"LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE."

That is the Conclusion Reached by the City Council on the Saloon Question.

LEEDER'S ORDINANCE DROPPED.

Rumors of Bad Faith on the Part of a Contractor to be Investigated -That County Grading-Other News.

City Council Proceedings.

The regular meeting of the city council was held last evening with President Bechel in the chair, and present Members Bailey, Behm, Dailey, Ford, Furay, Goodman, Goodrich, Lee, Schroeder and Thrane. President Bechel called the council to order as a board of equalization, and the clerk read the report of the business transacted at the meeting last

The council then adjourned as a board of equalization and convened in regular session, and the mayor reported that he had approved and signed the ordinances passed at the last meeting.

The chairman of the board of public works submitted a telegram from the Pittsburg Testing Labratory giving their figures for testing the Eleventh street viaduct at the works of the Morse Bridge company, and recommended that the same be employed to do the work. The matter was referred to the commit-

The city treasurer reported that he had tendered to property owners on Eleventh street the amounts awarded them for damages by the construction of the via-duct, and that the tenders had been re-

The gas inspector reported that he had made the required examination of the gas, but several defects had been discovered in the illuminating power which were due to cold weather.

Petitions were received for the creating of new paving districts, and were referred to the committee on grades and grading.

Mr. Bailey introduced a resolution that the board of public works be instructed to advertise for bids for the paving of all districts with the various kinds of paving materials, which was adopted.

The rules were then suspended and

The rules were then suspended and ordinances were passed creating paving districts on Farnam street from Twentyeighth to Thirtieth, on Saunders street from Seward to Delaware, and on Thir-teenth street from Hickory to Center.

A petition was received from property owners on Sixteenth street asking for a change of grade on that thoroughfare between Howard and Leavenworth streets. The matter was referred to the city engineer to prepare a profile of the The committee on finance and claims

reported favorably on the petition of the Young Men's Christian association for the refunding of the back taxes on property formerly owned by the association. The committee also recommended that the taxes on the Charity hospital be cancelled. The reports were adopted.

The committee on grades and grading reported that there was no means of complying with the petition of property owners on South Eighteenth street to excuse them from paying grading taxes on account of the condition of the street. The report was adopted, after considerable discussion, during which Mr. Lee announced that he would bring in an ordinance at the next meeting covering the The committee on police reported

favorably on the appointment by the mayor of Jeremiah O'Grady as policeman, and the appointment was confirmed. The special ordinance making appropriations for payment of liabilities for the month of January was passed to a second reading on a suspension of the rules, when Mr. Ford arose and said that as the ordinance contained an appropria-tion for the payment of Aaron Hoel for street cleaning he should vote street cleaning he should vagainst it. It had been reported him that Hoel was not paying his men the wages which he was charging the city, and the matter should be investigated. Several other councilmen said that they had heard the

and referred to the committee on streets and alleys for investigation. An ordinance vacating Fifteenth street lying north of Nicholas street, and granting the use thereof to the Omaha Belt railway, was introduced, read twice and referred to the committee on viaduets and railways.

rumor, and on motion, the bill of Aaron

Hoel was stricken from the ordinance

An ordinance declaring the necessity of changing the grade of Leavenworth street created considerable discussion, and was finally referred to the committee on grades and grading.

Mr. Leeder's famous ordinance, allow-ing saloons to run all night and closing them on Sundays, came up for a second reading, and on motion of Mr. Lee, who stated that the general sentiment of the people was in favor of leaving well enough alone, was laid on the table by a imous vote of the council.

After passing a resolution instructing the street commissioner to remove a bank of snow at Fifteenth street and Capitol avenue the council adjourned.

THAT COUNTY GRADING. Mr. Timme Wants to Reject All Bids -The Work to be Done.

