## FOUR POLICEMEN ON TRIAL

Men Concerned in the Raid on the Geppner Den Given a Hearing.

CAPTAIN COX GETS A CONTINUANCE

Testimony Taken by the Police Commissioners Develops Little Not Already Known and a Decision is Withheld for a Week.

The official hearing of the charges of cowardice preferred against Captain Cox and Detectives Savage, Dempsey, Keysor and Sullivan in being routed by two desperadoes whom they were endeavoring to arrest on the morning of November 14 drew a crowd to the offices of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon. The case against Cox was postponed for one week, but those of the other officers, who were tried together, occupied the entire afternoon. Then an adjournment was taken until evening in order to give the officers an opportunity to add their personal explana-

The case against Cox was called first, but his attorneys asked a continuance for two weeks, alleging that they had material evidence that they were unable to secure at this time. They declined to state what this evidence was, but intimated that it was something in the nature of expert testimony relative to the duty of an officer under the circumstances which confronted Cox on the morning in question. After a short executive session the board decided to grant a continuance until next Tuesday as a courtesy to the attorneys, who have only recently teen called into the case.

#### Others Stand with Keysor.

he case against Keysor was then called and subsequently the remaining officers agreed to submit their fate on the same testimony. The evidence did not differ materially from what has been previously published, but several additional circumstances were elicited that were not entirely credtable to the officers. Some of the witnesses seemed to take delight in telling how the detectives retreated before the two desperadoes, but their pleasantries were evidently not relished by the accused officers, who were perceptibly annoyed.

The first witness was Charles Daniels, a laborer, who narrated the story of the oc- propose to employ any lawyers or "fix" any of the whole, when the ordinance had the currence mainly as it was stated in the witnesses, but would simply tell the facts floor, both the questions were up and every newspaper accounts of the same day. He said he was visiting his mother who lives near the house occupied by Geppner and Haller. He saw Cox and the three detectives walk around the house two or three times and then Cox pushed in the front door and went in. "He came out a good deal quicker than he went in," added the ings. witness, and he proceeded to say that Cox in the opposite direction. He heard a dozen or more shots fired, but saw no one shoot except Cox and the fugitives. On cross-exfeel kindly toward the police, as he had

J. R. Stein, a mail carrier, was also an tailed description. He saw Cox and the detectives at the front door and heard one of them tell the men inside that they had better open up. Then they broke in. All four unless they were doing it purposely. The officers did not try to shoot back at this officers disappeared

when the men fired on the officers from the doorway Daniels, the previous witness, had called to them to "kill the - - -s." The witness also testified that Cox had urged him not to appear before the board and assured him that the board could not compel him to testify.

### Keysor Wanted a Shotgun.

The testimony of Mrs. Nancy McDonald, Forty-sixth and California streets, was damaging to the defendants. She swore that the officers were chased out of the house where the outlaws were located, Keysor and Sullivan came to her house and stepped inside. Keysor asked for a shotgun. They remained there five or ten minutes, while Geppner and Haller went down to the barn, leisurely saddled their horses and rode away. She asked them why they did not cover the men when Cox ducked suddenly go out and catch the men, and they merely gave her a black look and did not answer. After the fugitives had gotten away they went out and went back to the house they had left so hurriedly a few minutes before. This witness also testified that Haller was ground while he was chasing the police.

George Schreiber, a conductor on the Ben-Detective Savage with the fugitives after time Geppner reached out of the door after they had escaped from the other officers. Savage rode out on his car and they heard These were the first shots fired. The two the shots that were fired at Forty-sixth and Cass streets. Then Geppner and Haller rode and fired two shots at himself and Sullivan. past the car on their ponies with their revolvers drawn. Savage jumped off the car sey, who came up from the rear of the house. fugitives were then about fifteen feet away.

