PAVING FOR THIS SEASON.

The Board of Public Works and its Host of Bidders.

A PAIR OF DUDES IN ARMS.

The Business Men's Club—Mortuary Record—The Contracting Carpenters—W. A. L. Gibbon and the Inter-state Commission

Bids and Bidders.

The largest assemblage of contractors which ever gathered in this city was that which attended the opening of the paving bids at the office of the board of public works yesterday afternoon. There were present all the old familiars who have for years been drawing monthly estimates from the city treasury as well as a number of newcomers who had come here specially from abroad.

Messrs. Balcombe, Mayne and Heimrod, all the members of the board, were present, Mr. Mayne opening and reading the bids and Secretary Wappich recording them as read.

Some of the contractors bid upon the specifications of 1887 and 1888. Others contented themselves with but a bid on one of the specifications. One of the latter was R. O. Adams, who did not name the specifications on which he bid, although he was the lowest on Cedar block. E. E. Nangle put in a bid with an uncertified check to which Mr. Mayne called attention. Nangle was in the lobby and shouted, "Throw it out," and the injunction was obeyed.

The following bids are on the specifications of 1887, those for 1888 ranging from 4½ to 12 cents per square more.

The bids and bidders are as follows: Cedar blocks, concrete foundation, John H. Green, $2.11; James Fox & Sons, $1.89; Nebraska & Colorado Stone company, $1.83; R. O. Adams, $1.76½; Soper, Willis & Co., $1.91; J. E. Riley, $1.87½; T. C. Brooks & Co., $2.20; Regan Bros. & Co., $1.85; E. L. Amberg, $1.86; J. B. Smith & Co., $1.82; A. J. McBean, $1.83½; Hugh Murphy, $1.94.

Cedar on sand and plank: James Fox & Sons $1.73, R. O. Adams $1.42, J. E. Riley $1.57½, Regan Bros. & Co. $1.49, E. L. Amberg $1.64, J. B. Smith & Co. $1.61, A. J. McBean $1.63, Hugh Murphy $1.70.

Colorado stone on sand: James Fox & Sons $2.68, Nebraska & Colorado Stone company $2.50, A. R. Hoel $2.68, R. O. Adams $2.60, J. E. Riley $2.57, Hugh Murphy $2.45.

Sioux Falls on sand: James Fox & Sons $2.63, J. E. Riley $2.57, Hugh Murphy $2.45.

Asphaltum: Barber & Co. $2.95.

The streets to be paved were published yesterday. About $500,000 will be expended during the work year in the work.

The lowest bidders were R. O. Adams, $1.42 on cedar block, and Hugh Murphy, $2.45 on Colorado sand stone and Sioux Falls granite.

The lowest prices last year were $2.69 for granite, $2.55 for Colorado sand stone and $1.73 for cedar block on concrete and $1.42 on plank foundation.

The board then adjourned till to-day at at 10 o'clock.

DUDES IN THE RING.

Two Young Society Men Settle a Dispute With Four-Ounce Gloves.

Two well-known young society men will be missed by their friends for several days to come. One of them lies at his home with raw beef on a closed and mutilated eye while the other is endeavoring to reduce the swelling of several large contusions on the head. The cause of these phenomenal freaks of nature is that these two petted darlings had a fistic encounter Thursday night in the presence of about twenty mutual friends to settle a difficulty of nearly three months standing. The rupture between the two, up to last December had been friends of the closest intimacy, was innocently brought about by a young lady from the east, a guest of a friend in this city and who attended several of the leading parties during her visit last winter.

To one of the Millard hotel parties the young lady was escorted by one of the young men mentioned above, and who for convenience sake will be called Mr. A——. His friend, Mr. B——, requested and received an introduction. Mr. B—— asked for a dance and the young lady handed him her card. When the number was called which had been secured by Mr. B—— he failed to appear and Mr. A—— took the young lady out himself. Just as the orchestra struck up the waltz Mr. B—— appeared, a trifle under the influence of wine and seeing his friend dancing with the lady, straightway conceived that he had been slighted by one and insulted by the other.

