

LAD FINDS SPURIOUS COIN

Counterfeiters' Cache Discovered by a Boy While Digging a Cave.

EIGHT HUNDRED BAD HALF DOLLARS

Excursions in Which the Metal Was Melted Also Brought to Light Money Poorly Made and Would Have Deceived No One.

Freddy Harsch, 4 years of age, discovered a small fortune in half-dollars while digging a cave in a bank near his home at 3550 Pacific street Monday afternoon. When the clay was washed from the coins, however, it was found that they were all counterfeit, and further down in the cache the crucibles in which the metal had been melted were unearthed.

Bogus halves to the number of 815, or 167.50, were found stowed away but a few inches below the surface of the earth. Their appearance and the increased condition of the crucibles indicated that all had been buried for at least a year and had not been disturbed during that time on the edges.

The coins are very perfect, being light, thin and poorly molded. All were made from one model, a half-dollar of the year 1877. They are now in the possession of Special Operative Webb of the United States secret service, and he says it was plainly the work of amateurs. Despite their burial in the moist clay, the money retains a luster, and this leads Mr. Webb to believe that tin solder was mixed with lead in their composition.

Work Hopelessly Bad. Not one of the coins is finished, none being trimmed or filed on the edges. They are hopelessly bad counterfeits and could never be passed anywhere. Mr. Webb says the makers evidently knew this when they buried them and never intended to get them again. He considers it a good joke on the counterfeiters that they kept on making the money when the first samples and all that followed were found to be bad. A proof of their greenness at the game. In addition to the 815 complete half-dollars there was one half section of another which had been cut in two.

Thought He Had a Fortune.

The knives of the machine just missed cutting into the cache, which was in this hollow, and the heavy rains of the next few days washed away the earth, and all but laid bare the money. The water percolated through to the hiding place and left a hollow depression just over the cache. In that hole Freddy thought he had found a natural beginning for his projected cave. He started to work Monday afternoon, when all the children of the neighborhood were at school.

Stealing Arid Land

"The desert land act is the most inequitable piece of legislation ever placed upon the statute books," said a prominent western senator to a correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald. "Without any perceptible increase in our farming population during the fiscal year ending June 30, over 300,000 acres of Montana's choice farm lands are being sold to the federal government. It is fair to assume that at least as many more acres were taken up during the same period that have not been paid for. How long, let me ask, can this work of acquiring land largely for the benefit of companies and corporations continue before our rich arid domain will pass beyond the reach of settlers and home builders?"

"In view of national aid in the reclaiming of our arid lands, the first step should be the immediate repeal of some of our present land laws and the preservation of public domain for actual settlers. If this cannot be done, federal aid will only be a stream. It can never be a permanent one. The nation will not appropriate money except it be in the interest of actual settlement. When the desert land act is repealed and the issuing of scrip is stopped, as it should have been long ago, and the public lands are held for home builders, then, and not until then, will we have laid the foundation for the upbuilding of agriculture and for an industrial growth never surpassed in any country."

"We can readily understand why capitalists in Chicago, Boston and New York, men in novice identified with the upbuilding of the western states, who have invested money in cattle sheep raising and in favored places commanding wide ranges, should look with disfavor upon all measures that tend to settlement and growth, but it is not easy to understand how men living in the western states and taking pride in their achievements should be indifferent to these subjects. With what propriety can a federal government be asked to expend millions of dollars in the construction of reservoirs and irrigating canals after all the lands tributary to them have been appropriated by a few men and a few companies? In ninety cases out of a hundred the provisions of the desert land act have not been complied with in securing title. In fact, the provisions of the law have been flagrantly violated and title has been secured by the rankest perjury."

INSPECTING WEATHER BUREAU

Henry J. Cox, Head of the Chicago Station, Visits the Office of Forecaster Welsh.

For the first time in seven years the United States weather bureau and station in Omaha is now being inspected. Henry J. Cox, professor of meteorology and head of the weather bureau at Chicago, is spending two days with Mr. Welsh at the local headquarters.

