CHANGING THE CITY CHARTER

Amendments Suggested for the Benefit of the Municipal Statute Pook.

THE EVILS OF THE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Joseph Garneau Wants Hoggish Property Owners Placed on the Retired List-Favors Electing All Officeholders-Too Much Shirking of Responsibility.

There is no tack of interest in the matter of contemplated changes in Omaha's city charter to be made by the coming legislature. Nothing has been done of a very tangible nature, those having the best idea of what is needed feeling both to assume the responsibility of framing the charter in accordance with the plans proposed.

An effort will be made by the committee having the matter in charge to get all the suggestion offered in some tangible shape and then prepare and report the recommended changes to the council, in the hope that the amendments may no agreed upon in Omaha before the meeting of the legislature and thus avoid any, squabolo over the measure when it comes before the legislature

for consideration.

The suggestions made by various officials and citizens through Tun Bax last Sunday have been discussed by the council members of the committee, and most of them have met with the endorsement of the body. Other interested parties have offered opinions as to needed changes:

Caster Taylor's Suggestions. Your invitation to the public to discuss charter amendments is timely," said Cadet Taylor. "The chief difficulty with the Omaha public is that it, or to get right down to business, the people seem to prefer to suffer the present ills, as it gives them ample opportunity to display their ability to emulate the renowned Fifth ward kickers. They wait until the last moment, then go before the legislature hopelessiv divided, and the net result is an amended charter hurried through during the closing hours, entirely unsatisfactory to everybody. Even those who have been patriotic enough to work for the cear public have been accused of using the public grindstone to sharpen their own axes. This time, let us hope that all personalties will be forgotten in the general desire for the public good.

The charter amendments should be discussed in Omaha, not in Lincoln, and the amendments decided upon before the legislature convenes. Then it will be possible to thing. Heretofore the fault has not been with the legislature, but with our own peo-ple. We did not know what amendments were destrable, and our lawmakers took us

ome time ago, through the efforts of the Real Estate Owners association, a committee of three each from the city council, county commissioners, Board of Trade and Real Estate Owners association was appointed and held several interesting sessions and thoroughly discussed the subject of assessments. This committee is a good one, with Major Wheeler as chairman, and has been waiting for several months for suggestions from County Attorney Mahoney and City Attor-ney Connell in answer to the committee's inquiry concerning the legal questions in-volved. Now that the campaign is over and the country saved, if these gentlemen will forward their respective letters the joint committee will formulate a report to be presented to a massmeeting to seld under the auspices of the officers of the Real Estate Owners association. This report will place the proposed amendments concerning assessments squarely before the tax-payers for consideration. There is no other subject which comes closer to the taxpaver than equitable assessments. The present system is unequal, unjust, iniquitous, a standing menace to the investment of capital and property of the city, and has no defender. As you intimate in an editorial the sputhy of our citizens is inexpilcable. They pay hundreds of thousands of dollars into the coffers of the city and county, apparently without a thought as to how their property is assessed, for what purpose, and how disbursed. Even today we witness the specta-tle of hungry tax-certificate speculaters falling over each other to buy property for taxes, and collecting from unfortu-nate people a 20 per cent ponalty—we rob ourselves for the benealt of the tax-certificate speculator. Taxes ought to be paid, but penalties for nonpayment should be reasonable, within bounds, and the law should

ing speculator.
"Other amendments will be considered, and the work should be placed in the hands of subcommittees, so that the result of their labors may be considered by our taxpayers. and a proper committee sent to our delega-tion at Lincoln with proposed charter amendments which have the approval of our citi-zens and taxpayers generally. It seems to me that us the proposed meeting must have a recognized head, that President Boggs of the Real Estate Owners association is the proper person to call such a meeting. He is a heavy taxbayer, an enterprising citizen and has made a study of many of these questions. As the head of the only organized body of real estate owners it seems to me that he can serve the people in no better way than The people will do the rest it they are once started on the right track. We have a fine legislative delegation, and the country members have always been willing to give Omaha just what her people wanted. As I said before our citizens have never decided this question. Now is the time, and our tax-payers have the wisdom to agree upon all amendments before the charter is sent to Lincoln, if they will only get together in the right spirit."

