# COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Scott of Aurora, Ill., are visiting W. Runyan, 109 Park avenue, Mrs. F. X. Ries, residing at 410 North Sixth street, is reported seriously ill and her sister, Miss Ryan, who has been attend-ing her, is also confined to her bed.

W. E. Cody of Sloux City, court reporter for Judge Oliver, was in the city last even-ing, the guest of his friend, B. O. Bruing-ton, Judge Smith's competent stenographer. What his the "Eagle" done? We have made an art of the laundry business. We give the public the best work that pure water, map and skill can produce. 724

Wanted- A man with general acquaintance in Council Bluffs, to canvass for a well known Omaha establishment. State experience and references. Address F 54, Omaha Rev. Omaha

Mrs. H. Mendel and Mrs. George Remington of Neola are in the city, the guests of Mrs. J. B. Atkins, to attend the Apollo club are accommuted by sons, Herman and Mart Mendel, and Boyd

A big house greeted Burton & Sanger's company last night and was well pleased with their presentation of "Shadows of Shasta." Tonight the bill is, "Wanted a Shasta." Tonight the bill is, Wife," in three acts. Seats on sale at Seller's drug store.

Prof. H. W. Sawyer has left the employ of the Evening Globe and has gone to Chicago to visit his children. Be will remain there some time and will then return to Mis-George W. Gunnison of Frement is now doing the work that was done by Prof. Sawyer.

The daily report of measles dropped down three cases yesterday. During the epinearly 500 Council Bluffs people, and in the majority of the homes there have been more than one case. Quarantine regulations are still being rigidly enforced, but the health officers have no hope of being able to stamp out the disease until it gets ready to die out through lack of new material.

C. B. Viavi company, temale remedy. Med-lcal consultation free Wednesday. Health book furnished. 326-327-328 Merriam block. N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

Polished oak sideboards this week \$8.50 at Durfee Furniture Co., 205 and 207 B'way.

Interesting Expert Testimony.

The jury and the loungers in the district court are receiving all of the benefit that could accrue from a course of medical clines while listening to the testimony in the Hood damage case against the Northwester Railway company. The court room is filled with physicians, and for the past week noth ing but medical testimony has been taken There is lacking none of the paraphernalis of the medical lecture room except aver to illustrate the points which the pro-fessional experts seek to make clear to the jury. The effort of the plaintiff is to establish its allegation that Dr. Hood is physical wreck and that his condition i wholly due to the injuries he received in the railway accident in 1889, and the defens is seeking to controvert this by showing tha plaintiff is now a physically sound man. On the wall in front of the jury is an immense chart, four feet broad and twelve feet long. One end is adorned by all of the cabalistic symbols used by the medical profersion to show perfectly normal conditions in the human body. The remainder of it covered with hieroglyphics, which after proper explanation by the medical experts how wherein Dr. Hood is normal and ab normal. The chart was prepared in Chicago by Dr. Clevinger and corrected from exam-inations made on Saturday. To people interested in medics the chart and the testimony are of great interest but to the common herd the chief interest is the wide divergence between the testimony of the various physi-

Free drinks are not given away every day, but today, by calling at the Grace Episcopal church fair, at 407 East Broadway, you may obtain an excellent cup of coffee made with American chicory, and will find a new way using chicory you will improve your coffee men. Another election of officers will be and reduce the cost 25 per cent. Call and held and no secret ballots will be taken. try it and get samples free.

Schumann Their Subject. Th regular semi-weekly meeting of the Derthick club was held last evening in the club rooms in the Brown building. Mrs. H. S. Jones was the special chairman. Schu-mann and his works afforded the subject for the musical discussion and interpretation. The program was: Characterization of Schumann.

Mrs. H. S. Jones.

The Bird as a Prophet......Schumann Analysis (Horace Clark, jr.)—Mrs. W. L. Thickstun. Performance—W. L. Thick-

Helped Hildebrand Make Merry. Charles Hildebrand, whose home is thought to be in Auduben county, Iowa, came in from the west yesterday with a considerable sum of money, supposed to be at least \$120. During the day he fell in with William Nice and John Kastle, white men, and Henry Brown, colored. They plied Hildebrand with liquor and were having a good time at his expense, when the police interfered and locked up outfit. Hildebrand, who was to drunk to give any account of himself, had \$70 left; concealed on Kastle's person was \$10; Brown had \$1.90, and Nice had nothing. A colored woman, with whom Brown lives, was also locked up.

