SWINDLERS GULL THE PEOPLE

Patriotism of Omahans Turned to Account by Shrewd Grafters.

WORKING CITIZENS ON EXPOSITION DODGE

Unknown Parties Collecting Money from Householders Under Pretense of Providing Lodgers During Next Summer.

When the Bureau of Public Comfort is organized for active work it will find it has its hands full in disseminating information to the citizens of Omaha, and thereby putting a stop to the swindling operations which are already being practiced on unsuspecting householders. This bureau will be the official representative of the exposition in all matters relating to the accommodation of visitors to the city. The exact extent to which the functions of this organization will be extended has not been determined, as no meeting of the bureau has been held. Chairman Dudley Smith says he will call a meeting of the bureau as soon as Mr. Arthur C. Smith returns to the city, and the plan of operations will then be decided upon.

Up to this time the exposition has taken absolutely no steps in the direction of providing for the accommodation of visitors, except to appoint three members of a joint committee, composed of representatives of the Commercial club, Woman's club and Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. This committee did nothing, as far as the public is concerned, except to collect a limited amount of data regarding the extent of the hotel accommodations of the city.

Certain persons are going about the city visiting private houses and telling the housewife who answers the door that they represent a concern which has a contract with the exposition management to make a list of persons who want to rent rooms to strangers coming to the city during the exposition. These solicitors endeavor to induce the housewife to become a patron of their concern and promise, in consideration of the payment of $5, to keep her rooms full. It is also stipulated that the subscriber must pay a small percentage of her receipts to the company represented by the solicitor. These charges are explained by saying that the $5 is to cover the expense of organizing and advertising the company, and the other payments are to help meet the revenue which the company must pay to the exposition. It is represented that the contract with the exposition management requires the company to pay to the exposition 10 per cent of its receipts, and the patriotism of the housewife is worked upon to join the company as a means of helping the exposition while deriving a benefit herself. No arrangement of this kind has been made with any person or collection of persons, and nothing whatever in this line has been done by the exposition.

EXPOSITION NOT CONCERNED.

In reply to a question regarding this matter, Secretary Wakefield of the exposition said: "No such arrangement has ever been made by the executive committee of the exposition, and no proposition embodying any such conditions has ever been submitted to the committee by any person or company. All matters of that kind belong to the Bureau of Public Comfort, which has not yet had any meeting, so that no arrangement could have been made with that committee."

It is learned that representatives of this concern have visited a large number of people in different sections of the city, and the amount of money that has been fraudulently obtained from the people of Omaha is unknown, but is thought to be considerable.

Another matter which will engage the atention of the Bureau of Public Comfort will be that of hotel rates. That some of the hotels contemplate a raise in their rates is indicated by certain action on their part. It is learned on the authority of a man who holds a high position in a certain state government that he endeavored to make arrangements with a certain hotel in this city for accommodations for the governor of his state and a large suite during the opening days of the exposition. The hotel man refused to reserve any rooms or to make any agreement regarding rates, saying he would be glad to accommodate the party if he had the rooms when the time came, but positively refused to say what the rate would be.

The members of the Bureau of Public Comfort have several plans under consideration which contemplate the erection by private parties of large temporary hotels for the accommodation of the large influx of visitors to the city during the summer, and also have several other plans which they will present for the consideration of the other members, to prevent the overcharging of visitors.

ARKANSAS JOINS THE PROCESSION.

Governor Jones Names a State Exposition Commission.

The list of states which have appointed exposition commissions has been increased by the addition of Arkansas. Governor Daniel W. Jones has appointed six representatives of the different sections of the state to serve with Vice President W. G. Vincenheller of Little Rock, as a state commission. The governor addressed the following letter to each one of the appointees:

Dear Sir: Notwithstanding the fact that the legislature declined to make any appropriation for an Arkansas exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha this year, yet in view of the importance of an exhibit as a means of attracting to our state the immigration from the northwest, which has been and is seeking milder climate, and for other purposes, it has been decided to endeavor to procure a creditable exhibit there by other means. To this end a board of commissioners for Arkansas is necessary and I have been asked by the exposition managers to announce the board now.

Colonel W. G. Vincenheller is vice president for Arkansas of the exposition and will naturally be the chairman of the board, and each commissioner will be expected to render all aid possible in securing exhibits from his part of the state and, if all participate, to attend the exposition at such time as may be agreed upon. I am assured that transportation for our exhibits will be given, but it will require some effort upon the part of the board to collect them, though a great deal can be taken from Colonel Vincenheller's collection, already on hand here.

