HOOSIERS STILL TRAILING

Omaha Finds Little Trouble in Winning from the Tailenders.

GAME FULL OF HITTING AND ERRORS

Colonel Camp Secures the First Home Run of the Season on the Grounds—Kansas City Gives Milwaukee a Set-back—Other Games.

Omaha, 13; Indianapolis, 8.
Kansas City, 8; Milwaukee, 3.

QUEER, ISN'T IT, how popular sentiment goes up and down! Now, just before yesterday's game there were played on Omaha's grounds three as fine contests as ever delighted the heart of man, and yet the crowds went away kicking. Why, forsooth! Because Omaha lost? May be. Well, yesterday's game was as full of blunders as a dog is of flees, some of the blunders aforesaid being vile beyond description. Yet the voice of the crank was raised in gladness, and his joyous yelp rent the warm air in many places. Why! Omaha won.

Thus do you see how ready even the gentle, guileless base ball fanatic is to make merry at his fellowman's downfall.

It is perfectly plain to Omaha now. Some people had wondered why Indianapolis couldn't win a game. Nobody who saw yesterday's game will do so any longer. There is no use, however, in wasting space explaining this. Go out this afternoon and see for yourself.

When smiling Jack McQuaid tossed the ball down to young Mr. Madden of Indianapolis and he tossed it back so that Sheibeck fouled out to Carpenter and Gilks popped up one to Madden and Kelly to Lawrence, it appeared as though we were to have a ball game sure enough. Vickery tossed out McQuaid, Camp dropped Meara's fly after a hard run, Letcher sent a pop-up to Sheibeck and Meara stole second. Only he didn't. In order to show that all signs fail in a ball game, Eddie Hayes threw down as prettily as any one ever did, and Sheibeck put it on Meara so hard he knew it was out without being told.

In the second, after Collopy hit to Carpenter, Dave Rowe hit out a double and Camp won a house and lot, a set of bed room furniture, a ticket to the World's fair and a package of cigarettes by knocking the ball over the right field fence. The first home run of the season awakened the crowd to such a pitch of enthusiasm that no one kicked when Fitzgerald flied out to McQuaid and Vickery struck out. For the Hoosiers O'Brien hit a double, Quinn struck out, Berger sacrificed and Lawrence lammed out a nice triple. Then Carpenter struck out.

From this time on base hits and errors were tangled up with runs in a bewildering jumble. Out of the darkness two facts shine—Vickery's batting and Hayes's throwing to second. Only two men tried to steal, and both died. You'd have laughed yourself sick if you had seen Vickery steal home from third after he made a three-base hit, or to have seen Camp go all the way round in the eighth on a hit that didn't go out of the diamond, or to have seen three men skate home on a little short single to center, or to have seen Old Hickory Carpenter lope home from third while Hayes waited for him with the ball, or to have seen Sheibeck drop that fly in the ninth, or to have seen Lawrence try to field with his feet, or to have seen Meara throw the ball into the grand stand under the impression that it was Hickory, or in fact to have seen any one of the phenomenally bad breaks made.

You'll probably laugh when you read the score. If you go out this afternoon you'll have more fun than a minstrel show. A caricature:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Sheibeck, ss	6	2	2	0	1	4	3	1
Gilks, m	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kelly, lf	5	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
Collopy, 3b	5	1	1	0	0	1	5	0
Rowe, 1b	4	2	1	0	0	8	1	0
Camp, rf	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	2
Hayes, c	4	0	1	1	0	8	2	2
Fitzgerald, 2b	4	2	1	0	0	4	2	2
Vickery, p	5	2	3	0	1	0	6	0
Totals	44	13	12	3	4	27	20	7

INDIANAPOLIS.

	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
McQuaid, lf	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Meara, m	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Letcher, rf	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
O'Brien, 1b	5	3	3	0	0	10	0	0
Quinn, c	5	1	0	0	0	5	0	1
Berger, ss	5	0	2	2	0	1	2	1
Lawrence, 2b	5	0	3	0	0	1	1	3
Carpenter, 3b	4	0	2	0	0	2	3	0
Madden, p	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Sullivan, p	3	0	0	1	0	1	6	0
Totals	42	8	12	3	0	27	13	10

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Omaha	0	2	1	3	1	3	2	1	0—13
Indianapolis	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	3—8

SUMMARY.

Runs earned: Omaha, 3; Indianapolis, 3. Two-base hits: Rowe, Vickery, O'Brien, Carpenter. Three-base hits: Vickery 2, Berger, Lawrence. Home run: Camp. Base on balls: Off Vickery, 4; off Madden, 1; off Sullivan, 2. Struck out: By Vickery, 5; by Madden, 1; by Sullivan, 2. Time of game: One hour and fifty minutes. Umpire: McQuaid.

Milwaukee's Mascot Broken.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 30.—Milwaukee today lost their first game of the season. The Blues captured it with ease by hard hitting assisted by numerous errors by the Brewers. Every one who saw the game agrees that Corcoran is the worst umpire in the business. Besides the umpire's rankness the batting of Lake and the fielding of Alberts and Carney were the features. Weather unpleasant. Attendance 2,000. Score:

KANSAS CITY.

	AB	H	P	A	E
Manning, 2b	5	2	1	2	0
Sunday, lf	4	2	0	0	0
Mayer, 3b	5	1	3	3	0
Carney, 1b	4	2	14	0	0
Lyttle, m	5	1	1	0	0
Andrus, rf	5	0	1	0	0
Alberts, 3b	5	1	0	4	0
McMahon, c	1	1	1	0	0
Rollins, c	4	0	6	0	0
Hughey, p	4	0	0	1	0
Total	42	11	27	10	0

MILWAUKEE.

