THE COMMISSIONERS IN JAIL,

Douglas County's Legislators Make a Thorough Inspection.

THEIR JURISDICTION DENIED.

Mr. Hitchcock Refuses to Recognize the Board-Too Much Money Paid Out For Feeding the Prisoners.

Curtailing Expenses.

The county commissioners assembled yes terday morning to listen to any charges that might be preferred against Sheriff Coburn or his deputies, but after waiting a considerable time no one appeared and the board adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. G. M. Hitchcock, editor of the World was seen at his office and asked if he would present his charges and evidence against Joe Miller to the county commissioners. Mr. Hitchcock said that he would not. In the first place the commissioners had not asked him to and in the next place, he upon the advice of County Attorney Simeral could not recognize the jurisdiction of the county commissioners. The case must ultimately come before the grand jury, at which time the evidence in his possession must be produced, and to give it to the public now, would greatly weaken his case. Mr. Hitchcock further stated that he had preferred no charge against Sheriff Coburn. He was only after Joe Miller and could not understand why the county commissioners should pass a resolution to inquire into Mr. Coburn's offi-cial conduct, so far as the World's charges concerning the Jail were concerned. Shortly after 11 o'clock the commissioners,

shortly after 11 o'clock the commissioners, accompanied by a Ber representative, made a tour of inspection of the jail. Everything was found in excellent shape- except the cage in which are confined the vags and petty offenders sent up from the police court. The misery of these poor wretches is simply appalling. Sixty-five men are confined in a filthy, narrow care, that was designed to accommony row cage, that was designed to accommodated but twenty-four. The stench in this part of the prison is nauseating. One man named Fred Engle is fairly rotten with some foul disease. His limbs are black and appear foul disease. His limbs are black and appear to be in the first stages of putrefaction. The odor that comes from this diseased and filthy man is overpowering. Forty-one of these prisoners are obliged to sleep on the wet floor, in the bath tub or remain standing throughout the long cold nights. There is not a single one of these prisoners but is cov-ered with vermin. At least twenty of them were engaged searching their clothes for the were engaged searching their clothes for the vermin, and one prisoner exhibited to the county commissioners a blue flannel shirt, on which there was at least one hundred of the

Of course, the above terrible state of affairs cannot be blamed to the jailer. The jail is overcrowded and he is obliged to put the prisoners, sent from the police court, somewhere. Judge Berka continues to send along the vags and bums, and the limited ac-

commodations are entirely inadequate.

County Attorney Simeral brought before
the judges of the district court a proposition to introduce into the county jail new rules by which prisoners would be obliged to do hard manual labor. Police Judge Berka has been instructed, that in sentencing prisoners to include the words, "at hard labor." Mr. Simeral believes that this will keep the regular offenders out of the jail and lessen the cost of maintaining the institution. This This new rule cannot effect the very men it should, viz., the drunks and vags—unless the city council passes an ordinance to that effect. AFTERNOON SESSION.

At a quarter before 5 o'clock in the after noon the commissioners resumed to consider any charges that might be made against the sheriff, or substantial proofs of the vague allegations against Jailor Joe Miller. Mr. Hitchcock, of the World, did not put in an appearance, nor were any charges presented by a taxpayer, as the law stipulates and in-

The following report submitted by the committee on court house and jails was re-ferred to the county attorney for his opinion: Mr. Chairman: After careful deliberation the committee on court house and jail have decided that the expense of boarding prisoners in the county jail is excessive; therefore Resolved, That on and after January 15,

1888, 50 cents per day shall be allowed for each prisoner limited to six days or less, and 35 cents per day for all exceeding six days. The report was signed by Commissioners Anderson, Turner and Corrigan.

Commissioner Anderson presented the appended resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That the county attorney be and is hereby requested to present his opinion in writing to this board in regard to the advis-ability and legality of working the city prisoners now confined in the county jail and those that may be hereafter confined therein; also should the city prisoners be boarded at the expense of the county—if not what steps should be taken to place the expense where it rightfully belongs.

