OMAHA'S BIG HEART IS OPEN

And Generous Purses Are Giving Good Backing to Helping Hands.

CRY OF THE DISTRESSED IS BEING HEARD

Noble Work Done by Charitable Organizations and Citizens During the Last Week—Instances of Suffering Relieved—What the Situation Shows.

The greatest of the three graces, charity, with a loaf of bread in one hand and an order for coal in the other, is now actively at work alleviating distress among the poor of Omaha. If any one suffers the pangs of hunger or is chilled by an empty stove, it is a self-imposed privation, as the relief societies announce that all requests for aid will receive prompt and substantial attention. Even the thermometer has a more charitable consideration for personal comfort.

Many men of means who realize that "there are no pockets in a shroud" are parting with some of their earthly possessions for a noble cause. Henry W. Yates, chairman of the citizens' relief committee, was kept busy yesterday receiving cash donations from men of large hearts as well as large incomes. Wage earners who are blessed with employment are proving themselves nature's noblemen by parting with a portion of their salaries to swell the fund for the unfortunate unemployed.

Women who are not theoretical Christians are devoting time, money and supplies in the great work of rescue. Many of them are canvassing the city. Elbows covered with sealskin are brushing against the rags of poverty. Food, fuel and wearing apparel are being supplied to all who need it. Confronted by a condition and not a theory the charity workers have dispensed with red tape methods. Yesterday was a busy day in the world of tears. Donations are pouring in upon the various benevolent organizations and are being distributed immediately to those in want. Cash to the extent of $3,000 has been sent to the citizens' relief committee. The employes of the Cudahy Packing company remembered the Associated Charities of Omaha and South Omaha yesterday to the extent of $408.20. Dr. Duryea received several hundred dollars with instructions to place it where it would do the most good. Chief Seavey and his men are doing excellent work in behalf of charity. Yesterday noon Officer Ravencamp found a sad case of destitution on South Twenty-eighth street. An old man, 74 years of age, and his wife, who is only four years his junior, were both found sick, penniless and without fuel. The woman was a victim of cancer and died from that cause during the day. The old man was taken in charge at once by sympathetic Samaritans and provided for.

Noble Work of Women.

A Bee representative visited the supply room of the Parish Aid committee at the First Congregational church yesterday afternoon. This distributing depot for the destitute is open daily between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. Food, wearing apparel, coal orders and in fact general supplies for the poor are disbursed daily. A surging mass of grateful humanity, with arms filled with necessities of life, emerges from the doors of this poverty paradise every day.

The committee is well organized. Unity is the watchword. It is accomplishing a vast amount of good. Mrs. Jennette R. Nicholas, a woman of splendid executive ability, has active charge of the work and is ably assisted by Mrs. Ahlquist, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Wertz, Mrs. Ober, Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Snyder, and in fact by all of the women of the church who work with the energy of true Christian womanhood.

Not to Hurt Feelings.

The committee respects the sensitive poor, whose pride masks their destitution. In order to reach this class of people the committee has secured postoffice box 249 and will keep every request for help in confidence. Telephone 1022 has also been put in the supply room to expedite the work of donations and distribution. The committee can use all discarded boots and shoes, overshoes, rubbers, overcoats, bedding, fuel orders, provisions, winter headgear, etc., to good advantage. More carriages are badly needed for canvassing service and the use of the committee. Mrs. Nicholas was responding to an emergency case the other day and pressed a passing milk wagon into service. The obliging dairyman possessed the milk of human kindness as well as the lacteal fluid, and cheerfully lashed his team into a record-breaking gait to accommodate the tireless woman who is doing so much for Omaha's poor. The following blanks were printed and distributed yesterday:

If you desire to recommend the bearer, ..., as a person worthy to receive assistance from our Parish Aid committee, will you please write your name and address below, adding any further information you may deem useful to us. This card can then be returned to bearer or mailed to us direct.

Yours truly,

Name... ....

JENNETTE R. NICHOLAS,

Address............... Chairman.

The committee of the First Congregational church will fill coal orders in imperative cases today between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Many cases of destitution are being found in various portions of the city by the canvassing committees. In each instance immediate relief follows the discovery. All applications are also receiving prompt attention. All benevolent and charitable organizations, as well as many secret societies, are actively at work in behalf of God and humanity.

RESCUING THE PERISHING.

Organized and Individual Effort on Behalf of the Destitute.

Omaha people are responding nobly to the needs of the poor, as described in The Bee, and it is believed that the benevolent interest now aroused in their condition will be permanent enough to prevent any from perishing in the coming winter months.

Several more instances of the inconveniences of poverty greeted the eyes of a Bee reporter Friday. Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon a transfer wagon was driven to the little cottage at 814 North Fifteenth street, where Mrs. Brown and the Brownies reside. A member of the Enterprise Credit company accompanied the wagon. He pushed his well dressed form through the doorway and confronted the occupants of the house, who were huddled together in dread at the thought that they would soon be deprived of every piece of furniture, with two exceptions, in the house. They had bought it on the installment plan and were to pay weekly or else forfeit the goods. Owing to adversity, the lessees were behind in this respect and could not meet their obligation that day. There was every indication that misfortune would prevent further payments for some time in the future as well as the past. This state of affairs the woman frankly told the firm, and according to the ironclad terms of the contract there was but one alternative--to surrender the goods upon demand, or else go to law about it. With 20 cents in the house and a family of six the unfortunate woman concluded not to incur litigation. The publication of her condition in The Evening Bee had attracted attention. The Associated charities were notified and at once prepared to send some furniture to the house as soon as the "credit company" carted away its "installment" collection of furniture.

