

WILLY DOWN THIS SCHEME

Plan to Abandon the Sixteenth Street Viaduct Meets General Opposition.

LOOKED UPON AS A PUBLIC OUTRAGE

City Officials and Property Owners Express Themselves Very Forebodingly in Commenting Upon the Situation.

An effort is being made to get an ordinance through the council abandoning the Sixteenth street viaduct and transferring the business of this most important across-town thoroughfare to Fifteenth street.

Interested parties have been at work since the council took action ordering viaducts across the railway tracks on both Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, and as a result a plan has been prepared regarding the action of the council and ordering the construction of a new viaduct on Sixteenth street.

City Engineer Rosewater stated that he had heard it intimated that a scheme was on foot to kill the Sixteenth street viaduct plan and to build a viaduct on Fifteenth street with the intention of diverting travel from Sixteenth to Fifteenth street.

"Paid for Their Benefits." "South Sixteenth street has been improved," he said, "and plans for years to come have been made and are being carried out, based solely on the viaduct on that street and the incident traffic that it must naturally bring.

Property owners down there paid more than those of any other part of the city because of the benefits that they hoped to derive from it. They paid one-fifth of the cost of the structure, about \$7,000; the city at large paid another fifth, about \$7,000; and Union Pacific the balance of three-fifths.

"As a member of the Board of Public Works, as the north side member without direct interest in the matter," said Major John B. Furay, "I am unalterably opposed to any proposition for the abandonment of the Sixteenth street viaduct.

"I wouldn't listen to such a proposition," said Mr. E. W. Moore, "because the viaduct would be a public outrage. It is a matter of public safety and the account of its unsafety should be repaired. It could be put in good shape for \$3,000 or \$5,000, and then it would stand on a firm basis.

"I would not be surprised if the city council were to pass an ordinance to the effect that the Sixteenth street viaduct should be abandoned, and that the business of this most important across-town thoroughfare should be transferred to Fifteenth street.

Continuing Mr. Prince said: "I do not want to put myself on record as opposing the Fifteenth street viaduct or any other improvement which will benefit the city. If the viaduct can be built, the plan should have my hearty co-operation.

MARKS FOR THE PUBLIC OPINION

Messenger Boys Given a Reputation Unwarranted by Real Facts.

HONEST, MANLY, LITTLE WAGE EARNERS

Omaha's Contingent of the Great Army of Juvenile Telegraphers—Conditions Under Which They Labor, Their Life and Surroundings.

It has been quite popular of late years to refer to American District Telegraph and Western Union messenger boys as the personification of slow motion, just as it has been to give polemic credit, or at least to credit, for indignation, long drawn out, not natural saps during the hours that they were paid for waiting their boats, and on the entire class of these uniformed individuals, both great and small, has fallen the odium incident to such palpable neglect of duty and carelessness of consequences.

There are in this bustling western metropolis nearly 100 of these blue uniformed and brass buttoned youngsters, and they are necessarily residents of this city. They are, for the most part, the children of poor parents and come from the portions of the city where the humbler class of our people reside.

Sturdy and Manly Boys. The Western Union messengers range in age from 14 to 17 years, and the present force comprises as sturdy and manly a class of youngsters as one could readily find. They receive \$15 per month, and furnish their own uniform suits, which are of regulation pattern and cost them \$12 each.

When a boy applies for a position he is asked a number of questions designed to test his intelligence, and he is given a chance to tell what he would do in delivering a message under such and such circumstances. He must have a thorough knowledge of the streets and of the principal business houses and the public buildings of the city.

Wages and Hours of Labor. The hours of work of a telegraph or messenger boy are called "tricks," and they are divided not only into straight day and straight night tricks, but into split tricks, which are so strange as to be beyond the number of messengers on duty during the hours of the day or evening when the rush of business is heaviest.

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QUEER DOMESTIC EXPERIENCE

How a Couple Were Married and Divorced in a Day.

IT WAS A FINANCIAL TRANSACTION

Sylvester Smith Easily Found a Topeka Young Lady Who Was Anxious to Share His Fortunes and Temporarily His Name.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 26.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Married and divorced the same day is what the records in the clerk's office in this city show was accomplished by a young financier of Napoleonic talents. His experience was had in 1883, but it was only brought to light today through the efforts of Miss Edna Reed, the leading lady in the Corse Peyton Comedy company.

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CAUGHT IN THE QUICKSAND

Thrilling Experience of the Wife and Three Children of Mayor Gilpin.

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THE COMENIUS CELEBRATION

Program for the Bohemian Celebration Sunday Night.

HE IS JACK THE RIPPER

Murderer Dealing Confesses to Killing Two Whitechapel Women.

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CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE

The storm upset our plans for a mammoth sale of Men's Suits on Saturday at \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$7.75.

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