### A BRADSTREET REPORTER

Got Into Trouble and Then Got Out

Perhaps your company would be interes ed in knowing something of my experience with coffee drinking. For a long time there was no pleasure in my breakfast, for immediately after eating it I was in pain, suffering from indigestion, and generally became so sick to my stomach that I was

compelled to throw part of the breakfast up. trouble was until one of my friends who pected that a murder had been committed. had been affected in the same way told me that he had got entirely over his difficutly by quitting the use of coffee, and using in its place the Postum Food Coffee, from which he obtained remarkable results. I made the changes without any trouble, for the Postum was (after one or two failures, and we found out how to boil it properly) better than the coffee I had been ac customed to.

In about three weeks I was so well that I found I could drink regular coffee without having the old trouble, but I could not get back to like berry coffee again, the Postum tastes so much better to me, and the fact that I keep getting stronger and sturdler in every way convinces me that I am living

a more natural life. I find it is best to boil Postum steadily and not let it boil too hard so as to boil over, but it should be allowed to continue boiling a long time or it does not taste right When it is allowed full length of time for boiling, it is certainly delicious. I enclose a first of ten names of friends who have all been cured of their indigestion by leaving off coffee and using Postum. Jerome Lacey Benzing, 37 No. 50th street, Philadelphia, Pa. Reporter for Bradstreet Company.

They leveled their guns at Savage and said, "Throw up you hands, and throw 'em up quick." Savage then turned round and got on the car, while the outlaws rode away, still covering him with their revolvers. The witness declared that in his opinion Savage did all he could, as the other fellows had the drop and he had no chance at all except to get killed.

A number of residents of the locality testified to the general circumstances of the en counter at the house, but their testimony added nothing to what was previously obtained.

Captain Donahue of the police force stated that he had received information that two men were living alone in the house under suspicious circumstances. He sent Savage and Dempsey out to investigate and they reported that they could not get admission. He subsequently discovered that the men were in the house at the time and, considering this a suspicious circumstance, he sent the officers back with a search warrant. He said that the police had no knowledge that In committee of the whole every one of the the men were criminals, but the visit of the band of city fathers, including Councilman officers was largely a matter of investiga-

In reply to a question from the mayor Captain Donohue said that in his judgment the crucial point came to pass the ordithe officers would have been justified in shooting at the fugitives and that when they swallows to keep their hearts from bobbing meet with resistance it is their duty to capture the offenders. The witness was crossexamined on this point by Detective Dempsey at considerable length, the questions indicating that Dempsey's defense would be that he was on the outside and did not know that the fugitives had made an armed resistance, but he did know that one of the officers had fired the first shot. He had no knowledge that the men wore criminals and consequently did not consider every time the ordinance has appeared to himself justified in shooting them.

Sensational Suggestions by Cox. The evening session was prolonged until after 11 o'clock by a tedious cross-examination of witnesses and most of the testimony was largely a repetition of what had gone before. The exception was the somewhat sensational testimony of the four detectives relative to a conversation they had with Cox a day or two after they were suspended. On this point their evidence was identical. of discussion. At each and every one of They said they all left the police court about these meetings the questions of whether 4 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon and met | the giving of this right of way is the grant-Cox in a saloon at Thirteenth and Dodge ing of a franchise and whether an annuity streets. At that time Cox suggested that should be required of the Terminal comthey could "fix" some of the witnesses so pany were considered and each time, upon they would not attend the hearing with \$25. the oral opinion of the city attorney, both They declined to have anything to do with the proposition, saying that they did not last meeting of the council in committee to the board. Cox then said he did not pro- one of the councilmen declared themselves pose to be tried by a convicted embezzler and declared that he had been "jobbed" by franchise. At last Monday's meeting of the Mayor Moores and Chief White and he knew it. He also stated that he proposed to bring two criminal actions against members of pass or not. Not one of the councilmen the board and to begin injunction proceed-

The first witness at this session was cleared the steps at a jump and ran toward Maurice Scannell, a young man who was the barn while the detectives walked away cleaning a stove in a yard a couple of blocks away while the fight was on. He was crossexamined at length by Assistant City Attorney Scott, who acted for the board, and conamination Daniels admitted that he did not tradicted himself so extensively that his evidence amounted to little. He swore that been convicted and served eighteen months | there were at least 100 shots fired, of which at least half were fired by the officers, when the other evidence in the case indicated that eye witness and he contributed a more de- | very little shooting was done by the detectives.