The county commissioners have not as yet let the contracts for the grading to be done the coming season, as they are still uncertain as to whether Mr. Knight or Mr. Congdon is the lowest bidder. The former, as already stated, is the lowest bidder on short hauls, while the latter is the lowest on long hauls. It now remains for the commissioners to decide how much long and short hauling there Yesterday they secured from County Surveyor George Smith an estimate of the number of yards to be removed and the distance it will be necessary to haul it. On the poor farm road Mr Smith estimates

the various amounts to be removed and the distance to be hauled as follows: 4,000 yards hauled over 2,000 feet. " " 1,000 " " 500 " " under 500

This estimate includes all that has been graded (17,000 yards, nearly all of it hauled less than 500 feet.) and is not exact as to amount, but in the ratio of the hauls. On Leavenworth street, which is also to be graded outside of the city limits this season, the estimate is as follows:

6,000 yards hauled 500 feet 7,000 " 1,000 " 11,700 " 1,500 " 15,400 " 2,000 "

Mr. Smith, however, expresses the n that there is not enough dirt to haul the long distances.

On the poor farm road Mr. Congdon's bid is considerably the lowest, but Com-missioner Timms believes the work ought to be let to Douglas county contractors. While he asserts that he is not working in the interest of Mr. Knight, he is in favor of rejecting the present bids and readvertising, which he believes will secure better offers.

Guardians Appointed.

Judge McCulloch, of the county court, issued letters of guardianship yesterday to Mrs. Detwiler for the cutody of her children, Augustus K., Carrie and Gracie.
Also, to Mrs. John Collamer for the
guardianship of her children, William
A. and Thomas Collamer.

MRS, STRASSBURGER'S STORY. She Denies Giving Money to Her

Friend Nadal.

Mrs. Strassburg solicited the visit of a BEE representative upon reading in these columns the announcement of Nadal's imprisonment in Iowa, and yesterday a reporter called upon her. She was lying, as she has been for the past two years upon her bed in her well farnished apartments. She greeted the reporter pleasantly, but seemed wrought up with

emotion and anxious to tell something. "I called you here to have you make correction of a statement you made in the article referring to Nadal and myself. Please say that I never—gave him money and to the contray it was he who gave me practical assistance. Strassburger ran away leaving me \$400 in debt and not a cent at my command. I own prop-erty and draw rents, but these funds only come at regular intervals and Strassburger hypothecated \$200 in advance and took the same amount of collateral notes. I rent a number of rooms on the second floor of this building (the Turkish bath house) and sublet some of them to lodgers. Mr. Nadal had one of these rooms and as he was of a friendly spirit I readily made his acquaintance. When he learned of my condition he advanced me funds, and I pressed upon him the security of my ring and watch. These articles he wore from time to time and he had them when he last went to Iowa to meet imprison-ment. To show you that he is an honor-

The lady here called attention to a massive seven set diamond ring, which the reporter had long since noticed on her hand, and produced from under her pillow a handsome gold watch.
"You have these statements made publie in justice to a woman unable to deherself, and do thus what is

Wanted a Warrant.

Penkos Chaikin, a gentleman of Hebraic extraction and still more Hebraic name, appeared before Justice Anderson yesterday and demanded excitedly that a warrant be at once sworn out for the arrest of one Nolan.

The judge mildly asked him what the matter was.

Penkos gasped a moment for breath, and went on to tell a story of how he had been most unrighteously abused by the aforesaid Noian. It seems that he had employed Noian to build a house for him, and had had some trouble about one of the doors, which he (Penkos) claimed was not up to the proper standard. Words were followed by blows, and the carpenter came out of the rough and tumble light decidedly on top. The next day Nolan renewed the fight, and threatened to kill Penkos for daring to dispute his kill and tasts a country. skill and taste as a carpenter. A warrant was accordingly sworn out for Nolan's arrest and placed in the hands of Constable Kyle for service. While the officer was searching for his man Nolan put in an appearance before Judge Anderson and swore out a warrant for Penkos' arrest for disturbing the peace. The two complainants were both arrested and brought before his honor at the same time. A war of words immediately ensued in four different languages, which resulted in Judge Anderson putting both men under bonds to keep the peace.

Another Lecture.

