

END OF AUDITORIUM NEAR

Within Thirty Days Bonds Will Be Disposed Of, Says Nash.

BUILDING FINISHED IN SPRING

President of Company is Confident of Early Completion and Successful Career for the Big Structure.

Within thirty days the directors of the Auditorium expect to dispose of the remaining \$3,000 of second mortgage bonds...

This was the announcement made Saturday by President F. A. Nash of the Auditorium company...

At present the Auditorium company has \$2,600 subscribed for the improvement fund of the \$3,000 issue of second mortgage bonds...

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PUMPHREY GETS SENTENCE

One of Ham Pak Murderers is Sent Up for Life.

JUDGE EXPRESSES HIS FEELINGS

Regrets Necessity of Imposing Such Penalty on a Mere Boy and Yet is Certain of His Guilt.

Charles Pumphrey, who was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Ham Pak, a Chinese, on last July, was sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary by Judge Troup Saturday morning.

This is the most regrettable incident during my term as judge," said Judge Troup as he pronounced the sentence.

It is almost incomprehensible that three youths none of them out of his teens should have deliberately planned and plotted the murder of a human being for the purpose of the few paltry dollars they might secure.

The life sentence was fixed by the jury when it returned the verdict of guilty and the imposing of the sentence by the court was only formal.

After the overruling of the motion for a new trial Mr. Yeiser presented the motion in arrest of judgment. One of the points he raised was the unique one that a person could not in a legal sense have the intention of murdering a man and yet kill him at the same time, because after a man is dead it is impossible to rob him, as his property descends immediately upon his death to his heirs.

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CARS COLLIDE IN THE FOG

Harney Street Trolleys Come Together and One Passenger Injured.

A northbound and southbound Harney street car ran together in a head-on collision at Thirty-third and Decatur streets at 7:30 Saturday morning in a dense fog.

The vestibules of the cars were badly smashed. E. H. Johnson, a passenger on the fourth street, was a passenger on the southbound car and was the only person injured.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE FORTS

Big Celebrations and Dinners Will Take Place at Crook, Omaha and Robinson.

The military posts of Fort Omaha, Crook and Robinson are making elaborate preparations for Christmas. The troops at each of the posts will enjoy Christmas feasts with varied entertainments in the evening.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print It. Dr. Irving Brown, 502-3 Brandeis Bldg. A. S. Mitchell rem'd to 893 Brandeis Bldg. Blinshart, photographer, 18th & Farnam. We always have Rock Springs Coal, Central Coal and Coke company of Omaha, 15th and Harney streets.

Christmas—Second edition Mr. Mann's book, "The Evolution of a Great Literature," \$1.50 net, postage 16 cents. Bookstores of 22 New York Life.

Meeting of Park Board—The regular monthly meeting of the Omaha Park board will be held Friday, December 27, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Teachers to Join Association—About 200 Omaha teachers have sent applications for membership to the State Teachers' association, which is to meet at Lincoln during the holidays, and more than that number are expected to go to the capital for the meeting.

Not Known by Old-Timers—A dispatch from Chicago Saturday stated that Henry Turner, one of the founders of the Omaha Tribune, died there. No trace of a man by this name could be found by inquiry among the newspaper men of the early days.

Burglars Steal Fifty Pennies—Burglars broke into the Klondike saloon, 92 North Twenty-fourth street, Sunday night and stole ninety pennies and a watch. As the matter was not reported to the police until Saturday morning, it is feared the thief has most of the pennies spent, or will be before he is caught.

The Tropical Oil Company, Cleveland, O., manufacturers of Tropical Rubber, paint for roofs of all descriptions, and the Elastokote, made in colors, for interior and exterior iron, brick and wood, have opened an office, room 326 Bee Building, where all robbing him at the same time, because after a man is dead it is impossible to rob him, as his property descends immediately upon his death to his heirs.

Illinois Central Sued—Benjamin Nelson, an administrator of the estate of Henry C. Miller, has brought suit in the United States circuit court against the Illinois Central Railroad company for \$1,150 damages caused by the death of Miller, who was killed while crossing the track of the defendant road at Fourteenth and Nicholas streets October 26.

Women's Stockings are Stolen—The M. E. Smith Wholesale Dry Goods company received a car of goods Saturday which had been broken into. Seventy pairs of women's expensive hose had been taken from a number of cases of goods which had been broken into and when everything is checked up other articles may be found to be missing.

In the Divorce Court—Lillian Johnson asks the district court for a divorce from George T. Johnson, charging him with making threats against her and failure to support her. Miss L. Bauman also wants a divorce from Harry D. on the grounds he failed to support her. Lena M. Fadden in her petition sues James S., who not only failed to support her, but also prohibited merchants from extending credit to her. She also asks the custody of the two children.