Detective Keysor then took the stand in his own behalf and narrated the occurrence of the morning at length. He said that he officers went into the house and immedia and Sullivan were called into the case on the ately came running out again with the forenoon of the day on which the encounter fugitives not eix feet behind them. Stein occurred by Dempsey, who told them Capsaid that no shots were fired inside of the tain Donahue had directed him to have them house. The first shots were fired by Haller assist him in serving a search warrant in the and Geppner while the officers were in re- , western part of the city. The three men got treat and were at such short range that it on a Farnam street car and went to Eighteenth street, where they dropped on to look for Savage, who was at the court house. They failed to find him and went on out to time but afterwards he had seen Cox whirl the house at Forty-sixth and Cass streets. his revolver over his head and fire two They stopped at Cox's house and he accomshots at his pursuers. Cox ran to a house panied them from that point. Acting under some distance away and the other three orders from Cox, Keysor and Sullivan went round to approach the house from the north On cross-examination Mr. Stein said that while Cox and Dempsey went up from the south. They tried to get into the house at several points and finally congregated on the front porch, where Cox read the warrant and then kicked the door in. The witness followed close behind him and Sullivan came immediately after. At the same time Dempsey went around the house toward the back

What They Found Inside. When they had forced the front door they found themselves in a narrow hall with a door at the further end. Cox opened this door and they found themselves face to face with the two suspects, who leveled their revolvers at their heads and told them to get out or they would fill them full of lead. Keysor said he jerked his revolver from his overcoat pocket and was raising it to and, striking him full in the stomach, knocked his revolver out of his hand and flattened him against the wall. When he recovered himself Cox and Sullivan were both out of the house and he followed. Cox ran straight south, while Sullivan went to firing his revolvers straight down into the the east of the porch. He joined Sullivan and then saw his revolver lying just outside the door, where it had fallen when son motor line, testified to the encounter of Cox knocked it out of his hand. At the same the gun and Sullivan fired two shots at him. men immediately bounded out of the door Sullivan returned the fire and so did Demp-They all three went around the house and when they came back on the west side the two men were at the barn, 150 feet away, bringing out their horses. Keysor said he then went to the McDonald house and asked for a shotgun, but could not get one. By that time the suspects had got well away. The evidence of Dempsey and Sullivan was

the main similar to this. Savage Tells His Experience. Detective Savage related his encounter without differing essentially from the version given by the street car conductor. In to queries from members of the board be said it would have been very poor judgment for him to have attempted to draw his revolver. The two men had the drop on him and he was convinced that they meant busi-I did not know what the cause of the ness. He had seen the shooting and sur-From this he knew that they were in a lesperate mood and would not hesitate to kill him if he made any further offensive

> All of the detectives were examined by members of the board as to whether it was not a fact that they had every reason to be ready for a fight when they went to the house. They all declared that they knew nothing definite about the case except that they had a search warrant to look for stolen overcoat. This was a common occurrence and their warm reception was an entire surprise. Commissioner Coffman asked Sullivan if he did not think it was pretty poor work when four men, fully armed, could not arrest two men and Sullivan replied that it might look that way to some people, but he did not think so When the commissioner caustically inquired low many armed policemen it would take, in his opinion, to capture two men the witness maintained a dinlomatic allence Savage was the last witness and after a hort consultation it was announced that a

The sconer a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach?

lecision would be reserved until after the

Cox hearing next Tuesday.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Terminal Company's Ordinance Gets Another Turn at the Committee.

LOBECK RAISES THE FRANCHISE QUESTION

Matter that Has Been Settled Time After Time by the Members Serves as Excuse for Further Delay of the Vote.

