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OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 27, 1901.

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Burlington tracks, you will have to consult

have been no serious needlents on their

account and whenever the personal injury

liability of the company is increased to

the fact of their existence they will prob-

ably be done away with, although that be

authority. No plans for the abolition of

Chief Engineer Berry of the Union Pacific

Two Additional As-

sistants.

appoint a special deputy or a messenger for

legal right whatever to make these ap-

pointments I don't believe the county at-

looks to me like a scheme to provide places.

in the public service in liquidation of polit-

"Only the other day one of the deputy

Harte Goes After Shields.

deputy and a messenger for your office."

"As far as our road is conversed

the grade crossings have yet been made."

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Marked by Great Improvement.

Tethutary Territory Enlarged by Sumerous Extensions and the City's Commercial Prestige Thereby Greatly Enhanced.

Ten years is comparatively a short time Yet the closing decade of the nineteenth has been a wenderful reduction in the run- car lines of other American cities have century was time sufficient to permit the ac- ning time of Burlington mail trains. Ten often remarked the simplicity of fare-taking complishment of wonderful improvement in and one-quarter hours is now the schedule devices in use on the street cars of Omaha. the rallways of Omaha and said much to the of one of the Burlington's mail trains be- They consist of the conductor's coat pocket. influence of this city as a railroad me- tween Omaha and Chicago and the run has and a stationary register over the front

here have done much in widening the circle of the territory tributary to and dependent upon Omaha as a commercial metropolis.

A perspective of the achievements of the last ten years and an invitation to designate that which has been most important to Omaha would bring forth ideas and anawers widely at variance. For the welfare of the city at large and because of the spirit of civic pride engendered as its result the most popular achievement undoubtedly was the relegation to oblivion of the inadequate depot facilities and the crection in the stead of the so-called "cowsheds" of two handsome passenger stations.

Another marked advantage which the last decade brought to Oranha was the extension into this city of the Illinois Central, adding to its field of commerce the vast territory north, east and south tapped by the far-reaching lines of that great system. The completion of the bridge across the Missouri river and the extensive trackage facilities of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company was also an epoch of the last decade in the railroad history of this city.

Contribution is General.

ingratiated Basif with the commercial ele- service, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific.

ail of which have been of marked benefit ness blocks were erected.

other city. Today one may point with pride tising the exposition received to the structure that several well known Union Pacific was most effective. feet wide and seventy feet high.

Farnam streets, Omaha, popularly known gave Omaha additional fast mail trains and

Extensions Are Numerous.

railroad until its mileage new amounts to The development of the forces along its 8,064 miles. Of this mileage 3,865 miles line will perforce make Omaha the chief form the Burlington & Missouri River central emporium of the United States. Railroad in Nebraska. Ten years ago the Burlington did not reach Deadwood, S. D., other points in the Black Hills, while northwest line, was several hundred miles beyond Burlington ratis. By the construction of its Billings line, extending 892 miles through northwestern Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, the Burlington opened up a new and valuable territory for the trade of this section. The cattle markets of South Omaha as well as the jobbing interests of Omaha have re-

Within the state of Nebraska extensions of the Burlington route have been so numerous as to bring the mileage of the the last year two important branches of man had refused to take off his hat. the Burlington have been built from Allias Guernsey, Wyo., where yast deposits of from are waiting to be mined. Another im- lous yarn cap on her head. portant branch constructed within the last year connects Alliance, on the Billings line, with Brush, Colo., on the Omaha-Denver line, a distance of 150 miles. The new line penetrates a section of Nebraska heretofore remote from any railroad and will doubtless prove an important factor in the development of the western portion of the

Another branch line of the Burlington now nearing completion extends into the Big fine them merely \$1 and casts. They had a while he made no less than \$15 a day, rapidly settled by Mermons from Utah and tising matter on poles along the street, a conductors using the punches there were to find the man who heat him out of \$3 immigrants from the east. The new line bit of descration which is forbidden those eight or tan whom he took into his conn. Friday. During the evening a man made is 130 miles long, and extends from Toluca, who do not have the required permit. The dence. I don't mean that he told them the a purchase of some lemons and in payment

Additions to the train service of the Burington to and from Omaha within the last in 1891 one train with a fairly good schedale and one train with a slow schedule between Omaha and Chicago were sufficient | Beard, "is that we are strangers here and to accommodate the passenger traffic. In did not know of such an ordinance." 1901 the Burlington runs every day four trains from Omaha to Chicago and three of them are flyers. Then a person going to Chicago had to leave at a certain hour, now one can almost select the time most convenient and find a Chicago train leaving the Burlington station not far from

Demand for Fast Trains.

