GATHERED FROM THE COURTS.

The Grand Jury Bring in Two Indictments, But None Against Cummings.

GRIST FROM THE JUSTICE MILLS

A Tale of Man's Inhumanity to Woman -Whisky Captured Him-County Contracts Let-Other Interesting Local News.

The County Building.

The attachment suit of Freyhan vs Hadra came up before Judge Neville in the district court yesterday afternoon, and after argument the attachment was dissolved. It was developed that one of the witnesses, on whose evidence the attachment was secured, had since approached the defendant and made overtures to leave town for a money consideration until the suit had been decided. This revelation weakened the case of the plaintiff, causing the truth of the witness' testimony to be called in question, and resulted in the dissolution of the attach-

The property attached, it may be re membered, was Hadra's bottling works, and it has been in charge of the officers of the law since. The plaintiff announced that the case would be appealed to the supreme court,
FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Suit was commenced in the district court yesterday by Maurice Kelley against Michael F. Dempsey, a policeman, and his bondsmen for the sum of \$2,000. The petition alleges that on January 9, Dempsey arrested Kelley without cause or provocation and after assaulting cause or provocation, and after assaulting him, conveyed him to the city jail where he was confined over night, despite the fact that he offered bail. There, the petition claims, he was thrown in a cell with common criminals, and suffered abuse and violence, for all of which he believes himself to have been damaged in the amount named and for which he asks TO DAY'S CALL.

Before Judge Neville the call of cases for to-day is as follows: Hendrix vs. the County Commissioners.

Hull vs. O'Keeffe. Thomas et al. vs. Pugh. Quick vs. Moore. Dufek vs. Dufek. Martin vs. Stein. Mears vs. Simeral et al. Robinson vs. Woodworth. Blumer vs. Schroeder. Robinson vs. Joslyn. Gsantner vs. Merchants' National Bank.

Huffman vs. Huffman. Fowler vs. Riley et al.
Judge Wakeley was absent yesterday
in Lincoln and no call has been issued
for him. He will return to-day.

The Grand Jury.

The grand jury yesterday afternoon returned indictments against Allan and Gideon, the B. & M. railroad elerks, finding true bills against them for forging and uttering false railroad tickets. The jury then took up the case against Lauer for the murder of his wife and ex-

amined several witnesses. The investigation will be continued to-day. The case of Marshal Cummings which has been before the jury several days, was finally disposed of yesterday, the testimony not being of a nature to justify an indictment. Nothing startling was developed beyond what has already been published in regard to the matter.

Hunting for Papa.

The bastardy case of Lillian Bourdette against Harry C. Burbanks, the Sixteenth street saloonist, comes up for trial before Justice Berka at 10 o'clock this morning. The case was first brought before Judge Anderson, but a change of venue was secured and the case continued until the reasont. The trial will undoubtedly be Third ward: Mrs. B. Jardine, 115 North present. The trial will undoubtedly be interesting, and the lady and her four-year-old child, whose paternity Burbanks is accused of, will be present.

Sues His Employers.

Frank Kittell commenced suit in the county court yesterday to recover \$1,000 from the Lewis Hand Fire Extinguisher company of Chicago. He says that he went to work for that concern in July, 1885, being guaranteed a salary of \$100 a month and a certain commission. He claims that there is now due him the sum of \$600 ln salary, besides \$400 in commissions.

Police Court Docket.

William Petty, a plain drunk, was fined \$5 and costs in the police court yesterday, and being unable to pay was remanded to jail. Carl Windstren was an old man who

had come from the west to Omaha to look for work. He had frozen his feet on the journey here, and was unable to find anything to do. Accordingly he pro-ceeded to "fill up" and had been arrested in an intoxicated condition. Judge Sten-berg released him with a warning.

BRUTAL TREATMENT.

An Abandoned Woman's Tale of Cruelty-A Fiendish Lover.

A case of most brutal and inhuman treatment of a woman was reported to \$140,000 per annum revenue for school Judge Stenberg yesterday by a prostitute who visited the police court to pay her fine. In spite of the fact that the alleged victim is a woman of the town, the judge's sympathy was enlisted in the case and the police were instructed to arrest the perpetrator of the brutalities.

