LEFT HIS BED-RIDDEN WIFE.

Prof. Strassburger, of Turkish Bath Celebrity, Elopes With a Lincoln Girl.

Mrs. Strassburger's Suit For Divorce and the Sad Domestic History it Unfolds.

Maggie E. Strassburger Thursday filed in the district court a petition for divorce from her husband, Charles E. Strassburger. That was the sum of the plea; she charged him with infidelity and failure to support, but made no hint of alimony.

Everybody knows Prof. Strassburger who formerly conducted a Turkish bath establishment on Dodge street near Fifteenth. Fat, pompous and convivial was he and the many the night he wore out with the tankard of beer and jolly companions. It must not be thought because he took plebian beer that the Prof. was no swell, for that's wrong. He dressed with all the taste that could be put in covering for his ample form and wore diamonds. He also drank wine and the champagne bill was no trifling consideration in his domestic economy. That is about all that is known here of him although he was charged with one or two disreputable capers about town.

Before coming to Omaha the professor was in the Turkish bath business at Lincoln. There, too, he flew high, and being an affably spoken fellow, with a German accent, he took well. In the capital city he met Mrs. Fred Smith, a widow with means and in delicate health. Whether it was a deal in futures or a matter of love with Strassburger, he nevertheless laid his stout heart at the feet of Mrs Smith, and in the course of time was accepted. They were married in St. Louis on August 2, 1883. It should be understood that Strassburger had but little money and his Lincoln venture was not paying him, so that when shortly after their marriage the "happy couple" moved up to Omaha, it was Mrs. S.'s cash that started the bath business.

Mrs. Strassburger is a lady of good birth and breeding. She is thoroughly American, a Cincinnati girl originally, and converses refinedly. For two years she has been bed-ridden, and the sight of her carried dismay to the heart of the reporter who called upon her yesterday primed for a rattling sensation. She lodges in appartments above the Dodge street bath house and never stirs from her room, in fact seldom rises. The representative of the BEE started involuntarily as he entered the chamber in which he anticipated a flaunt of silks and finery and a flood of racy narrative from a handsome and indignant woman. A little yellow, tangle-haired dog barked viciously from the foot of a bed on which lay a lady worn with disease, whom the nurse indicated as Mrs. Strassburger. The invalid was only too plainly the wreck of a splendid woman. A large photograph on the wall near the bed drew a strong contrast of the past and present as the eye fell from the fresh, fair young life there portrayed, to the wan and pallid countenance on the pillow. Mrs. Strassburger was very gracious and talked freely to the reporter.

Her husband absconded some time in the latter part of November taking with him $300 of her money and Anna Schafer a pretty young German girl from Lincoln. Strassburger secured the funds of his wife by fraudulent representations. He took $200 of negotiable paper and $100 of rent money belonging to his wife. Some time prior to his flight he gave up the bath business, in which he had within eighteen months sunk $10,000, again of Mrs. S.'s funds. For awhile he loafed about the city, and made confidential talk to a large number of people of great schemes which he had afoot. About this time he brought up from Lincoln the girl with whom he fled. She is remarkably pretty, of German birth, and having been in America but three years speaks English with difficulty. She is 18 years of age, and up to the time when some two years ago the lecherous eye of Strassburger fell upon her was an honest and virtuous maiden. He accomplished her ruin, and three months before his departure he brought her here and lived with her at a house on Eighteenth and Cass streets.

Strassburger is now in New York and he writes to his wife with such regularity and determined affection that it is plain he is sick of his escapade. He has dolefully petitioned for more money on several occasions, but Mrs. S. is to be trifled with no more. He says that he is tending bar in a Bowery saloon, but it is rather to be believed that his runaway mate is supporting him.

"Mr. Strassburger seems to live in hope," said his wife, "that my death will soon bring to his possession my money, but as he has done so little to merit the slightest favor from my hands, I prefer to die divorced. The doctors hold out small hope to me, but I can survive the suit, at least, I hope. My husband announces that he will return in May, and I want the court to despatch proceedings so that he cannot impose himself upon my support again. I have plenty of means for my own sustenance, but no more to squander on a worthless husband, and for my own protection I must obtain legal separation from him."

