SIXTEENTH STREET PAVING

Another Effort to Get the Work Under Way May Fail.

DEFECT IN THE ORDINANCE IS FATAL

City Attorney Has Plan to Cure Defect, but Neither Mayor Nor Clerk is Inclined to Fall In with Him.

After trying all afternoon to hold a special meeting six members of the city council were rounded up at 8 o'clock last night by City Clerk Elbourn with the assistance of two stalwart policemen. The meeting was for starting the straightening out of technical kinks in the Sixteenth street repaving proceedings, which have become considerably muddled by the failure to pass an ordinance formally ordering the street improved, and giving the property owners thirty days in which to designate material. The spirit and letter of the law was carried out, but the ordinance had not been enacted. As a result the contract and bond for the repaving could not be approved and the work begun, though the cold days that are not good for asphalt laying are coming on, and the gas company has made numerous fresh punctures, causing a bad smell in what is left of the old street flooring.

What Wright Thinks.

City Attorney Wright on his return from New York figured out that the ordinance designating material could be repealed, the missing ordinance introduced, the petition declaring for asphalt withdrawn, the repealed ordinance repassed and everything gotten in shape for action by the end of the week, provided the council worked hard and did not stint itself on special meetings.

A resolution authorizing the clerk to deliver the petition to the property owners to enable them to refile it, was adopted at the special meeting, and a beginning made on the ordinance manipulation.

The scheme struck a snag in City Clerk Elbourn that had not altogether been removed last night. Mr. Elbourn politely but firmly insisted that no petition of the character can be withdrawn after once having been filed with him. He upheld this view strenuously, despite declarations from Assistant City Attorney Herdman that the mayor and council are masters of the city records and can burn them if they please. Mr. Wright said the withdrawal would be perfectly proper, inasmuch as the law applied only to individuals and not to the council and means only such petitions upon which the council has based action.

Mayor Will Take No Chances.

Mayor Moores thinks he will not sign the resolution adopted by the council purporting to authorize the withdrawal of the petition. This action relieves City Clerk Elbourn from an immediate decision as to whether or not he will surrender the petition, may cause delay and possibly will prevent the repaving this fall.

"I am as anxious as anyone in Omaha to have the awful condition of this street replaced by new paving," says the mayor. "But I must insist that every part of the proceeding be gilt-edged and beyond the attacks of the tax lawyers, who are constantly on the alert for irregularities that will enable property owners to escape paying the levies for special improvements. If an error has been made that cannot be legally made good in time for paving this year, the work must go over, no matter how bad the street is. The charter appears to be squarely against the withdrawal of the petition, and I think I shall veto the resolution."

City Clerk Elbourn said: "I am not going to do anything until after the resolutions return from the mayor. Then I may issue a notice to the Sixteenth street property owners to assemble, so I can deliver the petition to them, as the resolution directs. Inasmuch as they live all over the United States, the task may take some time. I am not prepared, however, to back down from the position I took, that no one has any right to withdraw a petition once filed in this office."

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued up to noon October 18:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Arthur Milne, Omaha	28
Anna Curl, Omaha	31
Edward A. Ulrey, Chicago	58
Cora S. Kellogg, Denver	40
Oscar F. Nast, Lead, S. D.	21
Alberta Rudd, Omaha	20

18 K. Wedding Rings. Edholm, Jeweler.

Bachman Case on Trial.

The case of the state against Charles M. Bachman came up for hearing at 2 p. m. yesterday in Judge Vinsonhaler's court. William Altstadt is the complaining witness in the case and the charge grows out of an assault several weeks ago. Both of the principals are justices of the peace.

YATES RETURNS FROM BOSTON

First of Nebraska Delegates to the Episcopal Conference to Come Home.

H. W. Yates, the first of the Nebraska delegates to the triennial general meeting of the Protestant Episcopal church of the world, now in session in Boston, has returned to Omaha, his alternate, P. H. Updike of Harvard, taking his place in the house of deputies.