The person (not man) who is wanted is Ted Huke, and the woman on whom he has wreaked his ungovernable passions is known as Mabel Huke. For some time past she has been an inmate of Mollie Scott's house of ill-fame, and Huke has been her "solid man." To relate the series of abuses which he has heaped upon the unfortunate girl would reveal a state of things such as is not dreamed of by law-abiding citizens. Besides beating and maltreating her, he has forced her to support him in idleness and dissipation, and when she had no money to give him and could not borrow, he has threatened her life. Recently she endeavored to escape from his ill-treatment and went to the house of Mrs. Thompson on Ninth street to live. Huke, however, discovered her whereabouts and renewed his brutality. tality. The girl was afraid to inform the police, as she believed he would kill her. Some time ago he assaulted her in Council Bluffs and was arrested, as it was feared that she would die from her injuries. The officers here are on the look out for Huke.

CAPTURED WHILE DRUNK. A Man Who was Wanted Caught in

A call for the patrol wagon yesterday afternoon summoned that vehicle to Pat Desmond's saloon on Tenth street, where a man paralyzed drunk was loaded in and conveyed to the central police station. The inebriated individual proved to be Jack Maloney, a railroad switchman, who has been wanted by the police for some time. Maloney, according to a complaint sworn out by Fannie Hamilton, is one of the men who, on the night of January 27, assaulted and brutally kicked a cow-boy from Buffalo Gap in front of the woman's house of ill-fame. Several of he gang were arrested the next day, but

Jack could not be found, A warrant was then issued for his arrest and has been in the hands of the officers ever since.

Maloney was flush with money when arrested, and made a stubborn resistance. He was strapped to the bottom of the patrol wagon on the trip to the police

station.

COUNTY BIDS. Contracts Awarded for Work to be Done This Season.

The county commissioners yesterday opened bids for grading in this county. the work to be done comprising turnpiking, and long cuts, hanls and fills There were two bids for turnpike work, one each from Eli Johnson and James Gilmore. The amount was the same in each case, namely 3 cents per cubic yard. B. P. Knight bid 31 cents for the

same work. For the other kind of work B. P. Knight bid 91 cents for the first 500 yards, 12 cents the second 500 vards, 14 cents the third 500 yards, 10 cents the fourth 500 yards; each additional 500 yards 21 cents per yard. Daniel Condon of Columbus bid 10 cents for the first 500 yards, 12 cents for the second 500 yards, and 2 cents per yard for every additional 500 yards. This bid was lower than that of Knight's in all except two In one of these it was equal to that of the latter's, and in the other lower than it by one-half cent. This is Mr. Condon's first bid for work of the kind in the county, and it is more than likely that he will direct more of his attention in this direction than heretofore.

The contract was awarded to him,

though at present it may not be deter-mined how much work will be done this year. Commissioner Corliss estimates it at about 70,000 yards. The work will be done in the western part of the county as well as near Omaha, and consist in af-fording easy access to and exit from the city. The commissioners were unde-cided as to how to decide upon the even bid of Gilmore and Johnson.

DISPENSING CHARITY.

The Ladies of the Women's Christian Aid Association Open Their Relief Rooms.

The ladies of the Women's Christian Aid association are now busy in dispensing the funds, placed in their hands by the charity ball committee, to the needy. Their headquarters are at 1408 Dodge street and are open from 10 o'clock to 2. The number of applicants has so far been very large, but very few of them are turned away empty handed. When there is any doubt as to the fitness of the applicant as an object of charity, the case is turned over to sub-committees who investigate and report.

Money is never given under any cir-cumstances. The committee make all necessary purchases and turn over the various articles of clothing and provisions to the applicant. Occasionally in extreme cases the ladies pay the rent of houses occupied by people too poor to make the payment themselves.

The following named ladies are upon the committees to attend to the distribu-

tion of funds.

Mrs. P. L. Perrine, chairman, 1920
Dodge street; Mrs. R. D. Hill, treasurer,
2018 California street; Mrs. B. Knight,
2204 Webster street, and Mrs. H. M.

James, 1880 Nineteenth street, secretaries; Mrs.W.V. Doolittle, 812 North Eighteenth treet; Mrs. J. B. Jardine, 112 North Tenth street; Mrs. W. N. Ba bcock, M ard hotel; Mrs. Dr. Moore, 1004 Burt-street; Mrs. O. H. Pratt, 210 South Twen-ty-fourth street; Mrs. A. Roberts, 1141 North Eighteenth street; Mrs. J. J. Me-Lain, 1011 Saunders street Lain, 1011 Saunders street.

