THE DIETRICH TRIAL.

Prompt Determination of the Issues in Open Court.

Lincoln Star. The action of Judge Munger will be approved in overruling the effort of the United States district attorney to delay and postpone the trial of Senator Districh. When an indictment was found against him some weeks ago the senstor denied its truth and declared that he should return to Nebraska at once and demand a trial at the earliest possible moment. The press of the state and of the country universally agreed in demanding both of him and of the prosecution a prompt settlement by trial of the issue raised by the grand jury. The senator as a citizen has a right to trial without delay, and there are special reasons of a public character which urge it forward.

The date, January 4, for which the trial is set, although a concession of some delay to the prosecution, is reasonably early, giving the district attorney two weeks from the adjournment of the grand jury for preparation. The prosecution has, in fact, had many months to get ready. The senator's case was before the grand jury as long ago as May, and it had been carefully studied long before that time.

The whole matter is an extraordinary one, extraordinary in its Inception, extraordinary in the methods which have been employed in its preliminaries, in the production of evidence, in its exploitation in certain newspapers, in its relation to personal interests and political matters. The fact that a United States senator is involved gives it a hearing of national importance. In Nebraska especially its progress and settlement will be regarded with intense

The people of this state have no other desire in this trial than they have had in all the preliminaries leading up to it-to see the truth and the right prevail. The great mass of the people, in spite of systematic and malignant effort in some quarters to becloud the issue and to prejudice the case, are open-minded to the truth. They are fair. They will await the full showing of the facts. They want no guilty man to escape and no innocent man to suffer, nor will they be lenient if they find it has been attempted wrongfully to destroy Senator Dietrich.

our part we are glad that Judge Munger has firmly refused to permit the trial to be delayed and that the case can so soon be put in shape to be judged by all on its merits and on all the facts.

A DASH OF SPICE.

Aunt Jane-Hannah, the girls have a cook that I don't believe is just the thing Hannah—Why not, Jane?

Aunt Jane—You ought to see how they are enjoying it. I'm sure it can't be a proper book.—Boston Transcript.

"De really smaht man," said Uncle Eben, "is de one dat has sense enough to know dat he's liable to be fooled de same as any-body alse."—Washington Star.

or. Blimber gave Jim Frisble an over-the other day." fow did he square himself?" ald he'd knock a dollar off the bill."— reland Plain Dealer.

"How do you like your new minister?"
"He's very young and not a very good eaker. His delivery is very peculiar. I a not understand it at all."
"Nobody could solve his delivery at colge, either. He was the crack pitcher the nine, you know."—Philadelphia

Phwat hotel?"
It ain't built yet."
Thin how kin he be runnin' it?"
He's s walkin' diligate, an' they're jist

"How would you describe a college boy?"
T'd call him a chap who might be a fine
utent if he had time to study."—Detroit

in't de same ol' Santy Claus it used to fill his sleigh ginger bread an' sugar sticks sh folks on Christmas day. didn't make much diff'unca stween de great an' small, new you gits expensive gifts else you get none at all.

e used to bring dem reindeer up
Long side de cabin do',
n' he made a p'int o' callin'
On de familles dat was po',
ut he's minglin' wif de rich folks
Stid o' wif de common crowd,
n' I's afraid dat Santy Claus
le gettin' kind o' proud.
—Washington Star.

CHRISTMAS JOY.

James Russell Lowell.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Police Patrol Telephone System Looks Good to the Public.

WILL GREATLY AID THE SMALL FORCE

Better Communication with Officers on Their Beats and a Consequent Increase in Efficiency of Service.

The action taken by the city council in ordering a contract made with the Nobraska Telephone company for the installation of nine patrol boxes is generally commemled. It is asserted on all sides that the additional expense is a small matter as compared with the benefits to be derived, In the police department the officers will be required to report at regular intervals day and night and communications may be given them over the telephone and much valuable time saved in the apprehension of criminals. These boxes will be so fitted that fire alarms may be sent in and this will give the city nine additional fire alarm boxes. The yearly rental for each box is \$50 and this is considered exceedingly reasonable, especially as the telephone company will keep the boxes and lines in repair. The contract now walting to be signed runs for five years. More boxes may be installed at any time the council sees fit to order the work done.