I have therefore selected the following named gentlemen to serve with Colonel Vincenheller on the board, viz:

George R. Brown, Little Rock; A. Bertig, Paragould; C. G. Newman, Pine Bluff; L. A. Byrne, Texarkana; W. D. Matthews, Stuttgart; George Sengel, Fort Smith.

I earnestly hope that you will accept and will be able to give some time and attention to this, which is not merely a matter of form, but of real importance. You are requested to advise whether or not you can accept and to correspond with Colonel Vincenheller regarding the work to be done.

Very truly yours, DANIEL W. JONES, Governor.

TRANSPORTATION AND IMPLEMENTS.

Perspective Drawing of the Building is Completed by Architects.

The architects-in-chief have completed the preliminary perspective view of the Transportation and Agricultural Implement building, which will be erected on the north tract on the east side of Twentieth street, facing west. The building has a frontage of thirty feet deep and a depth of 432 feet. The style of architecture is what is known as "mediaeval half timber," sometimes called "Swiss farm architecture." The ornamentation is secured by the timbering, which is partly exposed to view, the intermediate space being covered with plaster in the natural color, the timbers being painted a warm sienna. Wide overhangings, broad cornices, ornamental rafters and brackets will be features of this style. The building will be one story in height at all points except a wide section at either end, where a clear story will give a two-story effect to the exterior. The eaves will be sixteen feet from the ground at all points except the clear story, where they will be twenty-four feet from the ground. The whole building will be floored with hard pine. Deep entrance porches at central points in the east and west facades will give the building a handsome appearance.

The Dairy and Apiary buildings will be in the same style of architecture and will be located opposite this building on the west side of Twentieth street. The architects assigned to these buildings have been working on them for several weeks and the plans will soon be completed.

NEVADA NOW WANTS SOME SPACE.

Vice President Maxson Writes Very Cheerfully of the Outlook.

Vice President H. B. Maxson of Nevada writes to the Department of Publicity and Promotion from his home at Reno that he has reason to feel very much encouraged at the outlook for a creditable exhibit from Nevada, showing the resources of that little understood region. In a letter addressed to Manager Rosewater he says: "I can now assure you of an exhibit from Nevada and it will not be a 6x10-foot cabinet, either; but I think I can promise you exhibits from Nevada that will fill at least one car, and in order to help matters along I will come to Omaha soon and report in person to the management. I have already secured several private cabinets as well as specimens from several mines. I have also secured from the State university its entire exhibit, which was exhibited at Chicago, and have the promise of one of our cattle kings that he will make application through me in a few days for space for him to exhibit some thoroughbred Hereford cattle from his breeding farm in this county. Everything that I secure will be in the form of a state exhibit, as everything will be strictly Nevada productions. I desire some space in the Agriculture building for state exhibits, as the State university will have quite a display of products raised on the state experimental grounds."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Advertising Car to Be Sent Out to Work the Country.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the exposition yesterday afternoon a contract was approved with C. E. Thurman for operating an advertising car which is to thoroughly cover the country within a radius of 500 miles of Omaha. The movements of the car will be under the direction of the Department of Publicity and Promotion and the start will be made about February 15. This car will visit every city, village and hamlet in the territory and will distribute advertising matter of the exposition, including 1,000,000 pamphlets, besides numerous bird's-eye views of the grounds, posters, hangers and every description of advertising matter issued by the department. Fifteen men will accompany the car and the whole country will be "worked" after the manner of the advertising methods of a well regulated circus. The car will go first to Wisconsin and Minnesota and will be on the road continuously until about July 1.

A contract was approved for an engine to be furnished by the Western Engine company of Painted Post, N. Y., the engine to be of 215 to 240 indicated horse-power.

Has a Wonderful Horse.

A. D. Rogers of New York is in the city conferring with the Department of Concessions for the privilege of bringing to the exposition his educated horse. According to Mr. Rogers and newspaper clippings from the largest papers in the east, his horse, Jim Key, is little short of a marvel. Numerous clippings from some of the most reliable newspapers in the country describe in minute detail the manners in which this horse accomplishes feats which are incredible. He writes his name on a blackboard with a piece of chalk held in his mouth; operates a cash register by taking a piece of money and making the correct change when told the amount of the purchase by the person making the purchase and not by his trainer, takes a letter from a box when told the number of the box in which it is and the name of the addressee and puts the letter in a file case under the proper letter without being told the spelling of the name. There are a number of other feats which this horse accomplishes according to what seems to be indisputable testimony contained in letters from prominent people and the newspaper clippings referred to. The animal is said by Mr. Rogers to be 8 years of age, a bay about sixteen hands high, sired by Volunteer out of Flora, a full-blood Arabian. He was raised by a colored man well known in the south, who spent seven years in educating the animal.

