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FLORIDA SEEKS DEFENSE

Governor Mitchell Calls a Convention to Be Held at Tampa.

PROTECTION FOR SOUTHERN SEAPORTS

Anticipation of Foreign Invasion Brings to the Front the Question of How to Prevent the Danger.

LINCOLN, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Governor Holcomb is in receipt of the following letter from Governor Mitchell of Florida:

"In view of the dangers which threaten the defenseless gulf and south Atlantic seaports of the United States, we have deemed it proper to issue a call for a convention in the interests of the gulf and south Atlantic harbors and their defenses and improvements. The object of this convention, which will assemble at Tampa, Fla., on the 20th day of January, 1897, is to discuss methods for the proper defense of southern harbors and also to devise means for their betterment. The growing importance of southern seaports and their prospect in the near future of a large increase in maritime business should stimulate the citizens of the southern states to provide in season for the improvement and defense of their seaports. As loyal citizens of this republic, it behooves us to heed the admonitions of wisdom and endeavor to speedily place our defenseless southern ports in a condition to protect us from the possible peril of foreign invasion. In the interest, therefore, of this important subject we respectfully request your excellency to honor this convention with your presence, and also to appoint delegates from your commonwealth to attend the same. Kindly forward the names of such delegates, when appointed by your excellency, to H. J. Cooper, secretary of the Board of Trade, Tampa, Fla. Respectfully,

H. L. MITCHELL,
"Governor of Florida."

Governor Holcomb this morning issued a requisition on the governor of Missouri for the return of John Brown, wanted in Richardson county for burglary, committed at Falls City. Charles and John Brown robbed the jewelry store of A. E. Souders there on the 20th of September of a quantity of jewelry and miscellaneous articles.

The whereabouts of Henry Berger, the aged German gardener of this city, who disappeared in Chicago last week, are still wrapped in mystery. L. H. Pash, Berger's son-in-law, was a caller at police headquarters this afternoon. He informed Chief Melick that the old man had a conversation with William Frohn a few days before he left for St. Louis, in which he told the latter that he had several thousand dollars in cash and collateral. Coates Harry, brother of Officer Harry, who is working in St. Louis, has written Mrs. Harry to the effect that he saw Berger in St. Louis and that the old man was flashing his money in the office of the hotel. The letter stated that it was a wonder Berger had not been robbed before he ever reached St. Louis. It appears that Berger met Seibert, the man last seen in his company in Chicago, at St. Louis, and that the two went to Chicago together. Berger's friends are of the opinion that Seibert is the man responsible for Berger's disappearance.

Rufus B. Townsend, the real estate agent who suddenly disappeared several days ago, has been located in Missouri, a few miles south of St. Joe. It appears that Townsend was taken to Missouri by his brother, who found him in a state of inebriety here. The brother dropped a postal card in the postoffice directed to Mrs. Townsend informing her of the fact that he had taken her husband to Missouri in the hope of persuading him to sober up, but she did not receive the card. Mrs. Townsend is said to have received a letter from her husband recently, in which he told her not to worry about him, as he was not worth it. He also stated that he had no remembrance of how he got to Missouri.

George W. Bradeen was found by the commission to be perfectly sane. His wife, who was so sure yesterday that he was crazy, repented this morning and said that she never thought that he was. She wept a few tears and said it was all a case of bad temper.

The preliminary examination of C. J. Wineinger, charged with sustaining criminal relations with Mary Cizek, a 14-year-old Bohemian girl, will likely be held in police court to-morrow.

The charge against Willis Ozenbaugh, the farmer from Denton, accused of debauching Carrie Craig, a 16-year-old girl, was dismissed.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—M. F. King, M. T. Jaquith, H. C. Rountree, F. C. Tuttle, C. G. Underwood, George P. Moore.

FIFTY YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE.

North Loup Social Event of Considerable Prominence.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—One of the most enjoyable social events of the season took place last evening at the residence of Lucien Maxson, it being a surprise party in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Maxson Crandall, old and highly respected residents of this city for the past eighteen years. Some forty or more neighbors and friends gathered, bringing baskets filled with cakes, pies and sweetmeats, and a messenger was dispatched for the bride and groom of fifty years ago. Upon their arrival, after hearty congratulations, the marriage ceremony was repeated by Rev. Mr. Hurley of the Baptist church, of which they have been lifelong members, and the aged couple reaffirmed their marriage vows; Mrs. Renda Thorngate and Mr. A. J. Davis acting in the capacity of bridesmaid and groomsman. Supper was then served and the remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation and reminiscences of the old homesteading days. The company was favored with a number of instrumental musical selections by Mrs. Kittie Davis and Mrs. Eva Hill, and also vocal music in which they were assisted by Rev. Mr. Hurley and Mrs. Adaline Babcock.