They Took the Goods.

After some discussion between the representative of the installment house and the impoverished mother the former issued instructions to his men to take the goods. They obeyed with alacrity. The bedsteads, pillows and bedding were hastily carried out. The carpet was pulled from the floor. Even the table from which they ate their frugal meals went with the rest.

There was a fire in the little sheet iron stove and it was red hot. After surveying the glowing complexion of the stove and fearing that they might burn their fingers by removing it, the installment men had a spasm of generosity and told the woman that she might keep it. A few dishes were also left, but for these exceptions the family had paid well, as they had given $17 in installments for the use of the furniture. About this time the Associated charities wagon drove up. A curious group watched the proceedings with interest, and when it was evident that the unfortunate family was to have their last goods supplanted by a new lot from the hand of charity, an old colored man among the spectators in the alley pushed his spectacles back over his forehead, clapped his hands together and shouted joyfully, "Bress de good Lawd!"

In the meantime the family, including the mother, her daughters, and a consumptive-stricken son, watched the work with awe from a corner of the front room. They then proceeded to weep "on the installment plan." The first time they cried with sorrow—the second time with joy. As the Enterprise Credit company took their furniture out of the front door the Associated Charities' men brought in a load from the back door. It was a transformation scene from life. Had it not been for the timely discovery of the approaching crisis which confronted the occupants of the cottage, which Mr. Trenerry and a Bee representative made Wednesday, the family would have been without a scrap of furniture or bedding that night.

The supply sent by the Associated Charities is inadequate and the family is now in need of another bedstead, some chairs, a lamp, more bedding and a dining table. The floor is bare and a contribution of a covering for the boards might save the life of the son, who is subject to lung trouble. He is up now after a severe illness, but the doctor has advised him not to leave the house for two weeks and not incur any risks of catching cold. In reality there are three families under that one roof, but all related. The youngest married daughter will soon be a mother. They evidently appreciate all that is done for them. One bedstead and a numerical strength of six in the family is what confronted the unfortunates Friday night. They did not have a lamp until W. J. Hughes heard of the case and sent over one just as the shades of darkness gathered over the city.

Not the Only Case.

A number of other cases of this character have occurred in this city during the past two months.

In order to guard against misplaced sympathy and duplicate assistance, the citizens relief committee has decided to concentrate, as much as possible, all appeals for aid. The Associated Charities will investigate and endorse each requisition and the committee will then disburse the desired relief.

It is evident from the results of investigations that the prime cause of the many cases of destitution is the same which has afflicted every metropolitan center of the United States, namely, the aftermath of the timidity of capital caused by the national depression last summer. The hard times have been couched in polite vernacular as "financial depression," "commercial prostration" and "monetary decrepitude," but the poor of Omaha this winter are abbreviating it and calling it "famine," plain and simple, without any embellishments. Three-fourths of the present destitute were found to be men whose names have adorned the pay rolls of honest labor. The size of their families, with a dash of sickness in many instances, precluded many of them from saving money for the emergency which now stares them in the face. Some, however, managed to put aside a few dollars, but continued idleness and the drain for rent, coal and bread soon absorbed the surplus. The next was a struggle between privation and pride. In many cases the latter conquered and their condition discovered by a house to house canvass.

An investigation disclosed the fact that the suffering was not confined to hovels. There are many poor women crying with poverty behind lace curtains and actually stinting themselves in food in order to meet their rents. This class consists of widows or indigent people who rent furnished rooms and have a hard struggle to make expenses. It was ascertained that rents are high, there being but a slight reduction in some instances over previous years. The result is that prices for furnished rooms are maintained at a stiff figure in order to meet the rents. Cottage rents are also rather high for the present times. It was found that notwithstanding the fact that wages have been reduced in many industrial plants the price of fuel and commodities (except flour) has not decreased to meet the cut. The cost of living is practically the same as usual for a wage earner on a retrenched income. This precludes any possibility of saving money for a rainy day, or more appropriately, a snow storm, and the result is that if many of these men lose their positions they will join the ranks of the destitute. Lower rents and cheaper fuel is, therefore, earnestly hoped for by these people.

Meeting of Relief Committee.

The citizens relief committee met at the Commercial club at 2 p. m. today to hear the reports of the various soliciting committees appointed last Thursday, and to commence the distribution of funds among the needy poor at once.

At the meeting of the citizens relief committee yesterday it was decided to add Dr. George L. Miller, W. A. L. Gibbon, Thomas Kilpatrick and Dr. Duryea to the committee. The soliciting committees reported $3,245 received up to date in cash subscriptions. A resolution was passed inviting all charitable associations and relief societies, pastors and citizens generally who knew of cases of destitution which deserved relief to report the same at once to the Associated Charities. The citizens relief committee will honor all such requisitions promptly.

