THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1893.

Strong Lobby of its Enemies Before the Legislative Committee.

CORPORATIONS AND TAXSHIRKERS UNITE

An Unholy Combination to Protect the Railroads and to Save Rich Property **Owners** From a Just Share of Taxation.

The most important features of the charter amendments now before the legislature are in danger of defeat. A strong lobby of interested parties is at Lincoln making strenuous efforts to knock out provisions most offensive to them. The opposition has centered on and is chiefly directed against four propositions, to wit:

To extend the city limits. To create the office of city assessor.

t To let the power to change street grades without consent of property owners be vested in the council.

To change the make-up of the Board of Public Works. (The opposition wants the board as now constituted to stand.)

To provide for the assessment of railway property along the right of way To require railroads to pay for viaduets or-

dered built over street grade prossungs, as provided in present charter.

City Engineer Rosewater, City Attorney Connell and the council committee appointed to look after the charter amendments have all been at Lincoln and are earnestly advocating the adoption of the above amendments. As far as can be learned, they are all sincerely in favor of proposed changes in the interest of the city. The subject was discussed Thursday even-

ing before the legislative committee. One of the representatives of the city government in speaking of the attack on the proposed charter says:

Railroads and Obstructionists Combine.

"The cloven foot of the opposition to the "The cloven foot of the opposition to the charter amendments has been discovered. The tactics of former raids on Omaha's bill of rights have been adopted. The fight is being made under cover, and, as formerly, the real opposition comes from ratiroad cor-porations desirous of escaping municipal taxation and a number of obstructionists de-sirous of preventing all public improvements. "The claim that in new would teault from

"The chim that injury would result from more clearly defining the power of the city more clearly defining the power of the city to extend its corporate limits, or that an ad-ditional burden would be put upon the tax-payers by the appointment of a tax commis-sioner are more shams to cover the real pur-pose of the opposition. The principal objec-tions urged to the charter amendments as proposed by the committee of fifteen, and as approved by the city council, related to the extension of the corporate limits and the appointment of a tax commissioner, and it was not until an examination was made of was not until an examination was made of the bill presented by Mr. James Creighton to the senate committee as a substitute for the original bill that the true purpose of the "In the discussion which took place before

"In the discussion which took place before the senate committee no reference or objec-tion was made to the viaduct amendment. In which the citizens of Omaha are so largely interested, but the substituted bill leaves out this important amendment. The bill of-fered by Mr. Creighton also leaves out all amendments to the tax section, thereby en-abling the railroad communics to absolutely abling the railroad companies to absolutely escape all municipal taxation on their entire right of way, tracks, depot grounds, buildings and personal property in the city of Omaha.

Railroad Attorneys Bill.

'These facts were probably unknown to the "These facts were probably unknown to the taxpayers who signed the petition presented by Mr. Creighton to the senate committee with his substituted oill, but they are facts demonstrated beyond controversy by the bill now in the hands of the senate committee. It is an open secret that this bill was pre-pared by certain railroad attorneys and by J. J. O'Conner at the request of Mr. Creigh-ton and others. While under the provisions of the substituted bill the interests repre-sented by Mr. Creighton secure some desired changes, the railroad companies obtain, as usual, the chief benefits resulting from char-ter amendment opposition.

mpon certain lines of truth and moral principles, yet everybody can comfortably perjure himself when the as-sessor comes around. What a spectacle, FIGHTING OMAHA'S CHARTER upon sessor comes around. What a spectacle, when honest men assist and counte-nance public officials in perjuring them-selves and violating their oaths, and all for the purpose of robbing the state. Every town and county in this state thinks that by this pernicious system of undervaluation they thereby get the best of the state and chuckle slyly in so doing, as though the fraud were not palpable and notoriously public.

in so doing, as though the fraud were not palpable and notoriously public. "The theory by which the assessor cases his conscience is that he bases the valu-ation upon property on what it would fetch under the hammer. If this be so, it only applies to realty, yet it gives an excuse to extend the principle to all forms of taxable wealth, even to the absurdity of undervaluing money itself. Who ever heard of an auctioneer selling gold dol-lars at one-fifth or one-third of their actual value? Yet the assessor practically does this same thing in his returns. Place the entire system upon, a true valuation and the entire system upon a true valuation and a large amount of capital now escaping just taxation will have to bear its fair burden with realty, which, being out of doors, can-

"If this bill is adopted you will have an intelligent and central bureau, who will lay out on a large map the entire property of ay out on a large map the entire property of the city with the amount of taxation for each piece. The boards of trade of Omaha and Lincoln are all reputable men and lead-ing citizens, and in the published official re-ports of these boards it is announced, as an explanation of the present high taxation that the valuation of the city of Omaha and Lincoln's one-tenth of the actual value and therefore the taxes are in reality value and therefore the taxes are in reality one-tenth of what the rate would appear to be. If these reports be true, then the sworn returns of the assessors prove themselves to be forgeries, or they themselves are totally incompetent or dishonest.