### COMFORT AND KNOWLEDGE.

(Sent free by mail).

Set aside for twenty-four hours a bottle or common glass filled with urine. A sediment or setiling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. The frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the Sold by druggists; price 50 cents and You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention The Omaha Daily Bee and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuireness of this offer;

Iowa Senator Backs Up on the Indian Supply Depot.

SAYS NOW HE WILL HELP OMAHA GET ONE

Telegraphs Secretary Judson that Senator Allen's Efforts Will Be Seconded in Both Senate and House by Him.

Senator Gear has telegraphed Secretary udson of the Business Men's association that ho will do all that lies in his power to se at Orsaha and would sid Senator Allen in ence. whatever effort be thought advisable to secure the prize. The influence of Senator

Recent disclosures in connection with the ote in the senate and its reference to the effort of the Sloux City people to prevent the amendments to the oil inspection bill, by depot being located in Omaha show that the which the oil inspector was done away with action of a majority of the Iowa members action of a majority of the lows members house killed a large number of legalizing was more the result of a mistake than a acts, while the senate granted permission ny possible show to secure the location dent for information as f the proposed depot, and at no time was ing cheaper text books. ioux City seriously considered by any other than the members in the northwestern Iowa districts. From letters received here it seems the vote for Sioux City was little less than the result of a cunning trick. The members who were led to vote in favor of the up-river town now feel quite willing to undo all that has been done and use all of their influence in favor of Omaha.

The Council Bluffs Carpet company received advices from the factories yesterday of an advance of 235 per cent on several grades of carpets, owing to the healthy rise n the price of wools. This bint is of great etting new carpets this season will save nore than the usual amount of money by oing to the big store in the Odd Fellows

Years of experience in the business and honorable business methods give us an ad-vantage which we should be leath to lose. Ours is the leading carpet house of western lowa, and we intend to keep it so by selling first-class goods at the lowest possible prices. Council Bluffs Carpet Co

ANOTHER ELECTION IS COMING City Council Will Remedy Its Blunder in Choosing Officers.

The city council met in special session last evening for the purpose of hearing the evilence ordered to be submitted by the Sixth ward petitioners who are remonstrating against the appointment of J. M. Hardin as street commissioner. It required less than five minutes to dispose of the matter and leave it in statu quo. Mayor Carson was absent and Alderman Graham occupied the chair. Ovid Vien, counsel for the petitioners. appeared and withdrew the petition, and in-formed the board that as Mr. Hardin had no been elected at all the affidavits supporting the charge that he was not a citizen of the city were not necessary. He briefly reviewed the action of the council in voting for the officers by secret ballot instead of in the manner prescribed by law, and read the sec-tion of the statute which they had plainly violated and which declared that their act in taking a secret ballot had viriated the election of all of the officers so chosen. The council heard the statement of the attorney and then adjourned until the reg-ular weekly meeting on Monday night. The an chicory, and will find a new way action to be taken then has already been comize during these hard times. By forecasted by the declarations of the alderforecasted by the declarations of the aldermen. Another election of officers will be held and no secret ballots will be taken. The election will be held strictly in accordance with the statute, which declares that the votes must be vive voce on the call of the yeas and nays, and that the vote of each alderman must be recorded. The result of the new election has also been forecasted. All of the men elected at the former meeting will receive a majority vote again meeting will receive a majority vote again

and be legally elected. Apollo club concert tonight, Odd Fellows' temple. Admission 25 cents.

District Court Notes.

Miss Lucy E. Eaton yesterday applied for etters of administration in the estate of her brother, the late Joel Eaton, and filed bond for \$20,000, double the amount of the property outside of the personal prop-erty of her brother. Her application disclosed the fact that was not generally known even to Mr. Eaton's most intimate friends that he was a widower. The personal property amounts to something over \$20,000, and consists of two life insurance policies for \$10,000 each. A third policy for \$6,500 which Mr. Eaton had carried for a number of years

had recently lapsed.

