TO CHOOSE TICKET

The Democratic City-Township Convention Meets Tonight at Turner Hall.

PROSPECTS ARE THE BEST

Republicans Hold Preliminary Caucuses in Some of the Wards.

The democratic city-township convention is to be held at Turner hall at 8 o'clock this evening, pursuant to the call of Chairman Joseph Grotegut and Secretary Ralph Lamont of the city-township committee. The party has been wisely guided in its course so far in the preliminaries to the spring campaign, both in the selection of aldermanic nominess and otherwise, and it is hoped it will choose well in the composition of its township ticket and in the organization of its township committees this evening. In which event it will go before the people with every prospect of success in the municipal and township campaign.

Fifth Ward Republicans.

The republicans of the Fifth ward held a preliminary meeting, in view of the approaching primaries, at the office of B. F. Knox on Twentieth street last evening. While there was no friction on the surface, the way certain elements who desired recognition were rolled after having put up the job to contest the caucus, was interesting to behold. John Miller was chairman and George A. McDonald was secretary. The proceedings started with the adoption of a motion by Frank Kelly that a committee from each precinct be named on the selection of delegates to the city-township convention. The motion was opposed by O. L. Bruner who desired the privilege of naming the representatives to the convention delegated to the chair. The motion prevailed, however, and the chair named as the committee, on the selection of delegates B. F. Knox, D. J. Brown and Hans Schroeder from the first precinct and Frank Kelly, H. A. Weld and James Murphy from the second precinct. The delegates as selected by the committee and approved by the caucus are as follows: B. F. Knox, D. J. Brown, Hans Schroeder, William Gansert, H. A. J. McDonald, M. I. Morris, Charles Sundeen, M. E. Sweeney, Spencer Mattison, Jr., J. L. Freeman, Daniel Montgomery, Sam Ranson and John Stengel. The committeemen remain as before, John Furlong from the first precinct and John Miller from the second. There was no expression as to aldermanic preference, although Alderman George L. Schmid was given a pleasant smile—in acknowledgment of a box of cigars.

Fourth Ward Meeting.

At a meeting of the Fourth ward republicans the following list of delegates was selected to be voted on at the primary to be held Saturday: Dr. W. H. Ludewig, Dr. E. M. Sala, Leo Vemere, Henry Paridon, Ed Tremann, Louis Allars, R. C. Benson, J. K. Brandenburg, Gabe Mosenfelder, William Weisler, H. C. Harris, Rollin Sturgeon and Dr. E. Bradford. Phil Miller was chosen committeeman from the first precinct and Fred Rinck committeeman from the second precinct. Phil Miller acted as chairman of the meeting and Ed Brandenburg as secretary.

The meeting took no action on the aldermanic contest in the ward, but it is understood that a long knife is being sharpened for Alderman R. C. Benson, and he may not be named as the candidate to succeed himself in the council.

In First Ward.

The First ward republicans will meet this evening at the Nold barber shop on Fourth avenue to select a delegate ticket and candidates for ward committeemen. The meeting will be called at 7:30 o'clock.

Candidates Coming Forth.

Republican candidates for the vacancies which will exist at the coming election are coming forth with their papers for the various nominations. Henry Potts announces himself a candidate for nomination for collector, and Louis Pfoh for supervisor. Two new candidate for Seventh ward alderman on the republican ticket are A. E. Nelson and Trideman J. Ellinwood. Alderman George Schmid is a candidate in the Fifth and John Carse in the second wards.

Phil Miller is the aspirant for the aldermanic nomination in the Fourth ward and James Simser in the Third, they filing their announcements yesterday with Chairman Schriver of the committee.

REPORT OF WORK SUBMITTED

Associated Charities Assisted Many Families During February.

The Associated Charities held its regular monthly meeting this morning in Dr. J. W. Stewart's office. Routine matters were attended to and a report of the families assisted was submitted as follows: First ward, 7; Second ward, 10; Third ward, 4; Fourth ward, 4; Fifth ward, 2; Sixth ward, 2; Seventh ward, 8. Miss Dina Ramser, the police matron, reported that 16 families had been helped by donations of clothing.

The association has found a couple of families that are badly in need of cook stoves with ovens for baking bread. The officers are anxious to learn of those who have second hand stoves in condition to use which they are willing to donate to deserving families.

Hearing Is Continued.

The hearing of John Notis, James Notis and John Kartimis, the Greeks arrested and charged with assault and battery for engaging in a fracas near the steel mill Saturday, was continued by Justice Wells, to whom a change of venue from Justice Schroeder's court was taken yesterday afternoon, to 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. They were held under $700 bonds.

STILL NO ACTION

Telephone Ordinance Laid Over Till Next Meeting by City Council.

WISH TO STUDY ITS EFFECT

Ordinance for Construction of Sewer in District No. 1 Unanimously Adopted.

