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SEWER ON THE BLUFF TRACT

President Wattles Authorized to Invite Bids for Construction.

EXPOSITION BEING WELL ADVERTISED

Manager Rosewater Authorized to Work Up an Interstate Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The executive committee of the exposition held its regular weekly meeting at the Commercial club rooms yesterday.

President Wattles, acting manager of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, was authorized to invite bids supplying the pipe necessary for the construction of a sewer on the bluff tract on the east side of Sherman avenue. Mr. Wattles said he did not know the extent or probable cost of the sewer, but understood that it would cost about the same as the sewer just completed on the main court, which cost $2,700, the department doing the work. He said the bids received for constructing the sewer on the main court court ran as high $6,000, showing that considerable had been saved by having the work done directly by the department. He announced that so long as he remained in charge of the Department of Buildings and Grounds he would pursue the policy of letting the contracts for all work to the lowest responsible bidder if there was no objection on the part of the committee to such procedure. He said that under the rules of the committee he had no authority whatever and he asked that he be authorized to follow this course if there was no objection to it. A motion authorizing and directing the president to proceed along the lines indicated was passed.

Manager Rosewater reported on the amount of advertising which had been given the exposition in the east and exhibited a large bundle of American and German papers containing cuts of the main buildings and columns of reading matter, all pertaining to the exposition, and furnished by the Department of Publicity and Promotion.

Mr. Rosewater asked authority for sending J. B. Dinsmore to the meetings of several of the live stock breeders' associations for the purpose of securing the 1898 meetings of these organizations for Omaha in connection with the proposed agricultural congress. The authority was granted. Mr. Rosewater also suggested the idea of organizing an interstate encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held during the exposition. He said there were fully 125,000 old soldiers in the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and the Dakotas, and he thought an encampment such as suggested would draw at least one in ten of these men, thereby making a gathering of 10,000 or 12,000 men in addition to the members of their families, which many would bring with them. The idea was favored by the members of the committee and Mr. Rosewater was authorized to work the matter up at the national encampment, to be held at Buffalo this month.

RAILROAD SIDE OF THE DISPUTE.

Company Alleges It Has Made Generous Concessions.

Concerning the controversy over the unauthorized laying of railroad tracks into the exposition grounds by the Missouri Pacific railroad, between the exposition management and the railroad company, the following version was yesterday given out for publication by J. G. Phillippi, general agent of the Missouri Pacific in this city:

"At a conference held in Transportation Manager Babcock's office about July 7 of Mr. Geraldine, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Rathburn, Mr. Phillippi and Mr. Bush, the matter of laying tracks, etc., was fully and freely discussed, and it was agreed with the Missouri Pacific Railroad company to put the tracks in on the grounds, as required by the exposition people, for the prompt handling and unloading of building material, as well as exhibits, and it was further understood that if it was necessary that during the time of the exposition any portion of the tracks should be taken up, the Missouri Pacific would do so and relay them after the exposition, so as to remove all material and exhibits.

"It was further agreed that an engine, foreman and switchman were to be placed inside of the grounds subject to orders of the exposition people, to do all work that was necessary. In consideration of all this, the Missouri Pacific Railroad company was to receive $4 per car for switching loaded cars in or out, no charge to be made for handling the empty cars or for any extra switching inside the grounds.

"This switching charge was suggested by Mr. Babcock, the transportation manager, and accepted by the Missouri Pacific Railway company. It was also understood at that time that a switching charge of $4 would be collected by the exposition people and paid to the Missouri Pacific, but, afterwards, at the request of Mr. Babcock, this was waived; furthermore, the company has waived other rights, heretofore never waived, in the construction of private tracks, all to accommodate the exposition people.

URGED ON BY GERALDINE.

"The number of carloads that will be handled and for which the charge of $4 is made; it is admitted by experienced railroad men that here will be no profit to the Missouri Pacific Railway company. There is no desire on the part of that company to monopolize, but it must be admitted that one company can handle and accommodate the exposition people better than two or more. As to the commencement of building these tracks, it was done at the earnest solicitation of Mr. Kirkendall and Mr. Geraldine, before the contracts were signed, with the understanding that the contracts would be promptly signed."

Superintendent Rathburn of the Missouri Pacific yesterday said: "I do not care to enter into any newspaper controversy, but I do not think that our position has been quite fairly represented. We have waived rights of the company in the proposed contract never waived before, for example, that of holding the exposition responsible for damage to cars or other railroad property by fire. As damage by fire is about the only possible damage our officers in St. Louis wired me when I agreed to omit that provision from the agreement that the company had waived about all right to collect anything from damage to its property. As for pushing the tracks into the exposition grounds, it was at the earnest solicitation of Messrs. Kirkendall and Geraldine. I preferred to wait till the contracts had been signed, but they wanted to get an engine inside the grounds and repeatedly wired me through the local officers to push the track laying within the exposition grounds."

