

## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City's Clerical Force Prepares Data for Charter Revision Committee.

## LOSS OF OCCUPATION TAX IS FELT

Meant Many Hundreds of Dollars and Now Something Must Be Done to Correspondingly Decrease City's Expenditures.

The clerks in the city offices have been engaged during the last few days in preparing data for the use of the charter revision committee in case a call for the same is made. The data prepared shows the overlap in each fund and the amount now needed to carry on the work of each department. The total overlap amounts to \$10,000. What the city officials want is to find some way in which this overlap may be wiped out, bonds to be issued for the same. If this is done and the levy slightly increased it is thought that the city can manage to run along without getting very far into debt.

Ten years ago the overlap was about \$5,000. Since that time it has been growing with each administration until now it has reached the figures mentioned. One cause of this rapid increase was the cutting off of the occupation tax usually levied upon liquor dealers. When the license was \$500 a year an occupation tax of \$200 was levied. This latter sum went into the city coffers, while the former went to the school district. Now that there is a license of \$1,000, no occupation tax is levied, consequently in two years the city has been the loser to the extent of \$35,000. This loss in revenue now shows up on the red side of the ledger and it will take an issue of bonds to wipe it out.

Another feature of this overlap is the talk that if the indebtedness which is worrying the city officials is paid off, a new rule must be established positively prohibiting the overdriving of funds under any circumstances. It is true that the present charter permits money to be expended in cases of emergency. This is considered to be the filling of dangerous washouts, the repairs of streets damaged by storms or the suppression of an epidemic. Or, in other cases, where the health and lives and property of citizens are jeopardized. So far this year the city has been practically free from contagious or infectious diseases, consequently the emergency expense bills have been kept down to a low amount.

## New Lodge Instituted.

The Tel Jed Sokol of Bohemian Turners instituted a new lodge at Koutsky's hall yesterday afternoon. All the thirty members are women. Joseph Sterba is president of the new lodge and also occupies the position of physical director. Meetings for physical culture will be held once each week.

## No Charity Funds.

"It is fortunate," said Chairman Queenan of the council committee on charity, yesterday, "that we have received so few calls for aid this winter. The funds are low and we have no money on hand to pay for fuel and supplies. However, the committee is doing the best it can. One point shown in favor of South Omaha, and that is that fewer applications for aid have been filed this winter than ever before in the history of the city."

Inquiry shows that the principal calls are from widows who are trying to support themselves and a family of children.

## City Council Tonight.

The city council is called for a meeting tonight. So far there appears to be little business of importance, but the regular routine will be gone through with. No claims or salaries will be allowed until the first meeting in January. There is little doing in street repairing, so the session promises to be an exceedingly tame one.

## Charter Committee Tuesday Night.

A meeting of the committee of the whole of the recently appointed charter revision committee is to be held at the council chamber on Tuesday evening. It is understood that the subcommittee will not be ready to render a complete report at this time. Progress will be reported and, providing it is the desire of those present, Secretary Breen of the subcommittee will go over the amendments already considered. The task is rather tiresome and perhaps two weeks more will be consumed in deciding upon the amendments to be suggested to the legislature.

## New Ice House.

Today B. Jetter will commence the construction of a new ice house at his brewery, Thirtieth and V streets. This building will be 100 feet square and twenty-four feet high. It will have a capacity of 4,500 tons. The plans have been drawn for some time, but there has been some delay in securing material.

In speaking of the ice crop at the brewery pond, Martin Jetter said last night that the ice was now about nine inches thick, and that cutting would commence Wednesday. It is the intention to put up enough ice to supply South Omaha saloons, and with this idea in view they have organized what will be known as the Jetter ice company. This new company, Mr. Jetter said, will be independent of any of the other ice companies.

## Cudahy Cuts Ice.

Quite a large number of men went to work at Seymour lake yesterday cutting ice for the Cudahy Packing company. Owing to the shortness of the season, a lot of the work, not as many men as expected reported for duty yesterday, but more are

expected today. Arrangements have been made at the lake for the feeding and lodging of a large number of men during the ice harvesting season. For the convenience of men who have families in South Omaha and are working on the ice fields carry-alls will leave the Cudahy plant each morning at 6 o'clock for Seymour lake, returning in the evening.

## Magic City Gossip.

Henry Clausen is in Val, Ia., visiting relatives. Thomas Alderson has gone to Chicago to look after business matters. Rev. James Wise, rector of St. Martin's church, will be married Tuesday to Miss Anna Betts of Lincoln.

