A NEW CONTRACT COMBINE

Most Recent Developments in the City Hall Muddle.

CHRISTIAN AND LEAD DOLLARS.

Phe Democrats Organizing-Condition of the Wasserman Family-Grading and Other Public Improvements-Labor.

We, Us & Co.

Ever since the great brass-band meeting at the city hall, which was ostensibly called to discuss the employment of convict labor on public buildings, the activity of the entire combine of Omaha paving, grading, street-sweeping and sewer contractors with the city hall muddle has been common town talk. Whether the brass band common town talk. was paid for by Brennan or Hugh Murphy is unknown and immaterial, perhaps. It is known, however, that the great hue and cry about Bill Stout and the convict labor business was raised by Hugh Murphy first and kept up chiefly at his instance to cover his real design. Hugh Murphy is not only interested as one of cover his real design. Hugh Murphy is not only interested as one of the sureties in the Regan-Brennan bond, but he has conceived a scheme for a mammoth city hall job in which he is to have the sugar plums. Murphy is seconded vigorously by Jim Creighton, who has been in partnership with him in paving and other contracts at Omaha and Lincoln. When the taxpayers' meeting was held the other day at the chamber of commerce, Creighton was made chairman at the instance of Tom Bruner, who has also got some scheme on hand ner, who has also got some scheme on in which his interest leads in which his interest leads him to make common cause with the contractors. When Mr. Nattinger proposed W. A. L. Gibbon as chairman, Hugh Murphy loudly whispered across the hall to Tom Bruner "That won't do; you must be quick." Tom jumped up and proposed the Hon. Jim Creighton and, as no objection was made, the council gang scored a point. The next move of the contractors' combine was upon the commissioners. was upon the commissioners.
On both Saturday and yesterday when the commissioners were about to contractors with Jim Creighton at their head and Fanning & Slaven at their tail, were all accidently, as it were, on hand to object to the proposition and appeared very anxious to postpone the county election which was to have been held on the same day with the special city election for public improvement bonds. In this they were accommodated and scored a second point. In the interim Murphy, Jim Creighton & Co., have made themselves very busy about re-locating the city hall and getting up their scheme for a mammoth city-building pie in which they expect to have a hand. A subwhich they expect to have a hand. A subscription paper has been gotten up and is now being circulated among property owners interested near Jefferson square to raise \$132,000, with which paper promise they will offer to purchase the site of the city hall on upper Farnam street. With that money, the proceeds of \$200,000, city hall bonds and an occommodating architect, it is expected that there will be meat enough to feed here will be meat enough to feed he hungry and clothe the naked. Among the initiated it is believed that Among the initiated it is believed that there is a good deal of spite work mixed with this project so far as Jim Creighton is con-cerned. Jim has no love for McShane or anybody by that name, and the Herald's position against re-location of the city hall

position against re-location of the city half and the council's course in connection therewith is believed to be in accord with the views and wishes of its proprietor, John A. McShane. So, Jim Creighton is trying to kill two birds at one throw. He'll help Hugh Murphy into a fat job and out of a bad scrape as Reagan's bondsman and he'll spite McShane as far as lies in his nower. These cross-purposes are making the city hall contest more interesting than ever.

WHAT IS HE?

The Pal of Thieves and Counterfeiters or Merely a Wayward Boy. Edward Peterson, a watchman at the Union