During the Transmississippi Exposition the next morning. The experiment was

The fast mail service of the Burlington want to." has been greatly extended and improved Priday's subscriptions amounted to \$2,425. during the last ten years. In 1890 the Bur- which brings the total up to \$116,000 in four zeroes and continues until it has relington ran one fast mail train a day be- round numbers.

DECADE'S RAILWAY PROGRESS tween Omaha and Chicago, and the speed of these trains, though regarded as great then, would appear slow in comparison with the remarkable time now made. exclusive mail train eastbound and three Closing Years of Nineteenth Century westbound now cover the 500-mile stretch Evolution of Street Car Register Wrought of the Burlington between Omaha and Chi-

cago overy day.

The acquisition of new territory in the INFLUENCE OF OMAHA IS INCREASED Pacific and the consequent development of VARIOUS DEVICES FROM TIME TO TIME trade has had on increasing effect on the transcontinental mail, notably on the west bound mail. It is not generally known, but Omaha Railway Now Has One of the H is a fact that the westbound mail constitutes 72 per cent of the transcontinental mail. That is the reason why the demands of the Postoffice department for westbound mail service are so great. Along with the increase in the mail there

Inion Pacific Influence.

The influence of the Union Pacific has is considered by many to be the cause of monner of queer devices, the single purpose the construction of the Iowa and Missouri of which was to enforce honesty on the railroads to Omana. It was also the cause part of conductors, the Omaha company has more than 60,000 miles. Running through street car parlance, is a nickel-plated box scene of the alleged Indian uprising in the west, with branches radiating in various Fitted with a bell and a system of revolving sent out by the correspondents as without directions, it constitutes the spinal column of the business interests of Nebraska and the transmissouri states extending to the vest and "rings up a fare" by pulling a a party of Indians who went into one of the

The decade from 1890 to 1900 Ulustrates the substantial growth of Omaha during the tion. At night the register is inspected at of liquor they made some warlike demonperiod of depression resulting from the the car barn, and if the story it tells strations and municipal officers undertook canic of 1893, which continued until it was broken on the 1st of February, 1898, when receipts he is usually given a chance to and returned to their homes. Then white the Union Pacific inaugurated its fast explain. Omaha-Denver trains. This was the keystone of the arch of the present prosperity. The year 1897 had been one of unusual coin mercial gloom. The nation and people were Without a single exception all of the poor. Like a man rescued from drowning ratiroads of Omaha have in a measure con- the throes of recovery were painful. The tributed to the growth, influence and pross collapse had passed. The patient regained perity of this city during the decade that strength. A directing energy was needed. came to an end with the close of the nine. This came with the act of the company in teenth century. The Omaha & St. Louis the inauguration of its elegant fast train

ments of Omaha when it abplished the It was instantly felt in every city bebridge arbitrary generally condemned as tween Chicago, Omeha and Denver. Men unreasonable and unjust. The Northwest- went to work. The farmer ordered from the ern and its ailied lines-the Eikhorn, Omaha retailer, the retailer from the jobber, the and Sieux City & Pacific-has added to the jobber from the manufacturer. The moverity's commercial prestige by important ment enveloped the nation and soon was extensions and improvements in service, heard the hum of the manufactory, the and the same any be said of the Milwaukee, whistie of the locomotive, the movement of well filled passenger trains and heavily Closely associated with the growth of laden freight, moving the travel and traffic Omaha has been the development of the of the nation over the Union Pacific and Union Pacific and the Burlington, univer- the national highways. A new era for the sally considered as products of Omaha and west had developed and Omaha felt the the west-keeping pace in their progress impetus among the first. In two years its and expansion with the advancement of the trade increased more than \$30,000,000. Its great transmissouri region. With the Bur- population increased nearly 13,000 and its lington the years intervening between 1890 | wealth more than \$170,000,000. Every store and 1800 witnessed improvements, exten- building became occupied. Residences at a sions and changes almost without number, suitable rent were sought. Colossal busi-

States." The Burlington opened its new rose to the occasion. It increased its serof the structure complete exclusive of im- well. It secured the erection of another The marble and mosale work alone cost transfer—the largest in the west. It se-The large office building at Tenth and roadbed and added magnificent trains. It driver, last year been remodeled and rebuilt Omaha passenger station-a model of luxinside. The improvements cost about \$100,- ury and convenience. It employed thou-900, and the work has been carried on with sands of men at Omaha. Its employes are used the stationary register. our interrupting the routine of any of the among Omaha's best citizens. It disburses labor and supplies. Its purchases from the Within the last ten years numerous ex- business men in Omaha constitute the warp tensions have been made by the Burlington and woof of the presperity of the country.

HERE'S ONE ON THOMPSON Billings, Mont., the present terminus of its Lawyer Makes Amusing Attempt to Uphold Judicial Dignity.