The city council at its meeting last night executed a neat and artistic flop, handspring and somersault in connection with the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company ordinance that would have set a circus acrobat agape with astonishment and admiration. Lobeck, had decided that the ordinance was in every way protective of the rights of the city and of property owners, but when nance "they were obliged to take a few out of their throats," as one of the spectators put it, and the whole matter was re ferred back to the committee on a point that has been threshed over every time that the ordinance has been discussed in many meetings.

A committee report recommended the passage of the ordinance. When this report was presented Councilman Lobeck, who has bobbed up with a new amendment be satisfactory, presented another resolution, to the following effect:

Resolved. That this ordinance shall not take effect and be in force until after the provisions of section 19 of the city charter relative to the payment of annuities and ratification of franchises by a vote of the people have been fully complied with

There have been a half dozen and more meetings at which the proposed granting of the right of way has been the main topic were decided in the negative. At the very as satisfied that the right of way was no council in committee of the whole the question was put whether the ordinance should voted in the negative nor raised any objection and it was decided to pass the or-

Individual Sentiments Expressed. When the above amendment or resolution of Lobeck's came to a vote, however, on the third reading of the ordinance, Bechel voted against it, Burkley for it, Burmester

againt it, Karr and Lobeck for it and then came a hitch. "I want to ascertain whether there is anything in this claim that the granting of a right of way is the giving of a franchise or not," declared Councilman Mercer, as if the point were a new one just raised. "I desire a written opinion from the city at-

torney regarding this point." "Me, too," chimed in Karr. "It cannot be a franchise," declared Councilman Burmester. "The Termina company already has a franchise, for it has tracks constructed to Nicholas street. This ordinance is simply granting it an extension of eight or ten blocks of a right of way it

"I think that the council has a larger duty than to quibble over a contention like this," asserted President Bingham. "I understand that this opposition comes entirely from a couple of property owners whose property will be hemmed in by the tracks. On the other hand all the commercial interests of Omaha are asking that the Terminal company be allowed to come in. We ought welcome every competing company that so desires to come into the city."

"Well, I am not opposed to this ordinance," declared Councilman Mercer, "but I want a written opinion from the city attorney on this point. Therefore I move that the whole matter be referred back to the committee."

Councilman Bechel, who occupied the chair, decided, however, that such a motion was not admissible during a roll call and he ordered the vote to proceed. Mercer, Stuht and Mount all passed. This left the matter at exactly the same point it occupled when Mercer's name was first reached, and he was called upon again to vote. He cast a vote against the amendment and Stuht, Mount and Bingham did likewise. The amendment was therefore lost.

"I now move that the ordinance and the esolution be recommitted,' said Mercer. Bechel was the only member to vote against this motion and after eight votes had been recorded in the affirmative he changed his vote and consequently the whole matter is back again in the committee's bands

Will Investigate Danbaum. Besides this railroad matter the meeting was important on account of several matters. The committee on fire, water and police was ordered to investigate Joe Danbaum, who is furnishing under contract meals for the city prisoners. The Stree Railway company was given three prods to improve the poor street car service it is now giving citizens. City Engineer Rosewater took occasion to resent the charges of extravagance that have been made against the Board of Public Works. A new park commission was appointed by the mayor.

Resolutions in considerable quantities were directed against City Jail Caterer Danbaum. The first blow came in the shape o a resolution by Burmester, authorizing the building of a couple of dark cells in the basement of the city jail out of the material formerly used in the old jail. This was a virtual notice to Danbaum to vacate, inasmuch as the cells will occupy the place now

used by the kitchen. "I want to know if these cells are to take the place of the potatoes we saw in the jail basement,' remarked Councilman Lobeck Those potatoes were not fit to be eaten Although they were rotten they are being ter and thrown into the river.'

Councilman Burmester's resolution was 1899 levy. unanimously adopted. Almost immediately put in the city jail to weigh the meals that are furnished the prisoners.