DESIGN FOR THE STATE BUILDING.

Architects Are Engaged Preparing the Working Plans.

The architects having the contract for designing the Nebraska building for the state commission are busily engaged in working out the detail drawings and specifications in order that bids may be asked as soon as possible for furnishing the material. It is the intention of the commission to erect the building by day's labor. The staff work will probably be done under contract.

It is expected that the building will be far enough along before cold weather to be used for storing the large quantities of grains and grasses which will be collected this fall for decorative and exhibit purposes. The work of collecting these grains and grasses will be commenced at once and a large store room will be necessary to properly care for this material. It must be kept away from the light and protected against dust and mice. In order to furnish the necessary storage room work on the state building will be rushed and the building will be inclosed before winter sets in. The present intention is to defer putting on the staff until spring, in which case the exterior of the building will be "sheeted."

The collecting of materials for decorating and for exhibits during the early stages of the exposition is one which caused considerable discussion among the members of the commission at their meeting this week. There was considerable talk about buying the fruits and certain other materials needed for the purpose, and an estimate was submitted by the horticulturists as to the probable cost of various kinds to keep the horticultural exhibit in good order. The matter of buying corn, wheat and other grains was also discussed, but nothing was settled regarding this matter. It was generally conceded that this method would prove entirely too expensive to be practical, but no other method was decided upon. It is thought, however, that another plan may be adopted which will be much more satisfactory and produce even better results. This plan has not developed sufficiently to be made public at this time.

Directory Meeting Postponed.

The exposition directory was to have held a meeting yesterday afternoon, but owing to the fact that a quorum of the members failed to attend the meeting went over until this afternoon.

Notes of the Exposition.

Work on the Administration building is progressing slowly, the building being up to the point where the main cornice will be put on.

The railway tracks into the main court have been laid along each side of the court at the rear of where the main buildings will be and all is ready for making the connections across Sherman avenue.

Director Phinney of the United States band of Chicago is in the city looking after an engagement with the exposition. The general manager of T. P. Brooker's Chicago Marine band will arrive today on the same errand.

Wong Chin Foo, commissioner for the Chinese section of the exposition, is in the city in conference with the exposition management regarding the Chinese exhibit. He promises an extensive and interesting exhibition, but says he is not ready to make his plans public.

F. W. Taylor left yesterday for Providence, R. I., where he will make an effort to secure the next annual meeting of the Society of American Florists, now in session in that city. If the convention is secured for transmississippi year it will bring about 1,000 strangers to Omaha.

The artesian well on the exposition grounds has been "bottled up" by having a reducer with a faucet put on the top of the tube so that the flow may be entirely shut off at will. The well is usually the center of a group of thirsty bicyclers and the water is in demand. The tall derrick of the well drillers has been removed and the pipe of the well sticks up from the bottom of the ditch made for the purpose of carrying off the water which formerly flowed out of the pipe.

Bids for the construction of the Machinery and Electricity building have been invited by the Department of Buildings and Grounds, to be opened at 5 o'clock August 25. It is probable that the objections made by bidders against the practice which has prevailed in this department of opening bids in private without allowing bidders to be present will be heeded in the future and that more publicity will be given to these matters. This action has formed the subject of discussions in the meetings of the executive committee and it has been directed that all ground for objections should be removed.

SATISFIED WITH HIS POSITION.

Archbishop Keane Does Not Desire to Go to New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Archbishop John J. Keane left at 10 o'clock for Washington. He arrived from Rome yesterday and expects to spend a few months in this country. He will attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Catholic university at Washington. Archbishop Keane said today that his return from Rome had no significance whatever and that he had come home merely for his annual vacation. His meeting with Archbishop Ireland last evening was not prearranged nor had it, Archbishop Keane asserted, any other than a personal meaning. In relation to the statement that he is likely to be appointed to the vacant archepiscopate of New Orleans, Dr. Keane said he had not heard that such a thing was probable until two days ago, but he had written to the bishops of the see not to place his name on the nominating list, which request had been disregarded. He expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with Rome, but said that should he be appointed archbishop of New Orleans he would accept cheerfully, as a soldier of the church should.

PASSENGER WRECK ON THE KATY.

Fishplate Removed and One of the Rails Bent.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 13.—The northbound Katy train was wrecked this morning near Caddo Mills, Tex., by someone removing a fishplate and bending the rails. Every car but the rear sleeper was turned over. Messenger Rawlins was instantly killed. Several passengers were injured. The injured were taken to Greenville at once. A wrecking crew has reached the scene.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 13.—Information from the headquarters of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway in this city is to the effect that the northbound passenger train of that road was derailed near Caddo Mills, between forty and fifty miles north of Dallas, Tex., about midnight last night, and that W. H. Rollins, baggageman, was killed, and three negro passengers slightly wounded. No one else was injured. The rails of the track were displaced, evidently by design, but whether for the purpose of robbery or through spite is not yet known.

