#### THE REACHING HAND.

San Francisco Argonaut. Returning home after a long absence one naturally expects surprises and changes; but I could not have ever imagined such as I found in my friend Philip Moreland, I had been gone twenty years, and I am well aware how impressions will fade and memory become defective in that length of time; but he was so different from the promise of his early manhood that I at once felt the change to be more than a warping of my recollection. When we had parted, just after graduating from the same college-he to study law and I to take a promising business post in Australiahe was a healthy, stalwart young man, indomitable, buoyantly aggressive, uncompromisingly ambitious and blessed with talents insuring his success. Calling at his office, I found a shrunken man, old before his time, his hair and beard streaked with gray, and deep lines rudely cut across a waxen forehead. The first glance told me that I beheld a tragedy of noble gifts and aspirations.

Not until I had answered his questions as to my prosperity, and he had told me that his parents were dead, and that, not having married, he lived almost alone in the old homestead, did I speak of his appearance, and beseech him, in the name of our friendship, to tell me what calamity had come to him. He looked at me a few moments, unable to reply, the pupils of his sunken eyes dilating, and pallor forcing its way through the vellow skin. At last he replied, with shaking voice, and concealing the trembling of his hands by tightly press ing them upon the chair arms:

"Yes, John, I will tell you. But you will be the only mortal except myself who knows what has snapped the strings of my energy and purposes. I cannot tell you here, though.'

Greatly wondering, I asked: "Where can you tell me?"

"Come to the old home tonight at o'clock." Punctually to the appointed time,

sent solemn echoes of the old-fashioned brass knocker through the wide hall. The house, dating from the colonial days, unable to keep pace with modern improvement, and secluded from the street, amid high poplars and elms, was gloomy enough at all times; but clouds had brought the October night earlier, and the rattle and the rustle of withered teaves, as the wind tore them from the boughs and scurried them across the dead grass, seemed to deepen the dis-mal quiet of the place; or, in my fancy, excited by apprehension, to be whisper ing of the demons of fate and mystery An aged colored servant, whose heart voice, as I remembered it, had been low ered to a pitch of melancholy, opened the door and bade me go upstairs

Philip welcomed me in the study with an air of relief. As he turned up the light, the evident pain in his eyes, and the chair before the great fire, showed me he had been brooding in the dark. An easy rocker drawn close to his chair silently revealed his wish that we sit there. I accordingly asked him to turn down the light which he gladly did, and

we sat down before the fire-place.

Anxiously interested in my friend's condition, I fell naturally to analyzing it as reflected by the expression of his face, and I now saw, in the dim hearth light, a spark of hope that this first revealment might lessen his grief.

"John," he began, "you have noticed room at the top of the house, which looked out over the slanting roof of the back building, and commanding the view we have so often, as young men, admired in those happy days. Men of studious habits seem to take instinctively to the house tops, as if nearness to the ground makes the mind earthy. I, too, like its solitude, and, after father died. I kept it until-

He stopped suddenly, and the spark in his eyes was quenched by despair. said nothing, and he went on:

"But I will start at the beginning, and if you can suggest an escape for me you will be more than a friend to me. I'm suffering, John-God help me, how suffer! You know what prospects I had. I wrote you how I was elected prosecuting attorney. I was winning legal triumphs such as might have turned any one's head, but you behold me nowcomplete, a hopeless wreck. Yes,I triumphed until the case of the

State versus Joel Harkton came to me It was my first capital case. Harkton was a well known man of the city and an acquaintance of mine. His wife died suddenly, under circumstances sufficiently suspicious to warrant his arrest. They were only circumstances, but very very strong against him, and I saw conviction would be a laurel worth try ing for; especially as I knew that suc cess meant my certain nomination for state senator. Briefly and horribry, John, my ambition rose to madness. It trampled down my scruples against conviction on circumstantial evidence, and even the sympathy I had for Harkton as a close acquaintance. You will not, you cannot understand me when I tell you that my ambition became-bloodthirsty. a mark-Harkton's life. You shrink, my friend, and it is right you should; but, before high heaven, I swear It to be true that it was the external impulse-a determination which could have been formed only in the deepest heart of Lucifer himself.

"Through day, and night after night, not stopping to sleep, I studied the circumstances until I had weighed, and pared, and shaped, and fitted them into mosaic of conviction. If I thought of Harkton at all, it was only as the old high priest regarded the sacrificial lamb -as necessary to salvation. Triumph became my religion and my God.

"One night"-acute recollection si lenced the trembling voice for a few minutes-"I sat up in the old study, stringing the facts, for the hundredth ime, upon a thread of prosecution. I was in a fever of elation. No possible defense could break down my theory of the wife murder. I already clutched victory to my soul. I was oblivious to everything but the case; the hours, tolled rom the steeple yonder, struck upon my ear, but did not reach my brain. I reveled in a realization of victory, attainment of my cherished heights and of triumph over the counsel for the defendant, who was my

bitterest political opponent. Suddenly was disturbed in my eestacy by slight noise, and looking around, there, within reach of my hand, quietly stood

"For a moment I was chilled by the fear that I was the victim of an hailucination, but the man's voice assured me of his material presence.