"There is some dispute regarding the quantity as well as the quality of prison ood," explained Councilman Burmester. This resolution also prevailed. The climas came in the shape of the following resolution by President Bingham:

Whereas, It has been charged that Mr. Danbaum, who has the contract for feeding the city prisoners, is using gas, paid for by the city, also using a portion of the base-ment of the city jail as a kitchen and store house without authority, and the further charge that the food now being furnished the city prisoners is not in compliance with the terms of said contract, either in quality or quantity; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the city council, the mayor concurring. That the committee on fire water and police be and hereby is directed to investigate such charges and that power to act is hereby delegated to said commit

"The press has stated that the council

said President Bingham. "As far as I can learn, Mr. Danbaum has had no authority to use any part of the jatr. I know that he is using gas paid for by the city, although I do not know whether he is paying

anybody. Therefore I believe that these matters ought to be fully investigated." Before the resolution came to a vote Danbaum declared that he wanted to be investigated as speedily as possible. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

storeroom that were not fit to be food for

Street Car Service Turned Over. The street car question first came up in

the shape of a resolution by Karr and Mercer, "requesting" the street railway company to furnish a five-minute service on the Walnut Hill line between the hours of 6:30 and 9 o'clock in the morning and 4:30 and 7 o'clock in the evening. The res olution was unanimously adopted.

This action brought Councilman Mount to his feet with a complaint that the South Sixteenth street car service is as bad as the Walnut Hill line in the mornings and evenings. He therefore introduced a resolution "directing" the street railway company to put in a five-minute service upon the South Sixteenth and Leavenworth street and the South Omaha lines between 6:30 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 7 o'clock in the evening. This resolution also unanimously prevailed.

"I hope that the street railway company will put a five-minute schedule in force not only in paper on these lines, but also in actual operation," was Councilman Mercer's comment upon this action.

Stuht's resolution asking for the extension of the South Thirteenth street line to South Omaha by way of Missouri avenue, emasculated of its preambles in favor of the annexation of this city and South Omaha, was also passed unanimously.

City Engineer Rosewater's answer to the charges of extravagance made against the Board of Public Works was made in connection with a communication from H. T. Clarke, in which the latter made complaint regarding the condition of the street after the recent snow storms and in which also he offered to donate to the city two plows and a scraper with which to level the snow on the streets. Stuht made a motion to accept the offer and the city engineer was asked what he thought about it.

Acts Under Council's Orders. "I think it is only a political scheme," answered City Engineer Rosewater. "In the first place I want to mention a resolution that was passed by the council in February of this year, which ordered me not to clear the streets of any snow without an order from the council. This resolution has never been rescinded. That explains why I have not on my own responsibility done anything toward cleaning the streets of snow. Now, as to the charges made by Mr. Clarke that the Board of Public Works has been extravagant in expending \$24,000 this year in street cleaning, I have received reports from thirty cities of smaller size than Omaha which have been expending amounts from three to five times as much as Omaha has in this class of work. Kansas City, for example, about Omaha's size, with fewer miles of

paved streets and with its streets thirty feet

narrower, has spent \$39,000 and has ex-

pended its entire appropriation already. "It is rather singular that this depart ment is picked out as a target for charge of extravagance. The total taxation of the city this year was about \$800,000. Of this amount \$24,000 has been spent for street cleaning and \$12,000 more for other street work. The total has been \$36,000, or about per cent of the total levy. Suppose 10 per cent of this has been extravagantly spent. That would be less than 1 per cent of the total levy. Mr. Clarke attacks this small part and says nothing of the other 95 per cent. He attacks the labor end of the city. He declared that the laboring men it is not reasonable to suppose that they will be as ambitious as he is and burn the midnight oil as he did when he was trying to unload land upon the government for three or four times its worth. The whole trouble with Mr. Clarke is that he is disconcerted because his son was not appointed upon the Board of Public Works."

This talk had an effect. Stuht withdrew his resolution and Clarke's offer was placed on file. Later in the meeting Councilman Stuht introduced an ordinance, which was referred, requiring property owners to clear gutters of snow for the space of two feet from the curbs.

