

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Library Bonds Sold to Representative of Toledo Financial Concern.

COUNCIL TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

Walter Bump Dies of Injuries Received by Being Run Over by Union Pacific Train - Magic City Gossip.

The library bonds have been sold at last: John Dale, who represented the State Bank of Toledo, was the only bidder. He offered a premium of \$10 along with accrued interest and as no other bidders appeared Mayor Kautsky, who acted as auctioneer at last night's council meeting, declared that the sale was made to Mr. Dale, the representative of the Toledo bond buyers.

Chief Eitter asked for supplies and also requested that action be taken at once to repair fire wagon No. 2, as he says it is in bad shape. The fire and police committees will consider the matter when the document gets around to it.

The request of Treasurer Howe for money to send to the state fiscal agency was referred to the mayor and finance committee and there will be a meeting today to make arrangements for the payment of the money, a portion of which must be borrowed.

Frank Pivovka holds a judgment against the city and has been assessed \$15 for his poolroom. He sent the council a notice that he desired the city to deduct that much from his judgment against the city and Welsh will have this to look after.

In order to try certain suits in the district court the council employed W. C. Lambert at an expense of \$220. The present city attorney is interested on the one side and therefore cannot serve as a representative of the city.

Street Commissioner Miller was directed to repair the approach to the bridge at Madison street at once. The Union Pacific company constructed the bridge with the agreement that the city keep the approach in repair.

Myles Welsh broke in by offering a motion to the effect that only union labor be employed in the city departments and that union wages be paid. This was carried by a unanimous vote and without comment.

Some bills and claims were ordered paid and then the council adjourned until the next regular meeting.

Dies from Injuries. Walter Bump, whose home was at Twenty-fifth and R streets, died last night from injuries by being run over by a Union Pacific freight train. Bump tried to board the freight train near the foot of N street and lost his footing. He fell beneath the train and his head and chest were struck by the wheels and he was killed.

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Reception to Miss Clark. Friends of Miss Della Clark tendered her a reception at the troop armory last evening. A great many members of the High School class, as well as teachers, attended, and congratulated Miss Clark upon her victory at the state oratorical contest held at Grand Island last Friday.

John Fitz Roberts Resigns. Yesterday John Fitz Roberts prepared his resignation and leaves at the Jacksonville club of Omaha. It was reported on the streets last night that quite a number of prominent democrats would follow the action of Nolan, McMillan, Parkhurst and Roberts and resign from the club.

Officers Elected. At a meeting held in Grand Island last Friday night the following officers for the Nebraska High School Delectatory union were elected: J. A. McLean, superintendent of public schools; Omaha, president; E. B. Sherman, superintendent of schools; Schuyler, vice president; M. S. Brown, principal of schools, York, secretary. These three officers also constitute the executive committee and have charge of the next state contest.

Commencement Exercises. Owing to the fact that Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews could not be present on the evening of June 12, the graduating exercises of the High School have been postponed until the evening of June 12, at which time Chancellor Andrews will deliver the address.

The closing exercises of the Grammar schools will, however, occur on the evening of June 12, as originally planned. Dr. W. O. Henry of Creighton Medical college has consented to give the address. Miss Della Clark, who recently won first place in the state declamatory contest, will favor the audience with a declamation, and the one

hundred and twenty or more pupils who enter the High school next September will, under the guidance of Miss Agnes O'Connor of the city schools, furnish the music for the evening.

The high school commencement will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-third and N streets; that of the Grammar schools in the Presbyterian church, Twenty-fifth and J streets.

Magic City Gossip. Mrs. J. B. Watkins is visiting at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Mrs. W. D. Godfrey is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. Coleman, formerly of this city, is now in Chicago.

Teachers' examinations will be held this year on June 19, 20 and 21.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. H. Roberts, Twenty-third and N streets.

Rev. Thomas Stevenson, formerly of this city, but now located in Colorado, is here visiting friends. He will speak at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

Westberg and Goodrich Have Some Trouble with Their Horseless Carriage.

John N. Westberg, city comptroller, in collaboration with G. J. Goodrich, has invented an automobile which is alleged to lack a perpendicular rear axle. The distinctive feature of it is that power is applied to all four wheels instead of to the rear wheels only, and the steering device is also unique. The wheels, too, are a third larger than those of the ordinary horseless carriage.

