OMAHA HEADS THE LEAGUE.

Milwaukee's Aggregation of Fumblers Suffers Another Defeat.

TRIED TO BLUFF THE UMPIRE.

A Serious Accident at the Coliseum—Miss Williams Forced to Withdraw From the Race—The Races.

Omaha 15, Milwaukee 7.

It was too cold for ball playing or for comfort yesterday afternoon. The aggregation of fumblers from Milwaukee were especially affected by the depressed condition of the temperature. About one thousand people, including more than a hundred ladies, shivered through a two hours' game which placed Omaha at the head of the Western association. Clark and McVey constituted the visitors' battery, against Willis and Nagle for the home team. Clark didn't pitch any better than Griffiths did on Tuesday, but he furnished more amusement for the spectators by his baby bluffs at Umpire Kelly's judgment on balls and strikes. He was ably assisted in his beefing by Herr and the antediluvian Ezra Sutton. But kicking didn't count, and the Brewers suffered their second defeat.

The Omahas were blanked in the first inning. For Milwaukee, Poorman was hit by the ball, stole second and third, but was caught at home. Morrissey got a base on balls, went to second on Alberts out at first by Cleveland, and second on Herr's hit. McVey was thrown out at first by Willis.

Then luck came to the aid of the Omahas. Walsh popped up a fly which McVey dropped, and threw wild to Herr, giving the runner second, and Canavan brought him home by a drive over second. Canavan was put out at second by the umpire's assistance. Messitt got four balls, went to second on Nagle's out at first, and scored on Willis' hit, which was fumbled by Clark. Strauss brought Willis in with the third run, but was caught stealing second. After Lowe had struck out, Sutton rapped the sphere for a two-bagger, stole third, and scored on Clark's out at first. Poorman flew out to Canavan, ending the second inning with a score of 3 to 2 in favor of Omaha.

In the third Crooks made a hit, stole second and third, and scored on Lowe's muff off Walsh's fly to left. Cooney went out at first, Cleveland was caught stealing second, and Walsh followed suit.

The Brewers gave evidence of being alive for a few minutes, and secured two runs, tieing the score. With McVey out, Lowe got a hit to left and scored on a two-bagger by the venerable Ezra, who scored after Clark had fouled to Nagle, on the throw-in of Fuller's long fly to Strauss. The enthusiasm of the Milwaukees was short lived. They were blanked in the next inning while Seelee's sluggers secured two more runs. Willis got first on missed third strike and scored on Cleveland's two-bagger, Strauss having perished on an easy one to Morrissey. Cleveland was assisted out at third by the umpire. Crooks went to first on a hot one to Sutton, stole second and scored on Cooney's hit to right. Walsh got a base on balls. Canavan went out on an easy drive to Herr.

Two scores was hardly considered lead enough, so Messitt, in the sixth, after having first base given to him on four balls, stole his way home. Clark gave four more wide balls to Nagle, who stole second and came in on Willis' clean hit to right for two bags. Strauss' safe hit sent Willis home, but the Trisocker was caught at second for attempted larceny. There was a hole in Cleveland's bat. Crooks and Cooney both made singles to right and Walsh's drive to second scored them. Canavan's fly to right stopped the run with ten runs to Omaha's credit. The Brewers made another futile attempt to tie the score. With Herr and McVey out Lowe got a base on balls and came home on a homer by E. Sutton, late of Boston. Clark and Fuller got bases and Poorman struck out.

In the seventh Messitt's two-bagger and Willis' sacrifice gave the visitors a run, while Morrissey was presented with first base by Willis and came home on a passed ball after reaching third on outs at first by Alberts and Herr. McVey was thrown out at first by Crooks.

