel, said that Garrison came into the kitchen Sunday and said he had been out for a little walk. He complained of feeling all tired out, and said his legs pained him. He went to bed, but soon came back and asked the witness to get him some whisky and quinine, which was done. He drank a little, but said it made him sick. Garrison spent Saturday night in a chair, as he could not sleep lying down. Monday morning he said he felt much better, but felt very weak. He refused to have a physician called.

Dr. McManigal was the last witness. He said he had held a post-mortem examination yesterday morning, and had found water in the thoracic cavity. He also found a great fibroid change in the heart and a large thrombus at the opening of the lungs. The right side of the heart was very much enlarged, but the heart action was weak. There were also blood clots in several of the vessels. The direct cause of death, the doctor said, was paralysis of the heart, or heart failure. The combination of conditions, the doctor remarked, would produce the heavy breath ordinarily called asthma.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that death ensued from paralysis of the heart.

Dr. Haughawout, one of the best dentists in the west, extracts teeth without pain, inserts teeth without plates absolutely clean and strong, 1509 Douglas, Omaha.

The Title Defense Club.

The Home Defenders' club held another meeting at Twenty-fourth and Clark streets last night. Only about twenty were present. The bond of M. H. Comstock, as treasurer, in the sum of $500, was presented and approved. It was decided to adopt the name of "Title Defense club." A proposition from the law firm of Miller, Duck & Randall was sprung on the meeting, offering to file answers and conduct the cases through the first trial for $3 per case; file answers and conduct a second trial for $5 per case, making a total of $8 for carrying the cases through the United States circuit court.

This precipitated a warm argument, which was taken part in by every one present. A motion was finally made to reconsider the action whereby the club accepted the offer of Kennedy, Larned & Bernard. After considerable argument this motion was adopted by a vote of 19 to 8. Messrs. Comstock and Redman strongly opposed this action, and announced that they would not be parties to such action. After the vote was announced several of those present declared their intention to stand by the original action of the club, and it was decided that another club be organized in the near future.

An Editor on a Popular Remedy.

While the columns of the Graphic are open to any and all unobjectionable advertisements, yet it is quite impossible for us to speak knowingly of the merits of the various articles of merchandise advertised. Particularly is this true of patent medicines. But there are exceptions occasionally and a noteworthy exception is the celebrated Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This now universally known medicine has been advertised in the Graphic for four or five years, but not until recently had we any personal knowledge of its wonderful efficacy, which has come about terough the prevailing influenza and the stubborn cough that has so often attended it. In the writer's family this medicine has on several occasions this winter cured a cough that baffled any and all other remedies; and the number of families in Kimball and vicinity in which this remedy has been used with like effects attests to its value as a specific for coughs and colds of every nature.—Kimbal, (South Dakota,) Graphic, Feb. 7, 1890.

IT IS STILL UNAVENGED.

The Murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Has Not Yet Been Arrested.

FOLLOWING UP THE CLUES.

Description of the Assassin—The Governor Offers a Reward—Suspect King to be Released Today.

The Murderer.

The following is the most complete description of the murderer Neal yet printed. Cut it out:

Height, about five feet eight inches.
Weight, about 160.
Stands and walks very erect.
Complexion dark, tanned.
Age, variously estimated from twenty-two to twenty-eight years.
No beard, save possibly a light mustache.

A Reward Offered.

Governor Thayer has issued a proclamation offering a reward of $400 for the arrest and conviction of the assassin of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

The commissioners have not yet called a meeting to offer a reward for the arrest of the murderer. This fact is causing universal comment, especially in view of the fact that two members of the board have already expressed their willingness to favor the offering of a reward. By some this apathy is severely censured. These claim the commissioners should have been the first to announce a reward and thus proclaim to the world that Douglas county regarded human life as more valuable than she did a few dollars, which might readily be expended in running down the murderer.

Several members of the council were seen on the subject, and all claimed they could do nothing in the matter, because the murder was committed outside the city.

Mayor Cushing was spoken to on the subject and held the same view. He regretted that officially he could do nothing, but personally he was willing to do anything the citizens might desire to do to run down the murderer.