"You are working to convict me, was what he said, in mild reproach. "'How did you come here?' I de manded.

"I escaped from jail and crawled up over the roof there, foolishly, perhaps, to ask you to aid me in escape instead of seeking my life as you are doing. We have been friends, Moreland, and as surely as I talk to you now, I am inno-

'Innocent!' I repeated in scorn.

You killed your wife in cold blood. The proof is incontrovertible. Ho shrank from me, holding up his

hands in despairing realization of my oitterness and of his mistake in putting himself into my power. I was furious at the mere prospect of defeat, and he must have seen it in my face. Harkton had never been a strong man, but he was now further weakened by imprison ment. I could easily detain him, and I argued that as a public officer, sworn to see that the laws were vindicated, was my duty to do so. So far the act now tell you of was justified, but"-he paused, turning to me in violent selfcondemnation-"in so far as my aspirations sought to make a stepping-stone of this man's life, the act was diabolical. 'But you will surely let me go now, and give me the chance to escape,' Hark-

ton said, weakly.
"No,' I hissed, rising; 'I will return

you to prison. "I grasped him. He simply sald, 'God help me,' weakly, submissively, and the sound of those words have never ceased. He did not resist, and I threw him to the floor and tied his hands with a towel Heaven pity me! those words, his piteous supplications-they cry in the wind tonight, and his eyes, in hopeless en-

treaty, glow yonder in the coals. "I will not detail how he was carried back to jail; nor how I tried his case; nor the praise I received; all I need say is that I won, and Joel Harkton was was hanged for the murder of his wife. The fire had sunk low, but it still shed light enough to show the terror re ected in his face by the point yet to be told. His face had fatien upon his breast, so that his last words had been muffled, and he gripped the knotted ends of the chair-arms as a man suspended over an abyss would clutch a support.

Two months later," he presently sumed, "there came to me indisputable proof that Harkton was innocent. That night I sat late in my study-a night ike this, with the wind fretting in the boughs and the leaves whispering to each other before they died. I sat at the table, not studying, but lighting the remorse in my heart. I had received the nomination to the senate, but my old aspirations were, like the leaves, whispering low in my soul of their death

"Suddenly, by the indefinable perception of the nerves, I became aware of a presence in the room, and before my fright permitted me to look up, I caught the indistinct view one gets through the corner of the eye. Slowly, chilled by apprehension, I turned my head, and there, just where Joel Harkton had stood on the night of his escape, I saw a hand extended toward me. Only a hand. looked for the wrist the arm, the orm, but my sight went clear to the It was nothing but a hand, except that it protruded from a round disc o blackness, as if thrust through a sable

A shudder stopped him for a few mo ments; then, turning to me, he said:
"And that hand remained there always reaching out to me. I braved i night after night, trying to study, to be my old self, to forget it when at my down-town office, but I could not. It be came worse than the hand of a thief who steals worldly goods. It stole my ardor, my ambition. It drove me here to this room, but, my friend, God help me! that hand is still up there reaching out-daylight or dark-it is always always reaching. The years have flet and I have gone up there day and night fascinated, tortured by the hope that it had been withdrawn, but it has always been there, and, heaven pity me! it

at me-a wreck. My God, it is the hand of Joel Harkton!" He fell back in his chair overcome, that this is not the same study father used. He, you remember, preferred the friend was a victim of that terrible, almost incurable, mental disorder-an

up there now-now. It is stealing away my life. It has been reached out

to stay me in my upward career. Look

hallucination. "Philip," I inquired earnestly, "are you sure that it is not imagination? "Imagination!" he repeated, with in creased terror; "you mean hallucination. God help me if it is. I have thought of that. I believe an hallucination to be incurable. Let me tell you that my grandfather was tortured to his death y the vision of a rat. It is the iron law f heredity. I would rejoice, my friend, f I could only believe that this hand is that of a spirit. Then it might be exer-I am still young enough to achieve something; but that hand grasps the very center of my life, and dowly, surely, it is compressing me to death. It attracts me to that room,

pulling me there, and I cannot resist It is an hallucination, and it will kill He reasoned thus more calmly than he had told the story, and I saw in this fact a hope for him. With sudden pur-

often in the dead of the night. I feel it

pose I asked: "Philip, have you ever taken anyone up there?"

"No," he replied, starting into per ception of my purpose; "if others can see it, it is the hand of a spirit, and there may be found a way to drive it from me. Are you brave enough to go up there with me?"

"I am."
"Now?"

