

### AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Live Stock Exchange Will Reconsider Fort Worth Rule.

SOLICITORS TO GO ON ROAD AGAIN

Local Exchange the Only One to Conform to Suggestion of National Convention and is Lonesome.

On Friday of this week the South Omaha Live Stock Exchange will meet and the question of solicitors will be brought up. When the Fort Worth convention recommended that traveling solicitors be abolished the South Omaha exchange was the first to pass a new rule and on January 1 all of the solicitors for commission firms were withdrawn. The other exchanges were slow in adopting the rule suggested at the national convention and South Omaha had to stand the brunt alone.

At the meeting to be held on Friday the intention of the members of the exchange is to rescind the original order and pass another rule. The new rule, as it is framed, will permit members of firms to solicit for six days in each month. When a member of a firm desires to go on the road he must state his object to the secretary of the exchange and when he returns a report must be made to the same authority. Exchange members propose trying this new method for a short time and in case other exchanges do not follow the new rule will most likely be thrown down and solicitors sent on the road as before.

Members of the exchange here seem to think that they are getting the worst of the deal now and while they want to keep faith with the national exchange, they do not feel inclined to sacrifice their business for a rule which was adopted in a hurry and which was not taken up by the other exchanges.

The prediction is that before long all of the commission firms will have men on the road the same as in the past and that the matter of mgals and prepaid telegrams will adjust themselves as occasion requires.

**Prohibit Using Whips.**

Yesterday afternoon James L. Paxton, general superintendent at the Union Stock yards, issued an order prohibiting the use of whips in the driving of cattle and hogs through the alleys. The only exception made is in the case of men on horseback, who will be allowed to crack whips in order to hurry the movement of stock. All of the employees of the yards will be prevented from using whips while driving stock. While there has been no report of cruelty to animals at the yards superintendent Paxton thinks that stock can be driven just as well without whips, and he therefore issued the order, which goes into effect at once.

**Co-operative Supply Company.**

Members of the labor unions are still working on the plan of starting a workman's co-operative supply company. The association has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. Inquiry at labor headquarters last night developed the information that the co-operative store would not be opened for sixty days. What is desired now is to have the laboring men, members of unions, to take stock in the venture. Until a sufficient amount of money has been subscribed no attempt will be made to open a store.

**Cunningham Goes East.**

F. H. Cunningham, president of the Rural Free Delivery association, has secured a thirty days' leave of absence and expects to leave for Washington today. While in Washington, Mr. Cunningham will devote his time to the bills now before congress appropriating more money for the rural carriers. While rural carriers are now paid \$600 a year to start on Mr. Cunningham wants the government to increase this salary to \$850 a year. While Mr. Cunningham is in the east a substitute

will look after his rural route in this section.

**King Donates Services.**

When the grading and paving of Railroad avenue was first brought up in the council it was declared that some assistance should be given City Engineer Deal in the work of straightening the roadway. This was necessary on account of the changes made in the driveway from the route originally laid out. The council decided to employ W. B. King, chief engineer of the Union Stock Yards company, as he had copies of the original survey. Mr. King went to work and completed his drawings and measurements. Monday night these were submitted to the council and approved. The fee to be paid Mr. King was \$100. In a letter to the council Mr. King stated that the work was worth at least \$200 and as the money would have to come from the taxpayers he would donate his services, plans and blue prints to the city. The city council thereupon voted Mr. King a vote of thanks for his services.

**Rev. Stambaugh Will Lecture.**

On Thursday evening of this week Rev. W. D. Stambaugh, pastor of the Lefter Memorial church in Albright, will deliver a lecture at Workman temple on the Heron man cyclone. The women of the church will serve a chicken pie dinner at noon at the temple and in the evening there will be an oyster stew. It is stated that a large number of tickets for this event have been sold.

**Magic City Gossip.**

Rock Springs coal. Bergquist. Tel. 62. Joseph Mason, Fortieth and L streets, reports the birth of a daughter.

John Gillespie has resigned his position at Cudahy's and will go to farming at Illinois.

Rock Springs coal. Christie Bros. Tel. No. 23.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Acker, 908 North Twenty-first street.

St. Martin's guild will meet with Mrs. Nelson, Twenty-first and H streets, this afternoon.

P. H. Shields, captain of the police force, will be in Iowa for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Anderson, Eleventh street and Missouri avenue, announce the birth of a son.

A valentine masquerade will be given at the Young Men's Christian association parlors on Saturday evening.

The Norwegian-American Republican club held a card party last night and endorsed Frank Kotsky for mayor.

