pertaining to the sale of tickets.

Argument Against the City Plunging Into Municipal Socialism

PUBLIC SERVICE QUESTION IS DISCUSSED

Dangerous Kinds of Taxation-Statistics Are Sometimes Mislending -The Duty of a Government-Proposed Ordinance.

is the occasion for the hasty, ill-adv.sed, inconsiderate effort to plunge this city into municipal socialism and communism by demanding the purchase and operation of the water works system and other public util-Itles by the city at this time? Is there any objection to our present magnificent water works system? Is there any objection to the service rendered? Is there any objection to the quantity, quality or purity of the water supplied? Is it not rare to hear of any complaint from the consumers? Is there any general complaint as to the rates charged? Will they not compare favorably with the rates charged in other cities of the same size and conditions? Yes; but they say, the water company makes a profit and the city should own the works, so that we can make the profit.

of making a profit off ourselves! Think of 50 per cent higher than they were at the the butcher, the baker and the grocerykeeper having himself alone for a customer, buy the city hall building or Life or Bee making a profit off himself, and then enthu- buildings at half price. They ought to siastically felicitating himself under the know that the company would not submit comforting feeling that he is getting his to a \$3,000,000 valuation and no court would supplies a little cheaper!

bad contract with the electric light com- lest and another submission necessary, pany, therefore we must violate every eco-

the public interests of the city and guaranteeing to consumers the very lowest rates? Until it is proven, after exhausting every substantial reason and necessity for the city owning and operating its water works syswe have no right or justification for going into the water works business.

But, says the surface-thinker, the city can make a profit. There can be no profit unless the individual consumer, who is a Times of December 31, 1899, says editoripart of the city and owner, pays a profit over and above the cost of the product.

Dangerous Kind of Taxation.

This, then, is a tax upon the individual. It is the most insidious and dangerous kind of taxation, because it is indirect-a tax upon consumption, unequal and unjust. It is like a tax on bread the rich and the poor consume alike. It does not discriminate between the last dollar of the poor of mains and supply and improvements. content as direct taxes and without occasioning so close a scrutiny of the methods in which the proceeds of taxation are expended. Indirect taxes are an underhanded The rich and well-to-do may be justified, from a selfish standpoint, but the middle classes, artisans and laborers, cities as examples for our guidance. What I know nothing that would do them any are stupid indeed to favor such a policy.

policy of individual industrial liberty. The | The present electric light monopoly could even if he is not recalled to the stand in supremacy of the world by reason of its ficialism of those cities and countries? man who will knowingly, or ignorantly, be solved at once by negotiations with a the present investigation. abandon the policy of industrial freedom for substantial company to supply electric lightthe slavery of socialism is an enemy of his ing upon equitable terms and conditions country and a detriment to the well-being requiring them to put all their wires under of its people. The destruction of private ground in conduits. ownership in all its forms is the central principle of socialism and is intended to result, as it must inevitably do, in a political The economic right of a government to monopoly. The political ownership and do for its own account any industrial servoperation of all public service industries is itee which it can cause to be done at less demanded by all socialists wherever their cost to taxpayers or to users of the service views find expression. The movement for by contracting with individuals or corporamunicipal ownership has become political tions is denied. The obligation of a govthrough the leadership of politicians who ernment to centrel all its industrial transachave studied expediency, party prestige and tions by considerations of economic advanpower; not statesmanship, not economic tage only is fundamental. law in the highest and best sense.

ing on the basis of expediency and not cor- to maximize the benefits it confers. and into the merciless jaws of political mo- for existence as industrial organizations. nopoly, machine domination, individual, muturn it over to corruptible politicians and the best manner known to the art at the public officials, with no higher ambitton towest possible price. or concern than to hold their jobs.

Statistics Mistending. service is cheaper under municipal owner- pality can offer to citizens, in the form of They quote statistics and say that the ship. Statistics are misleading, unreliable public services, the more desirable the city and inadequate. All the elements of costs are not included and the varied conditions incre. This can be secured by proper reg. are not considered. It has never been ulation and control. shown, and in the very nature of things never can be shown, that the public can possible benefits from governmental funcmanufacture a better article or render better service at a less cost than a private exercise of the powers and privileges of govcorporation or an individual capitalist, all conditions being equal. In the very nature must be guided by correct principles, not of things it frequently becomes necessary municipalities to construct and operate their water system, for the reason that in order to secure a pure and wholosome water supply, which is a accessity, a stupendous engineering undertaking and outlay of money ere involved and equable terms cannot be

Under these conditions and the absolute special to the Leader says the Philippi bin necessity involved municipalities are justi- \$2,000.