SELLS LUMBER IN THE ORIENT.

Successful Trip of a Tacoma Manufacturer.

TACOMA, Aug. 13.—Henry Hewitt, formerly one of the millionaire lumbermen of Wisconsin, now connected with the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company of this city, arrived in Tacoma today, after a year's trip to Japan and China, Australia and Siberia. He is the first American lumberman to go to these countries for the purpose of building up trade for American products. He reports unexpected success and has established trade relations in all of the countries named, which will result in an enormous output of lumber in Tacoma and other coast cities. Four prominent Japanese government officials came back with him for the purpose of investigating the lumber trade of this country and to complete arrangements for the shipment to those countries.

Boy Killed Out of Revenge.

EARLHAM, N. M., Aug. 13.—The grand jury is investigating the death of Harold Morley, aged 15, who was found hanging to the limb of a cottonwood tree. The boy left home on horseback, and was evidently lassoed from his horse and then dragged to the tree from which his body was found suspended. A desire for revenge on the part of a tramp is supposed to be the cause of the murder. The boy's mother is postmistress at Chamberino, and his father is a railroad division superintendent at Kansas City.

Guards Turn Streator Down.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Aug. 13.—Lieutenant Colonel James B. Streator of the Tenth regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania, who won notoriety during the Homestead riots by ordering Private Lemo to be suspended by the thumbs and drummed out of camp for expressing approval of the shooting of H. C. Frick, was defeated for reelection last night by Major James E. Barnett. Colonel Streator has been a member of the guard for sixteen years.

Life Association Going Out of Business.

BOSTON, Aug. 13.—The Globe this afternoon says the Massachusetts Benefit Life association will probably cease its corporate existence Tuesday, August 17, on which date a motion will be presented to the supreme court for the appointment of a receiver.

CATCHES THE BOOM SPIRIT

Three of the Largest Dynamos Ever Manufactured Will Be Put In.

IMPROVING THE ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

In Order to Keep Pace with Growth of City the Company Will Expend $100,000 in Perfecting Its System.

The electric light company is making some very extensive improvements in its plant at the foot of Jones street, and when these are completed it will be one of the best equipped electrical lighting concerns in the United States. The new machinery represents the latest improvements in electrical appliances and it will be adequate to meet the development which Omaha is expected to experience in the next few years. Three of the biggest dynamos that have ever been manufactured are on the road and will be placed in position within a few weeks. These will run 6,000 incandescent lamps each, or 18,000 in all. The revolving armatures are ten feet in diameter.

With these powerful machines in operation the company will be able to supply power for arc and incandescent lights and motive purposes from the same machine instead of being compelled to use three distinct sets of machinery as at present. The new machinery and improvements will cost $100,000.

The effect of the improvement on the incandescent lighting system will be confined mainly to the increased capacity. But the company will then be equipped to use the alternating current for arc lights and as it is only a question of time when the improved system will be adopted.

Under the alternating system each lamp is independent and the failure of one lamp does not affect the entire circuit, as at present. The new lamp represents the latest improvements in arc lamps, and its service is said to be more satisfactory in every respect. Superintendent White of the electric light company, said: "I do not want to promise at this time that the new lamps will be put in, as that is a matter that is not entirely settled. But the new machinery will provide the necessary equipment, and the idea of supplanting the old lamps is under consideration. If the new lights are secured the rate will be regulated by meters so that business firms will not be compelled to pay for light for two hours in the evening unless the lights were used."

The company will also make an entire change in the electric motors now in use. New motors of the most improved pattern will be exchanged for the old motors without cost and the improved motors will be more satisfactory in several features.

The changes will also commute power for the company, as the new dynamos will have direct connection with the engines, thus doing away with the belting and countershafts now in use.

IMPROVEMENTS BY GAS COMPANY.

New Plant and Many Miles of New Mains.

For some time past negotiations have been in progress looking toward a reorganization of the Omaha Gas Manufacturing company, with a view to largely increasing the capacity of the plant. This increase has been considered necessary in view of the large additional amount of gas that will be required during exposition year and the expected growth of the city. The arrangements for the extension have now been successfully consummated and the company has been reorganized with a capital stock of $3,750,000, in shares of $100 each. The incorporators are Frank Murphy, Frank F. Hamilton, Percy S. Young, George W. Clabaugh and Richard R. Young.

