

THE COST OF THE VIADUCTS.

The Prices that Contractors Ask to Build the Iron Structures.

MINE HOST SHEARS' ORATION.

He Defends Mrs. Fountain from the "Assaults" of the Bee—Shooting a Runaway—Local Miscellany.

The Bids Opened.

The opening of bids on the Tenth and Eleventh street proposed viaducts took place in the room of the board of public works yesterday afternoon.

Columbia Bridge Company.

Table listing bids for Columbia Bridge Company on Eleventh street, including items like 20 ft roadway, 30 ft roadway, and iron piers.

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SHOT IN THE TRACES.

A Frightened Farmer Stops His Runaway Horse With a Pistol.

A most remarkable occurrence took place on the Bellevue road just south of the city limits about nine o'clock yesterday morning and was reported first at the sheriff's office followed an hour later by a demand at police headquarters for the city scavenger.

Harris Lemmon, a farmer living in Sargy county, two miles beyond the Douglas line, started to drive to the city this morning with a load of winter apples, poultry and pelts.

He had taken the bed of a light spring wagon and set it on low runners, and harnessed to this vehicle a large Clydesdale colt just broken to service.

In this wise he had almost reached the city, when at a point near the Half-way house this side of the stock yards, his horse took fright at a gypsy wagon and started to run.

The animal, which was young and strong, went at good strides, and as he found himself in the mastery of the situation, broke away at a furious pace.

The sled flew over the packed snow, thrashing about behind the horse's heels like a tin can tied to a dog's tail.

Every instant threatened destruction, and Lemmon went wild with terror.

As the runaway flew by Fowell's barn, a number of men standing about the place who had tried in vain to head off the flight, saw Lemmon pull from his pocket a pistol and fire.

With the shot the horse reared and his speed when the driver fired again.

With this the horse plunged headlong to the ground, and the sleigh, turning somersault over the animal, pitched Lemmon and his load into the ditch at the side of the road.

The half dozen men who had witnessed the strange scene ran up as Lemmon was staggering to his feet.

He was unhurt but his horse was dead even then. His first shot had lodged in the flesh of the flank without immediate damage.

The second, as though sent with a wizard's aim, had plied the neck near the skull and cut the spinal chord.

The man was half crazed with excitement and terror and bewailed the loss of his horse like a child.

As he stood as if rooted as it would have been to learn through what process his brain had hit upon so novel a method of checking a runaway horse, it was utterly impossible to get anything out of his scattered wits.

A telephone call was made for the city scavenger, but if that individual responded he was too late, for Lemmon had given his pistol and the carcass of his horse to a neighboring farmer who wanted both, for the loan of a horse with which to drive home.

"MA, MA, WHERE'S MY PA?"

A Campaign Cry Revived in Justice Burke's Court.

The case of Lillian Bourdette vs. Harry C. Burbank for the maintenance of the plaintiff's illegitimate child was yesterday morning taken on a change of venue from Judge Anderson to the court of Judge Berka.

Where argument upon the defendant's plea for continuance was heard. Burbank is a Sixteenth street saloonist, and a man of some means.

He is determined not to acknowledge the child in the case, and says he will fight the suit through the line of courts if necessary.

The fair plaintiff received much the best of it in the first statement of the matter, and although sympathetically naturally follows a woman so situated, there are nevertheless two sides to every case.

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As she came into the court yesterday Burbank was standing at the foot of the stairs talking to a reporter.

The fair litigant was leading her fatherless child, a girl about 4 years old, and smiling as she passed Burbank, spoke to the child: "Look there, dear, don't you know that man? He's your pa."

"Well, how's that for sublime gall!" muttered the defendant as the lady swept up the steps.

Her defense will be that the woman is of notoriously loose character, and has saddled the paternity of the child upon him for blackmailing purposes.

He says that her story about her fatherly love for the New Jersey boy all imaginative. The woman's relations are in fairly comfortable circumstances, and he fairly he asserts, has been spent sky-larking for prey in the city and watering places along the seaboard.

REST FOR THE WEARY.

An Early Closing Movement Among the Clothing Clerks.

About one week ago a movement was put on foot to close the clothing houses at 6:30 p. m.

The clerks and salesmen have labored long and earnestly the past season and all agreeable employers have submitted to the proposition to close their respective places of business at 6:30 p. m. with but few exceptions, and these exceptions are only second class houses and no fit place to trade for a man who has toiled all day long.

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The undersigned parties have all agreed to the above. We caution the public against all other houses.

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Burgstrom & Olson, Farnam Clothing Co., Goldsmith.

Note—All first class clothing houses will close at 6:30 p. m. from this date until April 1, 1886. Most respectfully, your obedient servants,

CLOTHING SALESMEN OF OMAHA, NEB.

Railway Notes and Personal.

Superintendent Dorrance of the Union Pacific has been confined to his home with a very bad cold during the past few days.

N. J. Goll, assistant general freight agent of the Milwaukee is in the city conferring with the Union Pacific freight officials upon transfer business.

B. H. O'Meara, traveling freight agent of the Milwaukee, is in the city.

G. H. Foote, traveling orator for the passenger department of the Lake Shore, is in the city looking the interests of his line.

