THE SIDEWALKS OF OMAHA.

Interested City Officials Discuss the Manner of Making Them.

A VARIETY OF OPINIONS EXPRESSED.

Another Meeting to Be Held at the Council Chamber Saturday Evening for Consideration of the Ordinance.

The members of the board of public works, the city council committee on sidewalks, the city engineer and city attorney, met the mayor according to appointment at 2 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the subject of a new plan regarding sidewalks. The meeting opened with a very interesting discussion.

Mr. Furay—The existing ordinance relative to sidewalks certainly does not meet the demands. Would it not, therefore, be wise for the council to consider the propriety of enacting a new one to be entitled a permanent sidewalk ordinance.

Mr. Poppleton—I don't take so very much stock in so-called permanent sidewalks. We can build good plank walks every five years for the interest on what you put into stone walks. Then, too, there are many streets even within the fire limits that are not yet improved, and I certainly would not be in favor of placing concrete, tiling, stone or brick walks in front of unimproved property. I am hearing a great deal about brick walks, etc. It is a big mistake. Some people in the city seem to be trying to start a furor in favor of brick. If this obtains I think the city will find itself, in two years, as sick of brick for such purposes as it did of wood a few years ago.

Mayor Cushing—If you make your walks of brick you get done with this damage business. I get a notice this morning that Mrs. Mary Leroy is going to sue the city for $15,000 for skinning her leg by reason of a defective sidewalk.

Mr. Furay—No man should be asked to lay a permanent sidewalk unless he has a curb stone to lay it against.

City Engineer Tillotson—The only thing to do is for the city to take full charge of the whole sidewalk business. It wouldn't cost the city nor the taxpayer any more and would give uniformity all over the city. I would not let the property owners have anything to do with it.

Mr. Birkhauser—The repairs might be transferred to the city, but not the entire matter of sidewalks.

Mr. Poppleton—I see no call for a radical change in the sidewalk system of the city. What we want is more speed in the attention to repairs.

Mr. Olsen—The mayor's idea of doing away with the sidewalk inspectors and letting the police notify regarding needed repairs is the very best thing that has been suggested.

Mr. Birkhauser—That's so; it is the very best thing that we've heard of up to date.

Mayor Cushing—And now why not go ahead and buy several thousand feet of lumber a big lot of it—and have it sawed up the proper length and held in readiness so that all repairs may be made within twenty-four hours.

Mr. Tillotson—It would certainly be cheaper to have these petty repairs made as the mayor says, and not go through the time-taking routine of advertising.

Major Furay again brought up the matter of permanent sidewalks along streets where the fire limits have been recently extended. He held that to compel property owners on West Farnam, South Sixteenth and other streets, where the fire limits have been extended a long way, to lay permanent sidewalks is an injustice and is impracticable, for in many places where there are heavy bills the foundation is not sufficiently solid for a stone, brick or concrete walk. He believed that there should be an ordinance to cover those cases and by which property owners on these streets might be enabled to lay or repair board walks without a violation of the city ordinance which now governs the fire limits.

Mr. Poppleton spoke of the small holes that abound in all parts of the city, where only a board or two are missing, but which are very dangerous and may cause the city a great deal of trouble and expense at any time. He believed these small defects should be carefully looked after.

Mr. Birkhauser said that many of the breaks where single boards are missing have been caused by teamsters driving over the walks and by cattle and horses running over them. The boards are broken or torn loose and then carried away by some one for fuel. He suggested that a sum of money be set aside for sidewalk repairs, and that not more $2.50 be expended on any one lot.

Mayor Cushing—Let the matter of repairs be left largely to the discretion of the board of public works.

Olsen—I think there should be a limit placed on the amount to be spent on any one lot. I am opposed to turning the matter all over to the board of public works or to any one individual. The council has a right to know how and where this money is being spent.

Mayor Cushing—No one is going to abuse the authority given them to make sidewalk repairs.

Olsen—You don't know what people may abuse. We don't want to go into the business of building sidewalks for Tom, Dick and Harry. I think we should limit the expenditures on each lot.

