

CONNOR LOSES CORN CASE

Omaha Grain Man Beaten in Court by a St. Louis Firm.

DEAL IN FUTURES DECIDED BY THE JURY

Court's Instructions as Regards Contracts and Gambling in Options Cover the Points on Which the Verdict Was Reached.

The suit over a deal in corn futures between the Schreiner-Plack Grain Company of St. Louis and Joseph A. Connor went against Connor in Judge Baker's court. The county court has decided the case in favor of the plaintiff company and has appealed.

According to the allegations of the Schreiner-Plack company it purchased from Connor in February, 1898, white corn to the amount of 25,000 bushels at 22 cents for delivery in May; that the time of delivery was then extended to July and again to August, the price of the corn being advanced to 26 cents as a condition of the extension. On the last day of August, in consideration of Connor paying \$525, the deal was cancelled, but the plaintiff company alleged that Connor failed to pay this sum. On the other hand, Connor challenged the contract, saying it was only a pretended and colorable agreement in violation of the law governing wagering contracts, and he put in a counter claim for two notes from Louis Dun for \$445 each, endorsed by the defendant and paid over to the plaintiff.

Judge Baker instructed the jury substantially as follows: The law governing wagering contracts, and he put in a counter claim for two notes from Louis Dun for \$445 each, endorsed by the defendant and paid over to the plaintiff.

"A contract for the future delivery of corn which the seller does not own or possess, but expects to obtain by purchase or otherwise, is valid if, at the time of making the contract, an actual transfer of the property is contemplated by at least one of the parties to the transaction.

"The fact that said corn was not to be delivered until a future time, if proven, would not of itself make said contract of sale illegal.

"If you believe that said Schreiner-Plack Grain Company made said contract in good faith, expecting the corn to be shipped to it under the contract, then said contract, if proven, is a valid contract, and the defendant had an intention on his part not to ship the corn.

"A purchase of corn at a certain price per bushel, made in good faith, to be delivered in the future is not an illegal or gambling contract.

The jury gave the Schreiner-Plack company a verdict for the \$525, with accrued interest from September 1, 1897.

EXPOSITION CONCEPT CARE

Matter is Now in the Hands of the Court for Settlement.

All the material evidence in the exposition contempt case was in early yesterday afternoon.

Judge Scott announced that he would decide the case this morning at 10 o'clock. He said he would spare neither friend nor foe if he found the evidence for the state true.

Mr. Montgomery was cross-examined by Mahoney during the forenoon, Mahoney endeavoring to make it appear that he had gone out of his way to get the All Nations' cases, regardless of the expense, and that he was ready to go to the exposition, Mr. Montgomery said he simply acted for his clients where the interests of the exposition were not jeopardized.

The blanket injunction of Judges Keyser, Powell and Sibaugh was offered by Mahoney in good faith, and Judge Scott put on the stand to rebut some of the testimony for the defense.

That Exposition History

In the suit brought by Edward Rosewater against the exposition company to enjoin the appropriation of the money of the stockholders for the publication of an exposition history an answer was filed by the defendant yesterday along with an affidavit from Charles F. Manderson. The answer amounts to an assertion that the publication of the proposed history is in keeping with the objects for which the exposition company was incorporated.

Mr. Manderson's affidavit has attached to it several letters from President R. A. Collier, of the Atlanta exposition, R. A. Ellis, the president of the company which undertook the publication of a history of the Atlanta exposition; Director General E. C. Lewis of the Nashville exposition; and J. B. Crocker & Co. of San Francisco, which firm published the California Mid-Winter exposition history, and President H. N. Higginbotham of the Columbian exposition at Chicago.

Mr. Ellis writes that his company, the "Illustrated History of the World," is a magazine for the purpose of publishing a history of the exposition edited by Dr. Rosseter Johnson and published by D. Appleton & Co. of New York. He goes on to explain that this was a sort of sop to New York and that 300 sets of the history were sent to the directors of the exposition, and that the rest of the stockholders were to have the privilege of buying the history at one-half its retail price.