Thompson in police court yesterday. he gat listening to a case on trial he person who were the peculiar headgear, of its combination. fashioned from yarn. Leaning over, the ceived the benefits incident to the opening attorney whispered, "Take off your hat-No heed was said to his suggestion and he

repeated it Being determined that the hat should be removed, out of deference to the court that company in this state up to 2,300 miles, and was in session. Thompson went to the bar it is growing greater all the while. Within and suggested to the court officer that a On turning around to direct the attention ance. Neb. One of these extends along the of the officer to the person to whom he renorth bank of the North Platte river as far ferred. Thompson saw a diminutive colored woman sitting there with that obnox-

PLEADED GUILTY IN HURRY

for Saving the Time of the Police Magistrate.

ard and J. M. Beard said "guilty" in police | made more money after he left our emcourt yesterday induced Judge Learn to ploy than he did before. I believe that for of Wyoming, which is being been arrested for tacking signs and adver- His graft was this: Out of the thirty odd to what they had to say, they had made laid the golden egg, but he gave them to promptly complied. their pleading.

lecade have been numerous and important. "I guess I'll make the fine the minimum the on the side he was in a position to show himself, having received only \$2, but the because of that prompt answer."

MANY SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS President Sanborn Well Pleased with the Way Anditorium Fund Con-

tinues to Grow.

"Small contributions are coming in Auditorium company, yesterday. "We take before we did anything about it. All this Isss the Burlington placed a St. Louis off our hat to the small contributor, for he time we were gathering our evidence. Then fiver in service, leaving Omaha late in the will build the auditorium. This doesn't one day we called nine conductors upon the afternoon and arriving in St. Louis early mean that we are disappointed in the large carpet and discharged them. contributors, for, with possibly one excepsuch a success that this train has made tion, they are coming down handsomely. I sented dispensed with the bell punch." the run every day since then. It is now can close with the Boston sfore, the Necarrying a volume of business that insures braska clothing store and W. R. Bennett & Co. for an aggregate of \$6,000 today if I

KEEPING TAB ON NICKELS

by Progress.

Most Modern Systems in the Country-Some Queer Numbers Registered.

Persons who have patronized the street been made in nine hours and twenty-three door with a bell in it. When the conductor minutes, full time, or eight hours and forty- takes a fare ne pulls a cord, the bell rings, cilitated the transperiation affairs of this two and one-half minutes actual running the indicator shows that 5 cents have been time. added to the company's revenues, and that's all there is to it.

> While the street car companies of other of the expansion of competing lines until never made but one departure in this di-lows, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah rection which it has been compelled to tems, as well as its own, amounting to portable registers. A portable register, in to the southwest Mr. Chency visited the

reason for their rejection was the tempta- limits of the town. tion to use the "brother-in-law," an inidious mechanism concealed beneath the brother-in-law" was never used here. Like the honest register, the "brother-inlaw" was equipped with a bell. It could be town. Then the correspondents took a hand beneath the hem of the garment, and its the accused was magnified into a war party in-law" instead of the register, and no note

would be made of the fact. Though no conductor was ever detected authority maintaining scandalous relations with the are in use today. So far as known, no good reputations for honesty.

Relie of Borse Car Days. felt no joy in welcoming a guest from an- ment from the Union Pacific and the adver- car, its purpose being to reduce the crew town of Granite, two miles from the Klowa to one man and enable the driver to per- line, is eighteen months old and has a popu form also the duty of a conductor. The lation of about 2,000. writers have described as "The hand- The exposition gave men a chance to see passenger was supposed to walk up and desomest railway station in the United Omaha in its splendor. The Union Pacific posit his nickel in the slot. A small trap formed and have in their trips over the land station in Omaha on July 4, 1898. The cost vice, It hired more men. It paid them a moment, and, after the driver had ex- for the purpose of their business. They inprovements in track and platform was \$350. large grain elevator at the Council Bluffs dropped into the receptacle beneath. The together in taking their proofs. It is an \$35,000. The station is 316 feet long, 112 cured another best sugar factory in Omaha's passengers would not make their own ground alone will have little chance to tributary of Nebraska. It improved its change, much to the embarrassment of the hold a claim, as practically all of the reser-

"B. & M. headquarters," has during sent them east and west. It built the branch lines of the Omaha system, however their claims to the land by physical force. -the Albright line and the West Leavenworth line. In connection with them is HUNTING WAR BY TELEGRAPH

