

THE BIG FIRE AT LINCOLN.

Losses will Aggregate More Than Sixty Thousand Dollars.

WELL COVERED BY INSURANCE.

Mumphy Bros. will Rebuild at Once—Express Companies Notified to File Tariff Sheets—Mrs. Langtry A Drawing Card.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.] The blackened hills of the Humphrey block were all that remained in the morning hours of total of one of the greatest fires that Lincoln has suffered for some time. By very hard work the department kept the flames from the first floor, but it was of little practical good as the rooms are flooded completely with water, making the damage almost as great as though the flames themselves had been at work. Humphrey Bros., the owners of the building and the owners of the immense stock of hardware, machinery, carriages and buggies, are the heaviest losers but they think they will not lose over \$10,000. They will immediately commence the work of rebuilding, and in sixty days they promise to have business in force again in the rejuvenated building. The foundation and basement walls are not injured in the least, and a careful examination made of the masonry shows that the walls are not seriously injured. This block cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and the insurance on the building was \$13,500 in the following companies: Insurance Company of North America, \$5,000; Etna of Hartford, \$3,000; Merchants of Newark, N. J., \$2,000; Underwriters of New York, \$3,000.

Messrs. Humphrey Bros. estimate their losses on stock at about \$20,000. When seen by the Bee during the day they stated that they had \$12,000 insurance on the stock. The insurance agencies, however, report the following as the insurance on the stock in the following companies: Etna, \$3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,000; Washington Fire and Marine of Boston, \$2,500; German American, \$3,000; Springfield, N. Y., \$4,000.

A. W. Jensen & Co., who occupied the west room in the Humphrey block, carry a very extensive stock of furniture, and do both a retail and a wholesale business. Some of the stock in this establishment was moved into the street, but Mr. Jensen estimates that the loss on the stock in the following companies: Farmers and Merchants of Lincoln, \$2,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$3,000; Etna, \$2,000; Pennsylvania Fire, \$2,000; Connecticut Fire, \$1,000; German American, \$2,000; Firemen's Fund, \$2,000; F. D. Johnson, who occupied a basement room in the block as a flour depot for the Millford mills, sustained considerable loss from removal of stock. He has an insurance of only \$500 in the Glen Falls, N. Y., company. Water flooded to a limited extent a portion of the room occupied by Plummer, Fry & Co., but their loss from water will not be over \$500, their insurance being heavy. Messrs. Patrick Egan, John Fitzgerald, Marquette Dewees & Hill and other parties in the block, sustained no loss. The Fitzgerald block, sustained slight losses from moving, but not of any large sum. Arrangements were being made yesterday to commence invoicing and the adjustment of losses.

STATE HOUSE NOTES.

Deputy Land Commissioner C. M. Carter has returned from conducting a school land sale in Garfield county. Governor Thayer is in the north country this week attending the Chautauque association at Long Pine.

Mr. W. H. Munger, the new secretary to the railroad commission, has not yet reported at the state house, but is expected to do so tomorrow.

The railroad commissioners were yesterday sending out notices to the express companies doing business in the state to comply with the state law and file their tariff sheets of rates in the office of the commission.

The adjutant general is awaiting action on the part of General Colby whose duty it is to state the places of holding the annual encampment of the state militia. The general names a place subject to the approval of the governor and when this is done the order for the encampment will be issued.

Deputy Oil Inspector Paine returned yesterday from Nebraska City where he has been inspecting oil. Two of the deputies are constantly engaged in Omaha, where work is being very brisk.

The following new notices public have been commissioned by the governor: S. B. Hall, Ashland; John J. Martin, Central City; C. Williams, Wallace; Lindgren county, Fairbury; J. M. C. Sabine, David City; Horace G. C. Bulus, Scribner; Dodge county; Henry Johnson, Lewis, Hancock county; A. E. Fairbank, Waukegan, Cheyenne county; J. M. Potter, Huntington, Box Butte county; W. F. Hutchinson, Broken Bow; Seward T. St. John, Omaha; J. F. Baldwin, Mason City, Cheyenne county; M. C. Campbell, Franklin, Franklin county.

A lady named Mrs. Hooker had an exciting experience Tuesday night that she will not soon forget. A burglar was in the house when she returned home after a short absence in the evening, and she struck her over the head. Her husband and a policeman commenced a search at once, and in looking around the streets, they struck the burglar, who was repeated in again before the search was over near the house. The mystery in the assault is great, and no reasonable statement is made to account for it.