HAS NO EQUAL

OWNERSHIP OF WATER WORKS | field in constituting and operating their SLEUTIS STILL ON SCENT by a private menopoly with no other means of redress they would be justified in purbasing under the right of eminent domain and operating the plant. If there is no controlling necessity to own and operate, it in the function of government to control and regulate. If the city government is not strong enough nor wise enough to regulate and to supervise the business of a monopoly properly, it is not strong nor to enough to own and operate the business of a monopoly economically. The surface thinkers point to the mall service and the public school service and argue from these that the city should own and operate all public service industries. It is sufficient OMAHA, Jan. 13.-To the Editor of The answer to this to suggest that the mail Bee: An intelligent inquiry would be, What service and public education service are ing committee were once more deferred yes- difficulty that each man gathered himself Grain Growers' Mutual Hail association government functions and cannot be classed

with public service industries. The original ordinance called for permiscent bonds, the proceeds, or so much thereof as necessary, to be used to purchase the water works plant. The Commercial club committee, who have demonstrated they are in nowise descended from the wise men of the east, have submitted a revised draft and our likewise councilmen have swallowed it like a nest of pin-feathered birds. Now, this bright committee limited the amount to \$3,000,000, which any one with common sense ought to know will not buy a water plant that cost \$4,500,000, besides \$600,000 recent outlay in improvements, making a total of \$5,100,000, at a time Shades of all the gods at once! Think when iron and construction material are time of construction. As well attempt to compel it to do so. In this event the au-Yes; they say, further, that we made a thority to issue these bonds would be use-

The \$5,000,000 proposition is much more nomic principle of government and own the sensible in the furtherance of the scheme electric light company at once. "Great for the reason it provided said amount or so What a spasm! It passeth all un- much thereof as might be necessary and if derstanding how men in positions assum- we are going into the socialistic business ing to direct the affairs of the city should we had just as well dump \$5,000,000 for disabsolutely ignore the correct economic prin- tribution into the hands of six councilmen, ciples involved and parrow down to a sim- as \$3,000,000, in fact, better, for there ple controversy as to the details of an ordi- might be a chance to get a little of the so- of the alleged inquiry into council proceed- he would be checked up, and on Monday nance and that so stupid and inconsistent cialistic product for our money. But the ings C. S. Hayward, principally concerned had his application for the loan made out that it seriously reflects upon their intelli- bright spot in the new draft is the raising of the interest from 3 to 4 per cent, for the In the councils of the city, from the reason, as reported, that the bonds might duty to purify the whole transmississippi office his defalcation would have been mayor to the Commercial club, no voice is not be taken at the 3 per cent rate and region and that he had so far been suffi- known, but for some reason his wife failed heard giving a reason or justification for thereby defeat the intended object of mak-plunging this city into municipal socialism ing the purchase. They didn't seem to conand communism-a foolish fancy, an eco- sider this serious consequence when they rity nomic fallacy and a damnably destructive cut the limit of the principal to \$3,000,000. policy. What is the necessity for this city it seems, however, that it was interest and of the Board of Education, said there was ture Phoenix gave the loan agent an order going into the water works business? Vio- not principal that controlled and directed lating the functions of government and in- these gentlemen, otherwise they would not vading the domain of industry. Has there have ignored the elements of correct ecobeen any effort made to make a new con- nomics and would have recommended an intract with the present company, based on quiry as to why an effort had not been the conditions now existing and protecting made for terms with the present company before they plunged headlong into municipal socialism and violating the functions of government and unnecessarily and unjustireasonable effort to make a fair contract flably entering upon a policy destructive of with the present company, that there is a industrial liberty and progress. Kansas City owns its water works system

and consumers pay 52 per cent more for water than we do and pay a general tax of \$65,000 annually to support its water service. Minneapolis has had municipal ownership of water works for ten years. The ally: "How much, for example, has the water service in Minneapolis improved in ten years, under public ownership? are still taking water from the river and distributing it at an expense to the consumer that under private ownership would

not be tolerated." Experience shows that we do not get the best and improved service under public own- pose regarding any member. ership. It is more difficult to get extensions present company that would place us on an is entirely without foundation. ownership under similar conditions. We are cited to Glasgow, Scotland, and the German American would willingly exchange condi-This country has attained the industrial tions with the intolerant socialism and of-

The Duty of a Government.