Mayor Bemis made an address, in which he said that there was now an excellent opportunity for some Omaha millionaire to have his name go thundering down the ages alongside the names of George W. Childs and Leland Stanford, by drawing a check for $5,000 to relieve the distress. He also hoped that the rich property owners of Omaha would provide employment for some of the idle men and thus give the latter an opportunity not to be objects of charity. W. H. Roberson was elected assistant secretary of the committee. The soliciting committees were authorized to continue their work of raising funds. In the meantime the money now raised will be disbursed for the immediate relief of those who need it. The general committee will meet again next Saturday.

The police found fifty-seven destitute families yesterday and have reported the names and addresses to the chief.

WORK OF RESCUE HALL.

Described by Executive Committee with Statement of Present Needs.

The executive committee of Rescue hall makes this statement, showing when Rescue hall work began, when it ceased under its old management, and conditions under which it was taken up by its present direction, together with the latter's first monthly report.

In December, 1892, at a meeting of the citizens held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association, was born Rescue hall, under which name a work has since been conducted, regarding which its supporters are entitled to the information herewith submitted.

At this meeting, on representation of B. Fay Mills, Dr. Duryea and others as to the necessities of a class of people, which it was believed by a system of work then outlined could be covered, a committee representing the various churches of Omaha was appointed.

The first thing needed being money, a subscription was called for, and $5,000 subscribed in amounts of from $5 to $500. The distribution of this fund was placed in the hands of the following committees:

Executive Committee—Colonel Charles Bird, John Dale, Cadet Taylor, Mrs. Graham Park, F. M. Hambling.

Finance Committee—George M. Tibbs, Joseph McConnell, Henry J. Penfold.

Employment, Relief and House Committees—George W. Loomis, P. W. Birkhauser, D. H. Goodrich, Mrs. J. B. Jardine, chairman of relief, and Mrs. E. A. Misener, chairman of the house committees under direction of the executive committee.

A lease of the old Academy of Music building, 1307 Douglas street, was made for one year from December 15, 1892, all details of the work being placed in the hands of Rev. A. W. Clark, subject to advice and direction of the board of trustees above named.

Three thousand two hundred dollars of the $5,000 subscribed was collected, together with $1,280.94 subsequent subscriptions and other sources, making a total of $4,480.94. December 15, 1893, the committees found themselves in debt about $1,800, which amount has since been settled, with the exception of about $200.

The last named date brought with it a large number of persons to be cared for, or left to drift homeless and starving. The lease of the building had expired, there were no funds in sight and the trustees did not see their way clear to continue the work.

Just here Superintendent Clark, determining to do something on his own account, assumed the rent of the building with contingent expenses for fifteen days, doing such missionary work as he could until the 19th, when he presented facts to the executive committee of the Commercial club, where he received material aid for immediate use and the assurance of further assistance, which was followed by a call by the club for a meeting of the citizens to be held at the rooms on December 23. At this meeting was pledged $625, and a committee appointed, who subsequently appointed the undersigned as an executive committee to see that the offerings of the citizens should be properly distributed, which committee submits the following report, covering work from December 16, 1893, to January 18, 1894:

The total cash receipts have aggregated over $1,000, and while we still have some money in the treasury the present demands are so pressing, and are, during this severe weather, so rapidly increasing that we shall soon be without funds. It is proper to state that no disbursements are made except on the inspection and approval of the auditing committee.

In addition to the cash receipts Swift & Co., Cudahy Packing company, Omaha Packing company and Hammond & Co. are contributing meat each week, as is also the Cold Storage company fish. Citizens have contributed considerable quantities of clothing, as well as other useful articles. During the month Rescue hall has fed daily and sheltered nightly an average of over 300 persons, aside from supplying many families throughout the city with coal, bread and meat.

Since January 18 the excessive cold weather has greatly increased the number of men, women and children calling for shelter, as well as demands from families in the city, which upon investigation have been found to be in distress.

Our first great need at present is provisions to feed the hungry. Our second pressing need is clothing for men. Signed,

W. H. ROBERSON,
H. J. PENFOLD,
C. W. LYMAN,
J. H. GILLISPIE,
GEORGE M. TIBBS,
Executive Committee.

Police Working for the Poor.

The police department started in Friday to donate food and clothing to the Associated Charities and the list which follows shows that every man on the force did what he could to relieve the suffering poor.

Friday night the Police Relief association held a special meeting and passed a resolution authorizing the chief of police to send to the Associated Charities at once all unclaimed clothing now on hand. These clothes are usually sold at auction every year, but as there was no sale last year there was quite a bundle of clothes on hand. Detective Haze had this matter in charge, and besides $100 worth of unclaimed clothing he dug up six sacks of flour and hired an express wagon to haul the gift of the relief association to the headquarters of the Associated Charities.