Attacks the Gambling Law

A novel defense has been raised in the suit of David Carroway to recover several hundred dollars from Richard Berlin of South Omaha, alleged to have been lost in gambling.

Carroway's defense is that the law attacked the constitutionality of the law. As

this was equivalent to a demurrer Judge Powell set Saturday for the argument on the particular point in question.

The section under which the suit is brought is section 214 of the Criminal Code. Berlin's attorney asserts that this section is unconstitutional. He reasons that a recent decision of the supreme court in another case involving another section declared forty-one sections of the act of 1875 relating to gambling and gaming devices unconstitutional and that section 214 was included in the batch. Consequently he contends that the attempt in 1887 to amend the section was futile inasmuch as the supreme court has declared the section void.

Divorce Matters

In the Keim divorce case Judge Pawcett made an order yesterday allowing to Mrs. Kim \$2500 temporary alimony and \$500 for attorney's fees. The Cummings matter did not come up, as none of the parties appeared.

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

TAKING CARE OF THE NEEDY

Secretary Laughland on the Work that is Being Done by the Associated Charities.

Many appeals are being made to Secretary Laughland for assistance these days and the secretary is sometimes almost at his wits end to know what to do with them. Fortunately the county authorities are co-operating in the work, and also several other sources from which aid is rendered to the poor. In fact it is perhaps true that more reports pass through the Associated Charities this year than ever before. The board finds one class of workers who never, or very seldom, make reports of their benefactions. Two or three women will band themselves together for the purpose of alleviating the suffering in their district. They are to be congratulated upon the good work they do, but they seem to forget that the persons they visit and assist may be drawing provisions from the same source. For instance, a physician telephoned to Secretary Laughland that a family near him was really suffering from lack of fuel. He cautioned the secretary that they must be approached delicately or they would draw coal from the same source. Mr. Laughland turned to his book and found that the county authorities had sent the family in question one and one-half tons of coal already that month. The Associated Charities had contributed half a ton and one ton had been sent from another source. They had been living off the city and county for two years.

It is the work of the Associated Charities to see that no duplications occur. The board is doing this to the best of its ability, but it must have the cooperation of everybody who dispenses charity to make it a success. In many instances men are given aid who do not deserve it, but their families cannot be left to suffer. The board has a yardstick, but so few men would go to the yard and work for their fuel that the board finds it necessary to purchase a saw so the wood necessary for the orders received could be cut by machinery. An attempt will be made this winter to have a bill passed by the legislature which will relieve the cities of Nebraska of the burden of caring for men who will not work. It is argued that if such a measure were passed the families of these men could be taken care of at much less expense than is now incurred.

The board receives few emergency calls on Sunday. The rooms are closed on that day and if anyone needs aid he calls upon Secretary Laughland or one of the employees of the board at their homes. No one is allowed to suffer who makes his wants known. The money for coal is coming in slowly and the board is glad to see it. It is received. The cartload of coal donated by Mr. Her aided materially. The board is anxious to have sufficient funds on hand to enable it to fill all requests for fuel. The coal fund now stands:

Amount formerly acknowledged.....\$87.50
Mrs. M. Rogers..... 5.00
Mrs. Douglas..... 1.00
Further donations..... 1.00
Total..... \$94.50
The sums received are still far short of what is required to purchase the 200 tons necessary for the winter.

CRAIG HAD A REAL GOOD TIME

Experience of a Young Man from Missouri Who Required to Be "Showed."

