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TAKE NEW WAY OF CHECKING CITY LABOR CLAIMS

Council Committee Recommends That Workmen's Time Be Part of The Record

RICHARDS' PETITION ON 8TH ST. BRIDGE

Asks The City to Pay for Gear- ing Put in to Prevent Jar From Cars or Have It Removed

At the regular meeting of the City Council last Monday evening the most important matters were the petition of H. C. Richards requesting that the council either pay for the Eighth Street bridge gearing or allow it to be removed, and the report of the special committee on a plan for checking up claims for labor, before presented to the council.

The meeting opened with three aldermen, Beigel, Schutte and Plumb, absent.

The first business to come up was the petition of Vincent Ingrish for the refunding of \$10.50 taxes illegally assessed. This was referred to the committee on assessment and finance.

Petition on Bridge Gearing

The petition of H. C. Richards of the Richards Iron Works was then read. It was as follows:

To the Hon., the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Manitowoc.

The undersigned petitioner respectfully shows unto your Hon. Body:

That between the 7th day of August and the 11th day of September 1902, he furnished materials and performed work, labor and services in placing in operation a device or apparatus under plans and specifications furnished by your City Engineer, upon 8th Street Bridge in the City of Manitowoc, and for the purpose of holding the draw of said bridge in position and keeping the same more rigid and in place while the street cars of the Manitowoc and Northern Traction Company were passing over the same.

That your petitioner caused said apparatus to be manufactured, adjusted and placed in operation and petitioner is informed and believes that said device performs the work for which it was intended and is an absolute protection against the wrenching and straining of said bridge.

That the cost of said apparatus, including materials and the cost of labor in placing same in connection and in operation is \$606.12.

That your petitioner understood that Thomas Higgins of the Street Car Co. was to pay for this apparatus in order to protect said bridge and insure the safety of its passengers on its street car service.

But Mr. Higgins now claims there was a misunderstanding in regard to the same and now refuses to pay said sum of \$606.12.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that if your honorable body is of the opinion that said apparatus is of value to said bridge in order to protect the same, that the city either accept the apparatus and pay for the same.

Or that it grant your petitioner leave to remove the same.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc. (signed) H. C. RICHARDS.

This petition was referred to the Committee on claims.

Claims amounting to \$162.62 were referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of Alderman Stolze it was decided to advertise for bids for furnishing flowers and plants for the city's parks and cemetery. A motion of Alderman Lorenzen that the fire committee be directed to install a fire alarm box at the north west corner of Tenth and Huron Streets was referred to that committee. The committee on public improvements recommended that an additional 5 per cent of the contract price be paid Walter Bahr for work on sewers along Eighteenth, Franklin and Washington streets. The recommendation was adopted.

Question of Labor Claims

The report of the special committee, created some time ago, on the suggestion of Mayor Kemper, to submit a more systematic method than the one now in use in paying labor claims and claims for supplies, was then read. The committee found that no record was kept in the city offices by which any labor claims could be traced. It found that the laborers have not been accustomed to sign vouchers when receiving pay but that their time has been made out by the street commissioner on the bills presented for payment, and that the vouchers were signed by him. The committee submitted two sample time sheets one of which it recommended should be selected by the council to be filled out in duplicate by the street

commissioner and made a part of the city record. The report was placed on file.

The report of Sexton Emil Schroeder of Evergreen showed that during the last three months 19 males and 10 females had been interred. Alderman Stolze moved that the board of public works be directed to consider the construction of sewers for the ensuing year and to report on the matter on or before the first Monday in March, and also that the board publish a notice requesting those contemplating construction of sewers to make application before the board makes its report. This motion was adopted. The claim of Henry C. Koch for \$21.25 for gravel was disallowed.

Claims aggregating \$903.59 were ordered paid. The meeting then adjourned.

PARK ASSOCIATION COMPLETE

Owners of Old Klingholz Property Elect Directors and Officers

At a meeting of stockholders last Thursday evening at the County Court House, the organization of the Ravine Park Association was perfected. By-laws were adopted and a Board of nine directors was created. The following were elected to the Board: for one year, John Keith, Max Rahr and Joe Staehle; two years, John Chloupek, Edward Schaffland and Edwin Schutte; three years, Wm. Hess, F. C. Baerstatte and Max Staehle.

The Board of Directors held a meeting immediately after that of the stockholders and elected the following officers: Pres., Max Staehle; Vice Pres., John Chloupek; Secy., Ed. Schaffland; Treas., F. C. Baerstatte.