Among those present were: Elijah Crandall and wife, Oscar Babcock and wife, Henry Maxson Crandall and wife, Herman Rood and wife, Lucien Maxson and wife, George Larkin and wife, James H. Hurley and wife, William Maxson and wife, Henry Thorngate and wife, Mr. Hiram Davis, Mr. Charles Maxson, Mr. George Maxson, Mr. Judson Hill, Mr. A. J. Davis, Mr. John Maxson, Mrs. Kittie Davis, Mrs. Arlie Thorngate, Mrs. Eva Hill, Mrs. Betsey Maxson, Miss Abbie Brown and Mrs. Flora Thorngate.

Dodge Saloon Men Arrested.

FREMONT, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff Edwards went to Dodge yesterday afternoon and arrested William Parr, V. J. Yunek, Srb & Hubanka and Chris Dunker, proprietors of all the saloons in the town, on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday. They were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Wintersteen this morning and gave bonds for their appearance for trial December 20. The complaint was filed by Louis Schinkel, a former resident of Dodge, who has been staying in Fremont recently. These same men were arrested on a similar charge last summer, but the complaint was withdrawn by the complaining witness. This time the cases will probably be prosecuted.

May Utilize Frozen Beets.

FREMONT, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Some of of the sugar beets which were frozen in the ground will probably be dug and fed to stock if the weather permits. Farmers who have tried them say that freezing does not wholly destroy their value as a feed for cattle and hogs. The work of harvesting chicory has been suspended owing to the ground freezing. If the ground thaws out sufficiently they will be dug this fall. Otherwise they will have to stay in the ground till spring. It is claimed that chicory is not injured by staying in the ground all winter, but must be dug after the frost is all out of it.

FEEDING STOCK IN DODGE COUNTY.

Makes a Splendid Home Market for Corn and Hay.

FREMONT, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Dodge county will break her record on sheep feeding this winter. Including sheep already in the yards and those known to be on the way, it is estimated that 130,000 head will be fed in this county. Ormsby & Co. will feed 16,000 in Elkhorn township, near Arlington, Woodruff & Airris will have about 30,000 at Hooper and Scribner, Sullivan & Mahoney will increase their flocks now at the Godfrey farm, ten miles east of the city, to 16,000 head and other large bunches will be fed near North Bend and in the central part of the county. Some of the feeders have already contracted for their hay and corn, while others will buy theirs in the market. Sheep are arriving here in good condition, and with the low price of corn and grain and hay the sheep feeders expect to realize a handsome profit on their investment.

Leases Love's Opera House.

FREMONT, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—M. A. Repass and George J. Coddington have leased Love's opera house. It is the intention of the new lessees to make some needed repairs and changes in the arrangements of the stage. They will make a special effort to secure many high grade attractions which have not been in the habit of stopping here. Repass has had considerable experience in theatrical management.

Close of the Hiscox Case.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Grant and Calvin Hiscox, co-defendants with Olive Hiscox in the trial on the charge of killing Fred Sellers were turned loose today, the charge against them being dismissed by County Attorney Sears upon the acquital of the girl by the jury last night.

Married at Fremont.

FREMONT, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Samuel Miller, bookkeeper of the Standard Cattle company at Ames, and Louise Peterson of this city were married last evening by Rev. C. W. Brinstead of the Baptist church.

DEFEATED POPOCRATS CONTEST.

Notices Not Yet Served Upon the Republicans.

Attorney E. E. Thomas, who is one of the representatives of the defeated popocratic legislative candidates, is authority for the statement that the notices of the threatened contest were served on the republican candidates-elect Thursday. If that is the case the notices seem to have miscarried, for none of the republican candidates who could be found yesterday had received any notice. The republicans have so far taken no steps in the matter, and will not until they hear something more definite than the threats of contest that have been made by the attorneys interested. They say that the idea of a contest is too ridiculous to be seriously considered, and that it is merely an effort of some one to hold them up.

Suit Against a Guardian.

Dr. R. M. Stone, as guardian of John M. Chapman, insane, has commenced proceedings against G. H. Fitch to recover $278 alleged to be retained by Fitch out of the assets of the estate of Chapman, which were collected by Fitch while he was acting as guardian of Chapman under appointment by County Judge Eller. It is alleged that a final report filed by Fitch at the time he tendered his resignation as Chapman's guardian shows that he retained $278 of the assets of the estate, and it is also alleged that Fitch refused to turn over the money upon demand by the county judge. Fitch was removed by Judge Baxter in October and Dr. Stone appointed to the position with instructions to bring suit against Fitch.

Mrs. Worthing Gets the Insurance.

