# THE LAST BEFORE ELECTION.

A Protracted and Lively Meeting of the City Council Last Evening.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL HOWARD.

His Farewell Reception at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms—The Promenade Concert a Success—The Paulsen Silver Wedding.

### City Council Meeting.

The city council did a good deal of business last evening, and several of the members quite a little talking. The mayor seemed to think it strange that the council should award contracts calling for $13,000 more than they have at their disposal, and so stated in a lengthy communication. On the water and hydrant question quite a discussion was raised. Mr. Furay intimated that Mr. Leeder was a scoundrel and interested in a former steal, and the latter plainly said that "Mr. Furay had been so long in the detective business that he is a professional liar. He could not tell the truth if he tried." The other members seemed to think that in some instances unnecessary hydrants were put in, while additions were needed in some parts of the city. Mr. Behm astonished many by saying that the water company used only four-inch mains while the law distinctly calls for six-inch mains. Mr. Behm did not seem to have much faith in the water company, as he said he did not believe that he got any water from the reservoir, but that the water he drinks comes direct from the Missouri river. The city marshal gave notice that he had again suspended George Graham from the police force for sleeping on his beat, and the matter was referred to the police committee. This is the second time Graham has been suspended in two weeks, and it is evident that he is "beating" the city out of too much time. A large number of communications were received, resolutions adopted, and other minor business done. Several members spoke of their successors, as though they did not expect to remain in power much longer, and one or two democrats seemed to have the idea that someone was an "offensive partisan."

### HIS FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Gen. Howard Greets Many Friends at Y. M. C. A. Hall Last Evening.

The rooms of the Y. M. C. A. were handsomely decorated last evening in honor of the farewell reception tendered Major General O. O. Howard. Flags and festoons of evergreens were artistically hung from the walls and ceilings, and everything was arranged so as to present a pleasing and attractive appearance. The reception began at 8 o'clock, and the honored guest of the evening, in company with Mrs. Howard, received the many callers in the main hall of the association. At their right stood Mr. Warren Switzler, president of the association, and his wife, who assisted in receiving. Guests continued to arrive until about 10 o'clock, about 300 being present during the evening. Many were the hearty hand grasps and pleasant greetings which were interchanged. Congratulations on General Howard's promotion and regret at his leaving were expressed in the same breath, to both of which sentiments he responded with feeling.

No regular programme had been prepared for the occasion, but impromptu singing and games were indulged in. Cake and coffee were served during the evening, which were partaken of very generally. Sociability prevailed, and the officers of the association were untiring in their efforts to entertain those present, and to give all an opportunity to greet the chief guest.

Army circles were represented by General George B. Dandy, Colonel and Mrs. R. H. Hall, General and Mrs. Breck, Dr. McParlin and Major C. M. Terrell, and among the prominent civilians present were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Switzler, P. C. Himebaugh and daughter, Dr. and Mrs J. C. Denise, Dr. S. P. Leisenring, the Rev. and Mrs. A F. Sherrill, Hon. Alvin Saunders, William Fleming, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams.

General Howard has been a constant and effective supporter of the association, which will deeply feel his loss.

### THE PROMENADE CONCERT.

Music For the Multitudes at the Exposition Building.

Judging from the immense audience in attendance last evening, estimated at 2,000 people, and the unanimously hearty enjoyment of the magnificent music from orchestra and voices, the scheme of giving in the exposition building a series of monthly promenade concerts for the multitudes, at popular prices, is no longer an experiment or venture, but an established and successful institution. The management displayed good judgment and taste in presenting on such an occasion a programme of popular as well as classical music. The instrumental portion, as rendered by the Musical Union orchestra, under the skillful direction of Mr. F. M. Steinhauser, was a great feature. The opening overture, Krentzer's Nachtlager, and Meyerbeer's Fakeltanz, never heard before in Omaha, were grand masterpieces, and rendered in a majestic and artistic manner.

Mrs. Martin Cahn, soprano, then gave two numbers, Donizetti's Aria from La Fille de Regiment and Tour's ballad Angel at the Window. This lady won a high place in the opinions of all who heard her interpretation of the trying aria, her dramatic delivery and telling vocalization making the effort one of the most pleasing during the evening.

