

NOT YET A PURCHASE.

**The Deed of the Lots for a School Site
Not Accepted by the Board.**

**The Work on the High School
Grounds to Begin at Once—
Other Business by the
Board.**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening with vice-president Points in the chair. The roll was called, members Gibbon, Hall, Parker, Livesey, Copel and Connoyer and Points being present.

The bids for the curbing and guttering on Twentieth street from Dodge to Davison's same being in front of the High School grounds were read by the secretary. The chairman of the committee on building and property Mr. Connoyer, stated it was the conclusion of the committee to accept the bid of Charles O'Connor at the price of \$3.30 per linear foot, the gutter to be six feet in width of Colorado sandstone.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The agreement of Ed. J. Brennan with the board of education for the erection of the stone wall in front of the high school grounds was ratified by the board. The bond for its faithful performance signed by R. O'Keefe and John Mulvihill, was also approved.

From architects Dufrene and Mendelsohn, making report to the committee on buildings and property, giving the result of their inspection of the Long and Leavenworth school houses, stating that the sum of \$193 should be deducted from their contract price for omissions and deficiencies under the specifications for their construction. Laid over.

Evan Benjamin Bates offering to furnish six sets of the People's Cyclopedias for the school district at \$10 per set. Referred.

By Copeland, a resolution that the committee on supplies be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$200 for supplementary reading books. Adopted.

From James Y. Craig, presenting a bid for the improvements on the high school grounds necessitated by the construction of the retaining wall in front. The bid for the same was \$1405.40. This matter of improvement was referred to have the work done.

By Connoyer, a resolution that retaining walls be built about the Iard, Dodge and West schools. Adopted.

By Copeland, a resolution that a committee of three be appointed to examine the janitor's room in the Long and Leavenworth schools and report at the next meeting. Adopted. Messrs. Copeland, Livesey and Hall were appointed the committee.

From Alice and Daniel J. O'Donahue, presenting a deed to the school district of Omaha of lots one (1) and two (2) in block ten (10) in McCormick's addition, for the sum of \$3.825.

Mr. Parker arose and asked why the contract had been changed, stating that one had once been entered into with the Santos by which it was to be purchased for the sum of \$4,000, the lot to be brought to grade by them.

Mr. Gibbons stated no contract had been entered into but that the lots had been offered for sale on those terms, but the board had delayed entering into an agreement to that effect and when it was ready the owners refused.

Mr. Connoyer stated that when he was out to look for these lots he did not find them where he expected and he was opposed to paying an enormous price for them.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.**The Police Committee Investigating the Police Complaints.**

Yesterday afternoon the council committee on police consisting of Messrs. Bechel, Ford and Thrane resolved itself into a court of inquiry to investigate the charges made against certain members of the police force.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

Levy was given Miss Sweet, of the High school, to attend the reunion of the western branch of the alumni of Vassar college in October.

The board then adjourned.

FORTUNATE FITZGERALD.**A Narrow Escape from Death Under the Wheels.**

James Fitzgerald, a carpenter living in this city, had a most narrow escape from death on Sunday afternoon last. He was walking along the track of the Union Pacific railway near Seventh street, when he noticed an engine approaching him from behind. When the engine had come almost upon him he stepped from the track he was walking upon to another running parallel, making it just in time to be knocked down by a second engine he had not seen bearing down upon him. Fortunately for him he was thrown to the ground just outside the rail, in such a manner that the passing engine ran along over the back part of his left leg horribly lacerating it and tearing the flesh from the bone near the thigh and all the way down to his foot and cutting off his heel.

The wounded man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital where he now is. The injuries though by no means serious are of such a nature that he will be confined to his bed for quite a length of time.

Police Points.

Nearly all of yesterday afternoon was occupied by Judge Beneke in the hearing of the trial on the complaint of Anna Nemitz, charging John Groff with assault and battery. The case was not concluded and went over to October 3rd.