Mr. Poppleton—I notice another abuse of a privilege given to grading contractors that is creating a vast amount of trouble. Contractors tear up the sidewalks when they take a job of grading, and when they are through the walk is left in frightful shape. Sometimes it is left upside down in a heap or lying zigzag like a rail fence. In other places where the contractors have made a show of putting down the walk when the work of grading was completed they have left holes here and there in the walk where the boards have been carried away or broken, and a number of dangerous gaps are left there as man-traps which may cost the city thousands of dollars within a few months if some one happens to fall into them and be injured. I say that these contractors should not receive a cent of pay until they have put the sidewalks back where they belong.

Birkhauser—They don't—they have to sign a very strict contract before they are permitted to tear up the sidewalks. You ought to see the stipulations that they are compelled to sign. They are obliged—

Mr. Poppleton—I don't care what your stipulations are. With due respect to the board of public works I say right here that it is a notorious fact known to every man on this committee that sidewalks are not put down as they should be by many of the grading contractors who tear them up. I repeat the statement that this matter should be more strictly looked after and no man should get his pay until he has placed the walks he has taken up back where they belong. The contractors should be held responsible for walks that they tear up.

Mr. Olsen called the attention of the board to the negligence of certain property owners who permit the dirt that falls down from high banks upon their walks to remain there and become a nuisance and an obstruction.

Mayor Cushing said there was an ordinance already covering that, and he read it. The ordinance provides that all property owners shall keep their walks clear of dirt, snow, etc., and the mayor said: "I shall notify Chief Seavey to have the policemen look after this matter and notify all property owners who are violating this ordinance."

It was finally agreed that the committee should proceed to prepare an ordinance providing for sidewalk repairs and submit it to the council, along with the recommendation that a fund of from $3,000 to $5,000, or some such amount, be set aside for the purpose of mending the broken and delapidated walks in all parts of the city.

The committee will meet with the board again on Saturday night at the council chamber, when the ordinance will be submitted and discussed.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg.

The Methodist Hospital.

A meeting of the subscribers to the fund being raised for the erection of a Methodist hospital was held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association Monday afternoon, Mr. B. R. Ball presiding. Already $1,500 has been subscribed.

The principal business transacted was the effecting of a permanent organization and the selection of twenty-one trustees. The following gentlemen were elected to compose this board: Reverends G. M. Brown, C. W. Savidge, J. W. Shank, R. A. Crane, P. S. Merrill, W. K. Beans, A. Hodgetts and Messrs. B. R. Ball, A. H. Davis, J. W. Nicholson, John Dale, J. J. McLaun, J. M. Hazelton, Frank Hills, J. F. Cowgill, A. C. Foster, S. W. Lakasay, A. T. Rector, Alex Hodge, L. O. Johns and E. M. Richardson. These gentlemen were instructed to immediately set about securing a location and make the necessary arrangements for the erection and opening of the hospital. A meeting of the trustees is called for Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the same place. In connection with this noble work there has also been effected a ladies' auxiliary association, and to them has been delegated the furnishing of the rooms of the hospital. A meeting of the ladies will be held at 2 o'clock next Saturday in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association.

It is now proposed to invite all the ladies interested in this movement to meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Saturday, February 28, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary association of the hospital.

George Campbell, Hopkinsville, Ky., says: Burdock blood bitters is the best preparation for the blood and stomach ever manufactured.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following pensions have been allowed: Iowa: Original—Albert Bishop, Nicholas Crignes, Richard M. Crane, George Colby, Bartholomew Carpretz, William Hebard, Thomas W. McKeever, Robert F. McLearn, Martin Krause, Jacob Focht, James T. Halstead, Howard Hawarth, John Q. A. Park, Joshua A. Ballard, William M. Loan, N. Lemuel, J. Park, Henry Daring, John Baker, Isaac Collins, William Hutton, George C. Morgan, William T. Howell, Leander K. Dutton, deceased, John S. Jackson. Increase—William M. Emery, Daniel J. Reene, Thomas R. Boyce. Reissue—Charles A. Johnson, William C. Holmes, Chauncey Thomas. Reissue and increase—S. Spencer. Original widows, etc.—Ella R., widow of John B. Crisman; Julia, mother of John St. John; Elizabeth, widow of Gabriel N. Heckman; Eleanor B., widow of William D. Guernsey; Marion B., widow of Leander K. Dutton; Catherine E., widow of Valentine Ross; Malissa D., widow of John Crum. Mexican widows—Hannah, widow of John Knapp.