Friends restrained Mr. B—— from making any demonstration the ball room and after the dance was finished Mr. A—— was called into a private parlor and asked by Mr. B—— to explain. Mr. A—— replied that he had nothing to explain and accused his friend of acting discourteously toward the lady by not coming for her before the dance began. This greatly incensed Mr. B—— who called his friend a liar and struck him with his open hand in the face. Mr. A. refused to create a scene by retaliating, but challenged Mr. B. to a fight at any time. The challenge was accepted, and the date was set for March 1. Both secured competent instructors in boxing, and went into training at once. The interference of friends postponed the battle until last night. On two occasions a reconciliation was nearly brought about, but some unfortunate remark by one or the other of the principals stopped all peace overtures.

The scene of the battle Thursday night was a large private room on North Sixteenth street. The affair was conducted according to the most approved rules of the ring. Each principal had ten friends with him. The battle was fought with four-ounce gloves and lasted twenty-two minutes and ten seconds. It was fought according to Marquis of Queensbury rules and it took seven hard rounds of three minutes each to settle the affair.

The fight was a bloody one. The two men were equally matched both as to weight and science but Mr. A. displayed the most sand. Mr. B. threw up the sponge at the end of the seventh round and Mr. A. was declared the winner. Prominent club men were discussing the affair yesterday and the Bee's informant stated that it was a "dandy mill."

A REPENTANT SINNER.

At the Last Moment He Restores Character to a Victim.

The Bee of yesterday published an article showing the manner in which Rev. Mr. Welsher the Baptist minister in Abilene, Kan., and the revivalist who conducted a series of religious meetings in the First Baptist church of this city last Friday, had removed from him the opprobrium of forger, under which he had labored for many years. When the gentleman was engaged in the city rumors were in circulation that there was a turned-down page in his past life to which he could not look with pleasure. These rumors comprehended the unfortunate experience detailed in yesterday's Bee. Those to whose ears the rumors came were not affected by the earnest endeavor of the missionary in his revival work, but they will doubtless rejoice with him now that he has been delivered from the deep disgrace which would have prostrated a less worthy and noble character.

The confession made is in the following letter, the writer, A. J. Hooper, laboring under the delusion that Mr. Welsher was a Methodist instead of a Baptist clergyman. The letter is addressed to Rev. A. Jacobs, of Albert Lea, Minn., who has long since forwarded it to the clergyman whom it most concerned.

THE CONFESSION.

January 27, 1888.—My Dear Sir: I write to you at this time on a very sad subject. I am getting to be an old man. I shall soon be before God and answer for the sin of a terrible life. I do not write for sympathy; I deserve none; but I write if possible to reach and comfort some hearts. Years ago I was clerk in Wisconsin in a hotel and committed a terrible crime, not in itself so very bad, but in its results. I can see how it is fearful to contemplate, and I must reap my reward. I heard you preach a sermon in Nebraska a few weeks ago and you spoke of a name of a friend of yours, Walshar, and I thought I would speak to you, but I did not dare to, as I am too old to pay the penalty of my many crimes, and I shall soon pay for them eternally. When I was in the hotel a young man came from some place in Ohio and stayed over night to go up to Wausau to pay some taxes to take a horse over the country. I went to a chum to arrange to rob him, but I coaxed him to play a confidence game on him and rob him that way. So I told Mr. Walshar that the county treasurer of Marathon co. had gone away on the train and his team was in the barn and he would likely fix it up if he knew the amount and save him 60 miles travel. Mr. Walshar said he had the treasurer's statement with him so we were fixed and at noon I pretended to go to the train and brought the treasurer and introduced him and he showed us the statement and my chum said he would take the money and give him a written receete and so he gave us the money. But it was not the money that we took that was so bad, but a few months after a man came to find if his statement was true and said Mr. Walsher was charged with forgery. Of course I lied about it. I learned that he was a Methadis minister and when once I thot I was converted I tried to find him to write to him but found he had ben expeled from the ministre and was dead. The awful sin then tortured me and always will, and hell is no more than I ought to have for this one sin, but it was the beginning of a develis life and I don't write this seeking pardon or to do the dead eny good but if the name you spoke of was some relative I could comfort them by telling this. I have written to a Methadis preacher once and he may have foond them but you are the first man I ever heard call the name.

God knows I would give worlds if I had them to undo my life but I cannot and I shall son be where I get my deserts and justly for I was well brought up and educated and no need to serve the devel as I have, and now I am sixty-three years, a curse to the world, to be cursed forever. Hoping you may do something good with this confession. I have made this confession and I hope you will get it. May Jesus bless you and help you to save young men is my wish.