Mr. Yates is enthusiastic on the importance of this meeting in the government of the great body of the church and its effect on the world in general. There are delegates from all over the world in session. Omaha is represented by Rev. John Williams and Rev. F. S. White of St. Andrew's. It may be news to some of Mr. White's friends to know that he has accepted a call from a church in Atchison, leaving another vacant pulpit in Omaha. The lay members of the Omaha delegation are James M. Woolworth, Theodore Ringwalt and Joseph Barker.

"I stayed as long as I could," said Mr. Yates, "and left only because of business necessity. I voted on the divorce question in the house of deputies and this I think the most important matter before the conference. The archbishop of Canterbury is a most elegant gentleman and a fine speaker. The crush to see and hear him was enormous. Nebraska had just as many delegates and just as many members in both houses as New York, the assignment of delegates being on this basis."

CEMETERY MAY SELL ITS LOTS

Judge Sears Dissolves Restraining Order Which Has Held Prospect Hill.

The prospect Hill Cemetery association has finally been empowered by Judge Sears to sell lots in the portions of its tract from which it was enjoined several years ago by Jesse Lowe and other property owners. Judge Sears modified the order some days ago so far as the strip along Parker street was concerned, and today the order dissolving the restraining order for the entire cemetery was filed. The judge takes this action because the city council has recognized certain tracts as belonging to the ceemtery which were in dispute at the time the first injunction was issued. Also he found no property owners would be injured.

NEBRASKA DAY

At World's Fair.

October 25 has been selected as Nebraska Day. The Wabash is the line all Nebraskans will use as it lands all passengers at World's Fair station, main entrance World's Fair grounds, thus saving extra car fare, time and much annoyance.

A very low rate has been made from all stations. For Nebraska Day badge, World's Fair guide and all information, call at Wabash City office, 1601 Farnam street, or address Harry E. Moores, G. A. P. D. Wab. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

P. S. All agents can sell you through and route you via Wabash.

Free Lecture by Dr. George L. Miller.

Dr. George L. Miller will give a free lecture in the crypt, or basement, of Trinity cathedral, Eighteenth street and Capitol avenue, October 19, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, his subject being "The American Young Man and His Opportunities." You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends.

To avoid the usual holiday rush, from October until November we will give one high-grade enlargement with every dozen new photos. Don't mistake the place—two-story building, west side of street. H. Heyn, 318-20-22 South Fifteenth street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Commissioner E. J. McVann of the Commercial club returned yesterday from Chicago.

Dr. Crow and wife of Indianapolis arrived yesterday on a visit to ex-Postmaster Joseph Crow.

Conrad Young has just returned from a successful quest of prairie chickens in the sand hills country.

Luther Kountze of the First National bank is enjoying a few days with dog and gun, after ducks and chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Horton of 122 North Thirty-ninth street returned yesterday from a ten days' trip to Chicago.

Justices of the Peace Altstadt and Baldwin have returned to their respective courts after returning from outings.

C. F. McGrew, vice president of the Omaha National bank, and his son, R. G. McGrew, leave today for St. Louis.

C. F. May of Lincoln, H. G. Mantell of San Francisco, E. H. Raymond of Custer, Fred Dawson of Laramie and John Shromick of David City are at the Iler Grand.

F. C. Krotter of Palisade, M. Levy of Hastings, H. C. Vail of Albion, John Waffers of Bonesteel, George Berry of Norfolk and J. A. Moore of Buffalo, Wyo., are at the Millard.

Frank Collins, formerly of Lincoln, now deputy claim commissioner at Washington, who has been delivering a series of campaign speeches throughout the state, was in in the city yesterday morning.

Mrs. Walker Whiteside, who has been detained at Sioux City by illness, has sufficiently recovered to permit her to resume her theatrical tour with her husband. She was a guest at the Iler Grand last evening.

H. W. Yates and wife returned yesterday morning from Boston, where Mr. Yates had been sitting in the house of deputies as a delegate from Nebraska to the triennial conference of the Protestant Episcopal church.