These inspections are scheduled to occur at least once in two years, and hereafter will come at about that interval, as the system has been recently altered. Heads of the department such as Prof. Cox now do the inspecting, but formerly the duty was assigned to an inspector who was at all the time. On other occasions when the inspector has been in this part of the country and headed this way sudden calls have turned him off in some other direction, and Mr. Welsh was glad to get Mr. Cox here at last.

The visit has the power of destroying worn out and obsolete government property and also makes all recommendations as to supplies which a station may stand in need, so it is most pleasing and beneficial to a weather man to have the inspector come around, that is, if his station is in good shape, as is the case with the local bureau.

Mr. Cox talks most interestingly of his work. He said: "Director Willis Moore of our service and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in whose department we are, work hand in hand for the benefit of the weather bureau, and they have the honor of the Elkhorn. It is a wonderful thing for the farmers if they could receive at noon each day the forecast for the following day. This, in fact, has sprung into great prominence as one of the most important features of the rural free delivery. Superintendent Meacham of that service has taken it up with a will and is aiding us so that we already have the system in good working order in many places. Mr. Hill of Chicago, who is in charge of the farmers' forecasts in this section, tells me that the farmers await much more eagerly the little card bearing the prediction than they do their mail, and that they place great value on the convenience, which they could not have secured a few years ago had they not been living close to large cities."

"The standard of the weather department personnel and staff grows higher each year. In fact, I think it the superior of that in any other department of the civil service. We no longer uncover any of the rottenness, the inefficiency and general debility on the part of employes that were once familiar to those imposed by the law. A man must be considered in the light of being still hunt after such unhealthful or criminal conditions."

WRECK ON NORTHWESTERN

Mail and Express Train Runs Off Track Near Crescent and Postal Clerks Are Injured.

At 7:50 Wednesday morning the Chicago & Northwestern mail and express train No. 9 ran off the track at Crescent, Ia., about five miles east of Council Bluffs, where a broken flange in one of the car trucks.

Operations of Land Grabbers in the West.

in monopolizing the ranges and fraudulently acquiring title to the public domain. The agricultural population of the arid states is not increasing in nearly the ratio with which the government is disposing of its estate, thus showing that the live stock companies are extending their operations in the land business, a process which will result in time in the entire absorption of land which is now looked upon as available for settlement by an increased population.

Many of the men who have availed themselves of these possibilities are of high standing and would indignantly resent the idea that they were dishonest in any particular. It has become the custom for a man who desired to secure a lot of land to let it be understood that such land was worth so much per acre to him as soon as title could be conveyed. The result of such an announcement is to bring in a lot of irresponsible people, who file upon the tract which the rancher desires to secure, borrow from him the money to prove up, and after title is completed convey the land for a small consideration above the indebtedness to the man desiring the large landholding. The existence of land laws which can be evaded by a form of perjury apparently regarded as legitimate has generally been a terrorizing effect upon the public morals. It has come to such a pass that few men seem to hesitate to strain their consciences to cover a government land transaction. This perjury is open, avowed and notorious. When the land office attempts to investigate a claim to title before title is secured, to pass the investigation does not seem to produce any real results, for apparently any number of witnesses can be secured who will swear to an unlimited number of falsehoods when a government land transaction is to be made.

If the desert land act was resulting in the building up of homes upon the arid domain of the United States a certain element of fraud might be overlooked in view of greater benefits derived. But the law now stands today is simply an agency for the monopoly of the land by powerful industrial and political combinations, and should be removed from the statute books without delay. Not only should this be done, but if necessary special legislation should be enacted whereby all land now held under this matter at all land legislation, a forty being the smallest tract recognized in the surveys of the public land.

RATE WAR COMES TO AN END

Pretty Fight Between Rock Island and Elkhorn for Minneapolis Travel.

FOOT BALL CONTEST IS THE CAUSE

Scrimmage Between Passenger Officials is Almost as Lively as it Will Be Between the Pigskin Panthers.