The list made up at police headquarters is as follows: Judge Louis Berka, 100 pounds flour and 100 loaves of bread; Chief Seavey, 100 pounds flour, fifty pounds best sugar; Captain Cormack, fifty loaves bread; Captain Mostyn, side of bacon; Sergeant Ormsby, ten pounds coffee; City Prosecutor Cochrane, thirty loaves bread; Patrol Conductor Dibborn, one sack flour; Court Officer Walker, ten pounds sausage; Police Reporter J. E. Glick, one bushel potatoes; Police Reporter E. H. Hemming, one bushel potatoes; Jailer Havey one sack flour; Detective Haze, one sack flour; Patrol Driver Osborn, groceries; Andrew Mason, jailjanitor, groceries; Dective Hudson, $1 worth of meat; Detective Tom Hayes, one sack of flour; Detective Dunn, one bushel of potataes; Detective Donahue, fifty loaves of bread. Officers Mitchell, $1 worth of meat; Kissane, flour and coffee; Davis, $1 worth of meat; Green fifty loves of bread; Meals, groceries; Poole, one sack of flour; Russell, sack of flour; Ryan, sack of flour; Drummy, one ham; Iler, groceries; Keysor, sack of flour; Gadola, side of bacon; Dillon, sack of beans; O'Brien, sack of flour; O'Gorman, bed clothes; Tiedeman, sack of flour; Reigleman, sack of flour; Ravencamp, five bushels of potatoes; Monroe, five bushels of potatoes; Operator Petty, basket of provisions.

Emergency Relief Meeting.

A special relief meeting will be held at the second Presbyterian church, Twenty-fourth and Nicholas, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to which all Ladies Aid societies connected with church organizations in the Eighth ward, or contingous thereto, are requested to send at least five representatives. All others interested are invited. An emergency relief committee will be appointed to work in connection with other organized charities for the relief of distress. The citizens of the ward have already placed at the disposal of this committee a quantity of bread, meat and coal for instant use to relieve actual distress until better provision can be made for the destitute. It is proposed to have the emergency work thoroughly organized by precincts, and the co operation of all Ladies Aid societies it expected. We want the best and most consecrated workers. Don't delay. Come promptly and bring your friends with you.

Thank Mayor Bemis and Dr. Duryea.

Whereas, At a joint meeting of the Knights of Labor, held under the supervision of district assembly 126, Knights of Labor, at Knights of Labor hall, the undersigned were appointed a committee to draft a set of resolutions endorsing the action of and returning thanks to Dr. Duryea and Hon. George P. Bemis, mayor of Omaha, for the work done by them in alleviating the distress of the unemployed of Omaha, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Knights of Labor of Omaha, desire to express our thanks to Hon. George P. Bemis and Dr. Duryea for their untiring and effective service in relieving the distress of our unemployed brothers during the present financial crisis. We call upon our brother Knights to stand by these, our friends, and uphold their hands in every possible way in the good work they are doing.

H. COHEN, Chairman,
CHARLES COHEN,
A. E. BLAKESLEY.

For Charity's Sake.

During the winter the Danish Ladies' Aid society has done great good in assisting the poor and needy and kept the wolf from many a door with the limited means at its disposal. In recognition of this the Danish Theater company, so well and favorably known for its recent production of "The Count of Monte Cristo," will tender a benefit performance to the Ladies' Aid society Sunday evening, January 28, at Washington hall. The old drama, "Father and Son," will be produced, and the advance sale of tickets promises a gratifying and substantial result. The Danish association has donated the use of the hall for the evening.

TO CALIFORNIA

Via Denver and Salt Lake City.

Patrons of the Great Central route weekly excursions to California via the Union Pacific can have their tickets read via Denver and Salt Lake City without additional expense. Send for folder giving details and advantages offered.

F. E. SHEARER, Manager,
191 South Clark street, Chicago.
E. L. LOMAX,
General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Omaha, Neb.

Best flour made, Sleepy Eye Cream.

Pianos to rent. A. Hospe, 1513 Douglas.

DIED.

Notices of five lines or less under this head, fifty cents; each additional line, ten cents.

The funeral services of the late William Umpherson will be held at his residence, 1019 South Tenth street, Sunday, January 28, at 2 o'clock p. m., by the Rev. Turkle, the A. F. & A. M. and Woodmen. Friends of the family are cordially invited.

LUCAS—R. H., aged 58 years 5 months, at his residence, 1611 Leavenworth St., Friday evening, Jan. 26, '94. Funeral to take place from Castle Hall Triangle lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias, 22d and Cuming St., at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 28, '94. Interment Prospect Hill cemetery. Friends invited.

MRS. J. BENSON.

Every Article in the Store Sold at a Discount.

We have just received our spring line of infants' wear and we will give special bargains in them while this lot lasts. See our west show window.

Pique kid gloves in English red, with four large buttons; regular $1.50 glove for 95c.

Gray angora wool at 9c a ball.

Good Germantown wool in black and brown, 10 skein, 80c pound.

Rug yarn 38c pound.

A variety of colors in best saxony yarns, 5c skein, 85c pound.

We have an elegant stock of camels' hair jackets in navy blue and cardinal, sizes 8, 10 and 12 years, regular prices $8.50. This week we will sell them $3.75.

We have an elegant line of embroideries, and will sell them at only a little above half former prices. Now Torchon laces from 5 cents a yard up.

MRS. J. BENSON.

Card of Thanks.