The Union sews backwards or forwards.

THE STRIKE CLOSED.

Mr. Robinson Makes a Compromise—Notes on Ice-Packing.

Mr. Ed. Robinson, the contractor, has put an end to the troubles between himself and the members of the Ice Packers union, by acceding to the demands of the strikers. The whole trouble arose, as Mr. Robinson claims, through the strikers demanding pay at the rate of 17½ cents an hour, for the work they did last week. Mr. Robinson stated that he was willing to pay $1.75 to a limited number of men in the future, but did not feel justified in making back settlements on this basis. This did not suit the river men and they have forced Mr. Robinson to employ as large a number of men at the $1.75 rate as the union shall dictate. He complains bitterly of what he terms the shabby way he has been treated by the sheriff. He claims that that official refused to lend him any assistance against the strikers, though he was repeatedly solicited to do so.

Yesterday there was little or no packing done on the river, on account of the extremely cold weather. To-day, however, as more lenient weather is promised, cutting will probably be resumed.

"I never saw so many men seeking employment on the river as during the present season," said an old ice man to a reporter, yesterday. "We are beseiged all day long by applicants for work. I fully believe that there are a thousand men who would be glad to go to work at almost any price in order to secure work."

A member of the Ice Packers' union to whom the above expression was quoted by the reporter, replied, "Yes, and if it wasn't for our union, where would wages be? Of course there are plenty of men who would go to work for $1.50, $1.25, or even $1 a day. Our union was formed for the very purpose of preventing wages from being forced down to such a low point."

Union machine has automatic tensions.

Shannon Letter Bill File, Filing Cabinets and Cases. Schlicht's Standard Indexes. 219 12th street, opposite Neb. Nat'l Bank.

THE FORT DOUGLAS SCHOOL.

An Interesting Report Received By Gen. Howard.

The bi-monthly report of the school at Fort Douglas, which are conducted by the post authorities, has just been received by Gen. Howard. It makes the following showing:

Enlisted men in garrison	492
Children under five years of age at post	32
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.	
Enlisted men	250
Children of officers	11
Children of enlisted men	17
Children of civilians	1
LIBRARY.	
Volumes at end of last two months	375
Volumes purchased in these two months	90
Volumes circulated in these two months	450
READING ROOM.	
Papers and magazines received in these two months	49
Average attendance during these two months	400

In the general remarks about the schools some valuable suggestions are offered. While uniformity of text books is admitted as desirable, as children are liable to be transferred from one school to another, yet the officers in charge believe that the choice of books ought to be left largely to the judgment of the officer in immediate charge of the schools, and that such officer, to be successful in any degree, must, in the exercise of his judgment, adopt such methods to awaken, develop and strengthen the intellectual curiosity of the enlisted man, as shall induce him, of his own volition to avail himself of such opportunities as are open to him."

The report states further:

The teachers detailed for school purposes and the officer in immediate charge ought (I suggest) to be furnished with books and magazines relating to their profession, as are the surgeons at a post with books and magazines to enable them to keep up with the outside world in professional knowledge.

Possibly the officer in charge of schools, with his teachers, if such appliances were given to them, might aid the surgeon in preventing ordinary sicknesses, that are so frequently the result of an idle instead of a profitable recreation.

Further—it seems to me, that if men are enlisted, who cannot read or write, or do so imperfectly, and are without a moderate knowledge of the fundamental rules of arithmetic, that such enlisted men ought to be compelled to attend school, while with others more advanced, such attendance should be left optional. To secure this end, every recruit, on arriving at his station, or on being enlisted, might be sent for examination to the "officer in immediate charge of the schools."

