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OMAHA, Jan. 22 .- To the Editor of The sits is extended and beautiful in every di-Bee: I was amused at reading the two com- rection. unnecessary and unreasonable tax on the As a result, sufficient water supply and patience and muscle of the poor thair ample fire protection can be secured. wheeler." Attorney Richardson advocates the "Miller park site with its 500 or more of the city engineer will demonstrate that tion for the exposition.
In the name of common sense what does

exposition want with "500 or more beautiful acres?" Is it going into the corn raising business, with corn at 10 cents a bushel, or does it propose to establish a grazing or stock ranch? If it were necessary to have so large a tract of land and scatter the exposition buildings all over the same, would it not be far more tough on the 'poor chair wheeler' and 'more wearing on the pedestrian' than if only 150 acres centrally located were improved? Would it not be far better to improve and beautify 150 acres, or possibly 100 acres, near the center of the city than to expend the money of the exposition in attempting to improve "500 or more beautiful acres" visualize from the more beautiful acres' extending from the north line of the old government reservation to the south line of Floresce? It is true that Florence is a beautiful city, and if it has not the waterways of its ancient namesake, it has within its corporate limits the Omaha water works. It is also true that the surroundings of Florence represent many hundred "beautiful acres," but the distance to these beau-tiful acres, like the distance to the beauti-

beautiful grounds comprising the government reservation at Bellevue. It is also a fact that cannot be fairly questioned or disputed that there is not one in a hundred of

Permit me briefly to enumerate the special The nearest possible location to the business center of the city should be favored by every one having the interests of the city at heart tion of Omaha and South Omaha, measured tion of Omaha and South Omaha, measured the blacks necessarily traveled and not tion impossible, the next suitable and nearest location should be selected. If the maps of the city are examined it will be observed that if a line is drawn midway between the Hangcom park and Miller park locations it will cross the city east and west at a point some distance north of Prospect Hill cemetery and about in the vicinity of Lake the proposed entrance to the Hanscom park site it will include within its limits the northern portion of South Omaha and also

the city, and also include the greatest por-tion of the residence property in the northsixth of the population. It is fair to esti-mate that the great bulk of the visitors to the exposition, if they are to stop in the city, will locate near the central portion of the city, and, therefore, could reach the Hanscom park site far more easily and than they could reach the Miller

Mr. Crum urges as a reason for favoring Miller park that the Premont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapotis & Omaha railroad, as well as the Belt Line rallway, would all bring their trains into the exposition grounds. This may seem to Mr. Crum a thing greatly to be dezired. As I view the matter, it would be a great misfortune to have visitors taken by the railway trains directly to and from the exposition grounds. It is manifestly for the benefit of Omaha and the business interests of the city, as well as for the street railway company, that visitors should reach the exposition grounds from some part of the city of Omaha rather than by railway trains coming into or passing

Crum claims that there is but one line of street railway leading to the Hanscom park site. In this he is mistaken. The Sixteenth and Leavenworth street line. which is the most completely double track line in the city, would take pasrougers to both the east entrance at northwest corner of Hanscom park and the south enfrance on Center street. The double track Farnam street line has a double track connection with the Leavenworth street line on Twenty-eighth street. With an exfrom Parnam street on Thirty-fifth street the main north entrance of the Hanscom park site would also be reached. During the rush hours it would be sufficient to merely run two or three trains to the Fifteenth or Sixteenth street switches in the vicinity Farnam street, as the great bulk of the passengers would leave the street cars at these awitches, the same being sufficiently near to the hotels and centrally located boarding houses, thereby enabling the cars

Hansom park site is the most elevated as well as the most centrally located. When it is considered that the exposition will be held during the hot summer months, a we do not succeed in getting some permanent buildings are a manufactured by the board of alightly elevated location is greatly to be nent improvements as a result of the Exposi

While it is true that the Hanscom park from Mr. Crum and the other from Attorney
Richardson, both favoring Miller park and
opposing Hatscom park, and from diametrically different standpoints. Mr. Crum objects to the Hanscom park site for the reason that it would be "altogether too distances apart. A water main also extends along Center street with fire hydrants.

the "Miller park site with its 500 or more beautiful acres" as the only suitable location for the exposition.

The statement of the city engineer will define and the Hanscom park site has drainage and sewerage advantages which cannot be equalled by any other proposed location. A large sewer main exists within a short distance of the north line of the Hanscom park site and several pipe lines extend up to and through the grounds offered to the expesition. No sewer whatever exists in Miller park. Its so-called beautiful lake is made from water contaminated with sewage, and unless a large expenditure of from \$50,000 to \$109,000 is made for the construction of