"At once."

"Come, then," he said, rising. The old mansion being only partially occupied, it was a solemn expedition through it, our footsteps ethning emptily through the wide halls, and jolting and jarring the weakened beams, the wind torturing the loosened casements and growling its uncanny giee in the huge chimneys.

At the study door, before unlocking it. Philip turned to me, and, holding up the lamp, looked searchingly into my face. A frightful change had come over his own. His eyes were shiny and unsteady, and, for the first time, the chill of a thought far more terrible than of the ghostly hand flew over me-that my old friend was a madman. Realization of my position flashed upon me. I was in a lonely attic, beyond earshot, with a maniac. I firmly believed the reaching hand was a delusion. Should I tell him so? If I told him I did not see it, would he not turn upon ne with the overpowering rage of a lunatic? Whatever his purpose in scrutinizing me, it seemed to be sitisfied, and he said:

"John, you take the lamp, open the door and walk in. I will wait for you here until you tell me if you see it, and you will know then where it appears. Have you courage?"

Without replying, I took the lamp, while he inserted the key and shoved the boit. I turned the knob slowly tremblingly, afraid of him as much as o what I might see in the room, and pushed open the door. The close, damp smell of an unused apartment rushed out as I stepped over the sill.

It was a small room, with ceiling slanting with the roof. In a moment I saw that it remained precisely as in the long past-a somewhat gloomy place at any time, but now rendered weird by Moreland's tale. I knew that his two glaring eyes at the threshold followed my every movement, as, holding the lamp up. I looked about. There were the booksbelves, the globe, the bust of Horace, the writing table, but nowhere -keenly, oagerly, anxiously as I looked, in the center, in every corner-did I see

a hand. 'Do you see it?" Philip called out. I hesitated, but I instantly reflected

edly, almost ferociously in, snatched the lamp from my hand, and, catching my arm, pulled me to the table. Then, holding the light toward the end, he pointed with his long foreinger. But I saw nothing. Slowly his head turned around, and his gaze, fierce now, fell upon me.

"Don't you see it?" he asked hoarsely. "No, Philip," I answered, faintly, see nothing.

"There, there," he almost screamed; right there-two inches from my finger, a hand reaching out from a black spot in the air. There, there—a hand with a scar in the palm. There, there—

"No, Philip," I said, "I do not see it," With a low moan he dropped the lamp ipon the table, and sank upon his knees

"My God, my God! It is an hallucination! I was myself so agitated that I cannot tell how I brought him down to his room. He was prostrated. His peculi-arity, strengthened by the case of his grandfather, was to fear an hallucination more than a spirit hand, and I saw that this fear, now substantiated by my failure to see the vision, would soon torture him to death. In the desperate hope of saving him, I devoted myself to the study of apparitions, reading carefully the cases of Bernardotte, Earl Grey, Nicolai and many others. I was speedily convinced that Philip was the victim of a phantasm, and knowing that the mental derange-ment had come to him in the way he had related and by heredity, I saw little hope of a cure. There was but one hance, however, and I resolved to try it. I read that apparitions are sometimes driven away by natural means. Thus, if it seems to the victim that the apparition comes for some purpose and he is made to believe that the purpose has een accomplished, the imaginary

visitant departs. I did not have to look very deep to find a plausible object for the reaching out of the hand. It had appeared on the night after Philip had learned that Harkton was innocent. Remorse had struck deep into his heart. Naturally sensitive as I knew him to be, his wish, torturingly helpless under the circumstances, would be for forgiveness-a shake of the hand of the friend ignominious and innocent death he had accomplished. He already believed it to be the hand of Joel Harkton. If he could be convinced that it was held out to him for no revengeful purpose, but as a sign that the injured man was willing to forgive, my friend might be saved.

Full of this idea, I hastened again to he old house, and found Philip in the study, brooding again over the fire. was a clear November Sunday night; the city resting from its labor—one of those nights oppressively quiet; the earth, the stars, and the tain crescent, low over the mountain, seeming to be calmly waiting.

With as calm and matter-of-fact maner as I could force, I told Philip what I elieved to be the purpose of the hand, He sat, with his head wearily supported y his hand, and, when I hadended, he furned his face, wofully haggard, toward me, and answered, despatringly: "What would you have me do?"

"Go up to the study and accept the ffor of forgiveness that has been held out to you for lifteen years.' I was surprised at the effect. I thought it would be gladly received, but it startled him; his face grew more livid and it set eve y nerve trembling. He ooked at me some time before his quiv-

ering lips would form the words. "John, it is just fifteen years tonight since the hand appeared, but-but-"But what?"

"A fearful change has come over me. The hand attracted me before, but it is now horribly repulsive. Oh! I cannot go up now. It drew me there last night at 2 o'clock, and as I looked uponit I shank from it in new terror. It has grown old and withered and it trembled as if the arm that held it were tired and it must soon drop. Oh, heaven pity me! what will come when it falls. shall die.