	AB	H	P	A	E
McGarr, ss	3	0	1	2	1
Ward, 2b	3	0	4	3	1
Twitchell, lf	4	1	2	0	1
Earl, 1b	4	0	10	0	0
Lake, c	4	3	6	0	1
Henry, m	4	1	3	0	0
Hamburg, rf	4	0	1	1	0
Root, 3b	4	1	0	0	0
Ferson, p	4	1	0	3	3
Total	34	7	27	9	7

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Kansas City	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4—8
Milwaukee	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—3

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Kansas City, 4; Milwaukee, 3. Two-base hits: Sunday 2, Lake 1. Three-base hits: Henry, Lake. Home runs: Alberts, Lake. Double plays: Carney (unassisted), Ward to Earle. Bases on balls: Off Hughey, 2; off Ferson, 2. Struck out: By Hughey, 6; by Ferson, 4. Passed balls: By McMahon, 3. Time of game: Two hours and ten minutes. Umpire: Corcoran.

Games Postponed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 30.—Minneapolis-Toledo game postponed; rain.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 30.—St. Paul-Columbus game postponed; rain.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Milwaukee	7	6	1	.857
Kansas City	10	7	3	.700
Columbus	9	6	3	.667
St. Paul	6	3	3	.500
Toledo	8	3	5	.375
Omaha	8	3	5	.375
Minneapolis	6	2	4	.333
Indianapolis	6	0	6	0.000

Games Today.

Indianapolis at Omaha.
Milwaukee at Kansas City.
Toledo at Minneapolis.
Columbus at St. Paul.

For Keeps This Time.

This afternoon, so says Billy Harrington, the spell will be broken and Indianapolis will win one. Of course Billy intends to put his strongest team in the game. Tommy Nagle, always a favorite in Omaha, will be the receiving end of the Hoosier battery and promises to give Omaha a taste of his '89 work. Young Gayle, who is looked on as one of the best of the youngsters, will do the twirling. Darby will pitch for Omaha, and if he does as well as he did with Columbus, the Hoosiers won't get a smell. The game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock, and the players will be:

Omaha.	Position.	Indianapolis
Darby	Pitcher	Gayle
Hayes	Catcher	Nagle
Rowe	First	O'Brien
Fitzgerald	Second	Berger
Collopy	Third	Carpenter
Sheibeck	Short	Lawrence
Camp	Right	Letcher
Gilks	Middle	Meara
Kelly	Left	McQuaid

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Cincinnati Takes Another from Washington by Batting.

CINCINNATI, O., April 30.—A home run by Chamberlain with three men on bases won the game for Cincinnati. The fielding of Washington was miserable. Attendance, 4,000. Score:

Cincinnati	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1—7
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0—2

Hits: Cincinnati, 9; Washington, 7. Errors: Cincinnati, 2; Washington, 8. Earned runs: Washington, 1. Batteries: Chamberlain and Harrington; Foreman and McGuire.

Pittsburg Still Winning.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 30.—The Pittsburgs administered another severe drubbing to the Baltimores today. Attendance, 3,400. Score:

Pittsburg	0	1	0	1	1	5	2	3	0—11
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1

Hits: Pittsburg, 15; Baltimore, 5. Errors: Pittsburg, 0; Baltimore, 1. Batteries: Baldwin and Mack; McMahon and Robinson.

Uncle Couldn't Win Two.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 30.—Today's game was played in a drizzling rain and was very dull. The Phillies won on Tucker's hitting and by gifts of bases on balls and Dahlen's costly error. Game called at the end of the fifth inning on account of rain. Score:

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0—0
Philadelphia	0	0	2	1	2—5

Hits: Chicago 5; Philadelphia 8. Errors: Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 2. Batteries: Luby and Schriver; Weyning and Clements.

Doyle Did It.

CLEVELAND, O., April 30.—Two wild throws by Doyle gave the visitors three runs and lost Cleveland today's game. Attendance, 3,200. Score:

Cleveland	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0—4
New York	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	*—5

Hits: Cleveland, 8; New York, 8. Errors: Cleveland, 5; New York 3. Earned runs: Cleveland, 3; New York, 2. Batteries: Davies and Doyle; King and Boyle.

Inks Did the Rest.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 30.—The Bridegrooms turned the tables on the Colonels today and pounded Meekin all over the lot. Inks, on the other hand, pitched a good article of ball, only giving the home team five hits. Weather fine; attendance, 3,000. Score:

Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1—2
Brooklyn	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	*—10

Hits: Louisville, 5; Brooklyn, 11. Errors: Louisville, 3; Brooklyn, 1. Earned runs: Louisville, 1. Batteries: Meekin and Dowse; Inks and Kinslow.

Games Today.

Baltimore at Lovisuille.
Washington at St. Louis.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Boston	13	11	2	.846
Louisville	12	9	3	.750
Brooklyn	12	9	3	.750
Pittsburg	13	9	4	.692
Cleveland	11	7	4	.636
Cincinnati	15	9	6	.600
New York	12	7	5	.583
Philadelphia	13	5	8	.385
Washington	11	3	8	.273
Chicago	14	3	11	.214
St. Louis	12	2	10	.167
Baltimore	14	1	13	.072

BASE BALL BRIEFS.