In discussing the reorganization this morning Frank Murphy, president of the company, said: "It is true that a reorganization of the gas company has been had. Such action was taken in view of the necessity in a very short time of a greater supply of gas to Omaha, as well as to South Omaha. The company, feeling that the depression which has existed in the city for some time will not continue and that the demand upon the company for gas in view of the prospective rapid growth of the city, as well as of South Omaha by reason of the extensive manufacturing plants about to be erected and the Transmississippi Exposition during the next year, decided to make extensions and determined to make very large additions to the plant. The additions contemplated consist principally of some forty miles of additional gas mains, an entire new plant for the manufacture of gas, a new gas holder larger than any that the company has ever erected, and buildings, such as purifying house, generating house and office building.

"The plant will be the most modern and complete in the country, and second to none in the United States. The company has lately acquired a franchise to supply gas to the city of South Omaha, and intends to enter upon the work of laying mains at once. The intention is to supply gas to South Omaha from the new plant about to be erected in Omaha, but in the future, if the growth of South Omaha is such as it is now anticipated, the question of the erection of an independent manufacturing gas plant in South Omaha will be taken up by the company and seriously considered.

"In the construction of the new plant and the extensive additions contemplated, additional real estate was necessary and has been purchased by the company. The plans for the new plant and the extensions have all been made and contracts for the erection of the same have been let. The work will necessitate the expenditure of a very large sum of money in Omaha and South Omaha and will give employment to a very large number of men for a considerable time."

Mr. Murphy stated that he was heartily in accord with the stockholders of the company in their belief that the city was entering upon an era of great prosperity and rapid growth, and felt with them that the new company, in order to give the city the satisfactory service which the old company had in the way of supplying gas for illuminating, heating and power purposes, should erect a new plant and make the large extensions it was about to make, so that the service rendered by the new company would be such as to meet with the entire satisfaction of the citizens of the two cities.

Wells-Fargo Election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—At the annual meeting of Wells, Fargo & Co., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John J. Valentine; first vice president, George E. Gray; second vice president, Dudley Evans; treasurer, Homer S. King; secretary, Aaron Field; assistant secretary, H. B. Parsons; directors, John J. Valentine, Benjamin P. Cheney, Oliver Eldridge, H. E. Huntington, Homer S. King, George E. Gray, John J. McCook, John Bermingham, Dudley Evans. A very gratifying increase of business is reported over recent years, the company operating over 20,000 miles of railroad, steamship and stage lines.

Two Women Claim the Estate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Two women, each asserting she is his widow, are struggling for the estate and name of Daniel G. Waldron, a veteran California journalist, who was found dead in his bed at Yreka on May 8. One of the women, Mary Parkman Waldron, has been recognized as the widow by the superior court. Now comes another woman, who says she is the lawful widow of Mr. Waldron. In the superior court Attorney John Stephens, acting for Mrs. Sarah Waldron, who resides at 25 Maplewood avenue, Portsmouth, N. H., filed a petition asking that the various orders entered in favor of Mrs. Mary P. Waldron be set aside.

Prisoners Saw Out of Jail.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Aug. 13.—Six prisoners escaped from the county jail today by sawing the bars. Their names are John Murray, John Donovan, Martin Cooke and Thomas Dupuey, highway robbers; Alfred King, Henry, Elmer, serving six months for larceny.

DEDICATING THE NEW BUILDING.

Grace Lutheran Church Society Enters Its New Home.

The new Grace Lutheran church will be dedicated Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The sermon will be preached by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., of Des Moines, and the act of dedication will be performed by the pastor, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a service of the Sunday school and Luther league, when addresses will be made by visiting clergymen, and the greeting of the other Lutheran Sunday schools extended.

At 8 p. m. there will be a Lutheran rally of all the English Lutheran churches of Omaha and Council Bluffs. Addresses will be made by Rev. H. L. Yarger, secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Atchison, Kan., on "The West's Obligation to the Lutheran Church;" by Rev. L. P. Ludden on "The Contribution of the Lutheran Church to American Scholarship and Culture," and by Dr. Barnitz on "The Adaptability of the Lutheran Church to Meeting the Wants and Needs of the American People."

Monday at 8 p. m. Rev. J. A. Wirt, D. D., of Des Moines, will preach; Tuesday, Rev. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln; Wednesday, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., Atchison; Thursday, Rev. A. J. Turkle; Friday, Rev. L. Grob.

The cornerstone of the church was laid October 25, 1896. The building is of English gothic, handsomely furnished and finished in excellent ecclesiastical style. The capacity is about 500 and the cost is about $6,200.

The music on Sunday and during the week will constitute a special feature. The quartet is Mrs. Phillips and Miss Roeder and Messrs. Hazelton and Thatcher.

BUTTE GIVES BRYAN A WELCOME.

