Tax Levy Ordinance is Introduced and Referred to the Finance Committee.

LEVY MUST BE DECIDED ON NEXT WEEK

Ordinance Providing for a Bond Issue for Paving and Carbing is Introduced and Given Two Rendings.

immediate necessity for fixing the tax levy, the jail cells. having deferred the vexed question as long as possible, and its deliberations for the next week will be largely concerned with the subject. On Friday night the body will meet informally in open session and will attempt to find an equity between the needs of the various departments and the burdens of the taxpayers. The heads of departments will present statements of the work done under their charge and the expenses attached thereto, while property owners will also be invited to express their

At the meeting Tuesday night a levy or-Ginance was introduced by Chairman Burk- pensation will be commensurate with the ley of the finance committee, read for the duties performed. Bruce McCulloch, editor first and second times and referred to his of the Stockman, is prominently mentioned committee. The spaces in which the amounts for the position and everyone admits that yan, the eastern poet-philosopher of earlier will be inserted were left blank, the skele- he would make a first-class secretary. W. ton form being used to save time, as under B. Cheek, live stock agent for the Burlingthe law the levy must be fixed next week.

An ordinance was also heard for the first a number of others. and second times providing for a proposed bond issue for the purpose of paving devote his entire time to the business is and curbing. It is purposed to use the considered by many a good one and it is \$25,000 named in the ordinance for paving intended to have the secretary act as a sort intersections and spaces opposite alleys.

cents per 1,000 feet the city's share of ment. the year's receipts amounts to \$11,390.64.

The tax commissioner recommended that certain personal assessments against Horace G. Burt be remitted. Mr. Burt explained grading of M street and it is possible that that during the year 1897 he was not a enough signers may be secured to a petition resident of the city and his statement was accepted by the council.

The Advisory Board set forth in a communication that it had received and approved of a proposal from the exposition company for the sale of various trucks and streets. The property owners considered hose wagons. The price named was \$1,300, or the presents. The matter was referred to the committee on fire.

Council's Investigation.

The council's investigating committee reported that it had met and adjourned for four days without having received complaints of any description. The report was adopted and placed on file. Mount proposed that the committee meet the bill of the secretary, individually, inasmuch as the inquiry had been conducted for their private satisfaction. No action was taken on the suggestion.

A notification was received from the Board of Education and placed on file that the amount needed for school maintenance during the coming year would be

J. W. Carr, attorney for Mrs. Ida Goliner, asked that the council co-operate with him in an effort to collect a fee amounting to \$22. He said that Mrs. Gollner had secured | residents of the Third ward in the ordinance \$175 damages from the city owing to his efforts and he warned the city that he would expect the amount of his fee deducted from the award. The matter was referred to the

city attorney A majority of property owners on Thirtyseventh street between Farnam and Leav- is prepared and passed that is legal. It is enworth petitioned that the street be paved, while a majority of the freeholders on Thirty-second street from Arbor south to the city limits protested against the laying Forty days must elapse before the ordinance of paving. Both communications were placed can be tested, and if after this time the

The ordinance increasing the license fee of lunch wagons was read for the first time. A. Buchanan was given permission to build a double brick tenement without a twelve-inch intervening wall as required by

Charles C. Cameron, occupying a shooting gallery at 1204 Douglas street, was authorized to continue his business at the present a temporary structure.

On recommendation of the city attorney injury received in a fall at Thirtieth and

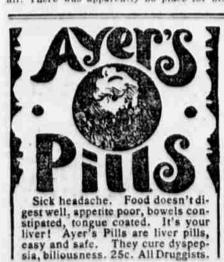
Lalk street. The council will assemble at 4 p. m. today to listen to the reading of the mayor's

POLICE RAKE IN THE HOBOES

Make a Fine Collection of Tramps and Lodge Them in the City Jail.