Beatrice Changes.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 30.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Beatrice released Billy Van Arnam, third baseman, to Lincoln today for a money consideration. Van Arnam will be succeeded in the Beatrice team by Dud Randall from Dayton, O. The Beatrice sluggers departed for Fremont this afternoon, where they will open out in the league games with Fremont tomorrow.

Plattsmouth Manager.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 30.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Al Perrine, pitcher and outfielder of the State league team, was yesterday afternoon appointed by the directors as manager of the team. Kennedy was appointed captain. The indications are that tomorrow's game will be attended by a tremendous crowd. The prospects of the team are improving daily and enthusiasm is way up.

Won Their First.

SPRINGFIELD, Neb., April 30.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The base ball season was opened here today by a game between the Springfield Grays and the Bellevue college team, the former winning easy by a score of 12 to 2. Carnahan pitched a splendid game for the visitors but had no support. Geist for the Grays was very effective, striking out twenty-two men. He handles himself like a professional and his support was good. The score:

Springfield	1	1	4	4	0	1	0	1	1—12
Bellevue	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0—2

Batteries: Springfield, Hall and Geist; Bellevue, Carnahan, Lodge and Maddox. Base hits: Springfield, 11; Bellvue, 6. Errors: Springfield, 4; Bellvue, 6. Struck out: Geist, 22; Carnahan, 9. Two base hits: Springfield, Peters and Bessdno. Three base hits: Haskn. Believue two base hits: Carnahan, Maddox. Time: Two hours and fifteen minutes. Umpire: Tealheun.

Union Pacifics Play Ball.

The "General Auditors" won their fourth consecutive victory yesternoon, the victims this time being the "Car Accountants. Batteries: General Auditors, Culler picher, Flanagan cather; Car Accountants, Osborne and Butler pitchers, Wilkins catcher.

Money Talks Now.

OMAHA, April 30.—There are numerous base clubs in this city who have made talk that they can down the Haydens and that we are not what we are cracked to be. In return I will state: We are ready to play play any team in Omaha or Nebraska (State league teams barred) for from $25 to $100 and 60 and 40 per cent of the gross gate receipts; game or games to be played on the Omaha grounds. I want it understood that we will not play for less than $25. The teams we are the most anxious to get at are the Paxton & Gallaghers, W. R. Bennetts, Council Bluffs and Fort Omahas. Now come to the front and see what we are made of.

J. W. KELLEY,
Manager Hayden Bros. Base Ball Club.

SPEED RING.

Spring Meeting of the New Kentucky Association Opened.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 30.—The spring meeting of the recently organized Kentucky association opened in a blaze of glory. It was an ideal spring day and the attendance was the largest known in years. Five excellent races were on the program, the principal one being the Distillers' stake for all ages, one and one-sixteenth miles. Bermuda was scratched, leaving Ethel, J. A. J., Wadsworth and Newton as starters. Eighteen bookmakers were in line and the betting was the largest known in the association. The opening was three quarters of a mile, for 3-year-olds and upwards. Sallie McClellan and Tula Blackburn were the favorites, the latter taking the lead at the three-quarters and won hands down, two lengths in front of Sallie McClellan.

The second race had ten starters and was won by the 8 to 1 shot Rook Laidley, Riek getting the place.

Third race, Distillers' stakes of $1,000 added. Four starters: Wadsworth (3 to 1) won, Ethel (4 to 5) second, Newton (7 to 1) third.

Fourth race, nine-sixteenths of a mile. Seven starters: Calhoun won, Gazette second.

Fifth race, a half-mile dash. Nine starters: Susie Nell won; Moravia second.

Poor Racing at Bennings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—There was a good attendance at Bennings today. The weather was fine, but the track was heavy and the racing poor.

First race, six and one-half furlongs: Bellevue won, Sampost second, Thorndale third.

Second race, one and one-eighth miles: Cynosure won, Margherita second, Mr. Sass third. Time: 2:03¾.

Third race, one and one-fourth miles: George W. won, Eric second, Foxmede third. Time: 2:15¾.

Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile: Hiram won, Queen Bess second, Neparitol third. Time: 1:05¾.

Fifth race, steeplechase, two and one-half miles: Pat Oakley won, Sam Morse second, Elphin third. Time: 4:33.

Going at Guttenburg.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., April 30.—There was a large attendance at the races today. The track was in fair condition and the weather pleasant.

First race, four and a half furlongs: McKeever won, Cold Stream second, Marsh Redon third. Time: 56¾.

Second race, one-half mile: Nick won, Sandowne second, Ida Ricolti third. Time: 49¾.

Third race, six furlongs: Ballarat won, Derango second, Dixie third. Time: 1:15¾.

Fourth race, six furlongs: Richal won, Monterey second, Black Lock third. Time: 1:17¾.

Fifth race, one and one-sixteenth miles: Fenlon won, Defaulter second, Harrison third. Time: 1:52½.

Sixth race, one and a half miles over six hurdles: St. Luke won, St. John second, Sierra Nevada third. Time: 2:41½.

Nebraska City's Driving Park.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 30.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The stockholders of the Nebraska City Driving Park and Fair association held a meeting in the Board of Trade rooms last night. It was decided to hold races at the driving park July 4 and a fair some time in September. The association will begin fitting up the grounds at once. Another meeting will be held Monday evening, May 9, when officers for the coming year will be elected and purses made up for the Fourth of July races.

[FROM YESTERDAY'S SECOND EDITION.]

CASE OF SURGEON PENROSE.

