THE GAS COMPANY SPETITION

A Reply to the Complaints Made Against the Corporation-

ARRESTED FOR GROSS PERJURY

Strikers and "Scabs"-Corporal Tanner-Peterson Poisoned-The Milk · Inspector-Suing the Western Union-Other Local.

Speaking of Gas. Mr. Frank Murphy, of the Omaha Gas company, was asked yesterday for a statement of the position of the gas company with regard to making service connec tions, and under what authority they arrogated to themselves the sole right to lay service pipes from the curb-line to the gas-meter.

"The BEE has evidently been acting under a misapprehension of the facts, said Mr. Murphy. "The charge that our prices for making house connections are exorbitant, is entirely unfounded. The aim of the company is simply to cover actual expenses of such work, and to secure, through its own workmen, a competent and substantial job which will not give continual annoyance and cause re peated expense to the consumer for repairs. Under the contract with the city we have the right if we so desire to charge from the main to the house, but during the past two years we have spent shousands of dollars in laying the pipes from the mains to the curb-lines, where streets were about to be paved, thus relieving prospective con-sumers of the expense of service-pipes from the curb line to the center of the street. The water company makes con-sumers pay for the whole distance. So much for the exorbitant charges which are complained of, of which any one by enquiring can readily discover are at least as little as will be charged by any gas-fitter in Omaha. I admit that our rule is that we alone

shall make connections with our mains, and that none but our workmen shall be permitted to lay the service-pipe through-out its entire length to a concection with the meter. We do this for the protection of consumers, and not for any profits which there may be in it— for there are none. In addition, we have another rule which is equally for the protection of the consumer of gas— that no gas shall be turned on until our inspector has made a thorough test of the gas fitting inside the house and has pronounced it tight and free from leaks. For this, nowever, we make no charge at all. The rule may seem an arbitrary one, but it is for the mutual protection of the gaf company and all citizens who use the produce of our works. Any one can see that if general license were given for citizens to connect with our mains, any dishonest individual could use our gas free and rob us of our property. By doing our own work on service pipes, we know just what connections are made and that the job is properly done. In following out this plan we are fully within our contract, and are protected by city ordinance. I am free to admit that if it could be proved that our charges, result-ing from our exclusive right to lay service pipes, were exorbitant and out-rageous, that the question which the BEE has raised might have some point. But as matters now stand it is without value, so far as the interests of the gas con-

sumers of Omaha are involved.
"If there are anylegitimate grounds for complaint against the Omaha Gas company we shall be glad to know them, and shall right them so far as lies within our power. All those which the BEE has arged are capable of ready explanation. urged are capable of ready explanation.
For instance, its complaint that we refuse to make service connections with our mains in the winter time. We have our mains in the winter time. We have abliged to make this rule, our mains in the winter time. We have been obliged to make this rule, because each year at the approach of winter, or after the ground is frozen tightly for many inches, below the surface, we are overwhelmed with applications to tear up the streets and tap our mains. What trenching we could do for 25 cents a toot in the summer time under such eircumstances costs us from 40 to 50 cents, and this additional burden is thrown upon us through the carelessness of property owners who could readily, if they so desired, have se-cured the connection as soon as the foundation for the house had been put in. Another complaint suggested is that property owners often make sewer and water connections, and that if they were given the right to join with our mains or extend their gas pipe to the curb line, could save money by laying the gas pipe in the same trench in which the sewer or water pipe was placed. "We absolutely refuse to permit this bethe sewer and water pipe is placed, would cause leakage and disturbance of the gas service-pipe to the detriment of

the gas company and to the injury of the Property holder.
"I think you will find, if you investigate, that any other charges of a like character which are made against the gas company have as little founda-

STRIKERS AND "SCABS."

Scenes Around in the B. & M. Yards Yesterday Morning.

The B. & M. passenger yards were yesterday morning as quiet as if it were a holiday. No ears were being switched and no striking switchmen were to be seen. The passenger train from the west and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy from the east, ran into the depot and up to noon had not been switched. The only sign of life visible on the tracks, was an engine, which was being backed to the depot to be linked to the pay car which starts out on its journey this afternoon. This was in charge of Mr. Tucker, superintendent of the round house. Down at Gibson, he reported Sunday clothes and same at Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Ne-braska City and Ashland. As a consechonce, there was not much work done. The strikers are keeping away from the yards, gathering around the corners in the city awaiting developments. They meet to night in Cunningham's hall, that the striking helpers and engine men had occasioned no annoyance.