In the eighth Cleveland's single, Crooks' base on balls, Cooney's two-bagger and "Scrapper Jack's" homer added four to Omaha's score, making a total of fifteen, and ending the run getting. The official score of the slaughter is appended:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Strauss, rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Cleveland, 3b	6	1	2	0	0	0	3	2
Crooks, 2b	5	4	2	0	1	5	3	0
Cooney m	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Walsh, ss	4	1	1	1	1	0	6	0
Canavan, lf	5	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
Messitt, 1b	3	4	2	0	2	12	0	0
Nagle, c	4	1	1	0	1	6	3	0
Willis, p	5	3	1	1	1	0	6	0
Total	42	15	16	3	7	27	21	2

MILWAUKEE.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Poorman, rf	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Morrissey, 1b	4	2	1	0	0	2	0	0
Alberts, 3b	5	0	0	1	0	2	3	0
Herr, 2b	3	0	2	0	1	5	4	1
McVey, c	5	1	1	0	0	3	3	2
Lowe, lf	4	2	1	0	0	4	1	1
Sutton, ss	5	2	3	0	1	10	3	0
Clark, p	4	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Fuller, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	7	12	1	4	27	17	4

BY INNINGS.

Omaha	0	3	1	0	2	4	1	4	0	—15
Milwaukee	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	—7

SUMMARY.

Runs earned—Omaha 5, Milwaukee 4.
Two-base hits—Sutton 1, Cleveland 1, Messitt 1, Cooney 1, Willis 1.
Three-base hits—Nagle 1.
Home runs—Sutton 1, Messitt 1.
Bases stolen—(See score.)
Double plays—Walsh, Crooks and Messitt; Herr and Morrisey; McVey and Herr.
Bases on balls—By Willis 4, Clark 5.
Hit by pitcher—Willis 1.
Struck out—By Willis 2, Clark 3.
Passed balls—Nagle 1.
Wild pitches—Willis 1.
Time—2:20.
Umpire—Kelly.

St. Joseph 5, Minneapolis 2.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., May 1.—St. Joseph won from Minneapolis to-day. The only features were the excellent work of the outfield and the catching of Jantzen and Shellhasse. The attendance was cut down by a cold wave. Score:

MINNEAPOLIS.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Hanrahan, ss	4	1	2	0	2	3	0
West, 1b	4	0	1	0	3	1	1
Daly, lf	4	0	0	0	3	0	0
Turner, cf	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Miller, 3b	1	0	0	0	2	3	0
Hengle, 2b	4	0	1	0	7	1	0
Minnehan, rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
Jantzen, c	4	1	0	0	6	6	0
Vinton, p	4	0	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	33	2	6	1	27	16	1

ST. JOSEPH.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Cartwright, 1b	5	0	2	0	13	0	1
Curtis, lf	5	0	2	1	3	0	0
Shellhasse, c	4	1	0	0	5	3	0
Ardner, 2b	3	2	2	1	1	7	0
Kreig, cf	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Smith, ss	4	0	1	0	1	1	1
Frye, rf	3	1	3	0	2	0	0
Whitney, 3b	4	1	2	0	1	0	1
Crowell, p	3	0	1	0	1	4	0
Totals	34	5	15	2	27	15	3

BY INNINGS.

Minneapolis	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	—2
St. Joseph	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	—5

SUMMARY.

Runs Earned—Minneapolis 1, St. Joseph 3.
Two-base Hits—Minnehan, Curtis, Ardner, Kreig, Whitney.
Bases Stolen—Vinton 1, Hanrahan 1, Ardner 1, Curtis 1.
Double Plays—Minnehan to Hengle, Crowell to Cartwright.
Bases on Called Balls—Miller 2, Shellhasse 1, Ardner 1, Frye 1, Crowell 1.
Bases by Pitched Balls—Miller.
Struck Out—By Vinton 3, by Crowell 5.
Passed Balls—Jantzen 1.
Time of Game—1:30.
Umpire—Hurley.

Sioux City 2, Des Moines 1.

DES MOINES, IA., May 1.—It took ten inning to decide the closely contested game between the Des Moines and Sioux City teams to-day. The score:

DES MOINES.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Patton, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maskrey, lf	5	0	1	0	5	1	1
Macullar, ss	4	0	0	0	1	2	0
Phelan, 3b	5	0	1	0	3	5	1
Smith, 1b	5	0	1	0	11	0	0
Brynan cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Hart, p	4	0	0	1	0	9	0
Traffley, c	4	0	0	0	7	2	0
Connell, 3b	4	1	1	0	2	1	1
Totals	37	1	5	2	29	20	3

SIOUX CITY.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Cline, rf	5	0	2	0	1	0	0
Glenn, lf	4	2	0	0	1	0	0
Powell, 1b	5	0	1	0	14	0	1
Brosnan, 2b	5	0	2	0	1	1	2
Burks, ss	4	0	1	0	1	8	0
Bradley, 3b	4	0	2	0	3	3	1
Genins, cf	4	0	1	0	6	1	0
Hillman, c	3	0	0	0	3	2	0
Hungler, p	3	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	37	2	9	0	30	19	4

BY INNINGS.