The Lotus Glee club, composed of Messrs. Bartlett, Brigham, Wilkins and Reed, gave two of Dudley Buck's best compositions for male voices: Hark, The Trumpet Calleth, and In Absence. The former number is a stirring call to arms, full of sublime and inspiring passages, requiring much dramatic fire and feeling. The club proved themselves equal to the emergency and carried the house by storm. "In Absence" is a perfect gem of harmony and sentiment, and was most beautifully rendered. The Lotus Club is a permanent, enterprising and progressive organization. Composed, as it is, of exceptionally good and true voices, well adapted to their respective parts, and each member being a diligent and ambitious student, success and honors are assured.

Intermissions of fifteen minutes between the several parts of the programme were devoted to the promenade. A very fitting and happy closing was the dance to the Black Hussar waltz and Steinhauser's lanciers in which a large company participated with great zest and pleasure.

The managers of the promenade concerts are to be congratulated upon the complete success scored last evening. The large attendance has satisfied them that the Omaha public appreciate their efforts, and another concert will be given in April, although the exact date has not yet been fixed. These monthly concerts will be a pleasing feature of the summer's amusements.

Wait!

Hake & Palmer, Howard and Fourteenth streets, will offer for sale on and after April 1 the largest stock of horses and mules in the city.

### THEIR SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen Complete a Quarter Century of Married Life.

The reception tendered by the Platte-Deutsche Verein to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Paulsen at Germania hall last night on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, passed off very pleasantly, and will long be remembered by those who attended as a thoroughly enjoyable affair. At about 8 o'clock the spacious and well lighted hall was thrown open, and the guests commenced to arrive. By 9 o'clock two hundred guests were gathered about the happy couple, showering upon them all manner of congratulations. Shortly after 9:30 the grand march was struck up by the orchestra, and the guests fell into line, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kleffner at the head, followed by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Paulsen. The dancing was kept up thereafter until a late hour this morning, the various numbers being interspersed with refreshments, liquid and solid. The supper was a special feature of the evening's entertainment and was relished by all.

Judge Beneke delivered a short address, before the opening of the dancing programme, congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen upon the completion of the first quarter century of married life. He briefly and happily referred to the change which had come to them since twenty-five years before they had entered upon life's journey together, in the little village of Florence, near Omaha. His remarks were greeted with emphatic applause.

The presents were ranged on a table in front of the orchestra stand and made a splendid display. First of all there was a handsome punch-bowl, furnished by John Baumer, and a present from the Omaha Platte Deutsche Verein. The other presents were: Two handsome plush arm chairs, Allemand lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F.; silver card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. John Epeneter; soup tureen, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Karbach; water pitcher, W. H. Corney; water service, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dohle; silver set, Mrs. Green and family; cake dish, Pomy & Segelke; inkstand, H. Wiggins; silver and porcelain pitcher, Claus and May Matthews; caster, Henry Voss; tea service, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baumer; butter bowl, Mr. and Mrs. D. Riepen; set table spoons, T. Riepen; set towels, Kate Schapkahl; butter dish, George Jones and Charris White.

### The Other Side.

OMAHA, NEB., March 30, 1886.

TO THE EDITOR:—I see by yesterdays issue of the BEE that a prominent architect of this city states that the uneasy feeling caused by the strikers all over the country has struck Omaha in full force, and is causing the loss of thousands of dollars to his profession and to the city.

He states that several orders have been counter-manded in his office in the past few days, and the damage to the city in the matter of retarded growth, will be almost incalculable, unless the unsettled state of affairs comes to an end, and that very soon.

I will inform this prominent architect that the brick-layers of Omaha would go further for the advancement of the city's interest than this prominent gentleman who stands behind the screen, and would not sign his name.

Anotner thing this prominent gentleman states, which has made capitalists reluctant to invest money in Omaha building schemes, is the fact that the cost of building is so much greater this year than it was last year; according to his figures it will cost one-sixth more to build this year.

This gentleman might make it appear all right to some people that are not posted, but there are bricklayers in this city who know where to locate some of the expenses attached to erection of buildings.

I would like this gentleman to take into consideration the difference between his profession and our trade, and show to us where the exorbitant demand comes, whether in our trade or his profession, for during the summer months we are exposed to the broiling sun and the loss of time through rain and waiting for different materials, while he is comfortably sheltered in his office all the year around.

