BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,

What the Chairman Has to Say on Public Improvements.

ENDORSING OF CHIEF SEAVEY.

What was Done about the Courts Yesterday—The Opinion of a Citizen who is Opposed to the City Hospital Project.

On last Saturday night, the contract for the building of the south branch of the North Omaha sewer, was awarded to Deasy & Co. The sewer will run on Twenty-eighth avenue from Dodge to Chicago.

Mr. Balcombe was asked again yesterday morning, what he proposed to do in the matter of the Union Pacific's failure to supply the stone for curbing purposes as now demanded by contract in this city. He said that he had been speaking with Mr. F. T. Kimball, and from him had learned that the company had actually received so many orders for stone from all parts of the country that it had not been able to satisfy all of them, but that it hoped before long to be able to catch up with lost time. Mr. Kimball further said that the delay was mainly occasioned by the company's inability to secure labor. It had already shipped car-loads of men to their quarries, only to find that after the first month's pay-day, these same men deserted them and went into the mines.

Mr. Balcombe summed up the matter in his mind and said that he was satisfied the company could not keep its agreement with the city, yet, he said, Mr. Woodworth held that the city could not cancel the contract.

With reference to the statement that the Union Pacific company was shipping stone into Lincoln, Mr. Balcombe said that he would not be surprised, because he understood that Lincoln had a man on the ground whose duty it was to gobble up all the stone for that place which he could possibly lay his hands on.

With reference to Sixteenth street, the chairman of the board said that the water and sewer men were now at work, and as the curbing was not yet laid, he thought he would order the pavers to commence on California street from Sixteenth and proceed to Twenty-first before allowing them to work on Sixteenth south of the viaduct. If they should be permitted to carry on the paving on Sixteenth street, the work would have to be done over water, sewer, gas and other trenches, which, no matter how well tramped, would sink beneath the pavement and leave the holes which were occasioned on Tenth, Saunders and Sixteenth streets. The trenches under all the paved streets in the city, Mr. Balcombe claimed, had fallen from six to a dozen inches, the consequence of which is that the foundation is compelled to support the pavement. There was no remedy for this, except to fill up the breaks as they appeared through the road and insist upon the paving of no street for one year after the same had been graded and supplied with every pipe necessary for the convenience of property holders. To enforce the latter condition he proposed to request the council to pass an ordinance on the subject.

With regard to the defects in the approach of the south side of the Eleventh street viaduct, Mr. Balcombe said that his idea had been to have the approach paved as is that on the north side of the same structure, which would give easy access to and departure from the structure. Instead there is now but a narrow stone resting upon the top of the retaining wall on which two people can scarcely walk abreast. This plan was adopted by the council, partly because of the opposition of property owners, some of whom desire Eleventh street closed at the alley north of Mason street, while others hold that if it be closed there they will bring the matter into the courts. As it stands to-day, the street on either side of the viaduct is not closed, but the approach to the viaduct is something against which pedestrians cannot but object.

THE SEAVEY ENDORSEMENT.

Why the Old Veterans Stand by the Chief.

OMAHA, July 18.—To the Editor of the BEE: The Herald and the Republican of this city manifest considerable umbrage at the resolutions of the old soldiers, with reference to Captain Seavey, and while we are willing that those papers should hold a course on the class of billingsgate, with which they seem so familiar, and have no disposition to bandy slang with those gentlemen, we still think it proper to set the stamp of our reprobation upon a few of the falsehoods so flippantly published in those journals.

First then—Captain Seavey does not color his whiskers—it is a lie too small and contemptible and dirty for such high souled gentlemen to indulge in.

Secondly, Captain Seavey is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is junior vice commander of Custer Post No 7, this city.

Third, there is no proof that he ran away with the wife of a brother Mason; the evidence is all to the contrary. He was duly and properly demitted from his lodge in Santa Barbara, and if his lodge subsequently took action against him in his absence, while laboring under a misapprehension, it is a matter that cuts no figure as regards his fitness for chief of police of this city.

The reference in the Republican to Captain Seavey's looks is an unfair and ingenuous attempt on the part of the editor of that paper, indirectly to parade his own Adonis-like form and lovely features before an admiring world. Everybody cannot be beautiful.