Names a New Park Board. Mayor Moores presented the following appointments of members of the Park board

under the recently passed ordinance, giving the appointive power to the mayor subject to confirmation by the council: E. J. Cornish, J. L. Brandeis, J. F. Barton, H. E. Palmer and J. H. Evans, to serve until the second Tuesday in May, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903 respectively. Mr. Barton takes the place of Park Commissioner Wharton, who has resigned, and Mr. Brandels is to succeed President Bates of the board. The appointments were referred to the judiciary committee.

President Bingham appointed the follow ing as the charter revision committee: Councilmen Burmester, Mount and Karr Tax Commissioner Sackett, City Clerk Higby, City Comptroller Westberg and City Attorney Connell. Chairman Burmester will call the first meeting to take place some time next week. By resolution President Bingham was later added to the commit-

The city council will sit as a Board of Equalization for five days commencing Monday, December 19, for the purpose of equalizing the regular city taxes for 1899. By that time the Board of Reviews will have completed its labors, the sitting closing according to the provisions of the charter on Tuesday next. In view of the facthat only a nominal number of complaints have been made, the equalization of the 1899 assessment can be completed at this early meeting of the Board of Equalization in ample time to permit the tax department to make all the necessary footings and differences previous to the date fixed for making the annual levy.

Money for an Ambulance. Councilman Mercer introduced a resolution that \$600 should be appropriated out of the health fund to buy a city ambulance. The resolution was referred.

The sum of \$275 was appropriated to pay bills and salaries in the tax commissioner's offices for November, the annual appropriation for the year already containing that cooked as food for human beings. They deficit. The tax commissioner also informed should be carried away by the garbage mas- the council that the expenses of the offices for December must be paid out of the

The city engineer was requested to estithe same councilman introduced another mate the cost of putting electric lights in resolution providing that scales should be the city jail. The building inspector was also ordered to expend not more than \$100 in improving the drainage facilities in the big cellroom in the jail. Chairman Rosewater reported that the pe

tition asking for the repaving of Capitol avenue from Sixteenth to Twentieth represented the majority of pjroperty owners along the thoroughfare. He also reported that a majority of property owners protested against the paving of Twenty-second between Leavenworth and Mason. The mayor presented a protest

neighboring business men against the further continuance of the market place on Howard street between Eleventh Twelfth streets on account of the odors, filth and noise arising therefrom. It is pointed out that no business would be inconvenienced should the market place be removed one block south to Jackson. The communication was referred.

Condition of City Funds. City Comptroller Westberg reported the Mr. Key's work.

found a queer state of affairs at the jail," city funds to be in the following condition on November 30: for it or not. I also saw potatoes in his

Mational Bank of Commerce 19,864.05
Nebraska National 19,852.93
Omana National 19,553.88
Union National 22,671.85
United States National 19,946.08
German Savings, cert. 114.60
Kountze Bros., N. York. 39,316.46— 206,642.63
School Funds—
Union National 

Total funds on hand......\$244,878.22 The following ordinances were introduced, read a first and second time and passed: To curb Ninteenth street from Cuming and Ohio, to widen Fortieth street at the intersection of Davenport. The ordinance to open North Thirteenth

street was passed on its third reading. A petition was received asking for the grading of Sixteenth street from Canton to An additional \$1,000 was appropriated out

of the Bolln fund for sidewalk repairs, City Engineer Rosewater again threatening to lay off the repair gang unless additional funds were provided. The money will be put back in the Bolin fund when the city collects its laduct claims from the railroads.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SCHOOLS. Plan to Bring the Two Into Closes

Relations. According to the action taken by the Board of Education, library substations will shortly be established in outlying public schools. The system will be inaugurated at the suggestion of Librarian Tobitt, who recently sent a communication to the board regarding the matter. Superintendent of schools Pearse, to whom was assigned the task of arranging the details of the scheme. says that the system will be somewhat as

"Certain schools in the outlying districts of the city will be selected as library substations. Only such as are conveniently located and where the principals are willing to undertake the work will be chosen. These substations will serve as the receiving and distributing point for the patrons of the library who live in the neighborhood and also furnish a little library for the school building. The latter will consist of the books the teachers and principals select as desirable to assist the school work.