The police department threw out a "dragnet" Tuesday night and made a catch of thirteen hoboes. The meshes of the net were made up of Sergeants Bebout and Wisenberg, Officers Rentfrow, Lahey, Wilson, Goodrich and Reevy and Detectives Savage and Dunn. The net was carried to the Burlington station by the patrol wagon from whence it was taken to the vicinity of Gibson by a special car. There it was spread out and carefully drawn up through the railroad yards. Tramps were dragged out from every sort of shelter that afforded a protection from the cold. With one exception they offered no resistance and showed

no resentment at being taken prisoners. The man who did attempt to escape when routed out unintentionally gave the officer who pursued him a mental shock from which he will tremble for some time. The tramp led the chase across a perfectly open les with the officer in hot pursuit about ten feet in the rear, when suddenly the hobo disappeared as if he had melted into thin air. There was apparently no place for him



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pursuing him. The policeman stopped in-stantly and thought of his lack of prepara- largely attended. ion to cope with supernatural agencies and he began to wish he knew a prayer or two and had been a better man. When he turned again and looked at the spot where he had last seen the fugitive on earth a human head was sticking up out of the ground. This was more blood-curdling than ever, but the officer being a brave man went for ward and solved the mystery. There was an old cistern there which had been grown over with weeds and the tramp had unexpectedly fallen into it. He was pulled out and taken to the station with the rest, and The city council is finally faced with an they welcomed the warmth and comforts of

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

When it became known yesterday that Colonel Lott proposed to resign as secretary of the Live Stock exchange, several candidates for the position blossomed out It is understood that the exchange will now employ a secretary who is to devote his entire time to the business and the comton, is also mentioned, in addition to quite

The idea of securing a secretary who will of a press agent for the yards and this mar-The council was confronted with rather ket. Mr. McCulloch is considered the best a delicate question in determining the per- man for the place and if suitable arrangeson entitled to damages declared on certain ments can be made he may accept. When property appropriated for the Southwest the directors of the exchange meet next boulevard. The real estate was held in Monday the resignation of Colonel Lott will the name of the South Side Real Estate be read and without doubt it will be ac-Building company, which claims the cepted. The new secretary will have an of-\$275 damages awarded. It transpires, how- fice in the Exchange building and will atever, that the real owner is W. F. Vila, who tend to a great mass of business which is is now in the act of foreclosing a mort- now transacted by the officers of the assogage. The point was referred to the city ciation. Other markets have a secretary who devotes all his time to the interests The comptroller reported that he had of the market where he is employed and checked over the books of the Omaha Gas South Omaha does not propose to be left company and found its report correct. At behind when it comes to an advance move-

New Grading Estimates.

New estimates are being made for the to induce the city council to create a grading district. When City Engineer Beal was first requested to make an estimate he figured that it would cost \$15,000 to fill the holes between Twentieth and Twenty-second this too much, and cast about for means which the board considered much below the to reduce the cost. Several owners of ungraded property have been interested and it is stated that they are willing to pay 5 cents a cubic yard for the removal of dirt from their places and the district will pay the same amount for the fill. George Mc-Bride is working on the scheme and is trying to secure enough pledges to insure a

It is estimated by Mr. McBride that \$19,000 will pay the entire cost of grading and if this is so it is more than probable that the work will be done. When the street is May its shadow never grow less, graded it is proposed to pave it with brick and a fine roadway to the Burlington tracks will thus be opened. When a street to the river is opened and paved the railroad company will erect a depot and stop all eastbound trains, so that South Omaha patrons may not be compelled to go to Omaha and ride back on street cars

New Street Car Ordinance Coming. Considerable interest is being manifest by compelling the street car company to extend the Q street line to Fortieth street. Councilman Wear is looking after the interests of the people over there and he says that if the ordinance passed is no legal he proposes to see that an ordinance openly asserted that Mayor Ensor knew when he signed the ordinance that it was not legal and would not hold in court car line is not built it is the intention of Wear and his friends to introduce another ordinance.