favor the property owner, not the tax-buy-

Too Many Councilmen for One Thing. Mr. Joseph Garneau, jr.-There ought to be a change in the charter so that one property owner couldn't stand in the way of grading a whole block or two. I know of one case in which a man refuses to raise his house about eight feat and it spoils the grade of four streets. I believe the whole house could be built new for \$2,500, but the owner on his block and his neighbors have to suffer in consequence. The city ought to have nower to make improvements like that and pay damages if there have been any. It also ought to be possible to compel property owners to fill up holes, which are very numerous and unsightly in Omaha. I benumerous and unsightly in Omaha. I behave it would be much better for Omaha if it had five councilmen instead of eighteen. I would give each of them \$3,000 a year and expect them to give their whole time to the service of the city. I believe we could get a class of men who would be above the suspicion of boodling, and I think they would give us a better service than we are getting under our present system. More than that, I would elect them from the city at jarge I would elect them from the city at large, instead of by wards or districts, which yould prevent ward heeters with a local following from getting into the council.

What the Park Commissioners Want. Dr. Miller, park commissioner -The Park commission asks for but one change in the charter. That is an amendment giving the city in unmistagable terms the power to con demn land for park purposes, and I under-stand City Attorney Connell is preparing a clause that will clear up the doubt about the city's power to exercise the right of eminent

Wants Beads of Departments Elected. Wants Heads of Departments Elected.

OMAHA, Nov. 26.—To the Editor of This Base: In considering amongments to the city charter why not discuss the advisability of electing heads of the various departments, receiving say \$1,500 of more per annum, by the people direct.

In support of this proposition I will say, that our present system of appointment ov the mayor and council certainly places the head of a department under obligations to the powers that place him in position; and, not matter now carnest he is, or now much he

matter now earnest he is, or now much he may want to look after the interests that require his attention, the efficiency of the department is curtailed by incompetent subordinates, and a general looseness in the erforcing of ordinances.

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It may be said that such a change would result in too much politics. Well, what is the difference! As it now is appointments are the result of too much favoritism or perhaps a combine, and if it is only a question of favoritism or politics I believe the latter the lesser evil, and after all we claim this is "a government of the people;" why not let the people rale! the people rule!
It may be also said that it would cause

candidates unnecessary expense. What if it does? Some one will get the money, and after all it would only be a fair division of

The proper safeguards as to eligibility and qualification and as to removal should be carefully provided. As much may be said on this subject I will leave it for the present with the above short statement made to open up the matter for discussion. Very respectfully, Taxparen.

Sweeping Changes Suggested. OMAHA, Nov. 26 —To the Editor of The Bee: I noticed in The Sunnay Ben the opinions of several of our prominent cut-zens and public officials on the subject of

charter amendments. These suggestions are all good, but I hemiy believe that no charter, even if absolutely perfect, will accomplish what it is intended to accomplish, under our present American system of municipal government. Now I claim to be as good an America citizen as any one. I believe that as a per ple, we are far in advance of many, if not all nations of the earth; our people are more progressive, enlightened, ingenious, moral and religious than the inhabitants of almost any country in Europa, yet we still tolerate, permit and seem to love and respect a system of municipal administration which is a century behind the age, and would not be a credit to the Ottoman empire, whose covernment is supposed to be the most corrupt of any in existence at the present time.

It is no doubt true that party politics is responsible for many of the abuses in the management of city affairs; but eliminate poli-tics completely and still I believe that our system would be defective.

There is too much division of responsibility and too little centralization of power under the present system to ever have our city administration what it should be, viz.; an orand economical for these who must live in

Think of it. The cost of running this city for the past year has been approximately \$1,000,000, while in Birmingham, England, a c.ty more than three times the size of Omaha, the cost, according to a recent arti-cle in the Forum by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, was (for the year quoted) \$1,665,000. But the matter of cost would not be so bad if we only got a good administration. Birming ham is admittedly one of the best gov-erned cities in the world. Omaha is admittedly one of the worst.

