

DROPPED FORTY-TWO CENTS

Phenomenal Fall in the Price of Stone Evincing by the Bids on Paving.

WHAT IS SAID OF THE NEW BIDS

Various Opinions Expressed Not Complimentary to the Contractors—Awards for Paving, Curbing and Permanent Side-walks Made by the City Yesterday.

At the regular session of the Board of Public Works held yesterday afternoon the members were treated to a genuine surprise. Acting in accordance with the instructions issued by the city council, the board had invited paving bids on Izard street from Eighteenth to Twenty-third, Twenty-third street from Cumming street to Michigan avenue and Michigan avenue from Twenty-third to Twenty-fourth street. At a prior meeting the members of the board thought the stone men did too high when they offered to lay the pavement at \$2.35 per square yard. About that time the council said that the bids should be upon the 1891 specifications, which provided for a one-year guarantee on stone. The board acted and when the bids were opened it was evident that Wickham Bros. of Council Bluffs had bid \$2.18 on red Colorado. The bid of P. H. Mahoney was at the same figure, but Hugh Murphy took the rag off the bush and went down to \$1.93 per square yard, the lowest bid ever offered in Omaha for red Colorado, or any other kind of stone. The bid was at once accepted and the award was made without any unnecessary delay.

Opinions on the Bid.

Councilman Tom Lowry, who was an interested spectator, and that that was what the one-year guarantee meant for the city. Murphy could afford to lay the pavement for \$1.93, but with the guarantee of the specifications of 1892 it could not be done a cent less than \$2.35 per square yard.

Con Galinszer said that it was simply one of Murphy's bluffs. His bid was for effect and was intended to brace up the stone men in the council. There was no reason why there should be such a difference in prices. The guarantee did not cause Murphy to drop 42 cents per square yard. To prove this he cited Farnam street. That street, he said, was paved with stone nearly ten years ago, and there was no great amount of money expended in making repairs, which went to show that there should not be a difference of 42 cents between a one and a ten year guarantee.

Colonel Egbert of the board said that the bid was simply a Murphy trick. The amount of paving was not great, and Murphy could not lose any great amount of money. The low bid was for the purpose of freeing out the brick men and to convince the council that they were with the one-year guarantee, was the thing.

Other Contracts Awarded.

On permanent sidewalks J. O. Corby bid 1 1/2 cents on vitrified brick and 14 cents per square foot on tile. Ford & Hughes were the lowest bidders on artificial stone at 22 cents, while J. W. Furnas & Sons captured the stone contract. Their bid was 26 cents on white Colorado sandstone three inches thick, 24 cents on red Colorado, 25 cents on Ohio flagstone, 18 1/2 cents on Kansas stone and 25 cents per square foot on Indiana stone. On wooden walks J. E. Knowles was the lucky man. He agreed to lay four-foot walks at 21 cents, six-foot at 31 1/2, eight-foot at 40, ten-foot at 49, twelve-foot at 58, and sixteen-foot at 71 and twenty-foot at 81 cents per lineal foot.

An Interesting Lecture.

Some years ago Mr. F. R. Roberson, who recently came to Omaha from Albany, N. Y., and is now assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, left home for a month's vacation. He went to London, then concluded to visit Paris. The attractions of Berlin beckoned him and he visited the German capital. Thence he went on and on, circling the globe, and the boy of sixteen who started out for a trip of four weeks had nearly reached man's estate before he again set foot in his native land.

During an absence of about four years Mr. Roberson visited many foreign countries, but, unlike most travelers, he journeyed leisurely, lingering long enough in each and to carefully study its history, its customs, its people and its sights. He also gathered an extensive collection of photographs of the interesting places that he visited, and from these he has made a valuable lot of lantern slides.

That Mr. Roberson, boy though he was, made good use of his opportunities was demonstrated at the Madison hotel Thursday evening, when he gave a lecture on India, illustrated by scores of stereoscopic views. He took his audience through Madras, Bombay, Delhi, Benares, Calcutta and other cities of that wonderful country, showing and explaining its quaint people, its strange scenes, its marvelous temples and its beautiful palaces.

