THE REST OF THE PROPERTY OF TH

FAVORS CLOSER INSPECTION

City Electrician Michaelson Commends Proposed Reading of All Meters.

OUNCILMEN SHOW LITTLE INTEREST

hink Results Would Not Pay for Expenses-What Ordinances Say This Important

Councilmen approached on the subject of providing for a general and systematic inpection of gas, electric and water meters y the city do not display any particular nthusiasm over the proposition. They argue that the cost will be great and me of them say they think the results would not be commensurate with the ex-Other city officials, who lack the ower, declare the citizens should be asured correct measure and say there is real demand for such protection.

Inspection of the ordinances shows that here is no provision of any kind for the aspection of private electric and water acters, while householders may have gas eters examined if they pay fees not to xceed \$3 to the city. No obligation is laid pon any officer to know that meters are correct and the matter is left wholly in the hands of the consumer and the public utility corporations.

Michaelson Pavors It.

City Electrician Michaelson said: "I think the municipal inspection proposed by The Bee would be a good thing. regard it as necessary. It would be of great service both to consumer and company. Many meters are wrong for months without anyone knowing about it. The custom of this office has been to refer complaints to the light company, which would send out a man to test the meters. I am ready, however, to make tests whenever demanded. I think the inspection should come under the head of the weights and measures department, although I should have no bjection to having it controlled through this office."

The only provision in the city laws for the spection of any kind of meters is found in ction 5 of chapter xxxiv of the last resed ordinances. It reads:

whenever requested to do so by any pern consuming gas furnished by any gas
mpany in the city of Omaha, and upon
the payment to the inspector, for use of the
city, of the sum of \$1 and such further sum
at exceeding \$2, as may be necessary and
reasonable to cover the expenses in making
the test as requested, it shall be the duty
of the gas inspector, to examine and test
asy gas meter as so requested and to give
such consumer a certificate as to the condition and accuracy of said meter.

Even this provision has been worthless

Even this provision has been worthless for a good many months, because the machine for testing in the city hall has been broken. When the present gas inspector assumed office he called the attention of the ouncil to this, but no authority was given

WANTS MONEY TO HELP POOR

Magee Tells of One Case of Abject Poverty and Squalor In City.

The continued cold weather has given the city charity workers really more business than they can handle without assistance from outside sources.

We need money more than anything else for emergency cases," said Miss Magee, who is in charge of the mission at the Dellone hotel. "There are numerous cases of extreme destitution about the city, but for obvious reasons it would not be wise to put their names in the papers. I have borne by a woman whose husband is a trouble or was ever under arrest." chimney sweep. We have helped her frevided her with decent clothing. But she s soon again in rags. She tells me her susband tears up her clothing and will not let her go out to sew or work for erself. Their home is on Marcy street nd a more squalid or abject domicile could ot be conceived. It is a boxcar house, old, desolate and dirty in its interior, and bout as uninviting a place as one could nagine. This is but one instance. There a field for doing much had we greater eans. There are many others even worse, here the destitution is almost absolute t is for such cases that we need financial elp and a little ready money here and sere would permit us to meet emergency ises and thus prevent intense suffering. nd in some instances to save mother of alld from starvation or freezing."

HAMBERS LANDS THE CUE ins Championship of Local Billiard Players, Which Proves Inter-

esting Affair.

The tourney for the local billiard chamonship came to an end Wednesday night Symes' hall when Chambers was preited with the championship cue. al game in the tourney was contested by al game in the tourney was contested by win and Adams, the former wining. The day to attend the Northwestern Iowa of prominent republicans from out in the other is contemplated.

7 to 8 and dinner will be served promptly at 8. There will be a large representation of prominent republicans from out in the other is contemplated.

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**Remer institute, which convened in Washta, Ia., today. George Black of Lyons, H. S. Wiggins of Lincoln, Jacob Locke of Idaho Falis, W. D. Mead, F., A. J. Haker of York and Willis P. Mead, F., A. J. Haker of York and

PATRONS OF SCHOOLS PROTEST

justly Treated.