A new ordinance, amending the franchise ordinance of the Union Electric Telephone & Telegraph company was formally presented to the city council last evening, and after some little discussion, was laid over to the next meeting, there being objections to a vote at the meeting last evening. The ordinance is practically the same as the draft which the council has had under consideration for some time only minor changes being made. The measure was read by Mayor Schaffer, and formally presented by Alderman Lawler, chairman of the ordinance committee, who moved its consideration.

At the request of the mayor, City Attorney J. F. Witter briefly analyzed the opinion of the supreme court in the Moline litigation with the Central Union, and again argued for delay in acting on the Union Electric franchise on the ground that the question of rates involved in the new company's ordinance may prejudice the city's case with the Central Union.

Mr. Witter was asked by Alderman Ostrom as to what the supreme court said on this rate question, and replied that the court holds that if the charging of exorbitant rates is in violation of the ordinance, it is cause for repealing the ordinance. The court, however, holds that the ordinance contains no provision as to rates, and that therefore this can not be considered in the legislation, and states flatly that the proper manner to control the rates to be charged by the telephone companies is by a general ordinance. There seems some misunderstanding as to the present situation as to this question of rates, and the city attorney did not make the matter clear as to the supreme court's views on the subject.

The court says "the city could not impose new or added conditions not contained in the ordinance and forfeit the license for a failure to comply with them. If the city has power to regulate and control the service to the public and compel the defendant to furnish adequate and proper service at reasonable charges, the power must be exercised by general ordinance covering the conditions and applying equally to all telephone companies."

Holds Delay Useless.

The city attorney was subjected to a fire of cross examination by Dr. Ostrom, who maintains that the city's litigation with the Central Union has no connection with the present question before the council.

Dr. Ostrom maintained that the damage, if the city's case may be prejudiced by the rate situation as regards the new company, has already been done. He holds that the communications to the council showing that the new company has been unable to do business at the rates charged, are sufficient in court, and the adoption of the Union Electric ordinance will not alter the situation.

Dr. Ostrom, by his questions to the city attorney, brought out the fact that the city must still show that it had cause to repeal the franchise of the Central Union, and that the process of proving this point may consume years in the courts. The case at present is lying dormant in the circuit court and can not be taken up until a new master in chancery is named, and perhaps not for several months later. After the master has passed on the case, months more may be consumed in the circuit court, and then an uncertain period of time will be required to finally determine the case in the higher courts.

"The delay in this case appears to me," said Dr. Ostrom, "to be an understanding among members of the legal fraternity with a view to mulcting the city for legal fees in the litigation."

"Suppose that, in the meantime, while the Central Union case is pending, the new company goes out of business, what has been gained?" asked Dr. Ostrom.

After some little time had been spent in the discussion, Dr. Ostrom moved that the matter be laid over.

District No. 1 Sewer.

The ordinance for the construction of the sewer system in district No. 1 of the southwest sewer system was adopted by unanimous vote. The ordinance, which was presented by Alderman Lawler, provides for the construction of 24-inch drains. The district is between Twenty-second street and the alley between Fourteenth-and-a-half and Fifteenth streets, and between Ninth and Eighteenth avenues. The city engineer's estimate of the cost is $12,456.50. The city's portion will be about $1,000. This is the second section of the southwest system to be provided for. The sewer in district No. 2 was built last year, and the one provided for last evening is to connect with this section.

Under Park Board.

A resolution offered by Alderman Anderson was adopted, instructing the city attorney to report an ordinance to place the boulevard on Seventh avenue between Thirty-eighth and Forty-sixth streets under the care of the park board.

The naval reserves applied for right to build a boathouse at the foot of Twenty-first street. The matter was referred to the license and markets committee to report.

Sprinkling Contract.

Manager Stoddard of the Tri-City Sprinkler company addressed the council relative to the contract with the city for sprinkling the streets. He stated that in 13 years the company lost money in all but two seasons. He asked that the city reduce the charge to the company for water rent, and pay the company for sprinkling the streets. The council turned down the application and adopted a resolution providing for the same contract as in the past, the company paying $400 a year for the water used, and sprinkling the streets in front of city property free as a part compensation for the water used.

Mr. Stoddard suggested that the city, as Davenport has done, provide for the sprinkling as a public benefit, or have the work done by contract. He said that this plan had been found very successful in Davenport, and had resulted in a saving in cost to the property owners benefited.

CAMPBELL DAMAGE SUIT IS CONCLUDED

Case Goes to the Jury to Determine Issues—Prohibition Matter Set for Hearing Tomorrow.

The damage suit of James Campbell against the Rock Island was concluded in the circuit court and given to the jury this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The suit is for $25,000 for the loss of a leg in an accident. Mr. Campbell in the first trial of the suit was awarded $16,000 damages by the jury.

The trial of Floyd Collins on a hcarge of robbery was begun this afternoon. Collins was arrested for taking a sum of money from a Des Moines man at the Rock Island depot some months ago.