L. E. Sessions, traveling passenger agent of the Monon route, is in the city.

The California excursion train, which was the first to leave the city with two crowded sleepers, Mr. J. H. Green, passenger agent of the road at this point, went out with the train and takes charge of the party as far as Des Moines.

Ed. Steiner, passenger agent of the Santa Fe at Des Moines is in the city, stopping at the Millard.

L. A. Saunders, clerk of the loss and damage department of the Union Pacific, is in the city.

J. B. Holmes, traveling agent of the Union Pacific at Des Moines, came in yesterday with a party of California excursionists.

Costly Post Pulling.

The suit of Michael O'Hern against the Union Pacific Railroad to recover damages for an injury received while in the employ of the road last June has been decided in the county court, Judge McCulloch rendering judgment in favor of

THE CITY COUNCIL.

A Detailed Report of the Meeting Tuesday Night.

The regular meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening at the council chamber President Beechler in the chair and present Members Bailey, Behm, Dailey, Ford, Furay, Goodman, Goodrich, Lee, Leeder, Schroeder and Thraue.

There was a large attendance of outsiders, including Marshal Cummings and other interested parties, but ex-Captain Sullivan was noticeably absent.

Councilman Ford and Dailey did not arrive until quite late, but put in an appearance at the same time with a smile of satisfaction on their faces.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

From the mayor, appointing John Jenkins boiler inspector. Appointment confirmed.

From the board of public works, submitting bids for the construction of stone walks on Farnam street. Referred.

From the city attorney, submitting an ordinance to protect the public from having cross-walks and streets blocked up by street car companies in clearing their tracks from snow.

From appraisers, to assess the damages by the change of grade of Twentieth street from Harney to St. Mary's avenue. Referred.

From representatives of the fire insurance companies, praying the council to take such action as would give better fire protection on St. Mary's avenue, West Leavenworth and the Farnam streets, Capitol Hill and other elevated dwelling portions of the city. Referred.

From Ed. Walsh, asking that a committee be appointed to investigate his claim for work on the engine house which had been reduced. Granted. The president appointed Messrs. Dailey, Bailey and Furay as such committee.

By Schroeder—that the waterworks company be instructed to lay water pipes on Sixteenth street from Leavenworth to Jackson street, and locate a hydrant on the corner of Sixteenth and Jones streets. Referred.

By Ford—that the board of public works be instructed to insert a clause in all specifications for city work to prohibit the employment of convict labor or the use of material produced in any way by convict labor. Adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Finance and Claims—Recommending that the erroneous assessment on property of Sam Cotner be reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,500, and also stating that the action was out of order, as claims of this nature should be made within the time when sitting as a board of equalization. Adopted.

Police—Recommending that the claims of ex-Police-men Flynn, Fuller, Lowry and W. H. W. be paid be not allowed. Adopted.

Finance and Claims—Recommending the cancelling of the personal taxes of Gen. George B. Dandy, U. S. A., as the property assessed thereon belongs to the United States. Adopted.

The special committee appointed to investigate the charges against Marshal Cummings and ex-Captain Sullivan made a majority report, as follows:

Your special committee to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Ford concerning the charges relating to Maurice Sullivan, a member of the police force, and Thomas Cummings, city marshal, beg leave to submit the following majority report:

Your committee have devoted five sessions to the consideration of the charges involved, both sides of the controversy being represented by counsel, who conducted their respective sides and to whom the committee gave the fullest latitude in the presentation of their case. We have neither side to any recognized legal rules of evidence, the purpose being to draw out everything in any wise pertaining or relative to the matters in controversy, to the end that neither side could or will claim that any matter or thing, whether grievance or not, had been by its exclusion and further than this, when it occurred to any member of the committee that either of the counsel had overlooked any point the committee exercised the right to make the most diligent inquiry.

The result of the whole inquiry we find and report to be as follows:

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The resolution of Mr. Ford directing a general inquiry as to all Cummings and Sullivan, such action as against Cummings was quite ingeniously prevented by the mayor who, before any evidence was presented, directed to the committee the following letter:

"I have followed the letter from the mayor accepting Sullivan's resignation from the force."

This action of the mayor in accepting the resignation of Sullivan when about to be tried for insubordination in that he had preferred false charges against a fellow officer, and while within the mayor's prerogative so to do, was what the committee, in its propriety amazed your committee, as it, by informing the properly and personally to the charges of Marshal Cummings, as is always to be inferred when an officer resigns while under charges and before trial. Hence it was not intended by your committee to pursue the complaint as far as Sullivan was concerned as his accepted resignation severed his connection with the police force.

A large number of witnesses were called and examined for the purpose of establishing the charges against the marshal, but the only testimony having any direct bearing and in any wise tending to connect Marshal Cummings with the receipt of any money or bribe was that of Sullivan, who alleged that prior to the release of Travis, Gen. O'Brien offered him (Sullivan) \$100 to cause the said Travis to be notified of his resignation, and treatment, and further had, subsequent to the release, stated that he had dropped a story for the marshal, which gave contained \$100; also that the marshal had stated to him

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