Parents Declare Pupils of Vinton and Forest Buildings Are Un-

Severe criticisms of the physical condition of the Vinten and Forest schools and alleged discriminations in the teaching kars were made at a meeting of the South Side Second Ward Improvement club Wednes day night. Some of the members desired application made to the building inspector to condemn the structures and have them

schools and a general complaint registered against the heating, which is by stoves, For some time the Board of Education has had the matter of erecting one or two modern school houses to replace both schools under consideration and the promise has been officially extended that some-

thing will be done as soon as practicable. The criticism applying to the methods of the superintendent of instruction was embodied in the statement that it is the practice to use one room at the Vinton street school for the benefit of young and inexperienced teachers.

"As soon as these teachers become capable of instruction they are taken away and placed in another school attended by the children of more aristocratic families, asserted one parent. Other parents were wroth about the heating. Said one: "Stoves are used exclusively in these two

schools. The buildings are old and inferior and cold at the best." Some twenty-five or thirty members attended the meeting, which was held at Eighteenth and Vinton streets. Shannahan was re-elected president, E. H. Davies vice president, T. J. Lynch secretary and H. Ellinghusen treasurer for the

TRIAL GOES TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Dan K. Roby, Who Kills Indian in Self-Defense, is Released on Bonds.

Daniel K. Roby, recently arrested by Deputy Marshal Henry Homan at Springview, charged with the killing of a halfbreed Indian named Rasmus on the Rosebud reservation, has been released from custody, having furnished the requisite \$5,000 bond. His sureties are several prominent stockmen of Keya Puha county. As the killing occurred n South Dakota, Roby is bound over to the United States district court of that state, which meets at Sloux Falls April 5.

The story of the killing of Rasmus was pears that Roby saw the half-breed attacking a friend and he undertook to intertion of being a bad man, turned his attention to Roby and was on the point of roping him, Rasmus being an expert at that business, and, in alleged self-defense, Roby shot him. He came immediately to Springview, told what he had done and surrendered himself to the sheriff of that county, and was later turned over to the United States authorities.

in that locality, is but 35 years of .ge and has a family. When asked if he bad anyto say, Mr. Roby replied: "I do not thing think that I care to talk over the matter now. I sincerely regret that it has happened, but I do not see how I could have done otherwise. I have lived in that part in mind a particular instance of privation is the first time I ever had the slightest of the country for twenty years and this

BOY DIES FROM THE BURNS that it will accomplish. Twelve-Year-Old Child Who Saves

Little Brother Succumbs to

Injuries. Howard Ambrose, a 12-year-old boy, is dead as the result of an attempt to save the life of his brother, Perry. In some manner unexplained a fire started in the kitchen of the Ambrose home at 3320 Manderson street Monday night. In an attempt to save his younger brother from the flames Howard sustained the burns which caused his death at St. Joseph's younger child was only slightly burned

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

about the hands.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Stone have returned

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CONDEMN TWO RECE NT DEALS

Prospect Hill Improvement Club Deem'

Like Welsbach Contract.

OBJECT TO SADDLE CREEK SEWER JUGGLE

Twist by Which Democrats on Board of Public Works Gave Contract to Connolly is Roundly Condemned.

City Treasurer Hennings was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Prospect Hill Improvement club last evening and gave some interesting information relative to the scavenger tax law. Prior to his talk, J. F. Daley, chairman of the committee on streets and grades, made a verbal report to the effect that about the requisite number of signers had been secured for paying Thirty-third street and that there was little doubt but that the improvement would be commenced early the coming season. The prospect for paying Charles street is also favorable and it is thought that the requisite signers to the petition

obtained in the near future.

