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Phenomenal Fall in the Price of Stone Evinced 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 Cuming 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 pid too high when they offered to lay the pavementat \$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 Councii Bluffs had bid \$2.13 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 The contract covers something like 20,000 square yards and foots up to \$8,400 less than it would at \$2,35.

Opinions on the Bid.

Councilman Tom Lowry, who was an in-terested spectator, said 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 specifica-tions of 1892 it could not be done a cent less

than \$2.35 per square yard.

Con Gailagher said that it was simply one of Murphy's bluffs. His blu 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 had never been a cent 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

Colonel Egbert of the board said that the Colonel Eghert 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 freezing out the brick men and to convince the council that stone, with the one-year guarantee, was the thing.

Other Contracts Awarded.

On permanent sidewalks J. O. Corby bid 11½ 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, 18½ cents on Kansas stone and 25 cents per square foot on Indians stone. On wooden walks J. E. Knowles was the lucky man. He agreed to lay four-foot walks at 21 cents, six-foot at 31½, eight-foot at 40, ten-foot at 49, twelve-foot at 52, sixteen-foot at 71 and twenty-foot at 81 cents per lineal foot. On permanent sidewalks J. O. Corby bid

There was a lot of talk about compelling contractors to put up more money as an evidence of good faith when they bid for paving. At the present time with their bids they enclose a certified check for \$500 regardless of the amount involved in the contract. This matter was left with the chairman and city

An Interesting Lecture. Some years ago Mr. F. R. Roberson, who recently came to Omaha from Aloany, 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 beckened 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.

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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 land to carefully study its bistory, 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 shides.

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That Mr. Roberson, boy though he was, made good use of his opportunities was demonstrated at the Madison hotel Thurspay evening, when he gave a lecture on India, illustrated by scores of stereopticon views. He took his audience through Madras, Bombay, Delhi, Benares, Lucknow, 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 delivery. 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 in-

volves a Kehrney 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 Gund & Co. is still out. The case is the out growth of grain gambling, in which the losing player squeated 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 eise. In his charge to the jury the jurige stated that of course the court could not uphold gambling, and that the supreme court had neld that the losing party in a game of give and take couldn't come into court and play the baby act. The case involves \$10,500, and this is the third time that it has been tried. volves a Kehrney real estate deal, the de-

His Brother's Keeper. Douglas county will not have to care for Elward Wilhelm, the young farmer from the westers part of the county, who a few days ago while insane cut off and threw away

his right hand, thinking be was following cut a scriptural commandment. Yesterday a brother, William Wil-helm, arrived in the city and declared his intention of taking Edward to his home at Grant. The members of the Board of Insan-ity 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 pity, both wholesale and retail, signed an

agreement to close their offices at 1 o'clock each Saturday afternoon. So far the agreement has been kept to the letter. Now the head clerks are getting in line and will make a desperate effort to induce their employers to give them a half a day off on Saturdays.

NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

According to Plans It Will be the Finest The new Central Telephone building, which is to be erected at the corner of Eighteenth and Douglas streets, just as soon as the grade on the latter street is established, promises from the plans to be one of the handsome buildings of the country.

The new building is to occupy a space 66x66, three stories in height with basement, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

It will be fireproof throughout, and will be built of stone, brick and terra cotta, one of the most difficult combinations to handle effectively in the whole range of architecture. It is almost as difficult as using three languages at once.

In keeping with the American idea the first story will be built of iron and glass; up to the level of the third floor it will be brick with stone appears and cut stone trimmings.

with stone quoins and cut stone trimmings; from the level of the third floor to the top terra cotta will be used and treated richly. The frieze will be composed of an alternating unit, the honeysuckle and paimette, treated in bas-relief. In the spandrel of the arch the plans call for a bit of artistic work, Mor-cury's caduceus, the symbol of the messenger of commerce

The fronts on Eighteenth street and Doug ias street will be exactly the same in style so that looked at from an angle it will pre-sent a perfect unit. There will be a recessed entrance on Eighteenth street for the build-ing proper, from which a stairway will rise to the second story where it will terminate, a private starrway leading to the operating room in the third floor, which will be a model apartment in every respect, the de-sign of the company being to make this room the best equipped and appointed in the

Over the central portion of the structure will be a large skylight with well to the basement, lighting the underground portion with light from above. One-ninth of the floor space in the operating room will be made of glass directly undergeath will be made of glass directly underneath the skylight, so as to give light to those below and for the further reason of keeping

below and for the further reason of keeping out the dust.

The second floor will be devoted entirely to the officers of the company, finely lighted and ventilated rooms being provided for the president, auditor, superintendent, general manager, with a large public lobby in the center, lighted from above, ladies' and gentlemen's toilet rooms, vaults, etc.