P. D. Jones of Duluth, M. McBeth of Greeley, Carl Kramer, Hugh Hughes and E. G. Hoare of Columbus, Charles W. Meeker, G. W. Brown, W. H. Pratt and B. Wall of Imperial, F. M. Flansberg of Trenton, L. Morse of Benkleman and C. Morse of Lincoln are at the Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas of Lexington, C. J. Langfelt of Sioux Falls, Mrs. and Mrs. H. J. Ganst and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Franklin of Salt Lake City, C. R. Brock, W. C. Strohm, J. H. Holman and H. S. Covay of Denver and C. A. Mullins of Broken Bow are at the Paxton.

J. E. Stanford and W. H. Miller of Kearney, John Walsh of Lead, W. A. Weaver of Sundance, N. P. Sorenson and M. C. Ustick of Lyon, W. N. Chamberlain of Oaks, N. D.; N. O. Dresser of Leeds, England; George Mellor and L. C. Kink of Beemer and A. W. Lane of Lincoln are at the Merchants.

Railway Notes and Personals.

The Missouri-Colorado lines are publishing notices of the usual winter tourist rates to Colorado points from the river.

W. N. Babcock of Chicago, general western agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, is visiting old friends in the city, accompanied by his wife.

J. M. Cruger, general superintendent, and W. A. Deal, superintendent of the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific, are making a tour over the western branches of the line.

Drawings of the new union station to be erected at Washington, D. C., were received at the Union Pacific headquarters yesterday. A model of the proposed building is being exhibited in the transportation building at the World's fair. The structure is classical in design and follows the Grecian style of architecture. Pillars and frieze work ornamented with winged mythological figures are striking features.

Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado Southern, passed through the city yesterday on his way west from New York. Of the affairs of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, whose officials are stockholders in the road, Mr. Trumbull had nothing to say. A meeting of the stockholders is being held in Denver to concentrate the properties of the company under one management. Mr. Trumbull said he believed the present year would be a record breaker in the amount of business done by the railroad company.

DIED.

ANDERSON—Mrs. B., after long illness, Tuesday morning, October 18, aged 75 years.

Funeral Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. from residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. Henrickson, 2011 California. Interment at Forest Lawn cemetery.

SUGAR RATE WAR NO BETTER

Conference in Chicago Looking to Settlement of Present Disturbance.

MISSOURI RIVER JOBBERS SUFFER LOSS

Speculation as to Outcome Leads to Doubt Concerning the Immediate Adjustment of the Tariff Differences.

It is possible that the sugar rate war will be settled. A meeting of the lines interested in the controversy is being held in Chicago, but the outcome is purely speculation. It is understood that some of the lines involved in the sugar tariff war are willing to continue the present rate of 18 cents, and some difficulty may be experienced in restoring harmony among the warring factions.

Several days ago a telegram was received in this city from Chicago announcing that the old rate from Chicago to Missouri river points would be restored. At that time the jobbing interests in the Missouri river district had under consideration the plan of taking action to have the rate question settled in some way satisfactory to the interests of the jobbers. The move was abandoned upon the assurance of the Burlington that a movement was on foot to discontinue the 18-cent rate after the 28th of this month. The hope that a settlement of the difficulties will be reached is not so bright as it was several days ago.

The tariffs on sugar have been disturbed for several months, but the fight reached a climax two weeks ago, when the Mallory steamship lines began to slash the rates. The southern lines between St. Louis and the gulf were forced to follow suit and put in a 20-cent rate to protect themselves against the roads working in conjunction with the Mallory lines. This move forced the eastern lines into the fight and the rate of 10 cents per hundred from Chicago to Missouri river points was the result. It was believed that sugar tariffs had reached their lowest levels for both the railroads and the affected jobbers began to look for some means of relief.

Jobbing houses which were caught with a supply of sugar on hand were forced to sell at a loss amounting to $75 per car. This was the situation when word was received that the rate was to be restored. Now there is a prospect that the rate will go still lower, and the western sugar market is uncertain for this reason. The meeting at Chicago means a settlement of the disturbed rates until next season or an indefinite continuation of the tariff troubles.