Ed. Connors who was charged with the malicious destruction of property by the breaking in of a window in Fleming's grocery store was found guilty as charged, but was fined \$5 and costs for disturbance of the peace.

James Tuttle, for a similar offense, was mulcted in the sum of \$10 and costs. Both Connors and Tuttle, being unable to pay their fines were remanded to jail.

Maria Fennan, for fighting with Nellie Fuller, was assessed \$5 and costs.

E. P. Robinson, a citizen in one of the leading mercantile houses of this city, was arrested on the complaint of George A. Joslyn, his landlord, for the larceny of an overcoat. It appeared that Robinson had become indebted to the complainant in the sum of \$40 for hospitalities extended and had hypothecated his overcoat to secure the amount, taking a check as evidence of the same. Saturday even-

ing, after the proprietor had retired, he presented the check and was given the coat. The court ruled he had committed no offence and discharged him.

BOLD BANDITS.**An Unknown Man Nearly Strangled to Death by Robbers.**

Joseph Langer Kicked Insensible and Suffered of \$50 and a Watch.

STRANGLING THEIR VICTIM.

One of the boldest and most daring robberies attempted for some time in this city took place last evening about eight o'clock, on Cass street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth.

About that time Mr. Milt Barlow, of the United States National bank, and a driver named Cass, from the stables of Charles Mentor, were going to the house of the former when they heard near St. Catherine's Academy the moans of someone as if in distress. Stopping to listen, they heard a weak cry of "Help!" "Help!" coming out of the darkness. Going up to the place from which the cry came, they were startled by two men rising to their feet and fleeing from them in the darkness. Shortly afterward a third arose who said he had been set upon by the two escaping men.

Mr. Barlow and the driver started after the fugitives, following them at some distance behind until they reached the alley between Cass and California, in the rear of the Swedish Lutheran church, where they distanced their pursuers and escaped in the darkness. They then returned and found the unfortunate man, in the house of a friend, across the street from where the attempted robbery took place. The victim a young man whose name could not be learned had been subjected to rough usage at the hands of his assailants, being nearly strangled.

What is astonishing about the whole affair is the fact that while these highwaymen were struggling with their intended victim several persons were passing along the street on the opposite side, not even hearing his cries for help or preventing the robbers from there accomplishment of their purpose.

THE ROBBERY OF LANGER.

Last night about nine o'clock Joseph Langer, a Bohemian tailor, was held up by three men under the railroad bridge on Thirtieth street and robbed of fifty dollars in money and a silver watch and chain.

Mr. Langer had been visiting some friends in Bohemian town and was strolling leisurely towards Fritz Wirth's hotel, where he resides, when the attack was made. Not satisfied with robbing the unfortunate man the robbers gave him a severe beating rendering him insensible, evidently with the idea of preventing him from calling for assistance. It appears according to the statement made by Mr. Langer that two of the men seized him by the throat, nearly strangling him, while the other man kicked him in the stomach and then robbed him. After committing the robbery and cruelly chastising their victim the miscreants fled.

Mr. Langer, who is in the employ of Frank Range, is a highly respectable citizen, and is highly esteemed by his national brethren of Omaha.

THE OTHER SIDE.

ALBION, Neb., September 22, '84. To the Editor of THE BEE,

I notice in your issue of the 16th ult., a communication signed by one C. H. Roberts, in which the writer attempts to carry the impression that the Albion press is subsidized, and the Albion post-office run in a loose and careless manner.

To the first, we care nothing, but the public might possibly attach some importance to the latter charge if allowed to go unrefuted. The facts in the case are these:

1st. C. H. Roberts was so intoxicated while in Albion that he could not reasonably be expected to know what did actually occur.

3d. After Mr. Roberts had inflicted at least a dozen interviews upon us, and we had become reasonably familiar with his story, he intimated that Rice must pay him something or "suffer the consequences;" that president Arthur's cabinet were intimate chums of his; that he controlled the senators, and "had" Rosewater, and that "by the eternal, he would bounce Rice." We thereupon told him in pretty plain language that his little scheme for "blood money" wouldn't win, and advised him to go without date.

