

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

SINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Moore's food kills worms and fattens. Budweiser beer, L. Rosenfeld, agent. Victor hot water heaters at Bixby's. Perry pictures, C. E. Alexander & Co. C. B. Jaquet & Co., jewelers and opticians, 27 South Main street. Felix Setz of Oakland, Ia., was in the city yesterday visiting friends.

CONFIRMS THE ASSESSMENT

City Council Meets and Accepts Assessor Hardin's Books Without Question.

QUICK WORK OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Aldermen Take No Steps Toward Raising the Reduced Valuation, but Leave Matter for County Supervisors to Handle.

The city council, sitting as a board of review or equalization, yesterday afternoon failed to take any steps looking toward raising the assessed valuation of the city, which, as previously reported, shows a decrease of over \$1,500,000. The council passed a resolution to the effect that the assessment as made by Assessor W. D. Hardin, as shown by the assessment books, be approved and confirmed. The footing of the assessment books has not yet been completed, but enough is known to show that the total valuation of the city for assessment purposes will be in the neighborhood of \$2,400,000, to which must be added the assessment of the railways as fixed by the state executive council, which is \$438,649.

Although every member of the city council felt that something should be done toward raising if possible the valuation of the city, the aldermen decided to leave the matter with the Board of County Supervisors.

The Law Regarding Assessments.

When it became known that the council had confirmed the assessment as reported by the assessor, the question was raised whether the aldermen had followed the law, providing that before the assessment shall be confirmed every item on the rolls shall be read and checked off for the purpose of discovering if there are any discrepancies in the returns. It is claimed that the council did follow this law. The following sections of the new code regulate the manner in which the city council, sitting as a board of review, should act:

Section 1379.—The township trustees shall constitute the local Board of Review of the township or the portion thereof not included within any city or town and the city or town council shall constitute such board for such city or town. The board shall meet on the first Monday of April at the office of the township, city or town clerk or recorder and sit from day to day until its duties are completed, which shall be not later than the first day of May, and shall adjust assessments for the township, city or town by raising or lowering the assessment of any person, partnership, corporation or association as to any or all of the items of its assessment in such manner as to secure the taxing of property at its actual value and the assessment of property at its taxable value and shall also add to the assessment rolls any taxable property not included therein, assessing the same in the name of the owner thereof, as the assessor shall determine.

Sec. 1371.—The clerk or recorder of the township, city or town, as the case may be, shall be clerk of the Board of Review and keep a record of its proceedings and the assessor shall be present at its meetings and make upon the assessment rolls all corrections and additions directed by the board. At such meetings it shall be the duty of the assessor to read each and every taxpayer's name and assessment on the assessment rolls and if the assessment is approved pass to the next name. After checking the same the board shall take up the assessment names in alphabetical order and raise or lower the same as in their opinion will be just, checking off each taxpayer as the same is raised or lowered.

The law further provides a penalty of \$500 for each and every member of the board of review who fails to perform his duty as laid down in the aforementioned sections.

County Supervisors' Board of Review.

The Board of County Supervisors meet in adjourned session as a board of review tomorrow and it is believed it will endeavor to raise the assessed valuation of the real estate in Council Bluffs. At the meeting last week the board was doubtful if it had the power to do so, and the question was referred to County Attorney Kilpack, who stated yesterday that the board undoubtedly had this power. He said: "If the board, on examination, should ascertain that real estate in any municipal division of the county was undervalued, it would have the right to add thereto such a percentage of valuations as would bring it to the assessed valuation as required by the code, which is 25 per cent of its actual value."

The members of the Board of County Supervisors generally, it is said, are of the opinion that the assessed valuation in this city has been assessed too low this year. They are also reported to have said that the assessment of the different banks in the city should be raised.

The board has already figured out whereby it can raise the assessed valuation of the county as returned by the assessors about \$890,000. The board has decided that the assessors valued farm lands in nearly all the townships too low. In one township farm land was returned by the assessor at \$3.95 per acre, and here the board has decided to raise it to \$12. In another township it has decided to raise it from \$7.15 to \$9, and in another from \$11.65 to \$15, and so on. In valuing stock of all kinds the board, in the opinion of the board, have been too low, and the values will be raised. For instance, the average valuation placed on 1-year-old colts is \$5.50, and this the board has decided to raise to \$7. By this method of equalizing the board expects to bring the assessed valuation of the county outside of Council Bluffs up to the valuation of last year.

Scientific optician, Wollman, 469 Broadway.

Davis sells paint.