Story of His Confession Declared False—Defended by His Brother.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 29.—Dr. R. A. Penrose, a brother of Dr. Charles Bingham Penrose, who was captured by Wyoming rustlers, arrived here from Cheyenne today and denies the imputations made against his brother and the party of stockmen whom he accompanied. Outside of Governor Barber, young Penrose, he says, was the only reliable surgeon in the state at the time the expedition started and he was induced to accompany it at the earnest request of his friends who organized to protect their cattle against a contemplated rund-up to be made by the rustiers two months before the time fixed by the state laws. The young surgeon became separated from his party, which he was following a day behind when he was captured, owing to the poor condition of his horse. The story of his arrest and subsequent release by the United States authorities is well known, and up to this time, his brother declares, no charge or indictment of any kind has been preferred against him. Dr. Penrose is now practically on trial awaiting a hearing next month, after which he is expected to return here. The story of his confession is pronounced false.

FIVE THOUSAND HOUSES BURNED.

Disastrous Conflagration in the Japanese Capital—Heavy Loss of Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 29.—The steamship Belgic arrived today. She brings details of a great fire at Tokio, Japan, April 10. The fire started early in the morning in the house of a small restaurant keeper from a candle left burning, and spread in three directions through densely populated districts. The fire was extinguished by noon after consuming 5,000 houses on twenty streets, including forty warehouses, police stations, panorama buildings, schools, Tokio English schools and residences of Viscount Foda, Admiral Akamtso, Count Karastumaru and Marquis Tokudiaji.

Details of the loss of life are not known. It is variously estimated that seven to forty-five persons perished.

The steamer Raiden Maru was sunk by floating ice in Kushiro harbor and forty drowned.

CALIFORNIA SHAKEN AGAIN.

Vibrations Severe, But Little Damage Reported—One Man Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 29.—An earthquake shock occurred here at 4:07 p. m. today. The vibrations were north and south. A shock is reported as having occurred at Vacaville, Esparito and Winters shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The shock was strong at Vacaville, but no damage is reported yet.

The vibrations were severe at Esparito, but no damage was done beyond the fall of some scaffolding.

Some bricks are reported to have fallen at Winters and a man is said to have been injured.

PHILADELPHIA'S HORROR.

Body, Supposed to Be That of Thomas Lorella, Uncovered This Morning.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 30.—At 1 o'clock this morning the workmen uncovered the charred body of a man lying upon his face with hair and clothing entirely gone. The man is supposed to be Thomas Lorella, who ran back into the theater after he had escaped to save his wife.

A few minutes after his body was uncovered another was discovered just behind him.

Early last evening several particles of flesh and a piece of skull with the hair intact, were unearthed, while near by a diamond bracelet, which had scarcely a scratch, was found. This was identified as having belonged to Mrs. Lorella.

PRIZE RING.

Sherroy Won.

At Blum's hall, South Omaha, last night Aaron Sherroy knocked out Bud Mills in the twenty-fifth round. It was a hard fight from the start, Mills having the best of it up to the tenth round. In the third Mills drew first blood, landing a stiff cross counter on the Sherroy nose. In the sixth a straight right hand punch on the Sherroy jaw gained first knockdown for Mills. After the tenth Sherroy braced up and from that time to the close the fighting was furious. As time was called for the twenty-fifth round Sherroy crossed over and hit Mills while the latter was sitting down. A claim of foul was made but not allowed. In this round came the knockout.

Cattlemen in Conference at Ogden.

OGDEN, U. T., April 29.—The cattlemen's conference convened in the Grand opera house with 150 delegates present, representing Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Arizona and New Mexico. Permanent organization was effected and Governor Thomas delivered an eloquent and appropriate address of welcome on behalf of the territory. Judge J. H. McMillan then welcomed the visitors to Ogden and after responses by prominent cattlemen the convention adjourned until tomorrow and the delegates were taken to the Hot Springs to spend the afternoon at the baths. Prominent stockmen are here from Omaha, Kansas City, Denver and Cheyenne.

Platinum in the Black Hills.

RAPID CITY, S. D., April 29.—Platinum has been discovered in the Hills at a point about twenty-five miles west of this city. Among some specimens of ore recently brought to the city, Dr. Whitney found a piece of white quartz carrying what appeared to be horn silver. He at once pronounced it platinum and confirmed his opinion by the usual acid tests. As platinum is a very rare metal, and the demand for it in electrical construction has brought the price up to from $25 to $30 per ounce, the discovery is a very important one.

Iowa Crop Prospects.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 29.—Scattering returns received by the Iowa crop bureau show that the season on an average will be two to three weeks late. Reports from Sioux county, Dacatur, Louisa, Fayette, Story and other counties in the central part of the state all agree that the present outlook is serious. Grass is doing well and so is wheat that has been sown. The acreage of oats will be small. Plowing for corn is hardly begun and rain is interfering with its progress.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Arrived, Fuerst Bismarck, Hamburg; Bothnia, Liverpool; Canada, London.

At Lizard—Passed, Friesland, New York, for Antwerp.

At Liverpool—Runic, New York.

At Hamburg—Normandia, New York.

At Brow Head—Passed, Etruria, from New York for Liverpool.

MAY PURCHASE PARK LANDS

Concurrent Resolution on the Subject Approved by the Mayor.

HIS VIEWS IN RELATION TO THE MATTER

Dangers of the Process of Condemning Property for Any Purpose—Power of Eminent Domain Should Be Used as a Last Resort.