The following ward committees were appointed: First ward: Mrs. P. Boyer, 710 Pierce street.

Tenth street; Mrs. L. S. Boltz, 1123 Har-Tenth street; Mrs. L. S. Boltz, 1123 Harney street; Mrs. Grant, Howard street.
Fourth ward: Mrs. W. J. Welshans, 2108 Douglas street; Mrs. H. M. James, 118 South Nineteeuth street.
Fifth ward: Mrs. A. Roberts, 1141 North Eighteenth street; Mrs. W. V. Doolittle, 812 North Eighteenth street; Mrs. Perkins, 813 North Seventeenth street.

street.

Sixth ward: Mrs. J. J. MdLain, 1011 Saunders street; Mrs. Dr. Moore, 2004 Burt street.

The committee have secured a room at 1408 Dodge street. They will distribute on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., commencing yesterday.

Reform Club Organized.

The W. C. T. U. Buckingham hall was filled last night again to hear the popular temperance speaker, Mr. Holt, lecture on 'Hard Cash or the Fallacy of High License." A most enthusiastic song service, led beautifully by Messrs. Gratton and Huteson, was very enjoyable. Among the many startling figures presented by Mr. Holt were the following of the Omaha saloons. Suppose there are 140 saloons in your city. It takes \$5,700 per day to run them; \$34,700 per week; \$1,-066,400 per year, and the city receives purposes. In other words the citizens of Omaha pay \$1 into the saloon to pay 9 cents into the school fund. A rather expensive collecting agency, is it not? The lecture was full of good points which would have staggered Mr. Slocum himself. To be appreciated, Mr. Holt must be heard and seen. Far beyond the finan-cial loss is the woe and heart-ache and tears of the inebriates and their innocent wives and helpless children.

After an enthusiastic meeting the Re form club was formally organized. The

form club was formally organized. The following officers were elected:

President—Fred M. Sprague.
Vice President—S. L. Bannister.
Secretary—Chas. E. Wood.
Treasurer—W. P. O'Neal.
Executive Committee—W. D. Easley,
N. McCandlish, J. J. Rider.
Grievance Committee—G. H. Payne,
W. Wells, A. P. Fitzpatrick

W. Wells, A. P. Fitzpatrick. Chaplain—Resident ministers. Meetings every night this week. All

Union Sewing Mac ine, 206 N. 16th St.

A Magnificent Comedy. The play of "Upper Ten and Lower Twenty," which is to be produced at the People's theater to-night, is one of the People's theater to-night, is one of the finest and neatest comedies on the boards. It is Robertson's masterpeice and has had phenomenally long runs in both England and this country. It will be east to the full strength of the Vincent comedy company with Mr. Vincent in his strong characterization of "Ecles," Miss Vincent as "Polly," and Mr. Bernard as "Sam." This is one of the strongest pieces of this company's repertoire, and will afford an evening of delightful entertainment. entertainment.

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Valentine Sociable.

The ladies of Seward street Methodist church will hold a valentine sociable at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Newman, 1908 Campbell street, to-morrow evening. the 12th inst. Arrangements have been made for a good time, and all the friends of the church are cordially invited to be present.

VICTIM OF A MOCK MARRIAGE

Mrs. Augusta Hinze and the Story of Her Life.

THE PAVING PAPERS ARE SIGNED

Births and Deaths-Mrs. Colpetzer's German-The Good Templars-Burglars at Work-Local Miscellany.

Swindled in Love.

A middle-aged lady came into police court yesterday looking for Judge Stenberg. The presiding genius of the tribunal had his feet stacked up on his desk, smoking a fragrant Havana, while the dozen or more reporters of the after noon papers were scattered about the room drowsily waiting for something to turn up. It turned.

The lady, who gave her name as Mrs. Augusta Hinze, spoke but little English, and conequently had to tell her story to the judge through an interpreter. The direct object of her visit was to have a certain woman arrested for slander. To back up her request she made a rather sensational statement, which, boiled down, is as follows.