sower lines the proposed "brautiful lake" would be a disease-breeding pestilence. Another strong point in favor of the Hanscom park location is the permanent re-demption of the unsightly ravine which extends north and south through the central portion of the city, crossing Farnam near Thirty-first street. As a part of the plan for locating the exposition near Hanscom park, it is proposed to convert the unsightly ravine referred to into a beautiful park and boulevard, which for all future time, like Hansoom park, would be more generally used and enjoyed than any other park or boulevard in the city. As the result of turning this present eyesore into a beauty tiful acres, like the distance to the beautispot in the very heart of the city, some of ful acres surrounding Bellevue, is altogether the desirable buildings of the exposition too great for the majority of the residents of could be permanently located and would re-Omaha, Courcil Bluffs and South Omaha, main after the expessition for the use and omana, Coursel Huffs and South Omaha, and far too remote from the cities named for visitors who may desire to see and know something of these cities as well as see the wonders of the exposition. It is an undoubted fact that not one in a hundred of the citizens of Omaha or South Omaha have seen the extensive improvements and beautiful grounds comprising the government reservation at Bellevue. It is also a fact JOHN STEEL.

JOHN STEEL.

OMAHA, Jan. 21 .- To the Editor of The the people of Omaha or South Omaha who Bee: I am a laboring man, and in behalf of have not visited Hanscom park many times, the laboring men I would like to see the What is true of near and remote locations exposition site located as convenient to the in the past will be true of the exposition in homes of the laboring men of Omaha as it the future. A fair consideration of the can be. If it goes to Elimwood or Miller advantages of all the proposed sites for the park, the men who live in Omaha, and many exposition will demonstrate the correctness of them who are trying to pay taxes and of the contention of the advocates of the pay for their homes, have got to deduct Hancom park location that for accessibility, car fare from their already small wages, as elevation, water supply, drainage and sewer, well as put in so much extra time in going age, and the preservation for the future use, and coming, while outside labor will flock. of the public of the permanent and desirable in and stop at the cheap boarding houses buildings, it stands without an equal or a which will be built where the fair is located rival. A great deal has been said and done in the past in favor of the Miller park site, but notwithstanding this, the Hanseom park site has rapidly been growing in public as they are planning it will take a great many men to put it in shape for 1898, and the car fare altogether will amount to something like \$15,000 or \$20,000. I do not see advantages of the Hanscom park site:

The Hanscom park site is the most central of all the locations proposed. This is laboring men as well as given to the street

our business men, the best location would be our business men, the best location would be five blocks nearer to the Paxton hotel than adjacent improvements are of such a character improvements are of such a character improvements are of such a character five blocks nearer to the Paxton hotel than any other site ruggested. To make this more fully appear we give distances more fully appear we give distances in blocks of the ordinary size: by the blocks necessarily traveled and not Riverview Park site, twenty-eight; the socalled Hanscom park, or poor farm site, thirty-two; fair ground site, seventy; East Omaha site, sixty-five; Miller park site.

> If Sixteenth and Farnam streets is choses as the center, then the Riverview park site is but one block nearer town than the poor farm site, but we submit that taking Bluffs into consideration the Paxton botel is

the fairer point from which to measure.

As to water: The Riverview park site has the southeastern portion of the city, inell hall. It will also include an ariesian well. The springs in Syndicate the entire business portion of the park, three blocks west, which formerly city. It will also include Dundee and supplied all South Omaha and the packing Walnut Hill in the northwest posts. uses with water, can be piped into the ground, dispensing with the necessity of ice and giving cool drinking water at all ern part of the city south of Lake street. Points. In addition to that the city water If a two-mile circle is drawn from the pro-now at Sixth and Bancroft, Eleventh and posed entrance of the Miller park site it Bancroft, on Tenth street to the south line will extend almost to the northern boundary of the park, Thirteenth street along the side Cut-Off lake and would extend southward a South Omaha thirty-six inch main can be sufficient distance to take in Kountze made available. If the Nebraska legislature, Place. The Harscom park two as seems probable, attaches to the condi-Place. The Hansoom park two- as seems probable, attaches to the condimile circle would include about nine-tenths tions of its appropriation, the provision that of the entire population of the city, a sample irrigated farm shall be one of the while the Miller park two-mile circle would features, the land adjoining Riverview park include only about one-tenth of the population of the city. The Hanscom park site only land in any of the sites available for \$2,000,000 or \$2,000,000 o from the artesian well without the great cost to the water works company.

In addition to the foregoing, which has not been called to the attention of the public, we may add the following reasons why the exposition should be located at

Riverview park:
It is the only site that presents a view of the Missouri river and the bottom lands. bluffs, woods, cornfields and lakes that line its banks, making the one unique, distinc-

It is the only site that possesses forest trees in abundance. It is the only site that possesses pure healthy, cold mineral and artesian water. It is the only site where the Missouri river can be made available for excursion beato and as a means of transportation to and

from the grounds. It has perfect sewerage. It is accessible by the Thirteenth street car line, and by the proposed street car ex-tension down Tenth and Sixth streets, and from South Omaha, and also by B. & M. rallway and river steamers.

