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MUCH WORK OVER WARRANTS

Bankers and City Officials Busy Because Questionable Securities Are Being Sold.

Some industrious individual who is peddling a number of questionable Omaha special fund warrants in New England is making work for Omaha bankers and city officials through efforts of persons to whom the warrants have been offered to find out why they are on the market in this irregular manner.

Several years ago sidewalks were built by contractors who received warrants to be paid out of special fund levies. Later these levies were declared to be illegal and the levy failing the contractors were unable to collect their money. When this condition developed a number of speculators bought the warrants for a song and are now attempting to force the city to assume payment of them from the general fund. These cases are being contested in court, the city maintaining that the warrants were received by the contractor with due notice of the law and the defenses which property owners might make to the payment and that the city was not obligated to assume these warrants as part of its general liabilities. The case is pending in the supreme court.

A few days ago a letter was received from Boston saying some of the warrants had been offered for sale there and the person to whom the offer was made desired to know why Omaha warrants were being hawked about when it was known in financial circles that the city had never defaulted in an interest payment nor in paying its obligation when due. Last week a letter was received by Luther Drake from Hartford, Conn., saying a client of Mr. Drake's correspondent had been offered a block of these warrants at a low price but hesitated about buying because he had heard that some litigation had grown out of the issue. He deplored the appearance of objection on the part of Omaha to paying any obligation and asked for the facts in the case. Mr. Drake referred the matter to the city comptroller who took the question up with the legal department. No specific answer could be made as the warrants were not described with accuracy necessary for their identification, but the city authorities said that they were no doubt part of the issues which were in litigation on the question of the liability of the city for special fund warrants issued under the law as it existed at the time of the issue. There is about $60,000 in such warrants in the hands of contractors or speculators who have secured them at a low price hoping to get face value and interest out of the general fund.

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BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB NAMED

Adopts Name of Progress Club at Dinner Held at the Rome.

The business men's club of fifty of the leading business men of Omaha held its regular monthly meeting last night at the hotel Rome behind closed doors. The organization was perfected and the name of the Progress club decided upon. The question of the rigid enforcement of the Sunday law was discussed pro and con. The invitations which were sent to the members stated that this question, which is of such vital interest to all the citizens of Omaha, would be discussed.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Q Street Viaduct Ordered Closed to Street Car Traffic.

STUB LINE SERVES WEST SIDE

Move Said to Be an Effort to Force Company Into Line on the New Viaduct License Ordinance.

Orders were issued condemning the Q street viaduct to street car travel Saturday. The order was put into effect at 5 p. m. The company is, therefore, operating stub cars on West Q street. The viaduct is unquestionably in bad shape, but it is asserted it is not any worse than during the summer. At the time the roadbed was propped up from below with heavy timbers. These are still in place. This action, said to be a move to whip the street car company into line on the pending ordinance, which imposes on the corporation a license of practically $4,000 a year. The railroad and the stockyards were to have the present viaduct condemned as soon as they announced that they were ready to begin the reconstruction of the new viaduct. None of the material for the new structure is on the ground yet, but the city council passed a resolution some time ago to the effect that at such a time as the two companies in particular announced that they were ready the viaduct should be closed. Thus it lies within the power of the two companies to close the viaduct as has been done and force the inconveniences on the street railway company. Wagons may still cross.

While this action is possibly a source of annoyance to the streetcar company, it will mean very little real loss; but the people of the west end of the city are likely to have decided opinions on the closing of the viaduct. If there was any evidence of immediate replacement of the old structure no complaints would be heard. If it comes to a matter of necessity, the street railway company can bring its South Omaha line to the packinghouse districts from Hanscom park and not make use of the viaducts at all. Such action would be a blow to the present city of South Omaha.

Paving Case Postponed.

The injunction suit brought by Dan Hannon against the city to prevent it from entering into the contract with the National Construction company for the paving of Q street, which was to have been tried yesterday morning before Judge Kennedy, was postponed for one week by request of the city authorities. The object is to give time for Mayor Hector to return from Excelsior Springs to take direction of the case. It is evident that the city attorney does not wish to be entirely responsible for the manner in which the city's defense is conducted. The injunction was brought by Dan Hannon on the ground that his bid was lower and better in all respects than the bid of the National Construction company. The contract was awarded to the National Construction company by the city council on the technicality that Hannon had not submitted samples of the brick to be used with his bid. Hannon on his part maintains that the National Construction company also has not strictly complied with the law in not having filed its samples with the city clerk. There is a difference of $600 in the contract as determined by the bid.