An amended petition was yesterday filed n the case of George H. Stillman against C. Lefferts in his action to compel Lefferts to divide equally about \$20,000 worth of real estate property in East Omaha and 300 acres south of Lake Manawa, which Lefferts had acquired from the government as accreted lands. In his petition Stillman asserts that A big, long, sweet smoke is what you get lands. In his petition Stillman asserts that when you buy the J. G. W. & Co's Clear his contract with Lefferts was an oral one Title 5c cigar. Sold by all first-class dealers. At wholesale by John W. Woodward & an equal share of the money and Stillman was to do the legal work necessary to secure title to the lands, and that Lefferts had acpuired the title secretly and had refused to confer with his partner at any stage of the

game after the land was secured.

Protest Against a Proposed Law. A strong local effort was made yesterday to prevent the pasage by the Iowa legislature of the pending bill affecting the standing of foreign insurance companies doing business in the state. The bill provides for a tax of 5 per cent upon the gross earnings of all of these companies. The companies interested and doing business in Council Bluffs called upon all of their agents here yesterday morning by wire to secure as large a petition as possible from the heaviest property owners and patrons of insurance companies and send them to Des Moines by tel-egraph as early in the day as possible. The form of the petitions was more of the nature of a protest against the passage of the

The insurance agents lost no time in getting at the work assigned them and by noon three large petitions were filed in the tele-graph offices. All of the petitions were signed by many beavy patrons of the foreign companies and the total represented several million dollars worth of risks.

Burglars Frightened Away.

Burglars entered the home of W. G. Denny at 600 Mill street Wednesday night and made a search for valuables, but were frightened away by a passerby, and left the bundle behind that they had succeeded in collect-

Conductor Hughey of the motor line rooms with Mr. Denny, and a short time after he returned to his room from his work he heard a noise in the hall and waited for them to come to his door, but the persons passed down stairs again and he thought no more about it. Other rooms on the second floor were ransacked and a number of feminine garments were tied up in sheet. The bureau drawer had been pulled out and emptied on the floor, and things in general were out of

order. Find it Cheaper to Pay Wages. CHEROKEE, Ia., April 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-The men won in the sewer strike here, the contractors granting the raise in wages asked by them. Work commenced again this morning, with all the old men at their places. The company hoped to find laborers here who would take the strikers' places, but as they falled in this they concluded that it was cheaper to pay the raise

GEAR'S CHANGE OF FRONT than to pay the fare of fifty men from Dubuque to Cherokee. V. Morrissey, who was injured at the time Cadden was killed, is improving slowly and in thought to be out of danger.

CONFEREES UNABLE TO AGREE.

Compromise on the Temple Amendment is Now Being Talked Of. DES MOINES, April 29.-(Special Tele gram.)-Neither house of the legislature held full sessions today, both waiting for conference committee reports. The conference committee on the Temple amendment after two meetings failed to agree and will comorrow ask that new conferees be named The house committee stood firmly by the Temple amendment and the senate members as strongly against it. The house commitce proposed as an amendment that the Tem-ple measure be adopted, but that a clause ho will do all that lies in his power to se-cure the location of the Indian supply depot at Omaha and would sid Senator Allen in ence. This, it is said, would remove all the objections the Burlington road has offered to the Temple measure and would at the same time satisfy the railroad brotherhoods Gear will be very strong with members of which have demanded that the measure be the house, and it is safe to count upon the passed to prevent the extension of the re assistance of about all of the southern lowa lief system to other roads. There is serious members. floor of the senate and force that body on record for or against the compromise. The house refused to concur in senate

desire to antagonize Omaha. There was a to introduce and then passed a large number tacit understanding among the members that of others. Martin introduced in the house Council Bluffs should be favored if there was a resolution calling on the state superinten-The insurance conference committee re-ported against the valued policy measure and put in a new form certain provisions which the senate had adopted, looking to the

The house wants to retain that official.

reform of the insurance policy in the inter ests of the policy holder The senate adopted the conference report on the banking bill and passed it,

BONUS FOR PACIFIC SHORT LINE

South Stone City Offers Land and Money for Location of the Shops. SIOUX CITY, April 29 .- (Special Telegram.) The people of South Sioux City have beome convinced that the Pacific Short Line lealers, and the people who contemplate to O'Neill will be extended to the Pacific coast and today a delegation of citizens called on Donald McLean in this city and offered inducements for the location of the machine shops and headquarters of the line in that

shops and headquarters of the line in that town. They offered him 100 acres of land in the town and as much more as might be needed for the machine shops and in addition will give him \$30,000 bonus.

Mr. McLean is hard at work on the project Mr. McLean is hard at work on the project and confident of success. Teachers of Northwestern Iowa.