Makes Three Speeches in and Near the Place in One Day.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 13.—A large crowd greeted William J. Bryan on his arrival here today. On reaching the hotel Mr. Bryan responded to calls of the people and made a brief address. He referred to the fact that this day was the anniversary of the notification and speech of acceptance at Madison Square garden, New York. "I hadn't thought," he said, "of celebrating the occasion in this place, but I am forcibly reminded of the material difference between the two cities. I said on going to New York that I was going to the enemy's country. It would take a liar of big dimension to declare that I was in the enemy's country on this occasion. I am pleased to meet my friends, and especially to meet people who were so universally on our side during the last campaign."

Later in the day Mr. Bryan went to Walkerville, a suburb of Butte, where a big demonstration took place. Today he spoke at the race track. The track has been under the ban of labor unions because of a difference with the carpenters. Mr. Bryan declined to speak there until the boycott was declared off, for this occasion. Mrs. Bryan, who is a guest of Mrs. Charles W. Clark, held a reception to the women in the Mercerott hotel.

RUN DOWN BY A SWITCH ENGINE.

Henry Mosbarger Killed in the Union Pacific Yards.

Yesterday the railroads claimed another victim in the person of Henry Mosbarger, a Union Pacific switchman. While engaged in making a coupling in the Union depot yards shortly before 4 o'clock he was accidentally knocked down and run over by a switch engine. The trucks passed over him a short distance below the hips. He was still alive when picked up by the engine crew, and was immediately sent to St. Joseph's hospital under the care of Chief Surgeon Galbraith of the company. Mosbarger died about an hour after being taken to the hospital. He was a young man about 30 years of age, and had been employed by the company but for a short period. He is said to have a brother living at York, Neb., who has been notified of the death. The remains were taken in charge last evening by Coroner Burkett and were removed to the morgue.

A few minutes after Mosbarger's demise another railroad man, Harry Boucher, who was injured several days ago in the switching yards in Council Bluffs, expired. Boucher has a wife and several children who live in the city across the river.

MOB FAILS IN ITS MISSION.

Prisoner Escapes by Hiding Behind the Mattress in His Cell.

DENVER, Aug. 13.—A special to the Times from Central City says that at 2 o'clock this morning a mob from Russell Gulch, armed and masked, broke into the central city jail by effecting an entrance through a door in the rear and demanded the keys of the steel cell from the jailer in the cell were confined four prisoners held on suspicion of the murder of Alexander Goddard, an American miner, who was stabbed during a saloon row with Australians last Monday night. The mob was after Dominick Rohr, believed to be guilty of the murder. The jailer refused to give up the keys, whereupon the mob fired through the bars into the cage. The four prisoners escaped death by hiding behind the mattresses and bedding in their cell. The mob, supposing it had killed all four, left the jail. Four leaders have been arrested and a strong guard placed about the jail, but further trouble is feared.

PREFERS DEATH TO DISGRACE.

Man Suspicioned of Murder Takes His Own Life.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Aug. 13.—Lewis Deerwister, who was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of being implicated in the Detrick double murder, was found on his wife's grave this morning in an unconscious condition. It is believed he attempted suicide by cutting his throat. The following note was found near him:

Dear Friends: You are accusing me of a deed I did not do, and rather than disgrace my people I will take my life. So goodbye to all dear friends forever. God forgive me for this. I would rather die than be disgraced. I have harmed nobody. I have no one to live for. All that were dear to me are gone. Farewell to all.

LEWIS R. DEERWISTER.

Deerwister is unconscious and slight hopes are held for his recovery.

Scientists Go to Boston Next Year.

DETROIT, Aug. 13.—Prof. Frederick Ward Putnam of Harvard was elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science this morning. L. O. Howard of Washington, D. C., succeeds Prof. Putnam as permanent secretary. E. S. Ellicott of the Ohio State university, Columbus, O., was elected secretary to succeed Prof. Hall; Frederick Bedell of Cornell was made secretary of the council, and vice presidents and secretaries were named for each of the various sections. Boston was chosen as the place of meeting for 1898.

Preacher Takes a Dose of Chloral.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 13.—Rev. W. T. Howe, son-in-law of Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson of the Episcopal church, took an overdose of chloral at the residence of the bishop in this city last night and died from its effects shortly after. Mr. Howe was well known in Omaha and other northern cities.

Inquiry at Omaha develops the fact that no one by that name was ever attached to the Omaha diocese.

Winters Released on Bail.

DURANGO, Colo., Aug. 13.—Dr. W. R. Winters, who shot and killed William J. Arey yesterday, has been released on $5,000 bonds on pleading not guilty to a charge of murder and waiving examination. Mrs. Winters denies that she has been criminally intimate with Arey.

Hanged for Wife Murder.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 13.—Peter Monohan, 34 years old, was hanged here today for the murder of his wife. The crime was committed on May 2, 1897, and Monohan was convicted and sentenced on June 17. The drop fell at 9 o'clock.

CORN REIGNS AS THE KING

Crops Are Finer as Have Not Been Seen Before in Many Years.