Brick Pavement Wearing Out. The brick pavement on Q street between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth streets is in a deplorable condition and will soon have to be repaired. This pavement was laid in 1892 and the paving company guaranteed it for one year. As the guarantee has long stand despite the fact that the building is since expired it devolves upon the city to make the repairs. The money for this work will have to come out of the general fund C. E. Bruner was allowed \$175 for personal as there is little if anything left in the street repair fund. An examination of the L street pavement shows that it is in a bad condition and before long repairs will have to be made to this street. Under these cir-

Wreck in the Yards.

A Missouri Pacific passenger engine struck Rock Island engine No. 652 in the north and Jackson streets, caught fire from a yards yesterday afternoon and caused a stovepipe at 9.25 a. m. yesterday. The fire development was called out, but the blaze from Omaha. The Rock Island engine was rived. The damage was slight. running from a switch on to the main line when the Missouri Pacific train passed. The two engines came together with a shock and the Rock Island engine was knocked off the track and one of its axles broken. The passenger train was delayed for about an expensive train was delayed for about an stoners to take such actions. No one was injured and the wrecking crew had the track cleared before night.

Improvements at Stock Yards. It is understood that the Stock Yards company will complete the macadam road to L street in the spring. General Manager Kenyon said yesterday that arrangements were being made for the letting of a contract for the building of this road. It is to extend from the horse and mule barn to L street and will be a continuation of the macadam road laid last year. When this new road is completed there will be a fine wide driveway from the east gates of the yards to the main entrance on the north.

Retail Clerks' Annual Ball. The first annual ball of the Retail Clerks' ssociation was held at Odd Fellows' hall last night. A. N. Davis was master of cerenonies and he was assisted by the followng committees: Reception-D. B. Follett, J. Wyth, P. F. McEvoy, J. F. O'Leary, Richard Novak, Floor committee-Ed Blake, C. S. Seattergood, P. J. Calkins, W. A. Berry, J. S. Barnett. Those attending were attingly entertained and complimented the derks on their selection of committees for the occasion.

Before his departure for the south the mayor issued an order directing that all members of the police force give a surety ond by February 1. Out of the seventeen members of the force twelve have filed onds issued by the Nebraska Mutual Bond association of Omaha. It is expected that

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS to have gone. To reach the only shelter in sight the man would have had to turn and go directly back past the officer who was siderable attention and as a rule they are

> Magie City Gossip. January cattle receipts are considerably in excess of those of a year ago. On Friday evening the Rebekahs will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows'

A Burling on car off the tracks in the north varies yesterday delayed live stock trains for a short time. The funeral of P. D. Armour, it., will be neld Thursday afternoon from the family esidence, 3007 Michigan avenue, Chicago. The Woman's auxiliary of St. Martin's surch will meet this afternoon with Mrs. V. Miller, Twenty-first and N streets. Republicans in the Third ward would like o nominate W. B. Olin for the council rank Lee of Armour's is also being talked

The cold weather has put a step to all ut of door work. Grading operations have een suspended and building has also been topped.

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The cycle is appropriately named "In Persian Garden' and it is interesting to note that, while it has been given many times in the east, last night was the occasion of its first presentation in Omaha. The concert was given under the auspices of the musical department of the Woman's club at the First Congregational church. The music is, as a whole, of a somewhat mixed character and is not essentially oriental, or, at least as much so as one naturally makes up.

A large amount of new sewer construc-Persian Garden" and it is interesting to least, as much so as one naturally makes up his mind to expect.

The composition, while generally interesting, is not absorbing, nor is it indicative of master hand.

The concert was preceded by a miscellaneous program, which gave each of the soloists a chance to appear to advantage in a free field. Following this Miss Alice Howell read the verses which were afterward sung. commenting thereon with a certainty and ease delightfully interesting.

Of the soloists Mrs. Weakley was easily the star. Her magnificent contralto voice won instant admiration and her singing throughout was artistic, finished and scholarly.