SIOUX CITY, April 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-Nearly 150 teachers of northwestern Iowa are in attendance at a meeting of the Northwest Iowa Teachers' association, which commenced a two-days' session here today. State Superintendent Sabin delivered an address this evening after the teachers had been welcomed to the city by Mayor Cleveland and the president of the association, E. N. Coleman of LeMars, had responded. Miss Elizabeth Perkins delivered a lecture on the "Passion Play " illustrated with stereopticon views. A of county superintendents was also held today.

HE SURPRISED THE SHARK. The Monster of the Deep Ventured

Too Near the Shore. "Talk about your shark hunters in the South Pacific islands," remarked the old traveler to the Detroit Free Press, "but 1 traveler to the Detroit Free Press, "but I remember seeing an encounter with one of those long-toothed gentry that for cool nerve beat anything I ever read about.

"I was loafing around Calcutta one day, late in the autumn, waiting for the evening train up to the city of Hugli, when I heard a termendous shouting coming from the direction of the River Hugli, which is practically one of the mouths of the Ganges.

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amount of fear.

"I soon discovered that the fuss had been created by a large shark which had come up with the tide and had ventured a little further than it was customary for sharks to do. His dorsal fin was cutting the water here and there, and when occasionally he turned on his back and sent his nose and grinning teeth above the water groans and screams of horror went up in all directions. His sharkship was evidently out for super, and was casting longing glances at the succulent Hindoo babies, of which a considerable number were in sight. "In the midst of all the hubbub a tall, lank Hindoo stepped out upon the roof of a kind of houseboat and in a short speech athounced that he would catch the shark. "Instantly a dead hush fell upon the multitude. The Hindoo stood erect. He was perfectly naked save for a little garment at the loins, which our Texas cowboys call a 'gee string.' He was armed only with a long rope like a lariat, which he held behind his back with his left hand. "Presently Mr. Shark came to the surface about eight yards from the boat and immediately the Hindoo plunged overboard. "A chorus of groans and exclamations went up, in the midst of which the Hindoo reappeared, swimming with his right hand. Man and shark faced each other, and I fancied that I saw a pleased expression in the monster's eye, as much as to say: 'Weil, this is civil, to say the least!'

fancied that I saw a pleased expression in the monster's eye, as much as to say: 'Well, this is civil, to say the least!'

"The shark evidently thought he had a cinch on the situation, for he swam leisurely towards the Hindoo, turning slowly upon his back and opening his mouth. The mouth closed with a snap, and the people screamed, but the Hindoo had dived, and presently he appeared again on the off side of the shark, smiling and still carrying his rope.

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"The big fish looked surprised and then made another gentle dab at the Hindoo. The result was the same, and Mr. Hindoo came up fresh for the third round.

"Then the shark began to grow angry and made a vicious run at the Hindoo, and again he missed. The people on shore and in the boats began to feel confidence in the human champion, and their groans were changed to applause. Every time the man made a point against the fish those heathens would send up a rousing cheer.

"Well, by this time the thing was getting exciting. I never saw such swimming before, and I never will again. He dodged, twisted, dived and jumped like an eel. The fish made charge after charge. Once his fin grazed the Hindoo's arm and the water was colored with blood. The man's stock went down a point, but it soon rose again, when the crowd began to see that the fish simply wasn't in it. The man was beating him at his own game. You see the fish could only go in one direction—straight ahead like an arrow—while the man turned and doubled like a fox.

"Well, by and by the exertion and excitement told on the monster. He got rattled, churned the water into foam and then became quiet again. At his moment the Hindoo faced him again. It was the last round.

"The shark charged languidly. The man

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"The shark charged languidly. The man waited, lying in the water until the great mouth was opened to selze him. Then, with a convulsive backward leap, he straightened his body and sank feet downward, like a plummet of lead.

until even the bubbles had disappeared and all was quiet.

"Lost! Lost! screamed a priest, and the mob re-schoed the cry and began to beat their breasts like a lot of madmen. Then suddenly, in the middle of it all, the Hindoo reappeared, thirty yards up the stream. Both hands were above his head and he was screamin; "Tan, tan, tan!" He had slipped the noose of his lariat around the shark's tail and drawn it taut; and he held the free end in his mouth.