"The library card patrons will be asked to deposit their cards and list of books they want at the school building. The school supply wagon will take these and the returned books to the library and bring back to the school the books that are wanted. This delivery will take place every two weeks. This is the outline of the plan, but all the details will not be arranged and substations will not be selected until I hold conference with Librarian Tobitt."

This scheme may be said to have been originated by Miss Fros of the Comenius school. This teacher for a long while has carried to and from her school huge bundles of library books in order to accommodate her school children. The result has been an increased use of the public library by the oupils under her charge.

Hu-can? Perhaps you cau-why don't you

#### NEGROES ON THE RACE WAR Resolutions Denouncing and Protesting Against the Southern Out-

rages Are Adopted. At a mass meeting of Omaha negroes the recent riotous disturbances in the Carolinas were considered. After the matter had been discussed at length sufficient to develop the unanimous sentiment of the attendance in opposition, a committee re a lengthy preamble and resolutions, which were adopted. The preamble refers to the constitutional guaranty of the right of all citizens to vote and points out the danger to the fundamental principles of the government which grows out of the unrestrained exhibitions of mob violence, and finally condemns the "criminal collusion of the governors and other state authorities in those communities in which the outrages occurred. The resolutions call on the president to afford protection to the negroes with military force if necessary; call on the negroes to petition congress to enact such legislation as will prevent a recurrence of the outbreaks; urge Senator Thurston and Congressman Mercer to support such a move; call on the negroes of the country to form an organization for mutual protection and to provide funds to carry on the work; and finally suggesting that

#### THESE COULD TELL BEANS Names of Winners in Hu-Can Con-

Wednesday, January 4, be set apart as a

day of fasting and prayer that all may unite

in petitions to God in behalf of the colored

tests Closing Last Night-Three Good Guessers. The Merchants' Bean club begs to announce the following results in the three bean jar guessing contests closing last

Bean Jar No. 25-Correct estimate, 905, nade by Ama Jess, 2114 Binney. Club member, Omaha Carpet company, 1515 Dodge. Award, \$12 portieres. Bean Jar No. 1-Correct estimate, 743,

nade by George W. Roberts, jr., 4223 Miami. Club member, T. B. Norris, 1413 Douglas. Award, pair \$3 shoes. Bean Jar No. 8-Nearest estimate, 587, by George W. Roberts, jr., 4223 Miami. tual count, 586. Club member, Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet company, 1414-16-18 Doug-

E. and Alice Johnson, osteopaths. Suite 515, N. Y. Life Bldg.

las. Award, \$3 lamp.

The Current Topic club began the literary work previously mapped out for it at the second weekly meeting last night in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association. The meeting was called to order by G. I. Babcock, who asked for an election of permanent officers. Those chosen were: President, C. A. Whippie; vice president, C. S. Witmer; secretary, F. W. Kayser; treasurer, Raiph Johnson.

Then followed a debate, the subject being: "Resolved, That the United States Should Annex the Philippines." The affirmative side was taken by R. Johnson and C. S. Witmer, the negative by M. O. Cunningham and E. C. Hodder.
In conclusion a program for the next

meeting was arranged as follows: Paper, "Necessity of Creating a General Staff for the United States Army," Paul Pizey. Debate, "Resolved, That the Administration Did Its Duty Toward the Army in Its Con-duct of the Late War." Affirmative, H. S. Caldwell and W. T. Schwenker; negative, F. W. Kayser and W. C. Mathews. Art Workers' Meeting.