BRIDGING THE MISSOURI.

Speculation as to the object of John A. McShane's Bridge Bill.

The telegraph of Washington has told of several moves made in Washington by Representative McShane to get a favorable report upon what has been known as the Omaha bridge bill. Just what the bill purports to do or where it would have the bridge in question located, is a matter upon which no information has thus far been shed. The same lack of information obtains in Omaha, because half a dozen leading citizens to the Bee reporter spoke yesterday about the matter confessed that they knew nothing whatever concerning the subject. One of these said he thought Mr. McShane's idea was to get the present law repealed or amended so as to enable bridges to be erected at a distance of less than one-thirid of a mile from each other. It is this law which enables the Union Pacific at present to monopolize the whole available river front of Omaha. It is generally conceded that the bridge now in course of construction belongs to that company and precludes the erection of another between it and the Union Pacific farther down the river. Another bridge to the north could not be built inside of a third of a mile, and there the expense would be enormous, because of the depth at which the bedrock lies, the long approaches required and the great and variable width of the river. One-third of a mile south of the Union Pacific bridge would strike the Bluffs so that either tunneling or a track around the west of the city would be required. Such a condition of things is not pleasant to contemplate and it is thought that Mr. McShane has taken the initiative to voice the objection of Omaha's leading citizens that such a state exists. The only remedy is to amend the law or if it be a rule of one of the departments to have it abolished. It is thought, further, that McShane's bill contemplates a bridge over the river at Dodge street, a bridge which shall be principally for railroads, and one of the best proofs of this is the opposition which he is meeting from the Union Pacific men in Washington. The necessity for a bridge which shall give to eastern roads across to this city is well known especially since the Nebraska Central was cheated out of its way across the river a short time ago. Whether Mr. McShane is encouraged in his efforts by that corporation, is not known, but certain it is in the event of his being successful the road in question will not be slow to avail itself of the accommodation which will then be available.

A Farewell Reception.

The home of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Phelps in Windsor place was the scene of a happy gathering; and yet the pleasure of the occasion was marred by the mission on which the participants had assembled. The occasion was the farewell reception to Rev. and Mrs. Phelps, who will leave this city for California about the first of April. For many years Mr. Phelps has been the presiding elder of this Methodist district, and his departure from the scene where his entire life has been marked by the earnestness of his endeavors and the untiring energies devoted to the cause, has called for the most sincere regret on the part of all who have known the reverend gentleman and his estimable wife. Last evening the home of the retiring elder was filled with young and old, representatives of all the Methodist churches in Omaha, including, with one exception, the pastor of each.

Excellent music charmingly rendered enlivened the events of the evening. Mr. John Dale called the assemblage to order and spoke feelingly of the labors of Mr. Phelps in Omaha and the warm friendship and kindly feeling manifested toward the elder and his estimable lady, concluding by presenting Mr. Phelps with a purse of $100 as a slight tribute of the esteem in which he was held. Rev. Phelps responded in a happy and feeling manner, and assured his guests that the recollections of his Omaha residence would be long and pleasantly remembered. It was a late hour when the gathering dispersed, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. On Easter Sunday Mr. Phelps will preach his last sermon in Omaha at the Hanscom park M. E. church and with his family he will shortly leave for his future home in California.

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To the Editor of the Bee: Will you please state to the public in your widely read paper, for the information of certain parties who are in the habit of using uncalled for language towards me and in other ways abusing me, that I am not the state master workman of the Knights of Labor. It is said they got rid of me. Exactly six months before the expiration of my term of office I tendered my resignation to the proper officers, who positively refused to accept it. Since that time I have not been actively identified with that organization, and I have let it alone. Yours truly, D. ST. GEYER.

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Business Men's Meeting.

There was a meeting yesterday evening of the executive committee of the Omaha Business Men's club. Eleven new members elected. H. A. Iddings was appointed business secretary, and an office will be located for him in one of the hotels. E. A. Benson, E. Seaver and W. G. Schriver were added to the executive committee. C. E. Mayne, C. B. Carmichael and S. P. Morse were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws. The association meets on next Thursday night.

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Lost Her Watch.