F. A. Tucker, superintendent of the millions in Omaha annually for current Omaha street railway system, was at one time engaged in "street carring" in Kansas City. It was thirteen years ago that he left the city by the Kaw to come to Omaha but his memory still abounds in incidents ratis. He relates the following:

and was later abandoned, but that doesn't eries. The laugh was on Attorney Will H. this device is all right, and that it is in of Troop A of the Eighth cavalry, who is on and Forty-fifth avenue, but at all other bonds, and Mr. Shields ventured the quite general use throughout the country. the scene of the alleged trouble with the points where railways and streets intersect opinion that "the action of the board in noticed a peculiar looking cap on the head retire it, and for this reason: Some of the tenant Dixon's telegram was not sent from gerous of these crossings is at North of one of the auditors. It was a colored men-at least one of them-stole the secret Herrietta, Tex., but from Henrietta, I. T.,

Work of a Wise Gripman.

nation lock, like that of a safe. Every time says that he has opened up telegraphic com- with the comparatively light street traffic the conductor takes in a nickel he punches munications with the officers of the couna coupon, the bell in the punch strikes one, ties in that part of the country to ascertain bringing the Elkhorn and Missouri Pacific logother. I am merely contending that the been collected. All this takes place in the punch, which is no larger than a 22-caliber troops. So far he has found no officer who plain why more attention has not been pistol. Well, one of our gripmen, an unusually smart fellow, got onto the combination of that bell punch. How he managed to do it is a mystery. Being a gripman, he had no occasion to handle the the secret

"Well, in the course of time we had occasion to discharge that man. It didn't The promptness with which E. M. Pritch- hurt his feelings much, I guess, for he understand that he knew these combinations The only thing we can say," answered upon a meeting place, and every day at a other \$3 to which he was not entitled. certain hour the ex-gripman would mee his confederates, one at a time, and would

divide the spoils with them. "Suppose the conductor would decide that he would like about \$2.50 in addition to his day's wages-the combination on the bell punch would be set back so that it would ndicate \$5 less than the day's receipts.

Then each man would take one-half. "We found out about this after a while, sleely," said F. E. Sanborn, president of the but let matters run on for fully a month Soon after this the company I repre

The stationary register, though a simple looking device, is really quite complex, as

\$499.95. And there is the trip register which records the farea collected in a single PASSING OF THE FLAGMAN says: "As to the probability of bringing SIZED UP TO A FINE POINT trip, from one end of the line to the other The trip register is set back to zero every time the car reaches a terminus, while the reaches four zeroes, or the starting point. except by a continuous arithmetical progression. Every time the string is pulled nickel is recorded simultaneously on both registers. When a conductor turns a car over to his successor he takes a note on his trip sheet of the amount recorded on the running register, and turns this in to the car barn with his cash and transfers all tied up in a canvas bag, properly labeled and dated. The whole is dropped into the barn safe, to be checked up by the cierks. This register frequently records some cabalistic numbers, and the conductors watch them with much interest. When a

FILLED UP ON FIREWATER

sometimes the figures are bad, 1.213 for in-

cen continuously beneficial. Primarily it cities have been experimenting with all Indian Trouble the Result of Too Much Liquor and Not of Serious Consequence.

H. W. Cheney of Ida Grove, la., was in the city yesterday morning on his way from and the west constitute a network of sys- ahandon, and that was in the matter of Calahoma territory to his home. On his trip and proved such a formidable obstacle to yesterday's meeting of the county board. Captain Kidd is supposed to have left to the full length of the state from cast to about the size of a 65-cent alarm clock. Indian Territory and reports the stories American city, and few municipalities, if and W. H. Gunsolus messenger to the county of a cipher letter, and it does yield the key disks, like a nickel-in-the-slot machine, foundation in fact. According to his inthe conductor wears it upon the front of his formation, the whole trouble or mated with little chain that hangs from it. Then the new towns in the Indian country and filled out an effort. On the contrary, the work man, with a recommendation for adoption. it is to act the role of the prince in the wheels go round and record the transac- up on firewater. While under the influence doesn't tally with the conductor's cash to arrest them. They resisted the officers officers of the town attempted to serve a These registers were in use on the Omaha | writ on them in the Indian country and they cars at one time, but they were abandoned again resisted, claiming that these officers in the evolution of progress. The principal had no authority outside of the corporation

An appeal was made to the Indian authorities and the lawbreakers refused to est of the conductor, but perhaps the recognize the authority of these officers, claiming that their jurisdiction did not extend further than offenses committed in the rung by the pulling of a string projecting in the affair. A meeting of the friends of purpose was to cheat the company by and the scared officers called for assistance. enabling the conductor to collect fares According to the views of Mr. Cheney, the without recording them. When he would residents were fully competent to settle the take in a nickel he would ring the "brother- case, but the presence of the United States troops probably saved the lives of some of the Indiana who refused to recognize white