Nothing remains to prevent the purchase of lands for park purposes, as the mayor has approved the concurrent resolution instructing the park commission to close up the deals. In transmitting his approval to the council he said:

"I have approved and return herewith concurrent resolution No. 71, relating to the purchase by the city of Omaha of lands for park purposes. I also transmit herewith the opinion of the city attorney, showing that special benefits cannot be assessed against property where lands are acquired for parks by purchase, instead of by condemnation.

"I had intended before receiving this opinion, to return the resolution with a recommendation that it be so changed as to avoid the payment of the whole cost of the lands from the proceeds of the park bonds.

"Our city charter seems to be very defective in many respects. I can see no good reason why the city should be permitted to assess benefits against a piece of property abutting upon another piece of property which has been wrested from its owner by condemnation, and should not be permitted to assess benefits if the same piece had been acquired by purchase. A law so defective should most certainly be changed at the next session of the state legislature.

"I look upon the right of eminent domain as a power granted to be used only in emergency, and that it never should be resorted to unless the parties cannot agree. The exercise of this power in the acquirement of continuous boulevards, additions to existing parks, etc., will undoubtedly be found of great value to the city, as it will prevent any individual from standing in the way of important public improvements.

Relative Value of the Property.

"I am of the opinion that a satisfactory test of the relative value of the properties in question has been made since the lands were recommended for purchase almost one year ago; and even if condemnation was desirable I have grave doubts whether any appraisement at lower figures would be maintained in the courts, as in the absence of offers of other lands at better prices, in answer to advertisements made, and in view of the fact that the prices have been acted upon by a unanimous vote of the park board and a two thirds vote of your honorable body, the evidence as to the value would be as nearly conclusive as any theoretical or expert evidence usually is. Long experience in the real estate business has convinced me that the value of real estate is not a fixed quantity, and that opinions of experts concerning any given piece of property usually varies greatly.

"It seems to me that the chances are much in favor of a higher than a lower appraisement, as some of the property has been purchased at prices much below that of adjacent property, and the conditions in Omaha at present are such that a material advance in prices may occur in the near future.

"If either condemnation was resorted to, or we should have waited for a change in regard to the assessment of benefits, there would have been no assurance that the ultimate net cost to the city would not be more, rather than less, and the acquirement of the parks (which the people voted for nine to one) would have been postponed more than one year."

The opinion of the city attorney, to which the mayor referred, is as follows:

Opinion of the City Attorney.

"In response to your inquiry as to whether the city can assess back benefits on the lots or real estate abutting on the lands purchased for parks, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, such power does not exist under the provisions of the charter. Section 108 of the charter, after declaring that it shall be the duty of the mayor and council to take such action as may be necessary for the appropriation of lands designated by the park commission, specially provides that for the purpose of making payment for such land, the mayor and council may assess such real estate as may be specially benefited by reason of the appropriation thereof for such purpose. The power to assess real estate specially benefited is limited to the land obtained by appropriation and does not extend to land purchased. With respect to land purchased for park purposes, the provision of the charter is that for the purpose of paying for and improving the same the mayor and council may appropriate money from the general fund of the city not otherwise appropriated or may issue bonds for the purpose of such purchase, but no right exists in such case to assess real estate specially benefited, as would be the case if condemnation proceedings were resorted to."

Did Not Understand It.

The clerk read the communication from the mayor, in which he stated that he had approved the resolution, but there were several members who did not understand the document.

"Do I understand that the mayor has approved the resolution?" asked Mr. Chaffee.

"That's it," answered the president.

"Well, I declare," remarked Mr. Elsasser, "I wonder what we adjourned for last Tuesday night!"

This resolution was introduced by Mr. Steel and adopted:

Resolved. That the members of the park commission, the police commission, together with the city treasurer, comptroller, clerk, engineer, attorney and chairman of the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby invited to occupy seats, together with the mayor and the city council, on the stage at the Exposition hall, at the Methodist conference reception, Monday evening, May 2, and that they be requested to meet at the council chamber at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., to march with the council and the band to the Exposition hall.

The resolution changing the size of corner curb stones, as called for in the specifications of the Board of Public Works, was ruled out of order. At a former meeting of the city council the comptroller was instructed to advertise for bids for gas fixtures for the new city hall, the cost not to exceed $12,000. Last night Mr. Howell moved to reconsider that action. He thought that if the bids were received and the bidders furnished their own specifications the city would not get as good material or work.

Mr. Edwards said that the city could save money by having the architect furnish the specifications, as bidders would then know just what the city wanted. Mr. Elsasser stated that the city was obliged to tell the bidders what would be required.

Mr. Munro insisted that the plans prepared by Blendorff showed where the lamps and lights were to be placed. Such being the case, it was all folly to pay him for preparing plans to show what kind of fixtures were to be used.

Mr. Lowry thought it was the wish of the committee to play fast and loose with the lighting business.

In regard to the proposition of the Nebraska Central Railway company, Mr. Prince, chairman of the committee on viaducts and railroads, submitted this:

"Your committee, to which was referred a communication from Hon E. Wakeley in answer to a request of the city council, would respectfully report as follows:

"That the thanks of this council and the citizens of Omaha are due to Hon. E. Wakeley for the valuable suggestions which the honorable gentleman has made for the protection of the city's interests in the granting of a franchise and the rating of bonds to the Nebraska Central Railway company, and your committee suggest that the communication, together with the ordinance introduced, granting privileges to said Nebraska Central Railway company, be referred to the city attorney, to act in conjunction with the county attorney for the purpose of preparing new ordinances to the end that the proposition to be submitted to the people at the special election to be called for that purpose shall be alike, both as to city and county conditions, for voting said bonds."

