

CHANGING THE PLANS.

The Proposed Retaining Wall Next the Court House Not to be Built

A Visit to be Made to Architect Meyers by the County Commissioners to Secure His Advice.

This afternoon County Commissioners Carlin, O'Keefe and Knight will start on a visit to several of the eastern cities and will be gone about ten days.

Within the last two weeks these county officials have had grave apprehensions that their plans and those of Architect Meyers of grading down the Farnam front of the new court house and constructing the retaining walls, could not be effectually carried out. It was originally intended by them to bring down this front to a proper grade and having done this to construct a retaining wall whose base should be ten feet below the concrete base of the foundation of the court house and to be only four feet farther out. This has been found lately to be impracticable, as the immense weight of the building upon this frail foundation would impair its safety. This project will, therefore, be abandoned, and another substituted. The feasibility of putting in a substantial retaining wall two feet outside of the line of the street, is being discussed, and meets the general approval of the county commissioners. Should this be adopted the use of four feet of the sidewalk space will be necessitated, as a place for the base of the stairway leading up to the court house.

While gone the commissioners will visit Detroit and interview Architect Meyers upon this change of plan and obtain his views in the premises. That gentleman was telegraphed yesterday of their intended visit to his city within a few days. The commissioners will also inspect the court house structures in Chicago and the public buildings of several other cities. After leaving Detroit the county officials will go to Saginaw, Mich., and probably enter into a contract with Ernest Fierce the contractor for the furniture for the new court house, to also furnish it with chairs. They will then go to New York and purchase chandeliers for the county building if suitable prices can be got. When these pieces of furniture have been obtained arrangements will have been made for a complete furnishing of the new court house. The cost of chairs to be purchased has not yet been determined and the commissioners will probably act upon the advice of architect Meyers in the matter. The estimated cost of the chandeliers is nearly \$3,500.

Seal of North Carolina Smoking Tobacco is the best.

THE TRIAL TRIBUNALS.

Connelly Discharged—The Lovjoy Case Now on Trial.

In the police court yesterday afternoon George Wagner was brought before Judge Bencke on his preliminary examination on the charge of burglarizing a store on Tenth street on the night of December 10th.

Mart Connelly, who has been incarcerated in the county jail since November 23d, on the charge of complicity in burning Nettie Howard, was discharged by Judge Bencke, and the examinations of Thompson and "English L/2" set down for the 22d of this month.

In the county court, Judge McColloch declared a dividend of 15 per cent additional to that of 45 per cent declared in October in the Bradford & Piercy property left for another dividend of 10 per cent.

Constable J. F. Page yesterday sold under an order of sale from this court the property of A. H. Daly, seized under writs of attachment by Hawley & Langworthy and Robert C. McClure. These claims of these two parties, plaintiffs, amounted to over \$1,200, and the property sold netted \$617.

In the district court before Judge Neville, the Dodson case was on trial all day. During the progress of the trial yesterday two brothers named Golden, one the son-in-law of the defendant, were called into the witness stand on opposite sides of the case. The one used by the state was called to impeach his brother and swore positively that a statement which he denied ever having made, had been made by him to witness.

In the United States court the motion for a continuance in the case of the United States against Lovjoy was overruled, on condition that witness, E. K. Valentine, for the defense, be allowed to testify without objection of counsel for plaintiff.

A jury was then empaneled in the same. Assistant District Attorney Barrett for the client and Judge Thurston for the defense, stated to the jury what they expected to prove. From statements of counsel for defendant they will attempt to show contributory negligence on the part of plaintiff and will try to deprive the execution of the bond by the trustee.

On application of C. N. Powell, Esq., attorney for plaintiff in the case against the West Point Butter and Cheese association, Arthur S. Potter, of this city, was appointed receiver. He was required to enter into a \$10,000 bond for the faithful performance of his duties, Graham Bradley and John S. Coak, of Omaha, becoming his sureties.

The Law as Laid Down by the Court. The following are the principal points covered by Judge Wakeley in his instruction to the jury in the somewhat noted Nelson-Rasmussen case:

ents by intemperance, the plaintiff is entitled to recover some damages, and this is so even if other persons said or gave him drinks during the same period, and which contributed to the intemperance.

LOST LIGHT.

The Buckingham Theatre in the Meshes of the Law.

Yesterday morning action was commenced in the district court by the Northwestern Electric Light company against John Nugent, Bob Green and George W. Duncan, proprietors of the Buckingham theatre, for the total sum of \$425 50. This amount is for the use of the electric light which has so brightly swung in front of the well known Twelfth street varieties, and led so many through indignity's way. In addition to the regular suit a writ of attachment was asked for and granted on the ground that the defendants were disposing of about to dispose of their property with the intention of defrauding their creditors. It is thought that this will virtually close up the Buckingham unless one of the defendants, who is a man of means, comes to the rescue individually. All good citizens hope that the end has come and the lovers of good order can heartily proclaim: "So much for Buckingham. Off with its head!"

