

THE INSANE ASYLUM WORK.

A Report Filed With the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

ARCHITECT ELLIS' STATEMENT.

The City Bond Question Again—The Journal's Efforts to Fortify Its Position—A New Bridge to Span the Platte.

When the Bee man called at the office of the board of public lands and buildings yesterday morning, Chief Clerk Carter was busy copying on the records a report just received from F. M. Ellis, the architect in charge of the building of the new asylum for the insane at Norfolk.

The report is in the form of a letter to the board, and accompanying affidavits from gentlemen who inspected the work at the asylum for Mr. Ellis. In his letter Mr. Ellis says that in compliance with the request of the board he went to Norfolk to investigate the charges which have been made against Contractor King, and the manner in which he is doing the work. Ellis looked over the building and found everything in good shape, but ordered the work covered and protected from the winter.

He says if there is anything found in the spring it will be removed and renewed with material and labor. Two of the gentlemen who looked over the work with Mr. Ellis, Messrs. Rainbolt and Durand, state that they think it is all right, but do not wish to be put to a test by a judge. Three others, Messrs. Sprocher, Dart and Gercke, pronounce the materials and work first class in every respect. The most amusing part of the report is the efforts of Edward Wolfson and John Jordan to offset their former affidavits on the ground that they had been drinking with Mr. Marks, and didn't know what they were signing.

The following is the report which is published at the request of F. M. Ellis, Lincoln, Nov. 20.—To the Honorable Commission and Board of Public Lands and Buildings—Dear Sirs: Having received a copy of an article published in the Omaha Bee in relation to the materials being used and labor performed in the building of the insane asylum being built at Norfolk by Mr. George H. King, of which I was architect and superintendent, I immediately proceeded to Norfolk and secured the services of three of the most experienced and reliable men who are well respected and integrity, to accompany me to the asylum grounds for the purpose of making an examination into the alleged imperfections as stated in the Bee. Before starting I also secured the presence of Representative E. C. White, of Norfolk, and Senator J. Durand, of Norfolk. The builders who accompanied me were J. T. Dart, a man of twenty-two years experience, Frank Sprocher, a mason contractor with eleven years experience, and Herman Gercke, a contractor for many years. Their affidavits, which are herewith appended, report, and also the statements which have been sworn to by the parties who made the examination into the alleged imperfections, and the conclusions that the charges of fraud are false and malicious. We made an examination of the materials and work in all kinds of the work, and found that all kinds have been used and the work performed in a proper and workmanlike manner. We also examined the work done in the winter and in the spring, and it is found that the frost has injured any portion of the work it will be removed and replaced with proper materials and labor. Yours truly, F. M. Ellis, Architect and Superintendent.

We, the undersigned, at the request of Mr. F. M. Ellis, architect in charge of the insane asylum at Norfolk, Neb., do hereby certify that the affidavits of Mr. F. M. Ellis, White, of Lincoln, Neb., and Mr. A. J. Durand, of Norfolk, Neb., in relation to the insane asylum building in use in course of construction on the 2d day of November, 1885, and we do hereby certify that the affidavits of the workmen and materials on the ground there as follows: That upon examining the concrete under the foundation it appears that there is no evidence of any fraud, but with evidence of a proper and workmanlike manner. We also examined the work done in the winter and in the spring, and it is found that the frost has injured any portion of the work it will be removed and replaced with proper materials and labor. Yours truly, F. M. Ellis, Architect and Superintendent.

When Italy was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a man, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

Useful and fancy Christmas articles for sale at the Child's Hospital and Home, 1116 Dodge street.

Dr. O. S. Wood has moved his family to his residence 243 Davenport St. Telephone No. 509. Office remains at 10th and Capitol Ave. Telephone 230.

Stop your horses' cough. Go to Omaha Veterinary Institute, 1113 and 1115 Harney street, Dr. H. L. Racciotti, O.V.S.

Rogers' knives, \$3.00 doz. for 10 days at EDWARDS & ERICSSON.

Every person will be able to wear Elgutter's fire clothing. A special reduction until December 25th, 1001 Farnam street, corner Tenth.

The B'nai B'rith. The I. O. B. B. gave their first entertainment Sunday evening to a large audience at Metropolitan hall. The following was the programme: 1. Overture—O. How Delectable. 2. Reading—My Letter to My Mother. 3. Vocal Solo—Al, Whence Comest Thou. 4. Reading—The Blind King. 5. Piano Solo—Sleep at the Switche. 6. Piano Solo—The Tomb. 7. Piano Solo—The Tomb. 8. Piano Solo—The Tomb.

John Jordan also follows with an affidavit in which he recites that he cannot read writing or print, and that the affidavits published in the Bee of November 30th was not in accordance with his statement. That Mr. Marks gave him several drinks of whiskey and desired him to sign to said affidavits, or words to that effect.