The rate war on transportation from Lincoln to Minneapolis, occasioned by the Nebraska-Minnesota foot ball game Saturday afternoon, has ended. After the Northwestern and Rock Island had each announced a rate for the route to the Rock Island withdrew. The Northwestern immediately announced that the rate of \$3 was still in force and anyone who wants to go can do so for \$3. The Northwestern runs over its own tracks from Lincoln to Minneapolis and has been chosen as the official train by the foot ball team. The special train will leave Lincoln at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening and returning will leave Minneapolis at 7 o'clock Sunday morning. It is thought that more than 1,000 people will attend the game.

Some feeling has been engendered between Elkhorn and Rock Island officials because of the action of the latter in inaugurating a \$3 rate at the very start. The Elkhorn people say that such a big cut at the get-away was unwarranted. They retaliated Tuesday by announcing a \$4 fare. The Rock Island immediately met this. Then the Elkhorn executed what was intended to be a final coup by giving out a rate of \$1.

Officials Hold Conference.

Officials of each road held a conference yesterday, or attempted to do so, but the meeting was productive only of much blue fire. The intent had been for each to abandon its \$3 rate by agreement, and for both then to establish some fare less extreme and stick to it. Nothing was accomplished, however. The Elkhorn representatives declared that the proper way for the Rock Island to begin the cut would have been to do as the Illinois Central did from Minneapolis down to Lincoln last Thanksgiving day, drop first to \$8, then descend as competition between the roads compelled it to do, instead of making such a radical break at the start. The conversation at the conference hinged on this one bone of contention.

The Elkhorn trains from Lincoln will not touch Omaha, running to Fremont and thence to Missouri Valley, where they will be transferred to the Northwestern line and carried thence by that road straight up to Minneapolis.

The Rock Island route will be through Omaha and as far as Valley Junction, Ia., five miles west of Des Moines, on the main line to Chicago, 199 miles in all from Lincoln. At that station the train goes north to Ames, thirty miles, and then transfers to the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway tracks, using that road for the remaining 260 miles.

SCHWEIZER STILL IN JAIL

County Attorney Wants to Examine Another Witness Before Dismissing the Case.

At least one day more of confinement awaits Fred Schweizer, who has been in custody since Sunday, pending the investigation of circumstances attending the death of Neil Bertelsen, his former landlord. Tuesday a coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that Bertelsen came to his death as the result of "hyperemia in an altercation with Fred Schweizer." Further than this the jury placed no responsibility upon Schweizer, but Lysle J. Abbott, assistant county attorney, who has had charge of the case, is not satisfied to drop the prosecution just yet.

Promotion for Bravery.

Word reaches us of a small band of soldiers who held at bay a large number of Filipinos for over two hours until assistance arrived, thereby saving an important point from capture. For their bravery they were all promoted to lieutenants. It is necessary to have strong nerves and a good digestion. If your stomach is weak and you suffer from indigestion, heartburn, belching, nervousness or insomnia, you should try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will cure you.

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PLANNING AUDITORIUM WORK

Suggestion to Relieve Directors' Board of Much of the Routine Business.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the auditorium board to assist the president in arranging the different committees for the coming year is discussing a plan to relieve the majority of the members from much of the routine work and to give them an opportunity to devote more time to raising funds.

It has been suggested that an executive committee of nine be selected from the twenty-five directors, and that routine matters be passed upon by this committee, which will hold meetings every other day. This plan, it is believed by the promoters, will increase the effectiveness of the work, as during the last year it was found impossible at times to get out a quorum of the board for the transaction of business which was of a pressing nature.

W. G. Armstrong, recently employed as collector, is meeting with fair success in collecting the funds due on the first stock assessment. The second assessment will probably be levied at the time work is started on the construction of the building, and then assessments will come more rapidly as that work advances. The amount of the second assessment will be decided upon at a future meeting of the board, and collections on that will probably be pressed closer than upon the first, as it will be necessary to have more funds on hand during the construction of the building.

The announcement of the intention of the board of directors to have the basement completed to the height of the bar-bar-entilation work in May will be hailed with pleasure by the governors, as they were at a loss to know where they will be located for the coming year. It is said that they will have to give up possession of the old Coliseum at the beginning of the year.

COURT TAKES A DAY OFF

Judge Munger and Other Federal Officers in Omaha on Brief Respite from Official Grind.

