

HOME RULE IN PORTLAND

W. S. Raker, Well Known Here, Tells About It.

CITY CONTROLS EVERYTHING

Elect Mayor, Councilmen and Auditor for Four-Year Terms, Overlapping by Two Years.

W. S. Raker, for many years well known here as editor of the Gretna Reporter and postmaster there, is stopping over to visit his father and sister and incidentally greet old friends, while returning from Milwaukee, where he has been to attend the agents' meeting of the Northwestern Life Insurance company, on whose general agents' staff he is at Portland.

"We out in Portland have just gone under a home rule charter embracing the commission plan of city government, and, perhaps, what we are doing may be of interest to you in Omaha with similar problems before you."

"Our charter is a home rule charter, made by a charter commission, not by the legislature, and adopted by our voters last spring, the first election under it being held in June. We have five commissioners, or rather four commissioners and a mayor, and an independent elected auditor. The mayor assigns the other commissioners to their several departments. They have four-year terms, overlapping for two years. The mayor's salary is \$5,000 and the commissioners' \$5,000 each. They have complete control of all branches of the city government, police, fire, water works and everything. The state officials have nothing to say at all and a recent attempt of the governor to mix in on a matter of sanitation was rebuffed.

Electors' Composition.

"Our elections are entirely non-partisan, so any one may run for office by merely supporting his application with a petition containing the requisite number of signatures. We have eliminated the primary, however, and have just one election with preferential voting. I think five candidates ran for mayor and about fifty for the four commissioner places. A citizens' committee of 100 checked up all the different candidates and returned a list of a dozen as competent and worthy from whom the voters were urged to make their choice, and every one elected was in this endorsed list. The new mayor happens to have been my associate in our insurance agency, and one of the commissioners is C. L. McKenna, once a merchant at Gretna. All the successful candidates are new men not previously connected with the city government, and, I believe, are all high-class men.

"Who runs the city elections? Why, the city does, of course. Our city elections have always been conducted by the city, and the same plan is continued under the new charter, which makes no exceptions whatever to the home rule idea.

"What do we pay for water? Well, I have a flat rate now. I live in a seven-room house and I pay 25 cents a month, and 12 cents for lawn sprinkling service during the summer. I did pay by meter before I moved into this house, at the rate, as I recall it, of 10 cents per 5,000 gallons. My total water bill was a little less than now."

Work of Enlarging Reservoirs is Now Almost Completed

Work of enlarging the basins at the Minneapolis water plant will be completed next week and the capacity will be increased 7,000,000 gallons, according to Superintendent R. B. Howell of the metropolitan water district.

Walnut Hill reservoir, which is being repaired, will also be completed next week. The cost of the work at the Florence station will reach \$15,000.

A record in water pumped this summer was established Wednesday and Thursday when the consumption reached 25,000,000 gallons a day.

Howell believes the present capacity of the plant will suffice for years, unless unforeseen circumstances must be met. About 2,000 services remain to be metered and these are being put on meter at the average rate of twenty a day.

J. A. HOLTZMAN, PIONEER FLORENCE PAINTER, DIES

James A. Holtzman, pioneer painting contractor at Florence, died Friday after a brief illness. He was 61 years of age and came to Nebraska twenty-seven years ago. Surviving him besides the widow are six children, Ross O., Wilbur, Miss Lura, Mrs. Hayes Lowery and Mrs. W. B. Parks, all of Florence; Mrs. Helen Du Bree, Vienna, Ga., and Clarence Holtzman of Kansas City, Mo.

The funeral will be at the W. B. Parks home, 123 Fifth street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery.