There is another phase of territorial life "brother-in-law," simply as a safeguard at present which Mr. Chency believes will the portable registers were relegated to the have a greater influence upon the west lumber room, and the company anchored than any Indian uprising, and that is the its faith to the stationary registers, which opening of the Comanche and Kiowa reservations to white settlement, which will take scheme has been devised as yet for cheating place some time next nummer, probably and the chances are that no such attempt | the latter part of July or the first of Auhas ever been made, for it is a notable fact gust. There will be about 2,500 sections of that Omaha conductors have particularly land for white men after the Indian allotments have been made, and a dozen men will appear for each quarter section. Al-The first fare-collecting device in use in ready the boomers have pitched their camps

Bands of from four to ten men have been door of glass caught the coin and held it selected such locations as they deem best amined it, he touched a button, and it was tend to ride tegether to the land and work trouble with this mechanism was that the open secret that any man going upon the vation has been prospectively entered by These fare boxes are still in use on two members of these clubs, who will enforce

Lieutenant Dixon Unable to Discover Alleged Ontbrenk of

Indians.

that occurred while he was struggling to first lieutenant of the United States cavkeep Con Holmes' flat-wheeled cars on the airy bunting for warlike Indians by teledis. He relates the following:

graph, and up at the headquarters of the in the north part of town a great many of the bonds of the deputy attorneys to be if it was along in the '80's that the bell army of the Department of the Missouri streets are crossed at grade by the Elkhorn fixed by the judges of the district court, punch came in use on one of the lines there. there is an adjutant general who has little and Belt Line tracks. The Elkhorn passes but he presumed the bonds should be filed It was introduced merely as an experiment, expectation that there will be any discov- Thirtieth street overhead, there are bridges with the county commissioners as other

necessarily reflect upon the efficiency of the Yesterday morning a telegram was rebell nunch. On the contrary, I understand | ceived from Lieutenant Dixon, in command | tracks at Cuming street, Sherman avenue But in Kansas City it was necessary to Snake band of the Creek Indians. Lieu- there are grade crossings. The most dan- approving the bonds would not burt them." a small station on the Choctaw railroad, probability will soon be abolished.

not far from South McAllister. The licu-"You see, the bell punch is a mechanism tenant stated that when he arrived at Hen- town are used only by the Eikhorn and the effective because it had not received the much the same as the eating house clerk rietta he found no trouble at that point, Missouri Pacific, and trains are infrequent approval of the judges of the district court, uses to punch your meal ticket, except that but his telegram indicates that he heard as compared with those run over the lines as required by law?" asked Mr. Harte. it is equipped with a four-tumbler combiand the register indicates that a fare has if any trouble exists in their locality which trains into the Union station over the south- approval of the commissioners does not needs the assistance of the strong arm of Uncle Sam to control the natives within his the north section. from headquarters as to his further action.

punches. But the fact remains that he stole HE SHORT-CHANGED HIMSELF

Grocer Fox Relies Upon Word of Cus tomer and Now He is Sorrs.

H. Fox, the proprietor of a grocery at 1324 Capitol avenue, has asked the police

When the customer had departed, the "Well that's prompt," said the judge, and that if they were willing to make a lit- grocer noticed that he had short changed them how to do it. Their they would agree | man was hopelessly out of sight with the

Mortality Statistics.

following deaths and births were red to the city health commissioner for ported to the city health commissioner for the twenty-four hours ending at noon Satirday: Deaths—M. H. McKenna, St. Joseph's hos-lital, aged \$5; Morris Kelly, \$527 California.

aged 65.

Births-John Garman, 514 South Thirteenth, boy; Joseph E. Volite, 812 North Sixteenth, boy; Morris Kane, 1548 North Sixteenth boy; Warren Thomas, 2515 Doige, girl; Joseph Waring, 557 South Thirty-first girl, Dick Keefe, Fourth and Hickory, girl; Henry Fredrickson, Eleventh and Leavenworth, girl.

Railway Notes and Personals.

Among the Omana traveling failroad me tooking device, is really quite complex, as it combines two machines in one. There of the Northwestern, W. C. Barnes and it combines two machines in one, There is the running register that begins with the Northwestern, W. C. Barnes and it. F. Fisher of the Missouri Pacific. J. W. Rine, agent of the Elkhorn at Rapid City, was a visitor at general headquarters. corded the collection of 9,999 nickles, or in this city yesterday.

other is permitted to run on, and never Rapid Abolition of Grade Crossings Kills His Occupation.

VIADUCTS ARE NOW QUITE FASHIONABLE

Omaha Leads Other American Cities in Vinduct Extension-Discussion of the Subject by Expert Civil Engineers.

The man with the red flag whose duty street yisduct is completed we will have a in life is to stand at the railway crossing clear track out of the city to the westward, lucky number shows up, it is looked upon and dissuade weak but ambitious humanas a harbinger of something good, but ity from bumping up against the superior accidents and give us the best possible tausefulness in Omaha. He is rapidly going out of date in this city, on account of the orrespondingly rapid approach of the end of the grade crossing. It will not be many County Board Votes to tilve Shields years before Omaha will be more fortunate than any other city of its size in the coun try in having every one of its numerous railroad tracks removed from the grade at street intersections.