On the road hither is presented the broad est and mest imposing view possible of the city of Omaha. The grounds are susceptible of great orna mentation at slight expense. It is not confined and shut out from re

reshing breezes and inspiring views in a hollow or on the bottom. It is the coolest place in summer.

The odors from the packing houses are not wafted to it on the south wind, the prevailing wind in the heated season.

It is the most healthy location and less subject to contagious disease by reason of low, marshy grounds or had sewerage It is the only site upon which the build-ings would be in plain view of every train oming into Council Bluffs and Omah ERNEST STUHT.

OMAHA, Jan. 22.—To the Editor of The see: The letters of L. V. Crum and R. W. Richardson in last night's Bee demand an to at once return to the Exposition ground.

The trips could be made in less than one third of the time that would be required to site that is selected, but in all fairness each site should be properly represented before all the state of the case. I am an advocate the site that is selected, but in all fairness each site should be properly represented before the case.

The view from the Hanscom park | tion that it will not be the success that it

should be. Level-headed Chicago men will institutions in a city is bad for the general

3. The streets to and from the site are not hilly. There is only one small hill on Leav-dividuals.
enworth street, from Sixteenth to Twentieth. Another strong feature which should be

through line from South Omaha to Omaha, passing directly by the grounds. There is through line from South Omaha to Omaha, passing directly by the grounds. There is no cuestion but what nine-tenths of the people who will attend the show can reach it much more easily at the Hanscom park site than at the Miller park site. Again, at least four-fifths of the people who will be in the city will live or board within two miles of the Hanscom park site, and not more than one-fifth can possibly find accommodations over night within two miles of the Miller park site.

the comparison, with the State Fair grounds as to accessibility, distance, time to get there, etc., but Miller park. If we would stop the kicking our friend talks about we should never locate the Exposition in Miller park. He says: "Do not let us make another mistake." We all say so, and therefore we mistake." We all say so, and therefore we mistake." We all say so, and therefore we mistake advanced, a point which was brought out by our friend and citizen, R. W. Richardson, prates sition four miles from the heart of the city.

7. Our friend, Mr. Richardson, prates sition four miles from the heart of the city, 7. Our friend, Mr. Richardson, prates about "close in, gate receipts," etc. We must remember, however, that gate receipts make or break this exposition. As said before, four-fifths of the people who will attend this exposition will live or board within two miles of the Hanscom park site, and not over the Hanscom park site, and not over the state of the city, out by our friend and citizen, R. W. Richardson. That is, the perpetuation of the Exposition theory for an indefinite length of time after the time allotted for the holding of the Transmissishelppi and International Exposition had expired. Many, if not all, of the buildings put up by the transmissishelppi states would be erected with a view of the city position theory for an indefinite length of time after the time allotted for the holding of the Transmissishelppi and International Exposition had expired. Many, if not all, of the buildings put up by the transmissishelpi states would be erected with a view of the city position theory for an indefinite length of time after the time allotted for the holding of the Transmissishelpi and International Exposition had expired. two miles of the Hanscom park site, and not over one-fifth within two miles of the Miller park site. Does it look as though in locating it at Hanscom park it would be for selfish interests as claimed? It looks very much as though selfish interests are trying, to mile the averaging four miles. trying to pull the exposition four miles away from the heart of the city to Miller park, to be located in the middle of a cornfield and undesirable surroundings. Whicone of these propositions looks like scheme? It seems a safe proposition that a man who favors Miller park has personal interests in that direction, or is influenced

by some one who has.

8. Mr. Richardson says "distance is measured by time and ease." So it is, and there is no possible question but what Hanscom park site would be reached in less than one-half the time that it will take to go to Miles the standard of and coming to the fair.

9. Mr. Richardson talks about "Miller park's 500 acres." Five hundred acres within the exposition grounds would be a urse to this enterprise. One hundred and twenty acres of land within the heart of the city, magnificently improved with finely paved walks, drives beautiful foliage, lakes etc., and well constructed buildings filled with exhibits and crowded with people for five months during the year 1898, the ground surrounded by the best residence portion of the city, will make the exposition a mos phenomenal success, which will be heralded the world over as a wonderful example of ie thrift, enterprise, development and re finement of the great transmississippi states finement of the great transmississippi states. Two hundred or 500 acres four or five mile out, surrounded by comfields, deserted reactate additions, the heritage of boom times and weeds so high you cannot see the stree. corners or houses, with one-half of oney spent in trying to put it in shape th scattering buildings here and there muddy or desty walks, weeds growing up in the corners to make it unattractive as possible, we might have a good attendance but with large grounds they will look abandoned and neglected, and the exposition will be ridiculed before one-third over, the managers discouraged because they get money enough to put it in a desirable condition and offer suitable attractions to fill the grounds. A dismal failure stares them in the face, and the exposition goes down o history as a mistake and an attempte

real estate speculation.