To Look Young Is to Feel Well

(From The Home Maker.) Facial indications of illness, age, fatigue or worry are not easily hidden, even with the cleverest use of cosmetics. Indeed, efforts in this direction often only emphasize a pained or lifeless expression. As there are times when many, though feeling quite well, can hardly escape certain social obligations, here's something worth knowing: A perfectly harmless jelly-like substance, known to druggists as paraffin plastic jelly, possesses valuable attributes as a face-restorer and quick rejuvenator. Spread over the entire face and allowed to harden, it forms a supporting mask for the tired muscles. A soothing sensation is experienced and if the face is washed, she will doubtless fall into sound slumber. The mask "fills up" the facial lines, unrefreshed and fatigued, holds down, rises beneath the eyes, etc., and is noticeably improved at once. The face assumes a youthful pink color, a healthy, animated appearance, and its owner certainly would not be considered old. The dried jelly can be kept on for 15 minutes to an hour; it is easily washed off with cold water.—Advertisement.

DRINK AND ENJOY Metz BEER THE OLD RELIABLE

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Sarcophagus. Electric Fans—Burgess-Granden Co. Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press Fidelity Storage & Van Co.—Doug. 1516 The Flatiron—Omaha's high grade family hotel, 17th & St. Mary's, transient room. When you take a vacation leave your silverware, etc., in Omaha Safe Deposit Co.'s burglar-proof vault, 113 Farnam St. Petition for Divorce—Mae Rowe has filed a petition for divorce from Walter Rowe, charging failure to support and abandonment.

Mrs. Dick Gets Divorce—Mollie Dick was granted a divorce from John Dick by Judge English. She charged that he refused to support her.

Going to Minnesota—J. J. McCarty of the passenger department of the Union Pacific heads a party of ten of the company clerks for Minnesota. The boys will take their vacation of two weeks fishing in the lakes north of St. Paul.

Big Suit Transferred—Transcript of a suit started in the Dodge county district court against the Chicago & North-western railway by the Nye, Schneider & Fowler Co. for recovery of approximately \$5,000 over charges on grain shipments has been filed in the federal court.

Excursion to Yellowstone Park—There is to be a heavy movement of Yellowstone park tourists through Omaha Sunday. The Burlington and the Union Pacific will each handle two special trains and in addition the Burlington will handle Frank Post and party of LeMars, Ia., twelve people. The last named party goes by way of Cody and will do the park in automobiles, taking twelve days for the trip.

Silver Thieves Are Rather High-Toned in Their Selection

Whether Omaha is favored by an invasion of an "upstage" gang of burglars is not known for a certainty, as yet, but a clue discovered by Emergency Officer Joe Hill Friday, when he went to investigate the \$300 silverware robbery at the home of Charles H. Ashton, 3215 Woolworth avenue, indicates that the thieves are not only skillful, but strangers in the city, who possess an especially cultured taste in the matter of booty.

It was while Mr. Ashton and his family were away from home last night that entrance was forced into the place, much pawnable, as well as portable stuff was passed up by the burglars, but only silverware of artistic design was taken. The value of the loot will exceed \$300 it is believed. Hill told newspaper reporters that the clue which leads him to believe that the burglars are new comers is the fact that several strange men who were seen loitering around the house asked neighbors about the city bound street cars.

Mr. Ashton is sales manager of the United States Supply company.

Naturalization Applications Are Limited as to Time

According to notice received at the office of the district clerk from the naturalization service at Washington, those who declared their intention to become citizens nearly seven years ago will very soon have to take out the final papers or else be delayed another seven years.

The letter calls attention to a naturalization law that became effective September 21, 1906. A clause therein limits the validity of a declaration to become a citizen to a life of seven years. That means that all who declared their intention right after the law went into effect are now due to take out the final papers before September 21. If they do not they will be required to declare their intention again. All who have had their declaration papers for nearly that length of time are urged by the department to make petition for their naturalization papers at once.

Indiot Newspaper Men for Printing "September Morn"

DENVER, July 15.—The executives of four of this city's daily newspapers were indicted today on charges of printing a certain kind of medicine advertisement in violation of a state law, indecent pictures of bathing girls and incidentally reproducing the painting "September Morn." The charges were filed by the Citizens Protective league.

The grand jury in its report makes a very decided recommendation in favor of a segregated district, declaring: "We believe that until the time comes when the social evil can be uprooted, not by enactment of laws, but by proper education and improved economic conditions, it is better that women of the underworld be placed in a segregated district that might be created by law, where they can always be under the surveillance of the police."