The basement will have two entrances from the central part of the building and from an alley entering into Douglas street. In this portion the repairs will be made, the supplies will be kept, with rooms for the construction department, chief inspector's office, fan and dynamo room, galvanometer room, shops and storage room, besides a hydraulic lift to the sidewalk. The caples will enter from either side of the building and enter from either side of the building and will be carried up to the operating room by stack on the south side near the east wall.

In the matter of heat both direct and indi rect methods will be used, the basement, first and second stories relying upon direct currents for their heat, while the operating room will be indirectly warmed, a fan in the

room will be indirectly warmed, a fan in the basement supplying air to this very important department of the telephone exchange.

In design the building will have more the appearance of an art club house than that of one to be used for the purpose of commerce. The outside will be of brick treated in some of the shades of brown and combined harmoniously with terra cotta. Harmony, it will be observed, is an inflexible rule with the architects rather than contrast, and it will be when tects rather than contrast, and it will be when completed one of the show suildings of the city. Owing to the change of grade on Douglas street new working plans are being prepared for the basement and first stories and when President Yost returns from the east the contract for the new building will

In the drawings, Messrs. Walker & Kimball, the architects, have been actuated by a single idea, that of making a thoroughly American building, using the general principles of the Italian renaissance, a style which is rapidly gaining favor.

Mr. Walker, who is responsible for the plans of the new structure, is one of the best informed Italian scholars in the country, having walked through Italy while others. In the drawings, Messrs. Walker & Kimbal

having walked through Italy while others BALKED BY THE BURLINGTON.

Not Inclined to Obey the Western Traffic Association's Decisions, CHICAGO, Ill., May 27 .- Whether the commissioners of the Western Traffic association will modify their decision requiring the Burlington road to charge a higher rate to Beardstown than to East St. Louis on through traffic from the Mississippi river, or whether the Burlington will be read out of the association because of its refusal to obey the order, is a question in which much interest is manifested. The Burlington people say they cannot comply with the require-ment without violating the long and short haul of the interstate commerce commission, nor can they do so without abandoning their

East St. Louis business. They refuse to do either, and so the matter rests.

The American Railway Accounting Officers association at today's session elected D. A. Waterman of the Michigan Central president, and G. W. Booth of the Baltimore & Ohio vice president. & Ohio vice president.

Figuring on a New Road. New York, May 27.—A party of western men had a long conference with Russell Sage, president of the Iowa Central, with a view to interesting him in the organization of a construction company to build a road from Centerville, In., to Sabin Pass, Tex., on the

gulf. The scheme is said to have been well considered by Mr. Sage, but no definite action was reached. It is hoped to effect a consolidation with the Des Moines & Northwestern narrow gauge by which connection can be made by way of Sioux City. The Iowa Central would furnish a connection with Duluth, and Chicago could be reached via the Iowa Central and Tolego, Peoria & Western.

A Cold-Blooded Killing. SALT LAKE, U. T., May 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—W. H. Lewis, a deputy sheriff, entered the shop of J. A. Gier, a barber at Sandy, five miles south of here, yes terday and without provocation shot and killed the proprietor, firing five shots, all of which took effect. Lewis had returned from Bingham Junction where he had been drink-

Bingham Junction where he had been drinking. He walked into the shop, remarked:
"D—you, you are my meat." and began firing. Gier fell to the floor in a pool of blood.
One of the bystanders was about to take the
gun from Lewis, but he made a threatening
demonstration and the fellow decided to refram. Gier said: "I want you to hear my
dying words. That man and I never had a
quarrel in our lives. He came in and shot
me without any provocation. I don't know
what made him do it." The murderer is in
jail.

trish Affairs in Bad Shape. NEW YORK, May 27.-The conference committee of the Irish league, at a meeting here, ciaimed that the constitutional movement for the verge of settlement by Parnell, has reached a crisis involving grave danger of failure. Factional strife and suspicion have brought about an almost cessation of efforts in America and Australia.

Funeral of Young Vanderbilt. NEW YORK, May 27.—The funeral services over the remains of W. H. Vanderbilt, eldest son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, were held to-day. The interment was in the Moravian cometery, Staten Island, the Vanderbilt burial ground.

Dalias Secures a Packing House. Dallas, Tex., May 27 .- The Butchers National Protective association has decided to locate its packing house and stock pens

THINKS HIS BROTHER DEAD Jules Lumbard Has no Faith in a Recently

Evolved Theory. H. G. LUMBARD'S CHICAGO REAL ESTATE

It Has Grown Valuable in the Quarter of i 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. Lumbard, a brother of Mr. Jules Lumbard of this city, was at one time interested. The story was based on a theory that H. G. Lumbard is still alive although nothing has been

heard from him since 1878.