Thomas Craig hails from Rockport, Mo., and he came here with slathers of money, but he has none of it left now and is trying to assist the police in looking it up. He says he was robbed of \$150 and a gold watch. Craig came to South Omaha with a car of cattle for his father, who is a wealthy farmer over on the Missouri side of the Big Muddy. He sold the stock, but fortunately did not receive the money which was deposited to his father's credit. He had plenty of money with him, and he likes to take a drink of rye once in a while. He started out to find a convivial companion. He located one who, after they had taken two or three drinks together, tried to borrow half a dollar of him. Craig refused. When they were alone, Craig told him the fellow responded that he did not care a whoop, as he had plenty of cash of his own. Craig says the stranger induced him to leave the saloon with him in order that they might search for a friend. They went to another place, which Craig does not seem able to locate or tell very much about. Upon entering Craig was given an opportunity to appreciate how a Spaniard felt during the late war when compelled to gaze into a couple of large sized pistol barrels. He was told to show his hands, which he did promptly and without argument. The man had met first went through his pockets while his partner remained at the operating end of the guns. This happened the first of the week. Craig saw a note in the daily papers where three men were arrested for robbing a man named Leonard, on the other hand, claims he came by the money honestly. He said he had a draft for \$200 cashed at a certain bank here. Attorney Silas Robbins having identified him to the teller's satisfaction. This he urged as the money which he had when arrested. Craig has filed a complaint against Leonard and Howell, charging them with robbery. He will be held by the police as a witness.

Phillips Will Probably Contest

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Kirk Phillips returned to Deadwood today. He refuses to discuss political matters and adds that the public knows all there is to know for the present. It is believed by his friends that he intends to contest Lee's election after the latter has qualified.

Private Attempts Succeeded

STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Frank Washburn, of Fort Meade, attempted suicide last night by cutting his throat. The goah is a dangerous one and there are doubts of his recovery. No cause is known for the deed.

BOTH COINERS CONVICTED

Jury Returns a Verdict Against the Tw Bellevue Minters.

BAD GANG IS FINALLY BROKEN UP

Conviction of McCarty and Brown Ends an Outfit that Has Long Terrorized the Eastern End of Sarpy County.

After one of the hardest legal battles witnessed in years, the notorious McCarty gang at Bellevue was finally broken up by the conviction of John McCarty and John Brown in the United States court. Last June the two men were arrested and charged with counterfeiting silver coin, having the counterfeiters in their possession and also with passing large quantities of them. They were taken before Judge Starnes, commissioner, who, after hearing the evidence, held them to await the action of the grand jury. When this jury convened a few days ago McCarty and Brown were indicted and last week they were placed upon trial before Judge Munger of the United States court. The evidence was submitted Wednesday and the arguments concluded, a Wednesday night, soon after 11 o'clock, after taking fifty ballots, the jury found the two men guilty and returned their verdict in court yesterday morning.

In the indictment under which Assistant United States Attorney Rush presented John McCarty and John Brown there were thirteen counts. McCarty was found guilty on counts three, five, six, eight, ten and eleven, while Brown was found guilty on counts one, two, four, five, seven, nine, ten and eleven. The counts cover making, passing, having in their possession, defrauding and knowingly violating the laws of the United States, Count No. 5, on which both are indicted, charges that the two men passed upon Burk and delivered to him twenty-eight counterfeit half dollars, while count No. 10 charges both with having in their possession for making counterfeit coin.

When court convened the jurors filed in and a few moments later McCarty and Brown arrived. The verdict was handed up to Clerk Hillis and read. Immediately Attorney Teiser and Hoover, who made the fight for the men, arose and asked for their desire to file a motion for a new trial, saying that they would give their reasons later. At the same time they gave notice that they will file a motion for a stay of sentence until the motion for the new trial can be argued and passed upon.

Little Chance for New Trial

Assistant United States Attorney Rush, who conducted the prosecution, says that he feels certain that there will be no new trial. He says that he prosecuted in the most careful manner and avoided all errors to creep in. He declares that he gave the defense the greatest latitude in allowing the introduction of testimony and that for this and other reasons the verdict will stand undisturbed.