Almed at Obstructionists.

The next section of the bill to which objection was raised was that which authorizes the change of grade upon any street or part of street, without petition of the property owners of the part affected, but conditioned that such change is sustained by the vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire council and in addition has secured the approval of the mayor. Mr. O'Connor pointed out the daugers to

AF. O connor pointed out the dangers to the community from sthis provision and indulged in frequent reflections upon the integrity of city coun-cils and city officials generally. He was intercupied by a very pointed re-mark of Mr. Bechel, president of the city council, who stated that whatever short-coming he might be charged with he, unlike Mr. O'Counor had never been rulity of rob-Mr. O'Connor, had never been guilty of rob-bing orphans as an administrator, while O'Connor came near being disburred, as at-O Connor came near being disbarred, as at-tested in Douzlas county, on such a charge Messrs. Rosewater, Connell. Elsasser and others quickly responded to the citations of Mr. O'Connor in reference to the bear-ings and effects of the grade pro-visions. They pointed to the fact that if the slightest knoll or hollow existed upon any street and it was sought to cut it down or full it up. If the entire city wanted

down or fill it up, if the entire city wanted it, such change could not be effected without the written consent of the owner of the property directly affected, notwithstanding that the people were ready to pay reasonable damages. Such a man under the present law could hold up the city for any reasonable sum he chose to name or absolutely block the best of improvements. Under the proposed law the necessity of the change being recognized by at least twelve out of eighteen of the city council and sanctioned by the mayor, it can council and sanctioned by the mayor, it can be effected by the appointment of appraisers without petition, and after paying or tender-ing the damages as appraised or ap-proved the work can be carried out. If the party considers the appraisement insufficient he still has the right of appeal and a jury or court will decide what is equitable. If this law had prevailed before in place of botching up grades by hacking at them piecemeal, as the property owners chose to change their minds, the best grades could have been attained at the start and money and time saved.

and money and time saved. Creighton's Confession.

Creighton presented a substitute bill of amendments similar to the council's bill ex-cept in sections referred to. A careful ex-mination of the opposition bill revealed the nigger in the woodpile. It purposely left out provisions for viaducts which have been agreed upon by committee and also those reoriginal theory. and any flagrant same g and taxation The decensed was a young man and was traveling for a commission house at Des Moines. He had known the girl, Mabel Mooney, for a long time, she formerty hav-ing been a resident of Carroll. According to conversation with the city engineer Mr. Creighton reluctantly admitted that he did not approve of omitting these sections, but explained that in forming combinations and laying plans to defeat the charter it was necessary to yield points-exchange courtereports he was madly in love with her and was constantly urging her to give up the life she was leading, run away with him and sics, so to speak.

Deputy Sheriff's Brother Joined a Gang of Counterfeiters.

VICE WAS SEEN TOO OFTEN

HE TRAPPED THE CHIEF OF THE GANG

Smart Amateur Detective Now Arrested on the Charge of Having Turned Counterfeiter in Earnest-Caught by Uncle Sam's Men.

The doors of the Douglas county jail have losed behind Tom McCarthy and Harry Lynn, leaving both of the men inside the building, where they will remain until the United States court disposes of their case. Deputy United States Marshal Harris brought the men from Nebraska City and booked them on the charge of having manufactured and passed counterfeit money, consisting of bills and coins.

The arrest grows out of the conviction of Dave Enslo, who was sent over the road at the last term of court.

the last term of court. A long time ago the authorities concluded that there was a place at Nebraska City where the sparious money was being manu-factured, so they employed Dôputy Sheriff Vic McCarty of Sarpy county to do a little shadowing. Vic struck a hot trail bate could not land his men, they being suspicious of him. He did not propose to be balked, so he worked his brother Tom in on the gang. The men took kindly to Tom and soon let him on the ground floor of the business, teaching him the art of making money that looked as good as the genuine. Enslo showed him the tools and how to use them. He taught him how to get rid of the stuff after it was manu-factured and in fact made him an expert in

factured and in fact made him an expert in One dark night last summer, when there was a large stock of the bad money on hand waiting the arrival of the agents who were to take it to the country. Tom gave the snap away to his brother Vie, and Enslo was arrested.