The brick layers on an average work about six months in the year in this city, on which he has to support his family and pay house rent.

The gentleman further states that as far as he can see, we have no more right to ask ten hours pay for nine hours work than he has to ask them to do ten hours work for nine works pay.

We, as an organized body, have asked only what we believe to be just, and we consider we ought to be the best judge.

I will now conclude by informing the gentleman if he wants to interfere any further with the bricklayers of this city, they will show to the capitalist and the citizens at large, where the growth of the city is retarded and by whom.

Why this prominent architect should try to impress on the public a misrepresentation so detrimental to himself and all others interested, is something we cannot comprehend.

Signed, BRICKLAYERS.

### Democratic Ward Caucus.

The Second ward democratic caucus held last evening was largely attended, about fifty being present. Louis Heimrod acted as chairman of the meeting, and Ed Moriarity as secretary. P. Garvey was chosen as the caucus nominee for councilman, and F. S. Lewis, John Mahoney, Louis Heimrod, F. J. Berkley, George V. Hines, Ed O'Connor, and P. J. Barrett were selected as delegates to the democratic city convention.

### The Nomination Confirmed.

General Howard received yesterday the following telegram of congratulation, announcing the confirmation by the senate of his nomination as a major general:

GEN. O. O. HOWARD—WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—My congratulations on your confirmation by the senate as major general, which act was accomplished at last night's session.

CHARLES F. MANDERSON.

### To-day's Race.

The quarter-mile race between W. A. Gregg and E. E. Atherton, the two well-known sprinters of the Thurston hose team, takes place this afternoon at four o'clock at the exposition building. The race will be "for blood" and a purse of $100 a side.

### Personal Paragraphs.

Ex-Congressman Valentine, of West Point, is at the Millard.

General Thayer arrived in the city from the west yesterday morning.

Miss Elsie DeLand and Mrs H. J. Darrell went to Chicago yesterday in company with Mrs. C. A. Ringer.

Peter Duffy, the well-known sprinter, formerly of Omaha, is now sojourning at Ottawa, Canada, and running races on snow shoes.

Mr. B. F. Smith, the Boston capitalist, who has large property interests in Omaha, is in the city and will remain here until May.

Miss Fannie E. Loomis, the well-known pianist of this city, accompanied an excursion party from Red Oak, Iowa, to Los Angelos, Cal., yesterday.

Some of the young people of this city are making arrangements to form a Tennis club. No organization has yet been affected, though it is probable that the scheme will be carried through. Particulars will be duly announced in the BEE.

# READY FOR BUSINESS AGAIN.

The Missouri Pacific Announces a Resumption of Freight Traffic.

NEWSY NOTES OF THE RAIL.

He Saw Snakes—The Methodist Revival—Weighing the Mails—The Purim Ball—Local Miscellany.

### Resuming Traffic.

Telegrams were received yesterday in the office of General Superintendent Smith, from St. Louis, announcing that the Missouri Pacific would be ready to receive and move freight at all points on its main and branch lines. In the local department yesterday all was bustle and activity, and every particle of freight to be shipped via the M. P. was hustled on board the train which started south last evening. The local agent of the Missouri Pacific road informed a reporter yesterday that everything would be in ship shape by to-day and that no further trouble was anticipated. It is not believed, moreover, that the Knights will make any resistance to the running of freight trains here or hereabouts.

THE COMMITTEE OF TRAINMEN.

"Yes, sir," said Superintendent Smith, in reply to the question of a reporter yesterday, "the ommittee delegation of trainmen from the different divisions of the road have discussed the situation pretty thoroughly with us, but there is nothing as yet that we can give away."

"Has any definite agreement been reached yet?"

"None whatever."

"Do you believe the differences can be arbitrated without resort to a strike?"

"Oh, yes. I don't believe that we shall have any trouble of that kind," said Mr. Smith.

BURLINGTON AND MISSOURI.

The Deadwood Times has the following to say about the rumored extension of the B. & M. to the northwest:

While at Omaha last Sunday, Mr. Jones met Jack Casement, who has a contract for several hundred miles of new road for the B. & M., including a northwestern or Black Hills line to be constructed at the earliest possible date. Mr. Casement outlined the proposed road on a map, showing a general northwest direction from Grand Island to the Big Horn basin. Chadron will be left to the east and north, and approaching the Hills near the southwest extremity, the road will pass between Inyan Kara and the hills, thence almost due north to the coal fields and to the great cattle ranges of the Little Missouri country. A spur is contemplated, to tap the mineral districts of the Hills, but from what particular point on the main line has not been determined. Surveyors are now in the field west of the Hills, and construction work will begin the first of the month.

