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LOT OWNERS GAIN POINT

COUNCIL MODIFIES ORDER REGARDING CEMENT WALK.

BETTER PAY FOR OFFICERS

Readjustment Made by Which Several Salaries Are Raised—Miscellaneous Matters.

While ultimately a cement sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of North Twenty-seventh street, between First and Second avenues, ample time will intervene between now and the date fixed by the city council when it must be completed. A little more than a year has been granted the owners of the property affected, by which time it is believed the new court house will be finished and the need for such a convenience more urgent than at present. This was brought about at Tuesday evening's meeting of the council.

Give Their Reasons.

In response to notice given them L. H. Fenske, E. H. Becker and Superintendent Buford of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company made personal appearance before the council to state their reasons why they should not comply with the order of the council for the construction of a cement walk in front of their property. Mrs. D. M. Parker, another, sent a written communication in which she stated why compliance should not be insisted upon at present and announced that if the council insisted upon a walk of that kind in front of her ground now it would have to be built at its own cost.

Mr. Becker said he intended to build a permanent walk in front of the Gazette block and have it completed in time for those using the new court house, which he thought was soon enough. Furthermore, he said, he was going to excavate for a cellar under the building and the walk, if constructed now would interfere with the work. Mr. Buford also said that it would be a hardship upon his company to be compelled to build a permanent walk at this time. The company had arranged to put up a building and to do this a good deal of excavating would have to be done and a cement walk would be in the way. Before winter the cellar would be dug and then the company would be prepared to put down any kind of a walk the council saw fit to order.

Mr. Fenske thought that when the court house was finished a cement walk on the east side of Twenty-seventh street would be a desirable improvement, but until then the present walk would answer all purposes. He saw no necessity for any other walk until that time.

Further Time Granted.

Some discussion followed the protests. Alderman Bannighoff was opposed to any recession by the council from its former action. Mayor Foster was inclined to be conciliatory and thought that the proper thing would be for the council to modify its recent order and give the property owners at least a year in which to make the proposed improvement.

This brought out a motion from Mr. Bannighoff that May 1, 1905, be the date when the walk would have to be completed. His motion failed of a second.

Alderman Williams then moved that the date for completion of the much discussed walk be fixed at July 1, 1905. This motion received the second of Alderman Grein and prevailed. The matter was finally disposed of and both sides to a somewhat exciting controversy had their way, in a modified form.

Will Get Better Pay.

Final action was taken on the matter of increasing the pay of certain of the city officers, a matter that was discussed at the previous meeting, when Aldermen Bannighoff and Brewer and the members of the finance committee were appointed a special committee to look into the subject and if possible devise ways and means by which increases could be made without violation of the law. To get around the law the committee recommended some changes. Acting upon

the recommendation Mayor Foster appointed the police magistrate superintendent of the city hall, while the city clerk was appointed special policeman and the city attorney official weighmaster. Each of these officers, after July 1, will receive an increase of \$75 a month over what they now receive. After that date the clerk will be expected to devote all of his time to the office, something he has not been able to do under the old way, as the salary attached to the office, which is limited by law, is insufficient to enable the incumbent to maintain an existence and he has found it necessary to do other work.

Will Lease Scales.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of securing a site for the city scales reported in favor of entering into a lease with the Donovan-McCormick company for the use of the concern's scales, in preference to constructing one by the city. The report was made that the scales recommended could be leased at a rental of \$15, the city to have the exclusive use of them.

The report was adopted and Alderman Bannighoff was appointed to enter into a lease with the company.

For a New Dump.

Once more the matter of a permanent dumping place for garbage came up. The result was that Alderman Bannighoff moved, Grein second, that the street and sidewalk committee be authorized to buy a suitable site at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

This action was taken on the strength of the city engineer's report. That official informed the council that he found that the ground mentioned at the last meeting of the council as belonging to the city covered an area of about an acre, but it was hedged on all sides by holdings, the owners of which had entered vigorous protest against the use to which it was to be put.

In view of the urgency of the situation the committee was requested to act with all possible expedition.

Miscellaneous.

A number of bids were received for supplying the fire department with new hose and appliances. To be exact, 15 different houses asked to be given the contract. Their figures differed greatly and as it was impossible to decide which was the lowest on short notice the matter was referred to the fire and light committee.

To the same committee was referred a proposal to supply the city with a fire alarm telegraph system.

A lease prepared by the city attorney for leasing the fair grounds and race track to the Billings Fair association was presented by that official. By the terms of the instrument the ground is transferred to the association for a term of five years at an annual rental of \$1. Alderman Bannighoff was appointed a special committee to have the lease executed.

On motion the bids of the H. M. Allen Lumber company and J. M. Broat & Son for supplying the city with lumber for the ensuing year were rejected and the clerk instructed to advertise for new proposals.