Des Moines	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—1
Sioux City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1—2

SUMMARY:

Winning run made two men out.
Runs earned—Sioux City 1.
Two-base hits—Cline, Bradley, Connell, Smith.
Three-base hits—Maskrey.
Double plays—Hart to Traffley to Smith.
Stolen bases—Patton 2, Genins, Brynan, Glenn.
Bases on balls—By Hart 3, by Hungler 5.
Struck out—By Hart 5, by Hungler 2.
Passed balls—Traffley 2.
Time of game—2:00.
Umpire—McDermott.

Postponed on Account of Rain.

DENVER, May 1.—The St. Paul-Denver game was postponed on account of rain.

The National League.

PITTSBURG, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
Pittsburg.....0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1—3
Cleveland.....0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—2
Base hits—Pittsburg 6, Cleveland 8. Errors—Pittsburg 3, Cleveland 2. Pitchers—Staley and Bakeley. Umpire—Lynch.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
Philadelphia.....1 0 3 3 2 0 0 0 1—10
Boston.....0 1 1 0 3 0 3 0 0—8
Base hits—Philadelphia 16, Boston 10. Errors—Philadelphia 4, Boston 7. Pitchers—Gleason and Sowders. Umpire—Fesseden.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
Indianapolis.....0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2
Chicago.....0 1 2 0 0 2 0 0 *—5
Base hits—Indianapolis 5, Chicago 10. Errors—Indianapolis 1, Chicago 2. Pitchers—Hoyle, Burdick and Hutchinson. Umpire—Barnum.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
New York.....1 0 0 1 7 0 2 2 3—16
Washington.....1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—3
Base hits—New York 11, Washington 6. Errors—New York 3, Washington 7. Pitchers—Crane and Keefe. Umpires—McQuade and Curry.

American Association.

KANSAS CITY, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
Kansas City....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0—3
Cincinnati.....5 0 2 2 0 0 2 3 *—14

BROOKLYN, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
Baltimore.....0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2
Brooklyn.....1 0 0 2 0 1 0 2 *—6

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Result of to-day's game:
St. Louis....1 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—9
Louisville....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1

THE SPEED RING.

Ivy City Paces.

The races at Ivy City to-day were run in the rain. The track was muddy and heavy and covered with pools of water. Summary:

Six furlongs—Swiftswon in 1:10¾; Belle D'Or second, Brail third.

One mile—Bess won in 1:47¼, Salvini second, Bordelaise third.

One and one-eighth miles—J. A. B. won in 2:02, Seadrift second, Carter third.

Seven-eighths of a mile—Langar won in 1:35¼, Wild Cherry second, King Idle third.

One mile—Letrelia won in 1:48, Refund second, Mala third.

Lexington Races.

LEXINGTON, KY., May 1.—The weather was pleasant, the attendance large, and the track good. Summary:

Three-year-olds and upwards; six furlongs—Koko won, Mary O. second, Adjutant third. Time—1:18.

Three-year-old fillies; six furlongs—Blessing won, Annie Blackburn second, Neva C., third. Time—1:17¾.

All ages; one and one-quarter miles—Hindoocraft won, Librette second, Ed Mack third. Time—2:11.

Seven furlongs—Insolence won, Cheeney second, Metal third. Time—1:31¾.

Three-year-olds and upwards; one mile—Maid of Orleans won, Laura Davidson second, McDowell third. Time—1:44¾.

Miss Williams Hurt.