A resolution was adopted commending the action of the minority of the city council in voting against the Welsbach light contract and asking that the mayor veto the con tract on the ground that the Welsbach company has no lighting contract with the

Saddle Creek Sewer Deal Condemned Another resolution was introduced and adopted condemning the action of the Board of Public Works in letting the contract for the Saddle creek sewer to J. P. Connolly at an excess of \$2.600 over the bld of J. O. Corby on the specious grounds that the successful bidders were to use Portland cement instead of American cement.

Mr. Daley, in commenting upon the action of the Board of Public Works in awarding the contract over the protest of City Engineer Rosewater, said: "In the past twenty-seven years but one sewer in the city of Omaha has been built with Portland cement and all the others are made of American cement, which has proven very satisfactory. The contract for the Valley street sewer, which is of Portland cement, was made only as a result of a clerical error in drawing up the contract and of which error the city took advantage. American cement has met all the requirements for sewer work." Copies of both resolutions were ordered transmitted by the secretary to the mayor

Scavenger Tax Law.

and council and city clerk.

Mr. Hennings then talked at length upon the scavenger tax law and explained its various provisions. He thought the law was a good one and would result in making told in The Bee several days ago. It ap- nonproductive property productive of revenue to the city. He said: "There are delinquent real estate and special taxes ose, when Rasmus, who had the reputa- now on the city treasurer's books which in some instances date back as far as 1860. In numerous instances there are delinquent taxes on property that are far in excess of the value of the property. There are about \$2,000,000 realty and \$1,500,-000 special taxes delinquent, and about \$700, 000 county taxes. Some of this property has gone down the Missouri river, some of it is now absorbed into streets and railroad Mr. Roby is a well esteemed stockman right-of-ways, but these taxes are still carried on the books as part of the city's assets."

The special features of the law were gone into and Mr. Hennings explained its many features at considerable length, respending to many inquiries relative to it, put to him by members of the club.

Representative TenEyck, who intro duced the bill in the last Nebraska legislature was also present at the meeting and

Both gentlemen were given a vote o thanks for their presence at the meeting and further consideration of the measure was deferred until the next meeting of the club.

A motion prevailed that the regular meet ing nights of the club be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday nights, in order to accomodate a number of members who since the beginning of the new year have other meetings to attend on Wednesday evenings.

hospital at 9 yesterday morning. The FOR M'KINLEY CLUB BANQUET

Reception for Distinguished Guesta on Friday Evening Before

The banquet committee of the McKinley club has completed its arrangements for to purchase new goads.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Reed of Kansas City,
Mr. and Mrs. John Hardick of Sterling, L.
H. Thomas, H. Sweley of Litchfield are at the Murray. the banquet at the Millard hotel Friday

the Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. August Mann of Neilgh. H.
M. Diels of Scribner, W. B. Stewart of Portland. Ore.; A. W. Field of Lincoln are at the Millard. their entertainment during the day. 7 to 8 and dinner will be served promptly

state. Among those who have asked that

plates be reserved for them are:

Governor Mickey, Senator Densmore of Sutton, E. J. Sward of Oakland, H. C. Vali of Albion, Judge H. M. Grimes of North Platte, Peter Jansen of Jansen, Dr. Zellers of Hooper, William P. Warner of Dakota City, Major Lyon of Nelson, W. F. Sapp of Council Bluffs, Robert Wallace of Council Bluffs, J. G. Preston of Oxford, W. D. Hailer of Blair, E. A. Wiltse of Pender, Judge J. B. Barnes of Norfolk, A. S. Hagleton of Council Bluffs, W. J. Cook of Blair, Ernest M. Pollard of Nehawka, J. A. Douglas of Bassett, J. A. Paul of Greeley, A. E. Cadv of St. Paul, R. Blaco of Kennard, F. N. Prout of Lipcoln, Norris Brown of Lincoln, H. H. Wilson of Lincoln, Judge Sears of Tekamah.

Those who have not secured their tickets Those who have not secured their tickets

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the office of N. P. Dodge & Co., 1614 Far-

Salaries and Employes.