Nebraska: Original invalid—William H. H. Cline, Clarke Purdy, Samuel R. Burk, Stevens Roberts, Jared L. Dearinger, Joseph D. Blackburn, Jerome T. Tunk, Heinrich Lohmier, Henry Reber, John A. Hicks, George Hales, Christian Christians, James H. Camp. Increase—Horace N. Gould, Charles B. Thompson, John W. Sawyer, William R. Jaco, Sylvanus Backus. Original widows, etc.—John, father of William T. Christopher.

South Dakota: Original—John N. Jenkins, John W. Headley, John Huntington, Hudson L. Brundges. Restoration, reissue and increase—John Rudd. Increase—Oscar Murray, Franklin S. Warner. Original widows, etc.—Minor Lester E. Wood.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething softens the gums and allays all pain. 25 cents a bottle.

Ex-Jailer Miller Talks.

The attention of ex-County Jailer Joe Miller was called to Boehme's statement to the effect that prisoners had frequently escaped from him under similar circumstances. Said he: "The only prisoner who ever escaped from the inside of the jail was one who was let out by Lynch in the same manner that Mansfield and McCoy were released.

"They say they can't help it. How did I help it? The only way to run a jail is to watch it constantly and with a vigilance that must never be relaxed. It isn't one man in a hundred who is cut out for a jailer. There isn't the right kind of timber in there now, and I told John Boyd so months ago. Bohme wouldn't make a jailer in 150 years and old man Decker isn't cut out for the place. Another thing, the prisoners hate them, and that is something that ought to be avoided. They don't get around among the men and don't know what is going on.

"They say I used to keep quiet about escapes when I was there. The fact is that the first thing I did when a man got away from the guards outside was to report it to the police. The trouble is they are scared to death up there, and they can't get a man out of the cage if he don't want to come out. There will be trouble there one of these days. Prisoners always get uneasy as warm weather comes on, and there are more jail deliveries than at any other season.

"When the first man got away from these folks they charged that I let him out with skeleton keys. Now they claim they are doing as well as I did and think that this statement should explain the loss of any prisoners. They haven't the men in there now that have been there. If they had, there wouldn't be a roof left on the jail. They are afraid and the prisoners know it.

"There is no discipline. When I left there were blankets enough on hand to last two years, and last fall they had to have a new supply. A prisoner told me that some of the men had five pairs of double blankets. That shows how well affairs are looked after, and there are plenty of other similar instances."

No griping, no nausea, no pain when De Witt's Little Early Risers are taken. Small pill. Safe pill. Best pill.

Will Change Jailers.

Speaking of the several peculiar jail deliveries that have occurred at the county jail recently, Sheriff Boyd informed THE BEE yesterday morning that he had decided to make a change of jailers just as soon as he could arrange matters.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. Baker of Albion is at the Paxton.

J. C. White of Lincoln is at the Paxton.

E. E. Yates of Lincoln is at the Murray.

F. T. Houser of Auburn is at the Casey.

W. E. Bauer of David City is at the Casey.

George L. Wiley of Norfolk is at the Casey.

B. J. Wright of Lincoln is at the Murray.

J. E. Doty of David City is at the Paxton.

J. C. Hopkins of Topeka is at the Paxton.

J. A. Van Osdell of Beatrice is at the Murray.

W. C. Brooks of Beatrice is at the Millard.

C. J. Bogardus of Brainard is at the Millard.

M. L. Elsmore of Hastings is at the Millard.

D. S. Draper of Plattsmouth is at the Dellone.

S. P. Rounds of Hastings is at the Dellone.

H. T. McGwen of St. Louis is at the Dellone.

V. T. Price of Rapid City, S. D., is at the Paxton.

Thomas C. Carson of Denver is at the Murray.