Now it seems to me that the remedy is to adopt, as far as possible, the European system of government, which is, so far as I can learn, very similar to our form of state gov Abolish the present city council, and have instead a council of say lifty mem bers whose powers shall be legislative Let this body meet only once a year, and after hearing the reports of the various officials let them pass out laws and ordinances as they may find necessary and then adjourn, subject, however to the call of the mayor if any additional legislation should be re-

anired. Of course it might take several weeks to complete the necessary legislation for each year, but I believe that all necessary laws and ordinances could be compiled and passed in that length of time.

I believe that the men composing this ody should serve without pay. All of the work of "running" the city could be attended to by the paid officials, the mayor, the comptroller, the treasurer, the city clerk, the engineer and such others as might be named by the charter. They could make contracts, pay all salaries and all expenses, in fact administer the affairs of the city just as the government and other state officials administer the affairs of the state.

having so much of our public work done by contract! Why not hire competent foremen and do our own paving, grading, sewer work, sidewalk laying, street sweeping, garbage hauling, etc., etc., etc.f Certainly there must be money in all such work for contractors, and it seems to me that it is duty of the city to save this profit to the taxpayers. The officers of the city except the mayor

should, I believe, be elected by the council, and they should be paid good salaries and should hold office during good behavior.

I think that the new charter should absointely prohibit the granting of free fran-chises. This city is large enough now to make any franchise valuatio that it can give,

and there should be either a reasonable cash payment for any franchise granted or an annual royalty, or both. In Paris, for instance, the gas companies furnish city lights at actual cost, and the price to consumers regulated by the city, and

the companies pay also a certain royalty be-sides, on the amount of gas consumed by the Now this plan which is roughly outlined will no doubt be ridiculed by the practical politician, but I believe that if the citizens of Offsha want good city government that the politicians should not be consulted in the

I would like to see a citizens committee formed to take this matter in hand, let them draw up a charter, is the general plan herein proposed, or on some other plan if thought to be better, have the charter carefully examined by a competent atterney so that it could not be attacked for being unconstitutional and then raise enough money to send a strong committee to Lincoln to stay by the charter until it should be passed.

I may be called a treasonist and I will until that I am, but I believe that public affairs can be run on a business basis and that if politics can be eliminated from muni-cipal affairs that honest public-spirited men in all walks of life will be glad to "serve their time" in the interest of good government here and without pay.

Thomas J. Pennella

CHICAGO'S NAVAL ACADEMY.

Wealthy Chicago Men Will Establish One

CHICAGO, fil., Nov. 26.—The Chicago Yacht club, it is announced today, is arranging for the establishment of a western naval academy. The location in view is East End park on the Chicago lake front, near Fifty-first street. The park will also contain a superb club building. George M. Pullman, Potter Palmer and many other wealthy citizens are mempers of the club. Incidentally the project will provide facilities for receiving the foreign yachts that will visit Chicago during the World's

It is proposed that two instructors be sent to Chicago by the United States government and once a year the calets from Annapolis visit the institution to obtain a little lake

practice. The graduates proper of the Chicago academy, unlike the Annapolis men, are not intended primarily for service in the federal navy, but nevertheless will, on leaving, be equally competent, if necessary, to fill the office of lieutenant or midshipman on a manof war or take a place on a merchantman. The plan, according to Commodore Rae of the Yacht club, means to be for furnishing young men another way into the marine profession than that afforded by being forced through the forecastic.

Discussed the Problem of Immigration. NEW YORK, Nov. 26. - The first meeting of the Patria club for the season was held in Sherry's tonight. The subject discussed was "The Problem of Immigration," and the speakers were Frederick Taylor of New York, Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia, ex-minister to Russia, and Senator William E. Changler of New Hampshire, chairman of the senate commission on immigration. Mr. Taylor made the first address. He deplored the immigration into this country of a class of people whese theories and practices were hostic to a merican institutions. He thought the people would endorse congress if congress would debar for awhile all immigra-tion. Charles Emory Smith suggested the levying of a heavy head tax on all immigrants, Senator Chandler said he was in favor of suspending all immigration for a limited

Lincoln Released from Jail, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26-The Board of Trade man, Lincoln, accused of soliciting bribes while on a jury in a \$800,000 lawsuit, was today released as irresponsible. Opium was declared to have unsettled his mind. Lincoln will be sent to Dwight.