2nd. Mr. Roberts never offered the Argus any communication. He did however make a verbal complaint and was told him to formulate his grievances, put them in writing, and if they amounted to anything he could have all the space in the Argus desired. He never did so, but indulged in verbal and rambling complaints against postmaster Rice. As near as we can learn the important (?) postal card referred to, was, by error put in banker Roberts' box and returned by him as soon as he discovered the mistake:

Rice is an efficient postmaster and gives general satisfaction. He has, at his own expense fitted up one of the finest postoffices west of Omaha, and the Bee does injustice to an honest and capable official by giving publicity to such outrageous charges, unless they are accompanied by something more substantial than C. H. Roberts' word.

Respectfully,
A. D. BRAINARD.

players and credit to himself during the period of eighteen years.

WHEREAS, We feel that by his retirement the employee will lose a firm friend and honest companion, therefore as it is desired to keep the active board of the organized employees of the Union Pacific railroad that in the withdrawal of Mr. S. H. H. Clark we shall sustain an almost irreparable loss, which will be felt by all classes of employees and all persons and communities interested in the welfare of the great railway.

Resolved, That our society wishes for his future welfare and prosperity and the health and happiness of his family, go and abide with our friend wherever duty may call him.

Resolved, That a copy of this document be engrossed and presented to Mr. Clark, as an expression of the sympathy of the members of chapter and library on his behalf, which will ever show brightly through the administration of the stewardship which he now has.

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ST. PHILOMENA'S CONCERT.**A Rare Entertainment at that Cathedral Last Evening.**

A fine entertainment was presented yesterday evening at St. Philomena's hall for the benefit of the Altar service of the church. The programme consisted of a concert by the choir of St. Philomena's church and a humorous lecture by Prof. Phillips, entitled, "The Model Husband and Wife." The professor is a very pleasant speaker and kept his audience in good humor for over an hour with his descriptions of happy and unhappy homes, true and false love, true and false marriage. He has evidently been a very close observer of human nature, judging by the accurate way he depicted courtship, marriage, and the mistakes that people are liable to make in selecting a life companion.

At the conclusion of the lecture, he said that he would give them an Irishman's blessing, which was this, "May ye softs all be heaven a fortnight before the devil finds out that ye are dead."

The musical part of the entertainment

by the choir of the church was excellent,

the ladies and gentlemen who sang were

repeatedly applauded, and St. Philomena's

men will be proud of their choir.

Father O'Connor, pastor in charge, and

his assistant, Father McCarthy, acted as

masters of the ceremonies. There were

fully five hundred people present, and

the entertainment was in all respects a

success,

Irish Benevolence.

DURHAM, September 22.—A fund will shortly be started at the suggestion of the United Irish newspaper in behalf of the families of the Birmingham dynamiters, Daly and Egan.

Fare and Unfair.

BURLINGTON Free Press.

"Your fare, young lady," said the stage driver, as a pretty miss stepped from his vehicle and was about tripping away.

"Oh, thank you!" responded the absent-minded little beauty; "I think your mustache becomes you real well, too."

She got her ride free.

WISNER'S WATER WORKS.**A Sensible Scheme to Protect the Town Against Fire and Help the Thirsty.**

Correspondence of THE BEE.

WISNER, September 19.—Few small towns in the western country are assuming metropolitan appearances so rapidly as Wisner. For several years the place has shown little or no improvement, until the progressive firm of Graham & McMichael, last season, a few two-story brick blocks. This seemed to startle the folding-room, containing over five hundred operatives, was cleared inside of one minute. The female operatives, however, found that in going down the fire escapes there were some "Peeping Toms" on the ground, and in subsequent tests asked that canvas be placed on the ladder before they would make the descent.