"In an instant it was ashore and a score of Hindoos were drawnig at it. It took them haif an hour to get Mr. Shark ashere, for he pulled like a locomotive, but they finally managed it. He proved to be nine feet long and sold for a sum which enabled his captor to live in comfort for nearly half a year."

The women on the Riviera, under the leadership of Lady Harris a few days ago com-menced raising subscriptions for the queen's ward, to be erected to adjoin Asile Evan-gelique at Nice. AMID THE WATERY WASTES

What One Man Saw Among the Flood Sufferers in Mississippi.

GRAPHIC PICTURE OF SUBMERGED REGION

One Hundred Towns Under Water Their Business at a Standstill and Their Inhabitants Living on Roofs.

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, matter is not such as has appeared in telegraphic reports, and as a picture of the state The letter is as follows:

whole being placed almost upon the plane of social equality. The Yazoo-Mississippi delta, with its millions of acres of the richbreadth, with a population of over 400,000, many of whom are farm laborers, who depend for their daily bread on rations issued weekly by the planters and local merchanis. There can be no exaggeration of the flood situation in the great delta and in portions of Arkanasa. of Arkansas, and the vast extent of human suffering and destitution and loss of property cannot be conceived. The flood of 1882, beore the levee system was perfected, is esti-lated to have caused a damage of \$27,000,-That of 1892 \$7,000,000.

were found working side by side with the sons of Ham, wheeling dirt to elevate and strengthen the embankment that protected the people from devastation and ruin. Greenville, with its 10,000 people and 2,600 head of stock, is now located on an island about three-quarters of a mile long and one and one-half miles wide, all hedged about with insecure protection levees. From in the back country is swollen out of its banks and literally covered with dead bodies 6ay: of horses, mules, and cattle. Homes are described and poultry may be seen perched in the trees. In the country beautiful wild deer in droves of six or more are seen upon the railroad embankments, having been driven from their haunts in the woodland and will vote for a fair and reasonable franmals are permitted to live in spite of the great temptation to murder them. Half-grown hares were picked up from their grassy bods near the railroad tracks, while the water was stealing stealthily under them, The little animals seemed resigned to their fate and waiting their doom. Each plantation from Rosedale southward to Vicksburg, several hundred miles, presents the same scene of ruin-fences, cabins, and cottages washed away and floating amid the

ONE HUNDRED TOWNS UNDER WATER. There are scattered through the delta some 500 prosperous towns, 100 of which are submerged, and inhabitants are perched on housetops, on rafts, and on all manner of floats, many of them without food. Monday the Flower Lake levee near Tunica, Miss., gave way under the tremendous pressure of water and the current rushed through the crevasse with a roaring sound that can only be compared to that of Ni-agara Falls. Near Rosedale, Miss., I saw a two-room log cabin floating across the track of the Mississippi Valley railroad, along ored refugees was blown from its foundarailroad sidetrack, going down with a mighty splash into the water four or five feet deep. The negroes poured out like rats quite

panic ensuing, and but for a number of boats many would have drowned. Not content with sweeping away property that has taken years of labor and expense to accumulate, the flood waters claimed Scott's Rosedale plantation April 2 Bob and Will Brown, two colored boys aged about 14 and 17 years, sent to feed the chickens in a canoe. On their being ab-sent from the house longer than usual their mother became alarmed, made search. and found the canoe turned upside down her children corpses beneath the waves no sorrow was left behind. At 8 o'clock the night of March 30, when Sunny Wild plan tation levee gave way, messengers were sent at breakneck speed to warn all people living in the low places to seek points of safety for themselves and stock. Church and plantation bells began tolling for miles around. The shouting of men's voices above the roaring of the wind then raging was plainly heard, and a scene of wild excitement prevailed. A negro was seen making for the levee with a cur pup under one arm, a ragged quilt under the other, and lead-ing a calf by the ears. When asked why he did not throw the dog down and try to carry more of his plunder he said: "I'd rather see dis calf drown dan de pup,"

STORES CLOSED BY THE FLOOD. The merchants at Rosedale are not at tempting to keep their stores open, with the exception of two Chinese merchants, who have their stock, or what the water saw fit to leave them, in the garrets, and all customers enter from the roof over the front gallery through an aperture from the gable. The depth of the water in some of the lowlands was illustrated on April 8, when a negro boy was taken from the top of a tree, where he had climbed for safety, by a man passing in a skiff. When this story was told and properly authenticated, a by-stander said solemnly that if negroes were picked from the tops of trees in the swamps now, that when the great sea of water passed out of the Yazoo basin for re-entrance into the Mississippi he would expect to hear of negroes being seen clinging to the stars and taken from their perlious positions by

the live-saving crews in passing skiffs.