The lecture was unusually meaty, packed with interesting information, and it was excellent in diction, and Mr. Roberson is admirably equipped for this valuable educational form of entertainment, and it is gratifying to know that he is prepared to treat Japan and other foreign lands in a similar manner.

Federal Court Notes.

The case against Postal Clerk Leighty for sending fraudulent matter through the mails has been postponed and will not come up in the federal court until Tuesday.

The case of Keck against Mather is now on trial before Judge Dundy and a jury. It involves a Kearney real estate deal, the defendant refusing certain notes given Keck by him for the purchase of a piece of realty.

The jury in the case of Johnson & Co. against G. & C. is still out. The case is the outgrowth of grain gambling, in which the losing player squatted and alleged that the other fellow couldn't collect because it was really a gambling debt. Mr. Gund refused to say on the stand whether dealing in grain options was gambling or not, but his partner insisted that it was gambling and nothing else. In his charge to the jury the judge stated that of course it could not uphold gambling, and that the supreme court had held that the losing party in a game of give and take couldn't come into court and play the baby act. The case involves \$10,000, and this is the third time that it has been tried.

His Brother's Keeper.

Douglas county will not have to care for Edward Wilhelm, the young farmer from the western part of the county, who a few days ago while in a rut and threw away his right hand, thinking he was following out a scriptural commandment.

Yesterday a brother, William Wilhelm, arrived in the city and declared his intention of taking Edward to his home at Grant. The members of the Board of Insanity raised no objections and the insane man will leave this county.

The brother says that he cannot account for Edward's strange freak. He always appeared to be sound in both body and mind, though he always wanted to talk a great deal about religious matters.

Want a Half Holiday.

Some time ago the lumber dealers of the city, both wholesale and retail, signed an

THINKS HIS BROTHER DEAD

Jules Lombard Has no Faith in a Recently Evolved Theory.

H. G. LUMBARD'S CHICAGO REAL ESTATE

It Has Grown Valuable in the Quarter of a Century Since its Owner Disappeared and its Title is Now in Court.

There appeared in a Chicago paper a few days ago a story of a lawsuit over some property in that city in which Horatio G. Lombard, a brother of Mr. Jules Lombard of this city, was at one time interested. The story was based on a theory that H. G. Lombard is still alive although nothing has been heard from him since 1878.

The story told of the war record of the Lombards and gave an account of the capture of H. G. Lombard at Gettysburg and his confinement in Libby prison.

The story as it appeared in the Chicago paper was submitted to Mr. Jules Lombard of this city. Mr. Lombard stated that the article was full of inaccuracies; that he was not in the war at all except as an occasional visitor to the camp of his brother Frank, who was an officer in the union army.

"The report that my brother Horatio is alive," said Mr. Jules Lombard, "is I think made out of the whole cloth. The last time anything authentic was heard of him was fifteen years ago when it was said he had lost his life in trying to cross one of the canons in Colorado, where he was interested in mining property. It is not reasonable to suppose that a man, living, and in his right senses, would deliberately allow the world to believe that he was dead. He would make himself known to some one of his relatives, surely. If the property in question, which is the reason for the story, had never been sold, and Horatio were alive it is hardly presumable that he would have kept concealed these years without some effort being made to recover the land in Chicago which has grown immensely in value in twenty-five years."

So far as I am concerned I believe Horatio Lombard to be dead, and Mrs. Hall, his daughter, who is a very charming woman, will have to rely upon other evidence to prove her title to the estate in question."

In Railroad Circuit.

The Rock Island announces that its line between Omaha and Lincoln is being put in first class shape and trains will be running over it on Sunday.

The work of rebuilding the Sioux City & Pacific bridge across the Little Sioux is now well under way, and it is expected that road will be reopened Saturday afternoon.

Both the B. & M. and the Elkhorn trains yesterday carried parties of conference people on excursions to the Black Hills. They will go through to Deadwood, then come back to Hot Springs for Sunday, and return to Omaha Monday.

On Tuesday the B. & M. will run a special to Hastings for the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

A one-fare rate for the round trip is announced for the Sons of Veterans encampment at Helena. Tickets will be sold August 4 to 10 and will be good until October 10.