Mrs. V. Florence, of 1516 Capitol avenue, had her pocket picked of a valuable gold watch. She does not know just where or when the watch was taken, but thinks it was while she was promenading on Farnam street.

IN FAVOR OF OMAHA.

Why the Commission Will Decide For This City.

"Mr. Gibbon, what is your opinion of the opinion that will be rendered by the inter-state commerce commission in Omaha's case?" asked a Bee reporter of W. A. L. Gibbon.

"It can hardly be other than favorable to Omaha. The railway managers attempted to show that our claims were based on jealous rivalry existing between Omaha and other near-by jobbing points like Lincoln and that our demand was selfish and unreasonable. We showed in both our evidence and arguments that our claims rested on broad and just grounds; that the basis of making Nebraska rates from Chicago was to not only put Omaha on a par with Chicago for the business of this territory, but Lincoln or any other recognized distributing center."

"But did not the railroads claim that it would be impracticable, that they could not afford to make through rates from Chicago on the basis of the sum of the two locals as you suggest?"

"The railroad attorneys set up some such argument, but the traffic or general manager would not make such a claim because they well know that that rule is not only in force between the great trade centers of the east, but it is the basis to-day for making rates from Chicago to all non-competition points in Nebraska. Why, in the Minnesota case tried on Monday before the commission it was proven in numerous instances the railroads were charging more on the through rate than the sum of the two locals."

"Then it is your belief that the commissioners understand these points and will decide in accordance which means simple justice to Omaha?"

"It certainly is. The commission is composed of men of mature years and of the highest order of intelligence, integrity and thoroughly understand the subject."

MORTUARY.

PAYNE.

An eccentric character named Michael Payne, a bachelor, aged seventy-six years, died yesterday at 1015 Harney street. For a number of years he had been a railroad section foreman, and husbanded his money with a great deal of care. Less than a year ago, however, these earning amounted to about $4,000, which a friend of his deposited in bank. Gradually, and almost imperceptibly, the old man acquired the habit of the spendthrift, so much so that the earnings have dwindled to about $1,900, $1,000 of which he has willed to the Curran family, with whom he was stopping, and the remainder to St. Philomena cathedral. He will be buried to-day in St. Mary's cemetery.

HURLEY.

Edward F. Hurley, the little child of Dan Hurley, the well-known livery man and formerly custodian of the pound in this city, died yesterday. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of the parents on Tenth street near Capitol avenue.

Notice.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the New York Storage Co. it was voted to increase the capital stock to $15,000, and $10,000 was paid up. G. Wheeler was elected president; E. G. Cundy, secretary.

BENCH AND BAR.

District Court.

BEFORE JUDGE GROFF.

The case of James Gilmore against Patrick McAvoy was called yesterday.

WANTS HER PROPERTY.

Elizabeth Henger has brought suit against Gotleib F. Eisasson, executor of the estate of the late Agnes E. Robeling, to recover possession of lot 9, block 2, in Capitol Hill addition.

OLSON'S SLAYER'S TRIAL.

Ferguson, the young colored mon charged with the wilful murder of Olie Olson, will be placed on trial next Mondoy.

CHARLES S. HIGGINS SUED.

Charles S. Higgins gave his promissory notes in the sum of $1,130.50 to Burley & Co., of Chicago, and as he did not pay them when they fell due and has not liquidated since action was brought against him yesterday to recover judgment in the full amount.

SUED BY THE "BEE."

The Bee Publishing company yesterday filed a suit against J. H. Gibson, E. Aylesworth and Charles P. Benjamin to secure judgment on a promissory note in the sum of $446.80.

A WOMAN OF VULGAR HABITS.

Claus Gottburg, in his complaint against his wife Maggie for divorce, refers to her as "a woman of vulgar habits and disrepute." They were married, he says, in Harland, Ia., in June 1883, and he represents that she committed adultery with one Henry Roths at South Omaha. He asks that the existing marriage vows be cancelled, and he be given control of his children, aged respectively five years and four months.

A MINOR'S DEMANDS.

Rebecca M. White, a minor, yesterday asked the court to compel John Ryan, executor of the last will and testament of Edward Ryan, to make arrangements for the payment of a promissory note made by the deceased in the sum of $1,000.

APPEALING FOR A NEW TRIAL.