10. This is not going to be a World's fair and no comparison can or should be made with it. In the neighborhood of \$20,000,000 of ground accessibly located, within a few moments' of the central portion of complete that it would be appreciated and admired as much as the World's fair, and will create just as much enthusiasm. But the same amount of money spread out over 300 to 500 acres of land will be an awful mistake, and a disgrace to Omaha

OMAHA, Jan. 22. To the Editor of Th Bee: The undersigned most respectfully big to call the attention of all the citizens of Omaha to the only real, plausible, economical and advantageous site of all for the holding of the coming Transmississippi and International Exposition. First we wish to stateplainly which site we are championing, so there will be no misundaratently and will there will be no misunderstanding, and will without any attempt at flowery oratory deal entirely with facts regarding our site and point out a few positive objections to the other proposed sites which have not been brought out by their advocates. To our mand the location known as the "Elmwood park site," which includes 204% acres in he park, also 160 acres adjoining owned by he Omaha Fair and Speed association, i only place in which all of our citizen should be interested and benefited alike from the permanent improvements which would necessarily have to be put on the ground, but especially the citizens (about 3,000 in number) who have subscribed to stock or denated cash for the upbuilding of the fair grounds and maintenance of same.

We see by an article written by our mutual

grounds and maintenance of same.

We see by an article written by our mutual friend, Robert Purvis, that he takes occasion to score Omaha as having made "several grievous mistakes in locating public institutions," and especially so in locating the state fair. We would like to ask "Robert" where he was at the time these locations were he was at the time these locations were hereful upon and why he did not lead upon and upon and why he did not lead upon and upon and why he did not lead upon and upo settled upon and why he did not lend us his valuable counsel in locating our public in-stitutions. The fact of the matter is our site is not too far from the city of Omaha and is seven-eighths of a mile nearer the postoffice than other sites suggested in north part of the city. We venture the suggestion that the 5,000 residents spoke of by Robert who did not the fair would not have att had it been located at Sixteenth Farnam streets. Assuming as cays, that the fort was located Sarpy county, the state fair grounds near Eikhorn and the Exposition near Florence and that we built up solid between these points, we would have not only a city of magnificient distances, but one of betwee \$50,000 to 500,000 inhabitants as against 140,

Using your hammer to knock public

tell you today that their greatest mistake welfare of said city, and if all other sites was that they received no permanent improvements on the grounds as a result of the by the city of Omaha, everything else being equal, we should not oppose them for a 2. He says "It is too hilly and rough." moment. One of the great features of the This is not so. A great majority of the site Elimwood park site is that all of the buildis level, or can be made enough so by a very lings that are to be erected and all of the little work, and engineers say that a site permanent improvements that are to be that is somewhat uneven can be made much placed upon said grounds will be put upon that is somewhat uneven can be made much more attractive and beautiful than a level grounds belonging to all of the citizens of tract at the same expense.

3. The streets to and from the site are not of us alike, and not any one or two in-

reduced to a minimum.

of the Miller park site.

5. To compare the Hanscom park site with the State Fair grounds is out of the question. No site, so far, perhaps, can be compared. In the way that Mr. Crum has made the comparison, with the State Fair grounds as to accessibility, distance, time to get there are all the railroad facilities at the present time are adequate for all wants and are now laid directly to the grounds, four different lines of roads making this point. Ample provision has been made for suitable tracts of land for showing in an intelligent way all matters pertaining to agriculture there are the but Mill.

in the transmississippi country but that would be more than pleased to perpetuate and maintain, at their own expense, a building showing their wonderful resources and possibilities, and, if they did not desire to stand that expense themselves, it would be money in Omaha's cocket to stand it for them. People traveling agrees the continent would be sure to stop over in Omaha from one or two or three days if a permanent expesition of this kind was held in our city. If we were in our friend Richardson's place,

owever, we would not say much about the site that is, as he claims, "hidden away in the valley of the Little Papio," as this site is nearly a mile nearer the postoffice than the one he is in favor of. We would also like to ask our mutual friend Richardson what portion of the 500 acres he is advocating belongs to the city of Couche and whether demonstrated by a reference to the maps of the city. No unblased person will question the city. No unblased person will question the great advantage of a central location.

OMAHA, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: The friends of Riverview park, in arease the street railway traffic and greatly benefit the business interests of our city. Bee: The friends of Riverview park, in advancacy of that site for the exposition, desire through your columns to state to the most attractive portion of our city going the time that it will take to go to Miller park by street cars, carriages, on foot, or horseback, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city, and as we are to entertain millions of people it is an advantage that cannot be counted in dollars and cents that they should see the belongs to the city of Omahs, and whether or not his argument against the Hanscom park site does not equally apply to the Miller park by street cars, carriages, on foot, or horseback, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city, and as we are to entertain millions of people it is an advantage that cannot be counted in dollars and cents that they should see the belongs to the city of Omahs, and whether or or the sirable and attractive part of the city of Omahs, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city of Omahs, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city of Omahs, and the time that it will take to go to Miller park by street cars, carriages, on foot, or house, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city of Omahs, and the time that it will take to go to Miller park by street cars, carriages, on foot, or house, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city of Omahs, and through a much more desirable and attractive part of the city of Omahs, and the time that it will take to go to the city of Omahs, and the time that it will take to go to Miller park by street cars, carriages, on foot, or on the park by street cars, dxty-five acres belonging to the city: Miller ark has only seventy-eight elonging to the city; Hauscom has only eighty acres, which belongs to the county. East Omaha belongs to the county. East Omaha belongs entirely to individuals. Eliuwood park has