All details of the management of the Park which was formerly the Klingholz property, will be arranged by the officers and the Board of Directors. It is probable that some of the members of the Association will build summer cottages in the park.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE KILLED

Jacob DuBois, once a C. & N. W. Flagman at Fifteenth Street, Loses Life on Freight Car at Reedsburg

Word has been received by friends in this city that Jacob DuBois, formerly employed here by the Chicago & North Western Railway Company as flagman at the Fifteenth Street crossing, has been killed at Reedsburg. DuBois was riding on a freight car of a train that was being switched in the yards at Reedsburg and was thrown to the ground by a sudden jolt of the train. A leg and an arm were taken off and an eye was gouged out.

DuBois, who was a native of Barraboo was 27 years of age and a cripple, being unable to use his right hand. He was visiting in Reedsburg at the time of his death and was simply assisting at the switching. He was unmarried. He had lived in this city about three years.

BAENSCH SUPPORTER DROPPED

Emil A. Hartman, of This City, Dismissed From State Employment at Madison for Political Reasons

Emil A. Hartman of this city, for a number of years in the employ of the state as bill clerk at Madison, has been discharged. He has been in the office of secretary of state for five years and is the last of the old force to be removed. It is said that his dismissal is due to the fact that he is a supporter of Judge Baensch. The position which he held pays a salary of \$1400 a year.

RIDES IN WITH \$3000 CASH

Henry Gries Treasurer of Town of Meeme Deposits Tax Money Here

Henry Gries, treasurer of the town of Meeme, rode in to this city last Saturday, with \$3000 cash in his jeans. He carried no weapon of any kind and though several knew of his departure and of the amount he carried he was unmolested. The money he came to deposit was the balance of the taxes of the town after the school tax had been deducted. The exact amount deposited with County Treasurer Hacker was \$2346.56.

Chas. A. Brandt has been appointed local agent for the World's Fair Guarantee Association. The payment of a dollar a month for a certain number of months takes one to the World's Fair and pays all expenses. The total paid is said to be less than what one could go it alone for. The amount from here for instance is about \$50.

Mr. R. DeLano has returned from a visit to Milwaukee.

ADVANTAGES OF THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Proposed Change To City System Discussed by John Schmidtman

Our city schools consist of two divisions:

1. The highschools.
 2. The grades leading up to them.
- Both will be affected by the proposed change to a city system and both will be benefited by it.

It should be clearly understood from the start that highschool instruction is one thing and grade supervision quite another. The thorough and systematic instruction of the 2,000 grade children of Manitowoc is of more importance than the instruction of its 300 highschool students. It is more desirable for the community, no less than for the child, that the latter be firmly grounded in arithmetic, writing and spelling, than that it be taught algebra, latin and medieval history; for a child weak in the fundamental branches will find itself handicapped in almost any line of work it may undertake in after life.

Not only are the people of Manitowoc today supporting three highschools almost completely duplicating each other's work, but the 2,000 children in the grades—roughly speaking all the children in the city between the ages of 5 and 14 years—are left with only such supervision as the principals can give them during the time they can spare from highschool work.

Enough Grade Children To Warrant City Superintendent

There are enough grade children in Manitowoc and enough teachers instructing them to warrant a city superintendent, devoting his entire time to this work. The efforts of the best highschool faculty in the world may be largely nullified by children coming up to them from the grades unprepared to take up the highschool work. It stands to reason that under the proposed plan—in vogue in nearly every city of the state—the grades can be watched more closely, more regularly, and more intelligently than they can possibly be now, and if they are, they must inevitably improve. Any system that gives them only the divided time of a highschool principal, no matter how good a man he may be, must fall short of the best results obtainable.

Disadvantages Of Division Into Districts

The present division of the city schools into four independent districts precludes the transfer of children from crowded buildings to other buildings. A striking example of this is the case of the children living on Columbus street, only a few blocks from the roomy First ward school, who are compelled to trudge a great distance to the over-crowded Fourth district school, simply because they are unfortunate enough to live at the east end of that district. Neither the courses of study nor the text books are uniform throughout the four districts, and a child moving from one part of the city to another finds itself a "misfit" in the new ward, part of its work possibly being in one room and part in another. As Manitowoc more and more becomes a factory town, this element in its population will increase, and the need of a system permitting the ready transfer of a child from one school to any other without interruption of studies will be more and more keenly felt.

Parochial School Graduates

The same difficulty is encountered by graduates of parochial schools desiring to complete their education in the public schools. The parochial schools are powerless to remedy the difficulty, for, should they pattern their course after any one of the four districts, they will be out of harmony with the remaining three. Our parochial schools are anxious to work in harmony with the public schools, and as soon as the district system is adopted and a uniform course of study established, they will quickly correlate the rs to it. The city will then have a system uniform throughout and a child may be transferred from one public ward school, to another, or to a parochial school by the mere transfer of a record card, such as has been devised by Prof. Keller.