Mrs. Fullerton made the most of a voice which was not extraordinary and gave a satisfactory presentation of the soprano parts. Mr. Runcie is the possessor of a pleasing

light tenor voice, not of startling qualities to commend itself, or atone for his rather amateurish manner. Mr. Farrell did some good work in his

solos and was an adequate support to the quartets. All in all, the production was scarcely what could be called a professional one Omaha has certainly several singers who could have given the same satisfaction, but Omaha singers did not do it and thereby

hangs a moral, if one looks for it. Mrs. Howard Kennedy played an accommodating accompaniment, but without the breadth requisite to the desired object of an accompanist, namely, the power to support It was a pleasure to see the church full.

Christian Endeavor Rally.

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A missionary social and rally of the Omaha Christian Endeavor union was held Tuesday evening at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church. Dr. Sargent, pastor delivered an address of welcome to an audience shat filled the auditorium. Dr. Herring delivered an address in behalf of missionary work, speaking favorably of the part taken by the Endeavorers. A social address was delivered by Mrs. Garloch. The union adjourned to the church pariors after the exercises, where an excellent lunch was served. The reception committee was composed of Messrs. Talmage, Conklin and Chase and Misses Reed.

mage. Conklin and Chase and Misses Reed, Ward and Groh. LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mrs. Nathan Rothschild, who has been il for several weeks, is much improved, and will soon be about again. A burglar broke into 2018 Davenport Thursday and stole a rug, comforter, car-pet, two pillows and two pairs of blankets. Miss Mattle Evans, formerly a nurse in the lowa institute for the feeble minded at Glenwood, has accepted a nosition as nurse in the Child's hospital of Omaha.

A. W. Finley reports to the police that he was "touched" for \$25.70 in his lodging house, 721 North Sixteenth street, Saturday. The money was in a black leather pouch and was taken from his hip pocket.

The North Omaha improvement club has issued a neat card, giving full information regarding its regular sessions, the place of meeting and containing the names of al-the officers and standing committees.

Frank Mitchell, colored, who has served a term in the penitentiary for burglarizing freight care, was given lifteen days in police court yesterday for raising a dis-turbance on Ninth street Monday night. A meeting of those interested in a tract park will be held tonight at McKen-na's hall. Sherman avenue and Locust streets. A full attendance of north side residents and others interested is anticipa-

cumstances the city will have to make a larger levy than usual for street repairs this year.

The women of the Columbus guild of St. Peter's parish gave a social Tuesday night in Metropolitan hall. High five was the core of the evening. Music and refreshments were served during the course of the

The roof of the Sheridan coal office, Sixth

Frederick Pett, the father of the lad who was killed by a motor car Monday, has expressed himself as deeming a coroner's inquest unnecessary. The statement of Motorman Otto Wendt that the boy ran in front of the car in such a manner as to make the accident unavoidable is considered sufficient explanation.

David R Cameron, a butcher, ran to catch a motor car at Sixteenth and Cass streets Monday evening, and the unwonted agitation jarred from his coat pocket a purse containing a \$150 check and \$13 in money. Payment on the check has been stopped at the banks, but Cameron despairs of recovering the \$13. He realizes that it is an unlucky sum.

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A new ruling has just been received from the internal revenue commissioner in answer to a question by Collector Houtz regarding the necessity for a stamp on a certificate of transcript of judgment issued by a justice of the peace. The new rule is that when the transcript is to be used in a legal proceeding it does not need a stamp, but when used for private purposes it does.

Mecca court, No. 13, Tribe of Ben Hur, gave its first dance of the scason Tuesday night in Patterson hall, Seventeenth and Farnam streets. There was a good crowd present and sixteen dances and a number of extras were enjoyed. The committee on arrangements was composed of Fred Maxwell, C. E. Allen, Mrs. F. White, Mrs. Furguson and G. H. Lewis, G. H. Lewis was also master of ceremonles.

The cold weather of the last few days is an unlucky sum.

also master of ceremonies.

The cold weather of the last few days has pleased the iceman immensely. It has frozen the ice on the different lakes and reservoirs to a thickness of seven or eight inches. The Reservoir Ice company, which recently absorbed the Arctic. Seymour Lake and South Omaha Ice companies, will begin cutting ice today. A force of about 100 men will be started on the job and if the cold weather continues this number will be increased.