So far nothing has been done towards selecting the location of the nine boxes. The police committee of the council preposes to meet with the Fire and Police commission and the chief of police and the chief of the fire department and arrange this matter. After the contract is signed it will take the telephone company fully sixty days to get the boxes in position and the wires strung. Provision is made in the contract for the best of telephone service over these lines.

Efforts have been made in the past to install this service, but as the funds would not warrant the expenditure the council was not in a position to consider a propo sition of the sort. Now that the fire and police funds are in good shape, owing to the sale of the overlap bonds, the city officials feel warranted in going ahead in making this contract.

Judge King Imposes Sentences. In police court yesterday afternoon Judge King imposed a number of county jail sentences. The first of importance was when William Clooney appeared. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly. For this the judge gave him thirty days. Another charge of malicious destruction of property was brought against Clooney, and for this he was sentenced to ninety days in the county jall. From the testimony it appeared that Clooney had visited the home of his former wife in a drunken condition and had broken up considerable furniture. The two sentences will keep Clooney confined until after the spring

Jake Neff and Lewis Davis pleaded gullty to the theft of a washing machine, as the machine was found in their possession. Each received a sentence of thirty days in the county jail.

Antone Elstrom was brought in for the name old charge of existing without visible Twenty-eighth street. neans of support. He drew sixty days in the county jail.

Chief Briggs took all of these offender and Isaac Chambers to the county jail last evening. No complaint has been filed against Chambers for murder yet, but the county attorney expects to make the filing

today. Sidewalk Bid Rejected. Only one bid for the construction of permanent sidewalks has been received by the city council and this is to be rejected. Gua Hamil bid 13% cents per square to

in the advertisement. No more attempts | chased from private parties. will be made this year by the council to thirty days' time is always given, the nonletting of this contract means that property owners will have until spring to comple the work. If walks are not laid by that

property. Lee Visits Friends.

A. H. Lee, formerly one of the traveling men employed by the Union Stock Yards company here, but for a number of years located in Chicago, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Lee is now connected with the stock yards company in Chicago, but he still finds time to drop in at the exchange here and visit his old friends. In the rotunda at the Exchange yesterday afternoon Mr. Lee was greeted by many old-time acquaintances and he told in detail about his recent trips through the cattle country in the west and the northwest. He prodicts a promising season next year for all live stock markets.

/ Big Payers Slow, All city taxes for the year 1903 become delinquent on January 1. So far the small property owners have paid up rapidly, but those who owe large sums seem to be hold-ing back. City Treasurer Howe is anxious to get in the taxes before the first of the ber of the packing houses have not paid, but have called for statements and their checks are expected in every day. The

books of the office will close this year with the cleanest record in many years, the GETS TEN-YEAR EXTENSION taxes having been paid in more promptly

than heretofore. Tires of Life.

Edith Blackburn, who lives at 312 Railroad avenue, attempted to commit suicide last night by taking laudunum. The city physician was notified and prompt action saved the giri's life. Despondency is supposed to be the cause of her desire to die. The par- Local Property Owners Interested ents of the girl reside at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets, Omaha.

Magie City Gossip.

List your property with H. M. Christie Shields will spend Christmas with at Red Oak, In.

Jacob Weimer of Harvard, Neb., is in the city, the guest of Frank Jones.

Special low prices on watches and rings for Christmas. Sandwill, 200 N street.

The funeral of J. A. Vail will be held at Albany, Mo., on Saturday of this week.

Miss Elizabeth Haves has soon as

Miss Elizabeth Hayes has gone to St. ouis for a week's visit with relatives. Miss Lucille Penny has gone to Ashland, Neb., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Bertha Giplin, 2334 Monroe street, is reported at the health office as ill with diphtheria.