Ten years ago she was living in Hamburg, Germany. Her husband, Mr. Goldsmith, kept a small notion store in that metropolis, and when he died she succeeded him as proprietress of the establishment. One dark day a smooth, tablishment. One dark day a smooth, oily villain giving the name of Theodore Sickle crossed her path. He was handsome, fascinating and persuasive, and when after some weeks, wooing he proposed to her, what could she do but accept him? She sold out her little property, and getting together all the money she could (\$900), she started with him for America, where it was named they should be where, it was agreed, they should be married. They landed in Montreal, Canmarried. They landed in Montreal, Can-ada, and a ceremony was performed which, as the lady supposed, made her the wife of Sickie. After a few days of blissful existence, her fond dream of love was rudely disturbed by the dis-covery that her Theodore was a villain. He deserted her in Montreal, taking with him every cent of her money, besides all her jewelry. To make matters worse she discovered that the cere-mony performed had been a mock marriage, and the handsome wedding ring which Theodore had tenderly placed upon her plump finger was a bauble of git and glass. Heartbroken at the discovery of the deception which had been practiced upon her, she applied to the German consul in Montreal for relief. He kindly lent ear to her story, and paid her way to Iowa where she had friends. About eight years ago she came to Omaha where she married her present husband, Anton Hinze. Since that time she has heard or seen nothing of her bogus husband, Sickle.

The specific complaint that Mrs. Hinze desired to make was against a woman now in this city who had become in some way apprised of her past history, and is using that knowledge to blackmail her (Mrs. Hinze). This female, Mrs. Hinze alleges, is persistently trying to injure her by writing anonymous letters to her friends, by publishing articles in the German papers,

and by circulating infamous stories about her character. After talking the matter over Mrs. Hinze decided to "await further developments" before swearing out a warrant

THE PROSPECTIVE PAVING.

for her defamer's arrest.

The Mayor Signs the Documents and the Citizens are to Choose.

Second ward: Mrs. Elliott, Twenty-third and Pierce; Mrs. Augustus Pratt, dinance creating the paying districts esterday put his official hand to the contracts. It now remains for the property owners to make their selections of the several materials offered for the streets. The ingenuity of men has devised a liberal quantity of material for covering city highways,-granite, cedar block, sandstone, asphalt, macadam, etc. All of these, with the exception of cedar block are practically known here, but a round of the citizens shows that the new substance will be received with no little favor. It is largely in use in many cities of the Union as well as of the old world.

Hon. John A. McShane expressed himself for the block, providing a good base is put down. Said he, "I have observed in other cities the advantages and beauty of this material, and I think at the rates offered by the contractors that it would be highly acceptable here. At \$1.22 with plank and sand, and at \$1.68 with the same baliast and a five years guarantee, and at \$1.88 with a cement base and the same guarantee the citizens have a liberal margin of choice. If they take the last they will act advisedly, as the pavement is smooth and durable. The concrete base will last forever, and the character of the pavement could be changed fifty years hence if desirable."

Max Meyer remarked that he had always been largely for asphalt, but since an opportunity of ob-taining cedar block was given, he would like to try the material "It must, however, been well found, and when that is done mees a splendid pavement. It is employed in many European cities, and by the way, when in Paris last year I noticed that on the great boulevards where the world turns out to drive, a cedar block pavement with a peculiar coating is being substituted for the asphaltum which has been there for years."

Lew W. Hill remarked upon cedar block as a great material for a driving thoroughfare and a grand pavement for any purpose when it is well founded. Wheels roll evenly and a horse steps surely on the block surface, so that a street of this character makes a splendid

drive way.

City Attorney Connell thought that the streets about large warehouses where heavy hauling is done should be paved with stone, but in the residence portion and on the hills a smooth pavement should be laid. He knew of cedar block as a good material and would rather like to see some of it tried.

N. B. Falconer has an old-time love for asphalt, having first worked for its in-troduction in this city. Since, however, a chance to employ the cedar block was offered he would be pleased to see it used on those streets where the heaviest hauling was not done. "It's a splendid pave-ment when properly built," said he. "Cedar block streets at the prices offered would be cheap and durable if a good base of concrete was laid beneath. John A. Creighton was also found in a good humor for the block, stating that it

would be preferrable over stone for the residence streets upon which he is heavily interested. A number of other citizens were spoken to and a general opinion largely favora-ble to the new material was elicited.