I grasped his hand in my intense wish o calm and help him. I saw that his malady had almost run its course, and that when his phantasy assumed the form of a dropping hand, he might, in-deed, die. I pleaded with him to go with me once again, and flually he

I took up the lamp, and when we reached the study door Philip ner-vously unlocked it. The same musty closeness blew in my face. But it was not that which rooted me to the spotit was an impression, not received by sight, but by the perception of some other sense, that there was indeed a presence in the gloomy apartment. Conquering it with with difficulty, I followed Philip in, and holding the light forward. I was struck into speechess awe, for there, indeed, as he had described it, I saw a hand protruding from a black sphere of air-a withered hand, as of an old man reaching out to grasp another, and trembling with the

Had my days and nights of study over Philip's case affected my brain's Had I caught the dread-ful mental disorder from him? Was I. too, the victim of an hallucination? Philip turned to me, a spasm o gony writhing on his face. He gave me wild glance at my face, then, clutching me with terrible strength and inensity, he said, hoarsely:

"You see it?" "Yes," I answered, not above a whis-

"A hand?"
"Yes, yes," I muttered. "A hand as you have described it."
"Merciful heaven!" he cried; "it is

not an apparition; it is, indeed the hand of Joel Harkton. His words brought me partially back to myself, and, reason returning, told me that my theory of forgiveness would apply now as well as before; that if it vere, indeed, a spirit hand, this course might give it rest.

"Philip," I said, in a voice forced into something like calmness. spirit of Joel Hackton wishes to forgive you. Reach forward and clasp the

I saw a look of desperate determination fly across his face. For only a mohe hesitated; then, walking for ward, he slowly reached out his hand, and I saw his fingers close with those of the reaching hand.

Instantly the stillness of the night vas broken by a fluttering of the air and a cry which seemed to recede rapidly nto distance and silence. My eyes, which had been riveted upon the reach ing hand, now saw only empty space and dereed unobstructed to the wall. urned to Philip, and found him lying dead upon the floor, but with an expression of relief and joy upon his face.

Hamlin Garland has written a pessimistic sort of story dedicated to the farmers alliance, under the caption of 'Jason Edwards: an Average Man," in which he paints a terrible pacture of the condition of the workingman in large centers and of the farmer on our western prairies. While there is doubtless a good deal of truth in the charges made, there is also a wast amount of exaggration, the fact being that careful investigation of the subject will show that generally speaking the condi-tion of the workingman and farmer throughout the country has generally been improving upon what it was twenty or thirty years ago. The story itself is interestingly writthat I could not deceive him. Before I could reply, however, he rushed excit— Ar.na Publishing Co., Boston, Mass

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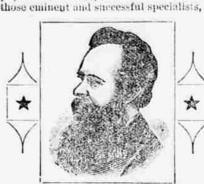
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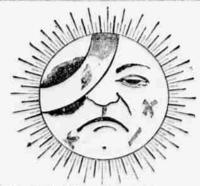
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Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Omaha;

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Section 2. That the mayor, with the approval of the city connect, appoint three distuterested appraisers to appraise, assess and determine the data of the data of the city connects to appraise. used appraisers to appraise, assess and deter-mine the damages to property owners which may be exused by such grading, taking late consideration in making such appraisement, the special benefits, if any, to such property, by reason of such grading. Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its pass-age.

Passed May 10th, 1812.
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City Clerk. E. P. DAVIS,
President City Council,
Approved May 12th, 1812,
GEO. P. BEMIS,
Mayor.

Proposals for Repairing of Gas Lamps. Scaled bids will be received at the comp-troller's office up to 4 p. m. May 24, 1882, for the repairing of about 15) gas lumps.

4 HEO. OLSEN, Comptroller.

Omaha, Neb., May 13, 1892.

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ELECTION PROCLAMATION. In pursuance of an or linance of the city of lmahn, passed and approved May IT, 18th, en-titled "An ordinance calling a special election o vote upon the greep ance of the amore a troposition of the Nebraska Central railway proposition of the Nebraska Central reliwiy company and the issuance of coupon bonds of the city of Omaha in the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars \$2.9.9 in to a did the Nebraski Central Rallway company in acquiring depot grown is, in the construction of a union rallway and passenger depot, and in the construction of other rallway improvements upon said arounds and to anthorize a lax for the payment of the interest upon said bonds and to act of the payment of the interest upon said bonds and to create a sink ing funs for the payment of the principal thereof, and tropalluzoralizance No. 305, passed and approved May 19th, 822.