Dr. Miller, whose palatial edifice is but about a mile from the scene of the murder, is deeply moved by the horrible affair. Speaking on the subject, he regretted that no reward had yet been offered. He felt that a reward should be offered, and, more than that, that the sheriff ought to be empowered to hire a man from day to day to keep on the track of the murderer and run him down if it took a year, or five years. The county of Douglas, he said, could not afford to have it go abroad that murder might be committed here without the greatest efforts being made to avenge it. He thought that the award should be at least $1,000, and that it ought to be supplemented by whatever the governor could add to it. If the commissioners took an interest in the matter, there should be a public meeting called of citizens to protest against the business and a subscription taken to continue the chase.

County Attorney Mahoney has addressed a communication to the county commissioners recommending the offering of a reward for the capture of the murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Jones. The communication is as follows:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Douglas County, Nebraska.—Dear Sirs: I desire to suggest to your honorable body the propriety of offering a reward in conformity with the provisions of section 236 of the criminal code for the apprehension of the murderers of Allen Jones and wife. Under this section you have authority, if you deem it expedient, to offer such reward. You can also, under the same section, provide for the payment of the expenses necessarily incurred by the sheriff in his efforts to discover and arrest the guilty parties. I would suggest that you make such arrangements as will enable the sheriff to employ one or more competent men at a per diem compensation, to be kept diligently at work on the case and to give it exclusive attention.

It is unnecessary to point out to you the unspeakable atrocity of this murder and that the earnest desire of all good citizens is that the guilty party be brought to justice at whatever cost. Yours truly,

T. J. MAHONEY,
County Attorney.

The Suicide.

Yesterday the attention of Sheriff Boyd was directed to the reported suicide of an unknown party in Nebraska City and he was asked what steps he intended to take to ascertain whether or not the remains were those of Neal, the Jones murderer.

He replied that he did not think that the description tallied with that of the murderer. The latter did not wear a mustache and if there was any hair on his face it could not have been more than would have grown in a week, on the supposition that the fiend had not shaved in the meantime. The sheriff did not think it was necessary to send a man to Nebraska City to identify the deceased, but telegraphed the coroner at that place to inform him whether the fingers of either hand of the suicide were injured or missing.

Sheriff Boyd yesterday afternoon received the following telegram in reply:

Suicide's hands ordinary size, showing hard work. On left hand at root and between middle fingers one large and one small wart. C. N. KARSTENS, Coroner.

This conclusively proves that the suicide was not Neal, as the latter's left hand was deformed.

"Neal and Irvine."

There seems to have been a misunderstanding as regards the tearing up of the check which it is alleged Neal gave to Wright & Baldwin for some furnishing goods on Saturday last. The document has been preserved. It was made for $10 while the bill of goods amounted to about $3. The difference in cash was paid to the maker. The signature was "Charles H. Irvine." It was written in an uncertain hand with light lines, very little shading, and evidently by a man who was disguising his hand. The lines appeared as if they had been drawn by a pen held between the index and the second finger. The check was made payable to Wright & Baldwin, and the penmanship in these words differed considerably from that of the amount of the check and the signature. The first letter of Wright's name—"W"—was not made as a capital, while the initials of every other important feature of the check was well and properly drawn. In making this check the writer consumed a great deal of time, writing with great method and some anxiety and destroying three blank checks before he had finished the work to his satisfaction.

There is little similarity between the signature of Irvine and Neal, save in the letter "e," and there it is most noticeable. There is little doubt, however, that both could have been written by the same hand, because of the versatility which Neal displayed in the writing of his signatures and the bill of sale, both of which were reproduced in THE BEE of Monday.

Why Neal should have confidenced Wright & Baldwin out of the $7 when he must have had at least $400 on his person can not be understood. This fact tends to question the identification of the purchaser as being Neal and has aroused the suspicion that the writer might probably be Rohr. With this idea the authorities have compared the signature on a note given some time ago by Rohr to Mr. Pickard, but no resemblance save in the letter "e" could be discovered.

Neal Bought a Watch.