The penalty for the commission of the crime of which McCarty and Brown have been convicted is a fine of from \$1 to \$5,000 or imprisonment of from one day to ten years, or both, in the discretion of the court. After the filing of the verdict the mittimus was issued and both men were sent to the county jail to await the action of the court. For years the McCarty's have terrorized that portion of Sarpy county in the vicinity of Bellevue. They have resided for years on the river bottoms south of the town. Originally there were a number of the boys in the gang, but there are now only two, one known as Black Ike in now serving a term, having been convicted of murder a number of years ago. Another boy, Vic, is a fugitive from justice with a sentence of twenty years hanging over his head. Jesse McCarty, who is now farming south of Bellevue, is regarded as a reputable citizen and has always borne a good reputation, never having been mixed up in the troubles that have sent his brothers to prison or out of the county.

Work of the Detective

The secret service put A. V. Burk on the case and this man went down to John McCarty's, where he met both McCarty and Brown. By telling them that he was just from the St. Louis Police Commissioner, he managed to gain their confidence. He assisted them in making counterfeit coin upon numerous occasions, bought it from them and even helped them pass it. After securing the evidence necessary, Burk turned the matter over to the police. The case was brought by meeting them according to appointment at a saloon in South Omaha. When they arrived at the saloon and entered, they were surrounded by officers, brought to this city and lodged in jail. On the trial Burk confessed to making, having and passing the counterfeit coin, shouldering all of the responsibility and exonerating McCarty. The testimony against McCarty, however, was overwhelming and the jurors found him guilty of practically the same crime as that charged against Brown.

Reynolds Declared a Bankrupt

The first of the bankruptcy cases disposed of under the provisions of the new bankruptcy law came on before Judge Munger of the United States court yesterday afternoon. It was the case wherein John H. Reynolds of the firm of Reynolds & Co. filed a petition asking that he be declared a bankrupt. The case was filed with Clerk Hillis some weeks ago and was referred to the referee at Beatrice, who took testimony and made his findings, adjudging that Reynolds is a bankrupt and unable to pay his debts. The findings were reviewed by Judge Munger and the report of the referee confirmed, the thirty days for filing protests having expired without objections having been entered by the creditors.

Bird Against Perky

The case of Addison Bird against Charles Perky is on trial before Judge Munger. The case originated at Wahoo and is litigation growing out of a business transaction, where the two men were partners in a canning factory. One partner sued the other, alleging that he has failed to comply with the conditions of the contract entered into when they engaged in business.

Tompkins Gave Sioux Liquor

The case of the United States against Robert Tompkins is on trial before Judge Munger. The defendant in the case came from Chadron and is charged with having given a bottle of liquor to a couple of Sioux Indians. The proof is that Tompkins went into the saloon, secured the liquor and, carrying it to a table nearby, there passed it over to the Sioux.

Hess Gets a Verdict

In the personal injury suit of Walter S. Hess against the Keokuk Manufacturing company, the jury has returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and assessing his damages at \$2,315. He sued for \$25,000. The

defendant was constructing a huge holder for the Omaha Gas Manufacturing company. Hess was working on the inside of the holder and was up on a staging, twenty-five feet from the ground. The plank upon which he was standing broke and he was precipitated to the ground. The fall resulted in a broken leg and a number of bruises. He alleged that the plank was defective and that this should have been known by the officers of the company employing him.

Bootleggers Plead Guilty

John Wright and David Thomas, two men charged with having violated the laws of the United States by not having secured the necessary permit for retailing liquor and who were indicted by the recent grand jury, were before Judge Munger yesterday for trial on charges of bootlegging. The judge fined them \$25 and costs each.

WORKED BY WICKED WOMEN

Tales of Men Who Sought the Ways of the Omaha Strain to their Sorrow.

Judge Gordon listened to the evidence in two cases yesterday afternoon wherein the defendants were charged with having robbed two unopinionated visitors to the city of all their ready cash. The first case was amusing on account of the veracity of the youth who made the charge. His name is E. Tracy and he has had a hard time of it. He told the court to meet him at the city last week to purchase a stock of goods for a store. He met a real nice girl, "a perfect lady," in a wine room and in the course of conversation asked her what she was doing there. Observing that his coat was of recent contact with Timothy Tracy, the girl said she was looking for a job to work. She seemed such a young thing, so perfectly guileless, that Tracy's heart went out to her. He agreed to take her to his home and let her work in his store. She said she had a few bills to pay, so he advanced her the money to pay them and made an arrangement to meet her later, when he would be ready to return home. In the meantime the girl met a couple of friends and told them she believed that Tracy would back out of his contract. She thought it would be a good idea to compel him to make a deposit with her, which was to be returned to him when they started home. Tracy was met by the party, the men putting up a smooth talk for the money. He was willing to be plucked and left \$15 with the girl as a guaranty that he would take her home.