The bicycle race at the Coliseum last night was a chapter of accidents, the result of which was the withdrawal of Miss Williams from the race. In the start off Miss Brown, who was in the rear, ran against one of the attendants and was thrown from her wheel before she crossed the line. Jack Prince called upon the riders to stop. All obeyed except Miss Williams, who ran half way around the track. In looking around, at the north end of the course, to see what the other riders were doing she ran against the wall and was thrown from her wheel. The start was delayed ten minutes, but the riders finally all got off in good shape, Miss Williams leading. She set a rattling pace and was being closely pushed by Oakes, Woods and Beauty Baldwin, when her left foot slipped from the pedal. The man Brown, who is attending her, started to her assistance, but was headed off by Patsy Fallon. He rushed upon the track and seized Miss Williams' wheel by the backbone, stopping it so suddenly that she was thrown headlong upon the track under her wheel and Fallon. Miss Woods, who was closely following, collided with the obstruction and was thrown from her wheel, Oakes and Baldwin luckily getting through without a tumble.

Miss Wood regained her wheel and plucky continued the race, Oakes having gained one lap on her by the smashup. Miss Williams less fortunate, was quite seriously bruised, and will not be able to continue the race. The accident was sincerely regretted by all interested in the contest, and was due entirely to the interference of a man who knows no more about a bicycle than a Cherokee does about the court of chancery. Miss Williams' withdrawal leaves a pretty race for first place with Miss Woods in the lead, Miss Oakes but one lap behind her and and Beauty Baldwin but a lap behind Oakes. The following is the score.

	Miles	Laps
Woods	177	2
Oakes	177	1
Baldwin	177	0
Brown	176	2
Lewis	174	4
Williams	149	7
Armaindo	97	6

Notes of Sport.

The Milwaukees will take their third drubbing from Omaha at the ball park to-day.

Tom Eck will leave on Monday for New York with the lady bicycle riders, who will enter the six day eight hour a day race, which begins in Madison Square garden on May 13. Already twenty-three lady riders have entered for the race.

Kid Nichols has arrived from Kansas City but has not been billed to pitch for the Omahas on account of a claim that St. Joseph has made for him, under the purchase by that team of the Kansas City franchise in the Western association. Nichols claims that St. Joseph forfeited all rights to him by refusing to sign him prior to April 1.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA TOWNS.

David City Experiencing a Boom of Huge Proportions.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ELECTION.

The Mysterious Death of a Priest—The Pythians In Columbus—News From All Over the State.

David City to the Fore.

DAVID CITY, Neb., May 1.—[Special to THE BEE.]—This prosperous little city of 2,500 people never had any inflated boom, but it is having just a steady and substantial growth and, in the end, will surpass towns where boomers are shipped to inflate property to double its value. David City has an electric light plant, owned and operated by James Bell, a local capitalist. Both the arc and incandescent lights are used. A splendid system of waterworks, costing $25,000, owned by the city, with over four miles of pipe laid on the principal streets, is another of the improvements of this town. During the past year buildings costing upwards of $136,000 were erected, and there is now in process of construction a double two story brick, 50x110 feet, owned by W. B. Thorpe. George Schneser, Judge Perkins, W. F. Gates, Arthur Myatt and a gentleman from Kansas City are each putting up fine two story brick store buildings. Fifty thousand dollars' worth of bonds have been voted by the county to put up a new court house on the square. These bonds bear 5 per cent interest, and have been negotiated at par to the state of Nebraska school fund. Work will commence on the building at once. The Methodists are erecting a new church at a cost of $10,000. A slicker factory, employing twenty hands, with three traveling representatives on the road is owned and successfully operated by Messrs. Speck and Vaughn. The B. & M., Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railroads running through the place, make it quite a railroad center, and easy of access to the surrounding towns in the county, of which there are thirteen.

There are three brickyards in operation and a large flouring mill. Four banks supply the people with money at a reasonable rate of interest. A number of general and exclusive stores here will rival those of more pretentious towns. David City is destined to be one of the best towns in the state. She is located in the center of one of the best agricultural counties in Nebraska, has plenty of capital and is full of enterprising business men.

Knights Templars in York.