It is the duty of a government to mini-Our city officials and business men, act- mize the amount collected by taxation and rect economic principles, are lending their primary purpose is to protect, benefit and voice and influence to a doctrine that must stimulate the industries of the people and inevitably lead to the destruction of pros- not to make a profit out of selling privileges perity, to the paralyzation of industry and or earvices, nor to encreach upon the doprogress, impotency of individual incentive main of industry by monopelizing its enand freedom, paternalism and discomfort, terprises. Governments have no reasons

Good plain business sense and economic nicipal and social slavery. Already there principles demand that the city should cuter is a cry of official domination and machine into negotiations with the water company methods in primaries, conventions and elec- for the supply of water for public and pritions by organized street gangs and city vate uses, and not until every fair and reaappointees, rewarded for their political pull, sonable means have been exhausfed to Add to this tribe another large contingent, secure a satisfactory contract with said comthe appointees and employes of the water pany, and only as a last resurt and necescompany, gas company, electric light com- sity, should the city go into the business on pany, street railway company, steam heat- its own account. The best bargain for the ing company, telephone and telegraph com- users of the service can be made by stippanies-rolled into one huge monopoly and ulating that it shall always be rendered in

The best bargain for property owners is made when its terms are best for users, The better the advantages are that a municibecomes as a place of residence and bus-

If the people are to secure the greatest tims and public industrial services, the erument and the direction of public policy nd municipal, conditions upon which a rest, will not be established. R. W. RICHARDSON.

West Virginia Bank Is Robbed.

SEND FOR "BABIES" A BOOK FOR MOTHERS.

Borden's Condensed Mills Co., New York

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Hared Agents.

NO ATTACK IS SO FAR MADE ON COUNCIL | ward flight were upon other than questions | J. J. EVERINGHAM IS PLACED IN CHARGE

City's Legislative Body Up to Present Enjoys Immunity from the Inquisition-Important Testimony Today.

The sittings of the school board investigat- from the falling of the cage. It was with are in search of testimony other than that was badly shaken up and bruised. sion from the people to issue \$5,000,000 3 per offered by detectives. They realize that however direct and convincing the facts direct closed from that source may be, the evidence is always weakened to a certain extent when accummulated by hired agents. The evidence so far developed against Members Sears, Itey and Hess is wholly of professional character, the exchanges of money being made and witnessed only by letectives. An attempt will be made to induce teachers who have suffered from the B, for embezzlement. Postmaster Crow and persecutions of insurance agents on the Inspector Staclair spent several hours. taking is found to be a delicate and dif- perarily in charge of Charles Grow. ficult one as teachers are naturally averse to the notoriety attached to bringing charges of the Postoffice department, "promises to against any member.

An important witness against Member which have occurred in the last few years, Cowie, who has not yet appeared, is H. B. the authors of which have not yet been Dodge of Chicago, western agent for the found. Of course, when a man is ar-Wilson venetian blind. Mr. Dodge has been rested all the crooked work by unknown in the city for several days awaiting the convenience of the committee, but has not been called up to this time, owing to the detail with which his relationship with Cowie has already been related.

Council So Far Unimpeached. The rumor which has circulated about the make public the result of our investigations strects for several days that the Commercial this evening, but until we are ready to act club members behind the investigation in- we can say nothing." tend to extend the inquiry to the doings of | It has developed that in order to raise the the city council and other official bodies has money to make good the shortage Phoenix so far no foundation in fact. In speaking mortgaged his furniture. He feared that in the school board exposure, remarked that and would have received the money he did not conceive it to be his immediate that night, and turning it into the postciently occupied with the body in which he to sign the mortgage in time for him to membership and for whose integ- get the money until after the investigation, was in a measure re-President J. F. Burgess, in addition he F. Burgess, In addition to the mortgage on the furnieponsible. nothing in the rumor of an impending sen- on the postomice for wages due up to Janusation in the council so far as he knew, ary 16, but as he was paid in full to Janu-