J. D. McDonald of Fremont is at the Murray.

Jeff Wyman of Alliance, Neb., is at the Millard.

Henry Herold of Plattsmouth is at the Millard.

George W. Heine of Hooper, Neb., is at the Millard.

John E. Busher of New York is at the Dellone.

Carl Morton of Nebraska City is at the Dellone.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Melklejohn is in the city.

M. E. Springer and F. J. Burton of Chicago are at the Dellone.

N. C. Gilmore and N. B. Cook of Atchison are at the Dellone.

G. C. Hooper and wife of Nebraska City are at the Dellone.

Lou Wessel, editor of the Capital City Courier, is at the Murray.

A. A. Billings left for Los Angeles via the Burlington Monday night.

Henry T. Oxnard, the beet sugar man of Grand Island, is in the city.

F. D. Travis and G. W. Updike of Holdredge are stopping at the Millard.

Carl Morton of Nebraska City, son of ex-Governor J. Sterling Morton, is at the Paxton.

Mrs. George H. Webster of Orchard Hill is confined to her room with a quite severe attack of pleurisy.

Colonel and Mrs. R. C. Clowry of Chicago are in the city. Colonel Clowry is superintendent of the Western Union telegraph company and has large property interests in this city.

TOOK IT EASY.

A Session of the Council Devoted to Routine Business.

Deputy Clerk Giberson lifted up his voice as reading clerk at last night's meeting of the council and acquitted himself creditably. The meeting was a harmonious one, routine business alone being considered.

The mayor presented a formal notice of the decision of the supreme court in the South Omaha boundary case.

D. J. O'Donohoe, Thomas Swift and O. C. Sutten were appointed appraisers on the construction of the Hamilton street viaduct.

The mayor vetoed the resolution of Mr. Morearty fixing the working hours of the street commissioner's force at eight hours a day. The mayor gave as a reason that the proposed reform should have been made by ordinance. He further claimed that such an order was unfair and should extend to all classes.

Mr. Morearty said: "The mayor's opinion individually is only worth what it is worth as an individual, and is worth no more than any other individual's individual opinion is worth as an individual," and then went on to make an earnest appeal for his resolution. The veto was sustained and on motion of Mr. Beechel the matter was referred to the judiciary committee with instructions to prepare an ordinance in accordance with the intent of the resolution.

The mayor's veto of J. O. Corby's sewer contract on technical grounds was sustained, and the board of public works instructed to make a new contract with Mr. Corby.

The mayor also vetoed a resolution authorizing the city to assume the cost of maintaining gasoline lamps in Clifton Hill and Creighton Heights, as no definite time was fixed at which the city should assume the liability. The veto was sustained.

The mayor's appointment of A. B. Hawett as superintendent of the city hall was confirmed, several of the members announcing that they had become acquainted with Mr. Hawett and found him to be competent, etc.

The bid of J. P. Haley for partial construction of an engine house on Pierce street, the amount being $2,299, was rejected, as the certified check required did not accompany the bid. The bid of Newman, Hansen & Johnson for the work complete for $5,000 was referred to the committee on public property and buildings.

Bids for printing the annual reports of the city officers were received from Ackerman Bros. & Heintze, Rees printing company, Pokrok Zapada printing company, Gibson Miller & Richardson, Republican printing company.

The city treasurer was authorized to sell as many as 500 copies of Council's compiled ordinances at $2.50 per volume.

The city clerk was authorized to have the general ordinances passed since the Council compilation, compiled and published in pamphlet form.

Chairman Birkhauser of the board of public works was allowed $150 for expenses for a trip of investigation of the paving and macadamizing in other cities.

Mr. Osthoff's resolution setting aside $5,000 of the general fund for the immediate repair of sidewalks was adopted.

A resolution, offered by Olsen, instructing the police to enforce the ordinance requiring property owners to keep snow and mud cleaned from the sidewalks, was adopted.