Tom's experience and his education with Easlo as a tutor had made him anxious to turn a benny without any great amount of manual labor, and it is alleged that he turned his attention to making bad money of his own, taking in Lynn for a partner. The two men did a flourishing business until their arrest

Deputy Harris claims that he has a good case against the men, and that he can send them both over the road.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Insurance Company Investigating Last Winter's Tragedynt Mme, King's.

On the morning of March 27, 1892, there was a tragedy in the house of Mme. King, at Ninth street and Capitol avenue, and Mabel Mooney and Howard Gafford were the principals. The pair were found dead in bed, each with a bullet in the head. Everything pointed toward murder and suicide. and the coroner's jury, after spending a couple of days investigating the affair. agreed that young Gafford had first killed his mistress and then shot himself.

The young man's folks are fairly well off and live at Carroll, Ia. They scouted the idea of their son having committed a crime, and at the instance of the father detectives were employed to go over the ground again. but nothing new was discovered that would throw any light on the affair. Young Gafford carried a \$5,000 life insur

ance policy in favor of his parents, and in the course of time the claim against the company was made, but payment of the pol-icy was refused on the ground that Gafford had committed suicide. The case went to the courts and has dragged along ever since A few days ago a couple of attorneys em I have by the insurance company came to Omaha. Since then they have been busy going over the testimony again and taking the depositions of those who saw the bodies before they were removed from the house and also the statements of several of the women who were inmates of the resort at that time. So far the testimony has been about the same as was brought forth at the coroners inquest and points toward the



"Give them bargains, now, such as you never did before." This is the order of the insurance companies to the clerks at the

usual, the chief benefits resulting from char-ter amendment opposition. "It is claimed by the charter committee preparing the original amendments that an amendment to the existing section of the charter relating to taxation is absolutely necessary under a recent decision of the court, by which it has been declared that while under existing law the portion of rail-road property returned by the State Board of Equalization can be taxed for county pur-poses it cannot be taxed for municipal pur-poses. One of the chief objects of the amendment as proposed by the committee of fifteen was to cover this serious defect in exfifteen was to cover this serious defect in existing law. "In view of the fact that the railroads se-

"In view of the fact that the railroads se-cure fire and police protection, it is claimed by the members of the charter committee that such companies should bear their pro-portion of necessary taxation for such pur-poses, the same as private citizens. It is also claimed by the members of the charter committee that the railroads should be re-quired to construct viaduets in Omaha where street crossings are dangerous, the same as they are required to do in other cities. The law as it now exists is found to same as they are required to do in other cities. The law as it now exists is found to be defective, and owing to such defects the railroad companies absolutely refuse to con-struct either the Fifteenth or Sixteenth street viaducts and entirely ignore the ordi-nances requiring them to do so.

Unholy Alliance Unmasked.

Unholy Alliance Unmasked. "It is claimed by Mr. Creighton, as re-ported by some of the parties who appeared before the senate committee, that it was necessary, as a matter of expediency, to unite forces with the railroad companies in order to defeat the charter amendments and prevent the present council and city officials from carrying on works of public improve-ment. To carry out this scheme it is fur-ther proposed by Mr. Kyner when the bill reaches the house to cut down the salary of every city official and otherwise load down the bill with amendments. The members of the charter committee who appeared before the bill with amenanents. The members of the charter committee who appeared before the senate committee express themselves as satisfied with the action taken vesterday and believe as the result of the presentation of the Creighton bill the mask of the opposition has been removed and that the people of Omaha will stand as a unit in favor of the passage of the original bill."

Changing the Boundries.