Switchman on the Warpath. E. T. Clausen, said to be a Rock Island switchman, started out on the warpath yesterday morning after loading up with forty rods which he went down Broadway trundling a wheelbarrow into which he loaded every loose stone sign he came across. At John Howard's restaurant, near Eighth street, he was in the act of carrying off the sign on which was displayed the bill of fare for dinner. Howard called out after Clausen and protested against his sign being ruthlessly carried off. This made Clausen fighting mad and he turned in and gave the restaurateur a terrible beating. Howard later filed two informations before Justice Vien, charging his assailant with beating him and with using obscene and profane language. At the hearing Clausen was found guilty and Justice Vien fined him \$25 in each case. He was committed to jail.

Mining Companies Elect Directors.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Argonite-Juniata Mining company of Colorado Springs yesterday in the office of Ross & Ross, the company's local representatives, the old board of directors was re-elected without opposition. The directors are J. Hayes, E. J. Jeffrey, C. E. Palmer, J. R. Bahall, W. Glidings, Jr., Henry T. Rogers and Irving W. Bonbright. Mr. Bonbright was the only stockholder present. The fight for supremacy between the two rival factions which was a feature of last year's meeting failed to materialize yesterday. Although no dividend was declared during the last year the property has earned considerable money. It started out with a debt of over \$60,000, which has been paid during the last twelve months and there is over \$50,000 in the corporation's treasury. The Argonite-Juniata was

at one time one of the best paying mining properties in Colorado.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Matosa Gold Mining company of Colorado Springs, held at the same place, likewise was a cut and dried affair and resulted in the election of the old directors. They are H. P. Lillibridge, E. F. Smith, James F. Burns, W. S. Reynolds and W. M. Lillibridge. W. S. Reynolds and H. P. Lillibridge, president of the company, were the only two stockholders present. The report of the treasurer shows that the property earned \$241,374 last year and that a dividend amounting to \$25,000 was paid. The cash balance on hand on 31st of this year was \$25,440.80 and the company has no debts.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Case of Union Pacific and Union Avenue Is Considered.

The matter of the Railway company and Union avenue came up for discussion again last night at the meeting of the city council. The business men of the city, as before, were represented by a committee and the council was urged not to take any action looking toward settling the controversy over the Fifth avenue bridge until a thorough investigation had been made into the merits of the question, whether or not the railway company had forfeited its rights to the avenue by its alleged non-compliance with the provisions of the ordinance granting it a franchise on that thoroughfare.

City Attorney Wadsworth, when called upon for his opinion, reported that he had not as yet been able to give the question any attention, as Finance Clerk Truitt was preparing an abstract of all the proceedings between the city and the railway company in reference to the avenue. As the records for seventeen years back had to be gone through, this could not be done for at least ten days, Mr. Wadsworth explained, and until he had those facts before him he would be unable to prepare an opinion for the guidance of the city council.

George F. Wright and John N. Baldwin were present at the meeting of the Union Pacific and both insisted that the work of rebuilding the bridge at Fifth avenue should not be delayed. The bridge, they explained, was unsafe, the railway company was ready to build a new one as ordered by the city and it was only waiting for directions to commence work.

Mr. Wright said the question of the company's rights on Union avenue need not in any way interfere with the building of the bridge. In the name of the city the company he was prepared to waive any additional rights which it was feared might accrue to the Union Pacific to the avenue by reason of the order or instructions from the city to go on with the work of building the bridge.

Mr. Baldwin said he had authority from the railway company to make the same declaration. He said he could not understand the motive that had prompted this fight against the Union Pacific, which he felt was a very unwarranted and unjustified interference into the Union avenue question. He referred to the large amount of taxes that the road paid in this city and hinted at the Union Pacific carrying out a number of improvements here in the near future.

At the meeting of the High School Athletic association yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Tom Welch; vice president, Leo Baldwin; secretary, George Bailey; business manager, Forrest Rutherford; track captain, S. Dietrich; C. S. Chamberlain was elected representative to the Iowa and Nebraska Intercollegiate Football league. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was passed.

Davis sells glass.

S. M. Williamson, 106 South Main street, makes a specialty of repairing bicycles and sewing machines.

NEWARK IS SHORT OF COAL

Driven Into an Out-of-the-Way Port by a Perfectly Safe Vessel.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The following cablegram has been received at the Navy department from the commander of the Newark: "CASTRO, Chili, June 12.—To Secretary Navy, Washington: The Newark arrived at Guaitaca island in want of coal. An making arrangements for a supply to be sent from Antuco, Chili. Expect to sail within a few days. GOODRICH."

Guaitaca island is on the south side of the west coast of Patagonia, in latitude 42.50 south, longitude 174 west, and is about 300 miles north of the Straits of Magellan. The State department has also received a report on the same subject from United States Minister Wilson at Santiago de Chile. He informs the department that the Newark was driven by a terrific gale into Port Los Guaitaca, latitude 42.45, coal supply exhausted, but it is believed both vessel and crew are perfectly safe and no damage was done. The Chilean government has just dispatched relief ships with coal and supplies. There is no telegraphic communication with the island.