Pacific depot, is much perturbed about the fate of his seventeen-year-old son Christian, and the circumstances do tend to show that the son is in a fair way to stray from the path of rectitude and virtue. Mr. Peterson, toof rectitude and virtue. Mr. Peterson, to-gether with Daniel P. O'Connell, constable of the Second ward, were out yesterday in quest of official aid to help them in recalling the erring Christian. They first applied at the office of United States Marshal Bier-bower, and turning over to his keeping a half bower, and turning over to his keeping a half dozen counterfeit silver dollars, they told the following somewhat confused story: The boy Christian, who is evidently of an adventurous bent, superinduced, in all probability, by large doses of saffron-backed literature, has for months been the boon companion of one Ed Johnston, who resided with his brother, Albert Johnston, a wood machinist, on Sixteenth street, under the viaduct. This Ed Johnston had no stated employment, yet always seemed to be well employment, yet always seemed to be well supplied with cash, which he spent lavishly and in consequence was a favorite in the gang with which he paced. By those who best knew him he was always regarded with suspicion, yet nothing of a positively detrimental character had ever been turned up against him. This, however, did occur: On the evening of the 4th of last month a certain society gave a ball at Metz' hall, and a partner of Johnston's, one Jim Holmes by name, was one of the door keepers, and after the hop was over and the managers came to count the cash, quite a large number of bunglesome counterfeit silver dollars was found among it. Nobody could account for this singular circumstance, though all were mystified to know how the man in the box office could have allowed so many awkward counwith which he paced. By those who bes could have allowed so many awkward counterfeits to be palmed off on him. He was called up and emphatically declared that he had not handled one of them, that they had been added to the cash, or exchanged for good dollars after the office had been closed. This thickness the next mest mestrally and good dollars after the office had been closed. This thickened the plot most materially and none could advance the merest shadow of a theory in elucidation of the queer transaction. Constable O'Connell was present and took charge of the spurious silver, intending at some future day to try his hand at a little personal detective work. Well, nothing was developed untik last Monday night when this Ed Johnston and Christian Peterson boarded a west bound train for San Diego, Cal. At least they had previously proclaimed that point as their destination. When the Peterson boy's father heard of his son's departure he was much tination. When the Peterson boy's father heard of his son's departure he was much worried, fearing that, considering the questionable character of his companion, it portended no good to him or anybody else. He called in his friend Constable O'Connell and laid the case before him. The two talked the matter over, then went and hunted up Albert Johnston, and asked him whether he knew anything about the boys, where they got enough money to warrant them taking such a long journey, what their intentions were and where they were bound to. Albert said all where they were bound to. Albert said al where they were bound to. Albert said all he knew was that the gang, and there were about seventeen of them, had drawn \$1,000 in the last drawing of the Louisiana State lottery, and that every last one of them had jumped the city. This was all they could ascertain from this source and the interview terminated very unsatisfactorily. At this juncture it was that Constable O'Connell recalled an instance in his accumintance with called an instance in his acquaintance with young Johnston, that he wondered had not occurred to him before. He said that on the 17th of November last young Johnston go full, and in a crowd he declared he had letter, producing an envelope at the time, that he could make \$200 out of, and he intended to do it. He then added, "this letter contains an offer to furnish me with so much counterfeit silver for so much good money. But I don't want to buy, and instead I am going to turn this letter over to the United States authorities and get the \$200 reward the government offers for the arrest of just such ducks, as these." This Johnston just such ducks as these." This Johnsto did, but his plans failed to connect, and ir stead of receiving any reward whatever, he was held under suspicion himself. However, that was the last of the case, and O'Connell never thought anything more of it until the counterfeit episode at the Metz hall dance, when he remembered that Jim Holmes, one of the door bears was a basen communion. when he remembered that Jim Holmes, one of the door-keepers, was a bosom companion of Johnston, and roomed with him at his brother's under the viaduct. All this information, in addition to being laid before the United States marshal, has been furnished to the chief of police, and both parties are industriously engaged in looking into the matter.

Seidenberg's Figaro is the only long Havana filled 10c cigar for 5c on sale sverywhere.

BENCH AND BAR. District Court.

Frank Jones, better known as "Big Frank," was sentenced by Judge Groff to ten years at hard labor in the penitentlary yesterday In sentencing the prisoner Judge Groff reviewed the man's career at some length. He showed how Jones had been arrested several showed how Jones had been arrested several times for yarious crimes and in each instance he had within twelve hours after his release committed some new crime. The robbery of which he is convicted was committed within ten nours after his release from jail, and his honor said that he could see no reason why Jones should not be put out of the way for a long time to come. The court then formally sentenced the prisoner. Jones betrayed not the slightest emotion and when seen in his cell at the jail an hour later was in a happy frame of mind. He said that his long sen-

cell at the jail an hour later was in a happy frame of mind. He said that his long sentence was mainly due to popular prejudice brought about by newspaper attacks.

EIGHT YEARS FOR CRAWFOID.

William Crawford, Big Frank's pal, and who assisted the latter in the robbery of which they were convicted was sentenced to eight years at hard labor by Judge Groff.
The court stated that there were no even. The court stated that there were no exten-uating circumstances in Crawford's participation in the crime and that he was a dangerous man to be allowed to live in any community. Crawford took his sentence community. Crawford took his sentence hard and would see or speak to no one on the subject.

