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CENTER WINDOW GOODS WILL BE DISPLAYED

every lady in Omaha would attend this sale if she realized what we propose doing

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You will regret that the pieces are no longer

10 cents for Pure Silk. Some in this lot sold in the regular way at 75 cents.

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Not one yard will be offered for sale till 10 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Omaha's busy people and the late risers will have a chance,

OTHER SPECIAL BARGAINS

Bargain No. 1

In our Wash Goods Department.

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In our Gents' Furnishing Department.

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In our Hosiery Department.

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In our Muslin Underwear Department,

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INFORMATION WAS FAULTY

Alfred Block Out of Court Through Prosecutor's Mistake.

JURY INSTRUCTED TO ACQUIT HIM Name of the Girl on Whom Criminal

Assault Was Alleged to Have Been Made Not Properly Given.

Alfred D. Block was put on trial yesterday morning in the criminal court, charged with a criminal assault upon Christina Marie Willrot, a 14-year-old girl.

The court room was crowded, standing room being at a premium, the crowd being composed entirely of men, not a woman excomposed entirely of men, not a woman except the witnesses in the case, being in the room. Block was accompanied by his wife and their little girl, a child of about 3 years.

Marie Willrot's father and mother and two girl friends were present as witnesses, but as soon as the jury was secured they were as soon as the jury was secured they were injunction matter over until 2 o'clock.

Immediately after the opening statements of counsel, Marie was called to the stand, but before a question could be put to her on the issues of the case, Block's three attorreys made a motion that no evidence be Baker at the opening of court in the morning taken in the case for the reason that the taken in the case, for the reason that the information did not charge any crime known to the statutes. Two of Block's attorneys the defendant guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. She was remanded arguments being that the complaint did not to jail to await sentence. arguments being that the complaint did not charge that the crime was committed with the consent of the girl or without such consent. It urged that under the law enacted by the last legislature it was essential that this point be covered in the information, in order that the defense might know the exact nature of the crime charged. The information was drawn under the old law and counsel claimed that it did not conform with the law now in force. The hour of adjournment had arrived before the prosecution could be heard on the motion and further argument on the question was postponed until 2 o'clock.

During the argument, Marie sat in the wit-

During the argument, Marie sat in the witpuring the argument, Marie sat in the witness chair and seemed unconcerned. She has a petite figure and pleasing presence, and is rather large for her age. While not particularly pretty, her face is attractive and child-like. She rather seemed to enjoy being the central figure before such a large crowd. She was neatly attired in a simple gown of dark brown.

dark brown.

The defendant, Block, is about 26 years of age, and at the time of the commission of the crime was employed as a driver for a laundry company. He is dark, with black hair and a small black mustacite. His face betrays a lack of moral stamina and intelligence. He sat immediately in front of his wife, and maid very little attention to her botrays a lack of moral stamina and intelligence. He sat immediately in front of his wife, and paid very little attention to her or their child, which was toddling about from one to the other. During the whole time Marie was on the stand, Block scarcely look his eyes from her face, and his look did not indicate anything like resentment. He appeared as unconcerned as the most idle spectator. Mrs. Block appeared to appreciate the situation more than any of the principals. She were a worried look, and applied her handkerchief to her eyes frequently. The little one noticed this, and taking the bandkerchief, applied it to her mother's eyes, wiping away the tears. The scene was a precty one, but an unfeeling witness of it remarked that Mrs. Block was formerly a court reporter, and probably knew how to play upon the sympathies of a jury.

At the opening of court in the afternoon, after hearing from the assistant county attorney on the motion regarding a defect in

the information, the court ruled against the motion, and the taking of evidence commenced. The case did not proceed very far, however, as almost the first question caused another point to be raised. The complainanother point to be raised. The complaining witness was on the stand and the first question asked was as to her name. She replied that her name was Marie. Further questioning established the fact that this was not her full name. As the information gave the name of the victim of the assault as Christina Marie, this raised a sensation. Testimony was taken on this point and it was developed that there was no such person as Christina Marie Willrot, the person

son as Christina Marie Willrot, the person upon whom it was charged that Block had committed the assault. The mother of the girl was named Marie Christina and her father was named Christian.

temporary injunction restraining the city of the world; therefore, authorities from entering into or carrying out a contract with the World-Herald for out a contract with the ground that the city of the world; therefore, are well of the world; the world; therefore, are well of the world; therefore, are well of the world; the world; therefore, are well of the world; therefore, are well of the world; t

Alice Was Found Gullty. The jury in the case against Alice Smith, alias Alice Adams, the negress charged with assault with intent to kill upon another negress, Joe Rogers, was charged by Judge

ANOTHER MARKET HOUSE SCHEME.