The commissioners to a man are warmly in

The commissioners to a man are warmly in accord with the foregoing resolutions, and they are beginning to think that the county tax-payers have been imposed upon long enough and have determined to call a halt. Said Commissioner Anderson to a Bre reporter: 'The causes that lead me to introduce that resolution are that I feel the county is paying too much for the feeding of her prisoners. We are paying more than according to the county is paying too much for the feeding of her prisoners. prisoners. We are paying more than any other county in the west. There will be a big margin and profit left for the sheriff even at

the prices we propose to adopt."

"How did you find things in the jail to-day!" was asked of Mr. Anderson, who is chairman of the jail committee.

"Well," he replied, "myself and Commissionar Turner Mount and O'Keefe put in

sioners, Turner, Mount and O'Keefe put in about an hour looking the interior and prisoners over. We did not complete our visit, but will make another investigation in a day or two, when the jail committee will make a

report."
"Did you have a talk with the prisoners?"
"Oh, I spoke with one or two of them."
"What did they have to say as to their

treatment:"
"One of them said it was a hell hole." Here Commissioner Mount interrupted with the information that the individual who referred to the place as a hell hole was a chronic drunk by the name of McGuire, who spends seven eighths of his time in jail for Resuming the conversation with Commis

sioner Anderson the reporter asked him if the prisoners were interviewed in reference to the abuses alleged to have been practiced

at the jail. To this interrogation Mr. Ander-son replied:
"I did not question them closely. This visit was more to acquaint ourselves with the crowded condition of the jail, and the sanitary relations of the prisoners. We found many of them in bad shape, and covered with vermin. This of course prevails in the 'bum cage,' where prisoners sent up from the police court are confined. Nearly all these characters are city charges, and it strikes me as wrong, as it does my companion com-missioners, that the county should be taxed

missioners, that the county should be taxed to keep them. If the commissioners find that they have any redress, the taxpayers of the county may rest assured that we will puncture and dispel this barnacle."

Chairman O'Keeffe is also anxious that the amount paid the sheriff for meals for the prisoners should be ent down. Mr. Coburn's bill for feeding prisoners during the month of December was over \$2,000, and this in the estimation of the commissioners is too much money. By law Mr. Coburn is entitled to 75 cents a day for feeding prisoners receiving 75 cents a day for feeding prisoners receiving six day sentences, and 50 cents for everyone over that period. A majority of the prisoners, Mr. O'Keeffe says, are those sent up from the police court and are fed for days and weeks on bread and water at an average cost to the sheriff of 5 cents a day, leaving him a clear profit on each prisoner of 45 cents a day. This the commissioners claim is an imposition on the county tax payers, in so much as they are taxed for the maintaining of prisoners that are strictly and legitimately the charges of the city.

The Omaha Fair Not Abandoned. The report which has recently gained credence that the Omaha Pair and Exposition association had decided to abandon its annual fair was pronounced yesterday by Secretary McShane as unfounded. The association in tends to maintain the annual exhibition with the additional determina-Mon of making every one of them 1214 Farmam street.

more interesting as the years go by. The re-port, it is thought, was based upon the an-nounced determination, made some time ago, of the dealers in agricultural implements to make no more exhibits at either state or county fairs. What the association now needs is a better place in which to hold its annual fairs, and it will retain its present grounds until a more de sirable place can be obtained.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Lou Armicost, of Beatrice, is on the mar-ket with a car of cattle from his Culbertson

George Worth, of Chicago, is stopping at

Samuel Armicost, of Cincinnati, is looking over the yards. Al Lempke stole a march on the boys. was quietly married on January 1 to Miss May Coy, and had started housekeeping be-fore any one knew it.