Police court yesterday was voluminous one, and the great majority of cases were as usual vags and drunks, who seemed to abound in large numbers. Between personal cases and a register at the jail book in the morning, were disposed of with neatness and dispatch.

The board of trade at its called meeting Tuesday evening had a very large attendance, and some very pointed remarks relative to the progress of Lincoln were made by President Raymond, Messrs. Kenard, Egan, McMurtry, Lambertson and others, and the position taken by these gentlemen, it followed out, will mean more to the public generally realize.

General Manager Holdrege's letter to the railroad commission was furnished the State Journal in season so that handy paper could make its usual editorial comment when the letter reached the public. The letter received by the commission was not on file at the office until yesterday.

There are a great many Lincoln people anxious to see a handsome woman, judging from the way the seats for the Langtry engagement went off, the entire first floor seating in Jackson City. To-morrow the Jersey Lily were better drawing card than Haverly's Minstrels, who follow in her wake.

Something of a test case on the license question has arisen. George Martin, who ran the saloon at the St. Charles house, was tried for violating the license law and adjudged guilty. The council then revoked his license, but under advice of attorneys he continued to sell, and was arrested again for selling without a license. It will take the district court to settle matters.

The attorneys of the B. & M. road have filed against them before the interstate commerce commission charging them with transporting a man free in two

states contrary to law. It is claimed they passed a man not an employe to Oberlin, Kan.

THE MISSING DEUCE.

Its Loss Not Satisfactorily Accounted For.

Chicago Herald.—At a poker game down at the Standard club recently a guest who had been introduced by Maurice Rosenfeld was sitting in and playing with pretty good luck. It was a rather substantial party, like most of the Standard parties, and the "rolling" was high. The guest, by drawing, found himself holding four deuces. In the betting to and fro, the "seeing" and the "raising," the money in front of the man with the deuces got and got and got and got into his pocket for more. When the hands were called the four deuces were triumphantly announced; but, when the cards were laid down, unfortunately there were only four of them in the hand and only three deuces. It had a very queer look, and the guest was naturally greatly embarrassed. Of course he could do nothing but draw the pot and think of what had become of that other deuce. The next morning Rosenfeld's guest was down town early explaining to Maurice that he had found the other deuce in the pocketbook on going home. He could not explain by believing that, in his embarrassment and nervousness, he had put it in as he took the bank bills out. "Did Maurice believe the other fellows would give up the pot on hearing the explanation?" Maurice asked, but there was no harm in seeing them. So that unfortunate guest of the Standard trudged around from one big downtown clothing house to another explaining the matter and showing Rosenfeld a book and describing how the card got in the pocketbook. But all to no purpose. The Standard club fellows were willing to make a concession, however. They would not deduct the pot from the account around to the Standard some other night and play that deuce. They'd keep the pot.

Far better than the harsh treatment of medicines which horribly gripe the patient and destroy the coating of the stomach. Dr. J. McLean's Chills and Fever Pills will yield effective action will cure. Sold at 50 cents a bottle.

CORN-COB PIPES.

They are Believed to Absorb Nicotine, and are Quite Fashionable.

"New ideas in pipes?" "Why, there are scores of 'em," said a tobaccoist to a Philadelphia News reporter. "Inventors are constantly turning out new and novel objects of nicotine absorbers. There is a pipe with a sponge, a pipe with a cotton filter, and a pipe with a gauze attachment to the bowl, all contrived to absorb the deadly nicotine from the smoke. The most effective as the corn-cob pipe. It absorbs all the nicotine in tobacco until the pores full. Corn-cob pipes should not be smoked more than a week. After they are used, the nicotine in them is very injurious to smoke them, because the smoker then gets the concentrated nicotine from the bowl. They cost only five or ten cents apiece, and are very sweet when new. It is the fashion of the men of fashion to stroll through the streets in the early morning smoking corn-cob pipes. It is English, you know."

The huge, drastic, gripping, sickening pills are fast being superseded by Dr. Pierce's "Purgative Pellets."

Ponies For the Seashore.