Prince Will Spring It at the Next Council Meeting. Councilman Prince has a new market house scheme which he will suggest to the council next week. He promires to buy or lease the in confinement since last July, and without property on the south side of Jackson street, a trial. The case against him was dismissed between Teath and Eleventh streets, now occupled by the old Krug brewery building. He says that the property can be obtained at a low price and that it is exceptionally well adapted for market place purposes on account of the fact that there is a viaduct

G. A. R. ENDORSE THE EXPOSITION.

Copy of Its Resolutions Forwarded A certified copy of the resolutions, endorsing the proposed Transmississippi and International exposition, and which were adopted by the twentieth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, recently held in this city, has been forwarded

to the senate and house of representatives.
The resolutions are as follows:
"Whereas, The Transmississippi Commercial congress, a body composed of delegates from the states and territories lying west of the Mississippi river, at its eight annual meeting, in November, 1895, adopted the fol-lowing preamble and resolution:

sition at Omaha, Neb., during the months be taken out and only the twinkling stars of August, September and October, 1898, and and indulgent moon will remain to discover

of the Grand Army of the Republic in twen-tieth annual encampment assembled, that we heartily endorse and approve the holding of the zaid exposition, and that we request our representatives in congress to approve and commend the same and aid the said exposition by voting and working to secure a liberal appropriation by congress for a national building and a complete national exhibit at They shut off the lights because they desaid Transmississippi and International ex-

well adapted for market place purposes on account of the fact that there is a viaduct on each side and entrances to the second story could be made from the north ends of the viaducts, thus saying confusion on the ground floor. The brick in the old building he says, could be utilized in putting up a structure that would answer all present purposes and which could be built at a very small expense.

Moreover, Prince says that the selection of this location would harmonize the present differences between the gardeners and the commission men, as both would be suited with the plan proposed. Prior to next Tuesday he expects to have some definite information as to what the expense would be.

Considers it a Bad Precedent.

The ordinance by which block 540 is exempted from the operation of the fire limit ordinance has been signed by the mayor and evidence, as he is the only witness who fare testify to the facts in the case, but his efforts have not been successful and he has no reason to believe that Tiedeman's evidence and he secured.

Public Parks Are to Be Left in Darkness.

FURTHER RETRENCHMENT BY PARK BOARD

With Money Available Even Proper Maintenance Seems Impossible-Matter Will Be Brought Be-

father was named Christian.

A motion was at once made by Block's atterneys to have the court instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, and this was done. The defendant, Block, was then discharged from custody.

Called and Continued.

The hearing on the application for a The products, industries and civilization of the Mississippi river, made at some central gateway, where the Mississippi river, made at some central gateway, where the Mississippi river, made at some central gateway, where the Mississippi river, made at some central gateway and this trysting place of the public parks may conclude that things are coming their way. Yesterday afternoon the Board of Park Commissioners decided that no more electric lights should be maintained in any of the parks during the remainder of the products, industries and civilization of all the produc Commissioners decided that no more electric lights should be maintained in any of the parks during the remainder of the year. Even the six lights in Hanscom park will be taken out and only the twinkling stars and indulgent moon will remain to discover that the representatives of such states and territories in congress be requested to favor such an appropriation as is usual in such cas s to assist in carrying cut the senterprise.

The couples who seek its cool shelter on the warm summer nights will be able to the warm summer nights will be able to linger in perfect security upon its shaded slopes and bill and coo while even the light of nature's firmament will fail to per-Resolved, By the Nebraska state meeting slopes and bill and coo while even the colate through the clustering foliage of ;

the trees, This was not the idea that was upper most in the minds of the members of the board when they took such radical action. building and a complete national exhibit at said Transmississippi and International exposition."

NIXON DISCHARGED FROM THE JAIL.

Held Eight Months Without Having Heen Given a Trial.

Harry Nixon was discharged from the county jail yesterday Fiter having been in confinement since last July, and without a trial. The case against him was dismissed yesterday by the county attorney for the reason that he could not get the evidence necessary to convict Nixon. As soon as it became known, this procedure caused considerable unfavorable comment about the court house, the general opinion being that it was an outrage to keep a man in Jail so long when there was no evidence against him.

