

WAS THEIR FOUL PLAY?

The Question Raised by the Relatives of Daniel Kilroy.

LEWIS GORDON TURNS UP.

A Big Real Estate Deal—Exposition Notes—Billford's Successor—Police, Local, Etc.

Kilroy's Death.

Corner Dress yesterday received a letter from Prof. John Kilroy, superintendent of schools of Pecos county, Ind., making inquiry about the death of his brother, Daniel Kilroy, who was drowned here a few days ago at the stockyards. It will be remembered that Kilroy was said to have been bathing just before his death and being unable to swim was drowned. Mr. Kilroy, the brother, says that he has examined the body carefully and found several bruises which might indicate foul play. He asks for a full report of the circumstances of the affair. Whether he will investigate the matter remains to be seen.

GORDON RAN AWAY.

And Left His Wife And Four Children Unprovided For.

Lewis Gordon, the plasterer in West Omaha who was reported to have disappeared on last Sunday, has been heard from. He has written to his partner, Hall, telling him that he could not "stand prospects longer." By prospects he means the relations which existed between Gordon and his wife. Hall saw Mrs. Gordon Wednesday and reports that she says she always did her duty to make her husband happy. She now lives alone with four children, while her husband's whereabouts have been concealed by the police. Hall says that the business affairs of the firm are in a safe condition.

THE INTER-STATE EXPOSITION.

Some of the Advance Notes of Omaha's Great Exposition.

There is not a foot of space in either the exposition building, the annex or the galleries around the former which is not now let to exhibitors. The space controlled by each is outlined by chalk upon the floor, and already merchants and exhibitors are preparing to display their wares. The dealers and manufacturers of Omaha never before displayed such enthusiasm and interest in any undertaking. Every one of the leading men and firms of the city have entered for exhibition, and their employees are now busy selecting material and inventing designs for the display. It was thought at one time that the gallery would not be utilized, but it is a fact now that every foot in it has been engaged. Excellent displays will be made in the spaces between the windows on the south side, while the entire wall of the north side will be hung with magnificent pictures. It will be the largest display of work of the kind that has ever taken place west of Chicago, and indeed, in the latter city, no display was ever known to be larger. The gallery on the east end has been transferred into three art rooms. The walls are painted in maroon, and five feet above the spectators' heads a row of gas jets has been placed around the room and about five feet from each wall. When lighted, these jets will reflect their rays upon the pictures hung around, while, at the same time, the flame will not reach the eye of the spectator. Hanging from the ceiling, and filling up the square formed by the gas pipes, will be canopy, colored like the walls, which will keep the eye in condition to appreciate the genius about.

Manager Lininger says that he has made arrangements with a number of the best artists in the country, especially several excellent ones from Chicago, to exhibit and engrave. From these and other sources he expects the finest display of oil paintings ever made in the west, outside of Chicago. Besides these features, there will be other displays of bric-a-brac, curiosities of art and tapestry. Of the latter, there will probably be several antique and valuable examples. Besides these features, there will be other displays of bric-a-brac, curiosities of art and tapestry. Of the latter, there will probably be several antique and valuable examples. Besides these features, there will be other displays of bric-a-brac, curiosities of art and tapestry. Of the latter, there will probably be several antique and valuable examples.

A Man Drowned.

While a number of men and boys were bathing in the river near the waterworks Wednesday, one young man some distance out was observed to sink beneath the surface. He never rose again. He is described as being about 22 years of age, with a dark brown mustache and brown hair. No one seemed to know who he was, and a search of clothing failed to disclose his identity. A party of men were engaged in dragging the river last night, but failed to recover the body.

A West End Mystery.

The people about Redick's grove in the West End are still very much exercised over the reported finding of a dead body in the grove. Where or how the man started is a mystery, for the closest search fails to reveal any corpse, nor has any one been found who has seen it. It is probable that the story is the invention of some brilliant genius with more imagination than brains. The supposition that the body was that of Gordon, the missing plasterer, has also been exploded.

Successful Stenographers.

We have placed in good paying positions during the past six months over a dozen graduates of Valentine's shorthand institute Omaha. They are all being well paid, and are giving the best of satisfaction. Not one has failed.

Neils Patrick's Farm.

It was rumored on the streets yesterday that the Neils Patrick farm, west of Walnut Hill, and comprising seven hundred acres, has been sold for \$700,000. There was no truth in the report, although \$250,000 has been offered for the property, but \$250,000 was demanded. The intending purchasers are New Yorkers who would build a cable line to the ground.

The Trainway.

The cable men are working vigorously on Tenth street, between Howard and Harvey streets. The excavations are made at intervals of four feet for the iron ropes, while the rails and guiding irons are being upon the sides of the opening. The concrete will soon follow these, and then a block of the cable roadway will be in a fair way to completion.

Raised a Thousand Dollars.

The ladies of the Child's hospital a few days ago secured the privilege of a refreshment stand at the exposition. But, when it was learned that they proposed to do all the work themselves, their husbands set to work and raised \$1,000 for the hospital, and the result of the stand is again vacant.

CAN'T PAY HIS MEN.

A Contractor in a Bad Predicament.

A very excited crowd of Swedish laborers was gathered yesterday near the corner of Sixteenth and Douglas excitedly demanding pay for work which they had done. The central figure of the group was Contractor Jesse Osterhout, to whom the laborers were paying their compliments in a very excited manner. It seems that Osterhout, who had the contract for excavating the cellar for the Paxton building on Sixteenth and Farnam, has come out several hundred dollars in arrears on his contract. The consequence is that he has been unable for the last few days to pay his men. Wednesday, the work was stopped, but the contractor announced to his men that he could not pay them. This created a severe cut. Mr. Osterhout instructed his workmen to meet yesterday morning to discuss the matter of settlement. Yesterday both sides met and discussed a compromise. Mr. Osterhout agreed to pay the men as soon as he could.

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