Grade crossings have caused so many vio- the statutes to show its illegality Commislent deaths and other serious accidents stoners Connolly, Hoctor and Hofeldt at putting an end to the nulsance. However, month, secting streets has been accomplished only tion to the measure, saying: by the persistent, long-continued and intelligent efforts of faithful public servants.

Viaducts Come High.

Building viaducts and subways to put street crossings calls for the expenditure of immense sums of money, and well-managed railroad companies never invite unnecessary expense and always endeavor to put the burden of abating grade crossings upon the taxpayers of the city whose streets leaf debts. they occupy. Such endeavor on their part generally results in a compromise, whereby the companies share the cost of viaducts and subways with the cities. In the case of Omaha, it was necessary for the municipality to travel in the speedy company of and what the county pays salaries to them the railroad people as far as the United for if it is not to have them give their time States supreme court in order to secure the benefit of the law which provides that when a railroad truck is built across a street. the public highway must be left in the same condition of safety as it was before the wanted to hear from him on the subject. construction of the track. To the enforcement of this law is due the fact that all claducts over and subways under railroads in Omaha are built and paid for by the railroad companies.

It may be said to the credit of the railway companies entering this city that they have not hesitated to carry out their obligations in regard to the abolition of grade crossings since the time when these obligations were determined by the courts. The to Omaha and to Nebraska.

The Transmississippi Exposition with its
The first fare-collecting device in use in splendid new ready the boomers have pitched their camps on the borders of the partition with its on the borders of the partition method, if mullions of victors received liberal and this city were such that an Omaha person munificent subscriptions and encourage munificent subscriptions and encourage munificent subscriptions and the similar crossing at Twenty-fourth street, which is to be constructed during a necessity for the sharpest of police prostreet, which is to be constructed during the coming summer, will be another heavy charge against them.

When the new Twenty-fourth street viaduct is completed the end of grade crossings in the south section of the city will be almost at hand. At Tenth and Eleventh streets the tracks pass under viaducts, Twelfth street is practically closed, Thir teenth runs under the tracks, Fourteenth and Fifteenth are closed. Sixteenth has a viaduct, Seventeenth is used at the railway ressing by but one manufacturing estab lishment, located alongside the tracks. Eighteenth and Nineteenth do not cross the tracks, at Twentieth there is a subway, the next three streets are closed, and at Twenty-fourth street the new viaduct is

But Few Grade Crossings.

It will be seen that the only grade crossings remaining in the south section of the Down in the Indian Territory there is a city are between Tenth street and the river. where the traffic on the streets is not heavy enough to make them dangerous. In the north part of town a great many of the bonds of the deputy attorneys to be over the Belt Line at Hamilton and Center | bonds of county officers are filed. streets and there are subways under the

Jounn.

Walts

Mr. Harte asked if the commissioners

had any authority in law to approve the

Bond is Worthless.

on one of these bonds, could it not be auc-

to act upon?" asked Mr. Ostrom.

bonds by the board stand

necessary employes."

and the roll call proceeded. The popocratic

majority voted to let the approval of the

The following appointments were ap-

A. E. Hubbard, assessor for Valley pre-

cinct; Henry Blum, constable for Chicago

precinct, and Paul Baumer, constable for

Japanese Consul Protests.

Twenty-fourth street, and this one in all The tracks that cross the north part of in the north end and the possibility of Mr. Shleids, "if you can ever get all of them would require the presence of United States ern tracks at some time in the future, ex- burt the bonds."

May Change Depots.

given to the abolition of grade crossings in

The time is likely to come when the use of the Webster street passenger station will be discontinued. Only local trains are run into that depot at this time, and it probable that the Elkhorn and Missouri Pacific managers will at some future time find it advantageous to carry all of their passengers to and from the union station. Such an arrangement may easily be made both companies. The Elkhorn has a rack that connects with the Union Pacific and Burlington at South Omaha and it could readily avail itself of the use of either of Cody, Wyo., the most important town in northwestern Wyoming.