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

The story as it appeared in the Chicago paper was submitted to Mr. Jules Lumbard of this city. Mr. Lumbard 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, 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. Juies Lumbard, "is 1 think made out of the whole cloth. The last time anything authentic was heard of him was afficent was a said a had

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 sonable to suppose that a man, living, and in his right senses, would neliberately 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 Horatlo were alive it is hardly presumable that he would have kept concealed all 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 Hora-tio Lumbard to be dead, and Mrs. Hail, 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 Circles.

The Rock Island announces that its line beween Omaha and Lincoln is being put in first class shape and trains will be running over it on Sunday. The work of rebuilding the Sloux City & Pacific bridge across the Little Sloux is now

well under way, and it is expected that road will be reopened Saturday afternoon, Both the B. & M. and the Elkhorn trains resterday carried out parties of conference people on excursions to the Black Hills. They will go through to Deadwood, then come oack to Hot Springs for Sunday, and return to Omaha Monday.

On Tuesday the B. & M. will run a special to Heathers for the August Order of Hiber.

to Hastings for the Ancient Order of Hiber 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 a verdict finding Dan Geiser and Bill Nestlehouse guilty of being common gamblers. The two men were remanded to jail to awalt sentence. The punishment in such cases may be three months' imprisonment or \$100 fine, or both, in the discretion of the court. medicine without first having secured a permit from the State Board of Health, was

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

James L. Tout of Kearney is at the Arcade. H. S. Mason of Norfolk is at the Arcade. J. H. Gable of Des Moines is at the Mii-E. P. Weatherly of Norfolk is at the Del

C. C. Fisher of Central City is at the Ar

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

E. A. Rudiger of Nebraska City is at the Dellone. B. D. Smith of Kearney is stopping at the Millard. J. W. Perry of Ord, Neb., is registered at

Frank Brewster of Alliance, Neb., is at 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 tne Millard.

P. T. Burchard and wife of Norfolk are at M. C. Tillson of Kearney is stopping at the Murray. C. A. Kaufman of Avoca, Neb., is stopping

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

Campbeil 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. Cariton and wife of Sidney, Neb., are at the Millard. W. M. Wisner of Plattsburg, Mo., is stopping at the Arcade.

Frank Powell of Indianola, Neb., is quartered at the Arcade A. G. Shears of Chadron, Neb., is regis-

erea at the Millard. Mrs. Kate B. Chinney of Lincoln is regis-tered at the Millard. C. T. Ward of Surprise, Neb., is registered at the Murray.

J. Hatfield and E. Wilcox of McCook, are stopping at the Millard. O. L. Briggs and wife of Battle Creek, Neb., are at the Arcade.

R. F. Klate and J. F. Losch of West Point, Neb., are at the Millard. Joseph H. Miller and wife of David City, Neb., are at the Murray.

H. H. Hobbs of the Omaha Indian agency is registered at the Arcade.
S. P. Rounds, jr., and daughter of Salt Lake City are at the Dellone. A. T. McCartney and daughter of Wyom-ing are stopping at the Deilone.

Mrs. W. P. Hazelton of Tarrytown on the Hudson is registered at the Dellone. Hon. Thomas C. Benton, state auditor, was in the city yesterday between trains. Mrs. Leland Stantord of California passed brough the city yesterday on her way east. William H. Burns, veneral manager of the Montana Union railroad at Anaconda, is at

the Millard. Hon. J. W. Johnson of Lancole, secretary of the State Board of Transportation, was in the city yesterday on business. W. H. Burns, formerly general agent of the Union Pacific at Council Bluffs and now located at Anaconda, Mont, is in the city. Senators Cares and Warren of Wyoming were both in the city yesterday, the former on his way to Washington and the latter headed for home.

Mr. A. L. Becker, an extensive farmer and cattle raiser of Union, Cass county, was in Omaha yesterday, after having marketed some fat cattle at the South Omaha market.

CONTINENTAL CLO HOUSE

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

CONTINENTAL.

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\$5.00 Are our prices for Men's All Wool \$7.75 CHEVIOT SUITS \$8.50 On Saturday AND 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.

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

This Sale Means Business.

NO HUMBUG. SHODDY. Continental Quality and Methods.

CONTINENTAL.

PRICE ON SATURDAY

All Sizes.

JUST HALF PRICE.

Laundered Star Shirt Waists.

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The best values ever shown

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.

Our Straw Goods will be opened on Saturday with a great

HALF PRICE SALE.

20 CENTS.

CONTINENTAL.

Star Shirt Waist. Boys' Knee Pants 50 Cents.

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

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