Rain Along the Burlington.

According to the Burlington weekly crop report, rain is being experienced in plenty on the branches of the road. In all parts of the Alliance and Sterling divisions of the Wyoming district the precipitation has been quite heavy during the week, an average of one-half an inch of rain having fallen. A similar rainfall is recorded at Upton, Felix, Gillette, Crow Agency and other points on the Sheridan division. Range cattle are reported in good condition and the shipments of sheep and stock are heavy and will continue large for the next thirty days.

RATE WAR SHOWS NO CHANGE

Excursion to Minneapolis Stands Just Where It Did on Sunday.

Up to a late hour this afternoon there was no change in the three-cornered rate war between the Omaha-Minneapolis lines. In a metaphorical sense there is plenty of smoke, but no blaze. The Great Western still has a banner hanging across the sidewalk announcing a rate of $6 for the round trip. The local representatives declare that they are ready to meet any rate made by the other companies, but that the company as yet has no official notice that the rival lines have reduced the rate to $3. All parties to the controversy are resting on their oars and waiting for the next move.

The trouble dates back to an invitation received from the mayor of Minneapolis inviting the Ak-Sar-Ben to visit the city. When the Minneapolis Shriners were in the city recently they were entertained by the Ak-Sar-Ben and initiated into the mysteries of the order. The Minneapolis people carried away good impressions of Omaha, and the mayor, who is a Shriner, issued the invitation to have the subjects of Quivera visit his city. A railroad man said:

"The Great Western immediately announced a rate of $6 and invited the Ak-Sar-Ben to make its line the official road upon the occasion of the visit. The invitation was viewed with favor at a meeting of the Board of Governors. The Illinois Central has a line running to Minneapolis. The Northwestern has a direct line to Minneapolis. They immediately announced their intention of making a rate of $3. It is not a game of freezeout. It is a straight business proposition. Each road is determined to have the business. Each road will make a fight for it and will try to get the business if it has to carry people there and back for 50 cents."

A representative of the Great Western said:

"A meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben committee was held at noon and the situation remains unchanged. We have received no official notification that the other lines have reduced the rate to $3, but we are in this thing to stay and we shall meet any rate that the other roads may make."

It was expected that something would result before Wednesday to give definite shape to the situation. It was said this morning by one of the railroad representatives interested in the controversy:

"Some understanding may be reached by which the rate will remain at $6. At the present time the rate is for members of the Ak-Sar-Ben only."

"Can a special rate be made from which the public may be excluded?"

"A special Ak-Sar-Ben train can be chartered. This may be done and will make it impossible for those to share in the rate who are not entitled to wear an Ak-Sar-Ben badge. This is a point which, probably, is not generally understood by the public. If a general rate is put into effect for the benefit of the public, any one who wants to make the trip will be able to go. The controversy has not, however, reached that point and we won't know just what we are going to do before Wednesday."

CHAIRMEN IN CONSULTATION

General Conference of County Leaders in Progress at State Headquarters.

County chairmen from the six congressional districts in the state are being assembled at state headquarters by Chairman Burgess for consultation and instructions regarding the last phase of the campaign. On Monday the chairmen from the Third district came in; Tuesday those from the Fifth district met; Wednesday is set for the Sixth, Thursday for the Fourth, Friday for the First, while the Second is reserved for next week. Those who came in Monday included H. F. Lehr of Boone county, Dr. Sward of Burt, Dr. Robertson of Cedar, W. W. Cooper of Dixon, C. E. Abbott of Dodge, S. P. McFarland of Madison, F. J. Sprague of Merrick, Thomas Chilvers of Pierce, Ed Hoare of Platte, B. A. Witter of Thurston and D. C. Gifford of Cuming. Today the visitors had among them Martin Levy of Adams, A. Cunningham of Chase, L. Morse of Dundy, C. L. Brown of Gosper and W. W. Hawley of Nuckols.

OMAHA DAY AT THE BIG FAIR

Commissioner Wild Comes to Look Into the Matter of Gate City Representation.