At a post where a chaplain is stationed, he ought, I think, always to be in charge of the schools, and I therefore suggest that no one should be appointed as a chaplain without previous examination, or evidence, as shall show that he is "apt to teach," not only moral and spiritual truths on Sundays, but the rudiments of a good English education and to direct such of the enlisted men as desire it, in the work of self-improvement.

SALOON LICENSES.

What the Law and Order League are Doing in the Matter.

The Law and Order league has already begun to move in regard to the granting of licenses for the sale of liquor for the coming year, although the new licenses will not be issued until April 1. About thirty applications for licenses have already been received by the license board, and the Law and Order league are investigating them to satisfy themselves that everything is legal. A representative of the league in speaking about the matter yesterday, said:

"It has been reported that there has been considerable crookedness on the part of some liquor men in securing their licenses in the past, and we want to have everything all straight in the future. We propose that all shall give sufficient and legal bonds. We are not making a general movement as against the saloons, but what we want to do is to shut off the disreputable places. There are any quantity of them in the city, the proprietors of which have no respect whatever for the law. The law says that the keeper of a saloon must have a good moral character, and as there are a good many men now running saloons who have no character at all, we propose to stop them. Of course there are plenty of saloons whose proprietors are straight and conduct their establishments properly. These places we shall not molest, but where disreputable men apply for a license we shall do all in our power to prevent their securing it. I could mention a number of places which we have spotted as unfit to receive licenses, but the time has not yet come. Our work will be manifest before the 1st of April."

HIS PAPERS RECOVERED.

Soldier Clark's Discharge and Pension Documents Found.

Clay Pitman and John, alias Sunflower Thornton, were on trial before Judge Stenberg yesterday afternoon for vagrancy. They are gentlemen of color, and cold-blooded, having been arrested for sitting around a stove for several nights in a boarding house and not paying for the privilege. Both of them averred that they had secured beds in another house for the night, but as it was so dreadfully cold they preferred to sit by the stove and keep warm. Judge Stenberg concluded that they would be more comfortable in the county jail and so gave them a sentence of twenty days.

In the pockets of Pitman were found the discharge and pension papers of David Clark. Clark is the man who was found in an almost dying condition last October in the house of Mag Johnson, a colored prostitute living on Tenth street. The woman had been caring for him for several days, but it becoming known that Clark was a member of the G. A. R., he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital for treatment. As Clark could not produce his discharge papers some doubted his assertion that he was a soldier in the late war, but he stated that he had lost his papers since he had been sick. The discovery of them in Pitman's possession proves Clark's story to have been true. He has been lying at St. Joseph's hospital ever since, and as soon as the papers were found a telephone message was sent to the hospital to inform him of their recovery. It was learned, however, that Clark had left the hospital yesterday noon, only an hour or so before the message was received, and his whereabouts are unknown. As he was penniless, and there are $18 due on the pension, their recovery will be received by him with joy. He was a member of Company D, 30th Iowa infantry. The papers are now at the central police station.

Without an equal—the Union machine.

The Burns Anniversary.

On Monday, January 25, a concert and ball will be given at Light Guards hall, corner Fifteenth and Dodge streets, by the Burns club, in commemoration of the 127th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns. All Scotchmen and their friends are cordially invited. Tickets may be had at N. B. Falconer's, corner Fifteenth and Douglas; at Wm. Fleming's, corner Fourteenth and Douglas, or from members of the club. The club wishes to announce to its friends, that finding it impossible to procure a hall suitable for one of its old-time festivals it was concluded to hold a concert and ball, which will be conducted in true Scottish style.

Self-treading—Union sewing machine.

THE COLD WAVE SUBSIDING.

Warmer Weather Puts in an Appearance at a Late Hour Last Night.

THE STORM AND THE RAILROADS

Traffic Impeded but Trains Running—Providing for the County's Poor—Police News and Local Miscellany

The Weather.