The Scottish Rite degree lodges of

association of Omaha. It is expected that the balance of the force will file their bonds within the next day or two. Under this ruling of the mayor the bond of policemen is fixed at \$5500 instead of \$1.000 as formerly.

Methodist Revival Meetings.

Revival services are being held every night at the First M. E. church. Rev. J. E. Moore of Omaha preached last night and Rev. Bateman of the Omaha Advocate staff will preach tonight. Rev. A. C. Welsh is to

One of the favorite musical entertainments In his capacity as city engineer, Mr. Rosefor the last few seasons has been the Liza water is ex-officio chairman of the Board Lehmann song cycle, or musical settings of of Public Works and many years of pracverses from the "Rubalyat" of Omar Khay- tical experience have made him exceptionally familiar with the subjects at issue In substance his report is as follows;

Work by Contract.

tion there remains work under contract to be completed during 1999 asgregating about \$85,000.

A large amount of new sewer construction, which it was deemed more economical to do by day labor, has been completed ouring the year, in addition to that contracted for. It comprises 350 feet of pipe storm sewer on Fifteening the year, in addition to that street from Dodge street to Capital Street from Boulevard, costing \$1,351. This work amounts to 1,355 feet of briefs and 1,200 feet of storm sewer on Boulevard, costing \$1,351. This work amounts to 1,355 feet of sewers, making an aggregate of new sewer construction of 2,63-109 miles and a total mileage of 12,122-109 of public sewers in the city and cost \$1,755,635. The total mileage of pavements in the city is \$2.5 at a cost of \$5,035,772.

In addition to the sidewalks constructed by the city under contract \$5,53-100 miles of cement and brick walks were laid under the supervision of city inspectors by private relitizens, making a total of 19,37-100 miles of permanent sidewalks laid during the year. The engineering department issued 1,75 feermits for street cuts, mainly for sewer connections. Plans for these connections were determined in the engineer's office and the work in each case laid out and the construction supervised by the department. The city treasurer received for fees as a result of this work \$2,085 during the year. The main storm sewers, which have been received by the department to the general fund.

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the general fund.

The main storm sewers, which have been repeatedly reported in dangerous condition within the last few years, have received considerable attention during the year. The old brick sewer on Twontieth street, near Harney, located thirty-live feet below the paved surface, was overhauled and about lifty feet was entirely taken up and reconstructed and new inlets and manh les constructed in connection with it to admit of more ready drainage and access for future supervision. The large extent of work found necessary to be done in consequence of the neglect to give it timely attention in past years has rendered the draft upon the sewer bond fund necessary, owing to the exceedingly small sum provided in the maintenance fund levy.

The greater portion of expense for sewer construction this year has been unon the sewer mains in North Omaha to dispose of the flood waters of the large creeks. The old canal on Thirty-liest avenue, north of Pinkney street, has been entirely filled up and a large storm sewer Say's feet has been constructed from the creek, south of Pinkney, and Forty-second street, east to Thirty-first avenue, and north to Sprague street, thence east to a point where the main branch of the North creek intersects and enters the sewer leading to Twenty-seventh street.

Paving Improvements. the general fund. main storm sewers, which have been

Paving Improvements. The paved area of Omaha at the close of the year is 1,554,416 square yards, covering eighty-two and one-half miles of streets and alleys. Of this 15.4 miles are wooden block pavements and 67.1 are asphalt, stone brick and macadam, the latter being on Lincoln avenue and covering one and two-thirds miles. These pavements have cost up to date, exclusive of repairs and maintenance, \$5.036,772. The interest paid on bonds issued for this work may be fairly assumed as amounting to \$1.500,000 additional. For maintenance the cost has been approximately \$150,000, making the tobeen approximately \$150,000, making the total cost to the city since 1882 for paving and maintenance approximately \$6,056,772. This, if paid up today, would represent an outlay of nearly \$394,000 per year continuously for seventeen years for paving alone.