Sidney J. Kent will deliver an address to laboring men at Labor temple Wednesday evening. All laboring men as well as others are invited to attend.

Harley, 5-year-old son of George Zaag, thirty-eighth and I streets, died yesterday afternoon. The body will be forwarded to Gretna for interment today.

A subscription is being taken up to secure suitable burial for William Howard, the friendless young man who died at the home of Mrs. Avery, Twenty-ninth and B streets, Saturday.

James Schneider, Nineteenth and O streets, fell on the icy sidewalk on Twentieth street Saturday evening and is suffering from a severe cut on the head, besides a sprained back for Seymour lake, returning in the evening.

General Manager Kenyon of the Union Stock Yards company has sent a check for \$50 to Chief Editor of the city fire department in recognition of the splendid work done by fire department at the sheep barn fire on Thursday last.

Dr. George Atchison of Idaho Springs, Colo., has returned to his home after a visit of a couple of days with George W. Mason. Both Dr. Atchison and Mr. Mason are interested in the Blue Ribbon Mining and Milling company located in Gilpin county, Colorado.

## QUEEREST OF LAWSUITS.

## Highwayman Sued by Partner for His Share of Spoils.

Perhaps the most remarkable suit ever brought in on the records of the court of the exchequer in England. It was filed on October 3, 1725, and it sets forth very clearly that John Everit and Joseph Williams were highway robbers.

In its succinct legal phrases the complaint says that the men formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on business as highwaymen. It was mighty profitable, as was shown by the fact that Everit sued Williams for the equivalent of \$5,000, "being for moneys wrongfully appropriated to defendant's private purse."

This was the amount in dispute after the partnership had lasted only a year. Then Everit claimed that he discovered that his partner had not made a fair division of the spoils.

The action was adjudged to be a gross contempt of court, and the plaintiff was ordered to pay all costs, while the solicitors who served the writ were fined. One of the solicitors, a man named Wrentham, refused to pay the fine and was sent to prison for six months.

Both plaintiff and defendant to the action were subsequently hanged—one at Tyburn and the other at Maidstone.

## Announcements of the Theaters.

"Mrs. Jack," in which Miss Alice Fischer, under the direction of Mr. Harry B. Harris, will be seen for the first time here as a star at the Boyd tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday matinee and night, is not to be taken as seriously portraying life. It is to be enjoyed as pure fun, just as the audiences have been enjoying it for 100 nights in New York at Wallack's and the Victoria theaters. It is clean fun, free from any coarseness or horseplay, and unalloyed with wit. "It is probably a reporter, someone who when a card is brought, 'No, sir,' says the butler. 'He says his business is confidential.' This is the style in which 'Mrs. Jack' is written. Miss Fischer, whose jolly, wholesome personality and inconceivable comic gifts admirably suited to the role of 'Mrs. Jack,' is surrounded by a company of clever comedians. Together these laugh creators infuse such animal spirits into the performance that they give an evening of lively fun."

## The principal topic of interest at present

is the opening of the "Blue Hole" sale of seats at Boyd's. The big production opens its week's engagement in this city next Monday evening, and the advance sale will begin at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, when seats for the eight performances will be ready. A great interest is manifested locally and it is anticipated that there will be a great rush for first choice when the sale begins. It is, therefore, advisable to early. "Ben Hur" has the distinction of holding the record of attendance in every city where it has been presented, and as this will probably be its only presentation in Omaha—as it is already booked three years ahead in other territory—those in this vicinity should not miss this opportunity of seeing what is considered the greatest dramatic spectacle on the American stage.

## Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

## Saved Him.

Baltimore Sun: "I did one charitable act today," remarked the bald-headed druggist as he sat down to dinner. "I'm glad to hear it, dear," rejoined his wife. "Oh, there isn't much to tell," replied the pill compiler. "One of my clerks wanted an increase in salary so he could get married, and I refused to give it to him."

## Kate Salisbury Laid Away.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Funeral services for the late Kate Salisbury were held today under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity at the funeral home of J. H. Burdett, 111 E. 14th street, where the deceased was laid to rest. A large number of people were in attendance.

## MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

Jupiter Company Pushing Work on Cyaniding Plant in Black Tail.

## SPEARFISH COMPANY BRANCHING OUT

Rush to Finish Up Assessment Work Before Close of Year in Order to Head Off the Claim Jumpers.

## DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)

The grading for the 150-ton cyanide plant of the Jupiter Mining company, in Blacktail gulch, has been finished and the carpenters and stone masons have begun their part of the work. The plant will embrace all the improvements in the wet-crushing process, and the contract calls for its completion by March 1 next. Work in the mines of the company has been suspended pending the completion of the plant, only a small force being employed in them, and that for the purpose of keeping up the timbering and providing against accidental cave-ins in the workings. There is an immense amount of ore exposed in the workings on the ground, and when the cyanide plant is ready to start up there will be plenty of ore on hand to keep it running indefinitely. The company, unlike most of the new ones which have recently built plants in the northern hills, having purchased ground which had already been developed. The ground included in the company's holdings has been worked for years, and the ore bodies on it thoroughly explored, and the character of the ore and its richness known to a fraction of a cent.

The Spearfish Mining company this week sent down from its mill in Johnson gulch another gold brick, the result of a two weeks' run, which weighed 11,145. The mill at the company's mines is now running at about its full capacity, and when it is doing its best it should produce from \$10,000 to \$20,000 at every semi-monthly cleanup. At the present time there is being treated in the mill about 6,000 tons of ore a month and the grade is constantly increasing in value. Another ore body has been encountered in the workings at the mine, the new discovery having been made at a depth of thirty-five feet below the second ore body opened up a few weeks ago. The new vein is from ten to twenty feet in thickness and assays from \$1 to \$12 a ton. Development work done during the past month shows that the line floor of the first ore stratum is really the roof of the second ore body, which shows that at the beginning of operations believed. These two ore bodies lying below the first have actually more than doubled the ore reserves of the company. The company has been talking of increasing the capacity of its plant, bringing it up to 500 or 600 tons daily, and during the coming year this improvement may be made.

## Working Belle Eldridge Group.

Aaron Dunn and associates have started in getting out ore on the Belle Eldridge group of claims in Spruce gulch, a few miles from this city, and are taking out 300 rock at the present time, which is being stored for shipment to Deadwood for treatment. The ore is being taken from the upper contact, where the veins which a few years ago shipped 3,000 tons of ore, which went from \$5 to \$23 a ton gold. The ore shot at the point where work is now being done is from three to five feet in thickness and of the same grade as that which has been shipped in former years. On the Belle Eldridge group of claims gold shoots of ore have been exposed on the lower contact, but as yet very little work has been done on them, but it is understood that when the present work in hand has been finished a force of miners will start on their development. The ore on this group is a cyaniding proposition, and if the necessary arrangements can be made with the owners of adjoining ground a treatment plant will be erected the coming spring.

## The ore which has been shipped from

this group of claims, after being hauled in wagons over rough trails, has paid a handsome profit, and a plant on the ground should prove to be still more profitable. The same parties connected with the group of claims, in the same neighborhood, have recently begun the development of a nine-foot vein of ore which, besides carrying gold and silver values of \$9, also carries a high percentage of iron and a little zinc and lead. This is a smelting proposition, and the development which is being done on it is for the purpose of testing the values of the ore. The ore occurs on fossil shales, which at that point are about 200 feet above the quartzite. The group also has exposed in it several shoots of cyaniding ore, but these have not received very much attention in the way of development, the owners thinking that the smelting proposition will prove to be a good thing, and are so putting in all the work on it.

## The owners of the same district

are now busy doing their annual assessment work, but it is not believed that the district will be bothered by "jumpers," as most of the ground has been worked all of the last summer and fall. The Highland claim, which is a smelting proposition, is working to its full capacity on ore from the company's claim, which is being taken from the quartzite contact. This ore will average better than \$7 a ton, and there appears to be a lot of it.

## Peachcot Buys More Ground.

The Peachcot Mining company at Garden City has been adding to its already large holdings in the Ida Gray district, its latest purchase being the Eagle group of claims, containing 237 acres. The first payment on the ground was made last Wednesday, when \$12,000 cash was paid down to the owners of the property, Messrs. Graham, Nolan and associates. The full purchase price has not been made known, but it is a large sum, for included in the group are a number of producing claims which have been extensively worked, "viper" claims which have been shipped much good ore. The ore on the Eagle group is silicious, and carries in many instances high gold values, the district being looked on as containing the richest silicious ore bodies in the Black Hills. Some of the ore shoots, which occur in the flat formation, are very large and have been well developed. The recent purchase makes the Peachcot company the largest holder of ground in the Ida Gray district, and the only company operating a reduction plant of its own. The new cyanide mill of the company has been in operation for some time, but it has not been running at its full capacity owing to an inability to secure a sufficient supply of cyanide. The company has plenty of ore in the mine and in its present workings a supply sufficient to keep the present plant running a lifetime. It is said that the company contemplates enlarging its mill to 500 tons daily capacity as soon as the weather will permit, the success of the initial run of the mill warranting the management to make the contemplated improvement.