The Proposed System

Under the system proposed there will be but one principal and one city superintendent. The former will have charge of the highschool and the latter of the six ward schools. In each of the latter the teacher of the highest grade, the eighth, will be held responsible for general good order in the building.

Such, in brief, is to be the organization of the grades.

The present three highschools will be discontinued. In their stead will be organized a single highschool—the Central Highschool of the city. Instead of three principals, three forces of assistants, three buildings, and three sets of equipment, there will be but one principal, one building, one force of assistants, and one set of equipment. Taking the place of three, the central highschool will be very much larger than any one of them. All the money, books, and apparatus now at the disposal of the three will be at the disposal of the one.

That organization which produces the best results from the energy and money expended by the community is the system which should prevail; and that the central highschool will do so seems positive and clear.

Such is the system proposed. In the place of four districts, in charge of as many school boards, there will be but one district, taking in the entire city and governed by a city board of education. The system will be absolutely uniform throughout and the duties of no person on the teaching force will conflict with or duplicate the work of any other.

The establishment of a city system of schools will do more than anything else that has taken place in the city since its foundation to make it one town in spirit as well as in name, to bring its people into close relation, and to inspire them to strive for their common welfare as they should strive.

That in itself is enough to make any one take off his coat and fight for the Central Highschool.

JOHN C. SCHMIDTMAN.

FOR POLISH BISHOP

Movement May Result in Appointment of Father Kruska to Green Bay Diocese

According to the Catholic Citizen a great deal of discussion has been aroused in Catholic Ecclesiastical circles over a movement on foot among Polish congregations to have at least one Polish Bishop appointed in this archdiocese. About ten names have been sent to Rome already. The diocese of Green Bay, left vacant by the promotion of Bishop Messmer to the archbishopric of Milwaukee, is the one most prominently in view at present. Rev. W. Kruska is mentioned as a likely candidate should a Pole be decided upon.

MISSING MAN THOUGHT DEAD

Chief of Police Pierce Finds Blood Stains Where Thompson Was Last Seen

Chief of Police Pierce believes that Oscar Thompson who was reported in our last issue as missing has met his death either by suicide, accident or foul play. He examined the vicinity of the shipyards where Thompson was last seen, and discovered blood stains upon the ice. The missing man was suffering from consumption. It was thought that this may have led to suicide.

SUIT OF ARCHITECTS AGAINST COUNTY THROWN OUT OF COURT

Judge Seemon, at Milwaukee, Decides Against Kinney & Detweiler in Court House Matter

The suit for \$500 brought by the architects Messrs. Kinney and Detweiler against the County for plans and specifications for a new County Court house, was rather summarily thrown out of court when it came up before Judge Seemon, at Milwaukee, Tuesday. The architects claimed that they had been authorized by a committee, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, to submit plans and specifications, and that, when they had submitted such plans and specifications, the Board refused to accept the same.

A number of county officials were subpoenaed in the case. Those who went down Tuesday were—County Clerk Edw. Schaffland, President Lehman of the Board, Supervisors Chas. Muth, Robert Uek, Chas. Krause, Wm. Boehringer and Ed. Mohr. Besides these there were supposed to be experts architects Rauber and Tegen and City Engineer Pitz.

No witnesses for the County were called, however. Mr. Kinney of the firm of Kinney & Detweiler was placed on the stand and was severely questioned regarding the plans and specifications. It was brought out that the so-called "plans and specifications" were little more than sketches, and that very many essential items had been absolutely unaccounted for. Mr. Kinney was also caught denying his own former deposition as to what he had told the Board, the cost of building would be. At this Judge Seemon had the jury called in, dismissed them for the day and then dismissed the case.

There were practically two questions up before the court for decision: one, as to whether the committee, appointed by the Board of Supervisors to procure plans and specifications, had or had not exceeded its authority; and the other, as to whether Messrs. Kinney and Detweiler had or had not fulfilled their contract regarding the specifications. As to the second question the testimony of the architects themselves was quite sufficient. As to the first question, the court found that the committee had exceeded its authority. Judge Seemon repeatedly called the attention of those present to the fact that only the Board alone was authorized to procure plans and specifications or to make contracts with architects for the same.

It is not thought, by County officials, that Messrs. Kinney and Detweiler will carry the case any further.