California People and the Exposition.

A. G. McAusland of this city, who is now in San Francisco working up interest in the exposition among the people of the coast region, writes to the Department of Exhibits that a great deal of enthusiasm is being manifested by the people in the project and that the indications are very favorable for a mining exhibit of considerable excellence. He says Vice President Parsons and Director Wharton are keeping up the good work and a meeting has been arranged with the mayor of San Francisco and Governor Budd for January 31, from which good results are expected.

Mr. McAusland also writes that G. R. Martin, secretary of the California Art association, wants to secure space in the interest of the artists of California, who, he says, have from eighty to 100 pictures which they wish to exhibit as examples of California work.

St. Joseph Men Coming.

A large delegation of business men from St. Joseph, Mo., is expected in the city some time this week to visit the exposition grounds and confer with the exposition officials. The recent trip of the Missouri delegation aroused the enthusiasm of its members to such a pitch that the St. Joseph people say they are coming here for a little of the same enthusiasm. A. J. Fleming, a former resident of Omaha and now connected with the St. Joseph Times, writes to the exposition management that his people are coming and wants a day set. They will be notified to come some day this week, probably Thursday.

Interest in Switzerland.

H. Muentefering, commercial agent of the exposition to Switzerland, writes to the Department of Exhibits from that country that he finds an interest among the cloth manufacturers of that country who are disposed to make exhibits at the exposition. He also says the weaving school maintained by the government wishes to make an exhibit, providing the government officials will allow it to do so.

Message to Kentucky Legislature.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky notified the Department of Publicity and Promotion that he has sent a message to the legislature of that state recommending an appropriation for the purpose of enabling the state to participate in the exposition.

Additions to the Committee.

President Wattles has added the following directors to the committee appointed to confer with the representatives of the Omaha Water company and endeavor to arrange for water: Thomas Kilpatrick, J. H. Evans and Edward Rosewater.

Public Comfort Bureau.

A meeting of the Bureau of Public Comfort will be held in the office of the Ways and Means department at Exposition headquarters tomorrow evening.

Egg Market in Bad Shape.

E. W. Ridell of the Ridell Commission company says the local market for eggs is in a very unsatisfactory condition. Though commanding 20 cents early in the month the price at the present time has dropped down to 14 cents, with a small prospect of any immediate improvement. The demand even at 14 cents is light. The price last year reached the same low figure, but the demand at that time was twice as great. Shipments are coming into the city at the rate of about 800 cases per day and are supplied to the trade by Nebraska and Kansas farmers, with a few from Iowa.

Fined for Assault.

"Kid" Flynn was tried in police court yesterday for an assault and battery upon a waiter of a Douglas street restaurant. Flynn is a bartender for a saloon a short distance from the waiter's place of business and was in the habit of ordering his meals brought in by the waiter. The latter claims that Flynn was overparticular and caused him to make many useless trips to secure articles. When he expostulated it is asserted that Flynn seized upon the waiter and threw him out of the saloon. Flynn pleaded guilty and was fined $10 and costs.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Sensational charges against Policemen Mulcahy, Montague and Sheehan were filed with the city council at the meeting last night by David McCourt, a resident of Albright, and President Kelly, who occupied the chair, referred the complaint to the committee on police.

The charges and affidavit were prepared by Attorneys W. C. Lambert and W. R. Patrick, who represent McCourt. In his affidavit, accompanying the charges, McCourt swears that he was on his way home from the Cudahy plant, where he is employed, on the evening of January 6, he was closed under arrest by Officer Dave Mulcahy without cause. McCourt asserts that Mulcahy abused him while on the way to the city jail, this also with provocation. The complainant further states that after being placed in a cell he requested that he be allowed to visit the toilet room, the request, however, was denied. Later on he rattled the cell door for the purpose of attracting the attention of the jailer and in response to his noise Jailer Montague and Officer Sheehan came down from the courtroom and handcuffed him to the bars of a cell in such a manner that his feet barely touched the floor. He was, he says, compelled to remain in this position for about three hours. McCourt further states that when his case was called he was discharged from custody without prejudice. McCourt asks for an investigation by the mayor and council.

Schultz, of the finance committee, reported adversely on the request of the California Petroleum and Asphalt company in relation to relinquishing a portion of the guarantee on the Twenty-fourth street paving. The committee's report was adopted.