Attorneys Offut and English for Louis Berghoff, convicted some days ago before Judge Hopewell on the charge of procuring goods under false pretenses, have appealed from the decision of the jury and have petitioned the court for a new trial. The briefs on which the new hearing is asked were yesterday submitted to Judge Hopewell.

County Court.

MRS. ROUNDS' APPLICATION.

Mrs. Martha A. Rounds has petitioned Judge Shields to appoint her guardian of her son, Horace W. Rounds, who is set forth in the petition to be twenty-seven years of age, a resident of Chicago and mentally incompetent to have the charge and management of his property. His personal property in this county is valued at $7,500. April 23 has been set for the hearing.

Police Court.

Mollie Cole, the young cyprian who created such a flutter among a certain clique of officials several months since, and who is one of the charming beauties at the Peoples, was before the court yesterday and compelled to put up her little $5.

James Day, of Twenty-fourth and Saunders streets, was complained against as harboring a vicious dog. Day was discharged, but the dog was ordered killed.

John Corey was arrested at the instigation of Mrs. Margaret Huston, who alleges that Corey vilely insulted her and she wants him sent to the penitentiary, and sent right away. Corey will be given an opportunity to explain his conduct this morning.

Sam Finley and Laura Kinney await hearing on a charge of fornication. Sam is so black they had to light the gas when he was ushered into the court room.

Jim Moore must answer to the charge of stealing a watch from M. Vermass, 1318 South Sixteenth street. Jim says he didn' "swipe the ticker," and it's only a job to run him out of the city.

Jennie Shaw, wife of a well-known thief, now in jail at the Bluffs awaiting sentence for stealing a pair of mules, was run in charged with being a suspicious character. Her case was continued.

Vagrants—J. H. Corbett, seven days; Charles Robbins, three days; James Barter, two days; Elmer Holmes, two days; Henry Smith, A. Pierson, Dan McCarty, Fred Brooks, E. H. Murphy, discharged.

Suspicious characters—John Bell, twelve days; Henry DeVere, six days; Kate Mush, continued.

Drunks—Horace Mayne, $4.50; George Russell, discharged.

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C. Specht Injured.

Chris Specht, the well-known cornice manufacturer, is confined to his home because of serious injury sustained a few days ago at the corner of Twelfth and Harney streets. He was driving across the cable track at that intersection when the calk of his horse's shoe caught in the slot. The animal threw violently forward to the pavement, jerking Mr. Specht from his seat and throwing him also on the hard surface. Mr. Specht did not regain consciousness for some time. He was carried home, and has since been under doctor's care.

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A Narrow Escape.

Watterson Walters, a farmer living north of Florence, nearly lost his life yesterday on the Fourteenth street bridge of the B. & M. Mr. Waters was walking across the bridge when he heard the rumble of a train behind him. There is a sharp curve just above the bridge, and what was the man's horror to see coming around it a locomotive under full headway, and less than thirty yards distant. With rare presence of mind he let himself down between the ties and hung on until the train passed.

Manager Selee Arrives.

Manager Frank Selee, of the Omaha base ball team arrived from the east last evening. He was accompanied by William Annis, the new left fielder. Annis is a big, hearty looking fellow and is evidently a promising player. Manager Selee is well pleased with the outlook for the association, and particularly elated over the prospects of his own capital team.

Woodenberg's Fortune.

William Woodenberg is wanted at Rapid City, Dakota, to assume control of a large amount of property to which he has fallen heir by the death of his mother. Sheriff Coburn has been requested, by Dakota authorities, to try and find the young man, who is believed to be in this city.

A Handsome Prize.

Ed Rothery will give a handsome diamond scarf pin to the member of the Omaha ball team having the best general average at the end of the season. The prize is to cost in the neighborhood of $300, and will be on exhibition within a few days, probably at Raymond's jewelry store.

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A Public Meeting.

A meeting of citizens is called for this evening at Wolf's hall, corner of Twenty-second and Cuming streets to discuss public improvements. The councilmen of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth wards are invited to be present.

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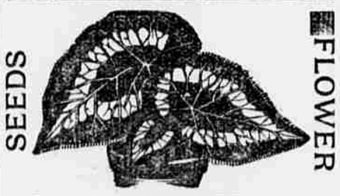
SEEDS  FLOWER

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