The funeral of Humphrey Sullivan will take place to day from St. Bridget's church. Stock yards tracks are now all clear, Walking Hoss McKee releasing two Northwesterr engines about 10 o'clock in the morning. No stock has been received since Thursday afternoon, and commissionmen are looking for heavy losses by the freezing of hogs and

A sleigh was found in a four foot snow drift at the corner of Twenty-fourth and J streets yesterday merning, and the finders are look-ing for the owner. It is said to belong to the

Grand Union hotel. For three hours yesterday morning the commission men could not reach the yards on ac count of the snow drifts and no business wa transacted.

The suit of Jacob Smith against Jame Nelson for obtaining money under false pre-tenses was dismissed yesterday. Nelson proved that he had not sold the blacksmith shop, as was claimed, but only his right to it through a lease he held. Any number of stock trains are reported as being snowed in, both in Iowa and Nebraska

MORTUARY.

MRS, THEO, WILLIAMS. The funeral of Mrs. Theodore Williams took place yesterday from her late residence on Ninth street, between Harney and arnam. The funeral services were confucted by Rev. Willard Scott, of the St. Mary's avenue Congregational church. emains were interred in Forest Lawn ceme tery.

District Court. PERDINAND STREITZ'S PRAYER.

Yesterday Ferdinand Streitz petitioned the court to compel John George Hartman, trustee, and Walter Block, Thomas S. Howland and W. L. McCague to set forth by answer a full, true and correct statement of the manner in which they and each of them received deeds of lots in Hartman's addition. TWO SMALL SUITS.

Two small repleying and damage suit were filed, the largest being for \$300.

Police Court.

George Wright and P. Brewer, charged with having robbed Charles Redecker at the City hotel, Mouday, of \$217, were bound over o the district court in the sum of \$1,000. L. Swinghamer and Redecker himself were held in the sum of \$200 each, as witnesses. John A. Logan, a dey goods clerk from McCook, was arrested last night in a helpless state of drunkenness. He had \$170.55 on his person. He was discharged, as were also Frank Engle and W. J. House, same offense

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Clear Off the Snow.

OMARA, Jan. 13 .- To the Public: Section 15, chapter 40, Chase's compilation, requires all sidewalks to be cleaned of snow and ice. within one hour after the cessation of any storm or fall of snow unless such storm or fall of snow shall take place in the night time, in which case the sidewalks shall be cleaned by 9 a. m. the following day." A noncompliance will be treated as a misdemeanor and upon conviction a fine can be imposed not to exceed \$20. The chief of potice has been instructed to enforce the ordinance.

W. J. BROATCH, Mayor.

Leland hetel, Chicago.

The Sewer Stopped Again. Yesterday the sewer on Dodge street secame stopped again and an overflow took place, for the second time within a few weeks, flooding the printing office of Blynn & Cook, in Sixteenth and Dodge streets. The street was torn up to find where the obstruction lay hose was inserted in the man-hole cast of 15th street to force the obstruction out of

Real Estate Transfers. Samuel D Mercer and wife to the Mercer Avenue Building association, all blk 1, all blk 2 except lot 28, lots 19 and 20 blk 3, lots 1, 2 and 3 blk 13, lots 5, 6 and 7 blk 27 Walnut Hill

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Swansen, lots 24, 25, 36, 27, and 28
bik 2, and)4 of lot 15 bik 5. Pullman

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Siate, lot 5 blk 6, Jetter's add to
South Omaha, w d

George E Barker et al to Richard
Prescott and Edward Pickett, lots 4 and 5 blk 2, Thornburg Place add, w

W J Connell and wife to Charles J Smith, lot 14, Hickory Place add, w Jenas R Harris and wife to SR Towne and H Somers, lot 5 blk 5, Hauscom Place, w.d. J A Linahan to Felix J McCarthy, und

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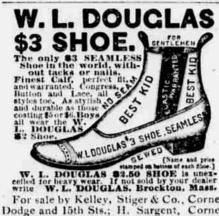
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