Florence after an existence of about fifteen years. Immediately the water company proposed to renew both without change. Florence uses thirteen hydrants and has

PROSPECT HILL IMPROVERS Steps Taken to Secure the

Paving of Streets in the

District.

John Daly gave a history of street grades in the Prospect Hill district at the meeting of that club last night. A recent investigation by him of street, sidewalk, sewer and street car matters, and the special taxes levied against the district for these improvements, showed that a larger proportion of these special taxes had been fully paid up than by any other district In this city, the unpaid properties, thirtyfour or thirty-five in number, being either owned by nonresidents or vacant property.

The matter of paving Thirty-third street opinion was that the improvement would be now disposed to sign the petition for the to Thirty-third street was liberally dis- rate should be proportionately low. ussed and the outlook for this work being done before the close of the coming year is very encouraging and there seems but little doubt but that the requisite number of signers will be secured this winter. A sufficient number has already been secured

sition favorably urged.

was unanimously adopted, protesting against any further street lighting with gasoline lamps in this city and asking that the city council reject the proposition and purposes in Omaha.

taking dirt from the streets and disposing of the dirt to private parties for fills, in- Florence is a village of some 700 popula stead of utilizing the dirt for other street for the laying of permanent brick walks. fills, was discussed and the club wished to This was considered entirely too high, so go on record as strongly opposing the plan, no action will be taken. Hamil did not bid as it appears that where streets have to be on natural or artificial stone as called for filled to grade that the dirt has to be pur-

A motion prevailed that all property enter into contract for the laying of per- owners along Thirty-third street be remanent walks. This delay on the part of quested to attend the first meeting of the the council will give property owners an club in January, which will be January & opportunity to lay their own walks. While for the purpose of coming to some final agreement relative to paving that street. A rising vote of thanks was extended The Bee for the publicity and attention given the meetings of the club.

time the city will do the work and the cost will be assessed against the abutting the club provide a book as a visitors' reg-

A motion was carried urging the Central Pederated Improvement club to prepare and urge the passage of a tree planting ordi-

nance by the city council. Owing to the holiday season being at hand it was decided to hold no meeting next Wednesday night and an adjournment was taken to Wednesday evening January 6, 1904.

REGULATES RAILWAY DEBTS We Ting Fung Draws Up Law to

Regulate Roads in Chins.

PEKING, Dec. 24.-The new Chinese Board of Commerce has promulgated the rallway laws compiled by Wu Ting Fang. former minister to Washington and now vice president of the board, of which Prince Teal Chen, son of Prince Ching, is president. These laws are calculated to materyear so as not to be compelled to figure ially cripple the borrowing capacity of the delinquent interest on settlements. A numtrol of the railways to the Chinese security

> ing of shares by foreigners to a maximum contract for water was made by Omaha of 50 per cent and prevent the companies and whatever else the company has done from borrowing on land values, limiting the has been of a speculative nature in which power of mortgage to the machinery and we are not interested. After Omaha has

CUBA CONSIDERS TARIFF LAW Reciprocity Treaty Expected to Re-

duce Revenues of the Island Republic.

HAVANA. Dec. 24.-The passage of a permanent tariff act at present has become sitogether improbable, as it is not expected that a quorum can be maintained in the house longer than the first week of January because of the campaign preceding the election of representatives in February. A new bill has been introduced in the enate, providing as a temporary measure for a straight increase in the duties sufficient to offset the loss of revenue under the operation of the reciprocity treaty between Cuba and the United States. This neasure is likely to be enforced until the congress passes a permanent tariff The senate today discussed in secret n the amendments to the loan inw.

ALL FOR LOVE OF A GIRL Missourians Kill Each Other in Pistol Duel at a Dance in

Neosho. NEOSHO, Mo., Bec. M.-Cooper Lauder-dale and Vest Collins, rivals in a love affair, met at a dance here and engaged in a pistol duel in which both men were killed. The girl whom they both loved favored Lauderdale, who escorted her to the dance. Collins insisted on escorting her home and the shooting resulted.