He regarded statements to that effect as any 15 and laid off the next day the loan having their origin in certain newspaper broker is out that security, though he says offices. Attorneys Gaines and Duffle, in he is secured by reason of the mortgage, charge of the investigation, also said that Wednesday afternoon the preliminary exthey entertained no intention of making an amination of Richard Phoenix was called attack on the council. The committee has before United States Commissioner Anderno jurisdiction further than the school board son. The defendant, when arraigned, pleaded inquiry, and any attempt to delve into the not guilty and was placed under \$1,000 councilmen's records can only be brought bonds for his appearance before the United about through charges preferred in county States court in May. He was not repre-

siderable importance in hand which it B Irey, who signed the bond, remarking uncollectible. promises to make public at its sitting to- as he did so: "This is a piece of personal

It has been stated on the authority of the through. There is a little too much of county attorney that Architect McDonald ruining private and public character for Yearly would contribute some sensational testi- personal spite." mony providing he were granted immunity. The county attorney is said to have given that he converted the money to his own use. him the desired assurance. McDonald, how- but says that he was keeping it at home nothing of an incriminating nature to ex-

widow and the dollar which is only one in of mains and supply and improvements.

Widow and the dollar which is only one in But, conceding that good service is supplied an income of a million. They are imposed and that rates are lower in many cities absolutely without foundation. I know corned but says that he can collect it on court too mains and supply and improvements.

The court room was merry for a minute to replace it. He admits giving | December, 1863, the city's portion of the But, conceding that good service is supplied at 5 cents for it is possible that Attorney Miller felt flatan income of a million. They are imposed and that rates are lower in many cities and that rates are lower in many cities absolutely without foundation. I know every 1,000 feet sold and paid for during the under municipal ownership than here, it nothing of any corrupt deals in the board year. The comptroller says that each pering his prosecution with kindness. does not follow that we cannot, under the and the story that I am about ready to make present conditions, make a contract with the a confession provided I be allowed to go free Attorneys equal footing with any city under municipal for the committee have been after me for two days to testify against members of the board, but I have repeatedly told them that

> McDonald will doubtless be a witness when the cases get into the district court,

NOT UNANIMOUS ON BURKLEY

Jacksonian Democrats Hunting a Man Who Can Get Patriotle League Support.

"The democrats of Omaha have by no means settled upon Frank Burkley as their ture. Applicants must have technical candidate for mayor," says one of the party knowledge of the subject of forestry and leaders. "Mr Burkley has received the en- its history. dorsement of the Douglas county democracy, but the Jacksonian club has not endorsed cation to the secretary at Washington, and county democracy leaders are not ardent the local secretary of the board. Examinastronger man could be selected. They claim this city. to have had information that Burkley, be cause of his church affiliations, will not receive the support of the Patriotic league and these men lean toward W. S. Poppleton. The latter is not understood to be an open aspirant for the nomination and would not indulge in any contest for it, but the men who are opposed to Burkley because he canwould get that vote were he nominated,

There has been a great deal of talk faever had an intimation that he could be induced to accept the nomination. He is now in Europe and will not return before the

nomination. "Ed P. Smith is also receiving mention from the Jacksonian contingent. There is no doubt that the Jacksonian crowd will make a strong endeavor to find some one to head off Burkley, and they are even accused by the county democracy of having declared their opposition to the selection of R. L. Metcalfe for delegate at large to the national convention, in favor of which the county democracy has declared itself."

LOST CONTROL OF ELEVATOR Inexperienced Operator Gives Promi-

nent Local Passenger Men a Rapid Downward Ride.

A shake-up of local passenger men or xpediency. Until this is done every phase curred yesterday which, for an instant, governmental activity, national, state promised dire consequences. It came about after the conclusion of the regular weekly remedy that gives immediate relief. prosperity for the whole people can in a room on the top floor of the United States National bank building. The meeting was entirely harmonious. Secretary Munn's report of local conditions was read. I showed a gratifying state of affairs and the passenger men were in prime good humor when the meeting adjourned.

George Abbott of the Union Pacific, T. F. Godfrey of the Missouri Pacific, J. B. Reyolds of the Burlington, George West of the Northwestern and J. S. McNally of the Rock Island left the meeting together and entered the elevator. A scurrying of feet was heard oming down the hall and the elevator tarried a moment, when Charlie Stockham, contracting freight agent of the Northwestern. hurried into the elevator. He was cordially greeted by the passenger men, but was somewhat suspicious of the reception and hastily buttoned his cont, fearful that the passenger agents might have designs upon

his watch and other valuables. The elevator began to descend and increased its rapidity each instant. It was noticed that the elevator boy was frightened and George West turned as pale as

his immaculate lines when he recognized IN HANDS OF the regular conductor. As the case flew by the third floor at a terrific speed the lad-Committee in Quest of Witnesses Other Than lost control of himself as completely as he but already lost control of the elevator, and sank helplers and terrified upon the floor.