Fashion has a great deal to do with the demand for horses, not so much as necessary, but fashion, nevertheless, has a great deal to do with it. It sells many more horses than most people would suppose. Watering places are good markets for horses. Particularly is this true of saddle horses, and ponies for children. The horse has been on the roadsters are becoming a craze with the fashionable at several of the leading seashore resorts, and no well regulated family is considered to be thoroughly equipped with less than a pair of ponies for the juveniles to sport around with dog cart or saddle. It was last year that this feature of summer place resorts became most noticeable. The ponies were not so greatly in excess of all immediate means to supply the demand. The livery stable had a few ponies at the opening of the season, but they were quickly bought up, some of them by the owners of the private use, and their owners became the envy of less fortunate notables, who were compelled to ride and drive the regulation horse, or forego the luxury of equitation except on the most important occasions. The drift affairs were taking, and for the time being having abandoned the horse trade and gone into the pony business with a vengeance. In New York, the Long Branch, Saratoga and Long Branch with little prancers for the children and the ladies. A shipment of seventy-five head was made to the sea coast from St. Louis a few days since. The ponies were all ponies well broken to the saddle and harness, gentle, easy little drivers, just the thing to jog along over the sand with cart or light platoon. They cost from \$100 to \$200 each on the average, and it is anticipated that they will sell from \$100 to \$150 a head.

It is worthy of note that Oregon has been sending some extra good roadsters to this market, so well known in fact, that an expert would have been puzzled to tell from what section of the country they came. George Murrow bought four of these Oregon horses and shipped them to John G. Humes at Lexington, Ky., where they will be supplied with gilt-edged pedigrees and sold for thoroughbreds. Occasionally a very fine horse comes here from the Indian territory, and it has been remarked of this grade of stock that they cannot be excelled for general utility. All this is a sure indication that special attention is given of late years to raising better horses in the west.

Since the hot weather set in there has been a marked improvement in the inquiry for local streeters, not only for street car work, but for all kinds of teaming. This is owing to the fact that the excessive driving, which causes horses to be prostrated or weakened too much to do their over allotment of work. Some Chicago buyers were here a few days since looking for horses, and they found that they had to compete sharply with local purchasers, not only for streeters but for good driving horses and coaches as well. Extra good horses always sell for high prices. This market is hot, but there is no urgent inquiry for them.

Mules are in somewhat better supply than they were a week ago, the aggregate stock on the market being estimated at 500 head. Outside of the regular retail trade there has not been much demand for mules beyond a few car loads, which Mr. Jameson, of Reilly & Wolfert, says he has been shipping to points on the Rio Grande and to the Pennsylvania iron regions.

Yesterday morning's train on the Union Pacific had the Pullman car Missouri filled with excursionists from Chicago, Minneapolis, Ottumwa, Ill., Dakota City, Neb., and Sioux City, Ia. They were a fine appearing collection of ladies and gentlemen, and J. H. Greene, passenger agent of the Union Pacific, smiled like a bashful child, and he wrote them out. J. B. Holmes, traveling passenger agent of the Union Pacific, at Des Moines, and wife, were with the party; also, Sumner Whitford, a prominent resident of Jackson City. To-morrow night six Pullman cars with excursionists gathered from different points, will leave this city for Los Angeles.

Residents on Izard and Nicholas—Asking for the opening of Fourteenth from Cummins to Nicholas. Streets and alleys.

John Hourihan—Application for a plumb line license. Returned.

E. K. Meyers—Suggesting the use of Ohio blue stone in the new city hall for windows. Public property and buildings.

P. O. Malley—Asking for damages for the grading of Cass street opposite his property. Granted.

John B. Furay—Asking for the improving of a muddy spring. Ryan and Walsh—Requesting the ex-

HASCALL AND HIS MOUTH.

Both Came Into Prominence at Last Night's Council.

THE TWO WARRING BOARDS.

Resolutions in Favor of Harmony and Conciliation Brought up and Warmly Discussed by Several of the Members.

The city council met Tuesday night. The following councilmen were present: Alexander, Bailey, Bedford, Boyd, Burnham, Cheney, Cousman, Ford, Hascall, Kasper, Kierstead, Lowry, Manville, Snyder, Van Camp and Mr. President.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS. Mayor—Announcing his approval of a number of ordinances.

Same—Appointing W. S. Husband janitor for the police station and council chamber, vice J. Gronicher, resigned. City hall committee.

City Treasurer—Announcing the sale of \$129,000 district paying bonds to the Omaha Savings bank. Approved.

State—Announcing the payment, under protest, of sidewalk tax by W. Randall. Claims.

Superintendent of Waterworks—Relating to the placing of additional five hydrants as ordered by the council.

Mayor—Appointing Peter Shark and Thomas Hannis policemen on Eleventh street viaduct. Delegation of the First ward.

Same—Suggesting that employment and real estate agencies be compelled to pay an annual license. City attorney to prepare an ordinance.