Edward O. Wild, special commissioner of the department of exploitation of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, is an Omaha visitor, with a view to stimulating interest in Nebraska day at the exposition, which is fixed for October 25. While this is the ostensible purpose of Commissioner Wilde's visit, he further wishes to interest Omaha in the effort to have an Omaha day at the exposition. He said:

"I question the expediency of having a special day set apart for Omaha day, yet I can but think that Omaha people would profit immensely by availing of Nebraska day as a day to exploit the beauties and advantages of the Nebraska metropolis. The opportunity for advertising the city is an admirable one. A carload or two of Omaha hustlers could go there with an abundance of advertising material, buttons or badges, for free distribution from Nebraska headquarters, and the result would be that thousands of people would be wearing these buttons or badges, and the advertising advantage would be manifest. Other cities have done this, and as there is a craze there for button and badge collecting, there would be no difficulty in disposing of many thousands of them. I merely offer this as a suggestion of what has been done and can be done again. I am here to lay the matter before your city officials and sincerely hope to interest them in the matter, as I am certain the effort would be more than compensated by ensuing results."

THIRD WARD TRUST IS BROKEN

Required Number of Freeholders No Longer Reside Within the District.

Jerry MacMahon, who is interested in getting signatures of property owners for liquor license applications in the Third ward, has made the interesting discovery that the required number of freeholders, thirty, do not now reside in the ward, as revealed by his best efforts to discover them. He can find but twenty-four resident freeholders. Since last year four residents have sold their property, one has died and three have moved out of the Third. MacMahon says that lawyers advise him that the only way the difficulty can be overcome is for the mayor and council to redistrict the ward boundaries, so as to take in resident freeholders. This would encounter considerable opposition, however, and the brewers may be forced to buy a number of lots and deed them to their saloon managers in order to get the applications for licenses properly endorsed.

$20.00 to Chicago.

The Chicago Great Western Railway will sell special round trp tickets to Chicago at $20.00. Tickets good for return until October 31. For further information apply to S. D. Parkhurst, general agent, 1512 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Through Justice W. M. Eastman, Mrs. Schneiderwind, widow of the late Otte Schneiderwind, has received a pension of $8 per month.

A meeting of the alumni of the Iowa State college has been called for Friday evening, October 21, to assemble at room 400, Bee building.

Charley Barker was given thirty days in the county jail by Judge Day. He was arraigned on the charge of larceny from the person and agreed to plead guilty to the charge of petit larceny.

August Weitz of Kansas City, Mo., and Bud Grimes of 1423 South Twenty-fourth street, arrested Monday on the charges of burglary, are said to have stolen lead from various barns in the city.

During the absence of W. J. Wiley and family their home at 4025 Dodge street was entered and ransacked. So far as has been reported at the police station nothing of value was taken by the intruders.

Burglars gained entrance to the Richardson Drug company's building by climbing the fire escape and making their way through a skylight, going out by breaking the lock on a rear door. It is not thought anything was taken.

Eddie Quick and Butch Freese of the Omaha baseball team have returned from a hunting expedition to Blue lake, near Onawa, Ia. Forty-nine ducks and forty-eight bass were brought home on the "toot-too" cars by the brave young hunters.

Mrs. Frenzer of 127 South Twenty-fifth street complained to the police Monday night that several boys in her neighborhood seemed to be laboring under the delusion that Monday night was Hallowee'n, as they had broken two of her windows and pulled her front door off the hinges.

Anna Stramberg has been granted a restraining order by Judge Sears preventing Edward Stramberg from disposing of any of the property said to belong to Mrs. Stramberg during the hearing or a divorce suit brought by the latter. The property consists of a farm in Douglas county.

The attorneys for the street railway company, against which corporation John Boesen was given a verdict for $4,000 damages several days ago, have filed a motion for a new trial. They charge error in instructions to the jury. Judge Estelle will not be able to take up the motion before Saturday.

TEST CASE IN TAX MATTER

City and Union Pacific Will Go Into Court Again.