Judgment was entered against the World Benefit association in the sum of $1,117.24 in Judge Fawcett's court yesterday afternoon. This was in the case in which Mrs. Ada Worthing sued the association for $1,000 on a policy issued to her son, Zeno Worthing. The defense was based on the allegation that Worthing had been guilty of fraud in answers made to the medical examiner at the time he made his application, and also on the claim that at the time of his death he was not in good standing. The testimony did not support either allegation, and judgment was returned by the jury for the full amount claimed, with interest.

Of Interest to Teachers.

The program of the fourteenth annual session of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, which will be held at Lincoln December 28, 29, 30 and 31, has been received by the Omaha teachers. Among the features is a public reception at the state house by the citizens of Lincoln and a lecture on "Child Study, Its Relation to the Home and School," by Dr. W. O. Krohn of the University of Illinois. The railroads have made a rate of one fare for the round trip.

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—Joseph Mulvihill, 2411 South Eighteenth, boy; Edson Thomas, 3840 Charles, boy; Hans Miller, 2576 Pierce, boy; John Reznicherk, 2954 Martha, boy; Frank Seymour, 1915 Farnam, boy.

Deaths—Ed Renck, 2 months, 4212 South Thirteenth, fits, St. Mary's cemetery.

Telephone Connection with Lyons.

The Nebraska Telephone company completed its Bancroft line from Blair to Lyons yesterday. This gives it a line of fifty miles from Blair and ninety from Omaha. This line was tested yesterday afternoon and worked perfectly. The company expects to have the line completed to Bancroft some time next week. Work will begin on the extension from Elmira to Tecumseh, a distance of forty miles, as soon as the Bancroft extension is completed.

Do Not Like the Dates.

The executive committee of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben met yesterday afternoon and discussed the dates for the state fair of next year that were agreed to in Chicago yesterday, September 20-25. These dates are not at all acceptable to the Knights, and they resolved to telegraph the circuit managers in Chicago, asking that the Omaha fair be made one week later.

She Wants the Dog Killed.

Mrs. Sarah Quivey has sworn to a complaint against a man named Wagoner living on Georgia avenue, a block from Hanscom park, charging him with keeping a vicious dog. She alleges that the animal snapped at her son a week ago and the owner promised to kill it. He failed to do so and she says that the dog Thursday bit the boy in the wrist.

Matters of Importance Considered.

At the meeting of the Commercial club's executive committee held yesterday afternoon matters of great importance to Omaha were considered. It looked toward a valuable addition to the local manufactories. The usual ban of secrecy was placed upon the proceedings and the press refused permission to report them.

Union Veteran Legion.

The commander-in-chief of the Union Veteran Legion of the United States has appointed Chief Clerk Davis of the Department of the Platte one of the aids, with the rank of colonel. Mr. Davis has held the same position under the past five commanders.

WEYLER STILL IN THE FIGHT

Story that His Campaign in the Hills Has Failed Discredited.

HAS NO IDEA OF RETURNING TO HAVANA

Captain General of the Spanish Army in Cuba Will Remain at the Front Till He Fights Maceo.

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 20.—Advices received here from Cuba today by the steamship Whitney cast discredit upon the statement that the campaign of Captain General Weyler against Antonio Maceo in the province of Pinar del Rio has failed, and that Weyler will shortly return to Havana. It is stated, on the contrary, that General Weyler has no intention of returning to the capital until he shall have exhausted every effort to compel Maceo to meet him in a pitched battle.

When last heard from the Spanish commander was massing his forces for an attack upon the insurgents. The latter are said to number only 20,000 men, all told, and they are reported to be suffering from a scarcity of provisions, etc. Maceo is awaiting reinforcements, and, in this connection, news of the whereabouts and doings of Maximo Gomez are awaited with much interest. Little or nothing has been heard recently of Gomez, who is believed to be at the head of the main body of the insurgent forces. Current reports some time ago had it that he was in the province of Santa Clara and advancing westward toward Matanzas, his objective point being the province of Havana, as marking a crisis in the war.

It is whispered that at the conclusion of any pitched battle that may be fought a truce may be declared and arrangements made for a conference between the insurgents' leaders and the representatives of Spain, looking to a settlement of the war. This is most significant, as showing that all classes are utterly tired of the war and its burdens and are longing for some way out of the present difficulties.

Under these circumstances an important insurgent victory would almost be hailed in commercial circles at Havana with the same satisfaction that a Spanish victory would be received. A great deal of misery exists in Havana, and the outlook grows darker and darker as days pass. Business is almost at a standstill, the prices of all commodities having gone up to extravagant rates, while the loyal portion of the population has been drained of all its able-bodied men in order to send volunteers into the field to assist the troops operating against the insurgents in various parts of the island.

Quintin Bandera, the well known insurgent leader, was reported yesterday to be in the vicinity of the Pinar del Rio military line with a strong force of insurgent cavalry and infantry, and Calaxito is said to be with him.