NEBRASKA AS SEEN BY ALEXANDER MILLAR

Secretary of the Union Pacific's Executive Department Presents Some Crop Figures to the People of New England.

The following endorsement of Nebraska, its crops and its prospects, was recently written from this city to a friend in Boston by Alexander Millar, secretary of the Union Pacific's executive department. During the entrance of the Union Pacific foreclosure decree in the federal court here, Mr. Millar was in the city, and afterward spent some time in Nebraska. The letter has been reproduced by the Boston news bureau, and circulated throughout New England. It is as follows:

"I have been in close touch for the last week with quite a number of prominent railroad and business men of Nebraska, and it is simply amazing to note the hope and courage as manifest on every side, in contrast with the sensitive and despairing tone of two and three years ago. The soil of this great state has responded to the touch of a magic wand and far and near on every side the country is laden with crops the size and beauty of which cannot be exaggerated. Wheat, estimated at 40,000,000 bushels, and an enormous crop of oats is safely harvested.

"But corn! way, corn is king! and nothing but unexpected hot winds can hurl him now. We had a touch of the hot winds July 31, and the streets were like a furnace, but no damage was done in Nebraska. As the estimate for corn is 250,000,000 bushels, some idea of the outlook for the farmers may be obtained, even were the price as low as last year.

"In this connection it should also be borne in mind that a large proportion of the crop is not shipped as corn, but is fed to cattle and hogs, of which there is an ample supply this year. I am told that last year about $2,000,000 was advanced by capitalists to help replenish the farms, and there is $20,000,000 more ready for the farmers' use now.

"With wheat and other small crops a phenomenal success; with the greatest crop of corn in sight which the state has ever had, with the work well under way on the Transmississippi Exposition grounds and plans and with all the railroads booming, is it any wonder that the people of Nebraska are forgetting their past troubles and looking forward hopefully to a future so full of promise to them?

"I have not mentioned politics, but it is safe to assert that Nebraskans as a people are satisfied with the outcome of the last national election."

PRIZES FOR THE WORKERS.

Board of Managers Prepares a Stimulus for State Fair Traffic.

Passenger circles of Nebraska railroads are all stirred up over an announcement of the managers of the state fair, designed to stimulate competition among the passenger men throughout the state to unusual efforts toward securing a heavy amount of travel to the state fair here next month. According to the official announcement of the state fair board of managers, $50 cash will be paid the railroad station agent on any line of road in Nebraska who will sell the greatest number of tickets to the Nebraska state fair, to be held at Omaha, September 17-24. Reach for it, boys."

These announcements have been sent to every station agent of every line of railroad in the state, and the ticket sellers are already hustling among their friends to help them bag the $50 prize. Some of the general passenger agents of Nebraska lines have been thrown into consternation over the move. Of course, they are all glad to have their men at work for the business, but some of them are doubtful whether such an offer may be construed as legitimate commission for securing passenger business. Several of the passenger officials of this city are considering the propriety of the offer, but none has yet decided to make the offer inapplicable to his line. A well posted passenger man yesterday said he thought the roads would agree to allow the $50 prize offer stand.

The railroads have already agreed on a blanket rate of $6, that being the maximum limit for the round trip from any point in Nebraska to the state fair and return, and now that the station agents have been urged on to get all the business in sight for their respective lines, the prospects are brighter than ever before for a great amount of travel from all points in Nebraska to the state fair of 1897.

COAL BUSINESS IS ONLY NORMAL.

Eastern Labor Troubles Not Affecting the Western Mines.

The Santa Fe railroad appears to be about the only western road that is favored with an increase in the haul of coal on account of the eastern strikes. It is reported that great shipments of coal from its mines in Arizona and New Mexico are being hurried eastward every day. The traffic managers of the lines here report no increase on account of the eastern labor difficulty.

Asked if the strikes in Iowa and east of there had caused any noticeable increase in the demand for western coal in the territory east of the Missouri river, an officer of the Union Pacific Coal company said: "We have noticed no increase, and do not expect any as a result of the strikes. Our coal mines are so far away that the cost of the coal when it arrives very far east appears unreasonably high. Our nearest mine is 665 miles from here. Now, by the time that coal gets very far east of the Missouri river the freight charges have run up the price of it so that it is too expensive for general use."

The Elkhorn recently completed a contract with the Cheyenne & Northern for the delivery of twenty cars of coal a day. This coal comes from Colorado and is turned over to the Elkhorn at Orin Junction. At the headquarters of the Elkhorn in this city it was said this contract was in no way related to the strikes in the east.

The Rock Island reports that considerable coal is coming into Omaha from Iowa daily. The coal from the mines on the Rock Island's southern lines is not going east of its natural outlet. Other roads make similar reports.

ARE HEADED TOWARD THE EAST.