Aside from his climbing proclivities Mr. Westberg claims for his machine a speed that will make his rivals look like drays in a chariot race and turn green with an automobile envy.

The new auto has been in process of building in a local machine shop for the last six months. Several times they had to tear it down and do it all over again on account of some miscalculation. Once it was found that the storage battery which feeds the spark for the gasoline engine was too weak; again they had neglected to provide for the "differential" in the steering device, and so recently as a week ago they had to rebuild the machine, and it is again on its feet.

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BRITISH TOO SURE OF PEACE

Protraction of Conference Offers No Substantial Basis for Conclusions.

BOERS NOT SATISFIED WITH TERMS

Effect Amicable Settlement of Hostilities.

LONDON, May 27.—Prevalence throughout of an optimistic feeling regarding the peace negotiations is hardly based on solid facts.

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HOLDUP MEN MISS AGAIN

Bandits Fall in Attempt to Rob Burlington Train Near St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 27.—An attempt was made to hold up Burlington express train No. 25 tonight. Four robbers, who were on a mile north of the city limits. The train left Omaha at 5 o'clock and it was due to arrive here at 9:15, leaving for St. Louis at 9:35. Engineer Fred Mudgett was startled by the explosion of two torpedoes, one locking ahead and the other behind the train. He ran 200 yards and the waiting crowd saw the red light swinging near the track.

The police department was notified and a switch engine was at once placed under the train. The robbers had disappeared, taking with them the red lantern.

Roy's branch has been the scene of many successful holdups. Pat Crowe and his gang are believed to have stopped the two trains here seven years ago and looted the express cars.

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NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

"The Mississippi Bubble" is One of the Most Popular of the New Novels.

COLLECTION OF WESTERN COLLEGE SONGS

Nebraska is Represented in the Book by Two Songs—Leading Magazines Are Up to the Usual High Standard.

"The Mississippi Bubble," by Emerson Hough, is a fascinating biographical novel founded on the life of John Law of Louisiana and is selling rapidly. It was the first great greenbacker; the father of inflation. Law was the originator of that wonderful financial scheme which, since its collapse, has been known as the Mississippi Bubble. Law was not simply a money king; he was a man of the world, a gambler in the days when every gentleman dealt the cards or tossed the dice. He was a daring adventurer, a brilliant talker, a famous beau. At Sadler's Well Law meets Lady Catherine and Mary Conroy, two really wonderful women, who take him to London, where they shape his destiny. The love story is out of the ordinary, but holds the attention from the very beginning. Law is portrayed as an exceptionally strong man in every way: a man whom all obey—a natural born ruler.

Because of trouble arising from a duel he goes to America, where he actually carries him into a new country, where his success is just as great as it was among the first people of England. The chapters on "Maize" and "The Sacrifice" are intensely fascinating; probably the most interesting of his life in America. After many thrilling experiences he returns to England searching his first love, following the game table as a pastime. And from then on the author tells his experiences as a financier. He was but one of the vast crowd that flocked to Paris after the death of the grand monarch, but in a day he stood out from the rest of the crowd of the eyes of Europe. He knew the desperate condition of the French treasury, he dreamed of that nation's vast possessions in the New World, and with this knowledge and with this dream he went into action. The regent espoused his cause. Law was a man of the hour. He became rich in a night, powerful in a day, and he scattered his largesse with an open hand. His friends grew rich with him and every man and woman in France was his friend. It is only at the very last that Law succeeded in his career, with that of winning at the hand of the lady he loved. The book is far above the ordinary. Published by Bowen-Merrill company.

"Songs of the Western Colleges" is a new collection of songs published by Hinds & Noble. It has an introduction by Horace Gilbert, Lecturer of the University of Chicago, and Richard Walcott, Tully of the University of California. All the world loves the songs of the jolly college student. Many of them have become popular and universal songs for male quartets. Many of the old favorites have been included in this collection. This collection should be a special request of very many alumni and alumnae, who wish to have some means of living over again in the old familiar songs, the old happy days, with their sweet memories of alma mater. But the book is made up primarily of western songs. For many years the western colleges have been singing their college songs unnoticed. The compilers have endeavored to secure all of these songs and place them in a book which would not only reveal these native western songs to the east, but give to the eastern colleges a book containing all the songs familiar to their alumni as well as to the undergraduates. Our own state is represented in the book by two songs. One, "Scarlet and Cream"—University of Nebraska—Nebraska Wesleyan university. It is a collection which through its cheerfulness and familiar melodies, will be welcomed by many.