Judge Munger and other federal court officials spent yesterday in Omaha, returning to Lincoln last night. The jury appears there today and the court has set probably four cases for trial this week and next.

One of these will be the old matter of Emma Walker against John Mosher, a saloon keeper of Ashland, Neb. In which Mrs. Walker sues for the loss of her husband, spoliated and killed, as she alleges, by liquor from Mosher's saloon. This case was tried here during the May term, but the jury hung it up, standing 10 to 1.

While at Lincoln the United States district court held a transcript of "hyperemia in an altercation with Fred Schweizer." Josephine G. Johnson sues the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road for \$5,000 for loss of support, her husband having been killed in an accident on that railroad.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Republicans Formally Open the Campaign with Good Meeting.

CANDIDATES ALL PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS

Many Reasons Given Why the Party Should Have the Support of the Voters at the Polls This Fall.

The fall campaign was opened by the republicans last night with a meeting at Woodman hall. As the meeting had been well advertised the attendance was good and much enthusiasm was manifested. Bruce McCulloch acted as chairman of the meeting. The rally was held by the two republican clubs of South Omaha for the purpose of ratifying the action of the county convention.

County Judge Vinsonhaier was the first speaker. The judge thanked the South Omaha delegation to the convention for its support. Charles Unit, candidate for county clerk, spoke at some length, urging that the entire republican ticket be elected this fall.

W. J. Hunter, nominee for county treasurer, spoke when called upon that he was a plain, every-day business man and that if he was elected he would do the best he knew how to make a good county official. Thomas Crocker, candidate for recorder of deeds, pointed to his record as a faithful official, who had turned in more money into the county during his term of office than his predecessors. For this reason he thought he deserved re-election at the hands of his party.

Superintendent Bodwell, E. F. Bralley, candidate for coroner; George McBride, Fred Dienthaber, candidate for county commissioner; from the Fourth district; Charles Atsadi, candidate for police judge, and H. S. Duke, a candidate for justice of the peace, also spoke briefly and were well received.

School Board Matters.

At the present time eleven rented rooms are being occupied by pupils of the public schools. Superintendent J. A. McLean stated last evening that he thought there would not be any necessity for renting any more outside rooms for a time.

The school house being erected at Fort-second and L streets is nearly completed and it is expected that this new two-room building will be ready for occupancy within one week. When school is opened west of the tracks the room of Mrs. Moore at Lowell will be greatly relieved, as she now has ninety-four pupils. Two more teachers who are now on the assigned list will be employed to teach in this new school, which has not yet been named.

Superintendent McLean has changed the old order of teachers' reports. Now such reports will be made at the close of each school month and not at the end of the calendar month. In compliance with the law, a comparison between the school census and the enrollment is now being made. This work will occupy the time of the help in the superintendent's office for about a month, as the names must first be arranged in alphabetical order. When the result between the census and the enrollment is found a list will be furnished to Trust Officer Jackson, who will give to the parents of children who are not attending the schools at this time.

As for the corps of teachers, Superintendent McLean said that the teachers were all hard at work and were giving very general satisfaction.

Club Reception.

On Friday night the South Omaha club will give a reception to its members. W. B. Cheek and W. S. King will look after the refreshments while Colonel J. B. Watkins, R. S. Hall, P. A. Wells and J. H. Brady will act as a reception committee. Bruce McCulloch and J. H. Brady constitute the entertainment committee. The hours for the reception are from 8 p. m. until midnight.

Epworth League Officers.

These officers have been elected by the Epworth league: J. E. Lush, president; Eldon J. Smith, first vice president; Mrs. H. B. Finney, second vice president; Miss Anna Boret, third vice president; Miss Maud Smith, fourth vice president; Miss Fanny Brown, fifth vice president; Horace Brass, treasurer; Elroy Tibbits, secretary; Miss Martha Widdis, chorister.

Norwegian Club Elects Officers.