County Attorney Baldrige puts the matter in an entirely different light, however. He attack that Nixon was charged with having entered the residence of James Morton louse and which had presumably been "planted" by Nixon in the place where he was caught digging. The witness who saw him diagning up the swag was Patrolaran Tiedeman, who has since left the police force and is in Chicago. The county attorney and the result of take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to take a week to think it was decided to cided that they had no money with which

saw him digging up the swag was Patrol are Tiedeman, who has since left the police force and is in Chicago. The country attorney says he has made every effort to have Tiedeman come to Omaha in order to give his evidence, as he is the only witness who/kan testify to the facts in the case, but his efforts have not been successful and he has no reason to believe that Tiedeman's evidence can be accured.

Cradle and the Grave.

The following births and deaths were reported at the health office during the twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday:

Births—L. P. Cornish, 3868 Sherman avenue, girl; John Hariz, Seventh and Dorcas, boy; E. Dowling, 1913 North Twenty-seventh boy; Joseph P. Brown, Twenty-fourth and Vinton, girl; Oscar Beindorff, 168 Stanford Court, boy.

No deaths reported.

WILL TURN OUT THE LIGHTS was being carried on over the boulevard in defiance of the ordinance the proceeds would pay for the sprinkling that was nec-

Superintendent Adams reported that all the heavy traffic went north over the boule-vard, drivers seeming to prefer it to the paved streets. Redfield suggested that it was time the ordinance was either enforced or repealed, and the matter was referred to the committee on judiciary with instruc-tions to ascertain whether a prosecution under the ordinance could be made to stick.

J. E. Utf and John Steel appeared to

ask for the use of Hanscom park as a camp-ing ground for the members of the North-western Scandinavian Singers' association. who will be in Omaha State fair time. After some discussion the request was granted, with the reservation that the action was not to be considered as a precedent.

The proposition of Herman Baumer to pay \$200 for the use of Fontanelle park tract for the summer for pasturage was accepted.

The letters of Congressman Mercer and advisable to complicate matters by endeavoring to secure the property for a park. The board acquiesced in the position taken by

Applications for positions as park policemen from F. C. Sudds, William E. Morrison and W. S. Smith were placed on file.

SHE WAS ONE OF THE NEW WOMEN. Rode in the Smoker and Paffed Cigar-

ettes Like a Dude.
A prominent railway official of this city

He relates many interesting stories, but in his whole stock there is none that is more amusing than the following incident: It occurred in the library buffet smoking car of the Union Pacific's "Overland Limited," soon after the train pulled out of Omaha.

The male occupants had comfortably scated themselves and were buried in their magazines and papers when their attention was attracted to a stylishly dressed woman who boldly entered the car. She was rather pretty and was dressed not too gaily, but in good laste. The man in the car supposed she pretty and was dressed not too gaily, but in good taste. The men in the car supposed she intended to pass through. Half way down the aisle she dropped into one of the handsome cane seated chairs. A man who occupied the seat behind her, leaned forward and touched her on the shoulder. "I beg pardon," he said, "but this car is for the accommedation of smokers only,"

"Thank you," the woman replied, "I thought so." Then she calmly produced a dainty cigarette case and a box of matches, and in a moment more was smoking with all

and in a moment more was smoking with all the calm enjoyment of a man. There was a flutter of amusement through the car, grins, sotto voice remarks, and curious glances in her direction, but she was so serenely self-conscious of it all, and so thor-

A committee of Waterloo precinct farmers county commissioners to repair the embankments which protect a part of the lands near the Platte river from the overflow of the river. The committee comprised Joseph King, Peter Lacey, Nathan Bishop, Charles Wells and James Taylor. They were heard at a meeting of the commissioners in the afternoon. They said that about sixty feet of the riprap put in two years ago was gone, and many acres of the best land in the county had been covered with water. It was urged that if repair was not made the channel of the river was likely to change and a valuable farming tract be permanently lost, and besides a number of bridges across the new stream would be necessary. It was therefore urged that it would be economical to repair the embankment as soon as pos-

sible.

Mr. Williams said that the question presented was a serious one, but he was not sure that the county, which had already spent a great deal of money in that locality, could spend much more. In the last four years \$4,500 has been expended on the embankment. He suggested that something further might be done if the farmers should netition for it. He thought too that they petition for it. He thought, too, that they might do something for themselves by stretching a cable along the river edge to which something might be attached that would catch sand, which would in time form

a bank. Stenberg declared that nothing could done except according to the law of 1893, by the terms of which property owners must petition for such improvements and the costs be assessed against the property benefited. He was opposed to spending an-other dollar of the county's money in this place. It was only for the benefit of Tom Murray and Mr. Morton and other large holders of land, and they should be made has recently returned from a western trip. to pay for the improvements sought.