Railroads Bring in Many People from the West.

The time during which western railroads have sold tickets to eastern points at greatly reduced rates will expire next Sunday. In consequence of this fact, the last few days have shown a very heavy travel through all the Missouri river points, and most of all through Omaha. Returning Christian Endeavorers, who stayed the full time in the west, are returning in bands large enough for prayer meeting purposes.

Many tourists who have spent the summer in Colorado and Utah are taking advantage of the last few days of eastbound cheap rates, and many westerners are embracing the opportunity to take an eastern trip at reduced cost.

Freight Rate Situation Improves.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—The freight rate situation in the west is steadily improving, and there has not been a time in the last four years when the rates were as steadily held up as at the present time. Nine months ago there was danger that some of the western roads would be in deep water because of the falling off in their earnings attributed to the demoralization of rates. One of the highest officials of one of the greatest of the western roads admitted that he feared for the future of his own road if the trouble continued much longer. Now that same official declares that his road is going to pay the best dividends this year it has paid for several years, besides adding a comfortable amount to its surplus.

Railway Notes and Personals.

Trainmaster Abbott of the Rock Island is in the city from Horton, Kan.

For the picnic of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Ashland, August 17, all railroads have made a rate of one and one-third regular fare from Omaha, Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Schuyler and intermediate points.

Homeseekers' excursion rates declared by the lines in the Western Passenger association will hereafter apply from points on the Oregon Short Line. These rates have never before been in effect on that road either as an independent line or when it was a part of the Union Pacific system.

DR. PEABODY WRITES A LETTER.

Commissioner Says He Has Not Taken Anything Back.

OMAHA, Aug. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your issue of August 12 you say "Peabody takes it back." This article places me in the light of having uttered a falsehood. If you will read my certificate, handed Dr. Lee on August 12, you will find these parting words:

"Dr. Lee may be correct and I have no disposition to injure, but at the time I had the conversation with him I wrote down what I supposed he said. I may have been so angry at what I supposed was an attempt at mild bribery that I did not hear him correctly. Now, I did not and will not say that he did not make such a proposition. I do not wish to call Dr. Lee or any other man a liar. It is not gentlemanly so to do.

I, however, a few days afterward had a call from Mayor Moores, and he in conversation denied that he had given Dr. Lee or any one else authority to approach me on any such subject.

Mayor Moores must have forgotten this interview, which took place in my office, or he would not have said in his letter of August 11 that the first he had heard of the matter was when Mr. Metcalfe mentioned it during the recent investigation.

At the time that Dr. Lee was in my office I told him that I believed that both Mr. Rosewater and Mayor Moores knew me too well to send any such proposition to me. Now in conclusion, I firmly believe that Dr. Lee made such a proposition to me and I am ready to swear to the same.

JAMES H. PEABODY.

BARTLEY HAS A BUSY MORNING.

Receives Calls from a Number of Lincoln Parties.

Ex-State Treasurer Bartley had a busy time yesterday morning, and he received more callers than he has had for some time past. Bankers Harwood and Brown of Lincoln were among the visitors, and it is understood held an important conference regarding the ways and means of obtaining a bail bond for the ex-state treasurer. None of the callers remained over a quarter of an hour, and at noon he was left with none of them to eat his dinner. To a Bee reporter in the afternoon Bartley said that nothing new had transpired regarding his bond, and that he could say nothing whatever concerning the visits of his friends in the morning.

Bartley said during the afternoon that he expected to be at liberty today. He said his bond had been filed and approved.

Clerk of the Supreme Court Campbell, who was in Omaha last night, said the bond had not yet been presented to him. He had heard a rumor that it might be presented today.

NEW MEN WORKING ON TAX LIST.

City Treasurer Edwards Says It's a Costly Experiment.

City Treasurer Edwards now has eighteen men at work on the delinquent tax list and they are making fairly good progress. The city has until September 10 to complete the list and it is expected that the work will be done four or five days earlier.

Mr. Edwards says: "While the new men are doing as well as could be expected, the list will cost considerably more than it did last year. The difference is due to the fact that the council has refused to allow the regular men to put in extra time on the tax list as they did last year. The men who are not familiar with the books are compelled to lose a great deal of time in looking up descriptions that the experienced men have in their heads and one of the regular office men can accomplish as much in four or five hours in the evening as one of the new men can in the entire day."

HALEY FALLS AMONG THE THIEVES.

Boston Man is Robbed of a Good-Sized Roll.

William Haley, a Boston man, fell into the hands of thieves somewhere in the city Thursday night and was relieved of a roll of $240. He reported his loss to the police, but although detectives have been working the case, no trace of the missing money or the robber has yet been discovered.