YORK, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The grand commandery of Knights Templars, which convened in this city yesterday, adjourned to-day after one of the most harmonious and pleasant meetings ever held in the state. Charters were granted to two new commanderies—Mt. Elias No. 19, Holdrege, and Damascus, No. 20, Norfolk. It was voted to hold the next grand commandery meeting at Hastings. The visiting Knights were warm in their praises of the knightly manner in which they were received and entertained by Joppa commandery of York. The following are the newly elected grand officers: Right Eminent Sir Henry Gibbons, grand commander, Kearney; Vice-Eminent Sir Lewis M. Keene, deputy grand commander, Fremont; Eminent Sir Lewis H. Kortz, grand generalissimo, Omaha; Eminent Sir Edgar C. Salisbury, grand captain-general, Beatrice; Eminent Sir Porter C. Johnson, grand prelate, Osceola; Eminent Sir John D. Moore, grand senior warden, Grand Island; Eminent Sir Charles M. Carter, grand junior warden, Lincoln; Eminent Sir James S. France, grand treasurer, Omaha; Eminent Sir William R. Bowen, grand recorder, Omaha; Eminent Sir James A. Tullys, grand standard bearer, Red Cloud; Eminent Sir Luther W. Osborn, grand sword bearer, Blair; Eminent Sir Thomas C. Shelly, grand warden, Falls City; Eminent Sir Edwin C. Webster, grand captain of the guards, Hastings.

West Point's Celebration.

WEST POINT, Neb., May 1.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The citizens of this place were awakened yesterday morning by the Juvenile Cornet band playing "America," a fitting tribute to the glorious day that it ushered in. At 9 o'clock the different bells of the city began to ring and the people assembled at the court house to unite in a praise service. Addresses were made by the Revs. Heustis and Millard in English, and the Rev. Launenstein in German, and altogether an appropriate programme was carried out. The public schools attended in a body, and were dismissed at the close of the exercises with the injunction to have a good time if possible.

The business houses and saloons were all closed and the town was gay with flags and bunting. Every one seemed to be impressed with the importance of the occasion.

What Ailed the Priest?

SEWARD, Neb., May 1.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Some doubt having been expressed as to the cause of the death of Father Hothans, the Catholic priest, an attempt was made by the physicians to hold an autopsy on his remains to discover, if possible, the exact cause, but on arriving at the parsonage where the remains lie, they were informed that the bishop had forbidden an autopsy unless the law expressly commanded it, and therefore none was had; the physicians assert that there are strong indications of poisoning in the case, and were anxious to make an examination of his stomach. His remains were taken to Cincinnati, O., to-day, for interment, the physicians granting a certificate of death for causes divided between mania a potu and drug poisoning.

Knights of Pythias Celebrating.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The uniform rank, No. 26, Knights of Pythias, under the command of Major W. B. Dale, celebrated its second anniversary to-day by a grand street parade headed by the band. Rank No. 33, of Davis City, commanded by Captain C. W. Barewell, and the Pythian Light guards of this city, were in the procession. A grand ball and banquet were held at the opera house this evening. D. F. Corte, adjutant of the Second regiment; C. H. Ware, captain of the Black Eagle division; and Jas. A. Brown, lieutenant-colonel of the Second regiment, all of Omaha, were in attendance.

Stakers Ahead of Time.

NIOBRARA, Neb., May 1.—[Special to THE BEE.]—It was ascertained to-day that about one hundred parties are quietly at work staking out claims on the Sioux reservation bordering here. As there are but a few Ponca Indians on this portion of the reservation, which is the best of the 11,000,000 acres, and will be a part of Nebraska as soon as the Indian title is extinct, these adventurers go upon the land without being molested.

Selling Liquor on Sunday.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John N. Peyson and McGoffin Bros., saloon keepers, of Covington, who were arrested last week, charged with selling liquor on Sunday were brought before Judge Wilbur, to-day, and each fined one hundred dollars and costs; they have appealed. Other prosecutions will follow.

Adams County's New Court House.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Returns from all but two towns in Adams county make it certain that the election has been carried in favor of issuing bonds to build a new court house and jail to cost $75,000.

A Murder Case Heard.

ALBION, Neb., May 1.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Hansard Garrison, who murdered John Myers at Cedar Rapids last Friday, had his hearing to-day. S. R. Austin has been employed as attorney for defendant.

Election in Pender.

