

BOOM IN STATE BUILDINGS

Commonwealths Who Will Have Their Own Homes Here.

Will Be a Feature of Exposition

Matter that Laggard Early Takes on Energetic Life and Promises to Add Greatly to the Omaha Show.

The state buildings on the bluff tract of the exposition grounds promise to be a very prominent feature of the exposition. This portion of the great show seemed to lag at first and each state appeared to be standing back, as though uncertain what to do. Illinois took the lead among the outside states and the other states, both in and out of the transmississippi region, seem to be falling over one another to get in line and have a state building on the grounds, where their people can congregate and meet those they know.

Wisconsin was the next state to take positive action in this matter and the Badger state will have a most elaborate building which will serve as a monument of the semi-centennial of the state as well as a headquarters for visitors.

Other states which are not in the transmississippi region are following the lead of Illinois and Wisconsin and are making arrangements to be represented by state buildings, as well as by extensive exhibits. Prominent among these states is New Jersey. The commission recently appointed by a governor of New Jersey, comprising several of the most prominent citizens of the state, is not only entering most actively into the work of securing extensive exhibits representing the diverse industries of the state, but is also making a strong effort to procure funds for a state building. The commissioners estimate that a creditable building could be erected for about \$250,000 and efforts are being made to induce the state to appropriate this amount for that purpose. If this should fail, it is probable that the many wealthy manufacturers and merchants of the state will be asked to subscribe to a fund to be used for this purpose.

Montana is the latest western state to take active steps to secure the erection of a state building. W. H. Sutherland, vice president of the exposition for that state, has been in Omaha for a few days, making arrangements for the state building. He has visited the exposition grounds and has been most favorably impressed with the indications for a great exposition. He has caught the state building fever, and has selected a spot upon which he says he will guarantee the state of Montana a state building, which will be the credit to the state, as well as to the exposition. He says he is confident that he will have no difficulty in securing the necessary money and will return home and lay before the leading people of his state the great extent and magnificence of the exposition which is to be held in Omaha next year.

Many other visitors to Omaha, Mr. Sutherland has expressed the greatest surprise at the magnitude of the scale on which the preparations are being made. There is not a great many miles to be driven from his state to the truth of the matter, he is perfectly satisfied that funds will be at once forthcoming which will put up a state building in which the credit to the state, as well as to the exposition, will be found.

He has reserved a space 50x50 feet at this point, with the view of erecting a building, the indications being that the bluff tract will be liberally sprinkled with the buildings in which the visitors may find their friends.

STRIKERS SEEM TO BE LEADING.

Succeeded in Preventing Contractor

Strike among the carpenters on the

Liberal Arts building is still in force and the

strikers seem to have the better of it. Small

gangs of striking carpenters and the strike

committee appointed by the Carpenters' union

have time again to stand about the building

and seek to induce the men at work to

throw down their tools and quit. They

intercept the men who come into the grounds

from working on this particular building. In

this way they have prevented Contractor

Parish from getting more men. He put out two

men yesterday, but the strikers claim that

they persuaded three men to quit, so that

they are one ahead.

No attempt has been made to use force

and the strikers take very strong exception

to the statements made yesterday by Mr.

Parish, to the effect that the strikers had

taken hold of some of the men who were

working and had attempted to pull them

from working on this particular building. The

strikers say the only loud language used

was by one of the strikers, who was

made a motion as though to draw a

pistol. Parish admits that he was "excited"

and said if he had a pistol he would

probably have used it and that he would

have been sorry afterward.

The strike committee held a meeting at

labor temple last night, but no action of

importance was taken. No arrangements

have yet been made for a conference be-

tween the contractor and the strikers and

both sides say they will not yield an inch.

Contract for this building, is at St. Louis

from the grounds he would have no trouble

in getting plenty of men, but he says that

the presence of a number of men about the

building all day long, and that he would

want work, but who haven't the moral

courage to go to work in the presence of the

strikers.