Bills to the amount of \$800 were ordered paid, having been found correct by the finance committee.

The reports of the different officers for the month of May having received the proper endorsement from the respective committees, were approved.

The bond of Koch & Co. for the faithful performance of their contract for the building of cement crossings was approved. The sureties are J. M. Broat and Henry White, and the bond is in the sum of \$1,000.

Further time was given the committee in the matter of the petition for an extension of the water main in North Twenty-eighth street, between Fifth and seventh avenues.

SNYDER PLEADS GUILTY.

Sentence Passed on Kansas City Man Arrested Here.

According to the press report sent out from Kansas City, Carey P. Snyder, the young man arrested here some months ago, was arraigned in the criminal court there last Monday on the charge of highway robbery. He entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The sentence, however, did not go into effect, as he was paroled.

The sensational features in connection with Snyder's arrest are still well remembered, as are also the incidents that subsequently grew out of it. Snyder's father was recently granted a new trial by the supreme court of Missouri on the charge of bribery, after he had been sentenced to five years imprisonment.

PISTOL SHOT BROUGHT HIM

MURDEROUS FREAK OF DRINK CRAZED STRANGER.

RUNNING FIGHT WITH POSSE

W. H. Bicknell Seriously Wounded by Citizens While Resisting Arrest for Shooting at Children.

Shots enough to indicate the progress of a skirmish if not a battle were heard Wednesday night about 9 o'clock on the flat south of town and many wondered what had happened. Before the facts could be learned all sorts of wild rumors were afloat. Some had it that a number of persons had been killed by a crazy man and others that officers and outlaws had clashed. It finally developed that the shooting was between a posse of citizens and a man whom it was sought to arrest.

Crazed by Whiskey.

The man was a stranger and appeared to be possessed of a homicidal mania, which was the cause of the chase and his subsequent arrest, after he had been brought down by a bullet.

Shortly before his capture he appeared in lower Twenty-eighth street and was seen flourishing a revolver and accost several persons. Among them was Miss Lillian Platt, who was on her way home. When she passed the man she brushed a mosquito from her neck and he repeated the movement made by her in doing so, at the same time saying, "I can give the sign right back to you." Miss Platt paid no attention to the man, but continued on, walking faster. He followed her and kept talking to her in a mumbling manner. Being frightened, the young lady hastened her steps and did not look back, consequently failed to observe what he was doing. Some others who saw him declare that he drew his revolver and getting down on one knee took aim at her, but did not fire.

Shoots at Children.

From there the man appears to have continued on down South Twenty-eighth until he reached the residence of George A. Berky, whose son, Henry, a boy of 14 years, was outside. As soon as he saw the lad the man began firing at him. Fortunately Henry saw the weapon leveled at him and threw himself to the ground, an act to which he may owe his life, as the bullet sped directly over him. Previous to shooting at young Berky it is said that the man fired shots at some children who were playing in the street and nearby yards.

Chase and Capture.

By this time that part of the city was in an uproar and some one telephoned to police headquarters. Patrolman Garnant was in the chief's office and as soon as he learned of what was transpiring he secured several revolvers and hastened in search of help. He met Officer Baker and the two started for the southeastern part of the city, having been told that the man and a number who were pursuing him were headed in that direction.

Before the policemen could reach the place the chase had ended and the man was under arrest. A posse composed of Messrs. Berky, Pettit, Buns, Swim, Ogden and Bell had started in pursuit of the man and at every step exchanged shots with him. He is known to have emptied his revolver at least twice in the running fire he kept up with his pursuers.

Finally he was brought to bay in a ditch in the Yegen pasture, southeast of town, into which he fell. Here he fired at the posse, but failed to hit any of them. One of the shots sent after him by those in the rear struck him in the left shoulder and he called for quarter and said he had enough. He was taken to the city hall and as it was seen that his wound was a serious one was removed to the Sisters hospital, where Doctor Lindsey attended him.

Denies All Recollection.

Yesterday morning the man claimed to know nothing of what had transpired the night before. He said that his name was William H. Bicknell and

that he came here from Sioux City, Ia., a couple of days before. He asked how he had come to be wounded and when told that he had been shot by a posse who had arrested him for shooting at some children professed the utmost surprise.

Bicknell is a young man and was cleanly and respectfully dressed and gave every appearance of being possessed of more than ordinary intelligence. The clothes he wore were almost new and of fair quality. It was necessary to cut the coat in two to remove it after the doctor was called, while the vest was so saturated with blood as to be unserviceable.

The wound he sustained is in the left shoulder, the bullet which caused it having entered from the rear, well near the top and penetrated the body, lodging under the skin in front, where it was removed. The upper lobe of the lung is pierced, but the attending physician expressed it as his opinion yesterday that the man was in no danger.

A Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

Movement on Foot for Organization in the City.