FIREMEN ON THE ANN ARBOR LINE OUT ON STRIKE

Business Agent Of The Organization Orders The Men On Boat No 2 To Quit

TROUBLE OVER NEW SCALE OF WAGES

A strike which may tie up the Ann Arbor Line of steamboats has been started among the firemen, water-tenders and others. Business agent C. C. Baumgartner of the Brotherhood of Marine Firemen Oilers and Water-tenders came to town Monday and ordered out all the members of the organization on the Ann Arbor boat No. 2 which is in the harbor.

The trouble is over the scale of wages which went into effect Dec. 6, 1903 at the close of navigation. The agreement between the Brotherhood and the Company was that the boats should hold to \$17.50 for each man per month during the winter months. The summer scale is the same as that of the winter months but the fall scale is \$65.

The men here claim that they did not know about the scale and they are rather dissatisfied at being called out. The officials of the organization were under the impression that the full scale was being paid but when they learned to the contrary C. C. Baumgartner was immediately sent down to investigate. On arriving and consulting with the men on boat No. 2, Baumgartner immediately telegraphed the situation to headquarters in Buffalo. This morning he received a telegram directing him to allow No. 2 to go out and stating that the matter would be taken up at Buffalo and Toledo. No. 2 will probably be held up at Frankfort and instructions will be issued to the business agents from there.

The men here have not been kept fully informed as to what has been done by the Brotherhood. The Association used to be simply a benevolent organization and was called the Marine Firemen's Oilers and Water-tenders' Benevolent Association of the Great Lakes. Recently however it was thought best to change the name and enlarge the scope of the body. In September the old charter was annulled and the new name, Brotherhood of Marine Firemen, Oilers and Water-tenders of the Great Lakes, was chosen.

In all about seven men have gone out on the boat No. 2. The coal passers, while not members of the Brotherhood went out in sympathy.

TO HOLD JOINT SESSIONS

Two Branches of National Fraternal Organization of this City Unite

At the joint installation banquet and dance of the National Fraternal League of this city last Saturday evening at Cizek's Hall, a sort of consolidation was formed by which the two branches will hold frequent joint sessions in the future. Wm. Davey, deputy state organizer, addressed the meeting.

MANITOWOC COUNTY CLUB IN CHICAGO TO HOLD BALL

Organization Started About Two Years Ago Gives Second Annual Event at Imperial Hall

Announcements are out of the Second Annual Ball to be given by the Manitowoc County Club in Chicago at the Imperial Hall, corner of Halsted street, Fullerton and Lincoln Avenues, Saturday evening, February 6th.

The club has been formed for about two years and the one requisite to admission is that the candidate shall hail from Manitowoc County. The announcement states that at the ball the annual election of officers will take place, and, what is quite as much to the point, that "Manitowoc, Two Rivers and Mishicot beer will be on draught."

The arrangement committee is composed of A. J. Knepper, Chas. Stahl, O. P. Wolf and Geo. Johannsen. The floor committee is as follows: H. J. Knepper, E. Nollan, Oscar Jorsch, Ernst Schmidt, Herman Grabow and F. Miski. The reception committee is as follows: Chas. Stahl, Wm. Kunz, Albert Pantz, Peter Gillick, Aug. Worth, P. Stadler, Mrs. E. Goldenbogen, Mrs. Aug. Winegar, Miss Anna Meyer, Mrs. F. Staehle, Mrs. Geo. Handeland and Mrs. Wm. Wedencamp.

MEET TO ORGANIZE

Catholics of County Assemble in St. Boniface Hall and Discuss Question of Federation

A meeting to discuss the question of the organization of the Catholic Societies in this County into a branch of the American Federation of Catholic Societies was held last Sunday in St. Boniface's Parochial School hall. Otto Seifritz, of Milwaukee, National Organizer of the Federation was present, as previously announced, and addressed the meeting in German. Judge Moeschke, of Appleton, President of the Federation in Wisconsin, was also present and spoke in English. Both speakers outlined the objects of the Federation, the good that it could accomplish and the need for it. J. P. Nolan, president at the meeting. He was authorized by Judge Moeschke to appoint deputy national organizers who should work up the organization in the county. No other official step was taken.

OBITUARY

Edward Fritze

Edward Fritze, aged 85, died Monday fat the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Carstens, in the town of Newton. The funeral takes place this afternoon at one o'clock. Mr. Fritze was a native of Bremen, Germany, coming to this country with the Carstens about 51 years ago. Altogether he has lived with the Carstens 56 years. He leaves no relatives.

Theodore Meyer

The funeral of Theodore Meyer, aged 76, who died last week, was held Friday morning at St. Boniface's church. Mr. Meyer leaves four children: Mrs. Susan Pfeffer, Anna and Joseph, of this city, and Edward, of Brillion. Mr. Meyer was born in Baden, Germany, coming to America in 1830 and settling in St. Nazianz in 1861. He has lived in this city for about 22 years.