Lacret, another of the best known insurgent leaders, is said to be suffering from a wound. General Echague, the Spanish officer who was wounded severely in the thigh in the attack on the Rubi hills, is improving.

A rumor was in circulation at Havana yesterday that the captain general had been killed, but it appears to have originated in the blowing up of a railroad train upon which he was reported to be traveling, between Candeleria and Punta Brava. The Spanish commander was at Candeleria and may have intended to take the train which was destroyed, but he did not do so, having left Candeleria some time previous.

The last detachment of volunteers, consisting of four battalions, left Havana yesterday for the front under the command of Colonel Arcos. Previous to their departure they were reviewed by General Ahumado, who is in command at Havana.

CORPORATIONS TO FIGHT IT OUT.

Assessment of Paving Plants to Be the Issue.

The city council, sitting as a board of equalization, had five protests on account of alleged exorbitant assessments set for hearing yesterday. None of them are of importance except to the individuals concerned, but there is a case set for 10 o'clock today, which promises to be interesting. In this case the Barber Asphalt company enters a vigorous protest against the valuation of its plant, as compared with those of Hugh Murphy and John Grant. The Barber plant is assessed at $3,000, while that of Hugh Murphy is scheduled at $500. The Barber people assert that their plant was constructed twelve years ago at a cost of $22,500. They therefore demand a readjustment, and the three corporations will fight it out today.

Only two cases were decided yesterday, and in these an adjudication was effected by lowering the valuation of the lots in question and adding the amount to those adjoining. Assistant City Attorney Estelle rendered an opinion, according to which the board has power to raise or lower assessments without regard to the surrounding property if it finds that the valuation is grossly unjust.

NESTLEHOUSE IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

Charged with Attempting to Corrupt a Witness.

Lee Nestlehouse has been arrested, charged with attempting to corrupt a witness. The complainant in the case is Thomas Thompson of South Dakota. It is alleged that Nestlehouse approached Thompson a short time ago and offered to give him $22.75 if he would fail to appear in a case in the district court, in which James Williams, Charles Wharton and J. Stone are charged with robbery. Nestlehouse is said to have offered Thompson the amount of his expenses in going to and from his home and this city, which would approximate the amount named. Nestlehouse was arraigned before Police Judge Gordon last evening and pleaded not guilty to the charge. His trial was set for hearing Wednesday, November 25, at 2 p. m.

TRIMBLE TAKEN IN ON SUSPICION.

Was Evidently Prepared to Raid Some Residences.

George Haines, alias Trimble, is a suspicious character whom the police think may have been connected with the late burglaries which have been committed in this city. He is locked up at the city jail pending an investigation into his habits. When searched a number of letters in cypher were found upon him and one which stated that he had better keep away from Detective Dempsey and Captain Haze. The advice was evidently given him by some fellow crook living in some other town, but who was evidently acquainted with the local police force. Two large plans of residences, supposed to be located in Omaha, with the bedrooms marked out, were also found in his pockets.

Receiver Ordered to Make a Showing.

Yesterday morning Judge Keysor entered an order instructing Receiver McCague of the German Savings bank to render to the court a detailed statement of the value of the assets of the bank. This is preliminary, so the judge states, to an order authorizing the receiver to begin action against the stockholders of the bank, in case the cash value of the assets are not sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness. Receiver McCague is reported to have said that the assets were undoubtedly sufficient to pay all claims in time, but that it would, from their nature, require some time to realize on them, and if anything like immediate payment was required the stockholders would have to be called upon.

MANUFACTURERS' AND CONSUMERS'.

Vacancy in Board of Directors is Filled.

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' and Consumers' association was held yesterday afternoon in the Commercial club cafe. Among those present were: Messrs. Vierling, Holmes, Peters, Chadwick, Rees, Katz, Davis, Black, Huggins, Evans and Dinsing of Omaha and John W. Steinhart of Nebraska City.

The following preamble and resolutions offered by Samuel Rees were adopted:

"Whereas, It has been deemed best to an all wise providence to remove from our midst to a wider and better field Gaylord S. Watson, one of our directors, one of the leading manufacturers, one of the best citizens of our state and one who, during his residence among us, by his pure life and simplicity of character, endeared himself to us as a member of this board and as a friend; therefore be it

"Resolved, That while bearing witness to the high character of our departed brother, we mourn our great loss in being deprived of his best counsel and his example for good.

"Resolved, that we tender to his family our sincere sympathy and direct the secretary to furnish them with a copy of these resolutions.

"Resolved, that the foregoing be spread upon the minutes of the association."

President Vierling declared in order, nominations to fill the vacancy on the board and C. E. Black put forward the name of J. H. Gayhart, manager of the Woodman Linseed Oil company, who received a unanimous vote and was declared elected.