Last night at Creighton college, Prof. J F. Rigge, S. J., delivered another scientific lecture on "The Players of Music." He made a number of experiments as follows:

periments as follows:
Is it Noise or is it Music? The Straw-Fiddle.
The Iron-Fiddle, Diapasons.
The Little Riders. The Musical Brown Jug.
The Sympathetic Neighbors.
Music from the Dining Table.
Resonators. The Song of the Siren.
Mat'cematics and the Diatonic Scale.
The Perfect Chords. Beats. A Lively Scene.
Music Produced by Taps. The Kaleidophone.
Loops and Nodes. Organ Pipes.
The Musical Wash-Tub. Lissajou's Curves.
The Cycloidotrope. Acoustic Stars and
Cyclones. The Swelling Bells. Vapor-Wheels, Harmonics. The Water-Flute.
The Musical Water-Jets.

Lauer and His Counsel.

Messrs. Thurston and Savage called upon Jno. W. Lauer at the jail yesterday and held a lengthy conference with him. Mr. Savage has been called into the case but whether or not in an active capacity remains for the trial to develop. Mr. Thurston who is probably more closely in Lauer's confidence than any one else, said yesterday the prisoner was much disappointed when the indictment was found against him. He had taught himself to believe that the grand jury would take no action. Mr. Thurston would not state that he had any expedient, other than a defense of his client

County Jail Improvements. The county jail is much improved in appearance, the past four weeks having been devoted to interior repairs. The floors, throughout have been newly cemented and a general house cleaning has been made. The commissioners had intended to go further and embellish the the walls, etc., but county funds are short, and no expenditures except of absolute necessity are incurred.

The Concordia Mask.

The Concordia will give its seventeenth annual Grand Subscription Masquerade Ball on March 9th, 1886, at Germania hall The committee consists of Geo. Heimrod, L. Raapke, Geo. E. Stratmann, A. Meyer, L. Grobecker, Julius Meyer H. Sievers and Max Beeht. The com mittee is making special efforts to make this "the" masquerade ball of the season

Fizzled Out.

The case against Mrs. Barney Shannon, brought by the Law and Order league for selling liquor to minors, was on trial yesterday in police court. After several witnesses had been examined, Mr. Moriarity, counsel for the prosecu-tion, announced that he would give up the case, as he was positive that he could not secure a conviction on the evidence. The case was accordingly dismissed, to the delight of Barney and to the disgust of Agent James of the League.

Golden Fleece Cafe.

The ladies of the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church have privilege of the exposition building directors to open a Golden Fleece cafe in the building on Thursday evening. The ladies will attend to the tables in person and will furnish choice refreshments during the concert. They will occupy the alcove under the gallery at the northeast corner of the building. This will be another pleasant feature of the evening.

Card to the Public.

The parties given at the Millard and Cosmopolitan halls under the name of the South Side Social Club are not the South Side Social Club, and we wish to inform our friends that we give no parties except at No. 4 Engine House half and then on every other Thursday evening. Thanking our friends for past favors, we still remain, yours truly. S. S. S. C.

Wanted to exchange for stock of Hard-ware and General Merchandis. Journal of tine Thayer Co., Neb., land. A lars in Genoa, Neb.; good store building thest corner); good dwelling (best location) in Essex, Ia., also 80 acres i mile from town of Essex, Ia., seeded in Blue Grass. For further particulars, address John Linder-holm, Central City, Nebraska.

HE JUST MISSED HIS HEART.

A Nearly Fatal Stabbing Affray in a Colored Gambling Dive.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY.

What Young Kaufmann Has to Say-Preparing for a Sporting Tournament-A Variety of Local Happenings.

A Coon Badly Cut.