POISONING PETERSON.

One of Uncle Sam's Nephews Falls

Under Bad Corned Beef. Thursday morning Andrew Peterson, one of the oldest carriers in the postoffice, took out his 7 o'clock mail, feeling as well as usual. At about 11 o'clock, the earrier on the route adjoining Peterson's, found in one of his mail boxes the letters which had been collected by Peterson, as also a note from him asking him to call at the residence of the latter, 2604 Seward. The fellowearrier complied with the request, and was astonished to find not only Peterson, but his wife and children, confined to their rooms and suffering intensely with interior pains. The fact that the whole family was sick was patent when Peterson reached his home, and this fact, together with his own ill-ness, caused him to conclude that all had been polsoned. A physician was called, and upon examination of the meat left in the house, couclided that the poisoning had been occasioned by eating imperfectly cured corned beef, of which the family had pastaken in the morning City who a and the night before. Mr. Peterson yesterday.

a me into town yesterday afternoon, estill suffering from his pains, yet deter-mined to work them off, though his wife and family are still under the effects of

GROSS PERJURY.

The Federal Authorities Arresting Faire Witnesses.

federal authorities are after the plaintiff's witnesses in the case of Gross vs. the Union Pacific with a very sharp stick. It may be remembered that Gross, pere, sued the Union Pacific for heavy damages on account of the death of his little son, who was run over by a freight train. Several witnesses for the plaintiff swore that they saw the boy knocked off the train by one of the company's brakemen, while the witnesses on the other side swore directly that the lad fell off. This latter state of facts was also proven at the coroner's inquest by the very wit nesses who at the trial swore in Gross' favor. The grand jury returned indictments against five of these witnesses. One of them James Gross, was arrested three weeks ago. Yesterday two more of them were arrested and locked up in jail. Their names are Charles and Theodore Caston. Warrants are out for the arrest of two others, Charles Wasser-man and Rosa Smith, and it is thought that they will be run to the ground before another week passes.

A Card From Canan's Tailors. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 7.-Notice to the public: We the undersigned tailors employed by the firm of C. J. Canan & Co. resent and deny the notice of the committee of the tailors' union, and make ceived from New York and the principal the following statement: That we were union tailors and would not attend the meetings on account of not having the same privilege of holding shop meetings as other tailors did. We are all citizens of Omaha of many years standing and have worked for the above named firm for several years, and have and are re-ceiving good prices and steady employment to our entire satisfaction. The firm protects us by not employing every applicant for work, and the upshot is that others cannot undermine us and secure our positions. Frank Shalda, L. Ziegler, M. Barta, Frank Nemec

Joseph Houfek, John Jiroosky, F. Pechal, Joseph Skreyja, John Melka. James Hofmann, Another Mail Wagon Demanded. Postmaster Coutant Thursday evening served notice upon the superintendent of the mail wagons which carry the mail to and from the postoffice and depots in this city, that it will be necessary to add another wagon to the number now in use. Three wagons are daily used, but since the transfer of the Missouri Pa-cific trains to the St. Paul depot it has been impossible to handle the mail with-out a delay of sometimes as much as an hour. When the B. & M. new line to Lincoln comes in, this difficulty will be intensified. Mr. Coutant is going to insist upon the increase demanded.

. Cerny,

Mild Weather Mud.

superintendent has already written the contractors, the Woodleaf brothers, in

The crossing of Jackson and Seven teenth streets holds out uncommon inducements to persons bent on suicide. An unruffled sea of mud stretches away from early to early. Here and there the heels and toes of articles float on the sur face. The ever present small boy navigates a raft from shore to shore, and capresidents appeal in vain for a footway. Even the police are heedless of protests against the towering ash heaps that fringe the curb line. A similar condi-tion of mud, minus the ash piles, obtains on Jackson, east of Sixteenth, and on Leavenworth street, and it is hoped the council and street commissioner will give the residents the needed relief, even if temporarily.