In each room there is a captain with three lieutenants, and these direct the others in case of an alarm, but the working force consists of about forty men to a section. Probably no better trial of the system demonstrated the fact that the bindery, containing about five hundred women and nearly one hundred men, was emptied in less than one minute; and it is believed that after more trials the entire office can be cleared in less than two minutes. It, therefore, may be fairly stated that for the first time in the history of the office it is reasonably safe from fire, and its employees from danger of loss of life or limb caused by a stampede or want of sufficient egress.

There have been test alarms run since the present system was adopted, and it was found that every man or woman knew his or her place. By a test once made in the bindery it was found that the folding-room, containing over five hundred operatives, was cleared inside of one minute. The female operatives, however, found that in going down the fire escapes there were some "Peeping Toms" on the ground, and in subsequent tests asked that canvas be placed on the ladder before they would make the descent.

The United States Treasury department has just now taken the pauper emigration bill by the tail; two years ago when impositions of this character were pointed out vigorously the department might have taken the animal by the horns. However, let us be thankful it is a mule, and that the government is big enough to swing the other animal by the caudal end. Collector Robertson, of New York has received instructions that really show symptoms of shutting off the American dumping ground for foreign refuse. Henceforth the most energetic action of Federal and local authorities has been no more effective than the customary sign-board on vacant lots.

"Oh, Lord, here he is again!" he groaned, and the absent-minded man came up to inquire what time the train left for—that place in Virginia, you know," which the clerk interpreted to mean Richmond.

Forgetting his wife's name, resumed the clerk, "cost him a number of bottles of champagne."

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From these tanks the contractors are to lay 3,000 feet of mains through the principal streets, with hydrants located at convenient places for use in case of fire, the fall being sufficient to give force to throw a two inch stream far above the tallest buildings. The mains are to be tapped by individual pipes for domestic use.

THE CITY WATER WORKS,

is the inaugurator and sole owner of the project. The whole thing is contracted for \$4,000.00 and Mr. A. L. Strang, of Omaha is the contractor. Work will be commenced at once.

It is estimated that a supply of 1,000 gallons per hour will suffice.

In looking over the town I notice many new residence buildings and many more are contemplated. The business part of the city has been greatly improved by the grading of the streets, laying of new and substantial sidewalks, planting of useful and ornamental shade trees, etc., etc. It is safe to say that business under the auspices of the wide-awake, go-ahead business men and citizens generally which it contains, will in no distant day be universally acknowledged as the "Queen City" of the state.

It is intended to enforce the same rules in other sea ports, so that the Board of Guardians of the poor in inland cities and counties may look forward to the time when a large percentage of poor house paupers and applicants for outdoor relief will not be recent arrivals from abroad, as has been the case in a marked degree in the last three years. When it became known positively that local poor societies and boards in Europe, were systematically shipping the half, lame and blind to America, and that in numberless instances persons in fair circumstances were sending hither their dependent relatives, it was the duty of the government to adopt prompt and efficient measures against the imposition. When it is seen at the beginning of an evil that it will probably grow beyond endurance the proper action is to squelch it at once. This country is willing to receive all comers from abroad who emigrate legitimately, but it is not a "dump" nor yet a cess pool into which Europe may dump its garbage and nastiness. Local authorities should co-operate energetically with the seaport officials in returning all paupers to their home country.

This city could afford to pay the passage of such undesirable persons rather than at the expense of their maintenance for half a year.

UNCLE SAM'S PRINTING OFFICE,

The Largest Establishment of the Kind in the World.

Washington Star.

"Can you—ah—er—can you tell me the number of my room?"

"Ah! thank you—guess—ah—I'll go and get ready for dinner," and the absent minded man lounged away towards the elevator. The hotel clerk looked after the slowly vanishing guest, and then turning to a Star reporter who was standing near, said:

"That man is a holy terror. I've seen all kinds of men since I've been in this business, but he is the greatest original offender. He has been here now for three days, and I have to watch him like a baby. I'll bet he'll forget his way to his room, or when he gets there he won't know why he went there."

"What is he, a genius?" asked the reporter.

"I suppose so; he's an inventor and he don't know anything but cogs and wheels. He ate two breakfasts this morning; he ordered his lunch sent to his