Postponed the Cases. New Orleass, La., Nov. 26.-When the United States circuit court opened this morning, the Aunignmated council cases were postponed until December 2.

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ANTHRACITE COAL COMBINE

Testimony Before the Committee Investigating the Reading Deal.

INTERESTING FACTS ARE DEVELOPED

Witnesses Examined Profess Liter Ignor ance of the Existence of a Combination or Pool-How the Production of Coal is Restricted,

New York, Nov. 26 - The subcommittee of the interstate commerce committee continued its investigations into the Reading coal combine today. Vice President Holden of the Luckawanna road testified freely as to the companies which met and fixed prices from time to time, but declined to say how the restriction of the output was accomplished.

Mr. Beach wanted to know if the witness would have prepared and submitted to the committee a statement showing a full day's work at the mines.

Mr. Holden said he would if he could. Mr. Beach said he wanted to show the

effect of the restriction on the miners. Congressman Patterson said he did not think that they had any jurisdiction outside the question of interstate commerce, and that they had nothing to do with the number of days worked by the miners in Pennsylvania. Their province, he said, was to ascertain whether these various railroads were working in a combination, carrying their own products and forming a pool-not to ascertain how many men the companies had working for them.

Attended "Fide Water" Meetings. In reply to a question of Congressman Patterson, Mr. Holden admitted that his com-pany was represented at "Tide Water" meetings, and at these meetings there was neither enairman nor secretary. Such meet-ings, he said, were rather in the line of cones, and the various companies represented usually acted in concert as a result. There was no agreement between these com-panies as to what the reduction of the output f each should be. There was some process. though, by which the companies reduced the production to meet the public demand.

Congressman Patterson-Now, do you mean to say that when these companies cause a reduction in the output of anthracite coal each one makes such reduction as it sees fit, independent of the others and without reference to any other interest than its own! Mr. Holden-Well, I can only speak my own company and reply in the affirma-

Congressman Patterson - You know hough, what the other companies are doing, don't you!

Holden-Yes, we have a knowledge of what is going on outside. Mr. Holden said he did not believe the retail coal dealers had made any excessive profits for some years. Witness also stated that the producers had no agreement among them-selves, so far as he knew, by which they were to act in harmony in fixing prices.

Owing to the speculative element, witness said, there was no particular time for the maximum demand on the producers. At times in the winter when the consumption is greater, the production is smallest, coal producers were like summer hotel keepers, they could not keep open all the year round. Since the existence of the com bination there has been no material decreas in the output. In fact, the output for 1892 already is the largest lever known and ex-In fact, the output for 1892 creeds the output of last year by 1,700,000 tons of anthracite coal. There never was a time, witness said, when 'the consumers could consume the entire possible output.

A. R. McDonough Testifies, A. R. McDonough, secretary of the Lake Eric & Western Railroad company testified that he was also a director and secretary of the Hillside Coal company, organized under the laws of Pennsylvania. The Hillside company is owned by the New York, Lake Erie & Western. The Erie carries coal for other companies in which it owns stock. Edward H. Meade, president of the Penn-

sylvania Coal company, testified that his company was represented at the "Tide Water" meetings. Mr. Street was the representative, and witness thought that on Monday Mr. Street might be here to testify. The output of the mills of the Pulladelphia Coal company last year was 1,500,000 tons, while this year it is largely in excess of that. The Erie & Wyoming Railroad company was a corporation owned by the Philadelphia Coal company. Mr. Meade objected to furnishing the com-mittee a statement of the number of full days worked by the miners in the employ of

his company since 1890.

Congressman Patterson said they wanted to get at the fact, if it existed, that the companies acted according to agreement in the matter of limiting the production. When asked what caused the restriction in

the production, Mr. Meade said it was occa-sioned by every circus that came to the mining districts and by every holiday and by every death in a miner's family. There was no agreement by which each company reduced its output proportionately. They limited the output to meet the demand. As long as there was a demand they had the supply. They sold all they could, "Then, how is it that these companies re-

duced their output proportionately simul-taneously?" asked Mr. Patterson.
"Well," answered the witness, "when there is no demand we limit our production. know what other companies are doing."