Suing the Western Union. Charles W. Poor, of Lincoln, commen-

ced suit in the United States court yesterday against the Western Union, claiming \$4,525 damages. He alleges, in his petition, that on November 11, 1886, he entered into negotiations with the Grand Pacific Hotel company, of Nebraska City, to lease the hotel and purchase the furniture. Through the failure of the Western Union company to deliver a message from Nebraska City wired to him on November 14, the lease and furniture were transferred to other parties. On account of this, Poor thinks he has sustained damages in the amount named.

Meat and Milk Inspector. Candidates for the position of meat and milk inspector have already begun to present themselves, and they are much more numerous than it was expected they would be. Nearly all of them have paid their respects to Couneilman Kaspar, who introduced the ordinance creating the office, who, it is known, has a preferred candidate for the position. If the lucky mortal who secures the appointment does one-half of what the ordinance calls for, he will be one of the most useful and most busy men in this or any other city.

The M. P. to Nebraska City. Richard Shannon, formerly one of the contractors in the public improvements of this city, came up from Nebraska City yesterday morning, where he has a force of men engaged in preparing the way for the entry of the M. P. road to that place. The branch will leave the main line at Weeping Water, go around by way of Nebraska City and then touch the main line again at Auburn. This new line will, after its completion, form part of the main road. Mr. Shannon is looking for laborers to advance his work.

The Mattson Case.

With reference to the alleged dismissal of the case of the state against Mattson, charged with an indecent assault upon a httle girl, District Attorney Estelle said yesterday morning that he could not ell whether he would nolle the case until he had seen Dr. Neville, whose testimony in the case will be of some value. A sis ter of the child's mother has the little un-fortunate now in charge, and says that the mother has left, the town and her whereabouts are unknown.

Williams vs. Woodbridge.

The statement made in yesterday's papers concerning Woodbridge brothers, was erroneous. Woodbridge brothers lived up to their contract in every partie utar, and if Williams had done the same there would have been no trouble what-ever. Woodbridge brothers offered to ever. Woodbridge brothers offered to let Williams have the plano if he would pay the balance due upon it, a fair prop-osition, after the long time they have been waiting for their money.

U. S. Storekeeper. Mr. John Jacobson, who has been oc-

cupying the position of storekeeper at the Willow Springs distillery, has been succeeded by O. N. Watson, of Nebraska, City who assumed the duties of his office CORPORAL TANNER

He Arrives on His Way East from the Pacific Coast.

Yesterday morning a reporter for the BEE found in the presence of such a coterie as Paul Vandervoort, Thomas Swobe, Major Clarkson and Major Davis of Waho, the well known gentlemn Corporal James Tanner. He wore a dark brown coat, a large black fett hat and carried his cane as usual. He had just returned from the Pacific coast, to which place he went last summer during the soldiers' reunion. He has since remained in that part of the country, viewing the scenes and taking part in the political canvass which closed a few months ago. Corporal Tanner is one of the best known members of the G. A. R., and one who has several mementoes, in the way of missing limbs, of the late war. Democratic ascendancy in New York threw him out of his position in that city, and upon his return to that place he will assume an interest in a new addition to be made to a well known history. He leaves for Chicago to-morrow.

The Abbott Opera Season-Sale of

Seats.
Those who desire to be present at what will undoubtedly be one of the most brilliant musical performances ever given in this city should not fail to secure seats immediately on the opening of the sale tomorrow for the operas to be sung by the Emma Abbott Co., commencing Monday, December 13. The indications at present are that the performances will be attended by the largest audiences that ever assembled in this city. Dispatches recities state that at no time since its foundation has the Emma Abbott Opera Company been so strong and so completely equipped as at present. The company in fact is perfect in its ensemble. A new and magnificent corps of artists has been engaged the corps of artists has been engaged the chorus and orchestra, so important fac-tors in the success of an operatic per-formance have been largely augmented and the same attention has been paid to all the details that always characterized the performances given by the Abbott Co. In the operas which are to be given here the Emma Abbott Company will be seen at its very best. Lizzie Annandale, who may be regarded as one of the most popular singers in this country is also with this company, and she, Abbott and Bertini form a trio of prima donnas that it is very difficult to equal. Montegriffo, the well known tenor, and Michelena, the handsome young artist, who was so successful last season, are both with Emma Abboott again as is also Pruette, the baritone, while as for Broderick, he is simply an indepensible appendage to the Abbott Opera Co. The direction of the powerful chorus and orchestra are again entrusted to Signor Tomasi's reliable hands. Altogether the company is the strongest that has ever appeared in English opera in this country.