The report of the committee on public property and buildings, recommending that the communication of J. S. Collins, relative to the proposed monument of General Crooke, be placed on file, was adopted.

There is to be another wrangle over the fire limit ordinance. Many complaints have been made against the ordinance recently passed and, upon recommendation of the committee on fire and waterworks, the matter of revising the ordinance was referred to a special committee. The chair appointed the chief of the fire department and the committee on fire and waterworks.

The council's special committee appointed to consider the subject of public improvements reported that in the opinion of the city attorney no bonds can be issued this year for any purpose except for district paving and curbing improvements, and that no grading can be done except at the expense of the property owners.

The Ballou electric light ordinance was again introduced and referred to the committee on gas and electric lights.

The charter committee will visit Lincoln probably on Thursday to look after the bill now before the legislature amending the city's laws.

BOGUS DETECTIVE CAPTURED.

He Claimed He Was Looking for Texas Train Robbers.

Sergeant Whalen and Detective Savage arrested a bogus detective last night in a house on Ninth street. The fellow is not more than twenty-two years old, tall and powerfully built, and poses as a sort of "Jack-the-Giant-Killer." He was entertaining the inmates of the house by showing a pair of hand-cuffs and a star he carried and relating imaginary scrimmages he claims to have passed through. He had on a long black wig and a heavy false moustache and looked quite wild and wooly.

Sergeant Whalen asked him who he was.

"I am a detective, sir," replied the romantic looking youth. "I am looking for Texas train robbers. I belong to the United States Rangers," and he produced his star, upon which the words "Assistant Captain United States Rangers" is inscribed.

Just at that point in the conversation Detective Savage laid his hand on the young man's wig and lifted it off. The hero was very much confused, and, like Samson of old, his power and prowess vanished with the removal of his long hair. He was locked up at the station. He gave the name of W. H. Coady.

The officers think he is a dangerous man and has been masquerading in the wig and moustache while preparing to burglarize some residence or business house here.

Ennis and Keyes Arraigned.

J. Ennis and Patrick Keyes were arraigned in the police court yesterday upon the triple charges of larceny, larceny as bailee and embezzlement. C. E. Wolfe, the complainant, was present and the indications seemed to point to the pooling of issues between him and Keyes and against Ennis.

James Shilds of Creston, Ia., was called to the witness stand and testified that he had acted as agent for Mrs. Wolfe and had employed Ennis at $1 a day to locate Wolfe. He hired him on Saturday, February 7, paid him $1 and discharged him on the following Monday. Shields said that Ennis represented himself to be a deputy sheriff and showed him a star.

At this point Mr. Gannon said he was called to Lincoln and wanted the case postponed. Judge Helsley postponed the further hearing of the case until Friday at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Wolfe was present and furnished bail for her recreant husband, who has been held as a witness. It is understood that Ennis has paid Mrs. Wolfe $200, which he admits he got from Keyes.

St. Mathias Day.

Special services were held last night at St. Mathias Episcopal church, on South Tenth street, in honor of St. Mathias day and the Sixth anniversary of Bishop Worthington's consecration as bishop of Nebraska. Dr. Doherty delivered the address, taking for a subject, "The Position Occupied by Christian Ministers in the Plan of Salvation." The services were very interesting, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance.

Quick Work.

Des Moines Mail and Times.

A few days ago while sitting in Elder Bros.' drug store at Tingley, Ia., Mr. T. L. Dyer, a well known citizen, came in and asked for something for a severe cold which he had. Mr. Elder took down a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy and said: "Here is something I can recommend. It commands a large sale and gives genuine satisfaction. It is an excellent preparation and cheap." Mr. Dyer purchased a bottle and the next day when we saw him he said he was much better, and the day following appeared to be entirely cured. This is a specimen of the effectiveness of this preparation. For sale by all druggists.

Victimized by a Forger.

Peter Schmidt, who keeps a saloon at Ninth and Jackson streets, was victimized yesterday by a forger. He cashed a check for $8.50, purporting to have been signed by the Arctic ice company, but the signature proved to be a forgery. Schmidt does not remember the appearance of the man who presented the check.