The city engineer said yesterday, "From what I have been able to learn from the assurances of people who profess to know, the Coffeeville brick will stand as good a test as the Purington block. I am of the opinion that the city council will reconsider its action and vote to reject all bids on Q street. Later it will readvertise for bids. To my mind that is the reasonable thing to do.

"I am about to enter upon a study of the subject of paving and intend to make use of the experience of Omaha so far as I am able. I will make use of its experience in the matter of concrete foundations especially. I am collecting data of numerous bids which have been offered during the year. Some have been lower and some much higher than the bids we have received."

Boys Make Good Wreckers.

The South Omaha High school boys rallied yesterday in good style for the work of tearing down the brick veneer of the old Young Men's Christian association gymnasium. Many of them worked all day. The brick on three sides was removed and the frame work can now be razed and conveyed to the new location at Twenty-third and M streets. When this frame is set up the sides will be sheeted and made as secure as possible for a temporary arrangement. The brick which the boys took down and cleaned yesterday will be used in the new foundation. About fifty boys worked at different times during the day. In the evening the young women of the high school served a dinner for the boys at the First Methodist church. Mrs. Beavers had charge of affairs and the young women made excellent waitresses. A table of honor was set for the boys who performed the most faithful service. After the dinner the boys and girls held a delightful carnival of fun in the parlors of the church.

Magic City Gossip.

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The family of Mayor Hector expects to return shortly.

Peter Lenagh reported the loss of a horse and cart yesterday.

Jetter's Gold Top Beer delivered to all parts of the city. Telephone No. 8.

P. C. Caldwell has moved from the Pioneer block to the Walter Brandes block.

A Union Pacific freight car on the city track was broken into Friday night and a barrel of beer taken.

The moving of a house caused considerable confusion and delay of the street cars yesterday morning.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. F. E. Housemen Wednesday afternoon.

Free for Xmas. Until December 15, one life-size picture given with one dozen best photos at Petersen's studio.

A fire alarm from Swift and Company's packing plant brought out the fire departments yesterday evening. No damage was done.

The death of Albert Pflug of Sarpy county occurred last night. He was a boy of 4 years and died from the effects of scarlet fever.

The Modern Woodmen of America will give an entertainment at cards and other forms of amusement, a supper and a social dance at their hall Thursday evening.

The South Omaha school teachers received their pay yesterday morning, to the amount of $8,000. Two-thirds of the money was in cashiers' checks, one-third in currency.

At the recent civil service examination at the South Omaha postoffice, five took the examination for clerk and fourteen for carriers. They will be placed on the list of eligibles.

The Epworth league will give a social for the purpose of securing its annual hospital donation, Tuesday evening, November 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Clark, 2412 B street.

We now make deliveries of Bennett's Capitol coal direct from South Omaha yards to all parts of South Omaha and Albright. Telephone Douglas 137. The Bennett Company.

Walter Flynn of St. Michaels, Alaska, is visiting in South Omaha. He is a young man and intends to go to one of the Omaha colleges. His father is commissioner general of Alaska.

The Octavo Card club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Cauliflower, 1936 North Twenty-fourth street. Mrs. C. Ziebarth won the first prize and Mrs. C. U. Needell won second prize. Mrs. Ryke, Mrs. C. U. Needell, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. C. Ziebarth, Mrs. N. O. Smith, Miss Williams and Miss Dobyns were the guests. The meetings are held fortnightly. The next will be with Mrs. B. Ryke.

The old negro, who shines shoes at Twenty-sixth and O streets, reported to the police last night that his 9-year-old boy had failed to return at supper time. He feared he had met with a misfortune.

James Harold, Twenty-eighth and L, reported that he had sent his son in his buggy after some medicine, and that the boy failed to return with either the medicine, the horse or the buggy.