The rule adopted some time ago, excluding

from the grounds all persons not having

pass, has been a dead letter to all appearance

the Manufacturers building 805 feet. Mr. Shurtliff is filled with enthusiasm for the exposition. He has been in Omaha several times since the inception of the exposition, but the advanced stage of the work on the exposition grounds has served to send his enthusiasm up to the highest notch. During his present visit, he says he intends to infuse the people of Utah with some of the same enthusiasm upon his return.

FOR MOBILIZING THE MILITIA.

General Barry Will Press the Plan on

Other Adjutants General.

A meeting of the adjutants general of the

militia of the transmississippi states will

be held in St. Louis December 7, and Adj-

utant General P. H. Barry of Nebraska will

attend the meeting, accompanied by three

of his staff. At this meeting General Barry

will make every effort to secure the endorse-

ment of the movement for a congressional

appropriation for the mobilization of the

militia of the several states in the United

States at Omaha during the summer of

1898.

This matter was brought up at a meet-

ing of the executive committee of the ex-

position held at the Millard hotel yesterday.

Mr. Babcock, chief manager of the ex-

position, has been in Omaha for several

days, and he is negotiating for the ex-

position, for 50 per cent of its value.

The only other matter transacted by the

committee was the authorizing of the in-

surance of the exposition buildings. Manager

Kirkendall being empowered to insure each

building for its full value and acceptance of

the insurance, for 50 per cent of its value.

By the way, the Transmississippi Ex-

position, and he is negotiating for space for

a building 100x100 feet in which the ex-

hibit of the road will be made.

May Duplicate Liberty Bell.

Negotiations are pending, whereby it is

expected that a Philadelphia building will be

secured for the exposition grounds. A fund

is at the command of the city authorities

of Philadelphia which may be expended for

this purpose, and an effort is being made to

bring about favorable action. The Philadel-

phia authorities are disposed to regard the

project very favorably, and a suggestion has

been made by an official high in rank in the

City of Brotherly Love that Independence

hall be duplicated and the famous old Lib-

erty bell displayed in the building. The sug-

gestion has met with great favor with the

exposition management and efforts will be

made to induce the Philadelphia authorities

to carry it out.

Auditorium Construction.

The reading for the Auditorium build-

ing at the southeast corner of the

Kountze tract, has been completed, and

the contractor who will drive the piles for

this building is getting his engine and other

paraphernalia into position and will com-

mence driving piles at once. There are not

a great many miles to be driven for this

building and the contractor for the build-

ing, J. C. Creighton, says he will commence

work on the superstructure as soon as possi-

ble. The work will be on the ground and

the work will be pushed.

For the Moorish Palace.

A. F. Turpin, who will construct a Moorish

palace at the Transmississippi Exposition,

arrived at the Webster street depot yester-

day from Nashville, Tenn. He was accom-

panied by thirty-six people, who will be em-

ployed in the construction of the palace. Upon

his building would be started at once. The

exhibit consists largely of wax figures and

the show is said to have been one of the best

at the southern exposition.

Missouri's Commissioners.

JEFFERSON, Mo., Nov. 18.—(Special.)

Governor Stephen A. Packard, upon

notice before the close of November the

name of the Missouri commissioners to the

Transmississippi and International Ex-

position. The governor takes great interest in

the exposition, and will see that the work

for Missouri is energetically pushed.

Notes of the Exposition.

Robert M. Lindsey, an art dealer of Phila-

delphia, has offered to loan the exposition

a valuable collection of etchings for exhibi-

tion in the Art building.

The Mirror was covered by a sheet of

ice yesterday. The large body of water

COMMON LAW WIDOW WINS

Romantic Story of a Girl Ends in a Will Contest.

JUDGE BAXTER DECIDES GARRIGAN WILL

Holds that Cora Garrigan Was De-

ceased's Wife and that Her Mar-

riage to Another Woman

Was Therefore Void.