Same—Appointing W. J. Kennedy and John H. Butler to appraise the damages for the widening of Thirteenth from Cass to Spring street. Confirmed.

Same—Appointing Morrison, W. J. Kennedy and E. Zabriske, to appraise the damages for the grading of Eleventh from Williams to alley south of Dorcas. Approved.

Same—Appointing the same to assess the damages for the grading of Twenty-second from Leavenworth to Pierce.

Same—Appointing the same appraisers in the grading of Dorcas from Thirteenth to Leavenworth. Approved.

Same—Appointing W. A. L. Gibbon, E. Zabriske and E. Whitehorn appraisers for the widening of Thirty-third from Leavenworth to Pacific street. Confirmed.

Board of Public Works—Contract of George McKinney for the grading of Twenty street. Approved.

Same—That the Barber Asphaltum company had been ordered to commence the paving of Davenport street. Filed.

Same—Calling the attention of the council to the fact that the City railway company is illegally attempting to cross the Eleventh street viaduct with its tracks. Viaducts and railways.

City Attorney—Announcing the execution of a deed to lot 6, block 17, Credit Union addition, to Frank Dwork. Filed.

Same—Announcing the making of deeds to certain lots to C. E. Squires, Patrick Burk, E. D. Brown, Hugh and Fred Murphy. City attorney.

Board of Public Works—Contract of Hugh Murphy for sewer in districts 49, 50 and 52. Approved.

Same—Contract of J. O. Corby for the sewer of district No. 51. Approved.

City Attorney—That a bill of \$518.90, of Byron Reed, "for drawing deeds and other work," be paid.

Mr. Kasper referred to the attorney with a motion from the council that the city attorney be directed to prepare all deeds for the conveyance of property by the city of Omaha. In reply, Mr. Webster informed the council that he had been ordered by his predecessor and should therefore be paid for.

Mr. Ford said that he did not know on what authority the bill could be paid. He wanted the city attorney to make all the city deeds. He would vote no.

Mr. Hascall said that as the work had been ordered by a previous council, he would vote aye.

Mr. Kasper said that Mr. Webster was receiving \$250 per month and he ought to be able to make out all the deeds required by the city.

The city attorney's recommendation was carried by a vote of seven to two. Appraisers—A number of reports regarding damages from public improvements: Bancroft, Twelfth to Thirteenth, no damage; alley south of Pierce, between Eleventh and Twelfth, \$100; Arbor street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth, no damage; Castellar, Twelfth to Thirteenth, no damage; Martha, Twelfth to Thirteenth, no damage; Vinton, Twelfth to Thirteenth, no damage; Center, Tenth to Eleventh, no damage; Hickory, Tenth to Eleventh, no damage; Dorcas street no award. Approved.

Same—Damage to Peter O'Malley's lot of \$200. Grades and grading.

Same—Awarding Dr. A. A. Parker \$500 and W. J. Broatton \$300 for damage to property and H. E. Jensen \$200. Grades and grading.

Mr. Gillet—Asking to be released from the bond of Hourihan Gillan & Bowles, plumbers. City attorney.

Appraisers—Reporting no damages from the grading of Ninth street, from Twenty-fifth avenue to Twenty-seventh street.

John B. Furay—Asking for the preparation of the road to the Grand Army of the Republic encampment. Streets and alleys.

Fred Gray—Asking for the payment of the bills still due on the Sixteenth street viaduct. Judiciary.

J. W. Gannett—Asking the remittance of the tax for curbing of his property, lots 1 and 10, block 104. Judiciary.

tension of the time for bidding upon the court house. Extended two weeks.

Mayor—Appointing J. R. Perkins as a member of the examining board of engineers. Adopted.

Fred Stein and others—Asking for the fencing of the lot between north of Eleventh and Twelfth on Twenty-second street. Grades and grading.

Poundmaster—Reporting the taking in of 158 head of cattle, and receipt of \$208.50 fines. Filed.

Same—Asking for a water main on Seventeenth, south of Vinton. Fire and water.

RESOLUTIONS. Kasper—Ordering the removal of obstructions from the alley between Mason and Pierce streets. Adopted.

Hascall—Ordering the opening of an alley in Donovan's addition. Adopted.

Same—Changing the hay market from the lot between Eleventh and Twelfth one block west of Thirteenth street. Adopted.