The elevator struck the ground floor with

turb the foundations of the big bank build-

ing. The city passenger representatives

and the lone freight contractor were thrown

into a heap. They succeeded in extricating

New Developments Promised by

Postoffice Inspector.

hands is attributed to him, and there is no

telling how much of it will be fastened

Asked if there were any new developments

Inspector Sinclair said: "There is nothing

Speaking of his arrest Phoenix denied

Places Requiring Technical

Knowledge.

penitentiary. Applicants must have know-

edge of the Bertillon method of identifi-

cation. Examination of assistant ethnologic

librarian, Smithsonian institute, Applicants

must have knowledge of French, Italian,

February 15 and 16-Assistant and expert

in forestry, history, department of agricul-

Application blanks may be had upon appli

HYDOCK IS STILL IN JAIL

Friends to Pay Fine Imposed

by Judge Fawcett.

over South Omaha, accompanied by a dep-

uty sheriff, for financial assistance, bu

twice been arrested prior to this occasion,

once for assault and once for largeny as

bailce. The assault charge was dismissed

and on trial for larceny he was acquitted.

Hydock had his experience with Judge

Fawcett several months ago. He took an

bunal has just affirmed Judge Fawcett's

appeal to the supreme court and that tri-

the search was fruitless.

Drumming Up Trade—

German and Spanish.

the secretary of the board as follows:

for publication yet. We may be ready to

onto Phoenix."

themselves from the debris which resulted *

in Trouble. The passenger agents confess now that their thoughts during their brief down-

i jolt that seemed terrific enough to dis- Officers Claim They Have Resorted to Receivership in Order to Secure the Payment of the Losses.

Upon the application of counsel for the

terday in order that certain evidence might together and hobbled off up Farnam street, Judge Dickinson has appointed J. J. Evercature. The attorneys behind the inquiry None suffered serious injury, although each ingham receiver for that institution, which has been in existence for about a year and which has had more or less trouble in the courts of late on account of the indisposi-MORTGAGES HIS FURNITURE tion of some of its members to pay their assessments. The application was supported Phoenix Thus Covers His Shortage- by a statement from C. C. White, treasurer of the company, who declared that it is impossible for the company to pay its losses because the members will not pay Investigation is still in progress in the their assessments, wherefore he wanted a age of Richard Phoenix of postoffice station receiver appointed to make the collections and meet the liabilities of the association. The application, with the story of Treasboard to testify to the facts. This under- Wednesday at station B, which is now teen- urer White, shows that in August last the company levied an assessment of 3.6 cents "The arrest of Phoenix," said an officer cellection of which in full would have reclear up several pieces of crooked work alized for the exchequer about \$120,000. Of fort may be made to bring Sipe back. this sum the company has been able to

> pay assessments. \$56,000, of which about \$18,000 is offset by to issue a title to the property as agreed. assessments due from those sustaining the Sipe has been in the real estate business. lesses, leaving aggregate losses of about Just why he should absent himself from \$38,000, which the company claim to have court in a case where only \$50 is involved no means to pay and which it desires the is a question the officers are probing. court to have paid by a receiver who can coffect the assessments still due. The officers claim that a suit in quo warranto, instituted some time ago by a man named Brown or Wakefield, and the scandal that grew out of it has so discredited the company that it has been required to expend a great deal of money in an ineffectual effort to make its collections and that the colof the company. Some of the members have pany. intimated that they would be willing to pay a receiver and the officers claim that they have taken this step to secure the payment

of the losses. Attention is called to the fact as shown by the application for a receiver and the state ment of the officers above given that while something like \$61,000 of the \$120,000 assessment appears to have been collected, not a dollar of it has ever been paid out toward moeting the losses, but that it has all gone into officers' salaries, agents' salarles and commissions and general expenses. Out of the collections the officers appear to have allowed themselves munificent salaries and have dealt with great liberality with agents in securing business. It is figured that of the \$59,000 still claimed to be due in assesssented by counsel and when the amount The committee still has evidence of con- of his bond was fixed he sent for Horace enents over 25 per cent will be found to be

spitework and I am going to see Dick CITY'S SHARE IN GAS RECEIPTS Revenue from Franchise Shows Material Increase in

Last Six Years.