To each and all of the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted our daughter, Mrs. J. C. Huff, and sought to comfort and sympathize with her during the long time of her illness, we wish to tender our most earnest and heartfelt thanks.

MR. AND MRS. G. W. RATEKIN.

OMAHA TO THE FRONT.

On the Increase.

Two more cash sales just made of our Virginia and Georgia avenue property, and contracts let for two new houses. You will never again have an opportunity to buy such desirable residence property at the price we are offering this. Omaha values struck bottom in 1893, and commenced to advance in 1894. Come and see us about it.

FIDELITY TRUST COMPANY,
1702 Farnam.

Try the Sleepy Eye Cream flour.

Samuel Burns, in order to move a lot of Haviland china dinner sets before Thursday, offers them at $31.50, formerly $45.00.

A. F. & A. M.

All Master Masons in good standing are requested to meet at Freemason's hall, Sunday, January 28, at 12:30 o'clock to attend to the funeral of our late brother, William Umpherson. Services at his late residence, 1019 South Tenth street at 2 o'clock p. m.

FRANK S. HAYES,
W. M. St. John's lodge No. 25.

Mrs. J. H. Freedman of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. D. Brandies.

New attractions in men's clothes made of the finest woolens at Frank J. Ramge's.

Trunks, traveling bags and sample cases, Jas. A. Howard's, 1510 Dodge st., successor to Marhoff's trunk factory.

Attention Modern Woodman of America.

All members of Omaha camp No. 120 are requested to meet at their hall at 1 o'clock Sunday to attend the funeral of neighbor William Umpherson.

C. H. T. RIPEN, Vice Consul,

Members of other camps are all invited.

Attention Knights of Pythias.

All members of Triangle lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias, are requested to meet at their castle hall, 22d and Cuming st., at 1:30 Sunday, Jan. 28, 1894, to attend funeral of our late brother, R. H. Lucas. Members of other lodges are invited. By order of

J. R. STINE, C. C.

Beg Pardon

For interrupting you, but you may possibly be going east. If so, there are a couple of trains you should really bear in mind. These are "Northwestern Line" Nos. 6 and 2, leaving union depot daily at 4:05 and 6:39 p. m., respectively, arriving in Chicago at 8:15 and 9:30 next morning.

City ticket office, No. 1401 Farnam st.

Cheap excursions to California under the auspices of the Phillips Rock Island Personally Conducted Pacific Coast Excursion agency. Through Pullman tourist sleeping cars leave Omaha via Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Salt Lake and Ogden to Los Angeles and San Francisco every Wednesday at 2:05 p. m. Also through tourist car daily via Fort Worth and El Paso to San Francisco. Twelve hours quicker time to Ft. Worth, Houston, Galveston and all points south and southwest than can be made via any other line. For low rates, fast time and superior accommodations call on or address Chas. Kennedy, G. N. W. P. A., 1602 Farnam street.

Hot Springs, Ark., Without Change.

On and after January 20 the Missouri Pacific railway will run a through sleeping car from Omaha to Hot Springs, Ark., without change via Kansas City, Fort Smith and Little Rock, leaving Omaha daily at 10 p. m. For further information, rates, etc., call at depot, 15th and Webster streets, or city ticket office, N. E. corner 13th and Farnam.

THOMAS F. GODFREY,
J. O. PHILLIPPI, P. & T. A.
A. G. F. & P. A.

Jewelry, Frenzer, opp. postoffice.

Jeff W. Bedford is having a run on the Huntington semmi anthracite as a substitute for hard coal for furnace use.

The Festner Printing Co., 1307 Howard st., will bind all World's fair portfolio books in elegant style at $1.

New City Directory.

Changes of residence, business and boarding place should be handed in at once at 510 Paxton block.

J. M. WOLFE DIRECTORY CO.

OLD SOLDIERS' REUNION.

Further Arrangements Made by the Local Committee Last Evening.

The heads of committees appointed at the meeting of the old soldiers of Nebraska met last evening at the Mercer hotel to make reports and talk over the coming reunion. Those present were Messers. J. W. Paddock, C. E. Burmester, Chris Hartman, J. W. Pearman, A. K. Rhodes and J. Q. Goss.

Germania hall was engaged for the reunion, and the Seventh Ward band will furnish the music.

Secretary Goss has sent out 500 circulars to members and friends, and has sent notices to fifty of the state newspapers. It is expected that a special rate will be arranged Monday for the transportation of the veterans who can attend the reunion on the last day of this month and the first of February.

On an Old Contract.

In the district court A. H. Donecken has sued the American Fuel company and H. V. Epley in an action to recover the sum of $1,200, which sum he alleges is due on a brick contract entered into the year 1892. The plaintiff alleges that he contracted with Epley to burn for him 400,000 brick, and that afterward he put up the amount of cash for which he now sues as a part of the purchase price.

After this was done the plaintiff alleges that Epley mortgaged the whole of the brick to the American Fuel company, leaving him to hold the sack.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Watchman Anderson Receives a Hard Blow from a Negro Thief.

SENSELESS ON THE GROUND TWO HOURS

Order that Political Meetings Cannot Be Held in School Buildings—Worried Himself Insane—Chief Mitchell's Surprise—Other News.