The Good Templars. Miss Anna M. Saunders, grand worthy chief templar of the I. O. G. T. of Nebraska, has been in the city for several days working in the interest of the order. Thus far she has succeeded in organizing two subordinate lodges, and today will organize the district lodge for the First district of Nebraska, comprising Douglas and Sarpy counties. Union sewing machine has to a life time | The sessions of the district lodges will | wards.

be held in the parlors of the Saunders Street Presbyterian church, and it is expected that delegates will be present

from every lodge in those two counties. This evening there will be a vocal and instrumental concert at the church under the auspices of and for the benefit of Life Boat lodge. The pro-gramme will consist of violin and piano duets, vocal and instrumental solos, duets and quartettes. The principal feature of the entertainment will be the "Peakses." Eight young ladies in costume will represent the eight eccentric sisters, who will entertain the audience with their songs and sayings. This part of the programme promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in the city, and it is to be hoped that the projectors will meet with the success which such commendable enterprise

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Points Taken From The Report of Physician Leisenring.

City Physician Leisenring has filed his report of births and deaths during the month of January. The following are the causes of death, as given in the re-

Scarlet fever..... Diphtheria. Croup Cerebro spine disease Fevers Puerperal disease. Bronchitis.
Heart disease.
Menengitis Old age. Accident. Paralysis Scalded Smothered Uterine hemorrhage Erystpelas Unknown Miscellaneous

Of the deaths, 18 were of persons under 5 years of age. Above that age the greatest number of deaths occurred between the ages of 30 to 35.

There were 6 deaths in the first ward, 2 in the second, 2 in the third, 6 in the fourth, 5 in in the fifth, 4 in the sixth. Twenty-five of the deaths were of males. 21 of females, 10 of married people, 29 of single and 7 of widowed. Only one col-ored person died. The death rate per

Nine interments were made during the month in the Holy Sepulchre, 16 in the Prospect Hill cemetery, 6 in Laurel Hill, 6 in the county cemetery, 2 in the Bohe-mian cemetery, 2 in the German Catholic and 7 were removed from the city for burial.

The city's population during the month was increased by 72 births. Of these 70 were white and 2 colored, 39 male and 33

Self-threading-Union sewing machine A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

The German at the Residence of Mr. Frank Colpetzer.

One of the most enjoyable and brilliant germans ever given in this city took place at the elegant residence of Mr. Frank Colpetzer, on Twenty-fifth and Douglas streets, the occasion being in honor of Miss Maud Anthony of Leavenworth, Kan., who is a guest of Mrs. Colpetzer.

The spacious mansion was well-lighted up and profusely decorated with flowers. Shortly after 8 o'clock the guests commenced to arrive, and at 9 o'clock the Musical Union orchestra opened the music. The dancing was done in the parlors, which had been especially prepared for the occasion. The german was led by Mr. Clem Chase and Miss Anthony. Dancing was kept up until 1 o'clock, to

the following programme: WaitZ. Mottos
Ripple Needles
Polka Natural Flowers
Schottische Mouse Trap
Waitz La Tombola
Quadrille Doubles
Polka Mottos
Waitz The Dolls
Ripple Pipes and Bottles
Galon Butterflies

Galop Butterflies
Waltz Filigrees
Many of the favors, which were from the Excelsior, were handsome and unique. The twelfth favor was a piece of beautifu-filagree jewelry, in silver, given to each gentleman and lady present. The partners for the opening dance were chosen in a novel way. Each gentleman was given an envelope containing a half of a comic valentine, and he was instructed to find the lady who wore on her breast the other half. In this way, amid a great deal of laughter and merriment, the

ladies and gentlemen were mated.

At the intermission supper was served in the dining room, according to a deli-cate and appetizing menu. Those who participated in the German (not includ-

participated in the German (not including spectators) were the following:

Messrs. Frank and Will Hamilton,
Berlin, Will Wakeley, Wilson, Summers,
Dan Wheeler, jr., Dickey, Christianey,
Haas, John Clarke, Al Patrick. Remmington, Charles E. Smith, Chase.

Misses Wadleigh of Clinton, Iowa,
Miss Haas, Miss Stone of Madison, Wis.,
Miss Gage of Lyons, Iowa, Miss Carr,
Miss McCormick, Miss Tompkins, Miss
Wakeley, Miss Maud Anthony, Miss Berlin, Miss Henry, Miss Doane, Miss Dundy
and Mrs. D. H. Wheeler.