PENDER, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—For clerk, A. C. Abbott; for treasurer, A. L. Maryatt; for sheriff, William Myers; for county attorney, J. G. Arthur; for county judge, Aaron Young, and for superintendent of schools, Mrs. Getty W. Drury, were nominated by the republican convention to-day.

A Singular Fatal Accident.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Some parties saw a team running around in a circle, in a field six miles north of this city, this afternoon, and on going to them found William Barge the driver tangled in the lines and plow, and being dragged about. The horses were stopped but the man was found in an unconscious condition and simply gasped and died. He was badly bruised, but Dr. Benton who was called says none of the bruises were sufficient to cause death, and his neck must have been broken.

Brainard's Town Council.

BRAINARD, Neb., May 1.—[Special to THE BEE.]—By a unanimous vote Brainard's board of trustees granted licenses to two saloons at $1,000 per year each. Officers were elected as follows: Clerk, Theodore J. Smush; treasurer, Alfred K. Smith; marshal, A. Talbot; street commissioner, I. T. Rains.

Recruits for the Pen.

AURORA, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Four "profesh," run in on March 12, for burglarizing freight cars, were to-day sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Norval. John Rogers and Charles Hamlin get two years, and James Hamlin and Thomas Phillips, fifteen months each.

Business Change in Dakota City.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Smith & Ashford, of this county, who carry one of the heaviest stocks of general merchandise in this part of the state, dissolved partnership to-day. The business hereafter will be conducted by the latter.

Licenses in Orleans.

ORLEANS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The new city council have been in session all day and after a stormy fight finally granted licenses to Barney Norton and N. Langton at $750 a year.

Orleans Sons of Veterans.

ORLEANS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Sons of Veterans met last night in Masonic hall and organized a camp of twenty-four members.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Further Discussion of the School Bond Election Matter.

Eleven members of the board of education were present at last night's meeting of that body, which congregated purposely to determine the amount of bonds that are proposed to be issued for school sites and new school buildings. The absentees were Messrs. Weber, Spore, Felton and Clarke. In the absence of the latter, who is president of the board, Vice President McConnell presided.

At a previous meeting, held last Friday night, the board met as a committee of the whole and made a report, recommending that $300,000 be allowed as an estimate for the various new schoolsites and buildings. In this report it was proposed to hold a special election May 14 for the issuance of the bonds. As no definite action was taken another meeting was held last night and several amendments were made to the report.

Before the meeting was called to order, however, there was considerable discussion on the question of the legality of the proposition of submitting the question of issuing the bonds at an election.

Morris Morrison stated that as there was a question as to the legality of such an election, it would be better to get an opinion from the board's attorney.

C. F. Goodman, with this in view, suggested that the board had better adjourn. A motion was made to that effect but was lost by a vote of 5 to 4.

When the meeting convened Mr. Sholes moved to go into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the report made last week on the bond question.

Regarding the legality of elections held for the purpose of issuing bonds, and in relation to estimates of expenses, the following sections of the school law of 1887, chapter 77, are appended.

Section 25—That the board of education shall annually, during the month of June, report to the city council an estimate of the amount of funds required for the support of the schools, for the purchase of school sites, the erection and furnishing of school buildings, the payment of interest upon all bonds issued for school purposes, and the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such indebtedness, and the city council is hereby authorized and required to levy and collect said amount the same as other taxes. Provided, however, that in case the purchase of school sites and the erection of buildings shall require an expenditure exceeding $25,000 for any one calendar year, the question shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the district, at the time and place of any city, county or state election; the board of education shall, previous to such election, designate, in at least one daily paper published in the district where such election shall be held, the locality of the site or sites required, and the cost of buildings to be erected thereon.

Sec. 28. That the board of education may borrow money upon the bonds which they are hereby authorized and impowered to issue, bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, at such place as may be mentioned upon the face of such bonds; which loan shall be paid and reimbursed in a period not exceeding thirty years from the date of said bonds; provided, that no bonds shall be issued, nor question of issue be submitted to the electors without the consent of two-thirds the members of the board of education, and be offered in open market and sold to the highest bidder for not less than par value on each dollar; and provided further, that no bonds shall be issued by the board without first submitting the proposition of issuing said bonds, at an election called for that purpose, or at any regular election; notice whereof shall be given for at least ten days in one or more of the daily papers published within the district, to the qualified voters of said district, and if a majority of the ballots polled at such an election shall be for issuing bonds, said board of education may issue bonds in such an amount as shall be named in the election notice.