The council granted the request of the park commissioners in relation to the sidewalk on the south side of B street, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets. It is the desire of the commissioners that the city take up this walk, cancel the tax, and allow the Park board to lay a cinder or gravel walk. This will be done as the councilmen could see no objection to the plan.

After the new gas franchise ordinance had been read the second time, Caldwell asked for a report from the judiciary committee on the ordinance. Chairman Barrett stated that the committee had decided on an amendment to one of the sections and as the city attorney had not had the time to draft the proposed amendment, the committee was not ready to report. It was stated that the amendment would be ready for introduction next Monday night.

The ordinance repealing an ordinance passed a month ago ordering a sidewalk on the south side of L street from Sharp street to Thirty-third street was read for the third time and defeated. This means that the stock yards company will be compelled to lay the sidewalk as originally ordered.

Treasurer Broadwell reported a balance of $50,337.46 on hand at the close of business December 31.

A request from the Louis Bradford Lumber company for permission to lay a side-track across Railroad avenue in Albright was read and referred to the committee on streets and alleys. Several Albright businessmen sent in a petition urging the council to grant the request.

Barrett offered a motion ordering fire hydrants located at Eighteenth and W, Eighteenth and Y and Fifteenth and W streets. It was referred to the committee on fire and water by President Kelly.

Peter Lenagh was awarded the contract for supplying soft coal for use of the fire department and charity purposes.

Sitting as a board of equalization the council listened to complaints from property owners along Missouri avenue who protested against the proposed assessment to pay the cost of the Missouri avenue sewer. The remonstrators desire that each lot in the sewer district be assessed the same amount instead of following the plan suggested by a large number of property owners, which is to assess the property according to the benefits. J. J. Breen, representing the complainants spoke for the plan proposed by his clients. A long discussion followed in which the remonstrators took part. Vansant wanted to settle the question by adopting the assessment as made by the city engineer, but Caldwell offered a motion laying the matter over for one week and this was done.

Adjourned for one week.

REORGANIZE BOARD OF TRADE.

Object of a Meeting Called for Tonight by the Mayor.

Tonight a meeting of business men will be held at the council chamber for the purpose of reorganizing the Board of Trade. It is the intention to perfect an organization somewhat on the plan of the Omaha Commercial club and open headquarters where visitors to the city can be entertained during the exposition. Mayor Ensor is the prime mover in the project and has issued the call for the meeting. The mayor said last evening that he hoped every business man in the city would make it a point to attend the meeting when the matter would be thoroughly discussed. A number of business men have assured the mayor of their support in this matter and it is expected that the different business interests of the city will be well represented.

It is the intention to open club rooms where visiting merchants and manufacturers can be entertained while in the city and where many of the products of the city can be placed on exhibition.

Among those who have announced their willingness to join such an organization for the purpose of pushing the claims of the Magic City are C. J. Collins, B. E. Wilcox, F. A. Cressey, John Flynn, Frank Broadwell, Colonel C. M. Hunt, L. C. Gibson, C. A. Meisner, Thomas Hector, H. M. Christie, Thomas J. O'Neil, Joseph Murphy, Richard O'Keefe, R. T. Maxwell, John J. Ryan, J. M. Westerfield, Ed Johnston and D. S. Clark.

It is thought that there will be no difficulty in obtaining twenty-five or thirty members besides representatives of the packing houses and stock yards company. The plan is to assess each member a certain amount to pay the expenses of keeping the rooms open and entertaining visitors. Several Omaha residents who have property interests here have also signified their intention of joining such an organization. The business men of this city realize that something ought to be done this year to attract investors and it is claimed that a club such as is proposed would assist materially in impressing visitors and would without doubt do a great deal of good. Real estate men especially are talking hold of the project and it is thought that it will be carried out without any opposition.

Levy on Hot Stoves.

It is not often that a constable is called upon to levy on a red-hot stove, but that is what Constable Adams of Justice White's court did Saturday night. A dance was given on the night in question in a certain hall and the managers had rented a couple of stoves from a second-hand dealer, agreeing to pay $2 for the use of the heaters. The stoves were put up and a hot fire built in each. Just before the dancing commenced the owner of the stoves became suspicious and fearing that he would be defrauded out of his money applied to Justice White for a writ of replevin. The writ was issued and the officer of the law, assisted by the stove dealer, repaired to the hall and removed both heaters without extinguishing the fire. The hall became filled with smoke and soot while the removal was in progress, but the dancers did not seem to mind it as much as the men who were handling the red-hot heaters.