The secretary was instructed to call upon members of the board who have been negligent in the matter of attending meetings and urge upon them the necessity of taking part in the work of the association so long as they hold office.

The question of having a representative on the Board of the Transmississippi congress came up, and it was the sense of the meeting that Secretary O. C. Holmes would be the proper man for the position.

Mr. Steinhart suggested that a list of names of the best families in the state, who would be likely to be good consumers of manufactured products, would be a valuable acquisition to the association. These names could be compiled in book form and supplied to all members of the association who could use them in the sending out of circulars. The secretary will investigate the subject.

DRAGGING ALONG IN THE COURTS.

Cadet Taylor on the Value of a Reputation.

The case of the World-Herald against The Bee for alleged libel is dragging slowly along in the courts. One of the advertising men in the employ of the plaintiff was on the stand part of the morning, and the plaintiff attempted to show by him that several of the advertisers of the World-Herald had spoken to him about the alleged libelous article, but the attempt to show by this witness that these or any other advertisers had discontinued their patronage because of the article in question was a failure.

Cadet Taylor was called by the plaintiff as a newspaper expert and testified that he had been connected with the newspaper business in Omaha for about three years, ending about seven years ago, when he surrendered his interest in the defunct Republican. He testified to the value of a reputation and asserted that that commodity was the principal stock in trade of a newspaper.

George Lower, collector for the World-Herald, testified that when he called upon advertisers after the publication of the alleged libelous article he was questioned regarding it, but he was unable to show, in reply to questions, that any advertisers had discontinued patronizing the paper because of the article.

G. M. Hitchcock was recalled and testified that the receipts of the paper had fallen off about $7,000 during the first five months of 1896 as compared with the first five months of 1895, and this falling off he attributed to the publication of the article in The Bee in October, 1895. He also testified that the World Publishing company had paid over $24,000 for paper during the nine months immediately preceding the publication of the article, and had paid its employes $63,747.47 during the same period. He asserted that the full effect of the article was not felt in the advertising until after the first of the year following its publication, as most of the advertising contracts did not expire until the first of the year.

Before Mr. Hitchcock's examination was completed the case was adjourned until Monday morning.

MEETING OF BAPTIST WORKERS.

Churches Unite in Organizing a Social Union.

Thursday night a number of laymen of the Baptist churches of the city met at the Young Men's Christian association parlors for the purpose of organizing a social union. Eight churches were represented.

L. D. Holmes gave an outline of a similar organization which existed in this city a few years ago, and the work it accomplished. He also showed some of the work such an organization could now accomplish for the denomination. A constitution was adopted, providing for corporation under the laws of Nebraska. The objects of the union, as set forth in the constitution, are as follows: "The object of the union is to promote fraternal union amongst the Baptists of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha; to foster and promote the establishment of denominational, charitable and educational institutions in or near said cities, and in general to do all things that this organization may decide to do for the furtherance of the interests of the denomination." The name adopted is "The Omaha Baptist Social union."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Isaac W. Carpenter, president; G. W. Douglas, vice president; W. H. Gates, secretary; John C. Howard, treasurer. These officers, with the following gentlemen, compose the Board of Managers: Amos Field, M. G. Macleod, A. C. Busk, George Haskins, sr., Oscar Janes, O. S. Wood, C. B. Young. Trustees for three years are: Amos Field, G. W. Douglas, A. C. Busk.

The union is planning for much aggressive work, as well as for social developments.

The next meeting will be held at the Young Men's Christian association parlors Tuesday evening, December 1.

MINNESOTA MAN GETS THE PLACE.

Oscar Hillis of St. Paul Appointed Clerk of Circuit Court.

Oscar B. Hillis of St. Paul, now clerk of circuit court for the district of Minnesota, has been selected clerk of the United States circuit court for Nebraska, vice Elmer Frank, resigned.

Mr. Hillis is a gentleman about 50 years old. He has been connected with Judge Sanborn's court for a number of years.

This appointment will be a surprise to most people for it had not been known, unless it was to a favored few, that Mr. Hillis was a candidate. There were a large number of Nebraska candidates, mostly from Omaha, and these were each of them a little nervous over the reported candidacy of a man named Head, who is deputy clerk of the circuit court of appeals at St. Louis, who was thought to have the inside track on account of his acquaintance with the three judges who have the appointing power. This is Judge Sanborn's circuit, however, and all along there have been some who held that his wishes in regard to the matter would rule and that he would be likely to wish to see the fat plum go to some of his friends. As Judge Sanborn's home is in St. Paul these parties have expressed the opinion from the first that someone from that city would likely be named.

Use Brown's Bronchial Troches for Coughs Colds and all other Throat troubles—"Preeminently the best"—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

STUDENTS IN A FREE FIGHT

Question of Precedence Between Medics and Dents the Cause.