In order to understand the significance of this extraordinary outlay I call attention to a comparison of the paved area of Omaha with that of leading cities much older, wealthier and more densely populated. St. Louis, with a population of between 600,000 and 700,000, has 3,783,428 square yards of paving, or 90 per cent more square.

lated. St. Louis, with a population of between 600,000 and 700,000, has 2,783,428 square yards of paving, or 30 per cent more square yards of paved area than Omaha, whilst its population is more than four times as great. Milwaukee, with a population of 280,000, has 1,750,000 square yards of paving, or nearly 10 per cent paved surface less than Omaha, with nearly double its population. Minneapolis, with a population of 225,000, has 1,574,649 square yards of pavement, being 50 per cent larger in point of population, with 25 per cent less paved area. Indianapolis, with a population of 200,000, has 1,756,629 square yards, or 10 per cent less paved area. Indianapolis, with a population of 200,000, has 1,756,629 square yards, or 10 per cent less paved area. With 30 per cent more population. St. Paul, with a population of 175,000, has 1,000,000 square yards, having 16 per cent more population and 100 per cent less paved area. Denver, 165,000 population, has 530,000 square yards of paved area, or 10 per cent more population, with about 25 per cent, or one-fourth of the baved area. Kansas City is the only exception to the list, having about 25 per cent more population and 50 per cent greater paved area. A large portion of this, however, is macadam, representing a comparison of the mileage and paved area of the various cities reveals two costly features in the Omaha pavements—First, the blocks are very short, making nearly 30 per cent greater number of cross streets per mile than the average of other cities; second, the width of space paved between curbs is nearly 50 per cent above the average in the business center and 33 per cent above in the resident sections of Omaha, making the outlay per square mile fully 40 per cent greater than the average of eastern cities.

Condition of Sidewalks.

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While considerable progress has been made in sidewalk construction and the elimination of the old wooden walk, there is still room for improvement, both in the character of walks to be constructed and in the development of system in securing uniformity of lines throughout the city. With many existing irregularities this can only be done by mutual co-operation in the spirit of compromise between different property holders. There should be no increasence by officials not charged with such work. In districts where the use or construction of plank walk seems unavoidable, a substitute cheaper and more accure in the shape of a gravel or cinder walk should be laid. Experience has shown that ollank walks are a convenient commodity in cold weather to the impecualous and even policemen have been known to be occasionally tempted to utilize loose planks. In he absence of funds to purchase the lumber, the repair of wooden walks by contract was suggested by me last summer and a contract was let for such work based upon a price per thousand feet of lumber and a price per thousand feet of lumber and a price per thousand feet of lumber and a price bid upon for nails and wire. This contract has proyed outle effective. Over six y miles of walks were repaired from June to December at a total cost of \$25.00. Less complaints were received from the prosecution of this work and the tax levies against properties fronting on such walks than under any previous practice.

As to Viaducts.

The city is to be congratulated upon the final adjustment of accounts and disputes with the railway companies in connection with viaduct construction. The Tenth street viaduct is now being resurfaced upon plans mutually agreed upon by the engineering departments of the city and the railway companies, and work on the new Sixteenth street viaduct is now progressing satisfactorily and in my judgment will be completed and open to traffic by June of this year. Surveys have just been completed of the lines of the proposed Twenty four highest viaduct and I hope to reach an agreement soon with Chief Engineer Berry, representing the Union Pacific and Burington Railway companies, as to the general features which will enable me to

etermine upon the necessary right of way

Comprehensive and Intelligently Compiled Report by City Engineer Rosewater.

CONTAINS MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION

Etaborate Review of Public Works and an interesting Array of Facts Relative to Omaha—Comparison is not with Other Cities.

Andrew Rosewater, city engineer, has compiled an elaborate annual report relative to public work in Omaha during the last year. This document is addressed to the mayor and city council. From beginning to end it is replete with data that is valuable to every citizen of Omaha and much of it is of special merit as reference matter.