"YEG LEG" WILLARD. William Willard's sullenness was not diminished yesterday notwithstanding the fact that Judge Groff gave him the lightest sentence possible—one year in the peni-tentiary. Ever since his escape from the jail and recapture Willard has not spoken to

PETE BRUNER PREE. The robbery case of the State vs. Peter Bruner was called yesterday. The prosecuting witness made such a failure on the stand that it was evident that the defendant could not be convicted. The jury were instructed to acquit, which they did without leaving their seats.

THREE MURDER CASES.

Three murder cases will come up before Judge Groff next week. They are that of the state against Hermon Mittman, for the murder of Foreman Durham at Millard; Peter Lutz for the killing of Peter Lynch on Thirteenth street, and William Ferguson for the shooting of Ole Oleson in the Fourteenth street saloon last week

WANT THEIR SALARIES.

The police commissioners have decided that it is about time for the city to pay them the salaries due, and accordingly each and all of them have filed petitions with the district clerk. The claimants state that they were duly appointed May 7, 1887, and became qualified May 10. From that date until December 31, 1887, they have faithfully per-formed the duties of their office, and earned the \$383.38, which they now claim to be due them. The signatures of Howard B. Smith, Christian Hartman, Lewis M. Bennett and George I. Gilbert are attached to the petitions with the "City of Omaha" the objective point.

POR HER BUSBAND'S DEATH.
Honora Holland, administratrix of the estate of Henry Holland, has brought suit against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad for \$1,999. Henry Holland was in the employ of the company and while obeying instructions was run over and killed. December 12. The plaintiff claims his death was caused by the dangerous condition of

A CASE OF RENT.

Among the petitions filed yesterday was one from Matthew C. Wilbur praying that he be awarded \$1,200 damages from Martin Cameron. The petitioner claims that he rented a barn from the defendant for a four year term and placed one J. E. Blackwall in charge. That there was a conspiracy between Blackwall and Cameron by which the former willfully neglected to pay the rent former willfully neglected to pay the rent and failed to inform the plaintiff of the fact, thus allowing the defendant to regain possession of the barn and re-let it at an advance of \$40 per month. It is this \$40 for the unex-pired term of the lease he wants and for

which he brings suit.

A MISSING EEGISTERED LETTER.

In the course of his daily rounds Letter Carrier C. H. King had a registered letter addressed to a guest of the St. Charles hotel and left it in the care of the hotel clerk. and left it in the care of the hotel clerk. From that time all trace of it was lost, and the person to whom it was addressed brought suit against King and recovered \$100 it was said to contain. King to-day brought suit against G. A. Joslyn, the clerk, for the same amount with costs, and Judge Hopewell, after hearing the evidence, took the case under advisement. He will render his decision this personner.

william L. Sanders is a traveling salesman and formerly lived at Chicago. At that time the Omaha Carriage and Sleigh company secured his services by offering him \$1,200 a year, paying the cost of removing his furniture from Chicago to Omaha, agreeing to find him a suitable house in this city at the price he was paying in Chicago, and promisand him a suitable house in this city at the price he was paying in Chicago, and promising to pay him a bonus equivalent to the dividend on one share of their stock. This he claims they have not done, but instead discharged him before his year was up, and he accordingly brings suit for \$1,000 damages. The case will come up in the county court.

THE TIZZARD DIVORCE.

In the divorce case of Richard against Kate Tizzard the court allowed \$25 per month temporary alimony, and attorney's fees of \$100, the care of the children being given to the

County Court.

Mrs. Rounds' application for the appoint ment of administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Sterling P. Rounds, will come up for hearing in the county court on Mon day next, and Mr. Rothacker's petition wil not receive attention until later. The appli-cation of Horace Rounds for a distribution of the estate was yesterday withdrawn.

Suits were entered by Hamilton Bros. against Brennan & Whalen for a balance of \$355 due on a honse building contract; by the Carpenter Paper company against Adams & Bridge company for \$292.83 on a promissory note, and Lauback Bros. against A. A. Brubacker

Egbert & Mayo, contractors, wish to col-lect a \$100 balance from M. F. Martin, on two frame houses built by them for him, and have accordingly filed a petition yesterday to fore-close a mechanic's lien held by them.