Haley is not at all certain where he lost his money. He started out to take in the sights of the city, and naturally drifted to the low side. He visited a number of bawdy houses and saloons in the Third ward, and in the tour accumulated a considerable load of liquor. He discovered that he was penniless when he partially returned to his senses.

Will Build a Synagogue.

The Hungarian society, made up of Jews of that nationality, Thursday night held a meeting and decided to purchase ground and erect a synagogue upon it in the near future. The structure will cost in the neighborhood of $6,000 or $7,000. Members are now engaged in finding some suitable piece of ground, which is to be purchased outright.

The Hungarian society is comparatively young, having been organized not more than six months ago. Its membership, however, has already grown to eighty, and there is about $50 in the treasury. Its meetings have been held in the hall in The Bee building.

Wants a Divorce and the Children.

Rosella Clark has commenced proceedings for a divorce from Walter Clark on the grounds of cruelty, drunkenness and nonsupport. She alleges that she was married to Clark in Atlantic, Ia., November 24, 1886, and that they have three children, two girls aged, respectively, 8 and 3 years, and one boy, aged 6 years. She alleges that Clark has frequently treated her with great cruelty calling her vile names, accusing her of infidelity and threatening to shoot her. She asks for a divorce and the custody of the two girls.

Sues the Street Railway Company.

Peter Olsen has commenced a suit against the Omaha Street Railway company for $10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been inflicted on his son, a lad 10 years of age. The plaintiff alleges that his boy was driving in a buggy at Forty-second and Hamilton streets July 31, that, and was run into by a motor train, which he alleges was being run at a high rate of speed. The boy was thrown out of his buggy and his skull was fractured, it being alleged that the injury was permanently impaired his mind.

Italian Consul Complains.

DENVER, Aug. 13.—Governor Adams has been asked by the Italian consul, Dr. Joseph Cuneo, to determine whether Italians have a right to work in the Cripple Creek district. Dr. Cuneo is also preparing reports to the Italian ambassador at Washington and to King Humbert at Rome regarding the forcible expulsion of twenty-six Italian laborers from the Cripple Creek district by a band of over fifty armed and irresponsible men.

Only Ten Wives Living.

ST. JOSEPH, Aug. 13.—Albert Kneeland, the alleged bigamist arrested in New Mexico and brought here for trial, according to letters received, has ten wives, nearly all of them living. They live in Ohio, Illinois and Missouri. Kneeland is a traveling artist and was first married at Columbus, O. His fourth wife, living at St. Louis, is pushing the prosecution.

ROTATING POPULAR BOOKS

New System of Reservation is Established at the Public Library.

HANDLING THE BOOKS IN GREAT DEMAND

Applicants for Popular Volumes Are Listed Upon Payment of Two Cents for Notification and Served in Turn.

A new system of book reservations has been put in operation at the Omaha Public library which bids fair to become quite popular as soon as the patrons become accustomed to it. Hitherto there has been much complaint that it is impossible for book borrowers to get hold of books that have a temporary run, because they are always out when they happen to call and ask for them. To do away with this and give people an opportunity to get books in the order in which they ask for them a registration list has been opened on which calls for particular books may be left on payment of 2 cents to cover cost of notification. When the book is returned the party who has registered for it is immediately notified by postal and the book held twenty-four hours for him to come and get it. Quite a number of library patrons are taking advantage of the opportunity thus offered. Quo Vadis seems to lead the list for popularity, with nearly a dozen waiting their turn at the eight copies belonging to the library. Nansen's new book on "The Farthest North" is also in considerable demand by people willing to pay 2 cents to be notified when it comes in. Of course works of fiction are the principal basis for the registration system, although frequently books of heavier nature are the subjects of registration. The plan is eventually to take away the privilege of renewal on books in circulation for which a call has been registered, thus insuring their rotation among different patrons by periods not exceeding two weeks. As the summer months are always the light months at the public library, the fall and winter circulation is looked forward to to prove the value of the new privilege.

NEW BOOKS ORDERED.

The book committee held a meeting Thursday and passed on a short list of new books on miscellaneous subjects.

The Western Art association is asking again for the use of the third floor of the library building for its school and exhibitions. The application is in the hands of the executive committee of the board of directors.

A dozen neatly framed printed placards bearing a picture of the library building and announcement of the contents of the library and the hours when open to the public have been hung in the hotels, depots, Young Men's Christian association rooms, Commercial club, and a few other public places. They are intended to call attention of out-of-town visitors to the public library facilities at their disposal in Omaha.

The directors have not yet acted formally upon the revision of rules, but the newly formulated rules are expected shortly, and when put in force will probably effect several innovations in the operations of the library.

Library warrants are again payable in cash without registration for interest.

POLICE SHOW SIGNS OF LIFE.

Exposures by The Bee Force the Police Department to Act.

The Bee's exposure of the wine room scandal and the issuance of orders by Mayor Mo