An iron trestle of the Georgia Pacific railroad over Bogue Phalia; wan; swept away by the current April 7 and two negro men who had sought safety thereon, were pre-cipitated into the stream and drowned. At cipitated into the stream and drowned. At Helena I witnessed a sad and touching scene. A rescuing steamer that had plied its way for miles in the country through the inundated cotton fields and farms came up and anchored on one of the principal streets, laden with a curious lot of freight, consisting of cats, horses, dogs, chickens, women, children and household and kitchen furniture. On the upper deak was an interesting little girl of 7 or 8 years holding her pet cat in one arm and a cage with her canary in her hand. A hindsome lad held a pet lamb under his arm with the other hand clasping the halter which secured his "The shark settled down over him, lashing the water into a lather of foam. They seemed to be grappling with each other. The crowd groaned and screamed, and then chants have their goods elevated on scafchants have their goods elevated on scaf-folds and household goods in dwellings piled "For the space of what seemed an hour the people watched the surface of the water, until even the bubbles had disappeared and all was quiet.

"Lost! Lost! screamed a priest, and the continuous family of nine—mother and eight of the space of what seemed an hour folds and household goods in dwellings piled as high as the ceiling. Among the many refugees arriving at Helena I saw an interesting family of nine—mother and eight children. The father was at his home trying to save some of his belongings. An artist took a "snap shot" of this group and the preparation for the interesting event developed the fact that vanity reigns perpetually in the female breast whether she be an ignorant black flood sufferer or not. The mother did not want to have her "pictur tuk" because she had sore eyes and would not show up well. Besides she "wuz in no fix." She was persuaded that it was because she "was in no fix" that her picture was wanted. Finally she consented and began to arrange her ane consented and began to arrange her numerous progeny so they would show up to the best advantage. 'Lemme git over hyar by my gal. Dis is my oldest. Lou, watch me, my baby, now,' said the sore-eyed mother. The large girls, several of them, pulled at their dresses to tidy them-selves up a bit and all of them tried to look

for sale.

DRIVE CATTLE IN BOATS. At Arkopolis we saw a long string of boats crossing a cornfield, driving a large head of stock in four feet of water, and presenting a unique spectacle. The question is what will become of the thousands of refugees tain gas works in the city. It gas sheltered in the towns from Memphis to Vicksburg. There is little prospect of the viaducts and bridges to the compa left to market it with. A fear is entertained by the large planters that the gaps in the levees may not be closed in time to avert the drowning out of the crops by the June

A person unfamiliar with the strength of writing from Greenville, Miss., describes the leves and the perfect mystery of the graphically the effect of the floods in the region of the delta of the Mississippi. The imits of the water to the crest of the land in many places. On either side of the great river for a hundred miles above New Orof affairs in the submerged district is of con-siderable interest. The letter is as follows:

Today starvation confronts 100,000 people a continuous village, nestle over behind these the delta where upon the high places and a continuous village, nestle over behind these levees from ten to twenty feet below the levees from ten to twenty feet below that planters, the fresh, white negro cabins, gathered negroes, mules, horses, cows, calves, crest of the water. It is marvelous that pigs and dogs. Here all these living creating an abiding confidence in the strength of tures eat, sleep and have their being, the these levees lulls the planters into a sense of security so that they remain at home unconcerned apparently with the river water five feet above their heads and within a est land in the world, embraces an area foot or two of the top of the levers, which about ninety miles in length and 275 in are about fifteen feet higher than the ordi-

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The three holdover republican members of the city council, William Bennett, John Schultz and W. B. Vansant, have been se-At numbers of places lawyers, business verely criticised in certain circles for pur-nea, clerks, officials, merchants and actors posely absenting themselves from council meetings during the last few days of the life of the old council. Certain democrats assert that these men willfully delayed publie business and made it impossible to pass ordinances and settle up certain claims before the life of the old council expired. Considering this state of affairs these coun the court house tower there is a view as far as the eye can reach of a continuous public to make a statement of the facts. Sea of water, water. Every tributary stream. This is what Council an John Schultz has to This is what Councilman John Schultz has to

ing of the ordinance granting the franchise and failed to find a single concession to the city. It was all one-sided; it did not require the company to put up any bond; did not state when work was to be commenced; in fact, under the franchise as read, the city gave everything and received nothing in re-turn. It gave the company the right to build the works in another city and pipe gas here if so desired. The ordinance, after being read, was referred to the judiciary commit-tee, and the chairman of that committee imnediately reported back in favor of its passage. I was then and there convinced that there was 'a nigger in the wood pile' and that it was the intention of the council to barter away a valuable franchise, the city getting nothing in return.