Police Court. The following cases were disposed of yes

terday morning: Disorderly-George Brown, \$1 and costs; P. J. Golden, \$5 and costs; William Smith

Drunks-William Smidt, John Lee, dis charged; Frank Robins, one day. Vagrants—William Murray, M. C. Foley, discharged; John Cooney, Thomas Davis Harry Carleton, onc day; George Robinson, five days; John Johnson, five days; Tommy Nietter, continued. Resisting an Officer-Mike Cross, Joe Gill-

ette, continued.
Obtaining Goods by False Pretenses—J. A
Woods and wife, discharged.

CRIME'S CARNIVAL. The Depots of the Union Pacific and B. & M. Infested With Thieves.

The Union Pacific depot, the B. & M. depot and the transfer at Conneil Bluffs, as well as the dummy trains, are infested with gangs of confidence men and thieves. Not a day passes by but some crime is reported and during the last month the BEE has con tained accounts of many daring robberies and successful swindling operations. The police force at the depots has not been in creased, notwithstanding these frequent crimes, and as yet no arrests have been

crimes, and as yet no arrests have been made.

The last victim of the gang is a German named August Kolson. Mr. Kolson hails from Dodge county, and with his daughter is en route to California. He purchased his tickets Wednesday and went to the depot at about 8 o'clock p. m. While sitting in the ladies' waiting room with his daughter he was approached by s fine-appearing man, who succeeded in engaging him in conversation. Mr. Kolson was very communicative and told his new friend where he was going and exhibited his pocket book, containing tickets told his new friend where he was going and exhibited his pocket book, containing tickets to California and some \$25 in money. This pocket book was a large one, and Mr. Kolson carried it in his hip pocket. When the train came in the gentlemanly stranger offered to assist Mr. and Miss Kol-

son on board and carried one or two of the bundles. Both Mr. Kolson and his daughter were loaded down with packages and the stranger brought up the rear. He saw them comfortably scated and as the train began to

pull out bade them good-bye and departed. When the conductor came through Mr. Kolson discovered that his pocketbook was missing. At South Omaha he and his daughter got off and returned to Omaha and reported their loss to the police. A search was made and the pocketbook containing the tickets, but minut the money was found on the sidebut minus the money, was found on the side-walk near Tenth street. Mr. Kolson thinks that when he stepped aboard the train his new made friend stole the pocket-book. He made a new start for California last night. •

WASSERMAN'S FAMILY.

Forced to Accept Charity From the County-A Sad Case. The family of Charles Wasserman, convicted in the United States district court of perjury and seatenced to one year's hard labor at the Sioux Falls prison, is in exceedingly indigent circumstances. The family consists of Mrs. Wasserman, a very pretty daughter sixteen years of age and another daughter seven years of age. The oldest daughter appears frequently at County Agent Mahoney's office for aid. To a BEE reporter she stated yesterday that a carpenter named Neu or New, who lives near Hauscom park, owes them money for labor performed by Mr. Wasserman and that he promises nearly every day to pay it but never makes good his word. Mr. Mahoney has placed the case in the hands of the bureau of charities and attempt will be made to collect the debt The case of Wasserman at the time of his trial and conviction elicited much sympathy,

inasmuch as the prisoner was a very ignor ant man and believed that he was acting under the instructions of his attorney. Judge Dundy, in sentencing Wasserman, expressed sympathy for him and gave him the lightest sympathy for him and gave him the lightest sentence possible. There seems to be no one who believes that he intended to commit the crime of perjury, and in the opinion of many a pardon could easily be obtained. A prominent attorney said to a Ber reporter that Judge Dandy, the jury which brought in the verdict of guilty, and pearly every member of the Omaha bar, would sign the petition for executive elements. tion for executive elemency.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYE. What They Have Done and What They

Wish to Do.

On next Monday evening there will be a meeting of a committee on conference between the Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitters' association and the Employers' association, to consider the question of hours, wages, and the system of apprentices.