This resolution was adopted.

A special committee reported on the $3,000 which Architect Beirndorff claims that the city owes him for services as architect on the city hall. The members of the committee could find no contract with Mr. Beirndorff, but recommended the payment of $1,500 and no more until the completion of the building.

The ordinance declaring the necessity of changing the grade of Douglas and intersecting streets from Sixteenth to Twentieth was introduced twice and referred. An ordinance creating the office of license inspector and defining his duties was introduced. It provides that he shall have a salary of $100 per month, that he shall be clothed with the powers of a police officer, but shall be prohibited from collecting any money or fees. The janitor was instructed to look after and care for all affairs in the new city hall as soon as they should be declared ready for occupancy.

Omaha's Public Library.

The ordinance to establish a public library, reading room, art galleries and museum was passed. This ordinance is a modification of the ordinance now in force governing the public library. The city electrician ordinance was passed. It provides that the appointee shall be a practical electrician and have such powers over the electrical appliances in the city as may be given him by ordinance. The salary attachment is $125 per month. Then the ordinance providing for the appointment of a superintendent of the city hall was passed. This ordinance fixes his salary at $100 per month. In addition to this the ordinance provides for an engineer at a salary of $90 per month, a fireman at $60 per month, three elevator boys at $50 per month each, and three janitors at $45 per month each.

The issuance of $400,000 park bonds, to run for the period of twenty years at 5 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, was authorized by the passage of an ordinance.

The motion to reconsider was lost, the vote being a tie.

By resolution, the hotel men of the city were given the privilege of selling their garbage.

The piles of lumber and the old wooden buildings on Tom Murray's lots opposite the court house were declared a nuisance.

The mayor applied his veto to the resolution authorizing the expenditure of $75 in grading the alley in the rear of the new engine house at Eighteenth and Harney streets and the council stood by the mayor.

Then the mayor in a communication stated that he had authorized the Board of Public Works to accept the offer of C. E. Squires, who had agreed to furnish his sweepers free of charge to be used during the present month.

The mayor also suggested that the paved streets be flushed once or twice a week during the month of May. Some members thought that the plan was bad, as it might fill up the sewers by washing the mud into them. City Engineer Rosewater assured the council that there was not much danger as such washings would amount to about the same as a heavy rain.

The mayor had several reasons for vetoing the contract with Newton Niday, who wanted to haul away the dead animals. The contract, the mayor said, was bad. The matter should have been left in the hands of the Board of Health. The Board of Public Works submitted the names of the following men and asked that they be appointed as inspectors of the public works: L. H. Parker, M. H. Ish, A. E. Nelson, William Nelson, D. J. Burgess, Theodore Hotchkiss, Charles Rassmussen, D. Cosgrove, W. H. Gatewood, M. Leiss, Joseph Micheal, John D. La Course, Peter Mets, Joel A. Griffin, F. G. Patrick, Frank W. Solon, Peter Casey, John J. Conlon, George J. Hodder, Henry Sharpe, Alvin R. Hensel, J. F. Hoyt. Before the clerk had finished the reading of the list Mr. Munro moved that the appointments lay on the table for one week. The motion prevailed.

City Treasurer Bolln reported the sale of city hall, library, sewer and paving bonds. The report was adopted and Mr. Bolln's action approved.

License Inspector Vaughn wrote that he found the affairs of the license department in bad shape. He had found 350 peddlers and 150 hawkers without licenses. The committee on police will look into the matter and see what caused the negligence upon the part of License Inspector Riley.

The Fenton Metalic Manufacturing company wrote that work was progressing upon the vault fixtures and that the outfit would be shipped on or about May 1. Contractor Coots was allowed $13,263, it being estimate No. 26 for work upon the new city hall. Property owners on South Twenty-eighth street protested against the paving of that street between Poppleton and Woolworth avenues. There were seven parties who bid to put up street signs at the intersections throughout the city. The bid of C. N. Flowers & Co. at 13 cents was the lowest. The committee on streets and alleys will figure out the best bid. Parties on West Leavenworth petitioned for better street car service. The Thomson-Houston Electric Light company was authorized to place a fire alarm gong in its power house. The paving of Twenty-ninth street between Woolworth avenue and Hickory street was ordered, with the one-half to be charged against the park levy. A resolution by Mr. Specht, instructing the city attorney to prepare ordinances ordering the construction of viaducts over the tracks of the Belt line on the line of Leavenworth and Cuming streets, was referred to the committee on viaducts and railways.

Superintendent Tilly, the inspector of buildings, was instructed to examine the public fountains and order the water turned on at once. The Thomson-Houston Electric Light company was ordered to place three arc lights upon the Tenth street viaduct, to remain during the month of May. Messrs. Bruner, McLearie, Specht and Steel voting "no."

THE WHALEMAN'S TERROR.

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Between the years 1840 and 1859 the whaling vessels of such nations as pursued the leviation of the deep for his commercial value encountered no less than five whales who became famous as terrors of the sea. "They were "Mocha Dick," "Spotted Tom," "Shy Jack," "Ugly Jim" and "Fighting Joe." These names were, of course, given them by the sailors, but they came to be known by whalers of all nations. You may think it curious that one whale could be identified from another of the same size and species, but it was no more difficult than to identify a particular horse in a drove of several hundred. In other words, each leviathan has some peculiar mark or characteristic of his own, and if sighted two or three times can be identified forever afterward.