Now in regard to the resolutions—they were in no sense a petition nor in the nature thereof, and no amount of falsehood can torture them into such a construction; they were simply an expression of the gratitude of the men who signed them, to those officials who had manfully stood by their worthy comrade. If they had felt that that the lord mayor of London had shown kindness, or rendered service to one of their number, they would have a right to thank him; and it would be eminently proper that they should do so. These resolutions expressed the sentiments of the old soldiers who signed them.

The Grand Army of the Republic took no part in the matter, nor was it asked to; with regard to the character of the men who signed them, they were veterans of the late war, and there is none who bared his breast to rebel bullets who does not rank heaven high, in all that pertains to manhood, above any of those literary gentlemen who hire out their pens and prostitute their calling to abuse reputable people.

It will be a bad day for this republic when to be a United States soldier shall become a reproach.

The only feature of those resolutions to which those journals could reasonably object is the request to reputable newspapers to publish them, and if the editors have considered themselves slighted by this request we see no way to meet it.

"VETERAN."

A CITY HOSPITAL.

What a Citizen Has to Say for Mercy and Economy.

"Some people have been giving themselves a great deal of trouble," said a citizen to a BEE man, "about what they are pleased to term an 'emergency hospital.' This is occasioned by what is claimed to be the overcrowded condition of the two leading hospitals, St. Joseph's and the Child's, and seems to urge the necessity of an entirely new structure, which shall be under the direction of the city authorities. In my mind, this is all rubbish. There is no more necessity for a city hospital than there is for a city steam calliope. This is a ruse to give some physicians a chance to attain notoriety, though at the expense of the city. Everybody knows that a new city hospital or even an emergency one, would cost this city more in a month than it has thus far perhaps, cost for the caring of the city sick this year. Where are the city sick and injured cared for now? Why, almost exclusively in St. Joseph's hospital, where they have been tended for years, and at an expense to the city of but the slightest degree. If St. Joseph's hospital is crowded, it is because of city patients, for some of whom the city pays a little; for many it does not pay a cent. Now, if a city hospital, or even an emergency hospital, is to be erected, that place must reasonably be expected to supply the greater part of the needs of this growing town in cases of necessity. It would not be right, then, to look to St. Joseph's or even to the Child's for other assistance. And yet, how large a structure would be required to assume such a responsibility? How many nurses would be in demand? How much money would be required? And then, would the treatment be such as would give the satisfaction as that, to which city patients have all along been treated has given. Look at it in Chicago, look at it in New York, and in a dozen other places. Hospitals in the hands of political hirelings, which change hands with different local administrations, are fraught with danger, carelessness, abuse and crime, to say nothing of being a leak to the treasury of the city. If the city wants to secure a means of caring and paying for its sick, why not let it charter a number of beds in St. Joseph's hospital, the same as Chicago does in a number of her private hospitals. These beds could then be reserved for city patients exclusively, and there would be no necessity for them going elsewhere. These beds could possibly be secured for three dollars per week, when not in use, and six dollars a week when occupied. These would be low rates, and in the end the cause of mercy as also the finances of the city, in my opinion, would be subserved much more satisfactorily than by the proposed 'emergency.'"

THE COURTS.

What Was Done Before the Judges Yesterday.

UNITED STATES.

The case of Archibald L. Vail vs the West Point Manufacturing company, an application for the appointment of a receiver, came up yesterday morning.

The clearing up of the bankruptcy docket, which has been dragging in the court for two years, was taken up, and will be entirely disposed of before the adjournment. The Albert Tucker and Meyer bankruptcy cases are still hanging fire, and will be cleaned up.

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Wakely, yesterday morning was hearing the case of Byers vs Byers, in which the plaintiff, the former husband, endeavors to get possession of the property now claimed by his wife. Both have been separated for some time. The property in question is situated on Leavenworth street, which the plaintiff claims he deeded to his wife in trust, while the latter asserts that she paid for it with her own money.

Judge Groff, who has been on the bench now for two months, every day and night of which he has passed in unremitting labor, leaves on Thursday next on a trip of recreation through Kansas and the mountain resorts of Colorado.

Judge Neville has departed on a four weeks' trip to Duluth and the surrounding country.