370 acres and all belongs to the city and 3,000 of our most liberal and public-spirited The Hanseom park site has advantages but also disadvantages. We venture to say that the citizens residing on the west and northwest side of Hanseom park have not been consulted in this matter, and if they have and have given their consent, have not onsidered the underlyable outside inhabitants that an exposition of this kind is sure to at tract, such as miniature Ferris wheels, mer-y-go-rounds (with attendant discordant music), cane racks, lottery chances, peanus stands and wild west shows, all of which must necessarily be located very near if not quite in their back yards. The noise and lin which would surely be made by these outside inhabitants would make life most miscrable from early morning until late at

night for six months of the year at least. Rive view park, while it has some prett features. (after you get to it), should not be considered because it has but one line of railroad running to it, and no street car facilities as yet completed to the grounds and besides not being large enough to ac ommodate the buildings on ground that be ongs solely and only to the city. The North Omaha sites suggested, if adopted, would be a detriment to the best business interes of the city, owing to the fact that man; across the East Omaha bridge in the morn ing to the Exposition grounds and out in the evening. A large percentage of our patronage must come from the east. Omaha would never see a large number of them. The scepage and drainage from the hill surrounding this site settle here, and the present take in Miller park is made by a stoppage of the sewer, which, if opened up, would show said take to be a little ravine

in reality. The above is substantiated by thoroughly competent engineer. Taking all things into consideration, we annot see as there is but one location for the Exposition, and in this conclusion we olce the sentiments of thousands of citizens who have not electioneered for the site, be lieving that when the true and natural merits of Elmwood park were brought to the attention of those who were to be selected for this purpose that this alto would stand preeminently above all others that might W. R. BENNETT, A. CLEMENS.

OMAHA, Jan. 22 .- To the Editor of The OMAHA, Jan. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: Elmwood park site has everything to recommend it to the directors as the only logical site for the exposition. It contains 385 acres of public land located just three and one-half miles west from the postoffice. Elmwood park is Omaha's largest park; it contains 215 acres of land; it has shade trees and plenty of them; it has excellent water in abundance: it is a beautiful tract water in abundance; it is a beautiful tract of land and should be improved; it is only a twenty-minute ride fram the business center of the city by the electric car line, but if the Omaha Street Railway company would do the right thing for the western part of this city it could make the run. part of this city it could make the run in much less time and give satisfaction to

is patrons. Elmwood park site would be a permanent benefit to the public, a saving to the tax-payers, a profitable income for the transpor-

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Work of His Department.

WANTS ALL CONTRACT WORK ABOLISHED

S. The estrects to and from the site are not hilly. There is only one small hill on Leavenworth street, from Sixteenth to Twentieth. In fact, there is more driving on the streets leading to and surrounding Hanscom park than any other portion of the city.

4. Mr. Crum says, "Hacks and carryalls claim they must charge double." What rot. There is not a hack or carryall driver in Omaha today but will take you from the center of town to Thirty-specond and Woodworth avenue, the proposed entrance to the Hanscom park eite, for one-half the price he-will take you to Miller park, and take you there in one-third of the time.

5. The statement that there is only one motor line to the Hanscom park site. While the Leavenworth street line, with its three branches runs to three proposed entrances, and other lines, the Farnam street foin instance, can be connected fully as easy as any lines can be run to Miller park. Asajo, the Bell Line runs around the entire city, and to South Omaha, and passes the Hanscom park site. While the Leavenworth street line, with its three branches runs to three proposed entrances, and other lines, the Farnam street for instance, can be connected fully as easy as any lines can be run to Miller park. Asajo, the Bell Line runs around the entire city, and to South Omaha, and passes the Hanscom park site. While the Leavenworth street line, with its three branches runs to three proposed entrances, and other lines, the Farnam street for instance, can be connected fully as easy as any lines can be run to Miller park. Asajo, the Bell Line runs around the entire city, and to South Omaha, and passes the Hanscom park site on the west. In all probability the Thirty-second street line would be extended to South Omaha, and passes the Hanscom park site is received the survey of the survey of the present can be run to Miller park. Asajo, the Bell Line runs around the entire city, and to South Omaha, and passes the Hanscom park site of the survey of the present can be run to Miller park. Asajo, the Bell Line runs ar and others two, three and four times a week. In addition, 309 blocks of outlying streets were cleaned from two to six times during the season. Twenty-five thousand eight hundred cubic yards of refuse were removed from the streets during the year.