Omaha Water Company Succeeds in Continuing Contract at Florence.

MATTER IS SLOW IN BEING DISCLOSED

Because of Effect on Sale of the Plant to This City.

W. S. Witten and wife of Chicago are in the city for a day or two.

Low prices on useful holiday presents. little city of Florence extended for ten years at a meeting of the council in Nowember. The importance of the transaction is reported to be quite sick.

Last June the franchise and contract for fire hydrants expired simultaneously at

Last evening Rev. R. L. Wheeler officiated at the marriage of Charles Shult and Miss Minnie Farris.

Miss Edith Carpenter entertained a number of friends at her home, Twenty-second and H streets, Tuesday evening.

Miss Elsis Montgomery, one of the teachers in the public schools, left last night for St. Louis, Mo., to spend a week with friends.

Elristocless work at Considerable opposition at once arose to meet this plan, it being argued by the citizens of the town that a lower rate and a shorter contract and franchise were proper in view of the impending acquisition of the First-class work at Gooden's antiseptic plant by the city of Omana. Mayor J. S. barber shop, under South Omana National Paul and others advocated a \$6 rate and bank, 3510 N street. Scalp and face mascussed and debated at length, and, after several unsuccessful attempts to get the franchise renewal and its contract accompaniment through the council, the water ompany at last succeeded at one of November meetings.

Four in the Council.

The council at Florence is composed of four members at present, as follows: John Simpson, a fireman for the water company at its pumping station; A. C. Cublay, a teamster; C. J. Keirle, the head of the Keirle Ice company, and Elmer Guy, janitor of the public school building. mayor, J. S. Paul, is a general merchant. next spring, while the others' run for a year longer.

Simpson, as was expected, was in favor of the water company's proposition from the start, but the three other members voted against it on several different occadons. Public sentiment strongly favored the \$40 five-year franchise plan. It was argued by the corporation that Florence was getting as low rates both for hydrant was again discussed and the consensus of rental and commercial service as obtained opinion was that the improvement would be by Omaha and could ask no more. Most made during the coming year. Parties of the business houses and not a few of owning property on the street who had the dwellings are supplied with water by heretofore objected to the proposition are the company. On the other hand it was pointed out that some of the thirteen byimprovement. The question of paving drants had never been opened; that fires Charles street from Twenty-eighth street were few and far between and that the

Switch the Positions.

At the November meeting the three counclimen who had been advocating a tight rein suddenly switched their votes and accepted the water company's proposition for paving that street from Twenty-sixth to unanimously. This was a surprise even to Mayor Paul, who had anticipated at least The matter of grading Thirty-second a tie vote. However, intimations had been street was also discussed and the propoif its terms were not accepted without Mr. Daly presented a resolution, which delay, water would be shut off from the mains. This threat, which, in the words of one city officer, "was not official," may have carried some weight. At any rate it is pleaded as an excuse for the consider electricity only for strest lighting grant and the continuation of the old rates.

Mayor Paul, considering it useless to veto The matter of street grading contractors the measure, in view of the unanimous vote, put no obstacle in its path.

street railway were extended into its confines and since then it has been enjoying a moderate-sized little boom. A newspaper has been started and realty advanced smartly, and a few new buildings have gone up. The hydrant rental amounts to \$780 a year to the water company. It is said that more stores and dwellings are securing water service each month and the franchise and contract, no doubt, will be produced as an asset in the value of the plant, provided, of course, that Omaha is ompelled to buy the distributing systems outside its own limits.

The one concession which Florence appears to have obtained is the stipulation that a reduction in Omaha rates will result in a like decrease from those operative in the village.

Much Out of Little.