I. George P. Femis, mayor of the city of Omaha, do hereby issue my preclumation and on the city of the lection will be he d in said city at the follow ing polling places, namely:

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First District-Southeast corner Seventh First District—Southeast corner and Marcy streets.
Second District—Northwest corner Eighth and Leavenworth streets.
Third District—1298 Jones street.
Fourth District—1297 South Thirteenth

Fifth District-Northeast corner Seventh

Fifth District—Northeast corner Seventh and Pacific streets.

Sixth District—Southeast corner Sixth and Pacific streets.

Seventh District—625 Pherce street.

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Ninth District—182 South Sixth street.

Tenth District—Intersection Ninth and Banceroft street. northeast corner.

Eleventh District—1924 South Thirteenth street, northeast currer Arbur street.

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Third District—112 South Fourteenth street, (A. J. Simpson). Fourth District—III? Douglas street at. J Fifth District-Intersection Cap'tol avenue and Tenth streets.
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Ninth District-1211 Howard street (Kil-FOURTH WARD, First D strict-Intersection Seventeenth and Davenport streets.

Second District—Intersection Twenty-second and Davenport streets, north-side.

Third District—Intersection Twenty-fifth and Dodge streets.

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Seventh District—Intersection Twentieth and Street and St. Mary's avenue.

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treets.
Third District-Intersection Sherman wenue and Lake street.
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Eleventh District—Southwest corner Eighteenth and Cass streets, 4.2 North Eighteenth

SIXTH WARD. First District-Lyceum hall, 482) North Twenty-fourth street (Craig). Second District-Intersection Thirty-sixth street and Grand avenue.
Third District—Intersection Military avenue Fourth District—Intersection Twenty-fourth Street and Manderson streets.

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Sixth District—Intersection Thirty-third and

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SEVENTH WARD First District—2813 Leavenworth street.
Second District—Intersection Twenty-ninth
avenue and Poppleton avenue, east side.
Third District—Intersection Twenty-ninth street and Woodworth avenue, south side.
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and Mercath streets. Fifth District-Intersection Thirty-second avenue and Thomason street.
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and Burt streets.
Seventh District-Intersection Twentieth and Cass streets. NINTH WARD. First District-Intersection Thirty-second and Cuming streets.
Second District-Intersection Fortieth and Cuming streets, north side.
Third District-Intersection Fortieth and Farment streets.

Third District—Intersection Fortieth and Farnam streets.
Fourth District—Intersection Thirty-second avenue and Davenport street.
Fifth District—Seel Farnam street.
Sixth District—304 Leavenworth street.
For the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said city, for their acceptance or rejection, the amended proposition of the Nebraska Central Hallway company to the city of Omaha thereinafter written at length and the questions, shall the bonds of the city of Omaha hereinafter written at length and the questions, shall the bonds of the city of Omaha hereinafter written at length and shall an annual tax be levied to pay the interest on such bonds as it becomes due? and shall a further annual tax, commencing the tenth year prior to the maturity of such bonds, be levied, in addition to all other taxes, for the crestion of a sinking fund sufficient to pay such bonds at the maturity thereof?

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tion of said amended proposition, is submitted to said legal voters, and will be voted upon in the manner and form following:

The Nebraska Central Railway company has made the following proposition to the city of Omaha:

The amended proposition of the Nebraska Central Railway company to the city of Omaha. Neb.

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The undersigned the Nebrash of the City of Omaha beat destrict bounded by Fifteenth street, Chicazo street, Eleventh street, California Street, and the right of way of the Omaha Beit Railway company, except the south haif of block is, lots 2 and 4, block 25, and to creet thereon a union passenger depot on the corner of Fifteenth and Chicago streets, to cost, Including the other railway improvements on said graunus, not less the four hundred thousand dollars (1900.00).

Provided, the 3 ty of Omaha, in Douglas

Frovided, 19.2 ty of Omaha, in Doughas county, Nobrasaa, will donate to the said Nobrasaa Central Railway company two hundred and fifty thousand dolars (\$25,500 of its four (0 per cent bonds, \$100,000 thereof to be dated January 1, 1881, and \$15),000 thereof to be dated January 1, 1881, and \$15),000 thereof to be dated January 1, 1881, to become due and payable twenty years from their respective dates, with interest payable semi-numally, all payable at the fiscal agency of the state of No-raska in the city of New York, Sald bonds to be of the denomination of one thousand dollars (\$1,000 each, and each thereof to recite.

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"This bend is one of a series of two hundred and fifty 230 bonds of the amount and tenor, which are issued by the city of Omaha, in Douglas county, Nebraska, to the Nebraska Central Railway company, to aid it in acquiring land in the city of Omaha for union depat

company, to aid it in acquiring land in the city of Omaha for union deputant terminal purposes and in the construction of a union railway passencer depot upon said ground, and its ratiway tracis, side tracks, turbouts, switches and approaches leading thereto, and other railway improvements therewith connected.