The street commissioner asserts that the streets and sidewalks of the city have been kept in excellent condition at a very small expense. The claims for damages against the city have been diminished 60 per cent

The report continues:

In my report of 1894 I recommended that the sweeping and cleaning of streets be done by day's labor, under the supervision of the street commissioner. The honorable mayor and the city council concurred in the proposition and since July 1, 1885, the work of sweeping and cleaning the paved streets has been done by day's labor, under my supervision. Under this system the streets have been maintained in a cleaniler and more healthful condition than under the contract system, and that with the saving to the taxpayers of large sums of money. Not only this, but each dollar expended has found its way into the pockets of home labor, all old citizens and many of them taxpayers.

WOULD AEOLISH CONTRACT LABOR WOULD ABOLISH CONTRACT LABOR.

The success achieved under the day labor system should be an incentive to the city to further extend its operation to other branches of the public work. Particularly would I direct attention to the present contract system of garbage collection. As now operated it is a collection that does not collect. The collection of garbage should be under the supervision of the street department and the work done by day's labor. At the present time many alleys are block-aded with piles of garbage and manure, but this department is without authority in the premises.

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It is an established fact that the municipal governments of the important European cities have abolished the contract system of erecting public works, and supplanted the same with the day labor system, operated directly under the control of
the proper municipal authority. The results have been entirely satisfactory and the
people have profited by it. The improve-

sults have been entirely satisfactory and the people have profited by it. The improvements are far superior in character and cost less.

During the period from 182 to 182, when the Board of Public Works was vested with limited authority, and subject entirely to the orders of the city council, a vast sum of money was expended in paving and improving the streets and alleys of the city I find upon investigation that nearly all streets; aved at that time the work was poorly executed. The concrete under the pavements is of the noorest quality. Instead of being the possessor of good concrete six inches in thickness. I find that from three to four inches is the rule, and practically no cement was used in the mixing. This notwithstanding the city has paid a high price for first quality six inches in depth. The result is that a majority of our paved streets are in almost a worthless condition, and the taxpayers have been mulcied for hundreds of thousands of dolars. Had the Board of Public Works at that time been possessed of its present powers, and had control of nubic improvements as today, the result would have been different and the streets would now be in fair condition. It is a fact that streets paved since 1892 are in perfect condition and will stand as good; avements. I am convinced that had our public improvements been constructed by the municipal authorities, under the day labor system the results would have been different and the improvements of far better quality and cost much less. Certainly there could be no object in the city skimming the quantity of material required, nor would inferior workmanship be tolerated. Hence my firm belief in the practicability and destrability of the day labor system of erecting public improvements.

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pensive to keep in repair, and after a very short service the cost of maintenance each year will equal the cost of a walk of permanent material. As a preliminary to the abolition of the wooden sidewalk nuisance. I would suggest that the mayor and council, and the Board of Public Works, take such steps as may be necessary to empower the street department to remove the old and dilapidated wooden walks from the streets, as it will be impossible to induce property owners to construct of permanent material so long as the existing temporary affairs are tolerated.

CITY TO REPAIR THE VIADUCT.

Elimwood park site would be a permanent benefit to the public, a sawing to the tax-nayers, a profitable income for the transportation companies for all time. It is the only site that can be conveniently reached by all the people of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. The Nebraska legislature might demand that this exposition be located on public property.

Stockholders Must Pay Up.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Omaha Fair and Speed association held Thursday, the secretary was instructed to notify the suckholders who had failed to oay up their subscriptions, if they do not suit will be brought against them. No action was taken on the question of a bond issue. Director Mount reported on the process of the June race meet, which promises to be one of the most auccessful ever held in the city. Each heat will be made a race, the purse being divided into first, second, third and fourth moneys.

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years slipped by, and the same old delusive hope is in existence, and doing the same service. But it has become so hoary in the service that the people are becoming disgusted and are determined to have relief.

To my mind the proper thing to do at this time, and do it now, is to repair the viaduct and permit the people to have use of it. No great sum will be required to do this, and I believe that an amicable arrangement with the railway companies can be made whereby the cost may be proportioned among those affected, the same as in the case of the Sxteenth street viaduct when that structure was put in condition in 1894. If this cannot be accomplished it will be the duty of the city, and it will be economy to do so, to make the repairs, and when the supreme court shall have passed judgment on the case pending before it, and decided whether the railway companies shall bear the cost of repairs, and that be the decision, the city will be reimbursed. Each day's delay in this matter not only inconveniences the public, but the structure itself being unused and uncared for is disintegrating rapidly. I believe that with the sum of \$8,000 the Board of Public Works can put the viaduct in a safe condition.

During 1896 the department has performed

CRACK MARKSMEN OF THE ARMY.