THE CITY BOND MATTER AGAIN. In the city bond case, the Journal has failed to make public the fact that the men who proposed to purchase the \$2,000 in refunding bonds declined to take them solely on the ground that the proceeding under which they were issued were not in compliance with the statutes. It also fails to state that the city authorities, having failed in their attempt to do the business a second time, and had a second election to authorize the refunding, and that in these second proceedings were found such errors and irregularities as in the opinion of able lawyers, invalidated the bonds. The Journal to screen the blunders of its friends, and for political ends, conceals these facts, and states as a cause for the failure to negotiate the new securities reasons which do not legitimately bear on the matter. It is apparent that the holders would have taken the bonds, even at the low rate of 4 per cent, if they had been regular and lawful, if they had been regular and lawful.

SURE SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

Improvements that Indicate an Enterprising Community.

BEATRICE CERTAINLY THRIVING.

Not Content with a Plentiful Supply of Gas, She Must Have Water Works—Events in that Moving Burg and Other State Specials.

Improvements in Busy Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special to the Bee.]—Improvements are the order of the day in Beatrice, the latest being the water works question. The city council Friday evening decided on a system of direct pressure, with about six miles of main, with four to six-inch pipes, and to cover the principal streets. A proposition to vote bonds has been prepared, and will be voted on in a few weeks. The proposition will carry, as our citizens fully realize our need of protection from fire, as well as the convenience of a water works system. The council have inspected the water works of Omaha, Lincoln and quite a number of Nebraska, Kansas towns, with a view of getting points as to the most desirable system to put in here, and they feel satisfied that they know what they want.

The gas works are in full operation, and are furnishing very satisfactory light. A majority of our business houses and offices are now lit with gas, and the city company is constantly laying pipe for new customers. The city is putting in a number of street lights. A railroad meeting was held here today to advocate the building of the Kansas City, Wynotte, Nebraska & Northern, a branch of the Kansas Pacific, from Wynotte to Beatrice. Among the delegates present were John Freyer, county clerk of Clay county, J. M. Jones, of Clay county, and J. W. Jones, of Beatrice, and Editor Wilkin, of the same place. They say the people of Clay and Beatrice counties are anxious to see the line through the country, and they are willing to contribute to the cost of the line. The meeting adjourned to meet at Clay Center on the 15th. The committee from here to the meeting are Judge Parker, John Ellis, E. M. Hill, J. W. Jones, D. M. Cook, C. L. Jones and A. L. Green.

Beatrice is agitating a number of railroad lines with a view of getting a line through the country by next fall. A portion of the engineering department of the Rock Island road were here yesterday looking over the country, but were unable to get their business done. Shortly after our present city council took their seats, they voted a salary of \$200 a year to the mayor and \$100 a year to the aldermen. There have been no salary to the mayor and council previous to that time. Alderman A. S. Saunders has proposed the ordinance from the first, stating that it was unconstitutional, and further, that the ordinance of the city was in such shape that they ought to use the money for salaries; that they should be public spirited enough to do the work of the city gratis. The board, however, allowed their own claims—six months' pay for each one. Most of the councilmen lost time in getting their salaries cashed, but before his honor the mayor presented his \$200 warrant, Mr. Saunders endorsed the warrant from paying the same. As present the mayor stands in status quo, and Mr. Saunders says he will see the matter through to the end. Mr. Saunders takes his action on the ordinance, which was the ordinance or ordinance of any public officer shall not be changed during his term of office.

The semi-annual meeting of the board of regents of the state university will be held today. Irving Montgomery, who in a fit of abstraction recently walked off with a horse belonging to Thomas H. Gibson, was held by Judge Parker yesterday in \$500 bonds. Friday evening last Thomas Glennon of Waverly, indulged in the recreation of beating his wife. A neighbor complaining of him, the police now languishes in jail awaiting examination. John Mallinan, manager of the state reform school at Kearney, is in Lincoln to attend the meeting of the board of regents.

STATE ARRIVALS. Wm. Leese, Seward; G. E. Wadla, Clay; C. F. Keegan, Raymond; E. H. Snider and wife, Osceola; L. E. Britt, York; E. G. Lawson, Omaha; B. E. Cowdry, Columbus; J. M. Griffith, Wahoo; E. B. Wilson, Ashland; George H. Hastings, J. H. Birney and daughter, Crete; T. E. McDonald, John R. Gibson, Chester; O. M. Wilson, Ashland; John H. Sahler, Omaha; M. K. Lewis, Hastings; J. E. Lancaster, L. E. Tecumseh, George E. Priebe, Omaha; H. Muschman, Fairmont; Dr. Knapp, York; Wm. Carroll, Seward; P. J. Nichols, Omaha.