A stabbing affray occurred about 1 o'clock this morning in the gambling rooms over Sam King's saloon at the corner of Eleventh street and Capitol avenue, which nearly resulted in a murder. A number of colored men were engaged in "shooting craps" in a game run by Peter Green. Among the players was a man named John Dixson, who is better know as "Stutter ing John." He had been acting in an obstreperous manner all the evening, and finally Green told him to leave the table. This Dixson refused to do and Green started to force him away. Quick as a flash Dixson pulled a knife and struck at Green a number of times. This unexpected action took the men in the room by surprise, and during the excitement players was a man named John by surprise, and during the excitement Dixson ran down the stairs. Just as he rushed out on the street, however, he was caught by Officer Donovan, who had heard the racket and hastened to the scene. Dixson made an ineffectual effort to escape, the policeman's grip being to much for him. He was taken to the central police station and locked up.
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Green was assisted by friends to the station, where he was stripped and found to be badly cut. The knife had struck him in the left breast, about a half inch above the nipple, inflicting a bad wound, and also in the throat and on his right shoulder and hand. Dr. Leisenring was immediately summoned, and dressed the wounds. He did not consider them dangerous, but said that if the them dangerous, but said that if the wound in the breast had been but a trifle lower Green would undoubtedly have been instantly killed,

Dixon was charged on the station house register with stabbing with intent to kill and Green was held as a witness.

Kaufmann Tells the Story. Young Kaufmann, whose connection with Annie Brown, of Lincoln, was published yesterday, appeared at the BEE office with the first beams of yesterday morning's sun, anxious to tell his side of the story. He says that he met Miss Brown on the train while on his way from Lincoln thither on a business trip. He had known the girl at home but had never been on any terms of intimacy with her beyond a mere acquaintance. He had no knowledge of her presence on the train with him or of her intentions to visit Omaha at that time. She came to him in the course of the journey and told him that she had wearied of life at home and intended to throw herself into a career of shame in Omaha. Kaufman attempted to dissuade succeeded in so much that she succeeded in so much that she agreed to temporarily take the lodging he had offered at the Windsor hotel and to accept a position of honest work which he would procure her in Omaha. She claimed to be a type-setter and with that occupation in view he had and with that occupation in view he had set out to get her employment. Kaufmann says that is all of the story, and the arrival of the old man knocked the situation, prospects and everything into a cocked hat, and as to being her seducer he lodges a very emphatic and indignant denial. He claims that he can prove his inno-cence of the charge if anybody cares to push investigation.

Sportsmen in Conclave. The Gun club has held an important meeting to make arrangements for the meeting of the State Sportsmen's association, which occurs at Omaha in

The tournament, under the auspices of the Gun club, will be held at the same time, and will last four days. It will be held either in the Omaha Driving park or the Athletic park, and will undoubtedly be the largest and most successful tournament of the kind ever known in Nebraska. Sportsmen from all over this state and Iowa are expected to be in attendance.

The matter was pretty thoroughly discussed, and the following committees were appointed to look after all Tournament Committee-Geo. E. Kay,

. S. Parmelee, C. B. Lane. Banquet Committee—Geo. T. Mills, Chairman; W. H. S. Hughes, George S. Smith, H. A. Worley, H. B. Kennedy, Ed.

Railroads and Hotel Committee—Thos. H. Cotter, Jeff. W. Bedford. The four days shoot will wind up with a grand banquet to be tendered by the Omaha Gun club to their visiting friends. It was also decided to hold a practice shoot on Washington's birthday, Febru-

AMUSEMENTS. "MICHAEL STROGOFF."

The Russian drama of "Michael Strogoff," is one of the most romantic episodes in the recent history of the czars, and is the foundation for the famous romance in which the namer of Michael Strogoff is one of the most conspicuous features. Either as liction or fact it serves as a basis for a succession of adventures which have been intimately connected with modern incidents of Russian history and are picturesquely employed to illustrate one of the modern employed to littistrate one of the modern incidents of Russian romance. The play, which will be presented by Andrews' Michael Strogoff company, at Boyd's Opera house on Friday and Saturday, with matinee Saturday, discards to an extent the imaginary illustration which involves a multitudious d. play of the terpsichorian art, and is more literal in its treatment. The sale of seats opens Thursday morning.

Trinity's New Rules.

Additional articles for the government of the vestry of Trinity cathedral were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday afternoon. The additions fix the title of the governing power as "The Bishop and Vestry of Trinity Cathedral." They also provide that in case of a vacancy occurring in the rectorship, th bishop shall nominate five candidates for the position, one of which shall be called by the vestry to fill the place, and in case the vestry cannot agree on any one of the five, the bishop shall nominate others until a choice is made.

The Peabody Case.