AN INTERESTING CIRCULAR.

The Union Pacific has issued the following circular, which will be of interest to the many employes of the road:

"To secure uniform understanding and action consistent with the established policy of this company to give preference to employes longest in the service, the following will be observed by all concerned:

When a reduction in the number of employes in any department of the company's service becomes necessary, those retained shall be of those longest in the service, everything else being equal, i. e., as between persons equally honest, sober and capable; but seniority in service is not to be made cover for shortcomings of any description, or to prevent the company from securing the best attainable service."

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

J. K Choate, superintendent of the Denver division of the Union Pacific, left the city yesterday.

All trains on the Union Pacific are running on schedule time, the snow of Sunday having caused no great delay.

The B. & M. headquarters addition will be be ready for occupancy some time within the next two weeks.

One of the best runs ever made on the Short line, which is noted for its speed, was by Charles Gossage with engine 586, on March 22d, from Granger to Montpelier. "Pawnee Charley," as he is familiarly called, made up 75 minutes of time in 115 miles, averaging about 50 miles an hour, and arriving at Montpelier on time. The Short line can easily gain six hours between Granger and Huntington, and eight hours with such runners as Gossage. There is a rumor that the time will be shortened April 1st.—[Shoshone Journal.

Since the latest cut in rates to San Francisco of $5, many more people are going, necessitating extra cars daily. The travel east from California points continues very heavy. It is thought the war will last some time yet, by railroad men.

### HE SAW SNAKES

They Were Only Imitations, But They Ended the Spree.

He had been on a protracted spree, and his friends could do nothing with him. Argument and persuasion alike failed to have any effect. He would go to bed at night and would faithfully promise not to drink again. The next morning, however, in his endeavor to steady his nerves he would take one too many cock tails and invariably was drunk before noon. His condition had been kept from the ears of his employers, who thought that he had been suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Finding at the end of the second week of his spree that mild measures were useless, his friends decided upon an heroic mode of treatment.

Accordingly a few nights ago, instead of refusing to drink with him as heretofore, they visited all the bar rooms in his company and fairly threw the drinks into him. When he had arrived at that stage vulgarly known as "oroide," they took him to a strange part of town and put him to bed. In the meantime they had arranged affairs with the bartender of a neighboring saloon, who was told of their plan of operations. When he awoke the next morning about 8 o'clock his heart was beating like a trip-hammer, and his nerves were so unsteady that he could scarcely button his clothes. His first thought was for a drink, and when he stepped out on the sidewalk and was accosted with, "Hello, Jack, let's go have a bracer," he at once accepted the invitation.

His friend, who had been lying in wait for him, led him to the saloon where the heroic treatment was to be tried. On the back bar just in front of the glittering array of cutglass a mottled snake lay in graceful folds. The imitation serpent was made so that by touching certain wires it would have a certain undulating movement which made the illusion more complete.

"I'll take a whisky cocktail," said the man of unsteady nerves; "and say, make it pretty strong." Here his eyes wandered carelessly about the room until their attention was attracted by the snake. "Queer thing to have in a barroom," he muttered to himself.

"I say, bartender," continued he, "that's a pretty good thing you've got over there. It looks first rate."

"What do you mean?" was the rejoinder, "that new picture? Oh, yes, that's good,"

"No, no; I mean that—that," and his hands nervously clutched the edge of the counter; I mean that—why, hang it all, can't you see it? It's over there by the glasses."

The bartender stopped stirring the cocktail and looked towards the array of glassware. He shook his head quietly, with the remark, "I don't see anything."

"You see it, Ned, don't you?" turning to his friend.

"See what?"

"Why, that snake back there just in front of the glasses."

"Been drinking pretty hard lately, havn't you?" said the bartender in a confidential manner as he placed a thick glass containing the desired cocktail before the young man. The latter glanced wildly about the room and with trembling hand raised it to his lips. The edges of the glass were hollow and inside of them were arranged two or three wires which looked like so many snakes. As the young man saw them, he threw the glass down and with a yell ran out of the barroom. His friend overtook him and dragged him to the nearest drug store and gave him a dose of chloral hydrate.

