YOUNG WOMEN WANT A HOME

Association Proposes That Judge Neville Enlarge His Building for It.

ASK ADDITION OF TWO MORE STORIES

Proposition is Not Agreed on, However, and Christian Organization is Still Waiting and Watching for Place.

The Young Women's Christian association has approached Judge James Neville with a proposition for one or two stories for the association to be added to the contemplated building at Sixteenth and Harney streets. It is understood, however, that the builders and the association committee could not agree on the terms of such an agreement and that nothing will come of the matter.

The association has been in need of larger rooms for a long time. It has grown rapidly, and, beside this, the present rooms in the Paxton block are not particularly well suited for its purpose. A building fund was started a long time ago and has grown as well as could be expected, and the women are understood to have at their command in addition several large donations. They have had the plans drawn for a five-story building and at one time practically had an option on a Harney street property. But the announcement of so many new store buildings has made it rather doubtful if additional places on Harney street could be rented advantageously for the present, and, in addition, the fund had not grown sufficiently to allow of the new home for some time to come.

The association management declined to give any details, but it is understood the idea was to make an arrangement with Judge Neville by which the women should build and control one or two stories placed above the three which are now planned for the old church corner.

Owners of real estate on South Sixteenth street are anxious to have more than a three-story building erected on this corner, and several of them have been talking up a proposition for a number of business men to unite in a pool which shall build two additional stories on the Neville structure, control and rent them for a period of years, and then turn them over to the owners of the real estate. No such proposition, however, has been made to Mr. Neville, and he is inclined to think it would not be satisfactory. He has not definitely decided to limit the building to three stories, but whatever height is put up, he will do it himself. No leases for store space or offices in the new building have been made.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

Secretary Burgess Calls Attention to Some Conditions the Board Has Met.

OMAHA, May 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: In The Evening Bee of May 17 appeared the following editorial comment:

Comparative expenditures of the school board during the first ten months of the fiscal year 1902-1903 and the first ten months of the fiscal year 1903-1904 show an increase of more than $50,000 in the cost of school government, although the increase in the payroll of the teachers has been less than $6,000, and the increase in the payroll of janitors has only been $1,100, while the "miscellaneous" expenses have increased by nearly $12,000.

In calling the attention of the public to this $50,000 increase over the previous year you fail to state that $25,000 of this increase is due to the construction of the new Monmouth Park school building. No new school buildings were constructed during the previous year. That the fuel for the present year has cost the board $4,036.04 more than the previous year; that the board has paid in taxes $4,454.67 during the present year as against nothing paid during the previous year; that an additional $2,500 has been placed in the bond redemption fund more than was placed during the previous year; that $11,600.82 was paid by order of the court on account of the McDonald judgment, as against nothing paid in the previous year. This amount appears in the secretary's statement as "miscellaneous expenses."

Add to these items $7,100, which you have mentioned as the increase in teachers' and janitors' salaries, and you have a total of $54,691.53.

I have never been able to discover that you have ever called the attention of the public, in discussing school board finances, to the fact that the Board of Education has now in the bond redemption fund $211,613.50 with which to redeem the school district bonds due in 1908 and 1912. This is the amount which the law states shall be in the bond redemption fund. I believe that I am correct in saying that the school district of Omaha is the only legislative body in the county of Douglas that has strictly complied with the statutes in regard to its sinking fund. I think the public should know that the statute requires that nearly $100,000 shall be set aside during each year for the creation of a sinking fund and the payment of interest on the bonded indebtedness that has been incurred by the action of the people themselves in voting bonds for the purchase of school sites and the erection of school buildings.

J. F. BURGESS,
Secretary Board of Education.

DENTISTS BUSY AT CLINICS

Put in Day with Technical Demonstrations, Many Delegates Taking Part in Program.

The meeting of the State Dental society this morning was devoted exclusively to clinics, at the Omaha Dental college. The principal demonstrators were: Dr. C. A. Rayer, Tekamah, articulating metal bridges; Dr. Clyde Davis, Lincoln, oral surgery and Allen's method of making porcelain inlay; Dr. W. N. Dorward, Omaha, gold filling, moss fiber gold; Dr. W. T. Humphrey, Lincoln, carving cusps; Dr. J. Enos Wait, Superior, method of making bicuspid and molar crowns; Dr. John Foster, Omaha, gold filling, using Ney's gold, Nos. 60 and 120; Dr. Elizabeth C. Field, Lincoln, treating abcessed teeth, fistulous opening with sulphuric acid; Dr. D. J. McMillan, Kansas City, combination filling with cohesive and noncohesive gold; Dr. W. H. Sherraden, Omaha, Logan crown with band; Dr. C. W. Graft, Tecumseh, use of narcatile; Dr. L. G. Van Slyke, South Omaha, appliances; Dr. W. R. Smith, Pawnee City, prosthetic (table clinic); Dr. H. B. McMillen, Kansas City, orthodontia (table clinic).

The afternoon session was given over to the address of President H. A. Shannon, followed with numerous papers and discussions.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE FOILED

Plans of Young Man Fail, Even After He Writes Last Letter to Mother.

According to the story of Otto Bemford, arrested at the Union station Tuesday evening and the charge of vagrancy placed against him at the city jail, he has been the victim of an unkind fate for sometime, so he resolved on self-destruction. The young man was hanging around the station in a manner as to arouse suspicion when arrested, and when searched at the police station several farewell letters were found in his pockets. Two of the letters were addressed to his mother and sweetheart and appeared to have been written but a short time before the arrest. The letter written by Bemford to his mother reads:

My dear mother:—When this my last missive reaches you I shall have passed into that most eternal beyond where I shall live in hopes of meeting you again. My many debts and other troubles, which are numerous, have led me to commit this rash act. Good by to all those who are dear to me. I will remain in death as I was in life, your loving son, Otto.

With Bemford, was arrested another young man who gave the name of Cleveland Kemp. He was arrested several weeks ago in a resort and when searched had a "hold-out" card apparatus in his sleeve. For this charge he was fined $50 and costs. He is now being held on a vagrancy charge.

Frank Ford On Trial.

The case of Frank L. Ford, the "joking burglar," so-called, came up for trial in the district criminal court yesterday, the prisoner being charged with having broken and entered the residence of T. H. Ensor, in South Omaha, October 19. Four other indictments of a similar nature are pending against the prisoner.

Sunday's Bee will be particularly interesting to automobile owners.