

## TO LOSE THEIR JOBS SOON.

### MANY CITY HALL EMPLOYEES SLATED FOR DISMISSAL.

**Recorder of Voters Owsley Even Shows Symptoms of Bowing Before the Will of the People The Victims of Retrenchment.**

The city departments are beginning to prepare for the reduction of forces that will take place when the retrenchment ordinance goes into effect, July 7. City Treasurer Eveland said this morning that the men who will leave his employ are Frank Mallon and Ben West. West has been in the office but a short time. He took the place of Fred Wood, who left voluntarily June 1.

In the auditor's office it is understood that Oswald McAllister, is the unfortunate one. Mr. McAllister has been peculiarly unfortunate this year. In February he fell through an open elevator shaft at the Kansas City Paper house and received injuries from which he may never fully recover. The failure of a small savings bank a few days ago caused him to lose \$200. City Auditor Crawford told the joint committee which prepared the ordinance that he often worked in the office himself, went to court occasionally and signed financial documents. He is attending the World's fair now preparatory, it is hoped, to doing a reasonable amount of work when the force is reduced, though aldermen believe that the office can be managed by three men easily.

Leo Caniman will leave the office of the superintendent of buildings, but it is his good fortune to leave a position, which pays \$4 a day to take one at \$6 a day at the new government building.

In the engineer's department the men who are to suffer a reduction of pay from \$4 a day to \$75 a month are Mike Callahan, Patrick O'Mara, Asa Williams and Robert Greenfield of the sidewalk department; Matthew Lynch, inspector of grades, and John G. Manning, inspector of sunken trenches. The board of public works may add two or three names to this list.

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## ALDERMEN AROUSED TO IRE.

### Judge Field Sends a Scorching Letter to the Westport Council.

It is a gratification to every good citizen that such creatures as you can be selected to govern the affairs of any community. God's mercy surpasses human understanding in letting you live.

These two sentences in a letter from Judge R. H. Field, counsel for the non-progressive citizens of Westport in their losing fight against improvements, startled the aldermen of Westport at their session last night.

City Clerk Love had read some thirty ordinances and the chairs of the aldermen were tilted restfully back when the clerk announced: "A communication from R. H. Field." Each alderman straightened up and some six pairs of aldermanic feet hit the floor with a simultaneous bang.

Everyone was anxious to hear what the excruciating court judge might have to say and it was quickly moved and carried that the letter be received.

"J. C. Rieger, acting mayor and to the acting board of aldermen of Westport," began the city clerk.

"Gentlemen, that is a slur upon this entire city and its officers," said Mayor Rieger earnestly. "The supreme court has just decided in two cases whether we are 'acting' officers or not and I do not think we should receive a communication so addressed."

"Oh, let's have it, it can't hurt us," pleaded Mr. McMillan, curious to know what the judge's letter contained. Alderman Plumb declaimed against disgracing the legislative halls of Westport by the reading of such a communication. He withdrew his second to the motion to receive it. Alderman Banta then withdrew his motion but the curiosity was now at the highest pitch and the objections to the letter's reception were not further urged. City Clerk Love then began the reading of Judge Field's letter and with every word the interest became more intense. The letter was as follows:

J. C. Rieger, Acting Mayor, and to the Acting Board of Aldermen of Westport.

I hear that you have erected an ordinance that a sidewalk of brick or stone is to be put on the south side of Tarkenton street from Main street to the Chicago avenue. To be paid for by the city. There is already a plank sidewalk on this street. I know of no one who would be benefited by such an ordinance. I am sure that you will find it to be a waste of money and a burden on the people of Westport.

During a recent visit to Westport I saw the sidewalk on the south side of Tarkenton street from Main street to the Chicago avenue. It is a plank sidewalk and is in good condition. I am sure that you will find it to be a waste of money and a burden on the people of Westport.

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The provision affecting the fire department does not go into effect until September, and, as Chief Hale is absent, it is not known what he will do. If he promotes each of his three assistants one degree it will make no change in the management of the department and will add \$500 to the present cost, although reducing by \$1,500 the salaries for which the ordinance provides.

The work house hostler, a laborer employed at \$10 a month, will be discharged. It is not likely that a single change will be made before July 7, when the ordinance will take effect, as none of the officers are willing to give up their help until it is necessary.

The position of stenographer for the board of public works, created by the ordinance, is to be held by Miss Ida G. Field, who has been connected with the department for nearly a year.