In the Criminal Court.

After being out less than fifteen minutes the jury in the criminal court yesterday afternoon returned the verdict finding Dan Geiser and Bill Nestelhouse guilty of being common gamblers. The two men were remanded to jail to await sentence. The punishment in such cases may be three months' imprisonment or \$100 fine, or both, in the discretion of the court.

C. Geo. Wo, charged with having practiced medicine without first having secured a permit from the State Board of Health, was placed on trial.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

James L. Tost of Kearney is at the Arcade. H. S. Mason of Norfolk is at the Arcade. J. H. Gable of Des Moines is at the Millard.

E. P. Weatherly of Norfolk is at the Delone. C. C. Fisher of Central City is at the Arcade.

C. W. Priestly of Oskiole, Neb., is at the Arcade. George M. Baker of Grand Island is at the Arcade.

E. A. Rautger of Nebraska City is at the Delone. B. D. Smith of Kearney is stopping at the Millard.

J. W. Perry of Ord, Neb., is registered at the Arcade. Frank Brewster of Alliance, Neb., is at the Arcade.

C. M. Wilcox of Hot Springs, S. D., is at the Millard. A. T. Blackburn of Atkinson, Neb., is at the Millard.

Mrs. Hammond of Blair is registered at the Millard. P. T. Burchard and wife of Norfolk are at the Murray.

M. C. Tillson of Kearney is stopping at the Murray. C. A. Kaufman of Avoca, Neb., is stopping at the Arcade.

W. E. Peoples of Pender, Neb., is stopping at the Millard. J. C. Miller and wife of Stratham, Ia., are at the Delone.

Campbell Coyle of Nevada, Ia., is registered at the Murray. William Greer of Thurman, Ia., is stopping at the Arcade.

C. T. Brewer and W. O. Rumel of McCook are at the Millard. W. E. Carlton and wife of Sidney, Neb., are at the Millard.

W. M. Wisner of Piatteburg, Mo., is stopping at the Arcade. Frank Powell of Indianola, Neb., is quartered at the Arcade.

CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE

Announces a Sale Extraordinary in Men's Cheviot and Cassimere Suits, at Extremely Low Prices, So Low that Even Trash Could Not Be Sold for Less.

THE BARGAINS FOR BOYS

At This Sale Throw All Previous Efforts in the Shade, Both as to QUALITY AND PRICE.

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MEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Are our prices for Men's All Wool CHEVIOT SUITS

\$5.00 \$6.50 \$7.50 \$7.75 \$8.50 AND \$10.00

On Saturday At the Continental.

Now is the time to save \$5.00 or \$6.00 on a suit. You might as well have the best. Trashy suits sell for these prices in other stores.

CONTINENTAL.

BOYS' LONG PANT SUITS.

SATURDAY.

Don't spend a dollar for boys' clothing until you have seen the suits which we are selling for

\$5, \$6.50 and \$8

This Sale Means Business.

NO SHODDY. NO HUMBUG.

Continental Quality and Methods.

CONTINENTAL.

The Star Shirt Waist.

PRICE ON SATURDAY

35 CENTS.

All Sizes, JUST HALF PRICE.

Laundered Star Shirt Waists.

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\$1.75 \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00 \$3.50

KNEE PANT CHEVIOT SUITS. All Ages. The best values ever shown in Omaha.

A SPECIAL LINE of Vest Suits on Saturday at \$3.00, worth \$5.50

ZOUAVE SUITS--Ages 3 to 7, price \$3.50 and \$3.75, on Saturday.

ZOUAVE BLOUSE WAISTS at \$1.00 on Saturday.

CONTINENTAL.

BOYS' HATS.

Our Straw Goods will be opened on Saturday with a great

HALF PRICE SALE.

25, 38 and 50 Cents.

CLOTH HATS All Sizes and Colors, 20 CENTS.

CONTINENTAL.

Boys' Knee Pants

50 Cents!

150 pairs of those all-wool; regular \$1.00 goods just received for Saturday's sale, at 50 cents.

BATS and BALLS will be given to every suit customer on Saturday.