Cases of smallpox have been reported from the homes of Joseph Balkovec, 190 South Twenty-second; Hurman Lush, Thirty-seventh and H; Leta Alton, 3119 Z, and John Balkus, Thirty-sixth and H.

WHITES TREAT THE REDS

Banquet Served by Losers of Berean Class to the Winning Side.

A banquet given in the First United Presbyterian church parlors Friday evening by 130 members of the Berean Bible class was a treat from the white side of the class, which lost a victory in the recent membership contest in which there were two forces, the "reds" and the "whites," the former winning by a small margin. The Ladies' Aid society served the repast.

John Gillespie presided as toastmaster and his remarks were of much interest to all. Others who contributed to the pleasure of the occasion were Dr. Allwine, on the "Bereans;" W. T. Graham, on "Our Work in the Sabbath School;" John Hansen, "Our Convicts," which referred to new members; Richard J. Shankey, "Our Workers;" Dee K. Gillespie, "Our Class Colors," and Rev. David R. Turnbull, pastor, on "The Class and Its Future." The class quartet added to the enjoyment of the evening. The class presented Mrs. Dr. Allwine with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and Dr. Allwine, teacher of the Berean class, was also the recipient of a bouquet of beauties, with the best wishes of the class. Mr. Misner was presented with a beautiful Berean banner from the red side for his efficiency in securing new members.

The Berean Bible class is one of the most progressive in the city. It has grown from a small class of a dozen to its present enrollment of 175 in a little more than ten months. The hustling spirit is still evident. The boys and girls are busy dressing 200 dolls now, which are to go to the City Mission to help gladden the hearts of some of the less fortunate ones in this city, who never know what a dolly is.

This band of workers has charge of the Christmas entertainment of the church also, and if hustle counts for anything it is safe to say that there will be a very enjoyable evening for all who come.

Having just returned from Amsterdam, the diamond center of the world, with a large lot of selected diamonds, the prices ranging from $1 to $1,000 apiece, and buying direct from the cutters for cash, it enables me to sell to my retail customers in or out of Omaha at wholesale prices. A. B. Hubermann, forty-one years at southeast corner Thirteenth and Douglas.

NARROW BUT TALL BUILDINGS

Brick Structures on Small Ground Space Go High in the Air.

The Daily Record, reprinting from its namesake of Baltimore, presents some interesting paragraphs showing the size of some of the dwelling houses now being constructed in the Maryland metropolis. That ground space in Baltimore is called upon to stand all the traffic will bear is shown by the following:

Six two-story brick dwellings will be erected on Warwick avenue, between Presbury street and Windsor Mill road, by H. M. Willis. They will be 14x25 feet each and will cost $7,200.

Frank Novak will erect twenty-eight two-story brick dwellings on the east and west sides of Baxter street, between Jefferson and Orleans streets, to cost $16,800. There will be two houses on each side, 14.6x50 feet, and twelve on each side, 12.6x42 feet.

Walter L. Westphal will erect seven two-story brick dwellings on the west side of Mine Bank lane, between Hoffman and Preston streets, each 12.2x28 feet. They will cost $5,000. He will also erect on the east and west sides of Hare street, between Fayette street and Fairmount avenue, sixty-six two-story brick dwellings, to cost $52,000. Four will be 13.11x50 feet and sixty-two will be 12.2x38 feet.

Richard Burdette will erect twenty-three two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Lombard street, between Garrison lane and Catherine street. Each will be 13.9x42 feet. They will cost $26,000.

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The "Currency Famine."

OMAHA, Nov. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: For nearly twenty-three years in control of the Omaha Daily Herald, I was the first editor in the United States, so far as my information and memory serve me, to advocate the gold standard as a measure of values and as a basis for a redeemable circulating medium. I am not a banker. I do not understand all the ins and outs of banking. But about the philosophy of money, the functions and uses as a tool for mediating the exchange of values between buyers and sellers—all trade consisting of buying and selling—I have some knowledge and a record, which, in the present debate on the money question, I would thank The Bee to allow me to preserve, in a brief way, in its columns.