On Thursday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock the women of the Baptist church will meet at the church to observe the day for missions.

The police are kept busy these days rounding up coal thieves. A great deal of coal is being stolen every night from cars in the yards.

Mrs. I. J. Copenharve and niece, Miss Mabel Jackson, entertained the Senior Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening.

The funeral of Jerry O'Connell, who died at his home, Twenty-ninth and F streets, will be held on Thursday from Healy's undertaking rooms to St. Agnes church. Interment will be at St. Mary's cemetery.

South Omaha girls No. 154 Fraternal Order of Eagles, gave a private dance at the lodge rooms last night. There was a good attendance and a very enjoyable evening spent by those present.

Joseph Raymond of the Omaha Packing company caught his right thumb in some machinery yesterday and the bone was crushed. Dr. James A. Kelly attended and Raymond removed the splintered bone.

\$31.50 to New Orleans, La., and return, \$30.35 to Mobile, Ala., and return, Feb. 9th-14th. Long links and stop-over. All information at Vabash city office, 1201 Farnam st., or address Harry E. Moores, G. A. P. D., Omaha, Neb.

New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala. One fare plus \$2 for the round trip to both of the above places, via the Missouri Pacific railway. Tickets on sale from February 9 to 14. For full information address or call at Union Station or City Ticket Office, S. E. corner 14th and Douglas streets, Omaha, Neb. Thomas F. Godfrey, Passenger and Ticket Agent.

### COMPANY SPRINGS SURPRISE

Introduces Testimony Supporting Schedules Not Verified by City.

OBTAINS NECESSITY OF RULING BY BOARD

Session Tuesday Was Enlivened by Warm Words Between President Woodbury and Chairman Boyd of Board of Appraisers.

The water company yesterday proceeded to introduce evidence supporting the schedules which the city has been unable to verify. The entire morning was taken up with oral testimony of this kind from officers and employees of the company. Nothing of importance was developed, according to City Attorney Wright.

The action of the corporation was contrary to expectations, as it was supposed it would refrain from offering the testimony until its schedules are complete. By the move a ruling or demand from the appraisers was made unnecessary. Attorney Hall for the company said he expected to follow along this same line.

Charles J. Collins, assistant superintendent, and directly in charge of the South Omaha plant, testified as to the number, kinds and settings of hydrants, F. H. Marshall, engineer of the company for fourteen years as to meters, meter and valve boxes and other details and Frank Underwood, foreman of the meter department, as to the ownership of the meters. The last witness was asked to produce books of the company to back up his statements.

It developed yesterday that the force in the city engineer's office has been putting in many hours overtime during the present week trying to check the statements filed by the water company at the last minute. Most of this has been accomplished in a remarkably short time. No extra men have been employed to date, however.

**Exchange Hot Words.**

Proceedings before the Board of Waterworks Appraisers, livened some yesterday afternoon when President T. C. Woodbury of the water company denied there had been any attempt at delay, and declared any such statement "an outrageous lie."

Chairman James E. Boyd of the water board in a retort courteously said it was perhaps a good thing that Mr. Woodbury's strong language did not apply to him or to the water board.

Appraiser Benzenburg leaped into the breach before anything further could be said with a request that the board go into executive session. "There is nothing pertinent in what we have just been hearing," he remarked, and Chairman Mead, taking the cue, did some more talking and gave President Woodbury and Governor Boyd a chance to cool down. They did so promptly and diplomatic relations were not altogether broken off.

President Woodbury talked after the board had been wondering for half an hour what it would do next. Attorney Hall had asserted that the company had presented all it had ready at this time and City Attorney Wright had made a statement as to what schedules the city had been able to verify and what it will insist on being accompanied by sworn testimony as proof.

**Wright Wants Action.**

Mr. Wright wanted this testimony introduced at once in order that the proceedings might not lag, while Attorney Hall contended that the proper time for it was after all the schedules were in. This course would make the exhibit more comprehensive and facilitate the work, he said. The city attorney remarked that if it required as long proportionately for Manager Fairfield to present the 500 additional schedules he said were coming as it has the 200 now in the hands of the board, there is no telling when the showing will be complete.

Chairman Mead said afterward that perhaps some recommendations along this line would be made at 9 o'clock this morning. When another session will be held. President Woodbury asked the reporters to note everything he said.

"I wish to call attention to the fact that the city did not have the right to buy the waterworks until September 4, 1903," he began. "Several months previous to that we appointed an appraiser, although we were not obliged to do it. Since that time, probably for the sake of playing to the grandstand, there has been thrown in the face of the water company a statement that we were delaying this appraisal.