Extending the Hotel.

Mrs. Ella T. Christ, proprietor of the Delmonico hotel, Twenty-seventh and N streets, is preparing to erect a three-story brick addition, which will have a frontage of sixty feet on Railroad avenue and a depth of 118 feet. This new building will be three stories in height and will cost in the neighborhood of $25,000. Work is to commence as soon as the weather will permit.

Money for the Schools.

Yesterday City Treasurer Broadwell received from the county treasurer the state apportionment of the school fund, which amounted to $3,707.29. This is the largest amount the city ever received as its share of the state apportionment and the money can be used to good advantage by the Board of Education at the present time.

Schlitz's Second Building.

The Schlitz Brewing company yesterday obtained a permit for the erection of a two-story brick saloon building at the corner of Thirty-third and Q streets. In the permit the cost of the building is given as $3,000. The big Schlitz building at the west end of the Q street viaduct is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy before long.

Off for the Denver Meeting.

The delegation from this city to the meeting of stock growers in Denver was composed of W. B. Cheek, Wid Hill Jones, J. E. Byers, J. P. Clarey, Alex Garrow, J. L. Martin, Abe Becker, T. D. Perrine, L. E. Roberts, R. E. Rogers, L. C. Redington, R. S. Gilchrest, George Burke, Alma Jackson, J. A. Hake, John L. Carson, J. C. Houtz, B. F. Carpenter, John W. Gribble, W. M. Carpenter, Ab Waggoner, John Fitzroberts, A. A. Nixon, Bruce McCulloch, editor of the Stockman; Donna Albery, editor of the Drovers' Journal; A. C. Davenport, market editor of The Omaha Bee, and W. J. C. Kenyon, general manager of the stock yards company. Quite a number who intended going were detained at the last minute by important business, consequently the delegation was not as large as at first contemplated. The delegates were divided between the Union Pacific, Burlington and Rock Island roads.

Magic City Gossip.

Mrs. Johnston, wife of ex-Mayor Johnston, is quite sick.

R. O. Hall of Anita, Ia., was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Union services will be held at the First Baptist church every night this week.

Last week 103 cars of feeder cattle were shipped to the country from this market.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Peterson, Fortieth and T streets.

William M. Blew of Orum, Neb., is in the city, the guest of his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Wheeler.

Diphtheria is reported at the Cavers residence, Twenty-sixth and B streets, and at Foyle's, 2926 Hoffman streets.

The interior of the South Omaha National bank is being remodeled in order to facilitate the transaction of business.

Tom Hector is having his lot on Twenty-third street, between J and K streets, graded preparatory to building in the spring.

An examining surgeon of the pension department paid a visit to A. O. Myers on Saturday last. Mr. Myers is in an enfeebled condition.

Contagious diseases are being stamped out. So far this month only seven cases have been reported, six being diphtheria and one scarlet fever.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will meet in the lecture room of the church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The park commissioners of this city are endeavoring to obtain from the Omaha Park commission 500 trees, which, if obtained, will be planted in Highland park.

A meeting of Nebraska live stock shippers will be held at the Delione hotel, Omaha, on Thursday for the purpose of organizing a state association.

City Engineer Beal is at work on a map of sewer district No. 105, which extends along the alley between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, from D to H streets.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will conduct a tea and pile at the home of Mrs. E. S. Harrell, 828 North Twenty-third street.

Today a committee from the East Side Improvement club will go to Omaha to consult with officers of the street railway company in relation to the extention of the Thirteenth street car line.

City Treasurer Broadwell issued a call yesterday for school warrants up to and including registered number 1,033. About $5,000 in warrants will be taken up as soon as presented for payment.

Arnold's Bromo Celtzy cures headaches, 10c, 25c and 50c. All druggists.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

H. J. Farley of Chicago is at the Millard.

F. Sonnenscheln of West Point is in the city.

J. S. Kimmelstein of New York is at the Millard.

David R. McGinnis of St. Paul is at the Millard.

Ed Latta of Tekamah was in the city yesterday.

J. H. Morrissey of Chicago is stopping at the Barker.

J. Palmer of Louisville, Ky., is stopping at the Barker.

H. E. D. Gould, a Fullerton stockman, is a visitor to Omaha.

G. H. Gilerist, a Kearney business man, is in a city visitor.

William R. Burton, a Hastings merchant, is a visitor to Omaha.

Dr. T. Barr of Hastings, accompanied by his son, is in the city.