Frank Colpetzer et al filed a petition yesterday afternoon for the recovery of $107.96 from Alfred R. Dunham et al, being balance due him for lumber supplied.

JUSTICE HELSLEY.

In this court yesterday, the judge was engaged in hearing an interesting case in which two partners, in the butcher business, were engaged. The complainant, West Bankle, claims that the defendant, Otto Roehl, stole a horse and wagon from him, while the latter asserts that he simply siezed upon and holds possession of a piece of their joint property to satisfy himself, because he feared the plaintiff was about to retire from the partnership without a satisfactory accounting. Judge Felker and Mr. Bloom are conducting the different sides.

POLICE COURT.

There was the usual big grist ground out before Judge Berka yesterday morning.

Jim Cummings, a veteran vag and general nuisance, was given one hour to give Omaha the dead shake.

D. H. Yeager got drunk and fired a pop several times down at the haymarket, corner Thirteenth and Jackson streets, and was run in. He was assessed a fine of $5 and costs.

May Smith, Edith Carroll, Edith Thursby, May Baker, Birdie Richardson, Daisy Bloom, Jennie Jinks and Emily Reed, inmates of an Eighth street maison de joie, were mulcted in the sum of $6 each.

Mrs. Hill, the notorious, was sent up for ten days on the old charge of drunk and disorderly.

Charles Golf, street begger, five days over the hill.

Dick Burns and Emma Gethen, adultry, $5 and cost each.

Sam King, was fined $1 and costs, for harboring a vicious dog, on complaint of Perry Ellis. The court further ordered that the dangerous canine should be immediately disposed of.

State Firemen's Tournament.

The annual tournament of the Nebraska state firemen's association which began at Kearney yesterday promises to be the occasion of some hotly contested events. All parts of the state will be represented. Two organizations comprising twenty members of the John M. Thurston company and some fifteen or twenty of the Durants proceeded to Kearney last evening to take part in the contests. The Thurston's have already distinguished themselves at previous undertakings. They have a "never-been-beaten" record and hold the championship of the United States in half and quarter mile races, which was won at New Orleans in March, 1885, at the national ournament held there.

Among the latter company the following men will attend: J. C. Pentzell, D. W. Lane, Lewis Faist, E. Rothery, A. J. Herold, Fred Cunningham, B. Clarke and E. Ainscow.

The Grand Opera House.

A force of sixty men were yesterday working upon the changes which are to remodel the interior of the Exposition building and metamorphose the western part of it into the Grand Opera house. The work is being proceeded with a great deal of energy, and it is expected will be finished in about six weeks.

Promotions and Appointments.

Felix Murray, of the Pacific Junction & McCook R. P. O., has been transferred and promoted from Missouri to Rapid City, and J. A. Stonecker, of Stophurst, appointed vice Murray at Pacific Junction and McCook. Mr. C. B. Sargeant, of Rapid City, has been appointed clerk on the Missouri Valley & Rapid City R. P. O.

TALES OF TOILERS.

Some of the More Recent Developments in the Strikes.

Whilst the painters' strike has not yet been declared off, it is virtually at an end. This state of affairs arises partly from the fact that supplies have been withdrawn from a large number of the strikers, and it has become a necessity for them to work. Union scruples have now been discarded and the men are applying for employment in union or any other shops where work is to be found. As an indication of the number of men who have taken the strikers' places in the several shops during the strike, it is worthy of note that the union shops, during this morning have been unable to employ but a few of the many applicants for work, on the ground that they already have a sufficient staff of men. Some ten or fifteen of the strikers who are married will continue to receive aid from the union until they procure employment. Mr. Holden, chairman of the executive board, K. of L., who has been stopping here endeavoring to settle the strike since its inception, returned, yesterday to Kearney. He has left further negotiations with the masters in the hands of Messrs. A. G. Cook and F. W. Bandhaner, members of the state executive board of the Knights of Labor.

Carpenters.

A meeting of the union carpenters was was held at the Metropolitan hall, Dodge street, on Saturday evening. The proceedings were private but it is understood that the spirit of the members was opposed to accepting the terms of the masters' resolution with regard to working nine hours each day in the week.

The Machine Carpenters.