At their meeting on Saturday morning it is expected that the county commissioners will go into the matter of salaries and he number of employes about the court couse for the ensuing year. The commissioners expected to have this matter of their hands before this, but it has proven to be a matter not easily disposed of.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The Orlo club met at the home of Mrs. H. A. Whipple Wednesday afternoon.

The women of the First Presbyterian church will serve a chicken pie luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30 today. A permit for a \$2,000 frame dwelling has been issued to William Peterson, who will build at Thirty-seventh and Hawthorne

Ford Parks is again a visitor at the city jall, this time to await investigation of a pocketbook theft with which it is thought he was connected. The application which Victor Walker has made to restrain the police from interfering with his place of business will be heard before Judge Baxter this morning.

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Sixty doilars worth of clothing was the loss sustained by Mrs. Ada C. Rogers of 6.8 North Twenty-sixth street at the hands of a burgiar Tuesday night. Mrs. Rogers asks the police to recover her property.

Complaint alleging incorrigibility has been filed in police court against Waiter Herron, Rosco Filley and Willey Dorsey. Mrs. W. F. Beckett, 512 North Twenty-fifth street, is complaining witness. The three boys are charged with the theft of a pair of opera glasses from Mrs. Beckett's home on last Friday.

ONLY A FEW MORE LEFT AND WHILE THEY LAST

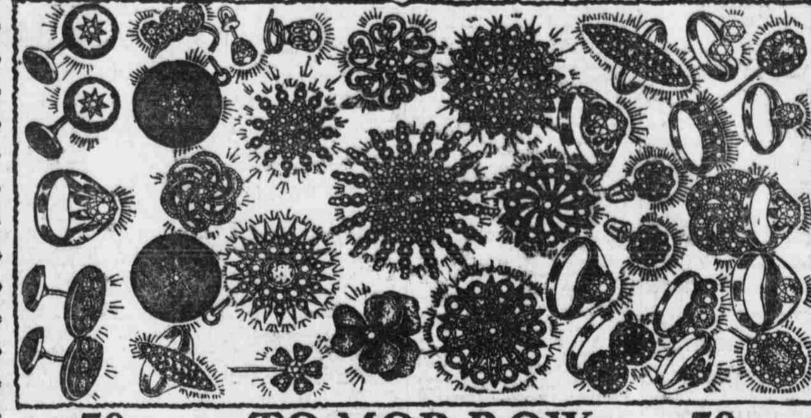
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OUR LEASE EXPIRES—WE MUST GET OUT.

BARRIOS DIAMOND DISPLAY Located HAYDEN BROS.

Work of Driving Piles for O Street Viaduct Waits on Weather.

COLD SNAP STOPS ACTIVE PROCEEDINGS friends to consider the idea of making

Material on Hand and Work Will Be Vigorously Pushed When a Warmer Temperature is Experienced,

Work on the O street viaduct has been stopped until there is a decided raise in temperature. The Union Pacific people, who have been driving piles, say that there is no use going ahead now when men have to be sent ahead with picks to dig through the frost before the piledriver is ready to push the sticks down. Several cars of piles arrived yesterday, but the big machine will not be put to work again for some time. From plans submitted to the city engineer, the vinduct shows a length of 1,100 feet, including the western approach. The largest steel span will be 249 feet in length, the second steel span will be 105 feet in length and the west steel span will be thirty-five feet long. From the west steel span the bridge will be made of trestlework. A change has been made in the original plans and the footwalk will be six feet in width instead of five feet, as first intended. This change necessitates the cutting down of the width of the roadway to twenty feet.

Engineers consider that there will be much more foot traffic over this bridge than there will be driving and therefore the change has been made. The viaduct is to be planked with six-inch planks, Oregon fir has been ordered. Nearly all of the steel for the spans is

now on hand and is being made over at the Union Pacific shops in Omaha. Police Board Meeting.