City Marshal C. F. A. Marquardt of Norfolk is a visitor to the city.

B. H. Youngbuth of Arlington is in the city for a couple of days.

Malcolm Douglas, advance man of Cox's Brownies, is at the Millard.

C. H. Davidson left last evening for Chicago to be gone several days.

H. W. Hollar of Emerson and E. W. Carter of Lincoln are at the Barker.

Lieutenant L. T. Richardson of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is an Omaha visitor.

Peter Younger of Geneva and G. A. Marshall of Arlington are at the Barker.

Charles M. Hill, William Lee and Samuel Russell of New York are registered at the Barker.

I. O. Rhoades of Salt Lake, general purchasing agent of the Short Line, is in Omaha.

Police Commissioner W. C. Bullard has returned to the city from a business trip to Texas.

H. P. Cole and wife of Minneapolis, Minn.; W. L. Leverett and wife of Kansas City are stopping at the Barker.

Councilman Burmester is confined to his home by a severe attack of the grip, which threatens to develop into pneumonia.

At the Millard: C. L. Day, St. Louis; Charles Zainer, Milwaukee; A. S. Pasqueth, St. Louis; A. R. Rogers, New York; A. Lehman, Peoria; Charles Eddiols, St. Louis; C. E. Tebbetts, Beatrice; W. M. Hindman, Lincoln.

E. L. Emery, superintendent of the Green River (Wyo.) water works, is in the city renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Emery is a former resident of Omaha, having been connected with The Bee and later with the Union Pacific railroad ten years ago.

Nebraskans at the hotels: C. B. Burrows and Fred Schelly, Norfolk; D. D. Barber, Chadron; A. C. Johnson, Grand Island; E. C. Hayhurst, Loup City; C. K. Gettings, Superior; A. L. Houghtelin, Fairbury; H. C. Reuntree, James Manahan and J. S. Cassel, Lincoln; F. C. Hensel, Hebron; George W. Mickelwait, Ord; H. F. Wilson, Wayne; H. Wales, Nebraska City; J. A. Peterson, Greeley Center; H. S. Manville, Fremont; W. Waywick, Sargent; J. W. Sanders, Arcadia; L. H. Beemer, Belden; J. Boate, Hartington; H. Diers, Crowell; William Sutton, Table Rock; J. H. Eudew, Alexandria.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventative of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A pretty play, well and skillfully constructed, and presented with rare art by one of the best companies of players seen of late on the local stage"—that was and still is the verdict of the people who composed a very large audience at Boyd's last night, when "A Coat of Many Colors" was seen in Omaha for the first time, with Herbert Kelcey, Effie Shannon and William J. LeMoyne in the leading roles. Indeed it has been a long time since so pleasant a means of an evening's enjoyment has been offered to local theater-goers by so thoroughly good a cast. It is something of a shock at first to see the debonaire Mr. Kelcey, who has been hitherto chiefly identified with character, representing "the glass of fashion and the mould of form," impersonating a hater and a baiter of women; and to accept sweet and dainty Miss Shannon as a strong minded woman, who "thinks bloomers" if she doesn't wear them, requires no less of a readjustment of one's settled convictions. However, the notion that an actor can or ought to be held down to a single line of part, simply because he plays that line well, is pretty well abandoned nowadays, at least by the actors themselves, although the public still shows a disposition to restrict its favorites of the stage to the familiar grooves in which they have run to favor. No one is likely to find fault, however, with either Miss Shannon or Mr. Kelcey for any violent change of style shown in the presentation of Mrs. Ryley's bright play, for Esther Gunning is still a sweet and dainty woman, although a practitioner of the law, and Herman Walboys, although a professed misogynist, wears well fitting clothes with as easy a grace as Herbert Kelcey ever knew how to do, and does not long remain insensible to Cupid's wiles when they are properly brought to bear upon him.

The plot of the play is a somewhat complicated one. Perhaps it was made so with intent to cause people to go a second time to make sure they have understood it aright. The love affairs of no less than four couples, counting the diverting episode of Saunders and "Bill" Hutchins, are tangled up in apparently inextricable error. But the snarled skein is deftly unraveled, with much bright dialogue and many happy situations, and the final curtain falls on general bliss, either already bestowed or certain to be attained.