Tracy was not so sure of her or the men until he had them arrested on the charge of highway robbery. Of course the case did not stick, but the court enjoyed its trial, as he was constantly reminded that there are men in this world who have much to learn.

The second case was not quite so interesting as the first, but it was a case of stealing his pocketbook and \$70 in cash. He said when he came to town he commenced going around to the saloons, accompanied by woman who appeared pert and bold. He was carrying a pocketbook in his hand. He was robbed of his pocketbook, Harris touched him on the shoulder and immediately afterward he noticed that his wallet had disappeared. He accused Harris of taking it and searched him without finding any trace of it. Harris hit him with a brick and fled. He was arrested and taken to the police station. He was charged with the theft of the pocketbook and \$70 in cash. He was charged with the theft of the pocketbook and \$70 in cash.

A colored witness named Taylor testified that he had seen another colored fellow by the name of Ford run out the back door with the pocketbook in his hand. Ford is now in the county jail. The court discharged the defendants in both cases. Manely and Tracy took what valuables they had left and departed for their homes on the first train out of the city.

ENTERTAINMENTS LAST NIGHT

Walnut Hill Epworth League's Hold a Taffy Affair at the Home of Editor Metcalf.

The Epworth League of the Walnut Hill Methodist church held a taffy party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Metcalf, 3540 Charles street, last evening. The commodious rooms were crowded early in the evening, the younger guests occupying the front parlor, while the older brothers and sisters sat in the middle rooms. All kinds of games were played until the taffy was ready. After that the boys and girls had their hands full. They pulled and ate the sticky candy until their hands and jaws were tired from the exertion. They were contented with a late hour apparently thoroughly entertained with the successful effort of the league to entertain them.

Trinity Altar Guild's Sale

In the meeting room of the Trinity church parish house the young women of Trinity Altar Guild held the annual Christmas sale of fancy goods yesterday afternoon. Three adjoining rooms were thrown open and in them long rows of tables were heaped high with all manner of articles that can be made with the needle, the handwork of members of the guild. From 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 6 o'clock, the hour in closing, a host of friends and acquaintances made purchases and incidentally helped to swell the "altar fund" to an amount of money needed for making necessary decorations for the altar for Christmas season. The sale was in charge of Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. A. L. Reed and Mrs. I. Coles.

St. John's Annual

The Ladies' auxiliary of St. John's parish held their annual holiday sale of fancy goods in the church last evening under the supervision of Mrs. H. Evans, Mrs. Frank B. Thomas, Mrs. P. Lamb and Mrs. E. P. Caldwell. All the articles for sale were made by the women during the last few months at their weekly sewing societies and were readily disposed of to the many purchasers who were on hand to make purchases. The little folks of the congregation had a table of their own, where they sold dolls and doll clothing of their own manufacture. This was in charge of Miss Amy Evans. Refreshments were served and the sale helped to increase the church fund considerably.

Fire Record

Business Block at Aurora. AURORA, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—At about 1 o'clock last night a fire that is supposed to have originated in the grocery store of D. R. Huges, totally destroyed, sweeping everything on the north side of the square. Four business buildings, with their contents were consumed before the fire could be checked.

The damage done was as follows: Grocery store of D. R. Huges, totally destroyed, insurance on the stock \$1,000 and on the building \$500; drug store of Dr. Woodard, stock and building valued at \$4,000, insurance \$1,000; millinery store of Misses McKee and Murray, total loss, partially covered by insurance. The fire did not reach beyond the millinery store, because of the brick walls of the adjoining dry goods store and as there was no wind the blaze was soon under control.