There is talk today among Recorder Owsley's friends in the council and out that the recorder is not beyond the reach of public opinion and that he is planning to discharge one of his extra clerks. A. R. McKinney is said to be the man slated to go and the reason given for this selection is said that he belonged to the Francis faction and will not be of benefit to Owsley when he seeks reappointment under Governor Stone. The last few weeks have not increased Owsley's chances of securing the good will of the executive. What the council cannot reach by ordinance, public opinion, which has certainly been expressed so clearly that it cannot be misunderstood, promises now to accomplish.

### RIVAL SUPREME BODIES.

**Kansas City Members of the Iron Hall Will Choose Between Them Next Week.**

A mass meeting of members of the Order of Iron Hall in the two Kansas Cities has been called for next Thursday night at the hall at 1106 Main street. There are thirteen branches of the order in the two cities, with an aggregate membership of 1,000, and as there are two organizations claiming to be the supreme body, and each is striving to get hold of the assets of the order from the Indiana court and reorganize it, the Kansas City members are in a quandary as to which body to unite with.

The two organizations were effected on May 20 at Philadelphia and Indianapolis, when two sets of supreme officers were elected. The Philadelphia organization claims to be the only legitimate supreme body of the order of Iron Hall, as the May meeting was composed of delegates duly elected at the various district meetings of the United States. A circular letter signed by Herbert McIntosh of Worcester, Mass., as supreme justice and Arthur Bapp of Philadelphia as supreme accountant has been issued, calling upon all members of the order to stand by the Philadelphia organization.

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J. C. Rieger, Acting Mayor, and to the Acting Board of Aldermen of Westport:

I hear that you have enacted an ordinance that a sidewalk of brick or stone be built upon the south side of Thirty-ninth street from Main street to Baltimore avenue, to be paid for in special tax bills. There is already a plank sidewalk there, as you know, or ought to know. If it needs any repairs, I am willing to make them, but certainly there is no reasonable demand or any just reason for your ordering a brick or stone sidewalk in front of that vacant block, over which probably not a dozen people pass in a day.

But I am told that at the time of the passage of the same and as an argument in favor of its passage a member of your acting board of aldermen stated in favor of its passage that in enacting the same you would get even with me and oppress me for questioning in the courts your rights as officers of Westport and the manner in which you have exercised them and that it was upon this argument that the ordinance was passed, only one member of your body voting against it.

It is a mortification to every good citizen that such creatures as you can be selected to govern the affairs of any community. Good citizens have no human understanding in letting you do it.

There is no tax and through your ordinance no tax, that any and every tax for the work done, will be levied to the furthest extent upon every ground known or discoverable to me. I say this because I do not wish any present suffering in my hands or in your hands. R. H. Tucker.

The letter was greeted with jeers and in some time before order could be restored. Then Alderman McManis moved to have the communication to the sanitary commission. The motion prevailed. Alderman Tucker throughout took a strongly passive part in the proceedings.

Alderman Tucker then exclaimed that he had made the remark previously just quoted in Judge Field's letter. He had not, as mentioned, he said, that Judge Field was standing against the interests of Westport. Tucker then said that he was not in the minority. Finance ought to be passed. This was not the reason he desired to have the ordinance passed, but the sidewalk on the south side of the street passing to and from the new bridge, which were making many complaints at the corners of the footways on Thirty-ninth street, and was for this reason he favored the ordinance.

To a reporter of the Star, Mayor Rieger this morning expressed his opinion on Judge Field's letter. He said: His special ordinance is animated purely with a spirit of vengeance on the supreme body of the order of Iron Hall, who ignored the points to be considered in Westport's ordinance. No city ordinance has a letter in it, and the ordinance is wholly unapproved. The ordinance is a matter of urgent necessity, and the sidewalk expense possibly be paid for by the city, the consent of the directors of the First Baptist church, who own the sidewalk, or the very general consent of the citizens. It is not a matter of vengeance. The ordinance was sent to the proper authorities, and the sanitary commission is the body that is its own responsibility.

### ONCE SHE LIVED IN AFFLUENCE.

**Death Comes to Mrs. H. B. Houghton After Many Years of Trial and Suffering.**

Mrs. Mary Houghton, an aged woman, who was struck by a Frost pneumonia while in the corner of Twelfth street and First street on May 23, died yesterday from the pneumonia at her home, 1015 East Fourteenth street. She was 64 years of age, and the widow of H. B. Houghton, once the chief attorney for the

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