County Judge Baxter, following the lead

set by Judge Powell of the district court,

has held that a common law marriage is

valid and that the common law widow is

entitled to the property left by the man with

whom she lived as his wife.

The case wherein the decision was handed

down was one growing out of the disposition

of the property of George Garrigan, deceased.

The property left by the deceased was de-

ferred to Cora Garrigan, common law

widow, several of the heirs at law of Gar-

rigan being cut off without any allowance.

The history of the case reads like a ro-

manic opening as far back as 1860, at which

time Cora Garrigan was 16 years of age, at

that time she lived in the south, and, becom-

ing infatuated with a young man some ten

years her senior, married. She lived with

him some four years, during which time

children were born. Jealousy entered the

home and the husband and wife separated.

She finally drifted to St. Louis, where she

in 1870 she took up with a man named

Lester and lived with him for a number of

years without going through the formality

of a wedding. In 1874 George Garrigan ap-

peared upon the scene, and being a man of

some means and of good looks and good

address he soon found a place in the affec-

tions of the woman. She shook Lester and

went to live with Garrigan, continuing

until 1887, when they separated. During all

of these years she had been introduced and

recognized as his wife. A couple of years

ago he died, and then there was a lively

struggle to get possession of his property.

He having married another woman a couple

of years after his separation from Cora Gar-

rigan.

In passing upon the case Judge Baxter

held that the marriage of Garrigan was a

nullity, as Cora Garrigan was living and she

was his common law wife.

The property involved consists of \$2,500

of personal and a quantity of realty. The

woman is given the personal property and a

life interest in the land.

"CLEARING DECKS FOR ACTION."

Attorneys in Bolin Bondsman Suit Get

Ready for Action.

Yesterday was the fourth day of the hear-

ing of the case of the city of Omaha

against the bondsmen of Henry Bolin,

ex-city treasurer, to recover the money

he was convicted of embezzling. The

case is on before Judge Slabaugh,

and while the jury was secured within two

hours after the case was called, little testi-

mony has been introduced, the attorneys for

both plaintiff and defendant clearing the

decks for action.

Yesterday morning Deputy City Clerk

Holbrook was called to the stand and

spent the forenoon testifying about the

identifying records of the city court

in which action upon Bolin's

official bond appeared. The bonds of the nine

national banks of Omaha, which Bolin

kept his account as city treasurer, were

presented, identified and introduced in evi-

dence. These bonds were approved by the

city council in 1882 and 1883 and were se-

curity for the deposits made during his first

term of office as city treasurer.

Witness testified that no other bank bonds

were on file in the office of the city clerk and

that he had no recollection of any other

bonds being introduced in evidence. The

expense was charged to the city and the

bill was paid by the city. The purpose of

this testimony was to rebut the statement

of the defense that the bonds of Bolin's

private property and for this reason could

not be introduced in evidence by the plaintiff.

The defense, expert accountant who

erred and refuse to deliver the same into her

possession.

Judge Baker has returned from Sarpy

county and will go on the criminal bench

next Monday morning to hear such matters

as are ready for adjudication.

Judge Keyser is seated in his private

room, looking up the law in cases that have

been tried before him during the present

term of court, and in which decisions will

undoubtedly be handed down next Saturday

morning.

Judge Powell is hearing a case from South

Omaha in which the question of a change of

grade is the issue. The lot over which the

litigation is pending has a value of some-

thing like \$100 and the costs have already

exceeded this amount.

HAYDEN BROS.

Friday a Big Butter Day at the Big

Store.

Fancy roll butter, fresh from the country,

15c and 17c.

Washed country butter at 9c, 11c and 12c.

The finest separator creamery down to 22c.

Don't forget and attend this sale and re-

member that only the pure products of

Nebraska are and creameries are handled

by us. A full of butter, and you won't

find it at the Transmississippi Head-

quarters.

HAYDEN BROS.

VOTING FOR QUEEN POLARIS.

Total Returns in the Popular Contest

Following is the result of the vote in the

contest for Queen Polaris up till Thursday

night:

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