As the last mentioned question stands now, the apprentice is a source of annoyance. He is of little benefit to him-self and less to his employer. He will serve a couple of years, run away and try to get work in some other place but nobody wants him at the wages he thinks he is worth. Five years is the period of apprenticeship usually required in the plumbing and three years for steam and gas fitting. It is not customary for one individual to work at or learn these three because it is claimed be cannot be per-fect in any one of them. The planders and steam and gas fitters here, all of whom be-long to the same union, think of regulating apprentices of one to every four journeymen. This is a decided move over that of the plumbers in New York who refused assist ants of all kinds into the business and who lost about \$130,000 by the idea. On the question of wages, the figures which will probably be asked by the members of the union will be for plumbers \$4 and for steam and gas fitters \$3 per day. Nine hours will be considered a day's work except on Saturday, when eight hours will be insisted upon. Th association now claims about 115 active members.

The Press Entertainment. Onnext Monday night the first annual

benefit of the cOmaha press club will take place in Boyd's opera house when the following excellent programme will be ren-

Tambourine.
Mr. Goodall.
Mr. Painter.
Mr. Doty.

Interlocutor.
W. C. Gregory.
Mr. Tanner
Mr. Watson
Mr. Gaellenbeck Bones Mr. Painte Mr. Doty.

Solo—Bartone Prof. B. A. Young
Solo—Bass Revel France
Solo—Contraito Miss Pennell
Mandolin Quintet club Spanish Students
THIRD PART.
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A localized burlesque written especially for the occasion by W. R. Goodall entitled "The New Adonis." New Adonis.

Adonis, with imitations. W. R. Goodall Village beauty. Mr. J. M. Tanner Sculptress. Mr. Charles Ott The Murky. Mr. Enders Duchess. Mr. Andres Four little duchesses. Mr. Andres Four little duchesses. Watson, Gaellenbeck, Painter, Doty

FINALE.

Grand spectacular introduction of the Omaha Contingent ballet. There is every indication that Boyd's opera house will contain the largest and fashion-able audience that has assembled there dur-ing the season. Rehearsals have been fre-quent during three months past and every one taking part is thoroughly familiar with their lines. Reserved seats can be had at the box office on Saturday and Monday next free

Streets and Walks. Since the work of street cleaning began

Mayor Broatch has had Sidewalk Inspector Allan keeping the time of the men employed in the work by Fanning & Slaven. He says there are about seventy-four men on the roll, though but about half that number are employed. There are also nine teams en-gaged. The force has been at work for abouteightdays and is engaged on Sixteenth, Tenth and Cuming streets in some of which places the mud is six inches deep. Mr. Allan says the work will be finished in a

Allan says the work will be finished in a couple of days.

The same official has ordered a twelve-foot sidewalk on the east side of Thirteenth street between Leavenworth and the Union Pacific road, beside the vacant lot of the packer Swift. The mud is always deep there and people are compelled to walk through it or cross the street. This walk will enable pedestrians to use both sides of the street.

Mr. Alian is going to take steps to have the sidewalks on Jones street between Thirteenth sidewalks on Jones street between Thirteenth and Tenth graded and widened to twelve feet. The walks certainly require this, be cause a large part of them have disappeared in kindling wood.

Democrats in Club. The democrats of the Second ward have early entered the campaign and last night held a meeting at the store of Kammerer & Justos. It was decided to build a political wigwam at 1610 Williams street, the size to be 22x40 feet, which, when completed, is to be christened Cleveland hall. Daniel O'Conbe christened Cleveland hall. Daniel O'Con-nell presided over the gathering and George V. Hines elected as secretary, filling the vacancy caused by the removal from the ward of Ed Brennan, who now resides in Kountze place. George Holmes was elected first vice president, Charles Rammerer second vice president, John F. Murphy third vice president and James Donnelly, sr., treasurer. The next meeting of the club will be held at the same place next Monday night.

The Indian Won.

Last evening, the Daniel Webster debating society of Creighton college opened the first session of the year with a debate on the subect "Which Has the Greater Cause for Complaint Because of the Ill-treatment of His White Brethren, the Indian or the Negrot"
The sides were led by Thomas Lynam and
John Walkin, respectively. They were assisted by H. Murray. T. Hartnell and M.
McGrievy. The discussion was warm and
interesting, and resulted in favor of the
sympathizers with the Indian. The officers
of the association for the ensuing season are:
Rev. James O'Meara. S. J. president. P. Rev. James O'Meara, S. J., president; P. Burke, vice president; E. Noon, secretary; Joseph McCarville, treasurer; J. Callan Kinsler, John McCarville and John Brannan, standing committee; H. Murray and M. O'Connor, censors.