Hogan Slugging Sin in Black. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—[Special to the Bee.]—The M. E. church was out to overthrow last evening to hear Ben Hogan. He will talk to-night on physical culture.

Personal Paragraphs. J. R. Hunter, of West Point, is a Paxton guest. W. S. Spencer, of O'Neill, is stopping at the Paxton. John S. Wolf, of Cedar Rapids, Neb., is at the Paxton. E. E. Leonard, of David City, registered at the Millard last evening. George E. Canney and wife, of Creighton, are guests at the Paxton. E. Sparks, of Valentine, arrived in the city last evening and will stay at the Paxton. A. H. Canby, advance agent of the Carleton opera company, is at the Millard.

Officer Dick Burdick has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Iowa, and goes on his way to-day. E. P. Warren, W. F. N. Houser, N. B. Lawson, J. E. Johnson, and J. W. Watson, of Nebraska City, are at the Paxton. J. J. Blair and D. C. Blair, of New Jersey, pioneer railroaders of Omaha, are in the city, stopping at the Millard. H. B. Grant, Cull-rison; O. Johnson, Fort Robinson; D. B. Gray, Springfield; J. R. Gaudin, Boise City, Idaho, are at the Canfield.

Mrs. John V. Furay, has been visiting for a few days at the residence of Jno. D. Creighton, No. 1918 Cass street, and leaves this evening for Chicago. O. B. Seldon, on old resident of Omaha, has entered the firm of J. A. Shettle & Co., Valentine, Nebraska, in the law and real estate business. The firm name now being Shettle, Sells & Co. The office for the winter will be in Valentine, but when spring opens the firm will go hence to Fort Fetterman, W. T., and in that vicinity establish themselves permanently and deal extensively in lands and mining as well as coal lands. This is an able and strong firm, and one in which the people will have confidence.

U. S. A. number anywhere without first getting Hoagland's prices you will lose money. Dr. Hamilton Warren, Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, 709 N. 16th street, near Webster. Day and night calls promptly attended to.

Silver Creek and Indian Territory are two of the best salt markets, for sale only by J. W. Beckwith, 214 S. 14th St.

Great clearing sale of fine clothing commencing December 4th at Elgutter's manumouth clothing house, 1001 Farnam street, corner Tenth.

A special inducement will be given at Elgutter's manumouth clothing house until December 30th, 1885.

Use the Fitch Cedar Fire Kindlers. Sold by all grocers.

New Music Boxes to day with downy prices at EDWARDS & ERICSSON.

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Nervous Debilitated Men. You are allowed a Free Trial for thirty days of the use of Dr. Day's Celebrated Volatile Lotion for the speedy relief and permanent cure of Nervous Debility, loss of Vitality and Manhood, brain ache, neuralgia, and all other nervous diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor and manhood. No risk is incurred. This is a rare and valuable medicine. Write for full information, terms, etc., mailed free, to Volatile Lotion Co., Marshall, Mo.

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A VARIETY OF LOCAL NEWS.

Items Gathered from Various Sources on Numerous City Happenings.

THE BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

Unimportant Business Transacted Last Evening—Christmas Presents and Foreign Postage—A. O. U. W. Plans—Other Notes.

There was about twenty-five members of the board of trade present last evening at the rooms of the board, it being the regular monthly meeting. President Max Meyer occupied the chair and called the meeting to order, and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was approved.

A report of the special committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare an ordinance in reference to the erection of buildings and making it necessary to have permits and a building inspector, was called for, but owing to the absence of the chairman of the committee, Colonel C. S. Chase, one of the members, replied that the committee was not ready to report. Further time was granted to get in the matter. The secretary then read a communication from the Missouri river improvement association, which was read and approved. The Missouri river improvement association, which is to be held at Kansas City, the 24th of this month. The communication also urged the importance of the Missouri river improvement association, which is to be held at Kansas City, the 24th of this month. The communication also urged the importance of the Missouri river improvement association, which is to be held at Kansas City, the 24th of this month.

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AN INDIGNANT TRAVELING SALESMAN.

To the Editor: Allow me through your columns a few words in reply to the "Jolly Drummer" article in the Republican of Sunday. I pronounce the article a slander on a body of most respectable men and the writer a simpleton. Instead of being a hotel clerk, as he claims, I strongly suspect him to be a fresh man on the road. In the first place, the title of "drummer" is not at all applicable to me, as I do not drum. I am a traveling salesman, traveling from point to point in the interests of our employers. The writer of the article speaks of two of our boys "just entering the bar room, where they will probably drink two more congenial spirits," and he goes on to say that in less than half an hour all the commercial travelers in town will join him at a game of cards. There is no probability that at that very moment, four-fifths of the salesmen in the city were out humping around for orders. Storms do not clear the sky so quickly. 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