Frank Schnorr

Frank Schnorr, aged 80, died last Saturday at the home of his son Alex on South Tenth Street. He was one of the oldest residents of this city and for the greater part of his life was a contracting mason. He retired several years ago. His last illness was of about two weeks duration. Four children, Alex, John, Frank, Jr., and Mrs. Henry Borchardt, all of this city, survive. Mr. Schnorr also leaves two brothers, Philip, of Cincinnati, and Fred, of McHenry, Ill. The funeral took place Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Boniface Church.

A meeting of the directors of the National Bank of Manitowoc was held at the bank on the corner of York and Eighth streets last Tuesday morning. Leander Choate of Oshkosh, President of the bank was present at the meeting.

Miss Faye Landreth entertains some lady friends at luncheon next Saturday noon, in honor of her two guests, Miss Sue Freyback of Circleville, O., and Miss Mary Hansel of Oak Park, Ill.

The engagement of Miss Nora Olson of this city to Oscar Erickson, of Leeds, N. D. has been announced. Mr. Erickson, who was a former resident of this city is at present cashier of the First National Bank at Leeds.

APPEAL TO THE REPUBLICANS OF WISCONSIN

Baensch Campaign Committee, In Open Letter, Urges The Necessity of Party Peace

COMPLIMENT PAID TO S. A. COOK

Factionalism a Crime—Strong Plea For Unity In State In View Of The Coming National Elections

The following open letter, signed by the Baensch Campaign Committee, has been given out:

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF WISCONSIN: The undersigned, with all members of the republican party in Wisconsin, have drifted from differences on non-essentials into warring party camps.

For Party Peace

We believe the time has come when the fight within the party should cease. We believe that this will be found to be the judgment of the party, and that it only remains to choose a way in which it may be given expression and its command issued. At the request of Judge Emil Baensch we have undertaken to organize the republicans of the state for party peace. Actuated by this motive, Judge Baensch has acquiesced in the urgent request that he become a candidate for the nomination for governor. We will actively and vigorously promote his candidacy believing it to be in the best interests of the party, but he considers his candidacy as only a means to an end—party peace—holding the interests of the party paramount to the personal ambition of any man, and should the convention find that some other name would more surely secure harmony, that man will have his hearty support.

A Compliment To Cook

Hon. S. A. Cook, actuated, as we believe, by the same high purpose, has also announced himself as a candidate. While using all honorable means to secure the nomination of Judge Baensch, we can but congratulate the party upon the assurance that the nomination of any true republican who may be a candidate in this spirit, will command the support of a united party.

The candidacy, however, of any man whose nomination would mean a continuation of the present factional division of the party should be discouraged, and the advice of those whose political or material interests would be endangered by the return of peace, should be received with great caution.

National Election Not Certain

Because of local conditions in various states and the disposition of the democratic party to unite its factions with all interests opposed to the administration of Theodore Roosevelt it can be truly stated that the result of the coming presidential election is not one of certainty, and it would be a political crime should a united democracy in its efforts to defeat his re-election be confronted with a divided, factional republican party in Wisconsin. The vote of Wisconsin once determined the result of a presidential election.

Let us have no alignment that will stamp out factionalism. There are no irreconcilable differences. Our greatest concern today should be the unification of the party. To a united party can safely be entrusted the settlement of all issues.

Ask Co-operation

In the efforts we propose making for Roosevelt, Baensch, and party peace, we ask the co-operation of all who are in sympathy with us without regard to factional affiliations. We invite an expression of your views as well as suggestion from you as to organization in your different localities. Our plan involves a thorough organization of the republicans of the state, to accomplish which requires both time and money. Any contributions you may be pleased to make should be sent to Hon. O. W. Johnson, Treasurer, Racine. All other communications should be addressed to P. L. Spooner, 29 Vroman Block, Madison, Wis.

P. L. Spooner (Madison)
O. W. Johnson (Racine)
Sowell A. Peterson (Rice Lake)
J. B. Treat (Monroe)
Geo. B. Clemency (Lancaster)
M. B. Rosenberry (Wausau)
Stephen F. Meyer (West Bend)
Jno. L. Sturtevant (Waupaca)
Chas. E. Brady (Manitowoc)
H. H. Morgan (Madison)
Madison, Wis., Jan. 12, 1904.

Mrs. Wm. Orle will entertain lady friends at her home on North Fourth street this Thursday afternoon at tea in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Faye Landreth.