## Doing Assessment Work.

Every claim in the northern hills now has one or more men at work on it, for on next Thursday the time for doing the annual assessment work on the ground will have expired, and anything which carries gold is now looked upon as valuable, so the owners are taking no chances of having their ground jumped. Last year, or rather last New Year's, there were one or two shooting scrapes over ground, but fortunately there was no bloodshed, and this year the owners are more careful. Nearly every claim, however, on which there has been made a showing of ore has been represented, so that there will be very little relocating done, and as it is an unhealthy country for the professional "jumper," he is, as a general thing, a little cautious. There are, however, a number of people who have made a practice of locating ground whether it contained mineral or not, and the ground of these people is in danger, for many of them have made no attempt to make a discovery or to do the required amount of work necessary.

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But before doing anything else, have your back rubbed with Omega Oil at least five minutes every night and morning for a week.

I had the misfortune to fall very heavily on the pavement, causing a severe injury to my back. Having read of the wonderful cures effected by the use of Omega Oil, I purchased three bottles of it and used as directed. I had been suffering four years with a constant pain in my spinal column, but was not benefited by the many remedies tried. I was surprised to find that the pain from the fall (disappeared after using Omega Oil, and the pain which I had suffered from so many years was also removed. I would not be without the Oil in my home.

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son for \$20 and bagged a couple of dozen before complaints were made. When charged with selling books he boldly denied the accusation and refused to desist until threatened with arrest.

A deformed woman, known as "Little Sunshine," gave the police—and incidentally the senators—even more trouble than the female book agent. She presumed upon her misfortune to ignore all the rules of the senate and home, and pushed by the doorkeepers on guard at the marble room and committee rooms without hesitation. If interfered with her favorite exclamation was, "How dare you touch me, you brutal man!" She was usually peddling tickets at a dollar each, for a benefit for herself, and pushed them on to senators in blocks of ten. The police finally admitted that they were helpless before her and could no longer keep her in check.

Colonel Randall heard of it and declared that he would settle her on her next appearance. The very next day she arrived, brushed by the senate doorkeeper and cornered Senator Mason in the marble room. While Senator Mason was mopping the perspiration from his expansive brow and was protesting that he was a poor man and could not give up \$10 for tickets, Colonel Randall was sent for. He bore down on the woman with all sails set and fire in his eyes. As he engaged her, Senator Mason made his escape. A half an hour's wrangle ended by Colonel Randall buying four tickets and "Little Sunshine" is still doing business at the old stand.

The mention of a certain woman's name to Representative Eddy of Minnesota is enough to send that valiant statesman flying to his committee room, where he seeks safety behind lock and key. Tell him that the "Minnesota Blizzard" is there, and he will run like a deer.

The "Minnesota Blizzard" is a woman, and she is a powerful one. She lives very nearly on the boundary between South Carolina and Georgia, in the northwestern part of the first named state. They are very clanlike, but death will remove that impression. Representative Eddy and Senator Gallinger are her victims, the former being the member from her district and the latter chairman of the senate pension committee. The "Minnesota Blizzard" was a nurse in the civil war and claims that her husband was a soldier; hence she wants two pensions, one as nurse and the other as widow. She got a pension as a nurse, and, after dogging Eddy and the members of the pension committee for four years, this was increased on the distinct understanding and pledge that she would return to Minnesota and stay there.

She paralyzed Eddy the other day by turning up and exclaiming: "I am here with blood in my eyes. We have got to get rid of that old fossil Evans in the Pension office and have a western man there who knows a first class blizzard when he sees it. I am entitled to two pensions and I am going to stay here until I get 'em."

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## STRANGE RACE OF PEOPLE.

## Red Bones Distinct from All Others in the World.

"Have you ever heard of a class of people called 'red bones'?" said Lewis Marshall of Charleston, S. C., quoted by the Washington Star. They are the most peculiar people in the United States. No one living absolutely knows the race from which they sprang or whence the original set of their bones came. They live very nearly on the boundary between South Carolina and Georgia, in the northwestern part of the first named state. They are very clanlike, but death will remove that impression. Representative Eddy and Senator Gallinger are her victims, the former being the member from her district and the latter chairman of the senate pension committee. The "Minnesota Blizzard" was a nurse in the civil war and claims that her husband was a soldier; hence she wants two pensions, one as nurse and the other as widow. She got a pension as a nurse, and, after dogging Eddy and the members of the pension committee for four years, this was increased on the distinct understanding and pledge that she would return to Minnesota and stay there.

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