THEY TALKED TEMPERANCE.

Discussion of the Women's National Council at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the morning session of the Women's National council the general subject of temperance was considered. Miss Francis Willard introduced Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, president of the Non-Partisan National Woman's Christian Temperance union, who spoke of the work and aims of her organization. Its great central doctrine, she said, was total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the state. Her union believed absolute political liberty was as much the right of a woman as that of man. They believed it wrong to ally themselves to any one political party. There were noble Christian temperance workers in all political parties. Their representatives had received aid and encouragement from noble men in both of the great political organizations, and it looked like bad faith to ask these men for help and then combine at the next election to defeat them.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union and Mrs. Matilda B. Carse of Chicago also spoke.

Highway Robbers Jailed.

B. J. Matteson, who lives at 540 Woolworth avenue and works for the Arctic ice company, was held up and robbed last night about 7:30 near the corner of Sixth street and Woolworth avenue. A. B. Smith and W. Wilson did the job, one of them holding Matteson by the throat while the other went through his pockets. The robbers got $14.75. They were recognized at the time by Matteson as two men who work with him for the same ice company. The three men were all paid on Monday and Wilson and Smith knew that Matteson had some money on his person.

Officers Savage and Shoop found the two robbers rounding up the saloons on Thirteenth street and they were lodged in jail before 9 o'clock.

A Purse Worth Fighting For.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Billie Sims and Sam Berliner, well known sporting men of this city, announce that they will give a purse of $15,000 for a fight to a finish with skin-tight or ounce gloves between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Hall of Australia, the fight to take place in San Antonio during the last week in October or the first week in November. They guarantee protection and will deposit $2,000 as soon as the match is made with either Dick Roche of St. Louis or Luke Short of Fort Worth, and two weeks before the fight will deposit the full amount with either of the above named men. The contestants may agree upon the terms of the match for the purse of $15,000 of which $5,000 goes to the loser. Marquis of Queensberry rules to govern, the principals to furnish their own seconds and to select the referee.

Decision in the O'Malley Case.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The state supreme court in session at Jefferson City, has rendered a decision in the case of the state ex rel. O'Malley vs the secretary of state, which firmly establishes the authority of the state central committee of either political party to interfere in, arbitrate and adjust political differences within the party. This was a proceeding which grew out of Patrick O'Malley's resistance to the order of the state committee calling new primaries and a new convention in the Sixth congressional district last fall. The opinion was rendered by Judge Sherwood. The court denies the peremptory writ and holds that the central committees of political parties have a right to arbitrate and settle differences between candidates.

Patents to Western Inventors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following patents were issued today: E. Matthew, C. Gamble, Stanton, Neb., rein-supporting ring for harness; Charles C. Gilman, Eldora, Ia., covering for steam and hot water pipes; Charles C. Gilman, Eldora, Ia., underground railway conduit; Claus Johnson, Aurelia, Ia., boot or shoe cleaner John S. Kidd, Des Moines, Ia., wagon dump and elevator; Melrose M. Killinger, Battle Creek, Neb., cockeye; Lawrence H. Paul, Wyoming, Ia., return pully; Charles Prescott and M. H. Bennett, Fairmont, Neb., sand screen; Chauncey W. Smith, Brush Creek, Ia., car coupling; Frank A. Snow, David City, Neb., stove pipe fastener.

Death of Prominent Dakotans.

MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Hon. H. C. Ayers of Plankinton, a member of the state board of regents, died at that place last night of neuralgia of the heart. He attended a Grand Army of the Republic camp-fire on the same evening and made the closing address. He was a prominent lawyer and was well known in the state.

General John Lawler who died this morning at Prairie du Chien, was the father of Hon. John D. Lawler, president of the First National bank of this city, and was the original owner of the town site of Mitchell and had large interests here at the time of his death.