The men continue to work in the several shops in the city yesterday morning, although no definite arrangement has been arrived at with the contractors. With a view to a settlement, however, the masters have invited their employers to send representatives to a meeting to be held by them on Wednesday next, at 8 p. m., when the question of wages and hours of labor will be discussed.

The Barbers.

Many of the city barber shops, commencing with last evening, closed at 8 p. m. excepting on Saturday evenings, when they will be open until 10 p. m., and on Sunday mornings from 7 until 12 m. This however, does not include all the shops in the city, a number refusing to join in these hours, and will run as heretofore, closing when they feel so inclined.

Toughs' Eldorado.

Omaha must look to her laurels, for the metropolitan tough has discovered a much better and safer racket than the elysiums of lower Ninth and Tenth streets afford to those who wish to enjoy themselves under the shadow of a Puritanical blue Sunday. He has found a place where lawlessness reigns supreme, and beer, music and gambling, with their cohort of concomitants, rule the holy day. This newly discovered Eldorado for the tough and toughess is not far distant, being no other place than the bluffs overhanging Cutoff Lake, beneath the very noses of our ten or twelve sturdy policemen, almost, but they are at last determined that it shall be squelched. Here the hoodlums have been in the habit of congregating on Sundays, and boisterous and disorderly conduct has run riot in the two or three rude hostelries that ornament the heights that overlook the majestic Missouri. These houses have been run with a high hand. From early morn till dewy eve, the doors have swung open on the Sabbath, and the clang of a tin-kettle piano, the scraping of a catahrral fiddle, and the nondescript noises of an accordeon, shouts of drunken frenzy, the calliopic hurly-burly of the carousal and the loud invitation of the man with the sweatboard, go to make up a pandemonium which utterly drowns the distant corrillon of the church bells. Whether beer is sold here or not they have plenty of it, and whisky, too, and it is just probable that Uncle Sam, too, is being beaten in the way of revenue. There are dance platforms adjoining these resorts, and some of the scenes that have been witnessed there after the orb of day has dipped into the western sea, would impress one with the belief that he was beholding the orgies of uncanny spirits of some infernal arena. Poker, roulette, chuck-a-luck, craps and every other species of gambling has flourished here with impunity, but these might be classed among the lesser evils of these vile dens, these penthouses of crime, vice, ribaldry, and indecencies of every shade and color. They should be cleaned out, root and branch, and with this ultimate end in view Captain Cormick, Officer Ormsby and Detective Horrigan rode out Sunday night to Van Norran's boat house on the bluffs, and arrested one Charles Lyons, the manager of a roulette and sweatboard, together with six or eight participators in the game.

Lyons waived examination yesterday afternoon and was bound over to the district court, charged with having violated the gamling law. In default he went up. Before leaving, however, he statedto the court that he had bought the roulette wheel of James Stone, corner Twentieth and Cuming streets. The wheel and sweat-cloth will be given to the flames.

The Free Delivery System.

Inspector Brown, of the postoffice force, has returned from a trip to Beatrice and Fremont, taken for the purpose of reporting upon the application of those cities for the free delivery system of mail. Under the old law, before this system could be introduced, the city applying for it required a certain population, as also a certain amount of receipts in the postoffice. These conditions have been destroyed by the new law, which simply exacts from the place of application a revenue of $10,000 per annum above all expenses. Such a revenue both Fremont and Beatrice, it is claimed, have, hence the application. It is expected that Mr. Brown will report favorably upon the application of each place, though before the system can be introduced in either a number of improvements in the way of the numbering, naming, lighting and sidewalking streets must be done in both. Hastings is the next city which will claim Mr. Brown's attention.

Notes From the Army.

First Lieutenant H. M. Chittenden, the new chief engineer of the department of the Platte, succeeding Captain Kingman, has gone to new Orleans. Since the departure of the latter, Lieutenant Kennon has been doing the work of the office.

Much to the relief of everybody concerned, Harrison, the man who staked several lots on the range at Bellevue and near the targets, and complained of the danger he ran because of bullets which never came near him, has exchanged all the property in question for land in other parts of Bellevue. The first exchange was made with T. A. Creigh, the other with H. T. Clarke. Harrison, however, has lost nothing by the transfer, and it is expected that he will immediately commence the raising of chickens in his new quarters.