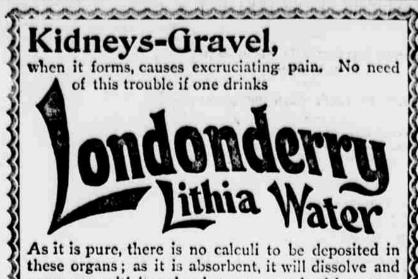
At a well attended meeting of the Art Workers' association held last evening in the studio of J. Laurie Wallace the chief topic of discussion was the holding of an art ex-hibition. After considering various sug-gestions and dates for such an exhibition it was decided to hold one some time in April, but determination of the exact date was postnoned until a future meeting. At this exhibition will be displayed works of art in all branches, including posterwork by mem-

Paintings on Exhibition. The free public exhibition of the paintings of the exposition by John R. Key will be continued for a couple of days longer. These paintings are displayed in a room on the ground floor of The Bee building, reached from the court. Much enthusiastic comment

of the Art Workers' associati

to Wednesdays.

time of meeting was changed from Tuesdays



carry away with it such substances as unhealthy waters have left behind.

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DISCOVERY MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Contractor Installs Himself in City Quarters and Uses Gas for Light-

ing and Cooking at Public Expense-To Be Investigated. Just how Joe Danbaum, who has the contract for feeding city prisoners, has been

able to make money by furnishing the meals at 8% cents each has been a mystery to city officials, especially to some councilmen, but a city council investigating committee discovered things that throw a whole lot of light upon the matter. These discoveries are likely to lead to some decisive and radical action on the part of the city fathers.

Danbaum has pre-empted a room in the basement of the city fall for kitchen purposes and therefore is not required to pay rent; he uses gas paid for by the city both for lighting and cooking purposes; the food he offers to the prisoners is of decidedly poor quality and this, almost the sole item of expense in filling his contract, costs him comparatively little. Some of these facts were learned by the councilmen with their own eyes, while others were discovered from the talk of police officers.

Danbaum's kitchen is located in the basement of the jall building. Every councilman and every city official who has the authority to do so declares that no permission to use this room was ever given him. He simply took possession of it, installed himself therein and has remained there simply because he was never ousted. Previous to the removal to the new jail he had no permiscion to use any part of a jail building for culinary purposes. At the old jail he always brought the meals for city prisoners to the jail in a cart.

Cooks at the City's Expense.

The police officers at the fail also make the charge that the gas that Danbaum uses in his kitchen stove, upon which he cooks the meals for the prisoners, is secured from the gas pipes in the building. The councilnen who visited the fall had no occular evidence of this, but they did see that Danbaum uses gas the city pays for for lighting purposes in his kitchen.

The character of the food supplied by Danbaum is a standing topic of complaint among police officers. It is said that frequently the bread and potatoes cannot b eaten, and at all times are of very inferior quality. The meat is not much better. "The meals are simply horrible," says

Captain Donohue. "I have seen bread served, through which streaks of blue and green mold run. The potatoes are not fit to eat. This is not only the case with the meals that are served the city prisoners at contract price, but also the meals that Danbaum furnishes the complaining and other witnesses that are held in fall for 25 cents a meal. Prisoners and witnesses frequently refuse to eat the meals." "All that I know about the meals is wha

learn from the reports of officers," says Chief of Police White. "According to those reports the meals are very poor." Investigation Will Be Had.

This condition of affairs is to be investigated by the council. President Bingham and Councilman Burmester, to whom the complaints were made and who saw some of the evidences upon which they are based, propose to investigate further and declare that the council must to something to compel Danbaum to serve tood that can be eaten by human beings.

Danbaum is also to have his kitchen ousted from the city jail. The room that he now occupies in the basement will be taken up by a couple of dark cells or dungeons, where unruly prisoners can be confined. Jail officials informed Councilman Burmester that prisoners are frequently brought in who become so emphatic and energetic in their objections to imprisonment that they transform the jatl into a Bedlam. A dark cell in the basement will be calculated to bring them to time.

Steps are also to be taken to make variety of improvements in the jail building. Wiring is to be put in to allow of electric lighting. At present the building is lighted by gas, but the jets are so far apart that the building is more than half in darkness Some changes will also have to be made in the big cell room to allow of better drain age, as at present water will not run into the sewer holes from the floor. City Physician Spalding wants a room se aside for the use of emergency cases of illness and sickness.

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