After a night of storm and howling wind, yesterday morning dawned clear after all, and the gale had fallen off to a stiff breeze, not strong enough to drift the snow. The mercury registered 20 below, and managed to climb up ten points by mid-day. By 6 o'clock last evening the wind had entirely subsided, although the thermometer still lingered at about 15 below. From that time on during the night the cold moderated, and about 11 o'clock a light snow began to fall and the air grew perceptibly warmer.

The storm has not been so bad in the neighboring west although farther on, in Colorado and western Kansas a blizzard is howling.

Below is the Union Pacific weather report from its various stations west:

North Platte, clear, wind, 8° below.
Cheyenne, cloudy, wind, 7° above.
Laramie, cloudy, wind, 24° above.
Rawlins, clear, wind, 25° above.
Evanston, cloudy, calm, 25° above.
Ogden, cloudy, calm, 30° above.
Denver, cloudy, calm, 6° above.
Wallace, Kan., cloudy, calm, zero.
Kansas City, clear, wind, 2° below.

Railway traffic is once more in a crippled condition. The wind during Thursday night barricaded every cut with snow and although there is no general blockade as there was two weeks ago, business is seriously impeded. All trains from the east yesterday were from three to six hours late. The "Q" fast mail did not reach the city until nearly midnight, although it arrived at Pacific Junction nearly on time.

The Burlington & Missouri is still open and trains are running although very slowly. Last evening's Lincoln train was abandoned. The Union Pacific trains are also considerably behind time. The Missouri Pacific is completely blockaded and trains were abandoned. All freight business is at a standstill.

The Kansas City train had a marvelous adventure. She pulled through the storm in great shape, arriving almost on the dot when suddenly as she dashed up to the Council Bluffs depot with her journey completed, the engine struck some packed snow on the rails and left the track at a tangent. The rest of the train followed suit, the cars and coaches being thrown pellmell on all sides. Great excitement arose among the passengers, and a scramble for deliverance ensued. After it was all over the discovery was made that no one was hurt and the damage was inconsequential.

THE COUNTY'S PAUPERS.

How They are Provided for by Superintendent Pierce.

"I am feeding 175 families this year, on an average," said Poor Commissioner Pierce to a reporter yesterday who droppe in on him as he was holding his regular weekly matinee. "Last year I had 250 families on my list. The difference, as I account for it, lies in the fact that last year we had a bad winter, while this year the winter has been open and up to a few days ago employment of all kinds has been plentiful. Of course, during the present cold snap, work is scarce, and there is a good deal of suffering."

While the reporter was hastily jotting down his notes on the above utterances, Mr. Pierce stood before an array of barrels, busily doling out the provisions to the mendicants who thronged upon him. People of all ages and sizes and nationalities, found their way thither; on all of them, poverty and want have set an unmistakable seal, which was plain to anyone who for a moment gazes upon their pinched and care-worn faces. Most of them were old women, hardly able to walk, but still anxious to obtain their share of the county charity. Once in a while an old man drops in, reports himself in need of the necessaries of life, and goes off laden with good things. A large proportion of the applicants are children, who are sent thither by their parents who are unable or are too proud to come themselves. It is a very common sight, that of a young girl or boy not over seven or eight years of age, toddling down the steps from the county building, bearing a heavy sack or basket of flour, beans, coffee, and all manner of provisions. Mr. Pierce's big day is Friday, but he is at his office in the basement of the court house every afternoon for a time so that he is kept constantly busy supplying his pauper charges. Another matter which requires his closest attention is in seeing that the county is not defrauded by unworthy applicants, who want to sponge provisions when they are perfectly able to pay for them. He has a regular list of those who apply weekly, and when a new "subject" asks for an allowance from the "charity bin," Mr. Pierce gives him the provisions after first taking the name and address. He afterwards visits each new family to see whether they really need charitable assistance. The standard articles which are given out are flour, coffee, tea, beans and soap. Occasionally in the case of sick persons, requiring somewhat delicate food, an order is given for whatever is desired. Each family receives from ten to thirty pounds of flour, according to size, and other provisions in proportion. The amount of flour dealt out in one week, Mr. Pierce says, is usually a good round ton.