Judge Graves has set the petition for a writ of prohibition against the city clerk, to restrain him from placing on the ballot the liquor question, for hearing tomorrow morning. The matter was set for 5 o'clock last evening, but not taken up.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. Nordling of Topeka, Kan., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Peterson.

Mrs. Sarah Town and two sons and daughter will depart this evening for California.

Miss Daisy Eichelsdoerfer left this afternoon for an extended visit in Willard, S. D.

Mrs. Sarah A. Crubaugh and Mrs. Charles McHugh arrived last night from the south. Mr. McHugh having joined them in Chicago.

M. H. Sexton and S. F. Parker left for Chicago at noon today and H. E. Casteel will go tonight to represent Rock Island at the Three-Eye baseball meeting tomorrow.

County Judge R. W. Olmsted and County Clerk H. B. Hubbard yesterday attended the annual meeting and banquet of the state Swedish Republican club at Aurora.

Leon Ashley, a nephew of Mrs. H. H. Hensley of this city, has been honored with the presidency of the class of 1909 in agricultural engineering at the state university.

August Geiger will leave Thursday for an extended western trip, which will include visits to Utah points, Portland, Seattle, and other coast points. He will be gone about two months.

ALL OVER WORLD

Miss Marie C. Brehm Says Agitation of Liquor Question is Universal Move.

GIVES LECTURE ON SUBJECT

Talks at Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rock Island Local Option League.

An address on the subject, "The World Outlook," pertaining to the prohibition question in the various countries of the world, was delivered by Miss Marie C. Brehm, state worker of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, and formerly state president, last evening at the Memorial Christian church. Miss Brehm came here under the auspices of the woman's auxiliary of the Local Option league. She is a member of the advisory board of the state anti-saloon league.

Miss Brehm discussed the liquor question as it exists in various European and other countries and the measures taken in late years by the government and certain social bodies to curb the sale of liquor. She held the liquor question to be the greatest before the civilized world. Taking up the fights being made against it, she told of the international meeting of the Anti-Alcohol league in Stockholm, Sweden, last year, in which addresses were made in 14 different tongues. This resulted in the establishment of an international bureau of information on the liquor traffic, which is stationed at present in Switzerland.

Spreads White Plague.

It was learned by the investigating commissions in Europe, Miss Brehm stated, that the white plague, consumption, is increasing because of the use of alcoholic beverages. A conference of specialists at London recently submitted a report in which was included a resolution stating that alcohol traffic must be stopped if the white plague is to be checked, and that the time has come when the governments of the world should take measures to decrease the traffic if the human race is to be perpetuated.

In Scotland, she stated, 40 per cent of the cases of insanity were due to the use of alcohol. In Germany, a country in which it is said people do not become intoxicated, but which report Miss Brehm says is true only when reversed, drastic measures are being taken both by the emperor and the government to curb the use of liquor. Miss Brehm mentioned briefly the conditions in various other countries, and made comparisons with the traffic as it exists in America.

RAILROAD TIES ARE BURNED

Department Called to the West End to Extinguish Blaze.

The fire department was called at 11:25 this morning to the railroad yards in the vicinity of the Penn Oil Line company's plant where a pile of railroad ties had caught fire, supposed from the sparks of a passing engine. The No. 2 company laid a line of about 500 feet of hose from a plug near the oil plant and the blaze was extinguished without any material loss resulting.

R. N. A. DELEGATES LEAVE FOR PEORIA

Representatives and Aspirants for Office Depart in Special With Banners Flying.

The aspirants for offices, the regular delegates from the various camps and their friends departed for Peoria this morning to attend the head camp meeting of the Royal Neighbors which continues over tomorrow. The party went in a special car attached to train No. 312, which departed at 8:10. On each side of the car were banners designating the nature of the delegation.

Those in the party include Mrs. Mary Fay Hawes, who is now a member of the board of managers and who is a candidate for the highest office, that of supreme oracle; Miss Myrtle Dade, who at present is beneficiary recorder and aspires for the office of supreme recorder, and Dr. Hada Burkhart, who seeks a place as supreme physician. The delegates from this city are the following: Fay Hawes camp, 281, Mrs. Agnes Simpson; Mayflower camp, 101; Mrs. B. Ainsworth and Mrs. Ina M. Barker; Dewey camp, 1036, Mrs. Kate Collier; Prosperity camp, 3831, Mrs. Anna Ransom.

The delegates return tomorrow evening.

Arrange Prayer Meetings.

The woman's auxiliary of the Local Option league have arranged the following places for cottage prayer meetings for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock: Mrs. Pollard's, 722 Eighteenth street; Mrs. Sturgeon's, 1013 Nineteenth street; Mrs. Bromley's, 1133 Tenth avenue; Mrs. Boomer's, 4219 Eighth avenue; Mrs. Kirkman's, 1424 Thirtieth street; Mrs. Andrews', 811 Fifteenth street; Mrs. Taylor's, 2401 Seventh avenue; Mrs. Warnock's, 423 Second street.