SOOTHING LOTIONS IN GREAT DEMAND

Members of Two Classes in the Omaha Medical College Come Together in a Fierce Fistic Encounter.

A long contested struggle for supremacy between two of the classes in the Omaha Medical college culminated Thursday morning in the most interesting scrimmage which local educational circles have yet recorded. It included all the most interesting features of the modern foot ball game with a few side shows thrown in, and the aftermath remains in the black eyes and bruised features that were in evidence in the class room yesterday morning.

The trouble arose by reason of a rivalry between the junior students in the dental school and the first year medics. It had been brewing for a week, but Thursday it was fought out in earnest and nearly effected a temporary adjourment of the school. The bone of contention was the third row of seats in the class room. The first row had been awarded by general consent to the senior medics and the second to the sophomores. The next row had been taken by the dents, who believed that as most of the them were old students, they were entitled to precedence over freshmen. The latter did not dispute the title at first, but more recently they decided that in view of their calling they possessed a moral right to the seats occupied by their rivals. They finally threatened the "tooth carpenters," as they termed their opponents, with forcible ejection unless they turned over the seats in controversy, and then the trouble began. The dents laughed at the threats of the medics and continued to plant themselves in the third row in supreme indifference to the complaints of the freshmen. It did not take long for this state of affairs to develop a good deal of bitterness between the classes, in which many of the other students were led to sympathize. For a week past the entry of the dents to their chosen seats had been vigorously disputed by their rivals, but each time unsuccessfully. Thursday the crisis came. The dents filed into the third row as usual, and the medics remained standing. One of the sophomore medics who has a local reputation as a foot ball player and athlete took a hand in the game in the interests of the freshmen. Advancing to the first of the line of dents, he announced his intention of throwing out the whole row, one after another, unless the seats were immediately vacated. He was greeted by a very enthusiastic horse laugh, and then the trouble began. Just who struck the first blow is somewhat in controversy. The dents assert that on their refusal to leave the seats the medics on the second row struck their first man in the face and knocked him down. However that may be, everybody joined in a struggle to see who would strike the second blow. Fully 100 students were immediately mixed up in the affray, and as they were very equally divided, honors continued fairly even. For several minutes that row of seats was the subject of as pretty a free for all fight as one could wish to see. No one was seriously injured, but when it was over, bleeding noses and rapidly puffing eyelids were everywhere conspicuous. But the dents had held their ground and the possession of the coveted row of seats.

After such a beginning, the recitations were naturally somewhat embarrassing, and as neither faction was yet ready to quit, more trouble and lots of it was promised for yesterday morning. The matter was brought to the attention of the faculty, and at first it was decided to have no recitations yesterday. Several physicians who have classes in the college were accordingly notified that there would be no recitations during the morning. A settlement has been reached, however, and it is expected that so far as the class room is concerned, the fracas of Thursday will not be repeated. The dents will retain their seats by virtue of a decision of the board of trustees, and the medics are compelled to submit to defeat.

Dr. Whinnery, who is the dean of the dental college, brought the matter before the board of trustees as soon as he heard of it, and yesterday morning he received a note, stating that the matter had been considered by the board and a decision rendered in favor of the dents, who are entitled to the seats. Dr. Whinnery said that the trouble was not serious, but only one of the incidents that are liable to occur in any educational institution where large numbers of students are brought into rivalry. He said that nothing more serious than a few disfigured optics had resulted, and that the decision of the board of trustees would probably end the trouble.

JURY FINDS BOTH MEN GUILTY.

Mayall and Hall Convicted of Robbing Claus Bosholm.

The jury in the case of William Mayall and George Hall, charged with robbery, returned a verdict yesterday, finding the defendants guilty as charged. The two men, both of whom are residents of Plattsmouth, being employed in the B. & M. shops at that place, were in Omaha on a "spree" in October of this year, and while carousing about the lower part of the city ran across Claus Bosholm, a married man aged about 60 years, according to his own testimony. The three men visited a number of the most disreputable resorts in that section of the city and drank considerable liquor. Bosholm testified that the defendants induced him to go with them to a lonely point near Eighth and Davenport streets and there knocked him down and robbed him of $14. The men were arrested on his complaint by the police.

In returning its verdict, the jury included a recommendation to the court that "the greatest possible leniency" be extended to the defendants. Both men were remanded to jail to await sentence.

Gathering of Nebraska Teachers.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Nebraska Teachers' association will be held in the city hall November 27 and 28. A full attendance of the teachers of this part of the state is anticipated. The attendance is not confined to teachers, as all parties interested in education are invited to attend the sessions. The first session will be held at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon and will be opened by an address of welcome by Mayor Broatch and a response by G. W. Fox of Springfield, president of the association. The program follows:

Address.....Superintendent Omaha Schools
Music .....
Paper......"Our Boys"
Mrs. L. M. Guttery, Bellevue.
Discussion led by...E. T. Gilbert, Waterloo
Relation of the Superintendent to the Teacher .....
John Speedie, superintendent Sarpy Co.
Discussion
E. S. Bodwell, superintendent, Douglas county.
Music .....