The young man has not taken a drink since.

### The Methodist Revival.

Rev. Mr. Bitler spoke last night to another large audience at the First M E. church. At the conclusion of his address the usual handshaking and personal exhortation followed, coupled with devotional exercises about the mourners' bench. Many rose for prayers.

Following are some of the Rev. Bitler's characteristic sentences:

"There is a great deal said about the wonderful times of our fathers; but let me tell you I believe in the history of today, with its marvelous revivals, and I don't want to go back to the days of our fathers. Mighty cities are being moved by the word of God, and the greatest buildings cannot be found to contain them. We have a right to believe that right here in Omaha God will do these things, and we shall go right in on these lines. Look at Sam Jones. An obscure preacher a few days ago. It is nothing for t hat man of God to see 1,000 or 2,000 people converted whereyer he goes. I went to one of the wickedest—perhaps the wickedest city in the west—Gallipolis, on the Ohio river. It was just at the end of two lines of steamboats, and was therefore very wicked on account of the number of boatmen. On a large steamer where thirty-five men were employed, all except the captain, one of the clerks and the pilot were converted. It was perfectly marvelous what God did there. They had one of the worst fire departments in the world there. Every time there was a fire they got on a big drunk. God got hold of that fire department and more than two-thirds of them were converted. The sheriff of the county was arrested in his wicked ways, and the probate judge was converted to God. It is wonderful what God did in that wicked city. A local pastor came to me and said: 'This takes the juice out of everything social in this city.' I had dinner with Sam Jones before coming west, and I asked him what he thought about the western people. He said:

'When you go out there you want to put your breeching high up on your horses and not let the plow go too deep.' In Lincoln the excitement was great. You don't forget that Lincoln is the capital of the state. If you do, I want you to understand that they don't forget it out there.

### Weighing the Mails.

Chief Clerk Grillin of the railway mail service is very busy at present preparing for the annual mail weighing which is about to take place, for the purpose of determining the bulk of the mail matter carried by the railroads in this division. Clerks will be dispatched over the different branches of the Union Pacific and B. & M. to note the mail matter taken on and put off at each station. From these figures a set of averages will be prepared, so that the government can determine the exact basis upon which the roads are to be paid. The work will require from a month to six weeks.

Following are the names of the clerks who have been appointed to this work so far:

H. J. Meyer, T. F. Brennan, T. G. Patrick, Geo. E. Jewett, L. J. Kinney, Geo. B. Lake, Geo. A. Prichard, G. W. Lodge, Ed. Taggart, H. D. Smith, P. L. Shaw, W. J. Scannell, R. M. Curtin, J. E. Boyd, I. B. Saunders, F. H. Kinney, of Omaha; L. E. Fuller, G. H. Gasson, G. E. Paxton, W. T. Bigler, Crete; David Little, Tecumseh; James R. Clark, Schuyler; John Maher, Platte Center; Otto Huer, Columbus; R. N. La Fountain, Kearney; W. B. Wood, Blair; O. A. Pierce, Ashland; J. P. Lewis, Geneva; A. L. Johnson, Huntington, Or.; A. P. Mahon, Tekamah.

### April Forecast.

Prof. Walter H. Smith, the celebrated Canadian weather prophet, has published his forecast of weather for April. Below is that portion of it referring to the United States:

"In the southern and western United States the month will be dry (for April) and vegetation well advanced ere the close. 'Northers' must, however, be guarded against, as these will likely cause injury to blossoms, etc. We shall hear of tornadoes from tornado sections, with electrical disturbances and local floods. Periods of early heat will be reported. Farming operations should everywhere go on vigorously, because May is expected to be cold, with some blighting winds and frosts."

### The Purim Ball.

The second grand Purim ball of Nebraska lodge, No. 354, Independent Order B'nai Brith, will be given this evening at Germania hall.

Following are the committees in charge:

RECEPTION COMMITTEE—Blue Ribbon—I. Oberfelder, M. Hellman, B. Newman, Max Meyer, M Goldsmith.

FLOOR COMMITTEE—White Ribbon—S. J. Fisher, Julius Meyer, S. Schlesinger, S. Oberfelder.