"The Gate of the Kiss," by John W. Harding, is a biblical story dealing with one of the most eventful passages in the life of Judah. The romance was between Hesehiah, the king, and Sennacherib, the terrible ruler of Babylon. The prophet Isaiah is one of the conspicuous figures. But the hero is a younger man, a poet and soldier of noble lineage, Naphthali, a favorite at court and a friend of the king, altogether a type of Jewish monarch. Sennacherib is envious of Judah's wealth and power, and is plotting against Hesehiah, using as tools the reactionary idol worshippers, still strong in Jerusalem. Naphthali is enamored of one of the Assyrian conspirators, Mirsoe, a marvellously beautiful woman, who has been proselytized in Jerusalem for playing the part of Aahsterah at an idolatrous org. She adroitly blinds the Jewish noble to her real character, and he is surprised while making love to her at a rendezvous, by one of his comrades, Talmon, a military officer, to whom Mirsoe's real nature and purpose have been revealed by Vashti, one of her servants. This maiden has fallen in love with Naphthali, and tries to save him from impending disaster. Talmon is killed in the struggle which ensues, and Mirsoe is saved from captivity. Naphthali is blind to the truth and bears her to his home with his wife. There she has every advantage to continue the plotting against Judah, and in a great battle the Assyrian hosts defeat the king, and Sennacherib encompasses Jerusalem. Meanwhile Naphthali has been deathly ill of a fever, and recovering, learns from Vashti the story which has saved him, the true character of his wife. Mirsoe escapes to Babylon, becoming the favorite of the king there. Naphthali swears vengeance and proceeds with the devoted Vashti to Babylon, where he kills Mirsoe in the presence of the king.

The faithful Vashti, whose unrequited love for her lord is the most unrequited element in the story, saves him and herself from the tortures by entreating a kiss as the last favor from Naphthali, when, with a vital poison concealed in her lips, she releases her from the terrible ordeal. Published by Lothrop Publishing Company.

The June Number is alike a man's and a woman's number. For so-called business men there are articles on "Making Laws at Washington," a searching exposition of the machinery of congressional action by Henry Loomis Nelson, the well-known student of public affairs, with attractive pictures by Keller; on "Triumph of American Bridge Building," by Frank W. Skinner, with pictures of the most notable bridges built by Americans; the second paper by Ray Stannard Baker on "The Great Southwest," dealing with "The Desert," "An Audience with Dias," by Francis E. Leupp, the well-known Washington correspondent, and a curious article on "Blindness in America," and their growing up in the west as detectives. Of particular appeal to women are the third part of Mary Adams' much-discussed "Confessions of a Wife," dealing with "Motherhood," and "The Royal Family of England," by Prof. George Browning of Cambridge, England, setting forth some characteristics of the royal family based on personal acquaintance, with several portraits of the king and queen, two of which, in tint, form the double frontispiece of the number. The illustrations have great variety and include, among others, the read-field Parrish in the series of the southwest, whose colored frontispieces in the

May number will be remembered, portraits of the king and queen of England as prince and princess of Wales, and some interesting autographs of the duke of Reichstadt (L'Aiglon), contributed by General Henry M. Clint.

The publication of the book, "What a Woman of 45 Ought to Know," completes the best and most exceptional series ever published on avoided subjects. Mrs. Emma I. A. Drake, M. D., is the author and it is published by the Vir Publishing Company. The eminent commendations and universal approval of reviewers in the religious, educational, medical and secular papers have awarded this series a place which has given it a circulation around the globe. The only regret expressed in the appearance of this series is that these books should not have been written and published generations ago. To take a subject which has been abandoned to quacks and impostors for ages, and so to lift it into the realm of pure and sacred thinking, that pastors can do and recommend the series from their pulpits, that mistresses translate the book for use in