Although the plans are not yet fully matured, it is regarded as quite certain that the movement undertaken for the formation of a Young Men's Christian association in the city will prove successful. Those who are at the head of it express themselves as highly pleased with the encouragement they have received and are hopeful of ultimate and complete success.

Among the matters in contemplation is the erection of a suitable building in a prominent part of town and its equipment for a gymnasium and the other departments that make the society so popular in other cities, such as a reading room, parlors and class rooms for evening school. Some of the leaders in the recently organized athletic association believe the club will be willing to merge with the proposed body, which, if carried out, will assure a large initial membership.

A press committee has been appointed and will keep the public informed through the columns of The Gazette of the progress making.

ALLEGED ROBBERS ARRAIGNED.

Are Identified by Victim and Another Witness.

A complaint was filed yesterday in Justice Mann's court against Frank Day and Louis Perrolaz charging them with robbery. The defendants are the men who are accused of having robbed A. R. Reed, better known as "Dick" Reed, who was held up on the south side one night during the early part of the week by a couple of men. Reed was overpowered and then tied by the robbers, who utilized a piece of an old quilt for that purpose. Not satisfied with merely searching his pockets, the highwaymen took off his shoes and made off with them.

Reed has positively identified one of the men, while a witness who happened along at the time is positive in his identification of the other. Being without means and desiring counsel, the court appointed H. A. Frith for the defense.

The men had their preliminary hearing this morning and were committed to await the action of the district court.

SMALLPOX NEAR LAUREL.

Discovered by Doctor Called to Attend Pneumonia Patient.

What was supposed to be a case of pneumonia near Laurel turned out to be one of smallpox. The patient is Robert Fly, stepson of David A. Kamp. Doctor James E. Free was called to attend the sick youth and was told he was suffering from pneumonia. When the physician arrived he found him to be suffering from smallpox instead and after prescribing the usual treatment left and reported the matter to the county health authorities, who ordered the entire family, 10 in number, under quarantine.

The young man has been employed in one of the camps on the irrigation ditch and is supposed to have contracted the disease there, as at least one case occurred along the line sometime ago.

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SCENE AN INSPIRING ONE

Nomination of Republican Leaders Is Followed by Demonstration Rarely Ever Equaled.

Chicago, June 23.—The swift, sure current of public opinion, for the second time in public history of republican conventions, today resulted in the selection of a national ticket without a dissenting vote. Theodore Roosevelt for president and Charles W. Fairbanks for vice president, received every vote in the convention.

No fewer than 10,000 men and women participated in the ratification of the programme, and the consequent roar of cheering and handclapping was deafening. The band, stationed high among the girders of the hall, was drowned by the demonstration. Hats were tossed into the air, state emblems were waved, and beautiful tri-colored shimmering silken flags fluttered from every hand as though stirred by a gale.

When Ex-Governor Black of New York made his speech nominating President Roosevelt to succeed himself, for 25 minutes the great throng told its approbation of the convention's choice for president.

The name of Roosevelt came from every throat. The New York delegates paraded the hall shouting at the tops of their voices. A small colored boy from Georgia, and later a pretty girl in a white frock were lifted to the platform and they waved flags with as much vigor as their more lusty preceptors.

When Senator Fairbanks had been nominated for vice president, there was no diminution of the demonstration. Voices were hoarse, but the noise for the choice was just as unanimous as it was in filling the first place on the ticket.

ALLEGED SAFE BLOWERS.

Sheriff of Jamestown Has a Couple of Suspects.

Sheriff Eddy of Jamestown, N. D., has wired Sheriff Hubbard that he is holding a couple of men whom he thinks are the ones that recently robbed the safes of the Billings brewery and the steam laundry. They were arrested last Tuesday while trying to dispose of a watch, a diamond studded Eagle badge and a ring with a setting. The watch is described as being gold, with the initials C. A. S. engraved on the case.

Originally there were three men, but before the sheriff learned of their presence one had disappeared. The watch and ring are in the sheriff's possession, while the initials differ, it is believed the watch belongs to Mr. Scott of the laundry. The one taken from him was inscribed C. A. F., and it is thought that the difference in the last letter was caused by an error in transmission.

It is regarded as certain that one of the prisoners is the man West, who was released from jail here and subsequently wrote to Ed Buckley, the supposed diamond thief, from Glendive informing him he was going east and directing that he write to him at Jamestown. The man gave another name to the Dakota sheriff, but he has been identified by the postmaster as the man who, under the name of West, called for mail.

The men refused to return without a requisition and a request has been made on Governor Toole for the necessary demand upon the North Dakota governor for them. Sheriff Hubbard expects to leave tomorrow for Jamestown.

Observe the Rules.

Notice is hereby given that the same rules and regulations are in force in regard to the use of hose as were in force last season, and all parties are cautioned against violating the same as the penalties will be rigidly enforced.

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Billings Water Power Co.