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE—F. Addler, C. Brandeis, S. Reichenberg, S. Schlesinger, S. Oberfelder.

### A Land Sale.

A special master's sale was held yesterday morning in the United States marshal's office to dispose of some property, for the purpose of satisfying judgment in the case of Robbins vs. Martin. The property in question, some valuable farming land in Webster county, was sold to Oliver A. Foster, of St. Louis, for $1,800.

Wanted to exchange for stock of Hard ware and general merchandise, 560 acres of fine Thayer county (Neb.) land; five lots in Genoa (Neb.); good store building (best corner); good dwelling (best location) in Essex (Iowa); also eighty acres one-half mile from town of Essex (Iowa), seeded in blue grass. For further particulars, address John Linderholm, Central City, Nebraska.

### Relic of the Oregon.

A document giving William Hodgett power of attorney to dispose of real estate belonging to George Lee Hurst, formerly of Omaha, but now residing in Cheshamburg Lancaster county, England, was received by the county clerk yesterday. The paper was brought to this country by the steamer Oregon which lately suffered the mysterious accident. The document itself bears the earmarks of an accident as it is stained and defaced by salt water.

Public sale of Short Horn cattle at Lincoln, Neb., April 14, 1886. Fifteen cows and heifers and twenty bulls. For catalogues apply to Col. F. M. Woods, Lincoln, Neb., or Williams & Lacy, Lacona, Iowa.

### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Interesting Facts Gathered From Chief Butler's Annual Report.

Chief Engineer Butler, of the city fire department, has just completed his fifth annual report, to be submitted to the mayor and council at the beginning of the fiscal year. The document is a comprehensive one, and contains many facts of general interest to the public. Mr. Butler starts out with the assertion that he has no complaint to make on account of the city water works company, although there are a number of hydrants which have been put in more for private accommodation than for fire protection. The hydrants number 439, and are maintained at a yearly expense of $31,598. Of these there are over 100 which are not necessary for fire purposes. There is not sufficient pressure for fire protection in the southwest part of the city, where there are twenty-five or thirty hydrants, and an engine has been put in service in that locality because the city water works company cannot, with its present system, give the required pressure, notwithstanding its contract so to do with the city. It would seem, therefore, that the water works company should stand the expense of the engine in that part of the city.

The department force consists of twenty-eight officers and men. Among the important additions during the past year was that of establishing No. 5 engine and hose company on Sheridan street between St. Mary's avenue and Leavenworth street. The engine there furnishes protection to a large area which has before been entirely without protection. This engine and hose house was manned by four men, and three additions were made to the force of the hook and ladder company.

The expenditures of the department for the year have been as follows:

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| Drugs, etc. | $ 25 45 |
| Fire alarm system | 1,005 86 |
| Corn, oats and hay | 508 96 |
| Horse shoeing | 241 80 |
| Repairs | 108 96 |
| Stoves and repairs | 74 83 |
| Repairs on apparatus | 69 50 |
| Expenses for horses | 1,132 25 |
| Freight bills | 55 54 |
| Salaries | 22,450 50 |
| Miscellaneous | 37 60 |
| Harness, etc | 219 35 |
| Furniture | 46 50 |
| Lumber bill | 25,977 10 |
| Erection of No. 1 house | 3,779 15 |
| Moving and fitting up No. 5 | 504 04 |
| Telephone expenses | 252 00 |
| Hardware | 36 65 |
| Plumbing and gas fitting | 270 25 |
| Horse doctoring | 80 00 |
| New apparatus, including hose | 1,388 50 |
| Ice | 51 25 |
| Stationery and printing | 18 25 |
| Fuel | 431 70 |
| Insurance | 265 58 |
| Engine house lot, No. 1 | 2,500 00 |
| Engine house lot, No. 5 | 2,900 00 |
| Total | $38,599 06 |

The total value of the property of the department now in use is estimated at $45,082.50.