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More Crooked Work.

Two more robberies were reported yes terday at police headquarters. The first one reported took place on St. Mary's avenue, the victim being Mr. W. F Stoetzel, the hardware man, who is burglarized regularly about four times a year. This time the thieves effected an entrance by prying open the front door with a "jimmy." They stole several dozen of valuable knives, razors and other articles of hardware, besides two three revolvers and an overcoat

There is no clue to the miscreants. Charles Spiero, a silverware peddler, retired to rest at the European hotel with Jake Cohen as a bedfellow. He had in his room a valise containing \$50 worth of spoons, etc. When Spiero awoke yesterday morning Cohen and the speeds were and the speeds were gone and the speeds of their spoons were gone, and no trace of their whereabouts could be found. Spiero spent the whole day watching trains at the Union Pacific depot, but in vain.

Christ. Specht's sausage factory was entered by thieves on Monday night. They burst open the money drawer and found only three coppers therein. This disgusted them so that they left, after eating about six pounds of weinerwurst.

The effect of the admission of Kansas City into the National League will be that the Northwestern League scheme, into which it was thought Omaha would enter will be dropped altogether. Mr. enter will be dropped altogether. Mr. Geo. Kay said yesterday that he thought that this city would have to join the proposed Western League, if there is to be any baseball sport in Omaha this season. This league, if organized, will consist of St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Topeka, Denver, Omaha, Lincoln, possibly Pueblo, Col., and Wichita, Kansas. A meeting will be held in Omaha next month to effect, if possible, the organization of the league. on of the league.

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THE ARCHITECTS.

A Review of the Building Projects so far Obtainable.

A Magnificent Showing for Omaha With the Truth Not Yet Half Told.

The numerous and important building

projects for the coming season are one of the best indications of the city's growth and prosperity. As interesting as would be a minute presentation of all the building plans, it is, at this early day, difficult to reach the facts. Almost everything is prospective and unformed, yet the few that have taken shape will combine to make good reading matter for the pleasure of Omaha's friends and the vexation of her enemies withal. The clamlike closeness of a man with a scheme is noted at this season, as above hinted and offers some reflections worth noting. To repeat once more, the majority of all the building projects of the coming season are as yet contemplative. It is discovered that it would be no more vain to puzzle on the secrets of the sea's hidden depths than to work a statement of intentions from any one of the parties doing the contemplating. A fellow has a notion when he goes to build a house that if he lets his plans get out he will be handicapped by unknown rivalries, that his prospective site (if he has not yet a site) will be boosted in price by the too sanguine owner, and all that kind of thing. For that reason the obtainable showing is small Everybody knows of the exposition

building which is nearing completion; the large addition to the Union Pacific headquarters, which is now under way; the city hall and chamber of commerce, for which the sites are cleared, and the First National, Com-mercial and Merchants' bank buildings, but there are other important enterprises already openly afloat, which a tour of the architects will reveal:

Hon, Wni, A Paxton is about to erect after the plans of Mendenlssoln and Fisher, on the site of the old court house at the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Farnam, a building that will probably be the finest business block in the city. It will be 132 feet square, five stories and a basement and be constructed of brick, stone and town court are the second town the stories and town town. and terra cotta. Its erection will probably run over into the next year, as so great a work is not quickly accom-

Messrs, Mendelssohn and Fisher are also preparing plans for the projected Y. M. C. A. building which will be put up at the corner of Sixteenth and Dodge. This structure will be 66x132 feet, four floors, of brick and stone. Its details are magnificent.

The same architects have on hand the

contracts for a large number of business and dwelling structures which a little time yet will put ready to be made pub-lic. Since Mr. D. L. Shane became su-perintendent for Mendelssohn & Fisher, the firm has been engaged for numerous heavy edifices, as people have confidence in consigning their work to an experienced man who will give it his personal supervision.

Messrs. Cleves Bros. also have a number of very important contracts on hand. among which, chiefly, is the construction of the new Byers building, on the northeast corner of Douglas and Fifteenth streets. This splendid structure will be 66x132 feet, four stories, of pressed brick, and will cost \$80,000. The work will be commenced in the spring and rapidly pushed through.