"There is one thing about the system of supplying the county paupers," remarked Mr. Pierce, "which is decidedly objectionable. It is this. Certain people depend on the county for a living, when they ought to and are able to support themselves. Let a family really in need be supplied; in that neighborhood other families who probably are not really in need of help come to the conclusion that they ought to be put on the "free list" too. Yes, the number of paupers supplied is always greatest in the winter time. I have about fifty applicants, however, who are supplied regularly the year around."

A HAPPY FAMILY.

A Conglomeration of Nationalities Locked in One Cell.

Stretched around on the benches in cell No. 2 at the central police station last night were five forms, each one of which represented a different nationality, from the swarthy African to the white-skinned Yankee. At an early hour all were wrapt in slumber, and peace and quiet pervaded the confines of the bastile.

Nearest the cell door, with his Irish head reclining on a blanket and his Celtic nose emitting vigorous snores, reclined John Kelley—drunk. He had been disorderly, which caused his arrest.

Beyond Kelly's head, and in close proximity to it, were two feet encased in No. 12 shoes. They were the property of Tom Hardy, colored, who occasionally muttered in his dreams, "I'm from ole Virginia." Tom was also drunk.

Next to the colored brother reposed a Celestial, also swarthy but with a yellow tinge to his complexion. This was Yet Sing, a hired man in a Tenth street laundry. He was restless and uneasy, and his conscience evidently troubled him, for he was charged with the larceny of clothing. The charge was made by an individual named A. Hollander, who had his washing done at the laundry where the prisoner was employed. When he called for it Yet Sing took his ticket but failed to give the man his clothes, and the arrest followed. All the explanation the Chinaman made was: "Melican man got his clothes."

On the other side of the cell, evidently slumbering soundly, although emitting occasionally a grunt of dissatisfaction, lay Sam Willuhn, late of Germany. Sam had been pugnacious, the Dutch blood in him had been raised to the boiling point, and he was arrested while engaged in a personal encounter with a comrade.

The remaining occupant of the cell was Isaac Walker, and he had been exercising that great American privilege of beating his wife. He resides at Sixth and Marcy streets, and loud and long telephone calls informed the police that they were needed in that locality. They responded to the call and found that Walker was having a high old time. He was conveyed to the central station and the charge placed opposite his name on the register of "smashing doors and furniture."

POLICE COURT.

The Grist Ground Out in Judge Stenberg's Court Yesterday.

There were but a few cases disposed of in Judge Stenberg's court, the cold weather doubtless having something to do with this.

Henry Grover is the name of the ex-cook of the Senate, who was arrested for theft Thursday. He has been in that establishment for the past six months and during that time has been in the habit of carrying off meat, vegetables, sugar, etc., home. Thursday night he was caught in the act, and Steward Patsy Fallon had him arrested. Yesterday morning he plead guilty. Owing to the fact, however, that he had a wife and child dependent upon him, Judge Stenberg sent him up on a light senrence—five days in the county jail.

John Wrighter paid a fine of $3 and costs for being intoxicated.

John Barber, an aged tramp, who had been picked up in an intoxicated condition Thursday, was sent to the poor house.

Nick Wallace, the negro bum, who is periodically run in by the police in a beastly state of intoxication, again faced Judge Stenberg. This time he had to answer a charge of stealing three shovels from the "snow gang" Thursday.

Nick insisted strenuously that he had taken but one shovel, and that by permission of the owner, and had quickly returned after he had used it to shovel in a half-ton of coal. "Shovel wusn't wuth no mor'n 20 cents, no how, Judge," he pleaded; "'twas an old thing, with half of de edges tore off'n it. Does you tink I'd con'scend to steal dat shovel! No, sah!" (with an air of lofty scorn.)

"Well, you may sit down," replied the judge. "I'll investigate the case."

"Nick sat down, muttering something about his being the "victim of serkumstances."

