

ABOUT A HOLE IN THE GROUND

The Mystery of the Grading Job at the County Hospital.

A RECKLESS PIECE OF WORK.

The County Hobbed and No One Knows How It Occurred—Interviews With the Interested Parties.

The Hospital Grading Job.

In July of 1887, Richard O'Keefe, W. J. Mount and George E. Timme, as commissioners, awarded Ryan & Walsh a contract to build the new county hospital...

About that time everybody interested appeared exceedingly anxious that operations should begin without further delay...

From a systematic examination into the records of the grading job it is found that the work was done in several days...

On this one item, the grading over which so much stir is now being made, called for an outlay of \$30,000, exact figures that are conceded to be \$5,709.07 more than should have been paid...

Wednesday a BER reporter visited the hospital and there saw Ed Walsh, who expressed his willingness to tell all he knew...

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First let it be understood that when completed and ready for occupancy the hospital would cost nearly three times as much as the original estimate.

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Dave Wells, acting in the capacity of clerk to the board. Needham states that the hospital matter was kept secret from him as far as possible. After the contract and schedule were left in his keeping...

The fact may be divined that this small feature has already, since its discovery, been the direct cause of an immense amount of solicitation...

The commissioners figured on vouchers likewise remains a mystery. Expert mathematicians in the court house claim that the figures were made by Dave Wells...

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IN THE COURTS.

Another Suit Against the Western Casket Company.

Theodore Tideman & Bro., of New York, brought suit against the Western Casket company to recover the \$28,30 for goods furnished since May 1, 1889.

Elizabeth McCaffery vs. Lacy McCaffery.

The title of a new suit in the district court, instituted on a petition praying for the division of twelve acres of land in section 8, township 14, range 15.

The following new papers were filed: 14-292—Lightbulb vs. Patrick Land company; motion that petition be made more definite.

14-291—Gallagher vs. Youman; motion to strike petition from files. 14-291—Bickel vs. City of Omaha; demurrer by defendant.

14-292—Zemann vs. City of Omaha; answer of defendant. 14-293—Kinball Champ Investment company vs. David Goodly.

14-294—Same vs. John and F. O'Hanlon. 14-295—Van Ness vs. Sweeney. 14-296—Perrine vs. Perrine.

14-297—Fricke vs. Fricke. 14-298—Paul vs. Clevens. 14-299—Nebraska Savings bank vs. Lang-

14-300—Same vs. Weldon. 14-301—Johnson vs. Maher, et al. 14-302—Miles vs. Wilde.

14-303—Omaha Banking company vs. Mayne et al. 14-304—Same vs. Ashley. 14-305—Wollinski vs. Wollinski.

LANCASTER COUNTY POLITICS

Aspirants For the Various Plums

Actively at Work.

KELLY'S METHODS ILLUSTRATED.

Matrimony Encouraged by Judge Houston—State Fair Prospects—Supreme Court Matters—General News.

LINCOLN BUREAU OF THE OMAHA BEE.

Chairman Hamilton has called the call for the meeting of the Republican county central committee. It will be held to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Maxie and Carr, however, are pulling hard for the place. At this time the chances are fairly even in the scramble for Melick's shoes.

John Kilroy, until within a day or two, was making a pretty good thing for the office county judge. He had Judge Stewart, who hopes to succeed himself, trembling in the balance.

Notwithstanding the setback of Mr. Barker, chairman of the executive board of the state board of agriculture, arrangements are moving right along for the fair, which commences September 6.

The special attractions, secured by the management, have been mentioned by this paper at various times. The exhibit for 1889 will far surpass that of any previous year.

Mr. Justice Wade has an interesting legal question under advisement. Harry Handie pawned a \$50 diamond ring in the place operated by Fred Mohle.

The following cases were filed for trial in the district court to-day: T. T. Weitz vs. C. C. Wolfe; error from the district court of Johnson county.

Notarial Appointments. The governor to-day made the following notarial appointments: J. A. Spruce, Long Pine, Brown county; J. A. Henderson, Omaha, Douglas county; O. C. Catlin, Centropolis, Banner county;

THEY WILL ALL BE GREAT.

The Omaha Fair, Merchants' Week and Coliseum Exposition.

The coming week will be a great event in the history of Omaha. There will be the Merchants' week celebration, the Omaha fair and the Coliseum exposition.

The fair ground is a scene of busy activity at present, a large force of men being engaged in arranging matters for the great display.

Inside the inclosure all is activity. Workmen are busily engaged in repairing the old and constructing the new buildings.

The city board of health ordered notice to be given to the present owners of indiscriminate dogs, to clean up their yards, and allow no barrels or wagons or rubbish to remain in them.

People in General.

People in general should know what's best to do in case of a sudden attack of cholera. It is a well established fact that prompt relief may be had in any case of cholera, cholera morbus, dysentery or diarrhoea by giving a few doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Young People's Literary Program.

The Young People's Literary society will give its first entertainment Friday evening, in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Justice in Gay Colors.

The court house is to be elaborately decorated and beautified for next week's festivities with flags and bunting arranged in fantastic and novel designs.

Jack Prince, manager of the Coliseum, is enthusiastic almost to the verge of insanity.

General Dandy's Arrival.

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Meeting of Its Representatives in

Hanscom Park M. E. Church.

AIMS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Consolidating the Various Associations Among the Younger Element of the Methodist Church—Women's Missionary Society.

Two Conventions.

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