The Norwegian Republican club met last night at Franck's hall and elected these officers: O. J. Johnson, president; Edward Erwick, vice president; George Johnson, secretary; O. G. Ekelan, treasurer. After the election of officers a number of addresses were made by the members, mainly on the topics of the day and then resolutions on the death of President McKinley were unanimously passed.

Semi-Annual Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the Joint Car Inspection association was held yesterday at the South Omaha Live Stock exchange. President M. K. Barnum occupied the chair. Reports of officers were read, showing that the organization is en-



You Look Sick

What makes you look that way? What's the trouble? If your tongue is coated, if you are bilious, if your head aches, if your food rests heavy on your stomach, and if you are constipated, then the whole trouble is with your liver.

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lately satisfactory to the railroads interested. The Omaha & St. Louis railroad was admitted to membership in the association. W. H. Cressler, general foreman of the association at South Omaha, was commended for his excellent services during the last six months. The next meeting of the association will be held in April, 1902, at the Live Stock exchange.

Changes at Cudahy's.

A number of changes in the working force at Cudahy's were made yesterday. W. J. Brennan, who has been paymaster at this plant for about six years, has been promoted to the position of superintendent, William Watson, another old-time employe, has also been made a superintendent. In the division of the work Mr. Brennan will have charge of the hothouse, the lard refinery, tin shop, beefhouse, soap factory and the box factory. Mr. Watson's duties will be confined to the superintendence of the hoghouse, the car shops, the glue factory and the porkhouse. Both of these new superintendents will report to General Superintendent Patrick Sheehy.

President Robbins Here.

President Robbins of the Omaha Packing company and a number of the prominent officials of the company spent a portion of yesterday afternoon in the city. They visited the stock yards and the Omaha plant as the guests of General Manager Benn. While no definite information was given out, the impression prevails that the Omaha Packing company will proceed at once to erect a packing house in Kansas City.

Single City Gossip.

Complaint is made to the authorities that X street east of Twenty-third street is in a filthy condition. Senator Millard and his secretary, J. H. Hayes, were in the city yesterday and called at the government building. South Omaha live No. 35, Ladies of the Maccabees will give a dance at Masonic hall on Thursday evening, October 17.

SETTLE IT OUT OF COURT

Mrs. Fisher's Claim to an Interest in the Estate of J. E. Byers.

Mrs. Marie L. Fisher's application to the county court to be appointed administratrix of the estate of the late J. E. Byers has been withdrawn. Mrs. Fisher claimed an interest in the estate on the strength of having

been the common law wife of the deceased. It is understood that the relatives of Mr. Byers have made a settlement with Mrs. Fisher by paying her \$10,000 in cash and allowing her to retain possession of the diamonds and the residence on Park avenue, this city, given to her by Mr. Byers in his lifetime. Mr. Byers was in the live stock commission business in Chicago and South Omaha and lived in this city.

Stepped into Live Coals.

"When a child I burned my foot frightfully," writes W. H. Eads of Jonesville, Va., "which caused horrible leg sores for 30 years, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured me after everything else failed." Infallible for burns, scalds, cuts, sores, bruises and pills. Sold by Kuhn & Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

H. E. Owen and A. J. Sears of Norfolk, N. C. visited Omaha, N. D. Saturday. Mr. E. W. Wilson of Paducah, Ky. and E. L. Millon of Wahoo are state guests at the Murray. Attorney Julius S. Cooley has returned from a trip to Denver, where he was called on legal business, stopping on his way back at Hastings, where he spent Sunday. The state will hold a school teachers' convention at Hastings, where he spent Sunday. The state will hold a school teachers' convention at Hastings, where he spent Sunday.

Nebraskaans at the Merchants: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patton, Bloomfield; H. M. Fox, J. B. Dickinson, Big Springs; G. W. Henn, William Henn, Howells; W. L. White, York; W. N. Leuninger, Springfield; J. H. Bridgwood, Paxton; W. S. Baker, Gretna; D. L. Shenefelt, Fort-science; William Callon, York; B. D. Sherwood, North Bend; J. C. Cleland, Fremont; J. W. Kerns, Ainsworth; C. A. Wells, David City; J. E. Hoff, Grand; T. U. Whipple, DeWitt.

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