Some of the members claimed that the two clauses were inconsistent, but after a long discussion the conclusion was reached that they in no wise conflicted, and that it would be perfectly proper to call an election.

The report of the committee, with its recommendations for the various sites, was published in Saturday morning's BEE. The first amendment to it at last night's meeting was the estimate of $24,500 for retaining walls and walks around the High school, the Farnam and Leavenworth schools, to be reduced to $12,500. Carried.

The estimate of $75,000 for an addition to the high school was made a separate and distinct proposition for submission at the election.

A motion to strike out the estimate of $5,500 for the site at Fifth and Hickory was offered. To this an amendment for a $25,000 site and a $50,000 building at Seventh and Poppleton avenue was made. Both were lost.

An estimate of $6,000 for a site at Dwight and Megeath streets, in Dupont place, was allowed.

The $8,000 estimate for additional grounds at Lathrop site was increased to $16,000 in order that five more adjoining lots could be purchased in Kountze Place.

An estimate of $10,000 for a twelve-room building in Dupont Place was also allowed.

The estimates for the different sites as amended are as follows:

Lathrop	$16,000	Fort Omaha	$ 2,500
Gibson	2,500	Hartman	10,000
Hickory	5,500	Dupont	6,000

Following are the estimates for the new school buildings:

Long, eight-room	$30,000
Franklin, eight-room	30,000
West Omaha, eight-room	30,000
Hickory, eight-room	30,000
Hartman, sixteen-room	50,000
Dupont, twelve-room	40,000
High school addition	75,000
Retaining walls and walks	12,500

This makes a total of $340,000 in bonds to be issued for sites and new buildings.

When the report was ready for adoption, the board decided to postpone further consideration of the question of bonds and election until at the regular meeting, which will be held Monday night.

GRAVEYARD OF GREAT HOPES

Oklahoma Proves a Mammoth Fake Worked by Land Sharks.

LAMBS CORRALLED BY WOLVES.

A Vast Congregation of Gamblers, Peddlers and Reckless Adventurers Fleecing the Deluded—A Desert of Sand.

Life in Guthrie.

GUTHRIE, April 29.—[Special Correspondence of THE BEE.]—If the streets of Guthrie were paved with gold and in the air were flying diamonds instead of dust and sand, there could not be a greater rush here or more eagerness manifested for the possession of town lots and homesteads in this locality.

People are here from all parts of the United States and some from Canada. Many have abandoned happy homes and prosperous business to seek their fortunes in this newly opened territory. Within the past four days fully fifty thousand people have entered Oklahoma for the purpose of taking up land and about half as many more for the purpose of speculation. Among the speculators many have made money off the multitudes assembled here, and every butcher shop, chop house, lodging tent and peanut stand is doing an immense business.

All kinds of goods, wares and merchandise are very high, as is always the case where the demands are greater than the supply, consequently business is profitable and living comes high. All luxuries of life have to be dispensed with and people here are content if the bare necessities can be obtained. Bread, meat and black coffee, with eggs and onions for the more fortunate, constitute the principal articles of diet.

Everything here is in a state of confusion, and it is almost impossible to get a place to sleep. Thousands of people are

SLEEPING ON THE GROUND,

some in tents and others with no shelter save the canopy of heaven. The nights are chilly and many persons suffer from the cold.

From 200 to 500 men are always in line in front of the postoffice tent awaiting their turn to ask for mail, and the postmaster and his clerk are so busy waiting on the thousands who daily inquire for mail that they cannot properly make up the mails to go out or distribute those coming in.

At the depot people are constantly complaining of bad management and facilities for obtaining freight and express, and on two days soldiers had to be placed at the express office to preserve order and keep back the impatient crowds who had express matter in the office which they were in great need of but could not get. Absence of competition makes the express company and railroad company very arbitrary, and the people have to endure it for there is no use to complain.