The Peabody case was still on in the district court yesterday before Judge Wakeley. The evidence was all submitted and argument was commenced before court adjourned for the night. It is
expected that the arguments will be finished by noon and the case given to the
jury in the afternoon. It is remarkably
quick time, as on the other two trials of
the case six days were consumed in
thing the evidence. taking the evidence.

Frank Owens and Miss Carpenter, a colored couple, were arrested by Officer Bellamy last evening for disturbing the peace by making found and unusual noises. They were locked up at the central collection. tral police station.

THE BIG BALL.

To be Given on Washington's Birthday by the K. of L.

The Henry George Assembly 2,845, K. of L., of this city, will give the first ball in the exposition building on Washington's birthday, next Monday, 22d inst. This will be the grandest affair ever given by a society in this city. It will also be the largest one, but even then, the size of the building will accommodate all who desire to go. More than a thousand people can dance at one time, and the or-chestra to furnish the music will consist of thirty members of the Musical Union orchestra. Besides these, there will be three callers, who will enable every set to keep time with the music. Supper will be served in the building by Danbaum, and this will be an occasion of great convenience to dancers. There is a probabability that Grand Master Workman Terrance V. Powderly will be in attendance. The tickets admit a gentleman and ladies, and cost \$1.50.

Brevities.

The bank clearings yesterday amounted to \$399,408.86.

The T. A. M. club will give a party at Metropolitan hall Thursday evening. Henry Kaufman won the \$250 music box rafiled off at Beil's drug store last Judge McCulloch has fixed the date of

settlement of the Ballou estate for next Thursday. The doctors report the health of the city remarkably good, though there is considerable diphtheria prevailing at

present. One marriage license was issued yes-terday in the county court, to Jeptha H. Misner and Effle M. Dalley, both of Fullerton, and aged respectively 40 and 20 years.

An alarm of fire from the government building early last evening brought out the department in a hurry, but no flames were discovered and no cause given for the alarm.

Mr. John Paul Breen, who has for years been a prominent lawyer in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has located in Omaha, and has opened an office in the Omaha National bank building. The St. Philomena's Temperance Soci

ety and Rainwater company are busily rehearsing the drama, "Above the Clouds," which will be presented at their hall Wednesday, February 24, 1886. It has been decided to give the children a chance at the exposition building opening, Thursday afternoon and evening. While the tickets for adults will be \$1.00, the tickets for children will be 25 cents

Ralph Modjeska yesterday received from friends in Philadelphia a large and handsome bloodhound. The dog came by express in a large box and is savage enough to frighten off all the tramps in

the state. Mr. W. J. Fountain, who has a grocery store on Saunders street, wishes it dis-tinetly understood that neither he nor his wife is a relative of the somewhat noted J. G. Fountain, who once had a store on Dodge street.

Judge McCulloch yesterday granted an order to the administratrix of the estate of the late Jake Schreiner to sell the livery stock and the interest in the lease of the barn at the appraised valuation, which is \$8,000.

Mrs. Dr. Jensen was assaulted by a

bold thief at the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas street, Saturday night. The rascal tried to tear her purse from her, and failing, threw her to the sidewalk and ran away. His identity is unknown. Yesterday the old fire bell, which has

rung so many alarms in the past twenty years, was taken from the tower on the building at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. It will be placed above the new quarters of the No. 3 Engine company, on Harney street. on Harney street.

The new city directories are out fresh hands of the printer and binder. The contents of this indispensable

is conveniently arranged and handsome ly and durably bound. The ladies of the Third Congregational church will give another of their excellent social entertainments on Thursday eyening, February 18, at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Smith, corner of North Eighteenth and Clark streets. Green car line passes the door. All come, and welcome.

volume have been commented upon, and it only remains to be said that the book

Refreshments will be served. Constable Karll went to Elkhorn station yesterday with a search warrant upon Henry Meyers of that place, to recover eight volumes of Schiller's works and a plain gold ring stolen a year ago from the house of Commissioner Timme If Meyers ever had the articles he has disposed of them as the constable could

not find them. A certain young man of this city, whose name is withheld, became of age yesterday and at the same time came into possession of an estate valued at \$110, 000. He was determined to cele-brate the event in a becoming manner, and proceeded to do so by becoming gloriously drunk. At night he was in such a condition that he was carried home imp and unconscious in a hack to his fond relatives.