"Much has been made out of little," mid General Manager Fairfield of the Omaha Water company when he was questioned about the Florence deal. "Our franchise at Florence is perpetual, and we cared very little for the renewal of the contract. Florence apparently was more interested than we were. We were approached by committees from Piorence desirous of making a five-year contract at \$40, but we refused to entertain any such proposition."
"Aside from Omaha and South Omaha the

contracts do not amount to much," he said.
"They are practically all we have of a longtime nature. The packing houses buy their water by meter measure in the same manner as small consumers."

City Engineer Rosewater is inclined to

regard the Florence contract as having small application to the appraisement. "It is a small contract at the best," he said. "The contention of the city before rallway companies and to restrict the con- the water appraisers will be that it is not compelled to buy any part of the plant outthe regulations further restrict the hold-the city and the pumping works. The first the buildings. The railway companies must acquired the plant all it needs to do is to apply for concessions to both the new place meters on the mains leading to the Board of Commerce and the foreign office. other towns and cities and require payment for the water used, allowing the local au thorities to make such terms for the distributing systems as they are able. This which the water company has assumed."

> CHANGES ON GREAT WESTERN Announcement of Appointment of C. L. Dickey and Frank Dunlop

> > in Nebraska.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 34 -- A number of changes in the Chicago Great Western staff of traveling agents will occur at the end of December. Among the changes are the appointments of C. L. Dickey for Nebraska, representing both the freight and passenger departments; M. F. Montgomery, city pas-senger agent at St. Joseph, succeeding H. I. Fay; A. W. Noyes, general traveling passenger agent, and F. H. Dunlop, traveling passenger agent.

WILL START AN OLNEY BOOM Massachusetts Congressman Says 10 is to Be Done at Meeting

Today.

BOBTON, Dec. 24.—Congressman W. S.
McNary anneunced ionight that at the meeting of the democratic state committee tomorrow he would present a resolution in favor of the candidacy of Richard Olmey for president and inviting the co-operation of the party in other New England states.

I was saxious to Lewis Nixon:

Mr. Nixon had many inquiries as to his views relative to Mr. Schwab's answer of yesterday and so gave out the following statement:

There are so many of his (Schwab's) statements that run counter to E.y recollection that they had best be cleared up on the witness stand.

However, that I ever gave him or showed to him a so-called prospectus on June 14. The statement is the party in other New England states.

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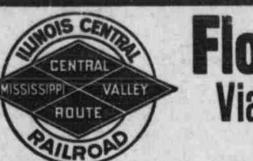
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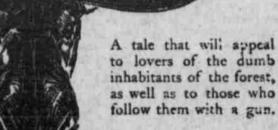
This excursion will be a personally conducted one and will be in charge of our excursion manager, who is thoroughly familiar with the points of interest enroute and in the

A day will be spent in St. Louis, visiting the World's Fair grounds and other points of interest. The daylight trip from Nashville to Atlanta will be an interesting and instructive one, as the line follows the route of Gen. Sherman's famous march to the sea. An early application for sleeping car space is suggested. Write for full information and copy of illustrated booklet, outlining the trip, to

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Bull Moose, written by the naturalist - author, Charles G. D. Roberts.



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His Answer Are Far from True.

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TAKES EXCEPTIONS ing. Having sold none of my bonds or other securities, all my interests were tied up in its success and it would have been a success had any of the ald which a constituent company is expected to give, been forthcoming from Bethlehem.

Witness Says Since Arrest of Gra-

velle There Has Been No. Trouble.

HELENA, Mont, Dec. M.-The state concluded its side of the Gravelle case today many of the exhibits and told where they and the defense will begin the introduction had been obtained. He told that since the

jall, where he gained the confidence of Gravelle. Two of these letters were to NEW YORK, Dec. 34.—The following STATE COMPLETES ITS CASE the ratiroad people, one to the Northern, while one of the others threatened the jury and the other was to an acquaintance directing him what to swear to and to deliver the jury letter to its foremen. Chief Special Agent McFettridge of the Northern Pacific was the last witness. He identified arrest of Gravelle there had been no track

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