While no meeting of the Fire and Police board was held on Tuesday night as contemplated the statement was made yesterday by one of the members of the board that a meeting would most likely be held

next Tuesday night. The inaction of the board is reported to be due to rumors regarding the decision of the supreme court in the cases against the board now pending. Some of the board members expect a decision before next Tuesday, but in case one is not handed down there will be no meeting. While the police commissioners are inert the patrolmen do pretty much as they like, and the consequence is that there is little if anything doing in police circles. Occasional robberies are reported and Chief Briggs takes these matters in hand. Detective Elsfelder insists that there is nothing doing and Judge King in police court bears Eisfelder out.

A business man said to a Bee reporter last night that the policemen would not work as long as they do not know how long their tenure of office was to last. In spite of all that Chief Briggs can do he cannot hold the men in line and the result is that Briggs has to do about all of the work

In the fire department the men are no so much taken up with politics as they are not walking the streets as policemen are and are not listening to so much "hot air." Every member of the fire and police departments is daily and almost hourly looking for a change. This worry, is to a great extent the cause of the lack of discipline on both departments.

Murphy Receives Silver Set. M. R. Murphy, general manager of the Cudahy Packing company and also presi-

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA dent of the South Omaha Live Stock ex-

been held by all those who have occasion to do business with him, caused his many him an appropriate gift. When the idea was first suggested nearly every member of the exchange wanted to be the first to put down his name on the list. The result was that a chest of silver containing 128 pieces was obtained and presented to Mr. Murphy. Bruce McCulloch, editor of the Stockman Journal made the presentation speech. The chest is of oak and is lined with crimson. Each piece is marked with the letter M in old English. On the top of the chest there is a plate reading "M. R. Murphy, from his friends at the yards." Mr. Murphy was taken back considerably

Ruins Not Moved Yet. The ruins of the Cooper horse stables have not been razed yet. Officers of the stock yards company say that this work will take only a few days when a wrecking The ruins of the Cooper horse stables will take only a few days when a wrecking gang is put to work. The delay in remov-

silver by "the boys at the yards" yester- is a chance for a few days of good weather the wrecking will commence and the ground Mr. Murphy's long connection at the will be cleared in a short time. There is yards and the great esteem in which he has no prospect at the present time of the stock yards company putting up new barns on the site destroyed.

Flushing Hydrants.

On account of the severe cold weather the Omaha Water company has flushed every one of its hydrants in the city. This work is done whenever there is a cold snap in order that the best fire protection possible may be given. The cold weather put a stop to the laying of mains on South Thirteenth street and in the Albright territory, but as material is at hand this work will be resumed as soon as the temperature moderates. Chief Garrett of the fire department has been notified by Charles Collins, local superintendent for the water company, that every hydrant in the city is when he looked at the array of silver, but in working order. This notice was sent to he responded in his usual happy manner.

Magie City Gossip.

Thanks to Chief Inspector Carter the telephone lines in South Omaha were working nicely yesterday.

Councilman Myles E. Welsh leaves today for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he will remain for ten days.

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Adah chapter No. 52, Order of the Eastern Star, will initiate candidates on Saturday night at Masonic hall.

The children of St. Agnes' church gave an entertainment to a large audience at Workman temple last night.

Ice cutting at Seymour lake will commence today. There is a demand for men to work on the ice just now.

The East Side Progressive club was entertained by Mirs. Behmke, Twenticth and Missouri avenue, Tuesday evening.

Captain William Kelly, fermerly in the commission business here, but now located at Valley, is in the city for a few days looking after business matters.

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Thurs-

day:
Births-Curtis Sigler, 4912 North Seven-teenth, girl; Albert Zimmerman, 1507 Park avenue, girl; Nels Petersen, 2801 Miami, his office to his lumber yard on February I.

William Kennedy of Omaha will deliver a lecture this evening at the First Presby-