Hallelujah at the Reform Club.

The W. C. T. U. have certainly placed

this city under obligations in bringing

Mr. C. J. Holt to Omaha. He closed last night an engagement of sixteen nights at the W. C. T. U. Buckingham hall and he leaves a reform club of 200 members as a practical result of his meetings. Last night the house was crowded. The song service was as usual highly enjoyed. Mrs. Caroline M. Woodward, of Seward, state treasurer of the W. C. T.

U. read the scriptures and poured from her heart an earnest prayer for the Divine blessing. After a short talk by Mr. Holt she was introduced and made a grand speech on the glorious work of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, of which she is the worthy and talented representative. She spoke specially in admiration of the Omaha W. C. T. U. in her grand efforts to save "the boys," through the Buckingham Home and its sacred in-fluence. Mr. Holt gave his farewell lec-ture, "Chow Chow," which made the old Buckingham ring with laughter and the tears rolled down the checks at the story of rail riding in Illinois. Mr. Holt goes to Springfield, where his usual suc-cess will follow him. Joe Critch-field, the "Rough Diamond" of Indiana, who begins a series of meetings to night. His reputation is wide, and all who come will be well entertained. The temper-

style. All are invited. A School Squabble. Superintendent Bruner left yesterday for Elkhorn station to investigate

ance enthusiasm is booming in grand

Messenger, the teacher over whom discord prevails in the school district. The promised petition in the teacher's favor had not reached Mr. Bruner before he left. The superintendent is certain that something is wrong out there, but what it may be, he is at a loss to say. He will return the latter part of the week.

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IIIO FARNAM STREET,

The Glorious West.

One of Omaha's old settlers, Mr. O. B. Selden, has returned from Wyoming for a brief visit. He has become heavily interested in the mines and minerals of Wyoming, especially the mica mines, which give promise of wonderful re turns. About the first of April Mr. Sel-den will locate permanently at old Fort turns. Fetterman, where the firm of Selden, Sheffler & Co. will locate a town. It will be in the center of the territory, and Mr. Selden predicts that in the near fu-ture it will be the capital. Fort Laramie will probably be removed to the site of old Fort Fetterman, so Mr. Selden predicts. He is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the new town, which is in the center of a mineral as well as an agricultural region, and he proposes to devote his energies for the present to inducing immigration to that section.

A Sweeping Challenge.

Col. Merriam, of the Seventh infantry, now in the city, is one of the best shots in the Department of the Platte. The other day he stepped into the shooting gallery in the headquarters building, and without any trouble put ten shots into a bullseye, the size of a quarter, using a Smith & Wesson revolver. As a rifle man, at long distance, he is an unsurpassed shot. Col. Merriam issues a sweeping challenge to any company in the United States to shoot against him, his score to beat the aggregate of the scores made by the members of the company. In such a contest Col. Merriam agrees to use a Smith & Wasselstein and the state of the score of Smith & Wesson revolver, allowing his opponents the use of ritles.

The Three Justices. The old justices are plotting together,

and propose, as they say, to fight the constitutionality of the three justice law to the last extreme. The argument in the supreme court will be made on the 22d of this month.

One of the old justices remarked to a reporter that he had received pri-yate advices from Lincoln, which gave him every reason to believe that the firree justices, under the new law, would be defeated in their attempts to uphold the law which had created them. these advices were he would not say.



Taken to the Asylum.

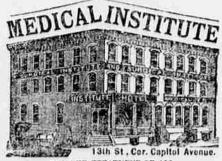
J. E. Lowes, an old resident of Omaha, was taken to the insane asylum at Lincoln yesterday for treatment. At present he appears to be hopelessly insane, though his friends trust that with rest and proper care he may be restored to reason. His dementia is on the religious order, and is alternately characterized by melan-choly and violent moods. The trouble was originally caused by army disease.

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