

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

About One Thousand Volumes Have Recently Been Added to the Shelves.

ALL SORTS OF LITERATURE REPRESENTED

Purchasing Committee Anticipates as Far as Possible the Demands of the Public for the Winter-Clubs Already at Work.

Anticipating renewed interest in books and magazines during the coming winter months the purchasing committee of the public library has selected as many of the new titles as have been received...

Clubs Already at Work.

Two clubs have already commenced winter meetings; they are the Woman's club and the Technical club. Members of the art department of the former are studying the ancient architecture of Egypt, Assyria and other nations of remote antiquity...

The station system tried by the library authorities a year or two ago and given up because of a scarcity of funds will be put in operation again this winter.

Speaking of the tastes of Omaha readers and the return of their interest in reading, the librarian, Miss M. J. Toibit, said: "We find that the exhibition made a tremendous difference in the circulation of our books, for when there were so many other attractions very few people found time to read."

Biography Draws Its Share.

"Probably readers show most interest in fiction, but biographical and historical works have found a greater number of readers this fall than previously. It seems that the death of the century's greatest statesman, Gladstone and Bismarck, has directed interest to the lives of other notable men, as well as to their own."

"The fact that there are so many good books among the year's works of fiction accounts for the unusual interest in this branch of literature. Until this fall there have been no books that have been a craze among readers, since last year, when everybody read Quo Vadis and the Choir Invisible."

CERAMICS AT THE EXPOSITION

Some Evidence of Advance in Art by the Women of the Trans-Mississippi Region.

An art presented no more pleasing feature to the exposition visitors than the ceramic display, which occupied space in the gallery of the Liberal Arts building and in the reception room of the Iowa State building.

Figure painting seemed to be the general trend of the work, mostly after the style of Grutzner, which in many cases proved too ambitious for amateurs.

SCHEME TO SAVE CITY MONEY

High Credit Makes it Possible to Lower Interest on Warrants.

OMAHA'S OBLIGATIONS IN GREAT DEMAND

Rate May Be Decreased and City Go Upon a Cash Basis, Thereby Saving the Taxpayers Thousands of Dollars Yearly.

It is quite likely that at the coming legislative session the council and other city officials will attempt to secure the passage of a bill reducing the rate of interest that city warrants bear from the present 7 per cent. It is estimated from the present condition of the Omaha warrant market that with this reduction the demand for those short time obligations will not cease to any material degree, while at the same time the city will be able to realize an interest of some thousands of dollars.

Omaha warrants were never so much in demand as they are today. They furnish an absolutely safe and profitable investment with the 7 per cent interest that must be paid under the state law. So great is the demand that one-half of 1 per cent premium is offered by every broker in the city, and at that figure the warrant holders are besieged by the brokers for their paper.

Officials Believe in It.

But with the healthy form of the market now prevailing officials are again agitating the idea of reducing the rate of interest on city warrants. Feasible as it is, a strong supporter of a move of this kind, he says: "It was well enough to make the rate of interest on warrants high when the city was young and credit scarce, but now, with the existing demand, it is entirely unnecessary and in fact extravagant."

By the same token I would estimate that the city would save in interest about \$7,000, even more, yearly. The money market is so easy now that there would be no difficulty in securing the money needed to pay the warrants, for the amount for three or any number of months deemed necessary and paid when the taxes are in. This would do away almost entirely with the present warrent system and would place the city practically on a cash basis.

CITY ASKS FOR FIRE APPARATUS

Wants Return for Expenses Incurred on Exposition Grounds.

Although the city has not yet received a request of the exposition management that the fire apparatus used on the grounds be turned over to the city in payment of the services of the fire company stationed there, city officials do not seem to be very confident that it will be returned. At the same time a strenuous effort will be made to get the apparatus, inasmuch as every city official feels that it would be but partial recompense for the expense incurred by the city in connection with the exposition.

IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH SIDE

Wretched Wooden Strip Interrupting Good Pavement Must Go.

There is a good possibility that the rotten wooden blocks on North Twenty-fourth street, from Burdette to Spaulding streets, will be torn up and the street repaved with asphalt next spring. Councilman Karr of the Sixth ward declares he is now circulating a petition for the work, and he has hopes that the property owners who have stood in the way of the improvement heretofore will sign.

There has been warfare for months along North Twenty-fourth street, an account of its bad condition. The thoroughfare is paved with asphalt from Cumins street to Ames

avenue, with the exception of the strip mentioned, but this portion is in such bad shape that traffic is almost impossible. The small merchants along the street have declared that this condition of affairs has gradually been ruining their business by decreasing traffic and have been trying repeatedly to get relief.

The first attempt was made in the direction of securing signatures of property owners for repaving, but J. N. H. Patrick and Herman Koutzler blocked this game. The council was petitioned to tear up the blocks and rell the street at considerable expense, but on the opinion of the city attorney that this would be an illegal expenditure of money, this plan was turned down by the council.

To Attend the Chase Funeral.

CITY HALL BREVITIES.

COSTLY FURS.

Great Care and Ingenuity Shown in Their Preparation for Market.

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Carpets and Rugs

Table listing various carpet and rug types and prices, such as '2x12 Byzantine Rugs, good value at \$27.50-special 20.00' and 'Heavy Wool Art Squares—16.00'.

A new lot of made-up rugs—made from our stock remnants of carpet—all sizes and kind at prices that make happy all bargain lovers—you must see them to judge the value; Samples of Moquette and Wilton Carpets about 1 1/2 yards each for 15c.

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Table listing furniture items and prices, such as 'Parlor arm rocker in imitation Mahogany finish... 3.90' and 'Morris chairs, imitation mahogany finish... 5.00'.

GHOST OF A GLORIOUS PAST

Exposition Stands a Melancholy Shadow of Its Former Self. GROUNDS ARE DREARY AND FORSAKEN. Scenes of Life and Beauty Are Succeeded by Dead Desolation.

Six days of hard work have demolished what it required months to put in place and now little but the empty buildings remains where only a few days ago the exposition was in the fullness of its beauty. To walk through the now littered and forsaken avenues seems like passing through a cemetery. The life and movement and color are gone and there is the great perspective of wall and colonnade remains. To those who have seen the great enterprise grow into perfection and ripen into matchless beauty the scene inspires a sentiment of regret. It suggests the loss of something that can never be regained and to miss the striking panorama that has resigned during months of activity seems like losing a familiar friend.

HU-CAN

The Bee's Collection OF... Photogravures OF THE... Exposition. Now Complete \$2.00. Twenty-five Cents extra for express if sent out of town.

At the Bee Office. During the last few days the prospect that the stockholders would receive their money back has resulted in considerable activity on the part of those who had not paid up. When the books were closed by order of the board of directors Friday night the amount of partially paid subscriptions had been paid from \$25,000 to about \$25,000, and the indications were that nearly all the balance would have been paid up in full if the opportunity had remained open. No action has been taken in regard to moving the office of the secretary down town and no one seems to know when this will be done. The present quarters are well fitted for occupancy and unless the weather should turn decidedly frigid it is not expected that a change will be made much before the middle of the month.