Much is said and heard about our "currency famine." Harper's Weekly of the current issue emits a long moan and groan about a "currency famine," and calls loudly for new laws to relieve it in a chorus of the old, old clamor for "more money." How many times during two panics and the insanity of the silver craze I combatted these financial heresies under the leadership of the "conscript fathers" of the national democracy, Edward Rosewater would bear prompt and generous testimony were he now living. I do it now, as the time and events have conspired to give me no public voice in these important affairs which so deeply concern our people in their business, in their lives and in their homes.

I utterly deny that there is even a shadow of a "currency famine" in our country. The precise contrary is the truth, and any man, high or low, who believes it on the evidence, impeaches his own intelligence or his own candor.

Three thousand millions of gold-based currency are in the hands and control of 87,500,000 people, and the government of the United States at this very moment, $1,000,000,000 more than they had ten years ago. Ninety-five per cent of the business of this country is carried on without the use of a dollar of this currency. What becomes of the mooted "currency famine" by the light of facts like these? The country made no more money. It has, in God's holy truth, been cursed and nearly ruined—it was saved only by those "wealthy malefactors" only the other day from universal disaster—by too much money, and not at all by too little money. But, if this is so, it may be asked, what is the matter with the country? People under panic, which is never anything but fright, have had their confidence shattered in every part of the country, because they feared they could not draw their own billions from the banks and other depositories, and they began, according to Mr. Shaw, to draw it out and bury it in strong boxes and holes in the ground as long ago as last August. Never mind about the causes for the purposes of this article. It is the stupendous fact with which we are dealing. Panic seized upon the great financial heart of the nation and spread all over the land as fast as lightning could carry it. Payment to depositors was refused, but not until hundreds of millions were removed from use in New York City alone in less than five days. All this time Wall street magnates were unloading all sorts of securities with such a crash in prices and values as has not been often seen in this or any other country. It is fair to assume that these millions, turned into cash, now sleep in the steel-clad vaults of the metropolis, and, in my opinion, their sleep will not be disturbed until somebody in power and a frightened people shall ordain a new departure in public opinion which has been driven to frenzy by indiscriminate assaults upon corporate property interests of the United States. But in all this, and through all this, has there been any contraction of the currency? Not in the slightest. The $3,000,000,000 are intact to the last fraction of a dollar—too much currency, I repeat, by at least $1,000,000,000 for protection against the demon of inflation, which, next to political ambitions and agitations, is the original seat of all our troubles. It has been, and is, not a contraction, or a decrease, in the volume of the currency that has paralyzed our prosperity, but it is simply and solely a contraction of confidence and credit, which is the heart and soul and supreme arbitor of all trade and all business. This, and never anything else in the world, has produced what is called a "currency famine" which has no existence. It is a famine of confidence, without which, under the vast and delicate credit system that is inseparable from modern methods of business, all trade and all commerce must suffer paralysis, and sometimes ruin. This is the coagulated milk in our sadly shrunken financial cocoanut, as the wise men, including our great financier, Mr. Bryan, shall find out in due time. Perhaps we had better leave it all to my eminent friend, as in committee of the whole, to fix up the business for us all, now that he has become a "gold bug." As a lawgiver on finance Mr. Bryan is said to see better and hear better than he did even three or four weeks ago.

But what about the remedy? The president and the "wealthy malefactors," including Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller, who have been in close touch with him in recent days, have concluded to give our sick finances another dose of the very medicine which has caused our present disease by issuing treasury certificates, more and more money, of which we already have $1,000,000 too much by the increased production of gold and other money. Will that prove a remedy? Not unless Samuel J. Tilden and all other financial men of standing were fools will it do anything of the kind. It may palliate, it cannot cure. The only cure for our disease is to remove the cause of it. To restore confidence the people must be made to see, and leaders of public thought must be given to understand that corporate property is just as sacred as private property, and continued, indiscriminat and destructive assaults upon billions of this property and upon all men of capital because a few such men have committed wrongs, must cease. Theredore Roosevelt started his war, on railroad rates not on railroad discriminations and rebates, let it be remembered, but on rates, to head-off Bryan and government ownership of all trunk lines of railroad." I know this to be a fact. Now let "the turns" who are in a foot race for the presidential office, that one or the other may occupy or control it, call it a draw, get their heads together, and agree to stop these infernal raids on property and capital. This done, and money will pour out of the vaults and into the banks again in a steady stream. GEORGE L. MILLER.

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