Services at City Jail—Chief of Police Donahue has given permission to Rev. G. A. Beecher and Rev. R. H. B. Bell to use the police court room Sunday morning for holding Christmas religious services for the prisoners. All of the prisoners in the city jail will be taken to the court room at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. There will be a song service, in which the prisoners will participate, after which sermons will be preached by Rev. Mr. Beecher and Rev. Mr. Bell.

Tuberculosis Congress Meeting—The first meeting of the state conference which is cooperating with the International Congress on Tuberculosis will be held at the Commercial club rooms in Omaha Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Members of this committee are Dr. Charles O. Gleas of Holdrege, Dr. A. S. Von Mansfield of Ashland, Dr. S. R. Towne and Dr. H. M. McManahan of Omaha, Dr. Henry E. Ward of Lincoln, and R. P. Morris. The first meeting will be for the purpose of outlining the work to be done in the state and the nature of reports to be presented to the international congress which will meet in Washington next year.

NEW POINT IN DIVORCE SUIT

Wife Living in Iowa Cannot See Husband Living in Omaha in Local Court.

A novel point in divorce law will be raised by Attorney M. O. Cunningham in the suit brought by Marie C. Jensen for a divorce from Hans Peter A. Jensen, an Omaha carpenter. Mrs. Jensen is a resident of Council Bluffs, while her husband lives in Omaha.

Reichenberg Home is Sold. Dwelling Erected Twenty-Eight Years Ago Sells for Twenty-Four Hundred Dollars.

Mrs. C. C. Buchtel bought the old Reichenberg home at the southeast corner of Twenty-third and California streets Saturday from Robinson & Wolf. The property was owned by Reichenberg Bros., but was the old home of Samuel Reichenberg, who built a home on the lots twenty-eight years ago. The consideration was \$2,400.

M. Davidson bought from the same firm a cottage at 1822 North Twenty-third street for \$1,500. The Havens-White Coal company bought several lots in the vicinity of Thirtieth and Boyd streets, for the purpose of enlarging their coal yard located on the corner of Thirtieth and Boyd.

Announcements, wedding stationery and calling cards, blank book and magazine binding. Phone Doug. 2604. A. I. Root, Inc.

CONCRETE FOR PAVEMENTS

New Specification is Wanted by E. D. Van Court and Other Paving Contractors.

A movement is on foot among some of the Omaha paving contractors to secure a new specification for next year which will permit the laying of concrete pavements. Heretofore pavements have been limited in practice to brick, stone and asphalt.

The price of the latter pavement has been lowered since the last year, but the men who desire to place concrete in competition with other materials declare that a greater saving can be made with this material.

E. D. Van Court, who is active in the movement, declares that concrete pavements are guaranteed for at least 10 to 15 years, and that in favorable situations the price may be further reduced. He says experience with crosswalks in Omaha and elsewhere has demonstrated the wearing power of concrete as a pavement, and the heaviest loads after five years service.

The suggestion is that two grades of concrete pavements be specified, one to be five inches deep and the other six inches, the upper inch of either pavement to consist of a richer combination than the lower. A guarantee of at least 10 years would be given by the contractors, who insist, however, that once down and set the pavement is practically indestructible if it has a proper ground foundation.

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MEAT BIDS ARE REJECTED

Too High, Says County Board, in View of Decline in Prices During the Year.

Because bids for meat received by the county board are higher than the contract price last year, the board Saturday morning decided to reject them and re-advertise for new ones. Only two bids were received and on nearly every item higher than the price was from 1/4 to 1/2 cent higher than it was last year.

Commissioner Trainor declared the price of meat has dropped at least 1/4 of a cent in the last year and the prospects are for a still greater drop and he moved the bids be rejected. The motion was seconded by Solomon and carried without dissent.

Several new bidders will be asked to submit prices in the hope of securing a better contract.

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Advertisement for Schmolzer & Mueller Piano Co. featuring a \$100 piano offer and a list of various piano models and prices.

Advertisement for The Oriental Rug, showcasing various rug designs and prices, including Axar, Hindoostan, and Persian styles.

Advertisement for Orchard & Wilhelm, located at 414-16-18 South Sixteenth St.

Advertisement for Onimod Shoes, highlighting their quality and variety, including Santa Claus slippers.

Advertisement for The Bee Building, a medium size outside office space with two connected offices.

Advertisement for Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, describing the symptoms of indigestion and the benefits of the tablets.

Advertisement for Milton Rogers and Sons Co., featuring a chafing dish and pocket knives.

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