# AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Electric Light Company Promises to Begin Burying Wires.

IMPROVES AT M STREET SUB-STATION

Transformers to Be Lowered Into Basement to Let Heavy Lines Go Under the Street—Magic City Gossip.

The Thomson-Houston Electric Light company completed arrangements yesterday for extensive improvements at the substation at 2314 M street, South Omaha. Local Manager Dee Erion states that the large transformers now on the ground floor of the company's building will be moved to the basement in order that the heavy lines now crossing M street might be placed under ground. A conduit is to be constructed for these feed lines and it is expected that excavating will be commenced Monday. Arrangements have been made for material and a large force will be put to work with a view of completing the change within two weeks.

This change in overhead wiring will make a difference in the appearance of M street, as all wires in the vicinity of the proposed library building and the Anthes Hotel, now building, will be placed in the conduits to be laid. Three large manholes will have to be provided in order to give access to the conduit. Heavier wires will be used. The cost of these improvements will amount to several thousand dollars.

With the placing of these electric light wires underground the first step toward burying all wires in the business portion of the city will have been taken.

**Remonstrances Filed.**

Just before noon yesterday Ed Copenharve filed with City Clerk Ehrigley remonstrances against the granting of franchises to two proposed telephone companies. The first remonstrance filed was against the Magic City Telephone company. This petition contained the names of 552 voters, while the petition against the granting of a franchise to the Home Independent Telephone company contained the names of 540 residents and voters. The city clerk stamped the remonstrances and filed them with the records to be presented to the city council Monday night.

**German-American Club.**

The German-American club, which is made up of prominent Germans in South Omaha, will meet at the club headquarters on Twenty-fourth street this afternoon and discuss the acts of Congressman Mercer.

A majority of the club members favor turning Mercer down for the simple reason that he has, so it is asserted, already promised the postmastership to not less than a dozen people. Members of the club say that Mercer is not to be trusted and it was noticeable that very few Germans were present at the Blackburn-Burkett-Mercer rally Friday night.

One prominent German stated to a Bee reporter last night that while he had voted for Mercer for five consecutive terms he proposed to saw off and vote the other way this fall.

**Teamsters Meet Today.**

A special meeting of the Teamsters' union has been called for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the rooms over the Packers' National bank. At this meeting the discussion of a regular scale of wages will be the feature. It is expected that employers of teamsters will be presented with the scale as soon as a committee, to be appointed, can make its report.

**Sacred Concert Tonight.**

Tonight at St. Bridget's church, Twenty-sixth and F streets, a sacred concert will be given under the direction of Ed P. Baker, and it is stated that the chorus will consist of forty voices. Among those who will take part are: Mrs. Frank J. Moriarty, Miss Margaret O'Toole, Mrs. Charles Gibson, Fred Lehmer, Dr. Charles Baston, Edgar Brown, Hans Jessen and Miss Jessie Carpenter.

**Will Urge Prosecution.**

At a meeting of about forty citizens of South Omaha last night, at which Joseph Garlow presided and the Taxpayers' league was well represented, it was determined to proceed with the prosecution against the four members of the school board against whom charges of bribery have been made. The four accused men appeared at the meeting and offered to resign if the charges were withdrawn and the steps at prosecution abandoned, but their overtures were disregarded.

A fund of $200 was raised at this meeting with which to aid in the prosecution of these officials and a committee was appointed to call on County Attorney Shields Monday and urge that action be instituted at once and carried out vigorously.

**Magic City Gleaks.**

Richard Swift, jr., has gone to Denver.

Hiram Cockrell has returned from a visit with friends in Ohio.

Rev. M. A. Hend has gone to Illinois for a short vacation.

The new lumber and coal company, Crosby, Kopeitz, Casey Co.

Zack Cuddington is here and will spend a few days visiting friends.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Myers, Thirty-fifth and H streets.

Secretary Marsh is busy soliciting funds to pay off the debt of the local association.

Let us sell you your winter's supply of coal. Crosby, Kopeitz, Casey Co., 2612 N street.

Rev. H. M. Haderd of Des Moines will occupy the pulpit at the Christian church this morning.

Frank Hajuk has taken out a permit for the erection of a store building at Twenty-fifth and W streets.

The local serie of Eagles will elect officers and initiate candidates at the troop armory this afternoon.

See B. E. Wilcox & Co. for good coal. Rock Springs coal, $6.50 per ton, and Hanna coal, $6 per ton.

Frank Spear has returned from Lincoln, where he was summoned as a petit juror in the United States court.