Said bonds to be executed and re istered at or immediately after the dates thereof, and immediately thereafter delivere i to the First National bank of Omaha, Neb., trustee, to be held in trust for delivery to the Nebraska Uentral Railway company, its successors or assigns, by said trustee, in instalments as herein after provided.

The said Nebraska Central Railway combany plans to construct, or cause to be constructed, a line of railway in the state of lows, not less than 100 miles in extent, from the east approach of a bridge, which the said Nebraska Central Railway company, the lilinois Central Railway company, the lilinois Central Railway company, the Winona & Saithwestern Railway company, the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway company, the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway company, the Baithnore & Ohio Railway company, the Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway company, the Obio & Mississippi Railway company, the Chicago of Central Railway company, the Chicago of Ce

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when it or they shall have acquired and
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o land located within the district
counded by Fifteenth street. Calcage street,
Eleventh street. Uniformly street, end the
right of way of the Omaha Belt Railway company, except the south haif of blocks 38, lot 3,
and 4, block 25, lot 1, and the north half of
lots 2 and 3, block 27;

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Provided, that the said one hundred thousand dollars [8]00,00] of said bonds shall not be delivered until after the said Nebraska Central Railway company, its successors of assigns, shall have constructed the said line of railway in the state of lowa.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars [15]0,000 of said honds shall be delivered by said trusted to said Nebraska Central Railway company, its successors or assigns, when it or they shall have completed the erection of a milon passen or depot upon said tract of land acove described, to cost, including the other railway improvements on said grounds, not less than four hundred thousand dollars [810,00]; proof of such tost to be made by the sworn statem, it of the president and treasurer of said railway company, flied with the city clerk of Oreaha, accompany, flied with the city sixed by the city attorney and city engineer, that in their opinion such amount ha actually been expended.

Provinced, that if the said Nebraska Centra Bailway company, its successors or assigns shall fail to acom to and take possession of Provided that if the said Nebraska Centra: Railway company, its successors or assums, shall fail to acquire and take possession of said land, it shall not be entitled to receive any part of said one hundred thousand dollars \$199,000 installment of bonds; and, further provided, that mone of said one hundred and fifty thousand dollars \$180,000 installment of bonds shall be delivered until attention rai-way company in addition to the Nebraska Central Railway company shall be actually using said union depot; and.

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Provided further, That the mayor and the city conneil small, by resolution, upon the full performance of the undertakin s on the part of said radiway company herein contained. delivery of said bonds at the time

foresaid; and. Provided further. That all matured coupon shall be removed and cancelled by said trustee setore delivery of the bonds to which

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Provided further. That the mayor and city council of the city of Omaha shall cause to be levied on the taxable property of said city an annual tax sufficient for the payment of the interest on said coupon bonds as it becomes due, and after the expiration of ten (b) years from the date of said bonds the mayor and city council of said city shall cause to be levied in addition to all other taxes on the taxable property of said city an amount of tax sufficient to create a sinking fund for the payment at maturity of said bonds, the amount of tax sufficient to create a sinking fund not to exceed twenty-five thousand doliars \$23,033,03 in any one year; said tax to be continued from year to year until the said bonds are fully paid.

The acquirement of the said lands and improvements herein contemplated including the said railroad in Iowa, shall be begun within one year from May 1. 1892, and be pushed to completion without unnecessary delay; and shall be completed within three years from the 1st day of July, 1802.

In case any of the terms, limitations, conditions or provisions proposed herein relating to the beginning, progress and competion of said improvements are not compiled with unless delay is directly and necessarily caused by injunction or other judicial proceedings, or by unavoidable accident or act of Providence, the said company shall not be entitled to receive said bonds or any thereof, even though the electors of said city of Omaha shall have by their vote authorized the issuance of said bonds; but all right tosaid bonds shall by such default and without any judicial determination become forfeited.

Provided, however, that if the beginning progress or completion of said improvements shall be estanded to the extent of such said by each of obstructed by any of the said Nebraska Central Railway company with respect to the cause or extent of any such delay, the same at the election of said Ne larska Ce

In consideration of receiving the proposed subsidy the Nebraska Central Railway com-pany agrees to allow all railway companies the following rights: The right to run their locomotives passenger and freight trains over its main and passing tracts within the city of Omaha; and over its proposed by dge and approaches, the right to use such portion of its terminal grounds, epots and facilities as may the business of such roads; Including any enlargment of its depot and depot grounds; the right to have their cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the Negative Company of the cars switched and delivered by the cars switched and braska Central R liway company upon all its switch tracks: the right to someet the railway which the Nebraska Central Railway company, or its successors or assists, may company, or its successors or assists, may construct or cause to be constructed cost of the Missouri river, and to run their locomotives, passenger and freight trains over the main and passing tracks of said railread; it being hereby agreed that in case the Nebraska Central Railway company shall construct its proposed interest of the Missouri river, through the agency of any other corporation or party, it will cause such corporation or party to execute and deliver to the city of Onaha a good and sufficient instrument binding it or him to abide by the terms, conditions and provisions of this proposition, the same as the said Nebraska Central Railway company would have been bound if it had built the same, effor delivery of the aforesaid one hundred thousand deliars (190,929) installment of bonds.