Messrs. Cleves Bros. also have on hand

the construction of a block for Geo. Heimrod, to be situated at the corner of Sixteenth and Webster. The building will be 66x75 feet, three stories, and of brick, adjoining which will be built a similar building, 231x66 feet, for Roeder, the druggist.

The same firm also builds for Mr. James Creighton three brick flats, 66x40, two stories and a basement, at Davenport and Fifteenth streets. C. F. Driscoll has, as well, a number of

contracts just budding. Among these ready to reveal are two frame two-story dwellings for Jno. H. Loomis in Idlewild addition. The same architect will also put up for C. S. Raymond a \$7,000 frame residence

on Georgia avenue.

F. M. Ellis, who, although well known in Omaha and throughout Nebraska, located here but six weeks ago, has a number of local contracts which are yet in reserve, and will be given when this topic is taken up again in a few weeks. Mr. Ellis is now in Lincoln inspecting the

Home of the Friendless building, which he has just completed there. Sidney Smith is pressed with prospec-tive work and of what he has prepared to give out are:

A three story pressed brick business block, 66x88, at the corner of Sixteenth and Howard streets, for John Ledwich. A block of brick flats, three stories, for H. L. Cramer, at the corner of Chicago and Fifteenth streets. Six large tenements on St. Mary's av-

enne for Dr. Graddy.

The contractors of the city also have plenty of work on hand, but as this artiele started out with the architects, and having gone through the list of the leading in that profession, a pause in the bril-liant review will be made until a future

Union machine has automatic tensions AN AVERTED HORROR.

The Narrow Escape of a Relative of a Well-Known Omahan.

Mr. George J. Sternsdorff, of this city, has received word from relatives in New York of a strange experience of his cousin, Mrs. Charlotte McGuinnis. The lady, who lives in Richmond, Va., had. while on a northern tour, been stricken with illness so severe that she was unable to travel further. She was compelled to stop in New York and there was taken to the house of friends. Despite the attention of the best medical skill obtainable she sank and within two weeks expired, dying tranquilly and without pain,—this, to all appearances. Her grief-stricken friends prepared for her burial Her cold and pulseless body was shrouded and placed in a coffin. On the day following her death the funeral services were held. The minister had pronounced the rites of the church and the pall bearers stood prepared, while the friends of the deceased were taking their last look on the face of the dead. As the line of people passed around the casket, one lady started and with a slight cry, fainted. Instant excitement prevailed and looking for a cause for the lady's emotions, the eyes of the corpse (as it was thought to be) were seen to quiver and then to open wide. Nothing can do justice to the feelings of the bereaved relatives of the supposedly dead lady. Physicians were summoned and further restoratives applied. That was two weeks ago, and to-day Mrs. McGuinnis is last look on the face of the dead. As the weeks ago, and to-day Mrs. McGuinnis is in sound and perfect health. She says that while in the trance she was conscious of all about her and contemplated in powerless horror the preparations of her friends to consign her to a living grave. Mrs.McGuinnis will probably visit Omaha this year, where she has many friends.

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Mrs. Gray's Obsequies.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine B. Gray was held yesterday at 2 o'clock from the residence of her son-in-law, William F. Manning, 504 South Twenty-Sixth

street. There was a large attendance o friends of the deceased, many of them being among the old settlers of Omaha. Mrs. Gray had been a resident of this city since 1854, and was well known and beloved by hosts of friends. The pall-bearers were selected from Omaha's old settlers, and were as follows: C. S. Good-rich, Robert Sexauer, Fred Drexel, John Evans, A. D. Jones and John Logan.

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SIBERIA AND EGYPT.

These Two Lands as Seen by a Gentleman in This City. M. Bachrach, who enjoys the proud

distinction of being an ex-Siberian exile. delivered a lecture last evening in Germania hall on his experiences in that country.