H. A. Hobbie plead not guilty to a charge of vagrancy. He stated that he had been a workingman in Omaha for more than eight years and was at present engaged in working at the smelter.

"Didn't you try begging on the streets last night?" asked the judge.

"No sir," Hobbie replied, "I did not. I needed money to buy medicine for my wife, and meeting a friend on the street, I asked him to loan me 50 cents. The policeman who was standing near took me for a begger, I suppose and arrested me."

Hobbie was evidently a hard working man and the judge released him.

Convicted of Assault.

James and Dan Hensell, the saloon men near Sheely's packing house, who were arrested for assaulting and beating James Orton, an expressman, and his family, were tried before Justice Anderson yesterday afternoon. The trial lasted nearly all the afternoon and resulted in the men being fined $25 and costs each. They gave notice that they would appeal the case. During the trial one of the brothers acted in such a disreputable manner that Jutsice Anderson came near ordering his incarceration for contempt of court.

THEY RAN AWAY.

Married People Who Want Their Connubial Relations Dissolved.

Divorce proceedings were commenced in the district court yesterday by Mrs. Amelia Hall against her husband, Elijah Green Hall, on the grounds of adultery and desertion. In her petition the plaintiff alleges that while living with her husband in Brown county, she discovered that he was criminally intimate with a young woman named Katie Bowen. When she accused her husband of the fact he left her, eloping with the young woman and is now, so the plaintiff is credibly informed, living with his enamorata in a state of open adultery. This state of affairs the plaintiff considers good grounds for the court granting an absolute divorce.

Louis Anderson also wants to be legally separated from his wife on the ground of desertion. He alleges in his petition that he has always treated her kindly, but she left his home in Omaha and betook herself to Sarpy county, from whence she refuses to return, although frequently urged to do so by him. He therefore has concluded to let her alone and asks the court to help him do so by granting the divorce.

Union sewing machine lasts a life time.

The Wyoming Central.

The corrected plat of the route of the Wyoming Central railway, an extension of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway, otherwise the Northwestern, through the northern and central portions of this territory, has been received at the land office in Cheyenne. The road will strike Wyoming near Van Tassell's ranch, and follow the course of the Running Water to a point near the headwaters of Shawnee creek. From thence it will run in a southerly direction along the west side of Shawnee, striking the Platte about a mile and a half west of the mouth of the creek. It then follows the Platte to the Fort Fetterman military reservation. The Platte thus definitily locates the line, showing only a few material changes in the original course. The right of way is already secured by act of congress and it is evident that all preparations are being made to push the road through during the coming summer.

☐The Union sews backwards or forwards.

Wants His Trunk.

L. E. Gordon has commenced suit in the county court to recover his trunk from the Nebraska Coal & Lime company, who attached it for a debt some time ago. The trunk was seized by Constable Edgerton, and is now in possession of the company. Mr. Gordon says that though there were no grounds for the seizure of the trunk, which contained nearly all his earthly goods, the hard-hearted constable carried it off just the same, and laughed at him mockingly when he requested its return.

☐The noiseless Union sewing machine.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

A Hermit Who Perished During the Recent Storm—A Sad Scene.

From a gentleman who arrived from North Platte yesterday additional particulars were learned of the case of the hermit who was frozen to death there during the recent blizzard.

The coroner was notified on Monday of the death, near that place, of a hermit who lived in a sod hut, with only a horde of dogs for companions. He immediately went to the place indicated and found the dogs still keeping watch over the dead body of their master. Seven of them had to be shot before the body could be touched. Among the effects of the hermit was found $76 in dimes and nickels, all in small bags. A number of letters were also found in the pockets of the deceased which turned out to be letters of recommendation from good men in Iowa of the hermit's qualifications as a bookkeeper. He was probably insane over the subject of breeding dogs, and some trouble had driven him to solitude with his canine friends. It is believed that he froze to death on Saturday night.