**Where the Fireworks Come In.**

"I want to say most emphatically that this is an outrageous lie. We have not delayed the work to our knowledge. We did not know anything about making an appraisal until we had to learn how to make the necessary showing. We have here an immense system, with more than 125 miles of pipe, a pumping station that is one of the finest in the world and reservoirs and other facilities that cost immense sums of money.

"We cannot meet the schedules in a few months' time and do it properly. We employed two engineers to assist in this work, but let both of them go because objections were raised that one was connected in a business way with one of the appraisers and the other was a relative. We at last secured another engineer, who has been here for five or six weeks and will continue to be here until the work is finished.

"We do not propose to leave a stick or stone that goes to make up the waterworks out of these schedules. We expect to sell every stick and stone to the city and to make the city pay for it. And we propose to take our time."

"Mr. Woodbury has used strong language and I am glad it does not apply to me," said Governor Boyd, and Mr. Woodbury assured him that he was correct in this surmise.

It had been a chance remark of Governor Boyd's that the appraisal had been under way for nearly a year that produced President Woodbury's talk, however.

**No One Replies.**

The chairman of the water board started to explain how he had talked with the president heads of the water company and shortly after the board was created and they had assured him that the company would not stand on its rights, but would expedite the appraisal, but did not get very far, owing to the warmth of sentiment just then prevailing in the room. He asked finally if the appraisers had any right to insist upon a showing by the water company, or were powerless. None of the appraisers seemed anxious to make a reply and Attorney Wright expressed the opinion that someone else will have to settle the question.

In connection with his demand for testimony to support certain information from the water company which the city cannot verify, Attorney Wright stated plainly that he expects to call upon the water company to produce its books in case the assertions of its witnesses are questioned. It is the only way there is to get at the books, he explained, inasmuch as the water company had declined to permit an engineer representing the city to access its records in order to make a joint inventory with a representative of the water company. He declared that the city has this right to insist upon the submission of the documents involved.

**ASKS TO BE SENT TO JAIL**

Vagrant Gets Request for Stay in City Prison, Where He Can Rejuvenate.

John Kinney, vagrant, arrested Tuesday evening at the Ivy lodging house, was given thirty days in the county jail by Judge Berk as an act of charity. Kinney said he had been told that the hospitals were full and, as he was badly effected with rheumatism, he wanted a jail sentence, with the hope that the incarceration would be of some benefit to him.

**END OF CONTEST IS IN SIGHT**

Final of Bingham-Broadwell Case Due and Both Claim Victory.

Judge Vinsonhaler is expected to render a decision in the Bingham-Broadwell contest case today. Final arguments were in progress yesterday, when a recess was taken until today at 9 o'clock a. m. Bingham's attorneys claim that with the votes of all the questionable precincts thrown out their man will lead Broadwell by 200. Broadwell is still claiming victory.

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**Announcements of the Theaters.**

"A Homepun Heart," which opens at the Krug theater tonight for the remainder of the week, is a play of rural life by Hal Reid. It is said to abound in strong dramatic situations brought about by a very cleverly written story of intense interest. There will be but one matinee of "A Homepun Heart," that of Saturday afternoon.

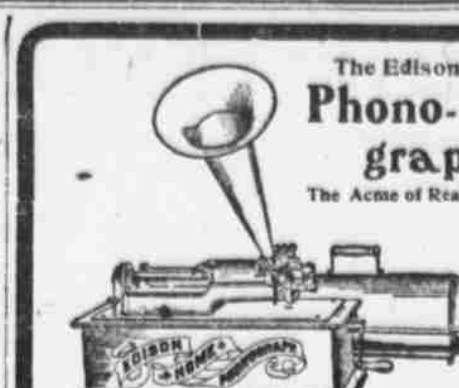
The advance sale of seats for the genuine Hagenbeck animal show, which appears at the Krug all of a next week, is very heavy. There will be a matinee every day to accommodate the unusual demand for seats.

The next attraction booked for the Boyd theater is John C. Fisher's "Bliver Slipper" company, now on its first tour of the west. This piece was very successful in New York, being pronounced a legitimate successor to "Florodora," and is given with the same attention to detail of staging that marked the first of Fisher's successes. It will be presented at a special matinee and evening performance on Thursday, February 18. Mrs. Langtry in "Mrs. Deering's Divorce" will follow "The Silver Slipper."

The regular midweek matinee will be given at the Orpheum today. The bill is an excellent one and embraces much that is well calculated for women and children. Nirvana and her beautiful white horse Loki in statuesque poses, some of which are copies of famous paintings, is one of the pretty features that is scoring big.