"As the republican members were powerless to prevent the passage of this ordinance should a quorum be obtained, the only thing left for us to do was to get out of the city. When some of the democratic members of the council learned my position they became desperate and used all sorts of means to induce me to attend the meetings. After Councilman Hughes returned from the east go on the stand if necessary and give the name of the party who offered me money to vote for this ordinance Councilman Bennett said that he would

like to make a public statement for the same reasons given by Mr. Schultz. He said: "I was given a wrong conception of the gas ordinance by friends of the project and would be made 'an object' to me if I attended the meetings and assisted in the the city. The other day when the quality of appinting a dog catcher came up, that there was good money in it for me if the gas ordinance was passed. A mem-ber of the judiciary committee came to see ngs and on two or three occasions asked me pelled to replace it. to go up to Omaha with him and see Mrs. Fimony about her claim against the city. also other important matters pertaining to the council. He said to me, 'People are so suspicious out here if they see two councilmen talking together they think a job is being put up. I did not want to go with him. as I had made up my mind as to what was ight in regard to this claim and the other mportant matters, but finally agreed to go ust to see what he had in store for me. meeting of the council had been set for Thursday evening and we were to go to Omaha Thursday afternoon. Schultz and Vansant had both left the city and I thought would be perfectly safe for me to run at large and even show up at the meeting as it requires five votes to allow claims and

pass an ordinance. "Thursday morning this member of the judiciary committee called on me and asked if I would surely be present at the meet-ing that evening. I told him I would unless something turned up. Shortly after this talk I learned that Councilman Hughes was in the city, in fact, I saw him talking with Caldwell a short time afterward. I changed my mind about going to Omaha and in order to prevent a quorum I left at once for Chicago That is all that I care to say about the matter now."

In connection with this same matter Councilman Vansant makes the following state-

"I heard a great deal about this gas ordinance before it was introduced in the coun-cll and understood from several parties that there was considerable boodle being used to secure its passage. Of this I was pretty well convinced when I heard the ordinance read for the first time and noticed the activity of some of the democratic members

In connection with the matter.
"We three republican members got to "We three republican members got to-gether and decided that the passage of this gas ordinance and the allowing of the assessor will have eight assistants. Work gether and decided that the passage Timony and other claims, which the demo-cratic members proposed, was a deal pure H. W. Reed will operate a street and simple, and we agreed to use every wagon this summer. He will sprinkle honorable means to defeat the scheme. This Twenty-fourth street, from L to O streets was accomplished by us three republicans and N street, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty absenting ourselves and preventing a seventh street.

unconcerned, but falled in the effort. An interested looker-on, a strapping boy probably enamored of the "oldest," wanted to know if he could buy one of the pictures and scemed disappointed when teld they were not in doing what we did. Personally, I am in favor of gas in South Omaha, and will vote for any ordinance introduced wherein the

rights of the city are protected."

The ordinance in question gave South Omaha Gas company a twenty-five year franchise to use, construct and main tain gas works in the city. It gave the free use of streets, alleys, public places, waters going down in time to make a crop. its pipes. It allowed the company to charge even if there were implements and stock the per thousand feet, all bills to be ren left to market it with. A fear is entertained dered at a rate to exceed this price by its dered at a rate to exceed this price by I cents, provided that upon all bills so mad out a discount of 10 cents per thousand feet was to be allowed, should the bill be paid on or before the 10th of each month. Thirty dollars per annum was to be charged for each gas street light, each light to burn five feet of gas an hour. These streets lights were to be lighted a half hour before sunset and be extinguished an hour before sun-rise. No bond was required from the company, and no time was set for the commencement of the work. There was no pro vision in the ordinance for furnishing free gas to the city offices and engine houses; ir fact, the city gave everything and got noth

> Councilman Vansant, who is one of the warmest advocates of the scheme to secure gas in this city, said in this connection; "When I vote for a gas franchise ordicance I want to be catisfied that the rights of the city are being protected, we are not giving away a valuable franchise for speculative purposes. In my opinion any company given a franchise for gas should not be allowed to construct a plant in Omaha and pipe gas to South Omaha. The company should be compelled to erect and maintain a plant here.