The Missouri Pacific would find it to what they had to say, they had read to say, they had read to say, they had to say, they had read to s city. The Missouri Pacific would find it by merely turning to the south instead of Because by prosperous times and an open Bertilion system has done a great deal to the north when it strikes the Belt line. If arrangements should be made for bringing the Elkhorn and Missouri Pacific passenger trains into the union station, as out what we have saved in salaries of unhas been suggested, the necessity for abolishing the grade crossings in the north part of town would not be pressing. However, if the present conditions are to con- ble for the Second ward of South Omaha; tinue the grade crossings will probably be done away with at a time not so very far in the future. City Engineer Rosewater believes the proper thing to do in the north | West Omaha precinct. section is to raise the tracks from five to eight feet and lower the streets from five to ten feet, making overhead railroad

"When it is deemed necessary to the ingion against the action of the United sippl river to the lower lake region. In public safety," says Mr. Rosewater, "the States immigration officers on the sound in Omaha the total precipitation was 2-100 of grade crossings in the north part of the treating Japanese merchants belonging to an inch, and the duration of the fall way trade crossings in the forth part of the that city and other places on the Canadian little more than half an hour. Western rallway companies and the city will be able side of the sound as immigrants. It is Nebruska had no precipitation, and next to agree upon plans for the improvement understood that the Japanese government, morning the sky was clear, when the time comes for it. I think the setting upon the advice of its consul at Eikhorn crossing should be removed from Vancouver, has decided to issue no more the street grade at North Twenty-fourth passports to immigrants bound for British street as soon as possible, because that is Columbia on account of the enforctment of a much-traveled thoroughfare." the Natal act by the government of this

Chief Engineer Marsh of the Elkhorn province.

union station over the Union Pacific and

some one higher in authority than I am-Pat Crowe's Physical Record a Part of As to the grade crossings of our line in the north part of the city, I will say that there Bertillon Archives.

FACTS ABOUT CRIMINAL MEASUREMENTS

omething about which I cannot speak with theer Letters and Figures Are Like a Puzzle to the Uninttinted. Yet They All Have a Meaning.

grade crossings in Omaha have practically If has been said by men skilled in seen abelished. When the Twenty-fourth riminology that if Pat Crowe is ever captured the authorities will have the which will remove all chances of crossing berillion system of identification to thank for it. This system has been in use by sometimes the figures are bad, 1.213 for in-stance, and then-well, that's another years lenger find a field for his particular nental trains." the Omaha police stace 1896, and in that time has alded in the apprehension of several shady characters and it is now in s position to further exalt the name of its SINECURES FOR FUSIONISTS ventor, M. Alphonse Bertillon of Paris. In the circulars descriptive of the udahy kidnapers, which the police have been sending our since January 4, appears this cabalistic matter:

Htt.1m79-4.0, A.80-0, Tr.93-6.H.L.19-3.H.W. Although Commissioners Harte and Ostrom protested against the action and cited | 15-4.Ch.14-1R.E. 6-8.L.F.26-4d2. L.M.F.11-9, L. LF-9-4 LF A 48-5.

This reads like a cryptogram such as rapid transit that their abolition has been put through a resolution appointing Harry point out the hiding place of his plunder. a subject of public demand in almost every E. Burnham special deputy county attorney And, indeed, it is something in the order any, have been as fortunate as Omaha in afformey and fixing their salaries at \$75 a to a tidy sum-twice as much as the bandits received for returning the stelen boy. It it must not be understood that grade cross- The resolution came from the committee is the open sesame to a vault containing ings have been knocked out in Omaha with- on poor farm, of which Mr. Hoctor is chair- \$50,000 in gold. All one has to do to earn of getting the tracks over and under inter- Mr. Harte spoke at some length in opposi- story of Cinderella and find the man who

will fill those measurements. "County Attorney Shields is present in Here is the magic key to the cipher. The the room and I am glad of it. I want him letters in the mysterious passage, in every to show me a law authorizing this board to case save one, refer to various parts of the Fuman anatomy. For example, "Ch" stands numerous railroad tracks under and over his office. I say that this board has no for check bone, and "L. M. F." for left middle finger. The numbers apportain to the measurements of these parts, the metric torney's office needs these extra men and it system being used instead of the cumbersome old-fashioned standard of measurement.

Japanese Clumey Method.

'The "cryptogram" points out the physical peculiarities of Pat Crowe and they apply county attorneys told me that if he had to devote all of his time to his publicto him and to no other man in the world. The Japanese have a system of identifying office he would resign. New, I want to their criminals by means of the peculiar know what these deputies are appointed for markings on the ball of the thumb, a fact which has been pretty thoroughly advertised through the medium of Mark Twain's and attention to the county's legal bus-"Pudd'nhead Wilson." The thumb of the suspect is pressed upon a piece of soft When Mr. Harte had finished County Atwax, whereby is secured an oval-shaped torney Shields asked if the commissioner mold of minute lines, like the delicate tracing of ocean borders on a map. This, with the name of the criminal, the nature "No," replied Mr. Harte, sharply. "I only of his offense and the date of his arrest, is want you to show me a law under which filed away in the archives, which correspond this board may legally appoint a special to the rogue's gallery of the more civilized nations. It is said that in all the world, Mr. Shields sat down without another with its billions of people, no two thumb Commissioner Ostrom also contended that impressions are identical, and this may be the board had no legal right to make the true. But the system is defective, neverappointments and denied that they were at theless, because it involves some remarkall necessary at this time. "We employed ably delicate work with the microscope to splendid new viaduet over the Union Pacific a special assistant for the county attorney," distinguish the minute variations in the tection, but that necessity does not exist of a millimeter the chance of their being today. The county attorney and the three identical in all the other measurements deputies provided by law consitute an ample and in all other physical characteristics

force to care for all the cases coming up amounts to an impossibility. Pat Crowe's Measurements.