Concerning this same recluse the Cheyenne Sun says:

About eight months ago a man with black, straggling beard and ragged clothes, trundled a wheelbarrow, in which were twelve or fifteen puppies, through North Platte, westward. At his heels barked and snarled a score of dogs of all sizes, ages and variegated breeds and colors. The strange procession continued on until it had passed the ranch where Buffalo Bill (William F. Cody) lives when he is at home, and then camped for the night. It was apparent the next morning that the man thought the location a good one, for he immediately commenced and soon completed the construction of a sod house, which he reared to about the height of his head and partially roofed over. Into this he placed a dry goods box, which had been carried through from somewhere in the effete east, and built himself a fireplace. There he lived, and when fall came the puppies had grown to good-sized dogs, and the strange individual would crawl out of a little hole in the sod hut and gaze at the trains go by, while his thirty-two dogs would bound around him. He has been seen in North Platte a few times during the summer and fall, but had very little to say to anyone, and never talked of his own affairs. Just how he found the means of subsistence is not known, but in part he lived by getting an occasional mutilated steer carcass from the railroad track and by catching jackrabbits with his dogs.

THE VIADUCT CONTRACT.

It Will Not Be Awarded for Several Days Yet.

"The viaduct contract," said City Engineer Rosewater to a reporter yesterday, "will not be let for several days yet. The matter is now in the hands of the railroad companies, and it depends upon their decision when and to whom the contract will be awarded. The railroad companies, of course, pay three-fifths of the cost of the viaduct, consequently they have a right to partially at least dictate to whom the contract shall be awarded. They have the privilege, too, of throwing out the bids altogether. But I do not think they will do that. I have talked with General Manager Callaway, of the Union Pacific, and General Manager Holdrege, of the Burlington & Missouri, and both of them declare that they are anxious that the construction of this viaduct shall be pushed. Both declare, however, that the council committee have so far failed to live up to the agreements made, and are anxious to have a contract drawn up in black and white between the city and the railroad companies. Then, again, it must be determined whether the viaduct is to be built over Tenth street or Eleventh street, before the awards can be made. This is a matter which ought to occupy the attention of the council at once, and a report will be submitted at the meeting next Tuesday."

"Are the bids as reasonable as anticipated?"

☐"Yes, most of them. Those which are the cheapest, taking into consideration the quality of work proposed, range from $75,000 to $80,000. The board, I think, is inclined to regard the bid of the Youngstown (Ohio) company most favorably, and that company will probably secure the contract."

The reporter tried to see Chairman J. E. House about the matter, but that gentleman was not in his office.

A SCHOOL BENEFIT.

A Mammoth Concert to be Given by Local German Singing Societies.

One of the events of February is to be a mammouth concert and ball to be given by the Maennerchor, Concordia singing society, Swiss singing society and Turner singing society, for the benefit of the German-American school. The affair is to take place on the 21st at Germania hall.

A rehearsal was held last night, in which more than sixty voices participated. The rehearsals will be held very frequently. It is expected that the concert will be one of the best of its kind ever held in the city.

A committee of two from the various organizations which are to take part, has been appointed. They are as follows:

Concordia—Geo. E. Stratman, Adolph Meyer.

Turner Quartette Club—Ernest G. Grube, Wm. Stoecker.

Swiss Society—August Schaefer, A. Bauert.

Maennerchor—Gustav Kroeger, Wm. Hoffman.

Platt Deutscher Verein—A. Altendorf, B. Evers.

Arion Club—T. Metz, jr., and Max Becht.

Verwaltungsrath—John H. F. Lehman.

George E. Stratman was elected president of the temporary organization, Ernest Grebe secretary, and Adolph Meyer treasurer.

The largest and finest assortment of German and French masks is to be found at MAX MEYER & CO'S., 11th & Fanam.

The Insurance Cases.

Mr. I. H. Congdon, one of the lawyers who represent H. T. Clarke & Co. in the big insurance cases which have just come to a conclusion in the United States court, said to a reporter yesterday that he understood the insurance companies intended to file a motion for a new trial on various grounds. Inasmuch as none of the verdicts are for more than $5,000, the cases can not be appealed. Mr. Congdon said that Messrs. Clarke & Co. were satisfied with the verdict—considerably more so in fact than the insurance companies, and should take no steps for a new trial.