The sale of seats for the Orpheum show which comes to the Orpheum next week is moving along in a manner that indicates the regular unusual interest manifested in the usual engagement of this popular attraction.

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### FIND OMAHA WATER GOOD

Dr. Ralph and Langfeld and Prof. Crowley Report on Examinations. FREE FROM ANY DANGEROUS IMPURITIES

Yellow Scare About Burt Street Station Exploded, as Water There is Found to Be Better Than at Florence.

Omaha's water supply is good and free from dangerous qualities, according to Health Commissioner Ralph, who is supported in his statement by chemical and biological analyses made by professors of Creighton university.

Heretofore monthly examinations are to be made, in accordance with orders by the mayor and council. This innovation was brought about by complaints of alleged unfitness of water taken from the Burt street station. The analyses would seem to show the alarm to be without good cause.

The documents in the case, which have been submitted to the mayor and council, are these:

OMAHA, Feb. 8, 1904.—Hon Mayor and City Council: Gentlemen—In compliance with your concurrent resolution dated January 19, 1904, directing me to have the water supply of the city of Omaha analyzed, both chemically and bacteriologically, I herewith submit the results of said analysis. Your resolution does not call for an examination of the water from the Florence station for purpose of comparison, I did not do it, but the result of the analysis, both chemically and bacteriologically, shows that the water from the Burt street station is superior in point of purity by almost 50 per cent to the Florence water. The supply of water to the city from the Burt street station is about 1,500,000 gallons daily; the supply of water to the city from the Florence station is about 250,000 gallons daily. However, both waters exhibit a wholesome, near well within the limits of condemnation. It is to be understood that this analysis applies to the present only, as you will note, evidence of the wisdom of your body in ordering a monthly examination. This I have directed to be made. Respectfully, J. R. RAIFIELD, M. D., Health Commissioner.

OMAHA, Feb. 8, 1904.—Hon J. R. Raifield, M. D., Commissioner of Health, Omaha: Sir—The following is the report on the three samples of water submitted for analysis:

	Parts per Million.
Calcium	10.5
Magnesium	1.5
Total Hardness	12.0
Total Solids	24.0
Chloride	1.0
Sulfate	1.0
Calcium	10.5
Magnesium	1.5
Total Hardness	12.0

The figures representing the parts of albuminoid show that the tap water from Burt street is better than either the Florence tap or the Burt street intake. The Burt street intake is the poorest. However, there is nothing in the report to indicate that the supply should be condemned. Respectfully,  
M. D., Director, Chemical Laboratory, Medical Department, Creighton University.

**Dr. Langfeld's Report.**

Biological Laboratory, Creighton Medical College, Omaha, Neb.—To Hon. J. R. Raifield, Commissioner of Health, Omaha: Sir, good afternoon. The appended is my report on the biological examination of several samples of water made on your order. The samples included the following:  
Sample No. 1—River water from Burt street intake.  
Sample No. 2—Ordinary tap water from Burt street station.  
Sample No. 3—Ordinary tap water from Florence station.

Bacteria per cubic centimeter of water: Room Temp. 72 Degrees F. Temp. 55.4 Degrees F. Specimen No. 1.....25 Specimen No. 2.....25 Specimen No. 3.....25

Not a single aerobic fermentation in glucose bouillon. No organism capable of producing disease was found. The difference in the number of bacteria per C. cm., depending upon the temperature at which grown, is due to the fact that many water bacteria are destroyed by a temperature equal to that of our bodies. The conclusions reached by the examination are to the effect:  
1. That all these samples exhibit a low proportion of bacteria per C. cm., good drinking water may run 500 bacteria per C. cm.  
2. That tap water from Burt street station differs from river water (Burt street intake), as evidenced by the difference in number of bacteria per C. cm. (to 23).  
3. That Burt street intake is not contaminated by sewage.

4. That the water from Burt street station exhibits a lower bacterial count per C. cm. than tap water from Florence station.  
5. That from a biological standpoint the water supplied to the people of Omaha from both the Burt street and Florence stations is pure and wholesome, compares favorably with water anywhere in this country and is incapable of causing disease.

Note—This examination pertains for the present. Subject to atmospheric changes, sand, local river conditions, the quantitative and qualitative analysis may change. Hence periodic biological examinations are necessary to determine the constant purity. Respectfully,  
MILLARD LANGFELD, A. B. M. D., Director of Biological Laboratory, Medical Department, Creighton University.

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