Section House Damaged

GENEVA, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Last night the upper story of the Elkhorn section house was badly damaged by fire. A coal oil lamp upset and started the blaze.

Merchants' Bean Club Notice

A new rule has been adopted that no person can deposit more than three coupons with any one merchant on the same day. HUCANT HUCANT HUCANT HUCANT

BETTER STREET CAR SERVICE

Secretary Goodrich Says the Company Will Improve Existing Conditions.

Cars Already on the Way to Omaha and Other Being Built in the Local Shops Will Relieve the Situation.

"The street railway company will improve and better the service on the lines regarding which complaint has been made through the city council and otherwise, as soon as it is possible, and that time will arrive in the near future. There should be no friction over this matter, as the company is ready to grant the request for better service made by the council and the people. The plans are arranged and the cars that are needed to put them into effect should be on the way to the city."

This is what Secretary Goodrich of the company told a Bee representative, who asked what sort of a response the street car company will make to the resolutions passed by the city council, demanding a better service on the Sixteenth, Leavenworth, South Omaha and Walnut Hill lines. Secretary Goodrich declares that when these resolutions were sent to the company the latter did not consider that the council desired an answer and therefore did not send one, having already made arrangements to put in the better service requested. In view of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the city council, which requested that the street railway be put into better service, Secretary Goodrich is forwarding to the council, setting forth the situation assumed by the street railway company.

"The difficulty has arisen as a consequence of the sudden arrival and long continued stay of Misses Winter," declared Mr. Goodrich. "In the twenty-one years I have been in Omaha I have never seen the cold weather secure such a grip upon the city. The consequence was that we were caught in the embarrassing position which is aptly described in a saw that I quote prevalent in slangy society. We did the best we could and have every closed car available on our lines."

New Cars on the Way

Ten new cars of the style of those that are recently been put on the Farnam street line are expected in the near future and will be put into service immediately. General Manager Smith recently telegraphed for them and the response was to the effect that they would be sent yesterday. These cars will be put on the Sixteenth and Walnut Hill lines at once and it is believed that they will satisfy all the demands of the traveling public.

Mr. Goodrich says that the rather deficient service on the South Omaha line is the result of work that is being done to reconstruct the cars on that line. The company started this fall to rebuild thirty-six of these cars. Sixteen have been completed and are running and the rest are being fixed up as fast as the facilities of the company will permit. Half a dozen of these cars are now in the repair shop, thus decreasing the number of trains on the line by three. The work is to be pushed as rapidly as possible.

"The matter of street car extension to South Omaha and otherwise is quite another thing and I am not in a position to say anything about it," asserted Mr. Goodrich. "That will be considered by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in the early part of next month, when I have no doubt that everything possible will be done to satisfy public demands."

DEFENSE MAKES NO HEADWAY

Witnesses Tell of the Movements of Mrs. Botkin During Her Stay in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—George Haas, from whose store Mrs. Botkin is alleged to have bought the candy sent to Mrs. Dunning, and two of his employees were on the witness stand in the case today. They were examined regarding the manufacture of chocolate creams and other candies and the possibility of poison getting into the candy during the course of manufacture. Nothing of a very satisfactory nature for the defense was adduced.

Mrs. L. Simpson, who was proprietor of the Victoria, and who succeeded Mrs. Botkin, testified that a number of people had been in Mrs. Botkin's room between the time Mrs. Botkin left and the time Haas' seal was found there. The seal has been identified as one used on the box of candy sold Mrs. Botkin.

WAR OF RIVAL MINE CONCERNS

Receiver Applied For at Butte for the Boston and Montana Mining Company.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 15.—Upon application to the district court today Judge Clancy appointed Thomas R. Hinds receiver for the Boston and Montana Mining company, recently organized under the laws of New York. Hinds is a county treasurer. His bond as receiver is fixed at \$100,000. The property he is to handle is worth at the lowest estimate \$200,000. Forester and MacGinnis, the claimants, say that they own some stock in the company and object to the transfer of the property from the Montana corporation to one recently incorporated under the laws of New York. They allege that since the transfer was made the New York company has diverted the proceeds of the property to persons not stockholders.

