

City council allowed bills for digging ditch for supply main

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July 11, 1904: At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, besides the regular class of claims, the bills for digging the ditch for the supply main from Ninth to 11th street were allowed.

The three-inch main is in and connected, and the stress for water in the west part of town is relieved. The petition of property owners on west 13th Street for the construction of crossings and sidewalk west of the Catholic church was granted and the work ordered done at once.

Sufficient signers not having been secured for a walk on Central Ave., south, the petition was laid over.

W.F. Bartlett resigned as street commissioner, and D.B. Derby was appointed street commissioner and city marshal.

The city park was ordered plowed and prepared for the putting out of trees next spring. This action will meet with the approval of all the people of Goodland. The park should never again be neglected.

July 12, 1904: Butt's Lady Band — One of the novel features of the Fourth of July celebration in Goodland was Thomas Butt's lady band. There was no ostentation or over-wrought dignity about it — only three girls and the old general himself.

Butt takes no back place to anybody when it comes to making the fife speak and had so trained the young girls that they played in perfect time. It was known as the

today in history

Ruleton drum corps and was composed of Thomas Butt, fifer; Nellie Feaster, bass drummer; and Mable Feaster and Myrtle Kuhn, snare drummers.

They played on the street and discoursed their martial music through the city while riding on the Ruleton band wagon, drawn by four horses. D.A. Long sat high enthroned on the driver's seat, and his "plug" hat shot higher still. Bunting was the main decoration on the wagon. Ruleton is never found wanting on the Fourth.

July 13, 1904: The transfer of title, last week, of the C.R. Teeters lot on the corner of 11th Street and Boulevard to Mrs. Kate Leonard for J.W. Tibbles was followed by the report that a 50-foot front, two story brick would be built upon that lot and the one just north. The consideration for the Teeters lot was \$400, and the Seyler lot north can be secured, it is understood, at a reasonable figure.

Those who are on the inside of the deal say that the plan is to build the structure two stories high, to finish off the second floor for the purposes of a large hall; and the first story, the Goodland State bank, it is said, will occupy the south front, and back of it will be a doctor's and a dentist's office.

Something was said about the occupancy of the north 25 feet as a store. Whether or not the building will actually be erected is not as yet given out on authority from the

sources who are backing it financially, but the purchase of the lot is significant.

The putting up of business buildings to supply the need of Goodland's growing importance as a business center ought to be encouraged. It will help the appearance of the city and give it the balance of symmetry it needs to maintain.

July 14, 1904: Better Mail Service for Neville — Neville post office, located about 16 miles northwest of Goodland and in Sherman county, will now have a mail service three times a week instead of two as formerly. Rob Shell has the mail route and makes the trip from Goodland to Neville and returns Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week.

July 15, 1904: Roy Berry in Trouble — Arrested Under Charge of Running Away With Sister-in-Law — Deputy Sheriff J.F. Price of Rawlins county passed through Goodland with Roy Berry, Tuesday, having him under arrest for eloping with his wife's sister. Mrs. Berry is the complaining witness.

He was taken into custody by the sheriff of Kit Carson County, Colo., on Monday on information from the sheriff at Atwood and came waving requisition.

Berry's sister-in-law is a young girl of 16 years of age and was also brought back with Berry. Roy Berry and his wife have been living in Cheyenne county, and the husband,

in his escapade with his sister-in-law, left his home and the pair went into eastern Colorado to live.

July 16, 1904: Sheriff Bradley returned from nearly a month's absence Friday. He shipped in 74 head of horses, including colts, picked up in the west. Mr. Bradley was in Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado.

They were well-bred, medium weight lot, and by Tuesday Bradley had disposed of 20 head to Sherman county farmers. Jacob Lemmer bought 15 head, mostly two year olds, and J.B. Dyatt bought two

teams of well broke and matched mares.

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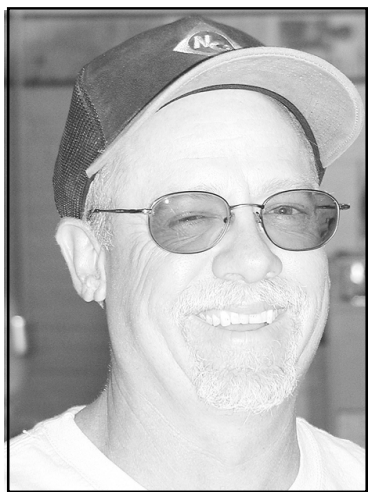
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