A MIDNIGHT BLAZE.

One of Gen. Estabrook's Houses Totally Destroyed by Fire.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock last night an alarm was turned in from box 41. The fire was in a small story and a half cottage occupied by a colored lady named Ousley and several roomers, and situated on the alley between Sixteenth and Seventeenth and Chicago and Cass streets. The flames had gained great headway before discovered and were extinguished only after they had almost completely destroyed the building. The fire communicated with the carpenter shop occupied by Samuel Stephenson, and destroyed a great portion of the building and contents. The cottage was owned by Gen. Estabrook, and is thought to be partially covered by insurance. Mrs. Ousley's goods were unharmed. Mr. Stephenson had policies to the amount of \$1,100 on his building and contents, but he thinks this will not more than cover one-half his loss. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

EURLINGTON VS. NORTHWESTERN.

THE FIGHT BETWEEN THESE TWO ROADS TO SEE WHICH CAN GET INTO THE NIobrARA COUNTY FIRST.

Special to Omaha Bee. CHICAGO, December 16.—The Tribune says: If reports are true, the Burlington is likely to head off the Northwestern in its attempt to reach the Niobrara country in northern Nebraska. As is generally known, the Northwestern has decided to extend its Sioux City & Pacific line ninety miles into the country, which is furnishing a large amount of cattle and other traffic. The construction of the extension, however, is not to be commenced till next spring. The Burlington, it is learned, has now a corps of surveyors in the field surveying the line from Grand Island, Neb., into the Niobrara country, which is to cover the same territory as is contemplated by the Northwestern line. It is stated the Burlington means to commence the construction of its line as soon as the surveyors get through with their work, and expects to have it completed before the Northwestern has got fairly ready to commence the construction of its line. The construction of this line by the Burlington will affect the business of the Union Pacific as much, if not more, than that of the Northwestern, as hence the bulk of the Niobrara business went to the Union Pacific. It is probable, however, that an understanding exists between the Burlington and the Union Pacific regarding this extension.

The Trans-Continental Transportation Association.

CHICAGO, December 16.—The Times will say to-morrow that at a meeting of the western and northwestern roads today to consider the complaints of shippers, especially those of Iowa, that rates for transportation remain too high, in view of the low prices for grain, it was almost unanimously declared not to lower the rates. The argument was made that during the period when the prices of grain were unusually high the freight rates were not advanced; that the market value of products has nothing to do with the rates for other conveyance to market. Two local Iowa roads were the only ones favoring a reduction. The committee agreed the entire afternoon in discussing a plan of organization for the association for the next year, and reported about six o'clock without adopting it. The meeting adjourned until to-morrow. The plan outlined by the committee is for a renewal of the old pool with some minor changes. On one question the committee, which was made up of the representatives of the Central, Union and Northern Pacific and Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe could not agree, and it was referred back to meeting. Under the present pool the Northwestern is allowed six per cent of the San Francisco business as a bonus for it to refrain from competition in that traffic. The Oregon Short Line has been compelled to Portland since the existing agreement was signed, and the Union Pacific now asks this line also to be allowed six per cent on the same grounds. This question is looked on as a troublesome one. The committee recommended that the award of percentages be not put in the hands of an arbitrator but that lines in the interest endeavor to reach an agreement.

TEXAS OPERATORS.

GALVESTON, December 15.—The effect of the recent order of the Western Union cutting off the extra pay of operators, is equivalent in the Galveston office to a reduction of \$15 to \$30 per capita monthly. The entire force held a meeting yesterday and resolved to memorialize General Manager Eckert to re-establish the former rates. The petition sets forth that under the present reduction operators are unable to support themselves. Those having families will be compelled to seek more remunerative employment for the reason that the cost of living in Galveston is higher than in any other southern city. The memorial also recites the fact that skilled, careful operators are necessary in Galveston to handle the heavy South American and Mexican business. It is understood that other towns in Texas are also formulating petitions, praying General Eckert to rescind the recent order.

Increase of Time.

DETROIT, December 16.—In addition to the cutting off of the extra work the Western Union Telegraph company has notified the operators that the time of a day's work will be increased one-half hour.

Colored Emigrants.

PETERSBURG, Va., December 16.—The second batch of nearly 500 colored emigrants arrived last night from Florence, South Carolina, en route to Little Rock, Ark.

LITERARY NOTES.