SATURDAY, 10 A. M.

Music .....
Paper......"The Reading Circle"
J. A. Cumming, Waterloo.
Discussion .....
C. F. Secord and J. G. Timberlake.
Business meeting and election of officers.
1:30 P. M.
Literature in the Schools.....
Mrs. Jennie E. Keysor.
Questions from the Teachers.....
Child Study.....
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BABY TO BE GIVEN A GOOD HOME.

Work Performed by the Nebraska Humane Society.

"It is the best work that the Nebraska Humane society has done yet," said Secretary H. S. Mann of that institution yesterday morning. "It is worth the saving of ten horses."

The secretary was speaking of the rescue of a chubby 10-months-old girl baby from very unsavory surroundings. It had been in the possession of Mrs. Ella Scheller. Its condition was brought to light only through the attempt that the woman made a few days ago to commit suicide by holding a cloth saturated with chloroform over her face. This attempt at self-destruction was made at 601 North Sixteenth street. The woman and her husband formerly lived in the vicinity of Twenty-second and Clark streets. Three weeks ago they quarreled, and, taking the child with her, the woman removed to the room in which she tried to kill herself.

When the report of the attempt at suicide was received at the police station, Police Matron Cummings was one of those to respond. The baby was discovered then. It was dirty and unkempt, and attired in ragged clothes. It was half starved. The room was also very unsavory in its character. Amidst these surroundings, however, the little one was like a jewel in a dirt heap. Since being removed it is becoming round, chubby, rugged and pretty.

The little girl was thus saved, but the would-be mother is almost broken-hearted. Her life seemed to have been bound up in the little bundle of humanity.

"Don't take her away," she pleaded with Police Matron Cummings, "I will get enough to support her in some way. I will work. I will sell my furniture."

The police matron looked at the shabby furnishings of the apartment. If they had been sold the proceeds would not have been sufficient to get food for the woman and the child for a couple of weeks. Then they would have been in destitute circumstances. The child was carried away and is now at the Creche. The matron, Miss Barrows, admitted her, although it was against the rules of the institution. She has been clothed in neat dresses, which Miss Anna Millard has obtained and given to her. She will in a short time be placed in a good home with a family in the state, who do not desire to be known.

Mrs. Scheller secured the child last July from a woman who is said to be running a lying-in hospital in the north part of the city. Police Matron Cummings has received complaints that this woman has not shown much care in disposing of the babies born at the place. An investigation is to be made.

BURGLARS LAID OFF ONE NIGHT.

No Report of Depredations Having Been Committed.

"No burglaries of any description have been reported this morning," said Captain King at the police station yesterday.

During the last few weeks several burglaries have been reported daily. The force and the detectives seem to have been, and to be, utterly unable to cope with the situation. Policemen and block watchmen have been no hindrances to the work of the crooks. The detectives have not arrested a man against whom it could be said that any suspicion existed that he did any of the work.

"We are on their trail," said one of the detectives with a knowing and confidential look yesterday. "We will get them."

Motormen and conductors on the Farnam street line exhibited an unholy joy Thursday when they read an account of the series of jobs that were committed in the vicinity of Twentieth and Farnam streets a few nights ago. They looked upon it as a retribution upon the force.

It seems that along the line lives a man who is the owner of an aggressive dog. Some few days ago he reported to the authorities that the motormen and conductors were in the habit of stoning the animal at midnight. As a consequence, the Farnam street policeman was instructed to camp about the dog's home at that time. On the first night the dog chased the policeman, but the bluecoat stuck valiantly to his duty. The street car men felt confident that the burglaries were committed while the policeman was away on this duty.

In only a few instances have the jobs netted the burglars any great amount of profit. They have usually been compelled to be content with portions of the stocks. This is, in a great measure, due to the fact that business men have been in the habit of taking their money away with them since the reign of the crooks began.

The police believe that in many of the cases the burglars have had nothing more to do than to open a door in order to get into places of business. Great carelessness has been exhibited by merchants in leaving the doors of their establishments open. Every night the patrolmen discover front doors unlocked. Thursday night they found six establishments that could have been entered by simply walking in, four of them being located in the central portion of the city. The places were: Kelley, Stiger & Co., 1423 Farnam street; People's Furniture and Carpet company, 1317 Farnam; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul ticket office, 1504 Farnam and Nelson's grocery store, Twenty-fourth and Lake streets.

EXPOSITION DIRECTORS MEET.