"Mr. Shields himself admits that the Here are the Bertilion measurements as salaries of deputy county attorneys must applied to Pat Crowe, expanded for the be fixed by the judges of the district, yet benefit of the uninitiated. Height, I meter, this resolution not only appoints a deputy, 79 centimeters, 4 millimeters; O. A. (outbut fixes his salary, I say this board will stretched arms), 80 centimeters; Tr. (top have to go outside the limitations placed of head to seat while sitting), 33 centiupon it by the statutes to adopt this reso- meters, 6 millimeters; H. L. thead length), 19 centimeters, 3 millimeters; H. W. (head On roll call the resolution was adopted width), 15 centimeters, 4 millimeters; Ch. with the affirmative votes of Hoctor, (check bone, measured from side to side of Hofeldt and Connolly, both Harte and the face between points of greatest width), Ostrom registering themselves in the nega- 14 centimeters, 1 millimeter; R. E. (right ear, measured with sliding compass from Mr. Harte's resolution to rescind the acupper rim to bottom of lobe), on of the board in approving the bonds of meters, 8 millimeters; L. F. tieft foot Deputy County Attorneys Abbott and measured from the tip of the great toe to taken up and Mr. heel), 26 centimeters, 4 millimeters; L. M. Hoctor asked County Attorney Shields to F. (left middle finger), 11 centimeters, 9 advise the board in the matter. Mr. millimeters; L. L. F. (left little finger), 9 Shields said the law requires the amount centimeters, 4 millimeters; L. F. A. eleft forearm), 48 centimeters, 5 millimeters,

Buntons on His Feet.

It will be observed that in the left foot measurement these characters appear: "L.F.26-4d2." In this the "d" stands for "deviates" and the "2" for "millimeters," and by experienced Bertillon operators is interpreted to mean that there is an abnormal formation, caused probably by a bunion or a tight shoe, resulting in the big toe deviating from a straight line and that "If it should ever become pecessary to sue if the toe were straightened out the foct would be two millimeters longer than it is cessfully contended that the bond was not

The Bertillon system takes cognizance of nearly every possible physical peculiarity "It might be well enough to have the and characteristic. For example, while it recognizes only two colors of the human bonds approved by the judges," answered eye (blue and maroon) it notes eighty subdivisions in shade of these two grand divisions. There is no such thing as a gray or brown eye, according to Mr. Bertillon. Nor is there any such thing as "What is the use of this board approving of bonds which are not authorized by law black hair, save among negroes and certain Latin races. There was no answer to this last query

The system also includes two pictures of the subject-s front view and a profile These are always photographs with the retouching process omitted, in order that any A resolution by Hoctor to appoint John little facial blemish may be noted. In McGreel assistant to the county agent at a Omaha the photographic work is done by salary of \$56 a month went over to the a professional photographer, whose gatlery next meeting because it was objected to by is at 616 South Sixteenth street, and the Chairman Connolly. Before the objection Bertillon measurements are taken by Oscar was made, however, Mr. Ostrom spoke Karbach, secretary to the chief of police, against the proposed appointment. He said The metric system is used instead of the that personal considerations would impel old "foot-and-inch" standard, because it him to vote a place to Mr. McGreel, but is more convenient and accurate. In the public duty alone should be considered in latter the smallest unit of measure is the inch, so in describing the nose, fingers, ears, "The county agent," declared Mr. Ostrom, etc., of the subject it would be necessary to "is not in need of an assistant and every use fractions, which are always awkward of this board knows it. in comparison with whole numbers. The winter we have saved a large sum of money toward introducing the French standard of in the poor department is no reason why weights and measures among the common

we should create positions in order to pay people of America. ONLY A PASSING SHOW proved by the beard: John Zalondi, consta- Flurry of Sleet Fades Away Inder Warmth of

The brief storm of rain, snow and hail which came upon Omaha Friday evening and made the streets like glass during the night extended but little west of the VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 26.—The Japanese Missouri river, being heavier in Iowa and consul at Vancouver has protested to Wash- its full effect being felt from the Missis-

HEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. E.-The bill to increase the number of World's fair directors from seventy-five to 199