The operas to be given are "Lucretia Borgia," Mikado," "Bohemian Girl," "Faust," "Carnival of Venice" and

"Trovatore."

German Thespians. Mr. Puls, of the German Comedy company, now playing at the Boyd, every Sunday night, has made arrangements of a satisfactory nature for a performance by that company on next Wednesday evening at Fremont, Thursday at Columbus, and Friday at Grand Island, The play will be the "Pearl of Savoy." The same piece will be played in this city Sunday night week.

Want a Guardian. At the county jail there is a woman named Mrs, Pokarney, and three little bright and interesting children, the oldest of whom is ten years of age. The husband and father died in Dago alley some time ago, with \$1,000 insurance on his life. The woman is slightly demented and there seems to be no person to apply for the guardianship of the little ones.

A Good Dose.

Joe Bradley, a slippery news agent on the incoming Union Pacific train from the west, was arrested by Officer Duff Green at the depot yesterday morning He had tried to swindle a passenger by "holding out" \$5 of a ten dollar note which had been given him to change. He was taken before Judge Stenberg, tried, convicted and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.

Police Court.

Five cases of drunkenness were brought before his honor vesterday morning. One man paid a fine of \$5 and costs, another a fine of \$10 and costs. Three were discharged. W. L. Swartz was fined \$10 and given ten days on bread and water. Another suspicious character was dis-

Notice. All members of the Northwestern Travelling Man's Ass'n will please meet at the Paxton hotel at 8 o'clock Saturday

evening. Barker's High Basement.

A force of workmen is busily engaged in clearing out the debris from the basement of the Barker ruin, and at noon their work was nearly finished. The intent of the Barker brothers is to tear down the red stone wall, and in the new building, the plans for which are now drawn, to have the first story consist of a high basement.

Licensed Watchmaker for the U. P. Railway Co. C. S. RAYMOND,
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Mail, Male and Female.

Frank Oleson, one of the local force of letter carriers, is away from work this week on a honeymoon, part of which time his utilizing in putting his new home, on Bristol street, into shape. He was married on last Saturday night to Miss Ollie Strum.

The Warrants Ready. City Clerk Southard says that the warrants of the city for the past month will be ready to-day and those entitled to them may get them by calling at his

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T. J. Tooley, a prominent attorney of Leavenworth, Kas., has removed to this city, where he will open an office. On next Thursday evening the local lodge of Modern Woodmen will entertain its friends at a social in its hali, 1818

Douglas street. Officer Michael Dempsey is passing around the cigars. He has just received \$50 as a reward for a horsethief whom he

captured on the 9th of July last. Mr. Arthur M. Pinto returned yester day from Florence, Wis., with his bride, nee Miss Nellie Fisher. The ceremony occurred last week in Florence and was a happy affair. Mr. and Mrs. Pinto will make their future residence in this city. All the members of St. Philomena' Sodalities and those who are to be re-

ceived into the Sodmittes next Sunday evening the 12th insta will meet this (Fri-day) evening at 7:30 in the Cathedral to make final preparations for the reception. J. M. Brownell, who has heretofore been Pullman agent in both Omaha and Council Biuffs, will hereafter devote his time to the latter place, his office in Omaha being closed. Pullman tickets will be purchasable at the office of T. K. Chambers, the regular Union Pacific agent.

Mrs. Laura E. Legg commenced a suit for \$5,000 damages in the district court yesterday afternoon against Chas. Shiverlick. She is the re-married widow of Geo. E. Semler, a former employe of Shiverick's, who was killed by falling through an elevator shaft on December 29, 1884,

Nich O'Brien, one of the youngest tele graphers and at the same time one of the oldest young men in the employ of the Union Pacific, leaves to night for Evanston, where he will resume the duties of assistant train dispatcher for the same road. He has just returned from Val-paraiso, where he has been employed by he company for some time.