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Frovided, that the use and enjoyment by such railway companies of ouch and every of said rights shall be upon just and equal terms an it the payment of just and fair compensation to the Nebraska Central Railway contains, its successors or assigns, and subject to such operating rules and regulations of the Nebraska Central Railway company, its successors or assigns, as shall be necessary and proper, just and reasonable.

And the said Nebraska Central Railway company will submit any dispute arising between it and such other company or companies as to the use and enjoyment of any rights under this proposition, or as to the terms, compensation, operating rules and regulations, relating therato, to a board of arbitrators, to be made up of three persons who are judges of the state district court, or its successor, of the district embracing the county of boughas, to be selected by a two-thirds vote of all the persons who are district judges of said court.

Provided that any such railway company, its successors of assigns, shall have the election to submit any such district for by the retain and Nebraska Central Railway company, its successors of assigns, shall have the election to submit any such disructed for by this proposition, the party desiring to submit any matter to arbitration shall cause to be

served upon the other party a written notice which shall see out the master in dispute to be submitted, and the time proposed for the hearing, which shall not be less than thirty and any after the time of service; and thereupon the adverse party shall within twenty to days after such service upon it, serve lit answer, if any it have, upon the party demanding the arbitration.

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The Board of Arbitrators, when or anized, shall have power to fix the time of hearing and to adjourn the same from time to time, and to make all necessary rules and regulations for the production of testimony in the possession of either party, and otherwise to compet a fargand speely trial; the decision of a majority of the board shall control and the final determination of the board shall be final and conclusive upon the parties, of all matters submitted and doubt. Wherever arbitration shall be resorted to

viced, as to the matters and things involved and decided therein.

Said Nebraska Central Raliway company, its successors and assigns, shall transport freight inclinding transfer of freight and all charges incidental to said transportation over any native set appearance within one hundred (100) in the of the Missouri river within the state of Nebraska, for just or reasonable rates or charges, and in case of difference as to what constitutes just and reasonable rates or charges there can path from the major and of the conscitutes and raliway company may suffine the same to arbitration in the manner and to the arbitrators above provided for, but this piragraph respecting freight charges shall not become operative or in force until five years from the date of the delivery of the last installment of the bends hereinbefore referred to.

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It is further proposed that said bonds shall be delivered to the Nebraska Central railway company, its successors or assigns, only upon the execution by the said Nebraska Central railway company by the said Nebraska Central railway company or its successors, and delivery to the city of Omaha of an undertaking in writing to the effect that the principal depot of said railway company, its general offices and principal machine shops when built, shall be to a steed and maint timed within the corporate limits of the city of Omaha, and that a violation of the terms of said undertaking by the said Nebraska Central railway company or its successors or essigns, shall render the said Nebraska Central railway company, or its successors in essigns, shall render the said nebraska Central railway company, or its successors in essigns, shall render the said nebraska Central railway company, or its successors.

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This proposition shall, after being duly acknowled red by the Nebraska Central Railway company, be recorded in the office of the register of deads of Douglas county, Nebraska, and for a period of twenty CD years from and after this date, shall be referred to by giving the lank and Tage wherein the same is recorded it any mort age, deed of trust, deed of conveyance, or lease of said depot and depot conveyance, or lease of said depot and depot grounds, with the statement that the said Nebraska Contral rallway commany, its seconsors and assigns, are bound by the terms, limitations, provisions and conditions of the conveyance, or loase of said depot and denoted arounds, with the statement that the said Nebresian Central rations of the said control rations, the successors and assigns, are bound by the terms, limitations, provisions and conditions of the proposition which are hereby made its covenints that attach to and run with the said property into whosoever hands it may come. Provided, that the city council of the city of Omeia, the mayor approving in due forms shall enact a certain ordinance (which at the date hereof, is pending consideration before said councils, entitled "An ordinance granting permiss on and authority to the Nebraska Central Ratioway company, its successors and assigns to construct rational tracks along, across, over and under certain streets and alleys in the city of Omaha subject to certain conditions, and to vacate parts of certain streets and alleys in the city of Omaha upon compliance with certain other conditions.

And it is also provided, that if said Nebraska Central ratioway company shall not, within forty-five (id) days of being notified by the city cierk of the adoption of this proposition at the election held to vote upon the same, the with the said city clerk its written ratification of the proposition under its corporate seal, none of said bonds shall be issued, and all the terms and provisions of this proposition shall be held for naught.