The authorities for several days past have been engaged in a fruitless search for a watch which Neal purchased from Jeweler Kohlbert in South Omaha. The article is of fourteen karat gold, lady's size, with an Elgin movement numbered 3,099,911. The case is numbered 39,256. It is also marked K 6, 2, 90, the memorandum of the jeweler. When Neal was making this purchase, he kept his left hand gloved, while from the small finger of the right hand he removed the gold ring which he had stolen from the finger of the murdered woman. Whether this be proof that the left hand is in some way or other deformed cannot now be determined. If such a deformation should exist, there is a probability that the murderer may be Rohr, who is minus a finger, it is alleged, on one hand, but which hand is not known. Rohr has not been seen since he ran away sometime ago after having mortgaged some of Dr. Pinney's stock on the same farm. He would know everything relating to the place, and its lessees and occupants and could easily have spoken of people and done all that has been done in this remarkable case. This man is now the object of a very close search throughout the state.

King Will Be Released.

County Attorney Mahoney had a long conference with King, the Millard suspect, yesterday. This was with a view to gain some additional points respecting the man's possible connection with the great murder. At present there does not seem to be any likelihood of such a connection being established. He has a weak, almost characterless face, and appears to be just the man who would represent himself to have accomplished something which might attract to him attention. Such was doubtless his motive in stating that he was one of the first on the ground after the bodies had been found.

Mr. Mahoney telegraphed to Denver to hold the grip which King said he had expressed to that place. His intention was to have the contents examined for suspicious articles, and to discover whether or not they tallied with that given by the suspected individual.

The county attorney secured the written consent of King for an examination of the grip and its contents, and last night he received a telegram from R. A. Latimer, general agent of the Pacific express company at Denver, giving an inventory of the contents of the valise. The inventory tallied with that given by King himself. After reading the telegram Mr. Mahoney said that he would release King this morning, as he know of no grounds for holding him any further.

Cadwallader at the Yards.

Although it was not brought out at the inquest, it was discovered yesterday that Mr. A. H. Cadwallader, the son-in-law of the murdered people, was at the stock yards the day on which he visited the old folks at the Pinney farm.

He called upon Mr. Kenworthy, who is connected with the commission firm of Krenan & Smith. Mr. Kenworthy said that he had become acquainted with Cadwallader through a mutual friend with whom he called some time in December. On that occasion Cadwallader informed Kenworthy that he thought of renting the Pinney farm and was on his way to inspect it.

Cadwallader next called, and it is presumed in the neighborhood of Christmas, and told him that he had rented the farm and would move on it as soon as possible.

On the last visit made by Mr. Cadwallader he told Mr. Kenworthy that he had been out to the farm to visit the old folks, and that he had some corn he wanted to sell at his home in Iowa and when he should sell that he would move to the Pinney farm.

He told Mr. Kenworthy that he was going to Chicago with some cattle, and asked him if (Kenworthy) could not get him (Cadwallader) a job shipping cattle to Chicago, until seed time, when he move on his farm.

Mr. Kenworthy said he could not, because the yards were full of old cattle shippers and there was no chance for a stranger.

Cadwallader seemed to have walked in from the farm and left the yards as if he were going to take the motor.

Mr. Kenworthy says that Cadwallader called upon him about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and remained with him an hour, after which they took a stroll into the yards. According to Cadwallader's statement before the jury it was 3 o'clock before he left the farm, and he could not have reached the stock much earlier than 4 or 4:30 o'clock. The stock was driven into South Omaha three and a half days later.

The Great Rock Island Route.

In changing time on Sunday, Nov. 17, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. have considered every point of interest to the Omaha traveling public. If you are going to Des Moines, Chicago or any point east, our solid vestibule limited train is just what you want. Leave Omaha at 4.25 p. m. arrive in Des Moines 9:30 p. m. and Chicago 8:30 a. m., dining car for supper leaving Council Bluffs and for breakfast before reaching Chicago. This train is also equipped with the finest sleepers and chair cars made by the Pullman Co., which leave from the U. P. depot, Omaha, every day at 4:25 p. m., making close connections at Chicago with all trains for eastern points. In addition to this magnificent train we have two other daily trains to Chicago, leaving Omaha at 9:15 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. For information as to routes, rates, time, etc., call at ticket office, 1305 Farnam street; telephone 782.

S. S. STEVENS,
General Western Agent.

OFFICER HAZE'S CHASE.

A Lively Experience with a Trio of Pickpockets.