Mr. Moade thought that Mr. McLeod's estimate of the possible output of 50,000,000 tons was too high. They might get out under the most favorable circumstances 48,000,000

Mr. Meade finally agreed to furnish the committee with a statement showing the monthly output of the Pennsylvania Coal company for 1800, 1891 and 1892.

Adjourned.
The investigation will be resumed Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

AMICABLY ADJUSTED.

Differences Between the St. Paul-Chicago

Roads and the Soo Settled. CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 36. -A conference that resulted satisfactorily to all concerned took place today between the general passenger agents of the Chicago-St. Paul roads and General Passenger Agent Hipbard of the Soo line. It was brought about by Mr. Hibbard's complaint that certain Chicago roads were manipulating rates at &t. Paul and Minneapous, and the declaration that unless such practices were stopped he would be forced to reduce rates between the Twin Cities and the seaboard. Before the bour for the conference arrived the representatives of the Chicago lines met and discussed the situation. They concluded that the steamship arents at St. Paul and Minneapolis were responsible for the whole difficulty, as it is known that they have been reducing rates from those points to New York, largely through commissions paid to them by roads east of Chicago. It was stated that certain eastern roads were paylug as high as \$7 commissions to steamship agents on business between Chicago and New York. Furthermore, it was intimated that among the roads paying commissions on such traffic were some that a few months ago were foremost in the movement to crush out the commission evil and boycotted the Chicago & Alton because it would not join the commission. All the northwest roads agreed to make every effort to maintain the rates on both east and, westoound passenger thates and to prevent the manipulation of "labor rates" to the south.

After the Soo line representative was ad-

mitted to the conference the whole situation was thoroughly canvassed. It was agreed by all that the whole trouble had been brought about by the excessive commissions paid on westhound business, and this must be taken into consideration in seeking a remedy for the evil. A resolution was adopted declaring it to be the sanse of the meeting that a committee should be ap-pointed to co-operate with the Soo line and Canadian Pacific in taking up the general question of the demoralization of rates, both east and westbound, through steamship agents. As this is a matter in which all the western roads are interested, the appointment of the committee was referred to the Western Passenger association. The idea entertained by those at the con-ference was that this is the beginning of an

attempt to wipe out or bring under control the payment of commissions on westbound LAUGHED AT THE OFFICERS omigrant pushess.

Great Northern Extensions G. W. Campbell, general agent of the Great Northern road at this point, says that the company has opened up 174 miles of its Pacific extension west 18f Spokane and mixed trains are running between Spokane and Wenatchee on the Columbia river. He also states that Paget Sound will be reached early in December, connecting the newest and shortest transcontinental line. Wen-atchee is 1,653 miles from St. Paul. A new branch from St. Hidre to Taief River Palls, Minn., has also been opened for traffic, socuring the nearest railway point to the Red Lake reservation of Nerthern Minnesota, soon to be opened to settlament.

Flour Rates Go Up. Chairman Midgely of the Western Freight association has achieved another important victory. He has overcome the objection of the roads, which at the meeting in St. Pau last Tuesday voted against the proposed advance in flour rates from Minneapolis to the seaboard. He announced today that all the roads are now agreed, and the rate on flour will be advanced from 35 to 37% cents per 100 pounds. This will remove the discrepexisting between the local rate, Minneonolis to Chicago, and the proportion of the through rate on shipments to the east, will now be on the basis of 12% cents.

Pacific Muil Cutting Rates. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., 170v. 26,-A cut of one-half of the regular full rates of the Pacific Mail Steamship line on freight to Champo Rico, San Jose De Guatemala and La Libertad, is announced, to commence December 5. The cut is occasioned by the competition of the Spanish-American Steamship company, which line is just being put into operation between Central American points and this city. The British steamer Granholm which sailed on the 2nd inst., was the first steamer of the new line, and will be followed by the steamer Mont Serrat, which will load to leave here December 1.

Cutting and Stashing Rates. Louisville, Ky., Nov. 26 .- The Pennsyl vania Railroad company announces a cut in first class rates to Chicago to \$3.50, to take effect Tuesday, the Monon having cut the rate to \$4.25. The fight between the two roads is so hot that the rate may be slashed to \$1.