Changing the Boundries. Clay Engineer Rosewater obtained the for to rearret that no map of Omaha was convenient, but the facts were that it is not the intention to extend as much it is to straighten out the city limits. Certain favored parties along the western boundary had been in the past practously exempted from city taxation, though their property was considerably mearer the center of the city than that of the initial treasury. The people demanded quality of taxation, and no man, no matter the western boundary had been in the past there in and owners who had to contribute to the minicipal treasury. The people demanded means the might be, should be allowed in the might be should be allowed there is the might be should be allowed there is the main the past the decare of the United States had been decared to be a part fait his is ever done, that the pump house and been decared to be a part of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of the sain plant should be hasite the corpor and the right to own and operate is be and the right to own and operate the pump house of this is ever done, that the pump house of the sain plant should be hasite the corpor and the right to own and operate the pump of the sain plant should be hasite the corpor of the main plant should be hasite the corpor and be the tits the outer works contained the sain plant should be hasite the corpor of the sain plant should be also be a part of this is ever done the present dispense to main plant should b

Breeding Fraud and Perjury.

Breeding Fraud and Perjury. City Engineer Rosewater made a vehement attack upon the whole present system of invation. He started out by siying that the time had arrived when public countenancing of perjury and fraud upon the state should be stopped. Assessors today, after taking an oilth to re-turn all property at its true and full value, as a matter of fact list property at one-third and one-fifth of its actual value. "You are all members of some church," **juid Mr. Kosswater, "which is based**

ret married. Piles of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. During his last visit here Gafford had

STARTLING PRICES AT HAYDENS.

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During his last visit here Gafford had about \$800, and spent nearly a week at the house of Mme. King, being in the girl's company day and night. A day or two previous to the shooting Gafford became jealous and watched the girl closely. On the night of the shooting he had ordered a supper sent to the room, and the couple partook of it and then retired. The strangest thing about the whole affair The strangest thing about the whole affair was that two shots were fired, but no one in the house heard either of them, and it was quote you for nice country butter, every pound guaranteed. Creamery, 21c, 23c and 25c, all made from separator cream which comes from Nebraska cows' milk. the house heard either of them, and it was only by accident that Cecil Gray, the girl who occupied an adjoining room, went into the apartment occupied by Gafford and Miss Mooney and discovered that they were both dead. One of the principal points taken by Gafford's relations to support their theory of murder was that after Gafford reached Omaba he drew on his house for \$500 and We have any kind of cheese you may wish for. American club house cheese, 30c per jar: neufehatel cheese, 74 per package: edam cheese, \$1.00 each, sold all

package, chain cheese, 51.00 each, sold all over for \$1.50; Swiss cheese, 16c, 18c and 20c; Wisconsin full ceream, 74c, 9c and 124c; brick cheese, 10c, 124c, 14c and 16c; pineapple cheese, 50c each; limberger cheese, 124c and 15c; hamberger cels for 25c per can, sold everywhere for 45c; of murder was that after Gafford reached Omaha he drew on his house for \$500, and was known to have about \$300 when he reached here. They claim that a double murder was committed for the purpose of robbery. Something like \$250 was found in Gafford's effects, and the testimony given at the coroner's jury and before the at-terneys yesterday showed that the young man, during his stay, spent money like water. He was so liberal as to pay a hack-man \$20 for hauling him a mile at one time apple butter, 5c per pound; mince meat, In our meat department we handle only the celebrated goods of the Cudahy, Swift and Hammond Packing com-

man \$20 for having him a mile at one time and \$50 at another time for the services of the carriage for a day and night. panies, buying from them with a guar-antee and selling our customers the same way. Pigs feet, 3ic per pound;

the carriage for a day and night. Several whisky bottles were found in the room, all empty except one, and the relatives also claim that the couple were first drugged and then killed. This is hardly possible, as the coroner's assistants sampled the liquor to see if it had been drugged, and they are all still alive. That is pretty fair evidence that the contents of the bottle were anothing but what the label indicated and bologna, head cheese and liver sausage, all at 5e per pound; breakfast bacon, 13e; boneless rump and plate corned beef, 7ic per pound; we will sell you the linest sugar cured No. 1 hams, 15e; pie-nic hams, 11c; California hams, 12e; blood suparas 5e; hum augar 7in for othing but what the label indicated, and that was "old rye." According to the statements of the life inest pickeled pork, 13c; salt pork, 12c; dried beef, 10c, Don't forget our fish surance lawyers, they will continue to inves-tigate the case, and they say now that they have enough proof of suicide to hold in any

Thought Himself a Murderer.

self up, stating that he had shot a man in

Fremont and was a fugitive from justice. Chief Seavey telephoned to Fremont and learned that Noll had engaged in a drunken row there with a man mamed Nittle, but no paysical damage had been done to either

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