Officer Tom Haze yesterday afternoon exchanged his blue coat and brass buttons for citizens' clothes and went on a still hunt for the two pickpockets, James Bradley and Frank Donnelly, who nipped Mrs. George Leth's purse at the postoffice on Monday. He was rewarded by succeeding in rounding up his men in company with a third near Fifteenth and Dodge. Tom is a very ambitious officer, and made a dash to capture the entire trio. He succeeded in doing so, but one of them afterwards got away. Then he called on a citizen to hold one of the remaining two while he, taking his man with him on a keen jump, tore off after the runaway.

Spectators who witnessed the episode say that it was one of the funniest and at the same time prettiest chases they ever saw.

As the racers sped along, Haze tugging at the man whom he had by arm and shouting to him at every jump, "Don't you dare to break away!" and calling upon the gathering crowds ahead of him to "Stop that man!" produced perfect pandemonium, people on all sides taking up his cry, and men and boys yelling at the top of their voice, "There's a thief! Stop him! Stop him!"

The fleeing fugitive finally got away, despite Tom's heroic efforts, but Bradley and Donnelly were finally landed behind the bars.

Police Points.

The police court jury in the case of A. E. Wallace, charged with violating the plumbing ordinance, which commands calling for an inspection of work done, returned a verdict of not guilty. It developed that there were no compiled ordinances of the city, and it was on this point being made by counsel for defense that acquittal is thought to have been secured.

Buck Keith, charged with stealing $50 from James Rooney of Hastings, was discharged on the grounds that the evidence did not warrant his being held.

Charles Tomasson was jailed last night for having 100 feet of inch hose in his possession and not being able to satisfactorily explain where he got it.

Peter S. Hannon filed information yesterday against August F. Nix, charging him with assault and battery.

Charles Dougherty had Samuel Graves, a minor, and an employe of his, arrested last night on the charge of embezzling $3.75 from C. B. Havens & Co.

Ben Johnson was locked up last night for having on a coat that is supposed to have been stolen.

Dr. Birney, practice limited to catarrhal diseases of nose and throat. Bee bldg.

Fire in an Oil House.

A fire in the midst of the coal, in an oil house of the Fremont & Elkhorn railroad, north of the city, did about $400 worth of damage last evening. The fire was caused by sparks from a locomotive.

An Absolute Cure.

The ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT is only put up in large two-ounce tin boxes, and is an absolute cure for all sores, burns, wounds, chapped hands and all skin eruptions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles. Ask for the ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT. Sold by Goodman Drug company at 25 cents per box—by mail 30 cents.

THE MUNICIPAL SOLONS.

They Hold a Meeting Devoid of Exciting Features.

RELIC OF THE "GAG" ORDINANCE.

Mr. Wheeler's Harmless Report—The Smelling Committee Given Further Time—The Garbage Question—Minor Matters.

The Council.

President Chaffee of the city council is absent from the city and when the mayor presented his weekly letter to the council last night, giving a list of the ordinances adopted by the council which had met with his approval, Mr. Lowry wanted to know if they had been signed by the president of the council. Mr. Davis, who was filling the chair temporarily, answered that he had signed the ordinances.

"Your signature may be all right on some documents," said Mr. Lowry, "but it don't go here," and the council agreed with Mr. Lowry and referred the whole matter to the city attorney.

Then Mr. Lowry wanted to go into a committee of the whole to discuss the viaduct matter, the amendment to the council's "gag" rule and other matters. Mr. Wheeler didn't want the "other matters" unearthed and amended the motion restricting the consideration only to the viaduct appraisement. The council went into a committee of the whole and promptly went out again, as the question they wanted to discuss, it was discovered, was in the hands of another committee.

An invitation to the council to attend a reception at the Creche on Wednesday, February 22, was accepted.

A request of the mayor for authority to grant charity permits to peddlers in certain cases was referred to the committee on judiciary.

A communication from the board of public works asking the council to take some steps relative to the rule for the issuance of warrants until the fifty days have elapsed in which the property owners have a right to pay the levy without interest, was referred to the committee on judiciary and the city attorney.

The report of the street commissioner from February 4 to February 15, showing an expenditure of $294.83, was received and referred to the comptroller.

A petition for the paving, curbing, guttering and parking of Emmett street from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-seventh street, was referred to the committee on paving, curbing and guttering.