His career has been an eventful and checkered one. Born in Hungary, during the period of the revolutionary disturbances in Europe, he has been connected with at least two important insurrectionary movements. From 1858 to 1860 he served under Garibaldi in the war for the liberation of Italy. At the storming of Naples, he was captured and compelled to retire. From 1862 to 1864 he served under the Polish leaders in their unsuccessful struggle to burst the Rus sian shackles. In the latter year he was captured and sent with the other rebel leaders to a life of Siberian exile. In 1869 under the terms of the Russo-Austrian amnesty, his release was secured, and early in 1870 he was again found in Europe. Later on in 1870 and '80, he turned up in Egypt where he acted as adjutant to the Khedive (the father of the present Egyptian ruler), until the British successes overturned the regime and threw the country under the control of

"The advent of the English into Egyptian governmental affairs," said Mr. Bachrach, "has been one so far, I think, of almost unmixed evils to the natives. They, (the English) have only succeeded in stirring up the the religious, tanatic hatred of the Egyptians in bring ing to the surface the lowest, most unworthy traits of their national character. The consequence is that the natives, under the English viceroyalty, have advanced no farther in general matters of civilization than under the rule of Turkey, and in many respects they have retrograded. This feeling may in time wear away and the nation may yield to the refining influences of the Anglo Saxon civilization. One thing is certain. Under Turkey the Egyptians would never have made any progress, while under the present regime there is a chance that they may. One great obstacle in the way of this, however, has been and will be the total repagnance of the religious ideas of the two nations, the Egyptians, as you know, being to a man worshippers of Mohammed, while, the English are Christians."

THE COUNTRY OF SIBERIA.
"Although a great deal has been said and written about Siberiafew people have anything like correct notions about that country. Siberia is a vast territory, larger by fifty per cent than the United States, Its resources? Its mines of gold and silver and other metals are inexhaustible. It is not the barren waste that some people think it is, for corn, grain and other cereals are grown there in greatest abundance. Its farming lands are the most fertile in the world. Cattle-grazing is carried on with great success

The colonies of convicts are in the The colonies of convicts are in the northern section of the country. The colonial territory is divided into three provinces, known as oblasts, the Yakutchker, Nerschrisker, and the Kamschatker, The two former oblats have sixty-eight colonies apiece, operating as many mines while the latter obing as many mines, while the latter ob-last has fifty-two. There are from 400 to 500 men working in each mine, Each oblast is presided over by a "colonel," while the head of all the provinces is the governor general.

"The hours of work in the mines are

from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 at night. The convicts all work eight hours without a particle of food, eating only two meals a day, breakfast and support. per. The punishments imposed upon the refractory convicts are something terrible. The knout is used principally, and frequently victims are beaten until life is almost extinct. The mine overseers care very lit tle for human life, and I have known the wounded, in a mine explosion, to be thrown, still alive, into the same grave with the dead, to save the trouble of re-moving them to the hospital. As a general thing if a convict escapes, he is not pursued, because there is not one chance in a thousand that he will ever succeed in making his escape. He is almost sure to die of cold or starvation, or both, in that sparsely settled country before he has travelled a week." Mr. Bachrach gives a very graphic pic-ture of the sufferings on the long route from Permee, Russia, to Siberia, a journey, which with forty-nine other exiles, it took him eighteen months to accomplish on foot. His descriptions of life in the mines are vivid and realistic, and

cause an involuntary shudder in the listener, Without an equal- Union sewing ma-

A Telegram of Condolence. Gen. Howard sent to Adjutant General

Whipple, Governors Island yesterday the

following telegram of condolence, upon

the death of Gen. Hancock: "To Gen. W. D. Whipple, Governor's Island: Have heard the sad news of the death of Gen. Hancock. Convey to Mrs. Hancock my tenderest expressions of

sympathy and sorrow." O. O. HOWARD.

A Case of Destitution. A case of need is reported at No. 609 South Fourteenth street, where Anna Smith, a courtesan, lives unamended in sickness and want. She is paralyzed and subject to hemmorrhages of the lungs,



Ben Hogan at Fremont.

NORTH PLATTE, Feb. 9 .- [Correspondence of the BEE. |- Ben Hogan will lecture on Physical Health in Fremont Friday and Saturday evenings, for the benefit of the Reform club. He delivered his last lecture here last night on Physical Culture to a thousand people, in the opera house. His talk was of a humorous nature, but covered with common sense. It was highly appreciated by the citizens. He leaves here with many regrets. They formed a committee and asked him to come back in a short time.

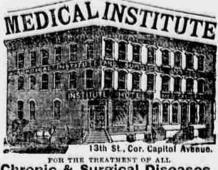
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