The postoffice facilities for the 10,000 people are no better than for a village of 200, and the United States postal authorities have been very direlect in their duty to the people who have assembled here. There is but one delivery and one clerk for all the people, and at no time can mail be obtained without going with the line, which takes from two to four hours.

THE SCARCITY OF WATER

makes the sunburned, dusty boomers look like native Indians. No one tries to keep clean here, but all have an excellent opportunity of wearing out their old clothes and getting well tanned by the sun. But never was there a better natured and more submissive people. They put up with every hardship and all sorts of trials and inconveniences without a murmer. Occasionally, however, some poor unfortunate who sacrificed his all and left a good home to come to the land he expected to find flowing with milk and honey gives vent to his feelings in bitter imprecations upon the newspapers, which, by axaggerated accounts of the advantages of Oklahoma, induced people to come to this place.

Guthrie is well supplied with gambling devices of all kinds. There is faro and stud poker for the "bloods," roulette, wheel of fortune and chuck-luck for the granger element, and various skin games for the tenderfeet. The streets are crowded with gambling layouts and fakirs of all kinds, and all seem to be well patronized. People here are bent on making money one way if not another, and many men are working as carpenters who never drove a nail before; others are peddling water, lemonade or sandwiches through the camp. Some are anxious to leave, but are unable to buy a railroad ticket on which to get home; others are destitute and needy, and, having neither tents nor bedclothes, suffer very much from the cold at night.

Creek water is being hauled here and sold on the streets by the wagon load, and several wells are being dug.

THE SURVEYS OF GUTHRIE

now being made show that many of the settlers are in the streets, and this place will either be one of the most irregularly laid out cities in the world, or else the scene of endless litigation, unless the bottom drops out of the boom sooner than is expected, and everybody moves away.

Most people are holding their claims with Winchesters and six-shooters—not only here, but all over Oklahoma—and squatters' rights are only recognized during the actual squat.

A number of wild turkeys and deer have been brought into the camp. Turkeys sell at $4 each, and venison brings from 25 to 50 cents a pound. These are luxuries that only a few can afford, the common rabble having to put up with bread and bacon or ham, and black coffee. Everybody here has to eat more than his share of dirt, for fine dust and sand fills the air and gets into all kinds of food. It is a bad place for a dainty or fastidious person, for the rough fare and general inconveniences try even the hardiest and roughest pioneer. In windy weather, and it is always windy here, there is a perfect storm of dust, cleanness is entirely out of the question, and not only does a man have to eat his peck of dirt, but he has to carry about a large stock of it in his clothes, hair and eyes, and on his face. But many who have anxiously longed for Oklahoma real estate will get it in no other way, and get no more of it than that which the wind lodges on his person and food.

MONEY IS BEING MADE HERE,

but it is made by the land-sharks, the blacklegs, the gamblers and those who stand in with the United States marshal and his deputies, and the land officers located here. Every individual whose livelihood is gained through advantage taken of the misfortunes or weaknesses and needs of others, is among the money makers of Guthrie. People have to eat, drink and sleep, and those who can provide for the necessaries of life are enabled to charge their own prices—people must live, and here they must pay daily for that privilege.

Many persons who have come here are to be pitied. They have sacrificed valuable property and, perhaps their homes, to come to Oklahoma. The expense of coming was great, and the expense of remaining is greater. They have found only disappointment here, and the bright future and happy homes so glaringly painted by the press and depicted by hope, have vanished in fancy like many another vision to which distance lent enchantment. The Oklahoma then fancy painted was a paradise; the Oklahoma they found in reality is a land of hot sunshine, winds and sand, with a fair sprinkling of land grabbers, fakirs and buncosteerers. And the thousands of honest settlers who are here to earn their living by fair and upright means, will meet with many bitter disappointments.

It was reported to-day that Captain Couch, one of the old Oklahoma boomers, is leading a colony of 600 homeseekers to the Cherokee strip, and from present indications it seems the stampede from Oklahoma to this strip will be as great as the rush to Oklahoma from other points. There is a great deal of

CLAIM JUMPING

here notwithstanding the many manifestations of discontent. One must stay with his lot or he will find somebody else located and building a