Westminster Kennel Club Exhibition.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Madison Square garden was very animated this evening, this being the first day of the fifteenth annual bench show of the Westminster kennel club. The exhibition has of late years assumed such dimensions that it has become no unworthy rival of the world-famed dog show in Agricultural hall in London, and the present one eclipses all former records.

The Empress Fredericka at Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—The Empress Fredericka today inspected the German governesses' home and called upon a number of artists at their studios. The empress was also present at a banquet at the German embassy which was followed by a musical soiree which was attended by many members of the diplomatic corps.

Goes to the Supreme Court.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Judge Blodgett this morning decided the case of Marshall Field & Co., involving the validity of the McKinley tariff act. He said: "The best disposition the court can make of the matter is to affirm the decision of the appraisers at New York, and allow the case to go direct to the supreme court." An appeal will be made at once.

The La Blanche-Mitchell Fake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The directors of the California Athletic club last night decided to postpone the consideration of the question of awarding the victory for the Mitchell-La Blanche fight till next Monday night. Charges have been made that the fight was sold.

Sentenced for Life.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—James Dougherty, the insane lover of Mary Anderson, who shot and killed Dr. Lloyd of the Flatbush insane asylum, was sentenced today to Sing Sing state prison for life.

Exodusting to Oklahoma.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 24.—An exodus of negroes to Oklahoma from this state is in progress. Last night 100 left Pulaski county and by next Saturday 500 more will have left.

De Witt's Little Early Risers; best little pills for dyspepsia, sour stomach, bad breath.

Defrauded an Express Company.

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 24.—Victor I. Clark has been arrested, charged with having defrauded the American express company of various sums of money.

All scalp and skin diseases, dandruff, falling of the hair, gray or faded hair, may be cured by using that nature's true remedy, Hall's Hair Renewer.

A Tax Collector Short.

HONESDALE, Pa., Feb. 24.—Frank Babel recently re-elected tax collector of Texas township, has disappeared, leaving a shortage of $22,000.

Ask for Van Houten's Cocoa. Take no other.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Nebraska.

Ice two feet thick and clear as crystal is being harvested at Niobrara.

Ex-Governor Thayer lectured on "The Soldier" at Minden Monday night.

The First National bank of Columbus has instituted the "nickle savings-stamp" scheme.

Minden had another $10,000 fire Monday morning. B. W. Marsh's hardware store and Ed Shur's meat market were burned.

The Ladies' Cemetery society of Silver Creek, after a long struggle, have succeeded in securing their hearse. It arrived last week, and the ladies are happy.

Dr. Heshaw, who formerly practiced near Hampton, died Saturday from a self-administered dose of chloral. He had of late been teaching school and had shown much despondency.

While Jack Conway of Niobrara was cutting wood the ax caught over a clothes line, which was stretched over his head, and came down, taking him on the head and cutting a terrible gash.

There were two realty transfers made at Hastings Saturday, the considerations being $8,000. There were twelve chattle mortgages filed and five releases, and four cases filed in the district court.

Jim Stevenson's freighting outfit from Omaha, that had the contract of government freighting at Pine Ridge during the Indian trouble, is on its way to Omaha. There are about fifty four-horse teams.

The movement inaugurated in Hastings, Kearney and Beatrice is one to advertise not only the cities themselves, but the state at large, and it will not only benefit each of the cities named but every other town in the state.

The Sunday schools of Bartley circuit held a very profitable convention at Bartley Monday. The speakers touched upon nearly all the practical work to be done in the Sunday school and inspired every one with a desire to do better work.

Work on Hastings' bore for gas has been stopped for lack of funds. The hole is down 1,175, and is completely tubed to that depth. All concerned seem sanguine of a rich strike being made, and an effort will be made to secure money enough to put the drill down 2,000 feet.

Norfolk business men held a meeting to discuss the proposed county division. After thorough consideration it was decided that as Norfolk's relations with both sides in the matter were friendly the town should remain neutral. This will hold until the petition is presented and the sentiment of the people learned.

Judge Marshall has refused to entertain the excuse offered by a juryman of the present term of court at Schuyler that he was an honorary fireman, holding a proper certificate from his company, for the reason that the secretary and foreman of the company to which he belongs failed to file a certificate of membership with the clerk of the court, as provided by the statutes.

