

THE DIETRICH TRIAL

Prompt Determination of the Issues in Open Court.

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 Dietrich.

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For our part we are glad that Judge Munger has finally 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 book that I don't believe is just the thing for them.

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 smart man," said Uncle Eben, "is de one dat has sense enough to know he's habin' de same as anybody else."—Washington Star.

"Dr. Blimber gave Jim Frisbie an overdose de other day," said Uncle Eben, "how did he square himself?" "Said he'd knock a dollar off de bill."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"How do you like your new minister?" "He's very young and not a very good speaker. His delivery is very peculiar. I do not understand it at all."

"Nobody could solve his delivery at college, did he?" "No, he was de crack pitcher of de nine, 'you know.'"—Philadelphia Press.

He (smiling)—You remind me of an old friend of mine. She (haughtily)—Indeed! How old, please?—Yonkers Statesman.

"Fwatt's Casey doin' now?" "He's rumm'n' de hotel phvere Ol be workin'."

"Fwatt hotel?" "It ain't built yet."

"Fwatt how kin he be rumm'n' it?" "He's a walkin' dilgate, an' they're jist buildin' it."—Judge.

"How would you describe a college boy?" "I'd call him a chap who might be a fine student if he had time to study."—Detroit Free Press.

It ain't de same 's Sanny Claus. Dat used to fill his sleigh with ginger bread an' sugar sticks. Fwatt folks on Christmas day. He didn't make much difference between de great an' small. But now you give expensive gifts or else you get none at all.

He used to bring dem reindeer up 'Long side de cabin do'. An' he made a pint of callin' 'On de kamble, dat was yo'. But he's mungin' wid de rich folks 'Hild' of 'wid de common crowd. An' he's afraid dat Sanny Claus is gettin' kind o' proud."—Washington Star.

CHRISTMAS JOY.

James Russell Lowell. "What means this glory round our feet," The Magi mused, "more bright than morn'."

And voices chanted clear and sweet, "Today the Prince of Peace is born."

"What means this stir?" the shepherds said, "That brightens through the rocky gate," And angels answering overhead, "Hail, 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

"The eighteen hundred years and more Since these sweet verses were dumb; We wait for Him, like them of yore. Alas! He seems so slow to come!"

But it is said, in words of gold, No time or sorrow shall dim, That little children might be bold, In perfect trust to come to Him.

All round about our feet shall shine A light like that the wise men saw, If we our loving hearts will give, To that sweet life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand The simple faith of shepherds, then; And kindly clasping hands in hand, Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

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 Nebraska Telephone company for the installation of nine patrol boxes is generally commended.

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Efforts have been made in the past to install this service, but as the funds would not warrant the expenditure the council is in a position to consider a proposition of the sort.

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Jake Nelt and Lewis Davis pleaded guilty to the theft of a washing machine, as the machine was found in a drunken condition and had broken up considerable furniture.

Antons Elstrom was brought in for the same old charge of existing without visible means of support. He drew sixty days in the county jail.

Chief Briggs took all of these offenders 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.

Gus Hamill bid 1 1/2 cents per square foot for the laying of permanent brick walks. This was considered entirely too high, so no action will be taken.

A motion prevailed that all property owners along Thirty-third street be requested to attend the first meeting of the club in January, which will be January 4.

A rising vote of thanks was extended The Bee for the publicity and attention given the meetings of the club.

A motion prevailed that the secretary of the club provide a book as a visitors' register.

A motion was carried urging the Central Federated Improvement club to prepare and urge the passage of a tree planting ordinance by the city council.

Owing to the holiday season being at hand it was decided to hold no meeting about the Florence deal.

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GETS TEN-YEAR EXTENSION

Omaha Water Company Succeeds in Continuing Contract at Florence.

MATTER IS SLOW IN BEING DISCLOSED

Local Property Owners Interested Because of Effect on Sale of the Plant to This City.

The Omaha Water company succeeded in having its franchise and contract in the little city of Florence extended for ten years at a meeting of the council in November. The importance of the transaction to the city of Omaha is the bearing it may have on the price paid for the water works.

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 plant by the city of Omaha.

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. Cullay, a tannery; C. J. Kerie, the head of the Kerie Ice company, and Elmer Guy, janitor of the public school building.

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 occasions.

Switch the Positions. At the November meeting the three councilmen who had been advocating a tight rein suddenly switched their votes and accepted the water company's proposition unanimously.

Much Out of Little. "Much has been made out of little," said General Manager Fairfield of the Omaha Water company when he was questioned about the Florence deal.

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Florida Excursion Via "Dixie Flyer" Route. PERSONALLY CONDUCTED. On Thursday, Jan. 14th, an excursion will be run from Nebraska to Florida, with through Standard and Tourist sleeping cars from Omaha and Lincoln via Burlington Route to St. Louis, and the "Dixie Flyer" from there to Jacksonville.

A Tale of "The Kill" METROPOLITAN MAGAZINE for January. A remarkable story of the killing of a Majestic Bull Moose, written by the naturalist-author, Charles G. D. Roberts.

METROPOLITAN MAGAZINE for January. Also contains "The Christmas Peace," by THOMAS NELSON PAGE. "A Christmas Reverie," by BLISS CARMAN. "Love Story of Mary, Queen of Scots," by MAURICE HEWLETT. "Confessions of a Wall Street Private Secretary," by JANE WADE. 100 Illustrations. Really a 35-cent Magazine for 15 cents. 160 pages of Reading.

NIXON TAKES EXCEPTIONS. Says Statements Made by Schwab in His Answer Are Far from True. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following authorized statement was given out today at the office of 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 my recollection that they had best be cleared up. However, that I ever gave him or showed to him a so-called prospectus on June 14, and the defense will begin the introduction of testimony Saturday. JOHN REARDON testified today that Gravelle told him of his dynamiting operations, and this witness brought other letters out of jail written by Gravelle since his arrest. Reardon was confined in the county jail, where he gained the confidence of Gravelle. Two of these letters were to the railroad people, one to the Northern Pacific and the other to the Great 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 his foreman. Chief Special Agent McPettridge of the Northern Pacific was the last witness. He identified many of the exhibits and told where they had been obtained. He told that since the arrest of Gravelle there had been no track disturbances on the Northern Pacific.

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