Gus Anderson, a watchman in the yards, was knocked senseless by a negro early yesterday morning and lay on the cold ground for nearly two hours before he was discovered.

About 2 o'clock in the morning Anderson discovered the colored man stealing coal. He placed him under arrest and started to take him to the police station. The men had only gone a short distance when the negro pounced upon Anderson and knocked him down. The prisoner escaped and is still at large. Anderson was found in his senseless condition by a switchman.

Must Stay Outside the Railing.

Ever since the organization of the Taxpayers league there has been more or less feeling against the members of that organization by certain members of the council. The league committees have been vigilant and have discovered several irregularities that have been thorns in the sides of certain councilmen. Councilmen Bruce, Bulla and Schultz have joined the league and have attended several of the meetings, but the other councilmen have not paid much attention to the league, claiming it is purely a political body.

Ed Johnson has been as active as any member of the league and in conjunction with Johnny Ryan has gone over the records in the city clerk's office whenever they saw fit. Yesterday morning Johnson and Ryan went to the clerk's office to look up some matters. Johnson had got inside the railing and pulled off his overcoat, when he was called down by Clerk Ditzen, who informed him that he had been instructed by Councilmen Wyman and Schultz not to allow the league members to come inside the railing. If they wished to look at any of the documents in the office they must call for them one at a time and they would be served as readily as possible. Johnson drew on his coat and went out to look for Mayor Walker, from whom he expects to get an order allowing him the privilege of visiting the clerk's office and scanning the records and papers at will.

"It would keep one man busy waiting on us all the time," said Mr. Johnson, "if we were to stand on the outside and ask for the documents we wish to look over. I realize that Mr. Wyman and Mr. Schultz have no power to deny us admission, but if the clerk sees fit to obey any such order he can do so. We will have the records just the same."

The league committee promises some lively matters, which it will submit to the council next Monday night.

He Surprised Chief Mitchell.

Dave Swanback walked into the police court room last night and gave Chief Mitchell about as great a surprise as he has had for some time. It has only been about three weeks since Chief Mitchell arrested Swanback on the charge of being a deserter from Jefferson barracks in St. Louis. He was turned over to the government authorities and Mitchell received his reward. To see the young man walk into Mitchell's office knocked the guessing qualities of the chief into a cocked hat. He was about to arrest the fellow again when Swanback explained that he had been taken to St. Louis and after an examination the doctor found that he was suffering from heart trouble and he was then dishonorably discharged. Swanback is thankful to the officer for arresting him, as he is now free to go wherever he chooses.

Worried Himself Insane.

Father McDevitt ran across a young man Thursday whom he found in extreme hard luck. The fellow said he had been unable to get any sort of work and he appeared to be very despondent. Father McDevitt noticed that the young man's clothing was pretty well worn and invited him up to the charity store. Here the lad was allowed to pick out some warmer clothing and he did so. Just as he was about to leave he discovered that he was in a charity store and threw down the garments and declared he would steal rather than be a public subject of charity.

Yesterday morning the young man was found wandering about the streets a complete maniac. He had lost his reason over worry because he could not find employment. Father McDevitt took the young man to Council Bluffs, where, it is said, he has relatives living.

Politics Barred from Schools.

There was a called meeting of the members of the school board in President Cheek's office in the Exchange building yesterday afternoon.

The matter of allowing janitors, or any others who are connected with the schools, to hold political meetings in the school houses was thoroughly discussed, and it was given out cold that no more meetings of that sort should take place in the school buildings.

G. W. Sherwood was chosen as janitor of the Third ward school house.

The committee on furniture was instructed to buy whatever furniture is needed for the new quarters in the basement of the High school, for the use of the secretary and superintendent.

Jumped from the Train.

A woman traveling west with three small children, while suffering from temporary aberration of the mind yesterday, sprang from the train as it was about to pull out, and started across the tracks on a fast run. She was discovered by Detective Thomas, who overtook her and helped her back into the coach. The woman was laboring under the delusion that the conductor was lying to her about the direction his train was going, and she proposed to change her route. After being comfortably seated again she cooled down and was apparently contented to go ahead.

For an Emergency Hospital.

The entertainment to be given at Bauer's hall on the evening of February 2 will be an enjoyable affair. It is gotten up to raise a fund for an emergency hospital and some of the best talent in Omaha and South Omaha will take part. E. M. Bonnell has charge of the program. Mr. O. Donnell has been given the custody of the tickets and will divide them among persons who are interested in charity work for sale. South Omaha certainly needs an emergency hospital and the entertainment should be liberally patronized, and it no doubt will be.

Not Much Waiting Here.

The rapid manner in which cars of stock are disposed of at the South Omaha stock yards is commented upon by all shippers who have had any experience in other yards. A complete record is kept by the company of the time the car is received by the yard company and when it is delivered back empty. The time varies from five minutes to one hour. The average time is one minute and a half to a car. On the 8th of this month 175 cars were unloaded in 174 minutes, being less than a car a minute, and on the 22d 120 cars were unloaded in 198 minutes. This department is more complete than most any other and shippers all say that the service beats Kansas City and Chicago all to pieces.

Another commendable feature of the South Omaha yards is the cleanliness of the pens.