"Mocha Dick" headed the list of terrors from the start and kept his place for nineteen long years. No whale was so fiercely hunted, and none ever created so much damage among the hunters. What I am going to tell you is partly a matter of public record in England, Scotland and America, and was partly gleaned from Nantucket and New Bedford whalers who battled with the cachelot time after time, to suffer defeat on each occasion.

On the 5th day of July, 1840, the English whaling brig Desmond, being 215 miles due west of the port of Valparaiso, Chili, sighted a lone whale which breached his full length above the surface about two miles away. The boats were lowered, but before they were within half a mile of the whale he slewed around head on to them and advanced to meet them. He struck one boat with his head and drove her under stern first and then chewed her up. He then sounded and was lost to sight for fifteen minutes. When he came up it was to lift the other boat thirty feet high on his head, and of course she was completely shattered. Oars and planks were ground fine by his teeth as he wallowed about, and two men were drowned before the whale went slowly off to the north. This was "Mocha Dick's" introduction to the blubber hunters. He was the largest whale any one aboard the brig had ever seen, and across his head was a scar about eight feet long, which showed almost white on the gray-black background. It was by this scar he was ever afterward identified.

The next craft to encounter "Mocha Dick" was the Russian bark Sarepta. This was on the 30th of August, almost two months later, and she was fully 500 miles to the south of the spot where he was first seen. She lowered two boats for a lone whale and killed him. The bark was three miles away, and beating down to the whale under a light breeze, when "Mocha Dick" suddenly shot out of the water between the vessel and the boats. Such was his impetus that nearly his full length could be traced before he fell with a crash which could have been heard for miles around. As soon as he had righted himself he made straight for the boats. One of them passed around the dead whale before he got up, but the other was caught by the sweep of his jaw as he came on and knocked to pieces. He then took up his position beside the dead whale and mained quiet for half an hour, during which interval the other boat pulled off to the bark.

Three men had been lost and a fourth had both arms broken, while the sailors had been given such a fright that they could not be induced to attack. The vessel hung about the spot for three hours, hoping the fierce leviathan would take himself off, but finally had to sail away and leave him in possession. The dead whale was taken possession of two days later by the whaling ship John Bruce of Nantucket, but it was no longer guarded.

The next authentic record of "Mocha Dick" was furnished by the Bristol whaler John Day, in May of the year following. She was then to the east of the Falkland islands, and was trying out blubber as she drifted with a light breeze. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon a gigantic whale breached within 300 feet of her, shooting his full length out of water, and raising such a sea by his fall that the ship rolled as if in a gale. The whale then swam slowly about, and as soon as the men caught sight of his head they identified him as "Mocha Dick." His actions were menacing, but the captain at once decided to attack him. Three boats were lowered, and as the whale made off to windward the first mate put a harpoon into him. This was the first iron "Mocha Dick" had ever felt. He sounded at once and ran for three miles, and when he came up it was to slue around and head for the boat. His action was so unexpected and his speed so great, that he caught the boat unprepared and ran right over it.

As it went under he stopped short and turned as on a pivot, beating the water all the time with flukes which measured twenty-four feet across. Nothing was left of the boat but splinters, and two of her crew were killed or drowned. The other two boats advanced to the attack, but before they were near enough to dart, the whale settled away like a lump of lead. One of the boats got hold of the floating line, but had scarcely secured it when the tricky fighter came up under the other and sent it skyward with the bottom knocked out. He then pivoted and thrashed the surface as before, and another man was lost and two others severely injured.

The crew had had enough of "Mocha Dick," and while he hauled off and lay waiting for another attack the remaining boat was hauled up and the ship sneaked away. The English captain had vowed that if he ever encountered that whale he would kill him or lose his whole outfit of men and boats, but an hour's fighting satisfied him that he had undertaken too big a job.

The particulars of the several encounters recorded above were soon known to all whalers. Some captains decided to let "Mocha Dick" severely alone, while others were ambitious to secure the credit of killing him. However, he disappeared after the fight with the John Day and was not seen again for seventeen months. It had come to be generally believed that he had died of old age or killed in a fight with another whale, when he suddenly turned up in the Pacific ocean off the east coast of Japan.

Here occurred the battle of his life. A coasting craft had been blown off the coast by a heavy gale and was making her way back. It was about an hour after daylight when a big whale was seen to breach about two miles away. It was passed over as a trifling incident, but ten or fifteen minutes later the leviathian was discovered rushing down in the wake of the craft with all the steam he could put on. He was so close aboard and the sight of him threw the natives into such a terror that no effort was made to escape him. He struck the craft on her stern and wrecked her in an instant, and pieces of the wreckage were carried away in his jaws as he swerved to port and swam slowly away. As the cargo of the coaster was of lumber, the men soon knocked together a raft. The craft did not go down, but sank until her decks were awash, and the men had not yet put off on their raft, when three whaling vessels appeared in sight all at once. These proved to be the Glasgow whaler Crieff, the New Bedford whaler Yankee and the English whaler Dudley.