The company supporting these two stars, so fortunately conjoined, is, as has been indicated, an exceedingly good one. William J. LeMoyne is and has long been one of the most accomplished character comedians of his time. It is always a pleasure to see him in any part which he may undertake, and although the character of old Walboys gives him less and fewer opportunities than are to be desired, he improves them, such as they are, like the true artist he is. Mr. Lyons is admirable as the hard-headed old Scot. The little bit where he sustains an introduction to his own daughter with "Pleased to mak' yer acquaintance, ma'am," and goes off L. U. E. fairly sizzling with wrath, is a gem of purest ray. Miss Wilton plays Mrs. Majendie faultlessly, and Miss Georgia Busby shows decided artistic growth since she was last seen here in Irish romantic and vocal drama. More than a word of praise should be bestowed upon Mr. See for his droll characterization of Saunders.

Miss Shannon suffered last night from a severe cold, and evidently appeared at all at the cost of serious inconvenience. It is hoped she may be fully recovered in time for this evening's performance.

"A Coat of Many Colors" will be repeated tonight and twice tomorrow. It is a pleasure to recommend it cordially to the Omaha public as furnishing a most agreeable evening's entertainment.

An unusually attractive program has been prepared for the next concert of the Omaha Orchestral society, which will take place at Boyd's theater at 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon. Mme. Muentefering will play Grieg's A minor concerto, op. 16, with orchestral accompaniment, and Miss Jessie Dickinson and Miss Clara Palmer will sing.

Robert J. Burdette, the humorist, will give a lecture next Thursday evening at Creighton hall.

Edwin Mayo and a large company will appear at Boyd's on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and at a matinee Saturday in a characterization of Mark Twain's famous story, "Pudd'nhead Wilson." The stage has made known no more interesting people than the folk from Dawson's Landing, Mo., and they tell a very interesting story, throughout which laughter and tears succeed each other as sunshine succeeds shower on an April day. It is a novel play, with odd characters and thoroughly enjoyable by all classes of people.

A neglected cold often terminates in consumption. Take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in time and forestall the dreadful disease.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Elizabeth Hall seeks a divorce from her husband, Charles Hall. She alleges cruelty and desertion.

Matron Bennett has a small but very bright mulatto baby, which just arrived from Creston, Ia., and for which she would like to secure a good home.

M. T. Patrick has brought suit against H. B. and G. V. Mulford in an action to recover the sum of $4,486, alleged to be due on a promissory note. He has also attached property in the possession of the High Art Bicycle company, alleging that it belongs to the Mulfords.

A special service will be held at the Gardner Memorial Parish house, Capitol avenue and Eighteenth street, on Tuesday. "Conversion of St. Paul" at 9:30 a. m. Holy communion and a short address will be delivered. A full attendance of the ladies of the parish is earnestly desired. Important business will be discussed.

E. H. Cleland, Robert Smith and Charles Stanley, conducting a grocery store near Fourteenth and Douglas streets, were arrested this morning on a charge of obstructing the alley in the rear of their store by leaving their wagons in the roadway. The complaint was sworn to by Captain Haze at the instance of several other business men in the vicinity.

Shortly after 2:30 p. m. yesterday a couple of South Omaha women, who gave the names of Minnie and Annie Williams, were arrested in the alleyway back of Jack Norton's saloon on Fourteenth street. They were charged with being disorderly and were locked up at the station. A complaint will probably be made against Norton charging him with keeping open after hours.

Chief of Detectives Cox has received a letter from Warden J. D. Starke of the Missouri state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., stating that the time of A. H. Cline, who is serving a term of two years, will expire June 13, 1899. Cline is wanted in Omaha for forgery and passing fraudulent checks on the Boston store, Goodley Brucker and Browning, King & Co. The amounts of the checks were $10, $7 and $8.50 respectively, and were passed by Cline in this city last July.

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SOME WELSBACH LIGHTS WANTED.

City Council Committee Decides on the Gas Contract.

The report of the committee on gas and electric lights on the bids for gas street lamps, which have been in the hands of the committee for several weeks, was submitted at the committee meeting yesterday afternoon. The report recommends that the contract be awarded to the Omaha Gas Manufacturing company on its bid of $25 per lamp per year, on condition that the gas company will put in a limited number of the Welsbach burners on the most important streets. It is stated that the gas company has signified its willingness to accede to this proposition.

County Attorney Baldrige appeared before the committee in behalf of J. W. Furnas, who contends that he is still the special agent of the municipal legal department. Mr. Baldrige stated the position taken by his client, which is that under the new charter the special agent must be appointed by the mayor and council. If this is the case, he holds that the appointment of Mr. Robertson by the city attorney does not constitute a legal appointment and that he still holds over.