Minden is preparing for a spring building boom. On the site of the recent conflagration excavations have been made for two two-story brick buildings 22x80 feet, to be erected by B. W. Hammond and W. R. Dean. Arrangements to rebuild the entire burnt district have been made, and adjoining it on the east W. T. Thorn has let a contract for a sixty foot front two-story brick.

Arthur Harrity of Emerson made complaint before County Judge Reynolds that George Harrigfeld was the man who stabbed the Harrity brothers in a saloon row last month. Sheriff Boeckenhauer arrested Harrigfeld in the western part of Wayne county and took him to Ponca last week for examination and he was put under bonds in the sum of $800 to appear at the next term of district court.

The county of Wayne has petioned the supreme court to enjoin the officials of Thurston county from collecting taxes in the territory which is claimed by both counties. If Wayne county is successful there will be no longer any Thurston county. There is a question whether the tract in dispute was ever legally attached to Wayne, but the act defining the boundaries of Thurston county makes that county lap on Dakota county, and for that reason the act is void.

Iowa.

The bore for an artesian well at Clarinda has reached a depth of 850 feet.

The Scott county grand jury considers the Scott county jail unfit for human habitation.

The orphans' home in Davenport contains 392 inmates, thirty being from Scott county.

The United Brethren society will build a church in Muscatine to seat 500, and cost $6,000 to $7,000.

Secretary George E. McElwain of Creston has received a letter from Florida asking if space would be granted that state for an exhibit at the blue grass palace.

Davenport has done no school house building since 1879. A new building is wanted, however, and the question of authorizing an expenditure of $18,000 to meet the need will be voted on at the approaching election.

The following is the estimate of funds required for the Muscatine public schools for the ensuing year: Teachers' fund, $25,500; contingent fund, $6,250; school house fund, $2,370; school book fund, $750; total, $34,870.

Mercy hospital at Davenport contains thirty-two women and twenty-three men in its insane department and four women and four men in its sick department, all of whom are Scott county charges. There are about one hundred and fifty insane from other counties in the hospital.

Cedar Rapids during the past year has expended $105,789.56, apportioned as follows: Ordinance committee, $16,279.30; highways, $10,492.84; finance, $4,832.75; gas, $11,580.01; water, $14,206.80; sidewalks, $5,892.34; sewers, $21,164.08; public improvements, $8,410.03; parks, $577.20; roads, $7,968.25; board of health, $909.52; miscellaneous, $9,274.67.

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Mr. W. H. Voris, book-keeper and cashier of the American live stock commission company at South Omaha, called at THE BEE office last evening and requested the following statement to be published to correct erroneous statements inadvertantly made in THE BEE and untrue reports circulated by interested parties about the American live stock commission company: "The American live stock commission company is incorporated according to the laws of the state of Illinois, with 2,500 shares of stock of the par value of $100, limited in distribution to stock raisers and to twenty-five shares to any one subscriber, in every case the company lives up to and literally complies with all rules and by-laws of local stock exchanges. The statements given currency that the company cuts or divides commissions, are absolutely without foundation. The commissions, fixed by the local exchanges are charged on every consignment of stock whether it be from an officer, stockholder or shipping patron. The business of the company is transacted in exactly the same manner, the charges are the same as the James H. Campbell commission company, the McCloud-Lore commission company or the Sam Gosney commission company, and the profits are declared and paid to stockholders as is done in other incorporated or chartered companies. During the company's fiscal year ending November 30, 1890, commissions, amounting to $9,449.50, were received from persons who were not stockholders and not one of whom, directly or indirectly ever received a single cent as a rebate, commission or compensation for shipping to their company, but every cent thereof went into the treasury fund and with other commissions was received by stockholders, less the expenses, in the shape of dividends. The reasons the American live stock commission company does its business so economically are that it never makes advances to patrons, assumes no responsibility runs, no hazards and excepting its general manager and secretary, pays no salary to any officer."

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