All had heard of "Mocha Dick," but all thought him dead. By 8 o'clock the three whalers were up and had heard the story, but "Mocha Dick" had disappeared an hour before. It was agreed to separate and search for him, and that if he were found all three ships should take part in the attack and share in the credit of ridding the deep of such a terror. They did not have to hunt for the fellow, however. While the captains were planning he suddenly showed up about a mile to windward. After his usual fashion he came to the surface under such headway that he seemed to stand upright on the tip of his flukes before he fell over on his side with a crash like the fall of a great building. He wallowed about for a time, and then slued around head to the whalers and remained perfectly quiet. He seemed to be asking what they were going to do about it, and the query was answered by the fall of a boat from each vessel.

These had only pulled away when three more were lowered to support them. Lots had been cast as to which boat should have the first show, and the honor had fallen to the Yankee. Her boat took a circuit to approach the whale from behind, while the other two lay on their oars to wait. The whale seemed for a time to be asleep, but all of a sudden settled away so quick that every one was dumbfounded. He was about to try his old dodge of coming up under a boat, and each one of them was pulled away from the spot and a sharp watch kept for signs of his breaching.

It was twenty minutes before "Mocha Dick" showed up again. He had hoped to catch a boat, but all were too lively for him, and while he lay wallowing in the seas his fall had created the mate of the Yankee put a harpoon into him. The old fighter humped up as the iron went in, and for five minutes seemed to have been struck dead. Then he made a rush for the Scotchman's boat, ran right over it, and slued about for the Englishman. It was pulling away from him when he rushed again, caught it with a swing of his long under jaw, and the onlookers beheld a spectacle none of them ever forgot. The whale lifted his great head clear out of water with the boat in his mouth, and at one bite made matchwood of it and pulp of two of the crew who had been unable to tumble out. The crews of the two boats were now floating on the oars, and the whale pivoted and lashed the sea with his flukes to destroy them. In this manner he killed two men, but one of the reserve boats came up in gallant style and rescued the others.

The Yankee's boat was the only one fast to the whale, and after vainly trying to seize or smash it, "Mocha Dick" suddenly started for the wreck of the coaster, which was floating two miles away. He made a straight course, and the three captains were agreed that his speed, when fairly under way, was not less than thirty miles an hour. As he struck the wreck he bore it down, and it rose behind him bottom side up. To prevent a collision the boat had to cut her line, and the whale soon sounded and was lost to sight. The boat started back, but had not yet reached the ships, when the fighting leviathan breached under the bows of the Scotchman and carried away jibboom and bowsprit with smash. He had planned to come up under the ship, but had missed it. As he fell upon his side and rolled over on an even keel, so to speak, he made a rush for the Yankee's boat. He was so close on that all the crew went overboard, and he picked the light craft up and chewed it as a horse does his oats.

Had it been calm "Mocha Dick" might have sunk the fleet. Luckily the breeze kept growing stronger, and as soon as the men from the Yankee's boat could be picked up the three crafts set sail and beat an inglorious retreat, leaving the whale hunting about for more victims. From first to last "Mocha Dick" had nineteen harpoons put into him. He stove fourteen boats and caused the death of over thirty men. He stove three whaling vessels so badly that they were nearly lost, and he attacked and sunk a French merchantman and an Australian trader. He was encountered in every ocean and on every known feeding ground. He was killed off the Brazilian banks in August, 1859, by a Swedish whaler, which gathered him in with scarcely any trouble, but it has always been believed that poor old "Mocha Dick" was dying of old age. He measured 110 feet long; his girth was 57 feet; his jaw was 25 feet 6 inches long. Eight of his teeth were broken off and all the others badly worn down. His big head was a mass of scars, and he had apparently lost the sight of his right eye.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

Domestic.

Garza is now said to be in Canada.

Congressman Hitt of Illinois has been renominated for his district.

Specials from the western and northwestern parts of Minnesota report several inches of snow.

Jay Gould's new road will be known as the El Paso Northern, and El Paso mud is becoming valuable.

The coal trust gives notice of an advance of 25 cents a ton in the price of anthracite, to take place May 1.

Delegates from 253 labor organizations met in New York and decided to unite in one solid body to work in harmony against organized capital.

It is generally believed North Dakota's governor will call an extra session of the legislature to provide for the choice of presidential electors.

The Marshal bank of St. Paul, Minn., has assigned to F. A. Seymour, cashier of the Merchant's National bank. All depositors will be paid in full.

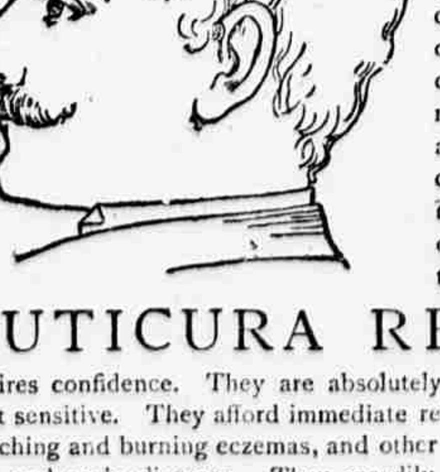
The Hamburg-American steamship Fuerst Bismarck has broken the Atlantic record, her own, making New York from Southampton in six days and twelve hours.

Thirty Mexicans, mounted and armed, passed through Abilene, Tex., and inquiry failed to find out anything about them. Speculation fell back on Garza and his band.

Miss McDonald of St. Paul, who was abducted last Monday, at pistol point, by her lover, writes she was married in Des Moines Wednesday, "as it was her only salvation."

A mob broke into the Nashville, Tenn., jail at 1:30 this morning and secured the negro prisoners charged with complicity in the Bruce outrage at Goodletsville yesterday. Lynched.

MANLY PURITY AND BEAUTY



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