He relates many interesting stories, but in Hoctor favored an expenditure of \$100 or

Williams moved that \$500 be appropriated out of the bridge fund for the purpose mentioned. Without a vote the matter was laid over for a week, and the county surveyor will visit the place and make a report. The contract for county advertising for the coming year was awarded to The Bee Publishing company. Dr. W. R. Hopps asked to be appointed county physician. Referred to charity com-

The claim of J. D. Harris, deputy clerk of the district court, \$34, for typewriter desk, was rejected.

The bonds of a number of contractors for county supplies were approved.

A resolution was passed requiring the offices to be kept open on Saturday until 230 p. m. for the accommodation of county residents who usually come to town only on

that day.

Hoctor moved that the services of George Thomas, who has for three years been Jan-itor at the court house, be dispensed with for cause. It was laid over for a week. Thomas was relieved by the superintendent a few days ago for intoxication and George W. Cofer put temporarily in his place. Thomas O'Connor has been suggested by Hoctor to fill the position permanently.

Resolutions by the Transmississippi Exposition Directors. The directors of the Transmiss saippl and International Exposition company met vesterday afternoon and adopted the following reso

TOO EARLY TO CHOOSE A SITE.

came to the city yesterday to solicit the Willing Even to Steal to Avoid the Per formance of Labor.

END OF A SENSATIONAL BLACKMAIL CASE

Mattle Overman, the San Francisca Girl Who Preferred Charges Against Her Pastor, Makes Full Confession.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.-Rev. Dr. Brown, after two months of slience, has given his defense to the public. The story is the nost startling yet told in the scandal. It is elated as a confession to the ecclesiastical court last night by Miss Martha Overman, who is the first in the sensational case to confess herself a blackmailer. Miss Overman's manner was striking. She spoke so quietly that even the members of the council were forced to draw forward until their chairs formed a small semi-circle en the platform. The woman spoke deliberately, weaving a remarkable story, logically and clearly. She confessed that she was a blackmailer, and tried to be a thief, and she gave the information with a smile.

She confessed that she plotted the destruction of the man whose hospitality she now enjoys. She declared that to save herself from work and the result from the result

self from work and the possible hardships of poverty, she conspired with Mrs. Mary A. Davidson to ruin the character of Rev. Dr. Brown and to blacken her own. She asserted that she approached the representaserted that she approached the representa-tives of a morning newspaper with a hope of tempting them to blackmail the accused pastor. She drew her recital to a dramatic climax by asserting, with a smile which never left her face, that she wrote the let-ters which pictured her own moral and physi-cal ruin and placed the cause of her deep dis-tress at the door of Rev. Dr. Brown. As-serting all this she denied that there had ever been the slightest impropriety in her relabeen the slightest impropriety in her rela-tions with the man against whom she plotted so shrewdly.

WALLER THROWS UP HIS JOB,

Resigns the Superintendency at the Labor Temple. H. C. Waller, superintendent of the Labor temple, has resigned his position, the resignation to take effect on March 31. It is unknown who his successor will be, as he must be elected by the labor unions which occupy There is a rumor that Waller was re-

quested to resign, but this is denied by him-self and other labor leaders. President Fisher of the Central Labor union, who is one of the board of directors of the Temple, stated that the directors were indisposed to accept the resignation, but were compelled to do so by the representations of Waller. Waller intends to engage in the newspaper business, and he says that it is for this rea-son that he forwarded his resignation. The paper which he intends to edit will be de-voted to labor interests.

TOPEKA, Feb. 28.-Thomas II. Bain, aw attorney and prohibitionist leader, who is president of the so-called Panamerican Cou-Resolved. That we deem it inexpedient and unwise to discuss and undertake to settle the question of locating a site for the exposition at this time.

Resolved. That at the proper time a fair and impartial hearing will be given to all parties interested in the numerous sites proposed, and that a site will be selected with due consideration to the interests of all concerned.

president of the so-called Panamerican Coupon Investment company, has been arrested here by the United States authorities charged with using the mails for the purpose of carrying on a lottery. He was released under \$1,000 bonds. J. F. Day, secretary of the company, who resides in Denver, has also been arrested, and it is reported that other arrests are to be made at Emporia, this state, and Houston, Tex.