Wide Awake Card Party.

The Wide Awake club held a pleasant card party Friday evening at the home of Miss Mary Gilchrist, Twenty-sixth and E streets. Miss Jacobs and Miss McCoy won first prizes and Will Gilchrist and Miss Hickox the boobies. Those present were: Misses Jacobs, Hickox, Gilchrist, Davidson, Anna Hunter, Nettie Hunter, McCoy, Mrs. Ackerly, Messrs. Jacobs, Gilchrist, Gilchrist, Hunter, Hickox, Davidson, Nitsche and Ackerly.

An Evening at High Five.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tanner entertained a small company of friends at high five Friday evening. Fifteen games of twenty-one points each were played and refreshments served. Mrs. C. G. Jaycox and Mrs. L. C. Gibson and Mr. Eli Doud and Mr. Z. Cuddington won prizes. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Doud, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jaycox, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mayfield, Miss Carrie Wrede and Z. Cuddington.

Will Sew for the Needy.

At the last meeting of the Associated Charities it was agreed that a committee of ladies be put in charge of some sewing to be done in making up clothing for children. This committee is composed of Miss Lizzie Wells, Mrs. B. F. Carpenter and Mrs. Walworth. These ladies can appoint assistants, and the regular weekly meetings will take place at the charity store room at 2 o'clock on Wednesday of each week.

Distribution of Bread.

Two hundred and fifty loaves of bread will be given away to the needy next Monday afternoon. The bread is a donation made by Mr. D. L. McGucken, who conducts a hotel on Q street. The bread will be given out at the charity store on Twenty-fifth street. All persons who call there will be provided.

Were Not Sold Here.

Chief Mitchell received a telegram from Sioux City to look out for two men named Dustin and Etherton, who are wanted in that city for stealing cattle. It was thought the stolen stock would be brought to this market for sale, but a careful search by the police developed that the stock had not been brought here.

Entertainment and Dance.

Upchurch Lodge, Degree of Honor No. 2, will give a literary entertainment and dance on Thursday evening instead of Wednesday, as previously announced. The ladies are making extensive preparations for this affair and expect to have a good time.

Magic City Gossip.

Miss Myrtle Foster of Papillion is visiting friends in the city.

Ed Munshaw and Attorney Murdock were in Papillion yesterday.

City Attorney Van Dusen returned from Sioux City last evening.

The charity concert takes place at Bauer's hall on the night of February 2.

A case of diptheria is reported at the residence of Mr. Voss, Thirtieth and R streets.

Special choral services conducted by Rev. C. C. Pomeroy at the Church of Christ this evening.

The Home Circle High Five club met last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelley.

Rev. R. L. Wheeler announces that there will be regular services at the Presbyterian church today.

Rev. Stephenson's sermon this morning will be on "Rest for the Weary," and in the evening on "Sins of a City."

Miss Grace Crowell and Miss Marie Cook of Blair and Chris Crowell of Chicago were the guests of W. Reed Dunroy yesterday.

All members of Lily division, No. 8, uniformed rank, Knights of Pythias, are requested to meet at their hall at 12:30 o'clock today to attend the funeral of their late brother, Mr. Lucas. The funeral will take place in Omaha.

Joseph Potac, who was fined $50 and costs for concealing articles that his daughter had stolen, paid his fine. His daughter Annie has been taken to the county jail, being unable to furnish a $200 bond for her appearance in the district court. She is 15 years of age.

"In the Elevator."

"In the Elevator," a farce by Howell, will be given at Washington hall Saturday, February 3, under the auspices of the King's Daughters of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The individuality of the cast is good, and exceptionally good judgment has been shown by the persons in charge in mounting the piece. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to charitable purposes. Following is the cast of characters:

Mrs. Edward Roberts........Miss Grace Turner
Mr. Edward Roberts (The husband of his wife)........Mr. Charles L. Thomas
Mr. Willis Campbell........Mr. Charles Nichols
Mrs. Crashaw........Miss Nellie Campion
Miss Lou Lawton........Miss Tilly Fried
Mrs. Ellery C. Miller........Miss Sue King
Mayor Bemis........Mr. Alvin Patten
Ellery C. Miller........Albert W. Jefferis
Alfred Bemis........R. A. Jones
Mrs. Curwen........Mrs. Alice Ellsworth
Mr. Curwen........Mr. Edward L. Bradley
John P. Lawton........Lysle I. Abbott
Frank Meyers (Elevator boy)........Master Guy D. Thomas

Closed by Creditors.

The drug store of William F. Huffzsky at 1402 South Thirteenth street was closed by the creditors yesterday, and now is in the hands of E. E. Bruce & Co. who hold a chattel mortgage on the stock.

HOLT COUNTY CENTENARIAN.

Proves Up on Government Claim After Reaching 100 Years.

Stories of men who have far outlived the allotted span of life continually come to the front, and Holt county comes to the front with a champion in this line. Holt county itself isn't small, and her people never do anything by halves. The Holt county champion may possibly not be the oldest man in the state, but he is without doubt the oldest man who ever secured a government homestead by living upon and cultivating the same for five years. James McDonald of Deloit township, Holt county, filed upon a quarter section of government land when he was 96 years of age and completed his residence, tendered his proof of the same at the local land office and received title to the land.