White, Stokes & Allen, of New York are making a specialty of holiday books. Among the beautiful that they have issued are the works of Susie B. Skelding, who has arranged and compiled these attractive volumes with great artistic ability and literary taste. We have received from the Omaha Publishing company copies of "Roses and Forget-Me-Not," "From Moor and Glen," "Pansies and Orchids," and "A Bunch of Roses." These compose the "Flower Song series," and published in uniform style. They are square, thin volumes, beautifully printed on costly paper, with brilliantly illuminated covers and rich fringe. The flowers are all illustrated in natural colors, and the poetical selections from the best authors are appropriate to each illustration. In addition to the other attractive features, there are numerous fac-simile reproductions of the manuscripts of the poetical contributors. These highly ornamental books will certainly be very popular as holiday gifts, and the ladies especially will appreciate them. They are genuine works of art.

"London Lyrics," by Frederick Locker, republished in this country by White, Stokes & Allen, New York, and for sale in Omaha by J. S. Caulfield, is for an attractive little collection of poems, full of merit and of pleasing rhythm.

"Half a Century of English History," from G. P. Putnam's Sons publishing house, New York, and for sale in Omaha by J. S. Caulfield, is a collection of the best cartoons and accompanying popular explanations from "Punch."

It comprises 150 plates, in which are portrayed the political careers of Peel, Palmerston, Russell, Cobden, Bright, Bismarck, Derby, Salisbury, Gladstone and other English statesmen. There can be no question but that the political thought and the political action of Englishmen of the present time have been not a little influenced by the vigorous and graphic series of cartoons which have secured for Punch its world-wide fame and position of influence that in the history of satirical journalism has never been equaled. The work of these caricaturers has value as a robust and characterizing expression of English humor, as reflecting the changing phases of the political thought of middle-class England, and as a faithful though humorous record of the essential characteristics and achievements of the men who for the past fifty years have ruled the British Empire. The publishers are sufficiently interested in the affairs of their trans-Atlantic cousins, in the personal history of the statesmen, and in political caricature, as a fine art, to extend a cordial welcome to the republication of cartoons.

"Baby's Kingdom," is the title of a beautiful volume that will delight every loving mother, and father, too, for that matter. We hardly know how to describe it in order to do it justice. The title page tells us the "Baby's Kingdom" is intended for the chronicle of a mother's life for grown-up days the mother's story of the events, happenings and incidents attending the progress of the baby. The thick, gilt-edge leaves are encased in heavy golden covers, illuminated with still brighter gold-letting and ornamentation. The illustrations throughout the book are the work of an artist and are most beautifully colored. They show the career of the baby, from infancy to childhood, and there are numerous blanks to record the various events in its history, such as its birth, its christening, its name, its weight, its first tooth, its first step, its first word, and so on. There is an illuminated page for a lock of baby's hair, another for the mother to write out in detail all the little incidents that please her most, and another for two between these pages are baby songs, and rhymes and stories, all printed in beautiful text and elegantly illustrated. This meritorious volume should find a place in every household where domestic happiness prevails, and even where there are family jars it will tend to promote harmony and revive the feelings of love.

"Baby's Kingdom" was designed and illustrated by Anna F. Cox, author of "The Guest-Book," and she deserves great credit for the original ideas that she has produced. She very appropriately quotes from Virgil—"The remembrance of these things will be pleasant by and by," and her book will to a mother prove an interesting treasure. It is published by Lee & Shepard, of Boston, and is for sale in Omaha by W. T. Sasman.

"The Children of the Bible," by Fanny L. Armstrong, New York, Fowler & Wells company, publishers, 733 Broadway; for sale in Omaha by J. S. Caulfield.

The mind of the modern child is ever hungry for entertainment—the hunger is impressed at birth—and writers and publishers everywhere appear to be doing their best to meet its demands and stimulate its further growth. What multitudes of stories are announced each year, and how they are being read for the reading of our bright girls and boys! What they need is lively, entertaining tales that teach them useful truths, truths so simply illustrated that they can grasp their full meaning, and appreciate their great importance to them if they would live noble, upright, happy lives. Miss Armstrong has drawn on that richest of moral sources, the bible, for her tales, and with rare tact prepared this volume of stories for children. She knows the kind of setting that is needed to make each beautiful incident attractive to young minds, and she finds something of peculiar interest in every bible child life from Ishmael to Timothy. Miss Willard's testimony is very valuable to the writer, and to the publishers perhaps, but we think that they who open the book and read the pages will find that Ishmael will not be content until they have finished with Timothy and the convenient little Glossary of names at the home table and the Sunday-school library, and should be in the hand of all Sunday-school teachers.

"The Shadow of John Wallace," by L. Clarkson, is an entertaining novel written novel. John Wallace enters the scene in the first chapter, a polished stranger lighting down with his valise at the wharf of a sleepy old hamlet on Long Island, and arousing, without in the least satisfying the curiosity of the gossiping inhabitants. He seeks the home of the principal citizen of the vicinity, whose old fashioned mansion is a short distance from the village, and is admitted to the square a letter of introduction from a church of England parson, who is acquainted with neither the person introduced or the

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