The Nebraska Central Ratioway company agrees before an election being called to submit to the voters of the city of Omaha this proposition, that it will execute and deliver to said city a bond with good and sufficient sureties in the sam of five thousand dolars (follows) and two thousand dolars (follows) cash, conditioned upon the payment of the expenses of said election.

This proposition and the acceptance thread Ratioway company, its successors or assigns, and the said city of Omaha, and all be constraed and understood to constitute a contract leaves to the said Nebraska Central Ratioway company in this property and be binding upon any party into

Attest: JOHN L. McCAGUE, Secretary.

Attest: JOHN L. SICCAGE L.

[SEAL.]
Witness: ALEX. G. CHARLTON.
State of Nebraska.; Ss.
Douglas County. (ss.
On this leth day of May, A. D., 1892, before
me, a notary public in and for said county,
personally appeared the above named J. H.
Dumont and John L. McCague, who are to me
personally known to be the identical persons who signed the foregoing instrument as vice president and secretary of sons who signed the foregoing instru-ment as vice president and secretary of the Kebraski Central Railway company; they acknowle by the said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of the said No-braska Central Railway company and their voluntary act and deed as such vice president and secretary of said company. Witness my hand and notarial seat the date last aforesaid. ALEX. 6. CHARLTON, [SEAL.] Notary Public.

Isstaforesaid. ALEX, G. CHARLTON, [88At.]

Notary Public.

Shall the above and foregoing proposition be accepted and adopted shall said bonds be issued, registered and delivered and shall an annual tax in addition to the usual and all other taxes be levied upon the taxable property of the City of Omaha, Douzlas county, Nebraska, sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as it becomes due, and at the time of levying the annual city tax, commencing the tenth year prior to the maturity of said bonds, shall a tax in addition to all other taxes be levied upon the taxable property of said city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska, and continued annually thereafter from year to year until thereby a shiking fand shall have been obtained sufficient to pay said bonds at the maturity thereof? thereof

sufficient to pay said bonds at the maturity thereof?

YES.

NO.

The above questions shall be regarded as one question and ail ballots of legal voters east at said election containing the above proposition and questions in the form of the official ballots, to be prepared by the city clerk of said city for said election, with an "X" mark following the word "yes" upon said official ballot shill be counted in favor of the acceptance of said amended proposition, the issuance of said amended proposition, the issuance of said bonds and the levy of said taxes in payment of the principal and interest thereof; and all ballots of legal voters cast at said election containing the above proposition and questions in the form of the official ballot, to be prepared by the city clerk of said city for said election with an "X" mark following the word "no" upon said official ballot shall be counted and considered as against the acceptance of said amended proposition, the issuance of said bonds and the levy of said taxes in payment of the principal and interest thereof. If two-thirks of all the ballots voted by said legal voters of said eity of Omaha. Douglas county, Nebraska, at said election shall be cist in favor of the acceptance of said amended proposition, the issuance of said bonds and the levy of said taxes in payment of the principal and interest thereof. The foregoing proposition will be held to be answered in favor of the issuance of said bonds and the levy of said taxes, and the said bonds thereupon shall be issued, registered and delivered in accordance with the terms and sonditions of said amended proposition, and said taxes shall be levied accordingly; otherwise not.

Which election will be open at 8 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Date at Omaha, Nob., this ists day of May, 1872—181 gened.]

GEORGE P. BEMIS.

Mayor of the City of Omaha.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF DAM-AGES FOR THE CHANGE OF

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GRADE OF 24TH STREET.
To the owners of all lots, and part of lots
and real estate along 24th street from a point
2.0 feet north of Browne street to the north
curb line of Ames avenue, and intersecting
street as follows, to-wit: Templeton street
from a point 20 feet west of 24th street to the
west curb line of 24th street.
You are hereby notified that the undersigned, three disinterested freeholders of the
city of Omaha, have been duly appointed by
the mayor, with the approval of the city
council of said city, to assess the damage to
the owners respectively of the property affected by the change of grade of 24th street
from a point 20 feet north of Browne street to
the north cirb line of Ames avonce and intersocting street, declared necessary by ordinance No. 182, passed April 5, 1892, approved
April 11,1822.
You are further notified, that having accepted said amointment, and duly qualified
as required by law, we will, on the 31st day of
May, A. D. 1862 at the hour of 19 o'clock in
the forenoon, at the office of T. C. Branner,
room I. Ware block, correr 15th and Farnam
streets, within the corporate limits of said
city, moet for the purpose of considering and
making the assessment of damage to the
owners respectively of said property, affected
by said change of grade, taking into considcration special bunefits, if any.
You are notified to be present at the time
and place aforesaid, and make any objections
to or statements concerning said assessment
of damages as you may consider proper.

T. C. RRUNNER,
W. H. GATES,
B. R. BALL.
Omaha May 18, 180.