WILL TEST THE QUESTION.

South Dakota People Likely to Again

Vote on Prohibition. YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 26 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BRE.]-The South Dakota democratic central committee, with headquarters here, is making a poll of the members-elect of the next legislature on the question of resubmission of the prohibitory law. The committee has thus far heard from seventeen out_of fifty-two counties with the result that ten senators are in favor of resubmission and eight against it, while twenty-one house members favor resubmission and fourteen oppose, showing on a joint ballot thirty-one for and twenty-three against. These figures are considered more encouraging than were the facts from the same counties two years ago, and although there are a great many counties to be heard from, if the resubmission sentiment gains in county returns in the same proportion as in the figures at hand, the prohibitory law will certainly be resub-mitted. Chairman Peenfiller of the central committee regards the indications as favor

ADDIDIONAL SOCIETY.

Farewell Reception, Tuesday evening Colonel and Mrs. Fries gave a very delightful farewell party at their residence on Lowe avenue in honor of their nephew, Mr. Louis Teleke, who is about to depart from this city for Des Moines, In. The spacious rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers, palms parlor and the hall were arranged for the dancers and card tables were set throughout the east parlor and library for the lovers of cards. A pleasing luncheon was served at 11:30 on small tables in the dining room. Those invited were: Misses Ada Gilmore,

Maude Aspinwall, Grace Lite, Anna Shields, Lizzie Shields, Kate Clark, Minnie Berlin, Sue Colpetzer, Hanna Trosler, Grace Berlin, Sue Colpetzer, Hanna Trosier, Grace Pelton, Mabei Bradley, Aggle Scott, Bello Scott, Clara Fries, Emma Litle, Mrs. Clark; Messrs. Ed Free, Frank Potter, Irving Crowder, Lou Landergren, Charles Aspin-wall, Will Coates, Bucher Betty, fra Trosler, Rich Trosler, Carl Morseman, Dec Newman, Charles Weller, Percy Howard, Charles Fries, Wilbur Brown, Gus Seifkin, Archie Harris.

Mrs. Lake's Kensington. For Mrs. Nathan Shelton. Mrs. Judge Lake gave a small but perfectly enjoyable Kensington Wednesday afternoon. Only the intimes of Mrs. Spelton were invited, and the talk was largely of the old days, a living over again of the oast

The guests were Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Powoll, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Kitchen, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. Yutes, Mrs. Worden, Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Cowin Mrs. Deuel.

A Debating Society. It was a very pleasing and successful en tertainment which was given by the Omaha View Debating society at the Hillside Congregational church Friday evening. The following was the program rendered:

Zither Solo ... Charles Ederer.

The O. V. D. S. scored-a great hit in the rendition of the tableau Madustry," as also in the trust of "Fing Wang." One of the pleasing features of the evening was the limitation of a "Dago" by Mr. J. P. Nestlebush, which kept the brouse in an uproar of laugh-

The young men of the seciety feel especially grateful to the Symbleony Banjo quartett, led by Prof. Georgeoff. Gellenbeck, also to Mr. C. W. Higgins, Mr. Charles Ederer, Mr. Frank Robinson, Prof. F. O. Newlean and the Mendelssohn quartet, all of whom rendered choice selections that were heartily encored, and was a generous contribution to the success of the entertainment

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Dangerous Experiment of Four Men Traveling Down the River.

THEIR CRAFT WAS CAUGHT IN THE ICE

While People on the Bank Attempted to

Render the Daring Navigators Some Assistance They Were Ridlcuted for Their Trouble.

Yesterday afternoon the natives along the river front were treated to a surprise, and which for a time relieved the monotony of their existence. A well built and comfortable looking scow, bearing four men, was the cause of the excitement among the denizens of the bottoms. The boat which caused so much interest and excitement was drifting down the Missouri with the current until the eddy at the Douglas street bridge caused the scow to run into the slush ice which clung to the west shore of the stream.

The labors of the boatmen in pushing their craft into the channel called the attention of the inborers in that vicinity to their situation. After considerable labor the boat was again worked back into the current and the trip down the river resumed. At the Union Pacific bridge the scow lodged in the ce near the center pier and remained there for nearly an hour.