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Leather Goods

We have just received a new line of Card Cases, Letter cases, Photo cases, Pass cases, Bill Books, Pocket Books, and Purse.

These are of all sizes and material, among them are Seal, Morocco, Rocco, the prettiest you ever saw, Pig skin, an almost indestructible material, Monkey skin, calf, etc. We have them plain and with the Sterling Silver Mountings, and with Sterling Silver Mountings Gold Plated.

We have them in fair leather, Black and in colors, and at prices you wish to pay. There are nice ones at 50c, 75c and \$1.00, much nicer at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50 and some of the nicest ones you ever looked at, worth as high as \$6.00.

We guarantee the quality of these goods, and nowhere in this country can you find any later styles. We have besides the above other articles in leather any one of which would make an elegant, useful and appropriate Xmas present.

There are Lap Portfolios, Writing Desks, Bankers' Cases, Address and Engagement Books. A large assortment of each and a great variety of prices. We can suit you with the article, also with the price.

Megath Stationery Co.,

1308 Farnam. Open evenings.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

President Roberts of the Board of Education has not given up hope yet that L. D. Loewy will come around and pay the school district \$7,000 for the land offered for sale a week ago. Up to the close of business last night Loewy had not made the deposit of cash required and it is inferred now that he has given up the deal. In this connection President Roberts said that he had a purchaser on the string who wants to buy the triangle and if he could be made to stick this patch of ground would be sold independent of the other two lots, which entered into the sale made to Loewy. Mr. Roberts holds that if the triangle is sold for other purposes some brewery will be willing to pay a good price for the two lots directly across the street. At any rate the school district made \$200 by advertising for bids for it holds Loewy's deposit of \$200 and this will not be returned to him.

Will Make the Building Whole. In connection with the complaints recently made about the construction of the new city hall building, Porter & George, the representatives of Mr. Gibbs, the purchaser, said yesterday that all of the promises made by Mr. Finley would be carried out. Mr. George stated that Mr. Finley had made suitable arrangements for the re-erecting of the building and also for making the changes agreed upon before the completion of the property was made. The police court room will be rearranged so as to make a private office for Judge Babcock and the ventilating of this room will be looked after. A speaking tube is to be run from the judge's desk to the city office in the jail below. Judge Babcock is also to have a phone placed in the courtroom and when all the changes contemplated are completed the room will be quite cozy.

Taxes Coming in Promptly. Property owners are paying their taxes this winter much more promptly than for a number of years past. City Treasurer Broadwell reports that more money has been received from taxes during the month of November and for the two weeks of December than for five years past. Of the 1898 city taxes, which became due October 1, 439 receipts have been issued by Deputy Treasurer Gallagher. Last year at this time 377 receipts had been issued and the year before during the same period only 324 receipts. In 1895 taxes came in very slowly as the records show that up to the middle of December only 234 receipts had been written. In 1894 the showing was better, as the receipts handed out totaled 428, while in 1893 the regular taxes are being paid this fall and many of the special district funds will be helped out by the payments made at this time.

Real Estate Movement is Active. Omaha real estate men evidently consider South Omaha a good field to work, as representatives of nearly all of the prominent firms in Omaha are dickering here nearly every day. Property is on the advance and there is no room for the price of rents. Only few vacant houses are to be found and these are being held at more rental than they are worth. If property owners would come down a notch in rents every house and building in the city would be occupied.

Popp Wants Bail. Mike Popp, a Q Street tailor, has filed a claim of \$200 against the city, alleging personal damages. Popp makes the assertion that while walking along a regular trolley a few evenings ago he was thrown forcibly to the ground by reason of a defective plank in the sidewalk. In falling he sustained a sprained wrist and for this he wants the city to pay him the sum noted above.

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