Deadly Fight possesses sufferers from lung trouble all they learn Dr. King's New Discovery will help them. Price 50c and \$1. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

Farmer Girl First to Be Seen Wearing Transparent Gown

I don't know who sprung "How Hath the Mighty Fallen" first. But the old saw was stronger than horse-ditch, or the packing houses, last night on South Sixteenth street, when a little hand-made doll stepped out of a drug store into a waiting cab. She was some doll, top-a Gaby hat covering the blanchers and little black jet pendants in her ears, and now comes the place do resistance, as it were—one of those "transparent" gowns that did the same thing to Chicago that beer did for Milwaukee. Did the male persons stare? Were they transfixed? Whoops in'dash!! Then it happened. Just as the doll was draping herself in the tonneau, and beginning to really enjoy the sensation, a freckled, sun-burned fellow, wearing a rubber collar and a quid of Battelaxe, jumped off a passing milk wagon. "Hannah!" he yelled. Before the eyes of the transfixed men, the countess one blessed her. "Yes, sis, yer lookin' swell in a' them glad duds," he

NEBRASKA CORN NOT INJURED

Frank Fowler Says that All Indications Are Good.

NEXT TEN DAYS ARE CRITICAL

Dry Weather During the Tasseling Period Might Tend to Shorten the Crop in State to Some Extent.

That generally the hot weather of the last ten days did not seriously injure the Nebraska corn crop is the opinion of Frank Fowler of the Nye, Schneider, Fowler Grain company, who has just returned from an extensive trip through the state.

In some sections of the South Platte country, Mr. Fowler found that the extreme heat had dried the corn, but the areas where serious damage had been sustained were limited. North of the Platte he found the fields in most excellent condition and uninjured. Everywhere the corn, according to Mr. Fowler, is making rapid growth, and, with reasonably favorable weather conditions, will make fully an average crop.

Mr. Fowler regards the next ten days the most critical period through which corn will have to pass. The plant is now beginning to tassel and the blossoms that fertilize the ears are just beginning to appear. Should hot and dry weather be the rule next week, he predicts that much damage will result. With a rain or two during the fertilizing period, he looks for one of the best corn crops the state has ever grown.

While out on his trip Mr. Fowler paid considerable attention to the wheat situation and returns convinced that, on the whole, the crop is the best that has ever been harvested, both in yield and quality. Everywhere except in the extreme northern portion of the state, harvesting small grain has been finished and threshing is at its height.

The Omaha Grain exchange is rapidly feeling the effect of the conclusion of the harvest. Saturday 100 cars of wheat were on the market, the heaviest receipts of any Saturday since the establishment of the market. Most of it was consigned to firms of the exchange and went into the elevators instead of onto the open market. There was enough sold, however, to test the market, which was strong, with an upward tendency on all of the options.

EIGHTEEN MORE STATE PAPERS ON BOOSTER LIST

Eighteen more Nebraska newspapers have joined the ranks of boosters. The number is now above the 100 mark, and there are yet nearly 300 newspapers to be heard from. Every mail is bringing in the names of new papers to the bureau of publicity which is handling the list for the special committee of the Nebraska Press association.

C. C. Johns of Grand Island, the secretary of the association, and Ross Hammond, president of the State Association of Commercial Clubs, will work with E. V. Parrish, the other member of the committee on the final preparations for getting out the Nebraska booster edition the third week of September. They have estimated that more than 200,000 newspapers will go out of the state during that week.

The newspapers that have joined the ranks in the last two days are:

The Valley Enterprise, Argosho Public Mirror, Sutton Register, Mutual Leader, Journal of Lincoln, Ponca Journal, Leader, the Western Trader of Omaha, the South Sioux City Register, Lewellen, the Gazette, Logan County Pioneer, Blair Democrat, Saturday Night Review of Ulysses, the Valentine Republican, the Stella Press, the Republican of Broken Bow, Arthur County News of Braden, the Stanton Register of Stanton, Pierce County Call of Pierce and the Journal of Plattsmouth.