SANTIAGO, Chili, June 12.—The United States cruiser Newark is safe. It has been detained in Smith channel owing to lack of coal. Two of its launches have arrived at Antuco, a port of Chili on the north coast of the province of Chile.

LITTLE WORK FOR CABINET

Time Principally Consumed in Discussing the News from the Philippines.

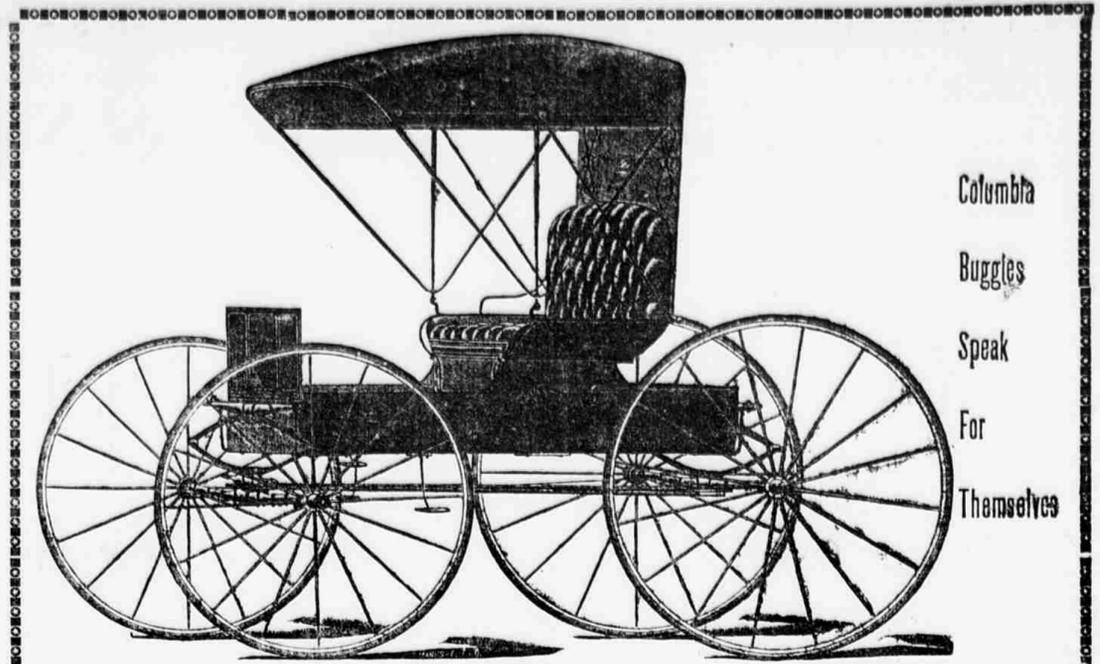
WASHINGTON, June 12.—The cabinet meeting today was brief and unimportant. "For the first time since the life of the present cabinet began," said one of the members of the cabinet after the meeting adjourned, "the president asked each member in turn if he had any matter to bring to the attention of the cabinet and each in turn replied in the negative."

The city clerk was instructed to have 200 copies of the mayor's annual message and the reports of the various city officials printed. The contract was awarded some time ago to the Franklin Printing company.

The aldermen were instructed to file their sidewalk reports with the city clerk. In answer to a question from Alderman Casper, Contractor Wickham stated he was prepared to go ahead with the paving of the streets ordered improved, provided the city would guarantee payment for the work. Under this condition he was prepared to go ahead at once, but he was not prepared to do the work and take the chance of getting paid by the property owners, in view of the fact of the unsatisfactory condition of the present assessment rolls. He stated that he had all the material on the ground for the paving of Avenue F and would start at once if the city would guarantee the payment of the portion in front of the corner lot, about eighty feet. This was taken up with him and he secured waivers from all the property owners except for that corner. When told by Alderman Casper that the owners on Bryant street had all signed waivers, Mr. Wickham said he would start at once. All the streets were in the one tract and it would not pay him to get out all his plant to pave a small section like Bryant street. The matter was allowed to drop without action. Alderman Casper stated that he expected to get waivers from the property owners within a month or so. The council adjourned next Monday night.

Bradley Badly Injured.

W. H. Bradley, the Broadway grocer and an old-time citizen of Council Bluffs, is in a precarious condition as the result of a peculiar accident. Sunday Mr. Bradley went fishing with some friends at Hawthorne lake. A game of ball between two country teams was in progress in an adjoining field and Mr. Bradley and his friends went to look on. While his attention was centered elsewhere a ball struck him full on the nose, break-



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Chemist Testifies to the Cheap Products Used in Manufacture.

METHODS USED TO DESTROY COMPETITION

Claus Doscher Describes His Experience Working Against Trust—Western Minnesota Fields Will Be Studied.

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