The following is a statement of the number of fire alarms and the losses since 1877 up to the present report:

| Years. | No. of alarms. | Losses. |
|---|---|---|
| 1877 | 43 | $ 20,850 00 |
| 1878 | 35 | 113,950 00 |
| 1879 | 33 | 320,200 00 |
| 1880 | 42 | 227,260 00 |
| 1881 | 71 | 253,172 00 |
| 1882 | 48 | 57,202 00 |
| 1883 | 38 | 55,970 00 |
| 1884 | 54 | 62,500 00 |
| 1885 | 73 | 108,352 41 |
| 1886 | 86 | 56,355 75 |

The report says: "A careful inspection of the above table reveals the very important and significant fact that since the introduction of our efficient system of water works five years ago, although our population has doubled and the number of fire alarms has increased, yet the losses by fire are less than those of the five years preceding that time by the sum of $623,171.84. I desire to call the special attention of our business men to that fact, for I am satisfied that they are carrying at least 40 per cent more insurance on their buildings than they ought to, and I am sure they will be surprised to know that they are now paying a premium to insurance companies of $202,973.86, which is almost equal to the entire tax levied in the city of Omaha, and about 75 per cent of which goes into the coffers of foreign insurance companies.

Seven new fire alarm boxes have been added during the year, making the total number forty. The coming year at least six new boxes will be needed. The chief also recommended that a blacksmith be employed for the department, as it would be a saving for the city.

The report concludes with the estimated expenses for the coming year, which are as follows:

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| Purchase of lot for No. 3 | $14,000 00 |
| Erection of building | 9,000 00 |
| 2,000 feet new hose | 2,100 00 |
| New hose carriage | 700 00 |
| Necessary to complete No. 1 | 800 00 |
| Additional alarm boxes | 900 00 |
| Three horses | 675 00 |
| Compensation to department | 22,450 50 |
| Hook and ladder truck | 2,500 00 |
| Incidental expenses | 2,892 95 |
| Total | $56,018 45 |

### AMUSEMENTS.

THE IDEAL ENGAGEMENT.

The Boston Ideal Opera company, under the management of Mr. W. H. Foster, are meeting with greater success than ever. Their two weeks' engagement at the Grand opera house, Chicago, was the largest in the history of that successful theatre. In Kansas City last week the houses were sold out for every performance. The Ideal's engagement at the Boyd's this week promises to be equally as successful. They have announced a strong reportoire—three new operas. It is a follows: Thursday, "Victor the Blue Stocking," Friday, "The Maid of Honor," Saturday matinee, "The "Musketeers" and Saturday night, "Adine, or the Elixer of Love." Mlle De Lussan, Miss Huntington and Mr. W. H. Clarke, the new stars, will make their first appearance on Thursday evening in "Victor." Miss Marie Stone will be seen in "The Maid of Honor" and "The Musketeers." Tom Karl, Mr. Macdonald, Herndon Morsell, Messrs. Barnabee and Frothingham, and the rest of the old favorites are retained and appear at their best in the operas announced. The sale of seats opened yesterday with a lively demand.

### Police Court Docket.

"No, sah, I'se not guilty, by a heap," replied Nick Wallace, the "black crook," when arraigned in police court yesterday, on a charge of stealing some clothing "I want you to 'stinctly understan dat I'se not guilty." "That's all right," replied Judge Stenberg, "but there's plenty of evidence against you. I think I'll have——'

"No, sah; no, sah!" broke in Nick, excitedly, "dat evidence am all circumstantial. No jury would convick me on dat evidence." But the judge thought otherwise and Nick was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail.

Henrick Henrikson was fined $5 and costs for fighting, as was also John Travis on a similar charge.

John Kelley paid a fine of $1 and costs for being drunk. Cam Reeves, arraigned on a like charge was released. Frank Hall, a vagrant, was discharged.

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### The Hose Race.

Police Clerk Jerome Pentzel received yesterday a letter from the board of trade of Beatrice asking that the race between the Fitzgerald and Thurston hose teams, if it comesoff, take place in Beatrice. Inasmuch as the Lincoln boasters do not show any signs of "backing their bluff," at any time in the immediate future, the board of trade of Beatrice will have to "bide a wee." Mr. Pentzel said yesterday that the Fitzgerald's had never covered the $200 deposited by Captain Kennedy with the Herald and he did not think that they dared to enter a contest with the Thurstons.

### Says He Was Wronged.

Jacob Klein, who was fined $1 and costs in the police court yesterday, states that the man Donovitch, who caused his arrest for calling him names, was the aggressor in the verbal conflict. Mr. Klein says that he has been a good friend to the Russian Jews and thinks he deserves better treatment at their hands.

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