The sight of a boat stuck in the ica Springs distillery and a few moments before 6 o'clock a telephone message was sent to the city jan and also to the fire department headquarters, stating that a half dozen men had been wrecked on the ice.

To the Rescue.

Chief Galligan at once ordered Captain ank of truck No. 1 and two or three laddermen to go to the scene and the natrol wagen with Sergeant Whalen in charge, took down a half dozen men. When the firemen reached the bridge they found that the boat had just broken through the ice and was slowly drifting down the river. A life line 600 yards in length was thrown out, but the occupants of the boat made no effort to catch it. The firemen then ran along the bank and between the bridge and Gibson made several attempts to get a line to the boat, but those in the scow paid no attention to the would-be rescuers. Several times Captain Lank had a good chance to throw out a line when the ice was broken, but as he received no encouragement from the daring navigators he finally ceased his efforts. At Boyd's packing house there was a good chance to land and the firemen risked their lives by walking out on the thin ice in order to be able to throw a rope to the scow. As the boat passed the point the occupants told the firemen to go where it was warm and not to bother them. Captain Lank then hauled in his lines and sent his men home and the policemen climbed into the patrol wagon and rode back to the station.

The police have an idea that the four men

in the boat were thioves who, having committed some crime up north, were trying to escape via the river route. Dispatches will be sent to all the river towns below here and the police will probably make the boatmen account for themselves.

Trial of the Baker Submarine Boat. in Lake Michigan, off South Chicago, today | tors Butler and Kirby. The preamble of

in the presence of two members of the tor pedo board of the United States navy. At the first trial the boat would not sink, as some of the machinery, which was removed before the journey from Detroit began was not replaced, making the craft more bueyant than when it was tried at Detroit. Additional ballast was secured and another trial proved more successful, but whether wholly so was not made known. The torpedo offi-cials will report to Commodore Polger, chief of the ordnasce bureau, and he may make an official test of the craft in the torpede ser

SENSATION IN A SEMINARY.

Birmingham, Aia , Torn Up Over Charges Brought by a Young Lady Pupil, BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 26 .- This community has been breathing hard for nearly a week, expecting the explosion of a scandal It exploded today. The Southern Female university removed to this city from Fior ence six weeks ago and was welcomed with every demonstration. The girls have been a prominent attraction at the churches and other places, and when the run;ors that preceded the scandal got abroad there was a great sensation. The matter culminated Thursday when Dr. L. D. Bass, the prestdent, demanded an investigation. It seems that one of the students, Miss Mattie Brown of Milton, Pia., a pretty black-eved brunette, presented charges against Dr. Bass of attempting to enter her room.

He had come to the room about half past 10 o'clock Monday night, she said, and opened the door when Miss Brown and the two young ladies who were with her set up a scream. The young lady further alleged that she was without a roommate, and had asked to be furnished with one, and that Dr. Bass and proposed to come to her room that night. She had turned the matter the two kirls were put with her that night.

The evidence in Dr Bass' defense was exhaustively good. The young lady he said had been receiving letters from a sweetheart in Florida, and at her parents request Dr. Bass had stopped the letters. She demanded the letters and was refused, and or three seperate occasions she had been heard to say she would make "Old Bass' cheeks

Mr. Bass testified that he had never spoken to the young lady but twice except to reprove her. Dr. Bass says in his exami-nation of the matter: A crowd of young men were at the college on Monday night and the two professors were out looking around to prevent any of the boys from misbehaving. On previous occasions they had climbed on the galleries and looked into the girl's rooms. As he frequently did, Dr. Bass went along the hall, turning the deorknobs of the various rooms and where he found one unlocked he ordered the occupant to close it. When he turned the knob of Miss Brown's door the door came open. The girls called: "Who's there?" and he answered: "Latch your door," and then turned down the hall. Then the girls set up the screaming and the whole school rushed to the scene. There was a terrible commotion, and the young lady defiantly made her allegations.
Dr. Bass' statement was sustained by other ladies. The committee adopted the in terpretation that the young lady was putting up a job on the professor in return for his

medding with her 'sweetheart's letters. AGLINST THE ANTI-OPTION BILL.

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