James McDonald was born in Ireland and came to this country when a young man. He came to Holt county and he and his sons took claims adjoining, and the old man persistently stuck to his until he had perfected his title. At the time he made his proof a stranger would not have taken him to be more than 65 or 70 years of age at the outside. During all his life up to about two years ago he was an active, hard working man and it was with the greatest reluctance that he was persuaded to give up any attempt at labor.

After proving up on his claim he went to live with his son and took upon himself the task of raising the garden truck for the family. He selected for this purpose a rich piece of land on the creek bottom about a quarter of a mile from the house, and daily during the summer months, when the weather was suitable for work, the old man shouldered his hoe and trudged down to work in his garden patch. This was his pet, and the old man cherished it as fondly as a small boy does his first pair of rubber boots. When advancing years finally compelled him to give up even this work the old man yielded to the inevitable with many regrets. From far beyond the allotted span of life he looks back over the years of toil and hardships cheerfully endured and calmly awaits the summons that shall end his earthly career.

SUNDERLAND'S GOOD LEGS.

They Enable Him to Get His Hands on a Coal Thief.

Secretary Sunderland of the Omaha Coal, Coke and Lime company secured the arrest of Ed Bridges, colored, for stealing coal from the company's yards, Ninth and Davenport streets.

About 6:50 last night two or three shots were heard in that vicinity, and a wagon load of police hurried to the place.

According to Mr. Sunderland, the people living in the bottoms, and especially colored people, have been raiding the yards with sacks, wagons, wheelbarrows, and taking away coal in any quantity from a bushel to a ton. This has been going on for some time, and the cold of the last few days has caused the number of thieves to increase.

Last evening Mr. Sunderland was at the yards a little late, and about dusk he heard somebody breaking in the door of one of the sheds. He went out quickly, putting out the light in the office before leaving and taking with him a revolver.

Just as he stepped out he noticed two figures busily engaged trying to enter one of the sheds and he called to them to know what was wanted, thinking, perhaps, it might be some of the drivers, though he was about certain all had gone home. The men looked up and as they saw Mr. Sunderland they ran in different directions. Mr. Sunderland fired his revolver at one of them, but missed, so he took after the other on foot, finally capturing him. He held his prisoner till the police arrived.

MAY RECONSIDER.

Dr. Ebbitt's Name May Come Up Again for City Veterinarian.

At the last meeting of the council Councilman Bruner went back on the caucus agreement to confirm the mayor's appointment of Richard Ebbitt as city veterinarian, and as the caucus combine had but the ten votes necessary to confirm, this defection was fatal to the aspirations of the doctor. Bruner's action angered Mr. Parker, and when his name was called he also voted against Ebbitt, as his vote in the affirmative would have done no good. Since that time he has been severely criticized, his course being attributed to allegiance to the anti-Catholic organization.

It is now given out that Mr. Parker will move at the next meeting to reconsider the action by which Ebbitt's appointment was rejected, but, as it takes two-thirds to reconsider, it is not apparent where the necessary votes are coming from, even though the democrats will have the promised assistance of one republican, whose name, by the way, is not Bruner.

MONEY BOX NO. 5 READY NOW.

BOSTON STORE puts up the fifth box containing $25.00 in gold. Tomorrow keys to it will commence to be given out

$25.00 GIVEN AWAY BY THE BOSTON STORE OMAHA

We have placed on exhibition in our store a box containing

· $25.00 IN GOLD ·

We present a key with every purchase of fifty cents. Only one key will unlock the box. The person whose key opens the box takes the money—$25.00 in gold. Some one must get the right key. It may be you.

Keys may be tried on and after each Monday.

A NEW BOX EVERY WEEK.

No Key will be noticed unless attached to the original tag. After trying key leave same at store.

BOSTON STORE N. W. Cor. 16th and Douglas Sts. OMAHA

These are the names of those who opened the first three boxes, and each got $25:

SERGEANT HAZE, Police Headquarters, Box No. 1.
Mrs. JOHN McCORMICK, 1019 N. 16th St., Box No. 2.
Mrs. E. P. JOHNSON, 617 4th St., Council Bluffs, Box No. 3.

TRY KEYS TOMORROW FOR BOX NO. 4.

See page 16 for Boston Store's great bankrupt sale of C. C. Bennett's Council Bluffs bankrupt stock of Dry Goods and Shoes at

BOSTON STORE, - - N. W. Cor. 16th and Douglas.

BOARDS OF '94.

This is going to be a Sideboard year. Hundreds of persons will be tempted by the new styles, and we believe there will be more sideboard changes in 1894 than in any previous twelve months ever known.

Price is no bar to the new movement. Rather it is a contributing factor.

Here is one of the new designs that has already become very popular.

The whole front is a blaze of ornament. The carving is in full relief, and the odd shape of the large mirror is very striking.

No detail of convenience is omitted. The plate closets are of extra height and fitted with separate locks. There are locks on all drawers. The shelf arrangement is exceptionally good, and the mirrors are of heavy French plate. We mount this sideboard on steel-bearing castors.

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