An important item of revenue paid yearly ever, denies the report and says he has and was so busy Monday that he had no into the city treasury is the city's share in time to turn it into the postoffice, though the profits of the Omaha Gas company, fixed he admitted to the postmaster that he had by the terms of the franchise. When the After reading the World-Herald's story, used the money and had mortgaged his twenty-five-year franchise was granted in under the caption, "McDonald Will Tell All furniture to replace it. He admits giving December, 1893, the city's portion of the year the percentage has been paid into the | "Do you work, boy?" he resumed. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION treasury before January 15, and that he Government Wants Men in Several pany to make sure that the apportionment and sing up there." portion has been marked in each of the proval and the judged rapped for order, last five years, and in 1899 amounted to Notice of civil service examinations in the almost twice the sum of 1894. This year's classified service have been received by payment was reported from the treasurer last night and referred to the comptroller. February 6 and 7-Examinations for The city's receipts from this source have ecord and identification clerk United States | been as follows:

POSTOFFICE VAULT IS ROBBED Nearly Three Hundred Dollars Disappears Over Night from the Park Avenue Station.

When the official in charge of postoffice his candidacy, and in fact many of the all other information will be furnished by station B, 1509 Park avenue, opened his safe yesterday he falled to find any trace of saying that his father seems the guiltier Burkley men, because they think that a tions will be held in the federal building in \$294 which had been deposited there the night before. Postmaster Crow and In spector Sinclair are making an inquiry, but have not as yet fixed upon any theory which can be made public.

Albert Davis, a clerk in the registry de South Omaha Policeman Falls to Find partment, was placed in charge when Super intendent Phoenix was suspended yesterday In the evening he placed the money in th Policeman Anton Hydock of South Omaha, safe, which he locked by turning the comnot win the support of the Patriotic leaguers who was sent to jail to serve out a \$200 bination. This morning when the safe was are for Poppleton on the ground that he fine imposed by Judge Fawcett for viola- opened the money was gone and the matter tion of an order of court relative to throw- was at once reported. The safe had apparing an election challenger out of a voting ently not been tampered with and the lock vorable to Guy C. Barton, but no one has booth, still lingers behind the bars, waiting had evidently been thrown by some one fafor friends to come to his rescue. Just miliar with the combination.

before going to jail Hydock searched all BROKER SIPE IS MISSING Mr. Frederick Hatter — Deputy Sheriffs Fail to Find Accused Hydock has within the last few months South Omaba Real Estate Dealer experienced trouble thick and fast. He has

Who is Wanted in Court. J. W. Sipe, who was arraigned before Judge Vinconhaler in the county court Tues. rect in color and shape-a last that has

day merning on the charge of larceny by never been equaled for that." The ballee, did not wait to hear the finish of the Dunlap and Stetson hats still retain trial. Being on bond Sipe left the court their position-the leaders in shapeswhen noonday adjournment was reached-and he never came back,

After walting two or three hours Judge Vinsonhaler issued a captas and sent a "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung deputy sheriff to look for the missing detrouble following grippe." Thousands owe fendant. The deputy returned empty their lives to the prompt action of this never handed. He was sent out again yesterfailing remedy. It cures coughs, colds day. At noon he rep ried to Judge Vinsoncroup, bronchitis, pneumonta, grippe and haler that he had falled to find Sipe, and throat and lung troubles. Its early use pre- that he had information to the effect that vents consumption. It is the only harmless he had crossed to the Iowa side of the river. thus putting himself out of the jurisdiction

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The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of In Use For Over 30 Years.

Meantime the losses have aggregated and that Sipe kept the money and refused fusion,

BABEL OF TONGUES IN COURT Italian, Swede and Negro Attempt to Clear Themselves of Charges of Cont Stenling.