Mrs. Frank J. Andres of Lexington, Mo., is being entertained by Miss Lucille Gibson, 136 North Twenty-eighth street.

Mrs. M. A. Dillon has gone to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to stop a time with her husband, who is taking treatment there.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tague, Twenty-eighth and R streets, was buried at St. Mary's cemetery yesterday afternoon.

South Omaha serie No. 154, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will give its second annual ball Saturday evening, October 25, at the cavalry armory.

Coal reduced. See Howland Lumber and Coal company before buying. 428 North 24th street; 'phone 7.

Rev. W. F. Richardson of Kansas City will preach at the First Methodist church this morning. In the evening the pulpit will be filled by Rev. Ghormley of Portland, Ore.

Since the invitations were issued the Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist church has found it necessary to change the date of the birthday social from Thursday evening, October 23, to the evening following.

## Amusements.

**At the Boyd.**

The Bostonians in a new and magnificent production of "Robin Hood," by Reginald DeKoven and Harry B. Smith.

CAST OF CHARACTERS (AFTERNOON).

Sheriff of Nottingham.....Henry Clay Barnabee
Little John.....W. H. MacDonald
Robin Hood.....Harold Gordon
Will Scarlett.....Howard Chambers
Alan-a-Dale.....Maud Lashley
Friar Tuck.....George B. Frothingham
Guy of Gisborne.....Campbell Donald
Dame Burden.....Josephine Bartlett
Annabel.....Alice Judson
Maid Marian.....Antoinette Martin

CAST OF CHARACTERS (EVENING).

Sheriff of Nottingham.....Henry Clay Barnabee
Little John.....MacDonald Derrington
Robin Hood.....William C. Weeden
Will Scarlett.....Allen C. Hinckley
Alan-a-Dale.....Olive Celeste Moore
Friar Tuck.....George B. Frothingham
Guy of Gisborne.....Campbell Donald
Dame Burden.....Josephine Bartlett
Annabel.....Sabery D'Orseile
Maid Marian.....Florence Wolcott

After hearing all the musical effusions and nonsense-rhymes and trivial jingles which masquerade under the caption of comic opera, it is refreshing to go back once more and loll in the restful greenness of old Sherwood forest, to lie flat on the velvet sward and look through interlacing tree-boughs and see blue sky and dreamy clouds—but after all, the real thing. It is easier to imagine the haunt of Robin Hood and his men, than a foreign courtyard with Oriental aromas and impossible conglomeration of costumes. Yes, after all "Robin Hood," with its now-old jokes, its well-worn quips and its very familiar music, is still "stout and hale" like the famous "brown October ale" of which Little John sings, or is it W. H. MacDonald?

One has grown so accustomed to the old faces that in but a few seasons more we will read in the cast of characters that the sheriff of Nottingham will appear as Barnabee; that MacDonald will be played by Little John and that Friar Tuck will sing the part of Frothingham. And the same old Samuel Studley, with the baton in his hand, brings the same good results, or nearly so, although the present production of "Robin Hood" at the Boyd theater is a little short on the women's voices in the chorus.

Naturally there was a great deal of disappointment at the withdrawal of "Maid Marian" from the bill, but sympathy for the afflicted Miss Von Studdiford overweighed the disappointment.

The matinee was enjoyable in that it introduced to Omaha a tenor who was most acceptable, in the person of Harold Gordon. His voice is rather of the robust order, his high tones were well up, out and forward, when he brought them out, but he resorted, like most light opera tenors, to a falsetto production frequently. However, he was better than most that one hears and with a comfortable stage manner, let that suffice. The other support was, generally speaking, adequate.

At the evening performance another voice now to Omaha, but none the less delightful, was heard—that of Allen C. Hinckley, in the songs made memorable by Eugene Cowles. Mr. Hinckley has a powerful and melodious bass voice and sings with finish, but lacks the spirit and dash that ought to mark the armorer's song.

More hard luck has overtaken the company, two of its singing force having been taken ill here. Miss Florence Wolcott, who alternates with Miss Von Studdiford, went to the hospital, where she will probably be compelled to undergo an operation. After singing at the matinee Mr. Harold Gordon was forced to put himself under the doctor's care, and will not be able to go with the company to Kansas City. Word was received last night by Manager Bacon from Miss Von Studdiford, who is now at St. Louis, that she may be able to join the company by Wednesday or Thursday.

## CONGDON ON JUSTICE TANEY

Local Barrister Addresses Bar Association After Frequent Postponements—Banquet Plans Made.