'In the ordinance introduced by the demo-crats the price of street lamps was fixed at \$30 a year. I find upon investigation that in other cities \$12 is paid for street lights which burn on the moonlight schedule, and \$17.50 for lights which bern from sunset to sunrise. Another scheme which I am in favor of is exacting a reyalty of say 5 cents per 1,000 cubic feet actually sold and collected for. This would not apply to lights sold the city. In this way the city would be getting something back

Extra Police Not Required.

Some of the members of the city council do not take much stock in the mayor's statement that the present police force not large enough to enforce the Sunday ele ing law. In case the resolution tailed of was passed it is not thought that any extr pollogmen would have to be appointed as an nounced by the mayor. These officials think that if each saloon keeper was notified no to open his place of business on Sunday and was given to understand that if he did he would be arrested that would virtually end the matter. The chief of police could, it is asserted, easly visit all of the saloons during the day and see that the resolution was being obeyed.

In the matter of appointing special or additional policemen, the mayor would be powerless to act without the consent of the council. The section of the charter referring to police reads: "The city marshal and such number of policemen as the council may au thorize shall be appointed and may be re-moved for cause. In case of an emergency the mayor may appoint a necessary number of special police, who shall be removable at the pleasure of the mayor and council." This virtually leaves the whole matter in the hands of the council, and if the members do not desire to increase the expenses by adding a number of additional policem-they can oppose the appointments. Many the saloon keepers are considerably worked up over the matter of Sunday closing. They gay that Sunday is the best day in the week and that it would be a hardship to have to shut up shop on that day. Very likely the resolution ordering the saloons closed with come up again at the special meeting of the council tonight.

Dog Pound Disappears.

May 1 is the time set for the dog catcher to start out on his annual rounds. year Joseph J. Maly acted as pourdmaster I was offered \$100 if I would attend a meeting and help the ordinance along. When I refused this offer I was given to understand of the deal financially. Along in the latter that the inducements would be increased if I would change my mind and attend. I will part of the summer be threw up his job in go on the stand if necessary and give the disgust and the city has no poundmaster and canine catcher at the present time. Possi-

tonight. After Maly had gone to work last summer and erected a pound, which included a con-trivance for electrocuting the unclaimed canines, he discovered that the charter provided for the city owning a pound. He only knew the real conditions after it had been read for the first time. I was approached and given to understand that it produced. The understanding was that of the pound, and the council ordered Maly rein.bursed. The understanding was that the pound was to remain the property of vill name if necessary gave me to understand the city officials went down to look after the pound and found that the whole structure had disappeared. Mr. Maly will be called ber of the judiciary committee came to see upon to explain the disappearance, and if he me several times about attending the meet-

More Protests Against Licenses. Additional remonstrances were filed yes terday against the granting of liquor li censes to Albert Burch, 922 North Twenty fourth street; Henry Mies, 2630 N street Herman Anger, Twenty-third and West Jef ferson streets: Hugh Mallett Railway ave nue and Madison street. The protest is made on the same grounds that the others were namely, that the applicants did not publish their notice in the paper having the largest circulation in Douglas county. Further, the applicants did not publish their notice of application in compliance with a resolution passed by the city council, which designated The Omaha Evening Bee as the paper in which all applications must be published.

Magle City Gossip.

Mrs. J. O. Eastman, who has been quite ick, is reported better. Mrs. Hiram Hall will entertain the Yellov Kid club this evening. T. J. O'Neil and wife have gone to Mon ana on their wedding trip. Mrs. L. T. Merrill, Creston, Ia., is the guest of A. H. Merrill and family.

The Ladies' Afternoon club will meet with Mrs. C. M. Schindel this afternoon. A special meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held at the Stockman office this even-

Mrs. W. Clifford has returned from Spring field. Ill., where she has been visiting rela tives. A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs

William Ellingwood, Twenty-eighth and H atreets. Upchurch lodge, No. 2, Degree of Honor gave a high five party to members and friends at Workman hall last night.

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