Appointment of Two Vice Presidents is Confirmed.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Transmississippi Exposition directory the appointments of Henry D. Steel of Denver as the vice president of the exposition for Colorado and of L. Bradford Prince of Santa Fe as the vice president for New Mexico were confirmed. Mr. Steele was nominated last July, but the directory was not notified of the appointment until a few days ago. A letter from him, in which he pledged his hearty support to the enterprise, was received and read.

Messrs. Payne, Evans, Wattles and Carpenter were appointed a committee from the directory to go after the South Omaha packers and endeavor to secure suitable subscriptions to the exposition from them.

The matter of aiding the Nebraska commission to the Tennessee centennial to the extent of $1,000, the amount requested by that body, was laid upon the table until after December 1, the date of the election of the new directory. The directory also resolved not to ask for bids on location until after the coming election. It was announced that Mayor Broatch desired the directory to nominate the men who will represent the city of Omaha at the Tennessee exposition, but it was also resolved to postpone that matter until after the new directors had been chosen.

GEORGE HAUS PLACED ON TRIAL.

Mute Who is Unable to Understand Sign Language.

George Haus was placed on trial in the criminal court yesterday morning on the charge of making a criminal assault upon Kathleen Ressiter, a little girl 7 years old. It is charged that Haus enticed the little one to a secluded spot under the porch of her parents' home and exposed his person. Before he could accomplish his purpose it is alleged that the little one's mother called her and she ran away. Haus claims to be deaf and dumb, but the little girl, both in the police court and in the present trial, positively asserts that he talked to her at the time the crime was committed.

Prof. Gillespie, superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb institute, was subpoenaed to act as interpreter, but he reported to the court, after making a test, that Haus could not converse in the sign language and did not seem to understand any of the signs used among deaf mutes. The examination of the witnesses in the case was conducted in the usual way, while Haus sat beside his counsel, apparently taking little interest in the proceedings. The only witness called to testify for the defense was Haus himself, his examination being conducted by writing out the questions and submitting them to him, he writing out the answers, after which the questions and answers were read to the jury.

ASKING FOR A LOWER RATE

Omaha's Claims Presented Yesterday to the Southwestern Roads.

HAVE HOPES OF BEING SUCCESSFUL

If Petition is Approved the Board of Arbitration Will Still Have to Pass Upon It—Two Firms Principally Interested.

There is considerable interest among Omaha freight men and South Omaha packers over the probable outcome of yesterday's St. Louis conference on southwestern rates from this territory.

For a long time the South Omaha packers have been clamoring for lower rates between here and Texas common points, and the desideratum finally appears to be in sight. John Knox, traffic manager of the Cudahy Packing company at South Omaha, heads an Omaha delegation to the St. Louis meeting. He presented the claims of this territory for better rates at Thursday's meeting of a subcommittee of the general rate committee, to which the matter had been referred. It was expected that a deciding vote would be reached on the question during the afternoon.

If the matter is endorsed by an unanimous vote of the general rate committee, after a favorable report of the subcommittee, it will be referred to the Board of Arbitration, which body will undoubtedly approve any such action taken by the rate committee. If the measure should pass the rate committee, but not by a unanimous vote, the whole matter would have to be argued again before the Board of Arbitration.

While there is not a heavy shipment of packing house products to Texas at this season of the year, during the summer and early fall the movement is considerable. The Cudahy Packing company and the Omaha Packing company are the chief shippers from this territory, the Swift company and others having houses at St. Joseph, Kansas City and other points nearer the Texas field. At present the rate on packing house products from South Omaha to Dallas, for example, is 72 cents per 100 pounds, while from Kansas City it is but 65 cents. Now it is proposed to cut the difference of 7 cents existing between the Omaha and the Kansas City rates in half. This will leave the rate to Dallas from Kansas City at 65 cents, while it would reduce the rate from Omaha to 68½ cents, a saving of 3½ cents on every 100 pounds shipped from here to Dallas. This would amount to a saving of $10.50 on every car sent out of here. As something like 150 cars are sent out of Omaha bound for Texas points every month during the busy season, it may be seen at a glance what a gain would result to the South Omaha packers should the proposed reduction of 3½ cents per 100 pounds be established.

Railway Notes and Personals.

Assistant General Passenger Agent Smith of the B. & M. was in St. Paul yesterday.

Chief Engineer Pegram of the Union Pacific went west Thursday afternoon.

General Agent Peck of the Colorado Midland at Grand Junction was in the city yesterday.

Contracting Freight Agent McNaughton of the Missouri Pacific is rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at his house yesterday morning.

John Teagle, of the firm of Scofield, Shurman & Teagle, petroleum dealers of Cleveland, was a caller at the Union Pacific Thursday afternoon.

The general opinion among Omaha passenger men regarding the proposition to adopt a