City Attorney Connell advised the council that under the ordinance the position of special agent was similar to that of one of the employes of the engineering or comptroller's departments. He was simply an employe and could be employed or dismissed by the head of the department. The matter was taken under advisement by the committee.

At 5 o'clock there was a special meeting of the council in order to pass the resolution authorizing the city attorney to notify the secretary of the interior that all the provisions contained in the bill authorizing the location of an Indian supply depot at Omaha had been complied with. This relates to the quarters for the depot, which will be supplied by the Commercial club, but under the wording of the bill the city is the responsible party and must assume the obligation as a matter of form. City Attorney Connell immediately notified the secretary of the interior by telegraph that the provisions of the bill had been complied with by the city authorities.

FIRE AND POLICE MATTERS.

New Rule in Regard to Annual Leaves—Two New Firemen.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners held but a short session last night. There were only three members present, Dr. Peabody being confined to his home with the grip. A resolution presented by Bullard, as follows, passed:

Resolved, That the ten days annual leave allowed police officers for good behavior must be applied for in the year in which they are earned and between January 1 and December 31 of each year, and that all annual leaves not applied for between these dates are canceled on the 31st of December of each year.

Patrolmen Scheck and N. V. Halter were each granted five days' leave of absence. Grant Fox of hose company No. 11 gets leave of absence for three days. Weldron Gordon was appointed special officer to guard the haymarket in the vicinity of Fourteenth and Nicholas streets. John Erickson and George Tighe were ordered to report for duty to Chief Redell of the fire department and hold themselves in readiness for calls on extra duty.

Chief Redell was the recipient last night of a very handsome present in the form of a gold-mounted amber and briarwood pipe. The souvenir of friendship was tendered him by a committee from the Durant Engine company of the Union Pacific shops, headed by Captain John Reed. The presentation took place in the chief's office and was accompanied by a short speech from the captain.

Omaha and Its Bonds.

OMAHA, Jan. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: It has been frequently stated by various parties that the city of Omaha has never paid a single dollar of its bonded indebtedness. What are the facts in the matter? TAXPAYER.

None of the long-time bonds issued by the city of Omaha have yet been paid. The first installment of funding bonds, amounting to $66,100, will be due in 1900. The city has redeemed special improvement or short-time bonds up to date amounting to $3,131,600.

NEBRASKA BRICKMAKERS MEET.

Annual Convention of the Association Now in Session.

The Nebraska Brickmakers' association met in annual session at the rooms of the Builders' and Traders' exchange yesterday afternoon. Those present were President George F. Cotton of Table Rock, Secretary W. H. Bushell of David City, Albert G. Edelmaier of Seribner, A. L. Houghtaling of Fairbury, William Sutton of Table Rock, P. Simpson of St. Edwards, B. H. Jungbludt of Arlington, C. F. Kaul of Madison, W. H. Harnim of Auburn, J. E. Stockwell of Lincoln, Herman Gerecke of Norfolk, John Wittnell, R. N. Witbnell, Martin Ittner, J. Fred Smith and S. A. Corneer, Omaha.

The annual address of the president was the first thing in order after the meeting was called to order and President Cotton reviewed the progress of the association during the year, closing with a suggestion that the brickmakers of the state should take action to co-operate in a plan for making a showing at the exposition which would establish the fact that the brick industry is one of the most important resources of Nebraska.

Two papers were then read by members of the association as follows: "Burning and Setting Brick in Down Draught and Continuous Kilns," by C. F. Kaul, and "Finances, and the Life of Buildings and Machinery on a Brick Yard," by Herman Gerecke. These papers were highly technical in their nature and discussed the intricacies of the brickmaking business in detail. A general discussion on the points involved was indulged in by those present after the papers were concluded, this discussion occupying the entire time to the close of the afternoon session.

An evening session was held at which a general discussion was had regarding practical details of brickmaking. Those of the members who had any matter about which they wished to hear views of the other members asked the question and this formed the subject of discussion. The entire evening was spent in this way.

The association will hold three sessions today. Papers by two of the members will be read and discussed at the morning session and at 1:30 p. m. the members will meet at the exchange and proceed in a body to visit the various brick plants in the city. The election of officers will occur in the evening.

Fire Record for a Day.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The fire department was called out at 2:30 this morning by a bad blaze at the corner of Broad and Fourteenth streets. The house which was owned by the estate of E. W. Monroe of Wayne was an almost total loss. Harry Pratt, who occupied the house managed to save a little of his furniture. Loss on building $3,500, insurance $3,300; on furniture and contents $1,200, insured for