Mr. Rosewater has also prepared numerous blue print tables, in which he shows by figures many interesting facts about what is doing in the way of street paving, sewer extension and other improvements. In his capacity as city engineer, Mr. Rosewater is ex-officio chairman of the Board of Public Works and many vegra of prac-Work of Engineering Department.

corded during the progress of the work to avoid error. In addition to the work of the drafting department the revision and correction of the house number records are much needed. This was nearly completed after much study in 1855. In 1896 the work was undertaken by men entirely unfamiliar with the city and the plan heretofore devised and as a result much confusion hits been developed by their attempts, which will take considerable labor to correct. A tabulated list of the work done by the office force of the engineering department accompanies this report. In it will be found in detail the extent of work accomplished. Suffice it to say, that every special tax levy for parks, bottlevards, street opening, sewer, paving or grading work was prepared by this department, as also all ordinances for establishing and changing grades and creating improvement districts of every nature, as well as reports upon every petition for work.

Street Work and Street Cleming.

augremate nearly \$17,000. About \$1,000 of this was expended for three light one-herse box carts employed exclusively in the business center to keep the streets clear of loose paters of every nature. The cost of cleaning the city exclusively by hand has been so great that I have endeavored to ascertain by comparison the cost and methods of cleaning in vogue in other cities.

With the use of proper sweeping machinery and sprinklers this cost could be reduced, with better results, to one-third that amount. The chariter prohibits the cleaning of streets by contract, but it does not prohibit the city from purchasing or leasing machinery and employing men by day labor to handle the machines and the work. This, as all other work done upon the public streets, is required to be done under the supervision and control of the Board of Public Works. In violation of this provision all the street sprinkling has been conducted upon the streets of Omaha by a member of the city council and the workmen engaged in this work, when importuned not to sprinkle excessively upon sections of the streets by the street superintendent or his foreman, have openly, defied them to help themselves. The effect of such procedure is the same as official interference in sidewalk construction.

Street Repairs and Maintenance. The estimate of cost of street work, ridge repairs and so on for 1899 as made y me was \$20,000. The amount apportioned pended under the direct request of each member of the council. This practically took the authority contemplated to be placed in the Board of Public Works and took the authority contemplated to be placed in the Board of Public Works and placed it in the hands of each councilman the determination where all repairs were to be made and the cost of each. As will be seen by the comptroller's account, the cost of work conducted under this system aggregated about \$31,000, or \$21,000 in excess of the apportionment, and \$14,000 in excess of the amount recommended by me originally at the time of making the levy.

After an experience of many years I deem it proper to again reiterate that in my judgment the only true and economical method of taking care of the streets and alleys of the city is by pursuing the same course as has been developed in the maintenance of railways in this country, and roads in the cities of Europe, as well as in many of the older New England towns, viz. District the city, adopt a civil service system and place competent and responsible foremen in charge of maintenance in each district to employ sober and competent men in each case, who are expected to be retained in the service unless disabled or dismissed for cause, such foremen to be under the general control and direction of the Board of Public Works, which alone or dismissed for cause, such forement to be under the general control and direction of the Board of Public Works, which alone shall be held responsible for the proper dis-bursement of the money apportioned for public work. Under existing methods of perpetual employes the best service cannot be expected nor realized. The temptation be expected nor realized. The temptation to conserve personal and partisan interests is too great to be resisted by whatever party may be in power and until such a system is adopted public work cannot be prosecuted to the best advantage.

Earthquake in Missouri. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30.—A report received from Charleston, Mo., says that an earth-quake was felt shere last evening. It was very perceptible, but only lasted three sec-onds.

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Henry Jones, of Zenas, Ind., says: "My sufferings were almost unbearable, and only persons having been afflicted with this rare and dreaded combination of diseases can imagine what they were like. I was confined to my bed almost all the time. My doctor finally acknowledged that neither he nor any one else could cure me. I would not give up, so tried different medicines, and finally began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The first box of pills helped me some, and I took some more. The second box began to produce the desired result, and before I had finished the fourth box I was at last a cured man. That was last March, and I have not been troubled with these diseases since."-From Banner Plain Dealer, North Vernon, Ind.

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