The announcement was made in the BEE Sunday of the serious injury of a soldier named McNulty, member of K company, Second infantry, which is now engaged in target practice at Bellevue range. Lockjaw, it was claimed, would be the result of the wound. It seems that a few days ago, while shooting on the range, he scratched his thumb on a rusty part of the gun he was using, and the next day had the scratch treated at the camp. On the third day the wound became sore and on Friday, although in not a condition to go ot the range was ordered out to practice. He was compelled to desist after a time. Word was sent to Fort Omaha and an ambulance was immediately dispatched to bring him to the post. The driver made all possible haste, so urgent seemed the necessity of obtaining surgical aid as soon as possible. Shortly after reaching the fort one of the mules attached to the ambulence died from over exertion. McNulty, at last accounts, was in a dangerous condition.

Dr. Randall's Fate.

Dr. Max Randall, the gentleman who died in Lincoln Saturday, as a consequence of the wreck on the B. & M. road near Havelock, was, Prof. Bruner says, one of the most successful teachers in Douglas county. He had been, for four years, in Millard and this year his salary was raised from $75 to $100 per month. As the school year had closed, the doctor made up his mind to go to Blaine county, with a car load of stock which he intended to use upon his property in that county. He was accompanied by his son. Prof. Bruner speaks in the highest terms of the doctor's ability as an educator, and says that his death will be regretted wherever he is known. It was rumored on the street this morning that the doctor's son had also died from the injuries received in the same catastrophe.

The Home of the Fish.

Lewis May, of the Nebraska State Fish commission was in town yesterday. He was making purchases for the enlarged home of Commissioner O'Brien at the fishery, at South Bend, which has recently been enlarged by the commission. He says that four new stone dams are now being constructed far up into the beautiful glen of the place, over each of which the water will fall in cascades creating a very beautiful effect. This will make about eleven dams, each of which will outline a pond. Besides the commission is building a triangular bass and a quadrilateral carp pond, the former of which will be surrounded with trees and a roadway twenty feet in width. These improvements will be completed in about two months, and the effect of the same will be most inviting.

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Man Under the Bed.

George Dill was sentenced to ninety days over the hill yesterday morning, but the sentence was raised to fifteen days with the proviso that at the expiration of the latter that he instantly leave the city. He was found yesterday morning about 3 o'clock under the bed of Mrs. Allenspach, wife of the proprietor of the St. James hotel, and held by Mr. Allenspach until the arrival of Officer Burdish. How he got into the room or how long he had been there, could not be ascertained, but the fact was sufficient that he was there, and that his presence came nearly scarring Mrs. Allenspach into a fit.

The Past Week's Collections.

The internal revenue collections for the week just past amounted to $41,209.22, as follows:

Monday,	July 11	$ 7,817.87
Tuesday,	" 12	3,987.60
Wednesday,	" 13	13,304.07
Thursday,	" 14	2,751.90
Friday,	" 15	8,189.97
Saturday,	" 16	5,158.12
Total		41,209.22

In Her Mistress' Togs.

Fannie Gordon, a colored girl, has been working as a domestic in the family of a Mr. Heath on Leavenworth street, and Saturday she arrayed herself in gorgeous style in underclothes and outer garments belonging to her mistress and went off over to Council Bluffs to make a visit. Sunday, in company with an officer, the returned, and yesterday afternoon was fined $5 and costs after producing and giving up the stolen apparel.

A. O. H. Officers.

At the annual installation of officers of the A. O. H. for the ensuing year, the following were installed: President, John Rush; vice president, B. Maher; secretary, W. Phelan; treasurer, James Connolly; corresponding secretary, A. Kerwin. The installation was conducted with impressive exercises.

Currier's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Frank F. Currier took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the rooms of Drexel & Maul. They were largely attended by members of the photographic profession, who, in the absence of relatives, defrayed the expenses of the obsequies.

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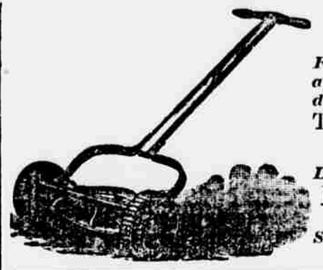

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