After the Thumpers. Tommy Miller, the well-known feather weight, was run in yesterday on a charge of vagrancy, just as he was about to take his AGAINST THE BONDS.

The Consumers Refuse to Order the

Yankton Road Election. All the county commissioners were present when the roll v as called yesterday afternoon, and all the taxpayers who objected to the bonus for the Omaha & Yankton railroad were on hand to see that their inalienable rights were not voted away. Among them were Pat Ford, Pat McArdle, J. J. Galligan, Joseph Bartley, George Barker, James Creighton, Thomas Bruner, Thomas Swift, Charles Fanning, George Smith, ex-county surveyor; Arthur Briggs, Henry Gibson and Owen Slavent? So as not to keep them wait ing, routine business was fushed through with all due haste, and under the head of communications Treasurer Bollen informed the board that \$837,20 was necessary to redeem lots 1 and 2, block 230, in the city of Omaha, lots 1 and 2, block 230, in the city of Omaha, and that of this amount the city should pay \$513.65 for taxes and interest. He also acknowledged receipt of the tax levy of school district No. 10, in the village of Elkhorn, but claimed that the levy on real property was 10 mills, and on personalty 15 mills. Under the circumstance he wished to know which was correct, and was referred to the judicial committee. E. Van Tuylalso wrote the commissioners on behalf of the B. & M., asking for a rebate of \$49.87 taxes overpaid, and he, too, was handed to the "judicial."

for a rebate of \$49.87 taxes overpaid, and he, too, was handed to the "judicial."

James J. Casey, justice of the peace, is tired of office, and handed in his resignation, asking at the same time that Elwood A. Shaw be appointed his successor. His request was backed up by a petition from the residents of the precinct, and it, too, was referred to the judicial committee.

The estimate of R. R. Steward for \$467.63 for grading Missouri avenue was allowed, and will be paid from the road fund. for grading Missouri avenue was allowed, and will be paid from the road fund.

Referring to the proposed issue of \$50,000 bends for grading, County Attorney Simeral cited a number of cases from the official law reports, and informed the commissioners that "No power having been given to the county to vote bonds for the number of grading, it has no right to for the purpose of grading, it has no right to

do so."
This finished the routine business, and the spectators moved uneasily until Commission ers Mount, Anderson and Turner were ready to hand in their report on the question of is suing \$300,600 bonds to the Omaha & Yank ton railroad. It came at last and read as fol

lows:
"Your committee on judiciary to whom was referred the proposition of the Omaha, Yankton & Northwestern railway, asking the board to submit to the legal voters of Douglas county the following proposition, 'Shall las county the following proposition. Shall the bonds of the county of Douglas, state of Nebraska, to the amount of \$300,000 be issued to aid in the construction of the Omaha, Yankton & Northwestern railroad?' on certain conditions, would respectfully report that the proposition of the said Omaha, Yankton & Northwestern railroad be not accepted, for the reason that in the opinion of your committee and of your committee said proposition does not guard the interests of the taxpayers of Douglas county.

This settled it, and the audience found the shortest way to the open air where they could breathe more freely and all speak at once without creating any disturbance, "Why did they refuse to endorse the proposition?" asked the Bee reporter of a com-

"To protect the taxpayers," was the answer. "If the company submits a properly, drawn up memorial we will consider it. We want them to guarantee a new right of way through the city, we want them to build a track of their own and not make use of any other company's rails after they get the

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Frank Aldridge brought a load of hogs in. L. Carlson, of Mead, brought in a load of cattle R. F. Williams is in from Bancroft with a

load of cattle. E. W. Van Doren is down from Zeven with two cars of hogs. Henry Truelson, of Millard, had a car of hogs on the market

P. M. Colby is on the market from Brad-shaw with a car of hogs. J. E. Perrington was on the market with a car of cattle from Lyons.