Mr. Hascall then introduced the following: On account of misrepresentation the position of the city council as to police matters is not fully understood by the public, and the desire and wish of the council to merit the confidence and approval of all law-abiding and fair-minded citizens, and it is therefore considered proper that the council decline its responsibility that the people may form a right opinion and pass an enlightened judgment upon the subject.

The city council approved. To carry out the intent of the law the council passed resolutions to the effect that the appointment and removal of the members of the force, designating the number of the force, and the mode of discipline as the city charter requires, all of which was reported by the board and voted by the mayor, who is to be held responsible for the board's action in the matter.

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them to act in harmony with us and we would like to act in harmony with them. But have we not done all we could toward that end. We made a sensible list of rules for the government of the police force, and those rules were based on prudence and common sense. When a policeman goes on duty, I want him to understand that he has backing. That backing we gave with our rules which provide that he would be sustained in certain events. See those rules. Read them. They were suggested by a desire to raise the standard of the policeman and provide that inefficiency, drunkenness and unfitness for work and for other good and sufficient causes should be discharged. Yet these rules were repudiated by the commission and after that the ordinance was vetoed by the council. This commission, with its assumption of power, told us that they wanted \$50,000. They wanted this for themselves and their police. They knew or they ought to have known that we could not levy more than \$45,000. They wanted to starve the general fund and make us play the cat's paw. But they did not know that we had to give bonds to not divert those funds from the city, who would be responsible to the people? Well, it wouldn't be the commission."

Mr. Hascall continued along at great length, closing by stating that he had taken a stand and would not be removed from it because it was a stand of principle.

Mr. Bechel said that the people demanded a settlement of the difficulty between the council and the commission.

Mr. Ford said he had little to say after what Mr. Hascall had spoken. As had been remarked the council was out with the commission and the former had raised a stink which the commission itself could not stand, in the bringing here of that Santa Barbara bigamist or tramp or whatever he is.

They had reconsidered their act and they were sorry that they had not let him unsolicited in the matter. The council could meet the commission, no matter what the latter did. He moved to lay the Bedford resolution on the table.

Mr. Ford withdrew his motion to table and the question of reference to the committee on judiciary was taken up.

Mr. Bedford wanted to know if that would not kill the resolution. [Mr. Hascall is chairman of the committee.] The chair did not think it would.

Mr. Hartman and Bennett told him not long before that they did not give a d—n for the council, and the council might go to—h if it wanted to. He wanted this to pass in this case, and let the council understand that the council did not give a d—n for them.

A vote was then taken, and it was referred to the judiciary by the following vote: Ayes—Bailey, Boyd, Cheney, Cousman, Ford, Hascall, Lowry, Manville, Snyder, Van Camp, Alexander, Bedford, Burnham, Kasper, Kierstead—5.

Bedford—That the official bonds of L. M. Burnham, J. S. Gilbert, J. C. Hartman, H. B. Smith and J. S. Gilbert, fire and water commissioners, be approved. Judiciary.

Public works and property—Suggesting an amendment to the ordinance creating the office of city engineer, to require that officer report to the board of public works and city engineer.

ADOPTED. Issuing paving bonds for districts 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61, authorizing the Omaha & Council Bluffs Bridge company to erect an approach to their bridge over the Missouri river, at the same place as the Davenport, Capitol avenue, Dodge, Dorcas or Farnam streets. The site is to be definitely determined inside of two months after the passage of the ordinance.

It is the intention of the council that work is to be commenced. Right of way was also granted to the B. & M. to extend its track along Eighth, between Howard and Jackson streets.

It Won't Bake Bread.—In other words, Hood's Sarsaparilla will not do impossibilities. Its proprietors tell plainly what it has done, submit proofs from sources of unquestioned reliability, and say that you are not suffering from any disease or affection caused or promoted by impure blood or low state of the system, to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. The experience of others is sufficient assurance that you will not be disappointed in the result.

THE ALLIGATOR MARKET. Prices Range from Fifty Cents to \$200—Hundreds Exported.

New Orleans Times Democrat: "How do you like the best madame?" asked the inquisitive reporter of a quiet-looking woman, who was the one beneficial object in the screaming, noisy world about her.

"Well, I hardly know how to answer that question," she responded, her voice pitched in a low, guttural, throaty, chirping, squeaking, cawing and crowing of the congregation of feathered folk fluttering about. "You see," they come to me at my price, and when I tell you the cost of the way from America, Louisiana, \$200 a piece; you can understand how prices vary."

As is known, sugar, oranges and alligators form three staples in Louisiana exports to the interior of the United States to discover the exact condition