After many futile attempts to read to the members of the Omaha Bar association a paper on Chief Justice Taney, I. S. Congdon succeeded last night. He told of incidents in the life of the great jurist from the time he was born in a log cabin until he wrote the famous Dred Scott decision and died at the age of 87 years. He compared him favorably with Chief Justice Marshall, whom Taney succeeded as presiding justice. Mr. Congdon gave the latter credit for the throttling of the national banks during Jackson's administration and said that his every act was founded upon right and justice.

Preceding the reading of the paper it was voted that the Bar association join with the State Bar association in its annual banquet, to be in Omaha on the evening of January 9.



# NEBRASKANS NOT SATISFIED

Ask Supreme Court of United States to Settle Their Troubles.

BONDING COMPANY SEEKING RELIEF

Forced to Pay for Failure of Contractor on the Norfolk Asylum—Other is a Reminder of Second Exposition.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—It is somewhat unusual that two such men as E. G. McGilton and W. D. McHugh of Omaha should appear before the supreme court of the United States and ask for writs of certiorari upon vitally different cases, but affecting interests of citizens of Nebraska. Mr. McGilton will appear in the supreme court on Monday to ask for a writ certifying up to the supreme court the case of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company of Baltimore, Md., against the Omaha Building and Construction company and others. The case grows out of construction of an addition to the Insane asylum at Norfolk. The Omaha Building and Construction company exists, according to the brief of plaintiff in error, in the person of J. E. Reilly. The contractor failed to pay labor and material bills and the guaranty company was compelled to do so under its bond, and seeks to recover. Mr. McGilton, as attorney for the guaranty company, seeks to transfer the case from the circuit court of appeals to the supreme court, for the reason that there has been no authoritative utterance by the supreme court on the question involved. W. D. McHugh will put a motion for a writ of certiorari to the supreme court on Monday on behalf of the Chicago House Wrecking company against Otto C. Birney. The Chicago House Wrecking company purchased the Transmississippi exposition buildings after the close of the exposition and in dismantling one of the buildings Birney was severely injured by reason of an order issued to him which he thought brought about his injury. He began suit against the wrecking company and recovered $9,500 in the circuit court of the United States. The case was taken to the circuit court of appeals and the judgment of the lower court was affirmed by a divided tribunal, Judge Sanborn dissenting. Judge McHugh seeks, in transferring the case from the circuit court of appeals to the supreme court, to obtain an opinion from the highest tribunal having direct bearing upon the legal status of the fellow-servant or vice principal.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Mrs. Rosa Timmerman, Inglis, Holt county, vice C. Wheeler, resigned. Iowa—George I. Ripsey, Harrison, Madison county. Wyoming—Marie C. Wolff, Elk, Uinta county.

A civil service examination will be held November 15 at Lead, S. D., for the positions of clerk and letter carrier in the postoffice at that place.

The postoffices at Spring Valley, Decatur county, Ia., and Klondike, Johnson county, Wyo., will be discontinued after November 1.

Wellington B. Johnson of Omaha has been appointed fourth assistant examiner in the patent office.

Miss Helen Frasker of Des Moines has been appointed copyist in the patent office.

Bert E. Forbes of Beatrice, Neb., has been appointed assistant engineer in the geological survey service at $1,000 per year.

## FAILS TO REGISTER VOTE

Nevertheless, President Roosevelt Will Go to Oyster Bay and Cast His Ballot.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—While President Roosevelt was unable to go to Oyster Bay to register his vote for the November election, he will go home to vote.

The president is progressing finely toward complete recovery and now is able to move about without crutches or even a cane, but his physicians have advised him not to travel any distance for at least two weeks.

For this reason he will be unable to attend the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university, although he had expressed his particular desire to be present when President Wilson is installed.

## CHAFFEE ADDS AN ISLAND

Assumes Military Jurisdiction Over Corregidor and Prohibits Liquor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—An order was recently issued by General Chaffee, in command in the Philippines, assuming military jurisdiction over the island of Corregidor. The law prohibits the importation of liquors, except for hospital purposes.

All persons living in the water shed of the stream from which water is obtained for the garrison are to be removed.

**Niagara's Wonderful Power.**

A few years ago the idea of using the power from Niagara Falls would have seemed ridiculous, but the wonderful progress of invention has made it possible and today many industries are operated by it. In medicine, we also see wonderful progress, especially since the introduction of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters about fifty years ago. It is strictly a family medicine and will positively cure heartburn, flatulency, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, malaria or liver and kidney troubles. Be sure to try it.