Judge Reuther has been heard from and is

combining business with pleasure on his trip The case of J. Q. Adams against Van Franz for wages due was again continued by Justice Levy. Sergeant Al. Sigwart, of the Omaha force,

nesses in an old time murder case. Culver & Sons brought in three cars hogs from Clay Centre, and both S. and J. N. came in with them. They caught top prices. Cinders instead of plank crossings seem to be most desirable, but in some casses, like the approaches to the postoffice, both are

"I don't mind the new police rules so much," said a member of the force yesterday, "but I would like to get paid under the old rules first. Another horse almost disappeared in the

mud on N street yesterday. He was dug out, and a danger signal will mark the spot till dry weather. The suit of Mrs. Ora Cunningham against the city has been called for March 16, and the council might as well bear that mind in making up the estimates for '88.9

Contractor Hansen is again preparing for the summer's grading. He is bringing down his teams from Fremont and on March 1 will renew his attacks on N street.

A witness was subprensed to appear at "1 o'clock in the forencon" in a recent suit, and because he didn't there is an appeal to the district court. At least that is one ground of

The spring boom is on hand and a sixty foot lot on Twenty-fourth between L rnd M streets, that was bought for \$1,000 two months ago, has been sub-divided, and forty feet of it sold for \$2,400.

Exchange hotel guests yesterday were: S. Culver, Clay Center, Neb.; R. F. Williams, Bancroft, Neb.; C. F. Way, Ord. Neb.; Geo. Shiff, Clay Center, Neb.; Wm. Conley, Mar-shall, Mich.: A. G. Evuns, Hampton, Neb.; T. R. Ross, Stromsburg, Neb.; Henry Prichard, Demoine.

Friends of G. G. George, who until recently was a boarder at the Delmonico hotel, are somewhat anxious to hear from him. He disappeared a day or two ago, and has not since been heard from, although the proprietors of the house have made every effort to find him. As he had always been known to lead a regular life it is feared that he is suffering from mental depression, and, as usual, there are some that say there's a woman in the case, Policemen want to know why they are not paid out of the \$1,200 or - \$1,500 reporte hand by Treasurer Hunt last Monday. finance committee say its because they have to cash the warrants issued to the policemen and sold by them weeks ago. In the meantime the men have not been paid since January 1, and as landlords and grocers are kicking, there is a prospect that the committee on "destitution" will have to look after seven or

Clear the Sidewalks. Chief Seavey intends to see that the side-

walk ordinance is strictly observed hereafter, and yesterday all his officers were busy serving notices on shopkeepers and merchants who have been in the habit of obstructing the sidewalks with barrels, boxes, projecting signs, etc. Another nuisance the chief has concluded to abate is the peanut stands that adorn many of the sidewalks in violation of the law and to the detriment of free pedestrianism.

Grading, Paving and Sewering. According to City Engineer Tillson there will be very little or no grading done in Omaha during the year 1888. The reason is Omaha during the year 1888. The reason is that there is no money in the general fund that can be used for that purpose. Mr. Tillson thinks that more paving will be done in 1888 than during any previous year providing the people vote to issue the \$100,000 bonds asked for at the election on March 20. The sewer fund is in excellent shape, and a large addition will be made to that system.

A Peremptory Demand. Dr. J. T. Armstrong, superintendent of the Nebraska Institute for feeble minded youth at Beatrice, does not seem to like the way in which Douglas county pays its bills. Dr. Armstrong has written a letter to the county clerk stating that if the bill sent to the commissioners on February 6 for the board of three paupers sent from this county is not paid by February 25 he will return them to Douglas county. The bill amounts to \$55.82.

He Broke a Broncho. Charles Moss, a horse dealer, was arrested yesterday charged with cruelty to animais. It is alleged that Moss beat a balky bronco Wednesday in a way that will cause the animal's death. He whipped until it laid down, and then he hitched a chain to it and down, and then he hitched a chain to it and dragged it about the lot with a team until it was in a horrible condition. This is Officer Cullin's story. Mr. Moss, however, says that the animal is not hurt in the least, that he is an old trainer, and he was only putting into execution some of his treaties for curing a balking pony.



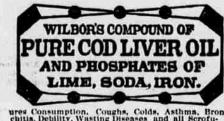
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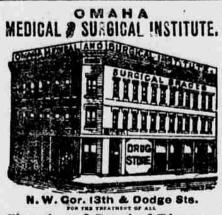


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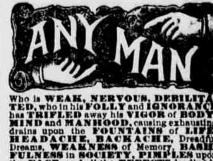


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