A petition was presented for the grading of Dorcas street from Second to Tenth streets. This, with a protest against the proposed grading of Tenth street from Vinton to Bancroft, was referred to the committee on grades and grading.

Lewis S. Reed was given permission to grade a number of streets in Hazel Terrace at his own expense.

The council was reminded of the existence of the board of health by the introduction of a resolution ordering the purchase of a $10 desk for the secretary of the board. The resolution was adopted.

It was decided by Mr. Wheeler's resolution to keep the appropriation ordinances on file in the city comptroller's office hereafter.

The board of public works was instructed to remove the fast driving sign from the Eleventh street viaduct and to advertise for bids for the painting of the viaduct.

The board of public works was instructed to have the paved streets of the city, such as need it, cleaned and swept at once.

The familiar resolution ordering an electric light at the crossing of the Elkhorn track and Twenty-fourth street and at the crossing of the Union Pacific at Sheeley station was adopted.

A resolution instructing the finance committee to find out why the city comptroller has not made a monthly examination of the city treasurer's accounts as required by law, was introduced by Mr. Bechel and adopted.

The comptroller was authorized and instructed to invest $100 in a set of weights and measures for the city inspector of weights and measures.

Mr. Wheeler of the finance committee presented a report rejecting the bill of Chief Seavey for some $34.40 for detective and whisky spy bills. On inquiry by Mr. Lowry it was developed that this amount was allowed in the ordinance which was run through under the "gag" rule two weeks ago without being read. Mr. Wheeler's report could not influence matters either way and it was accordingly adopted, that being the readiest method of disposing of the harmless document.

Two members of the committee on claims reported in favor of the payment of $200 to Dr. Galbraith for surgical services rendered Sergeant Johnson of the police force. Mr. Lowry, the third member of the committee, claimed he had not been given an opportunity to examine the claim and it was recommitted for one week.

The committee on public property and buildings reported its inability to secure new quarters for the city engineer at $85 a month. The committee recommended that the present quarters be repainted and repaired and that the city engineer stay where he is until the new city hall is completed. The report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted instructing the city attorney to prepare an ordinance providing for the inspection of all hydraulic, steam and hand elevators in the city, the inspection to be made by the boiler inspector.

An estimate for work done on the city hall, amounting to $8,010.69, was presented by Fowler & Beindorf, architects. Mr. Lowry wanted to know who had certified to the estimate on behalf of the city. No one seemed to be in a position to answer and the estimate was referred to the committee on public property and buildings and the city engineer. The matter of appointing a superintendent of the building was given the same reference with a request for a report at the next meeting.

The chairman of the special committee on superfluous clerks, better known as the "smelling committee," was granted further time in which to make a report.

Mr. Bechel was granted a leave of absence for one week from Saturday.

Assistant City Attorney Shoemaker asked the council to allow him to confer with the Council Bluffs authorities relative to an adjustment of the question of allowing hackmen and expressmen to do business between the two cities on one license. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

An ordinance was introduced giving the Union Pacific railroad company authority to lay a side track in the alley in Block 13, Kountze & Ruth's addition, on Mason street between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

The garbage question was brought up in two forms, giving the council a chance of a choice of two methods of settling the matter. The first proposition was in the form of an ordinance creating the office of sanitary commissioner and defining his duties, powers and compensation. The ordinance provides for the appointment of a sanitary commissioner and his approval by the council. The commissioner shall have sole and exclusive control of the disposal of all dead animals, garbage, manure, ashes and other refuse found upon the streets and alleys of the city, or in any yards or private grounds. The ordinance provides for the fees that shall be charged by the commissioner for the removal of garbage, which fees shall be turned into the city. The commissioner shall receive a yearly salary of $2,500 a year.

The fees are fixed as follows: Removing each dead animal weighing more than 500 pounds, $2.50; each animal weighing less than 500 pounds, $1.00; each load of manure, 50 cents; each barrel of refuse matter, 20 cents; each box or other receptacle less than thirty gallons, 10 cents; cats, 25 cents; dogs, 75 cents.

The second ordinance provides for the granting of the rights, given to the sanitary commission in the first ordinance, to the highest responsible bidder. Both ordinance were referred to a committee of the whole.

The matter of changing the grade of Douglas street will be discussed by the committee on grades and grading and the property owners at the committee meeting on Saturday night.

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