Rebels Defeated by Loyal Chinese Army

PEKING, July 15.—Four thousand southern rebels from Nanking, province of Kiang-Su, who had crossed the Yang-Tse-Kiang to attack the northern met defed today at the hands of 2,000 loyal troops near Suchofu, in the northwestern part of Kiang-Su province, and a short distance across the northern border of Anhwei province.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president of the republic, finally has taken sides in the revolt by openly proceeding to Nanking, where the southerners apparently are much disheartened by their defeat.

SIMON BORTS, BENSON PIONEER, IS BURIED

The funeral of Simon Borts, one of the pioneers of Douglas county, took place Saturday morning at the Methodist church in Benson. Mr. Borts, who died at his late home in Benson Thursday night, was born in Clay county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. He settled near Irvington in 1872, where he resided until four years ago, when he removed to Benson. He is survived by his widow and three children. His son Harry lives on the old homestead at Irvington, one daughter, Mrs. Sadie Merman, lives near Benson, and another daughter, Mrs. Minnie Bliss, is a missionary in China.

The Persistent and Judicious Use of Newspaper Advertising is the Road to Business Success.

Brandeis Stores. The Dresses in this ad are all New Arrivals Shown for the First Time Monday. It Was Lucky for Us and it Certainly Was Fortunate for You When We Secured These 1,100 Mid-Summer Dresses. At a figure so low that we can sell them at less than 1/2 the prices they could be sold elsewhere. All the Fine Samples and Most of the Surplus Stock of a New York Maker. This designer and manufacturer created styles in costumes that has made his apparel sought after by the highest class shops. He sold us all his beautiful sample garments as well as hundreds of the best and most practical from regular stock. Real Linens, Ratines, Voiles, Tailored Linens and Lingerie Frocks. Extreme novelties designed for mid-summer resort wear—dresses with coats in contrasting color—pretty Dolly Varden frocks—some with the up-to-date slashed skirts, some with new sash effects. Every one a new creation. Stunning Dresses Made to Sell up to \$20, at \$6.98. Women's Mid-Summer Frocks, worth to \$10 and \$12.50--\$5. We have never seen the time when dresses so pretty, so practical and so prettily designed have ever sold for a price so low. All the women's, misses sizes at... \$5. New Summer Dresses \$3.50 worth up to \$7.50, at \$3.50. BRANDEIS STORES. See Our Clearing Sale Ad on Page 10 News Section An Announcement of Real Importance.

NO. 7. Paid Advertisement by the Omaha Gas Company. Co-Operation in City Building. Among the most important obligations resting upon service companies is participation in the collective labor and enterprise which makes and advances a community. The increase in the mileage of mains during the last ten years has been at almost identically the same ratio as the increase in population. During the ten years beginning with 1903 and ending with 1912, the Company laid 80.59 miles of additional mains in Omaha and installed 13,774 services from street mains to buildings. Within the last ten years the Company constructed a modern 1,200,000 cubic foot gas holder, greatly increased its manufacturing capacity and made extensive additions to the purifying and other apparatus. Four distribution centers, or pressure regulating stations, were established at different points in the city. Many minor additions and improvements were made. THESE FACTS PROVE THAT THE GAS COMPANY HAS NOT NEGLECTED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. Mains have been extended wherever there was a reasonable demand for gas, and the Company has actively pushed the sale of its product. The gas business is not spectacular. The public is best served by quiet, unostentatious work, carried on without interruption, carefully and efficiently, with the interests of patrons always in mind. The Company employs an average force of 400 persons. They are paid good wages, and many have been in the service for years. Everything which the Gas Company uses which can be purchased locally is bought in Omaha. A LARGE PART OF THE MONEY INVESTED IN PROPERTY ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH THE LARGE PAYROLL, IS CIRCULATED AND REMAINS IN THIS CITY. OMAHA GAS COMPANY. Everybody reads The Bee. Advertisers can cover Omaha with one paper.