The Omaha Business College literary

and debating society open the season with an interesting programme Saturday evening at their rooms, southeast corner Capitol avenue and 16th sts. The fellowing question will be discussed: "Resolved, That no good results obtain from Strikes." The discussion will be open to the public. Friends are cordially invited. Judge Dundy yesterday morning issued a mandamus, returnable next month, to compel the county of Kearney to pay a judgment of \$2,000 rendered against it at the June term of court, in favor of August Frank. The suit was brought on bonds which Kearney county attempted to default, and involves the validity of about \$2,000 worth of bonds.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were filed

December 9: C W Lyman to the Public plat of Lyman piace being part of see's 28, 29, 32, 33, 15, 13e Dedication.

A S Paddock and wife to John T Dillon, lots 27, 28, blk 5, Paddock Place, w d—82,100, Reuben H Pickard and wife to Geo Minch, lot 3, blk 1, Quinn's add, w d—\$2,000, Jehu H Hungate, trustee, to John M McMahon, lot 4, blk 13, Bedford place, w d—8700

S600.
Geo W Logan and wife to John F Mawhin-ney 182x352 ft s of the 10 acres in nw ½ ne½ 9, 15, 13, w a—\$4,600.
Sam K Spaulding, et al, to C F Hickman, lots 11 and 12, blk 7, Kilby place, w d—\$1,550. \$1,550,
Jerry Ryan to Thomas Brennan, lot 5, blk
13 Kountzes 3rd add, w d—\$2,800,
W L Selby, et al, to C M Sanford, lot 9, blk
2 and lots 9, 10, blk 3 Rush and Selbys add, w

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Otto Bauman to the Public plat of Baumans 1st add to West Onaha being a sub of 161s 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 in Shiloh-Dedication.

Henry Bruning, et al., to Frederick Brun-ing, et al s 22 ft of e 34 lot 75, Hartmans add, w d-\$1,000. Henry Bruning, et al, to Frederick Brun-ing, n 1/2 e 1/2 lot 51 in Hartmans add, w d— \$1,200.

S1,200.

John L McCague and wife to Omaha Belt railway company, lots 14, 15, blk 1, West Cuning add, w d—\$400.

Otto Lobeck to the Public plat of Spring valley being n ½ n w ¼ see 6, 14, 13 and ne ¼ of see 1, 14, 12—Dedication.

Wm L McCague to the Omaha Belt railway company, part of lot 3, blk 17, West Omaha, w d—\$450.

w d-\$450.

A M G McCormick and busband to Arthur Remington, lots 9, 10, blk 2, Clarendon add, w d-\$2,200.

City of Omaha to the heiress of Ole Nelson 20x132 ft s of lot 1, blk 364. Omaha, q e-\$400. Isaac Skiff to Lewis Heimrod, lots 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 19, 11, 12, 13, 14, blk I, lots from 4, 14, 5lk 2, Waverly w d-\$3,500.

Max Meyer, et al. to Aaron Meyer, lots 1. Max Meyer, et al, to Aaron Meyer, lots 1, 2, blk 1, Manhatten add, w d—S650.

John T Dillon and wife to Geo E Bertrand et al, lot 28, blk 5, Paddock place, w d—

S1,150.

W S Beatty to Comfort P Sack, lot 24 blk 4, and lot 12, blk 5, Ames place, w d—\$600.

G B Dandy and wife to Alex G Charlton, lots 4, 5, blks 5, Boyd's add, w d—\$700.

L W Hill to Simpson S Renner, lot 8 blk 54 Arbor place, w d—\$250.

Omaha council No. 1, R. & S. M., has trious, James Gilbert; deputy, James E. trious, James Gilbert; deputy, James E. Hume; principal conductor of the work, E. K. Long; treasurer, Meyer Hellman; secretary, J. B. Bruner; captain of the guard, Michael Parr; conductor of the council, John Bamford; steward, John Reed; sentinel, William J. Mount. The grand chapter of the grand council will meet Thursday, Dec. 16.



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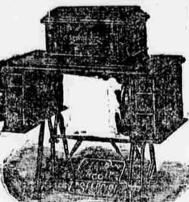
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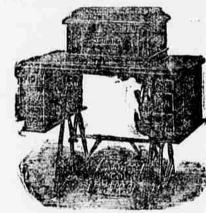
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