Bulk of the Honors. The announcement in The Bee's Washington dispatch yesterday of the result of the rifle and carbine practice of the United States troops last summer was received with a great deal of satisfaction at the headquarters of the Department of the Platte. This was due to the fact that the troops of this department carried off highest honors in six of the eight classes. The report just issued by the War department, to which reference is made in the dispatches mentioned, shows that the cavalry of the Department of the Platte made higher scores than the cavalry of any other department at 200, 300, 800 and 1,000 yards, as mentioned to the platte made higher scores than the cavalry of any other department at 200, 300, 800 and 1,000 yards, as scores than the cavalry of any other department at 200, 300, 800 and 1,000 yards, as skirmishers and in the volley firing. The infantry arm of the service in this department carried off the honors with a rifle at 1,000 yards and as skirmishers.

The engineers can be introughly digested and all the members of the board thoroughly digested and all th

Lieutenant Perry, who is acting as in-spector of small-arms practice in the absence of Lizutenant Hutcheson, expressed great satisfaction at the showing which was made by the trocps of the department, and said it was a most remarkable record. He said the credit for the showing made by the department in the carbine competition was due to the superior shooting of the Eighth cavairy stationed at Fort Meade, S. D. Referring to the report issued by Lieutenaut Hutcheson it was shown that this regiment of cavairy has 220 sharpshooters, of which sixteen are officers and 204 are enlisted men. This is more than three-Bitths of the whole number of sharpshooters in the department. Lieutenaut Perry stated that this showing is still more remarkable when it is considered. still more remarkable when it is considered that the cavalry was supplied in May of last year with the new Krag-Jorgenson carbine and was compelled to use this arm in the competition.

POLICE WILL NOW TAKE A HAND. Will Enforce Ordinance Relative to

the confusion resulting is embarrassing to further time to spare for that purpose. deal of complaint on this score, and now City Engineer Howell has turned the matter ver to the police department with a request to enforce the ordinance. The new lirectory of the city is about to be prepare! and it is desired that all houses should be correctly numbered before their locations go nto the directory. The police will now fail to immediately comply with the ordinance. Chief Sigwart has detailed an offi-eer who will serve peremptory notice on all repetly owners who still retain their old numbers. They will be given three days a which to put up the correct numbers, and

comply. Rabbi Franklin Answers Mr. Baldwin OMAHA, Jan. 22 .- To the Editor of The Bee: It is always with a great deal of reti conducted in the public press, but, having read in last evening's edition of your paper Mr. H. R. Baldwin's very courteous and well ntentioned comment on my lecture 'Christ and Christianity from a Je Standpoint." I cannot refrain from saying a few words in reply. I heartly appreciate all the kind things that Mr. Baldwin was pleased to say about my lecture and myself, though why he should consider it praiseworthy in me to have treated so delicate ; subject without having hurt the religio feelings of any I fail to understand. T WOULD REMOVE WOODEN BLOCKS.
Fassing to the important question now confronting us of what to do with the streets paved with worthless wooden blocks in a high state of decay, I desire to offer a suggestion and make a recommendation that I feel will solve the problem, and at the same time be not too burdensome upon the taxpayers. Brieffy summarized, it is this, That the decayed blocks be removed and an inexpensive substitute be provided. My method would be to cover the present concrete with two inches of slag of proper dimensions, th's to be covered with one inch of stone or granite chips, Of, if preferred, gravel may be used. This substitute can be provided at a nominal cost, and I would urge that where the owners of abutting property do not feel like assuming the cost of a permanent and more expensive pavement, that the same be proyided. It

the Messiah must necessarily have been construing property do not feel like assuming the cost of a permanent and more expensive payement, that the same be provided. It is important to the good name of the city of Omaha, important to the established reputat on for enterprise of its citizens that the vast multitude that will visit the exposition next year be spared the sight of the present wooden block payements.

What to do with our wooden sidewalks is another perplexing problem. My solution of that is to do away with them. Supplant them with substantial and permanent material. On outside streets permit Omaha brick to be used. These brick on the resident streets will give satisfaction if proper discrimination be exercised in their selection. They have been used in this city for fifteen years, and and are in a fair condition today. The woden sidewalk in a city like Omaha is a failure. It is expensive to keep in repair, and after a very short service the cost of a walk of permanent and convinced of the accuracy of Mr. Jewish conception of the prophets, inasmuch as he finds me inconsistent in comparing Jesus with them, and yet denying the claim of divinity for the latter. The fact of the matter is that we grant to divinity to any one man, but believe that in every man there burns the part of the divine, and that every soul is part of that universal soul that we call God. We believe that every man who reads in a city like Omaha is a failure. It is expensive to keep in repair, and after a very short service the cost of maintenance each year will equal the cost of a walk of permanent material. I am not convinced of the accuracy of Mr

Baldwin's statement that the reformation worked in drunkards, Magdalenes and liars is in the nature of a miracle of Christ. I see in it rather the superior power of right over wrong, and that is certainly no mira About the Jews returning as a nation to

Palestine, I may simply say that we neithe expect nor wish for such a consummation. America is our Canaan, and the city of Washington is our Jerusalem, and the Jew is ready to stand as a patriot of patriots in this fair land, where one's conscience is as

LOCATING THE EXPOSITION

Final Action by the Directors May Be Postponed for a Week.