Masks and masqverade trimmings at MAX MEYER & CO'S., 11th & Farnam.

Knocked Him Out.

Sporting men here will doubtless remember "Young" Smith, the 20-year-old pugilistic wonder, who traveled with Jack Burke last season, stopping in Omaha a few days. He has been in Wyoming, and concerning an exploit of his at Evanston, the Salt Lake Tribune has the following to say:

The next thing on the bill was a genuine thumping match between Ed. Smith, familiarly known as "Young Smith," 20 years of age, weighing 154 pounds, and a negro barber known as Tom Austin. Smith had offered to "knock out" any man within ten pounds of his weight, or forfeit $50. Austin had been bragging about town that he had stood up before Paddy Ryan, and would be only too glad to meet Smith. Considerable time was consumed by the "nig" getting a backer arranging conditions. At last he entered the ring and faced Smith. The latter let out his right and the colored man dropped to avoid the blow. This farce was continued for half a minute, the crowd calling on Austin to stand up to it. He essayed to do so, but as soon as Smith got a good lick in, the nig turned a complete somersault and begged for mercy. He was hooted from the ring.

American and European national character masks at MAX MEYER & CO'S.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ROMANY RYE.

A very small audience witnessed the opening of the Romany Rye engagement at the opera house last night. Weather permitting, there should be a full attendance this afternoon and evening as the great melodrama is this time presented by first class artists and the scenic effects for the several spectacles which occur in the play are excellent.

MULDOON AT THE PEOPLE'S.

The blizzard and perhaps John Jack conspired to give Muldoon's Picnic but a poor greeting. The show is good and the specialty business is fine. When Sully came out and sprung his first jawbreaker, odds were given in the pit that it was Ned Harrigan himself doing the act, and when Mulcahey in the person of B. E. Ellis put in his appearance, the audience agreed as one man that he was Toney Hart. The rest of the cast is good, and the whole show merits patronage. Mr. Fretwell, the new manager intends to make the People's boom.

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Complimentary Concert.

A complimentary concert to Miss Fannie E. Loomis, a Boston lady of prominence musical circles was given Thursday night at the Dodge street Presbyterian church. The best musical talent in the city participated in the entertainment, Miss Loomis being assisted by Miss Blanche Oliver, soprano; Mrs. F. P. Day, contra; L. M. Bartlett and W. B. Wilkins, tenors; J. L. Smith, basso; W. T. Taber, accompanist, and E. A. Todd, organist. The programme was excellently rendered, and gave ample testimony of the accomplishments of all the participants. Miss Loomis was especially well received and properly so, for her execution was faultless. Mr. Franklin S. Smith acted as musical director of the occasion.

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Declines to Serve.

Mr. C. J. Canan, one of the managers of the baseball park, has received notice that he has been elected manager of the new Western league, recently organized in St. Joe, with Marysville, Hastings, Lincoln, Leavenworth, Pueblo, Denver, etc., in the circuit. Mr. Canan informed a reporter yesterday that he should positively refuse to serve. "I do not think it will be a paying scheme," he said, "and I do not care to be in any way identified with it. I have faith, however, in Sullivan's Northwestern league scheme, and believe it is the only one that will pay."

Brevities.

Only one marriage license was issued yesterday, the happy couple being Charles Faust and Mary Gillette.

The county commissioners report that yesterday they distributed to the poor forty tons of coal in addition to the large amount of provisions.

The plasterers are notified to meet in their hall on Friday, January 29, as business of importance is to be transacted. By order of secretary.

Personal Paragraphs.

D. W. Boulton, treasurer of Wayne county was in the city yesterday.

Henry Voss, the well known architect, left last evening for Milwaukee and Chicago on private business relative to some important brewery construction.

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