An aged Italian, a young Swede and a 12year-old negro boy were arraigned in police lections during the last month have not court yesterday, charged with stealing that the quarantine had been broken often been sufficient to meet the running expenses coal from the Union Pacific Rallway com- in this case and in the case of the family speak intelligible English, and in the case of of Dr. von Lackum. the Italian an interpreter in the person of The Board of Health reports that it is hav-Antonio Venuto had to be called in. Venuto himself has only a slight acquaintance with which has come before it in years. The the tongue of his adopted country. "Dac" Schwenk, attorney for the defense, speaks German fluently, but English with indiffer- houses within the walls, but yesterday one ence. The result was that the testimony at times was bewildering.

through his interpreter that he was merely picking the coal off the ground. "He notta get inna da car," repeated

But the testimony of other witnesses was igniest Grodsocke, so he was fined \$5. "There's no excuse for stealing coal such his own defense. As there was no evidence in rebuttal of

this Swanson was dismissed. He had simply been on the scene when the other intends to investigate Von Lackum and see arrests were made. It remained for the little negro boy to far no action has been taken. furnish amusement for the court. He told

Attorney Miller, the city prosecutor, that his name was John Edward Sanders, "Have you a lawyer?" asked Ed Miller.

"Who is he? "You."

"No. sir, but I'm going to work for the karrison post and the buildings will be has checked over the books of the com- Orpheum next week. I'm going to dance turned over to the surgeon general of the was correct. The increase in the city's Again the spectators attested their ap- hospital to be established there as a sani-

'How long have you been stealing ccal?" "Oh, about six months. My father wakes pulmonary troubles. me early every morning and sends me out with a sack after it."

'But don't you know it's wrong?" "Well, he'd lick me if I didn't go."

A railroad yard detective, testifying for the state, said that young Sanders was only one of about a dozen boys whom he had caught in the act of looting a freight car loaded with coal. Day was just breaking as he came upon them. They were clamber ing over the car like Brownies, relieving he monotony of petit larceny by pelting each other with coal. Sanders being fat, culdn't run very fast, so he alone was eaught. Weighing the car afterward disloved the fact that 1,500 pounds of coal

had been stolen. However, the judge discharged the boy,

SAME DATE AS DEMOCRATS Silver Republicans Fix City Conven

tion for February 10 and Talk for Fusion. An informal meeting of the silver repub-

ican city committee was held Wednesday Sternoon, at which it was decided to hold the city convention of that party at 2 p. m. on February 10 and the primaries Wednesday, February 7. It will be noted that the

on the dollar upon its membership, the of this court. The matter was referred to date of the convention is the same as that the county attorney for action, and an ef- of the democrats and one week later that that of the populists. The silver republicar The action before Judge Vinsonhaler was leaders express confidence in their ability collect all but \$59,000, which latter sum is brought by Joseph Abernathy, a colored to effect a fusion with the democracy, in still due because members have refused to man, who says he paid Sipe \$50 as the first spite of the recent capture of the democratic installment on a town lot in South Omaha machinery by the faction that has decried

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Board of Health and Physician Disngree Over a Case of Smallpox.

People in the neighborhood of Twentysixth and Decatur streets are very much excited over a case of smallpox which has developed in the family of Arl Blains, 2604 Decatur street, and which was reported as a case of chickenpox by Dr. P. von Lackum. The report was current in the neighborhood Of this trio the boy alone could of F. M. Blains, 2525 Decatur, also in charge

ing more trouble over this case than any board has appointed a policeman on that beat to keep the inmates of the quarantined of the inmates went to the drug store nearest the house, according to the druggist, but Raffo Goodsocke, the Italian, testified the immate denies ever being out of the

The board is not satisfied with the course taken by the physician in charge and on Tuesday notified Dr. von Lackum of the quarantine established. He said that he would tear down the card if the board put it but the card remained yesterday weather as this," said Acting Judge Learn. The board has decided that it will not take "An yust standen round luke at him boy the case away from Von Lackum, but insists ump on car," said Swanson, the Swede, in that he observe the quarantine. Understanding that he would not do this, a physician was sent out Tuesday, but has been recalled. The board intimates that it that he obeys the rules of the board, but so

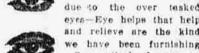
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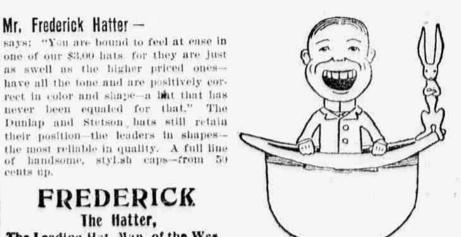
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