QUESTION WILL BE CONSIDERED TODAY

Report of the Experts Will Contain a Recommendation of One of the Five Sites that Are Offered.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Transmississippi and International Exposition this afternoon to receive the report of the experts employed to examine During 1896 the department has performed animated session. The report of the enthe five sites offered promises to be an a vast amount of work. Next year this will necessarily be doubled, and this fact should be realized at once. It is essential that our streets be put in passable and presentable condition for the coming exposition, and the mayor and council should make provision for this. The report ends with a vigorous protest the report shall be acted upon at once and against the proposed abolition of the Board | the site selected, or whether the matter shall be made the subject of extended discussion and deliberation and the selection of the site deferred for a week longer. There are many Department of the Platte Wins the indications going to show that both sides of this question will have warm supporters, The announcement in The Bee's Washing- Some of the directory are strongly in favor

their report a recommendation of what they regard as the best site. What site this will be they have vouchsafed no indication, and spector of small-arms practice in the absence of Ligutenant Hutcheson, expressed great to any person, what this recommendation satisfaction at the showing which was made will be, but will submit their findings in a

engineering experts, with additional ergu-ments why the park down on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri should be selected overlooking the Missouri should be selected as an exposition site. This delegation comprised E. J. Cornish, Ernest Stuht, Dr., Harchett, John Powers and Police Judge Gordon, They had a talk with Mr. Alexander, one of the experts, and presented arguments in addition to those used when the cite was visited by the engineers. They said the legislature would probably attach a provision to any appropriation which would Renumbering Houses.

The city engineering department has decided to take more radical measures to induce property owners to comply with the ordinance relating to the renumbering of houses. Theo rdinance was passed by the city council a year ago, and up to this time no prosecutions have been attempted. The city engineer has caused all property owners to be notified three times and about 80 per cent of them have compiled. The remainder still retain their old house numbers, and the confusion resulting is embarrassing to

FIRST APPLICATION FOR SPACE. The first application for space for an exhibit at the Exposition was filed yes-terday. The applicant was Farrell & Co. the local manufacturers of syrup, jellies, etc. Application was made for 1,500 feet, and the jocose manager of the house laid claim in advance to the gold medal.

The Department of Promotion announces that it is now prepared to furnish business men with circular letters to be sent to their correspondents. These letters are designed to awaken an interest in this and adjoining states in legislative action, and will be supplied by the department to any business man who will send them out in his mail. That the Exposition is attracting atten-

tion in every part of the United States is evident from the flood of communications that come to Mayor Broatch to in ruite it regard to various facts connected with the enterprise. From a dozen to thirty such mmunications are received every day and hey come from every state and territory in the union. They are from people who want know about various matters pertaining to the Exposition proper and from others who inquite in regard to dry goods establishments, industrial enterprises and public improvements, evidently with a view to prospective possibilities of obtaining employment. Some of the letters are answered by Secretary Wertz and others are turned over to the managers of the Exposition.

OMAHA, Jan. 21.-To the Editor of The Bee: I believe that a large majority of the American people have the welfare of the question whether Spain can govern herself, it is not an open queetion whether she be able to govern another nation. Now is there any legitimate way in which we can help the Cubans? They do not need men; they which a popular subscription could be taken and the money be sent to the Cuban junta in New York?

A party of men stood on the dock at New York where a drayman, backing his horse too near the edge, both horse and dray toppled over into the water. It was all the poor man had and much sympathy was expressed for him by the bystanders. Finally one man put his hand into his pocket, and drawing out a \$10 bill said. "I am sorry \$10 worth." Enough others were sorry \$1 worth to get the man another horse. How many thousand Americans would be sorry

Now if this plan is not contrary to international law, I believe that within ninety days from the time it was generally known from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 could be raised for the benefit of the Cubans. I suggest the forgoing for the reason that if Spain is victorious in this struggle it will only be a few years before the struggle is repeated, the fair island of Cuba again devastated and

so on until it gains its freedom.

In regard to our policy at one of the great powers I believe Mr. Cleveland's views are correct, but this plan has only to do with private action. I would like to hear matter discussed by those who are to do so intelligently. F. D. WILSON.

The king of pills is Beecnam's-Beecham's

OMAHA, Jan. 21 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Subscription papers are being circulated by the committee in Washington with the purpose of raising America's share for the international monument to Pasteur,

which is to be erected in Paris. The services of Pasteur in the cause of humanity were of such great and lasting importance that any one who appreciates them must feel com-pelled to contribute, if only to a slight extent, toward this memorial. Small amounts of 50 cents or \$1 are being subscribed and any one desiring to contribute can find the list for a few days at the office of Coutant & Squires, Fourteenth and Farnam streets, or, if preferred, money can be sent direct to Dr. George Sternberg, surgeon S. A., Washington, D. C. A

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