SHOP SITE FURNISHES BASE OF ACTION

Disagreement as to When to List This Property Will Be Determined by Suit Soon to Be Commenced.

Representatives of the Union Pacific railway and the city have arranged that a test case will be brought to determine which is right in the controversy as to whether the shop grounds should be included as "right-of-way" and assessed by the State Board of Equalization, or as real estate, and assessed by the local authorities.

City Attorney Wright, Tax Commissioner Fleming and A. W. Scribner, tax commissioner for the railroad, conferred together in Mr. Wright's office yesterday morning. Mr. Scribner quoted decisions to uphold the contention of the corporation that it has the right to list the ground under the shops as right-of-way, while the two city officials construed the revenue law to have a different meaning.

It was finally agreed to have Commissioner Fleming assess the whole property as realty and for the railroad to bring an injunction suit, either immediately or in time to have the case settled before the 1905 city tax levy is made. Last year the railroad paid real estate taxes on the shop grounds under protest and the decision is expected to decide this contention also. From $4,000 to $5,000 city taxes are involved for each year.

"The value of the shop grounds, exclusive of the buildings, which the company wants assessed as personal property, is from $350,000 to $400,000," said Commissioner Fleming. "Last year the same contention was raised, but the return had been made already to the state board under the old revenue law and proceeded to assess the shop grounds as real estate the same as usual. It was understood at the conference that every effort will be made by both sides to expedite the case so as to have the decks clear for the levy. The greater and more important matter of local assessment of the station buildings and terminals is not at issue in this case. It is relatively much smaller, but still is worth fighting for in the opinion of the city attorney."

COAL RATES NOT SETTLED

Burlington Still Pressing the Northwestern, While St. Joseph Gains.

One of Omaha's large retail coal merchants returned from Chicago this morning and thus sums up the entire coal rate situation:

"Great pressure is being brought to bear by the Burlington on the Northwestern to withdraw its reduced tariff sheet and the Burlington is being egged on by the Wabash to keep after the Northwestern. The latter is in a delicate position, and while wanting to keep its pledges with Omaha, does not feel like spiting itself in some other direction. The Burlington, through pride and a desire to retain part of its coal rate advance, is especially active because it understands that if the Northwestern stands pat a little longer the Wabash will start the ball rolling by going back to old rates and all will have to follow.

"In the meantime favoritism goes on at St. Joseph. As a concession to the dealers there, where coal rates have not advanced the embargo of $2 a car for switching charges, has been removed.

COLD AND STORMY OUT WEST

Snow and Freezing Temperature in Colorado and Wyoming Today.

"Snow in Cheyenne and Denver is the story of the morning's weather," said Weather Forecaster Welsh yesterday. "Then there is a temperature of freezing and below in Colorado and Wyoming and the extreme western end of Nebraska. Up at Lander, Wyo., 14 degrees below freezing and 18 below freezing in the Yellowstone park region is the coldest reported this morning—colder, you will see, than in the extreme northwest. That means, of course, colder here tonight and continued cold tomorrow. Do not think it will last long. We expect that the temperature will begin rising out in the western part tomorrow. The extremes of temperaure in Nebraska this morning are 26 and 28 at the west line and 58 here in Omaha, making a range of 30 degrees. A high barometer prevails and we are liable to get some rain and unsettled weather for a day or two."

ILLINOIS CENTRAL IS SUED

Administrator Asks $5,000 for Death of Boy Killed on Cut-Off Lake Trestle.

Ludwig Landon, as administrator of the estate of David Johnson, has brought suit against the Illinois Central Railway company for $5,000 damages. The accident which led to this suit and to the death of young Johnson, a 14-year-old boy, occurred July 17, 1903, on the trestle of the Illinois Central which crosses Cut Off lake. The boy, with others, went out on the trestle to swim in the lake and on his way back he was killed by an engine. Landon states in his petition as a cause of action that the company knew boys were in the habit of using the trestle and should have exercised a care which it did not.

AGAINST MUNICIPAL PLANT

W. T. Graham Will Report Adversely on Establishment of City Lighting Plant.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club W. T. Graham of the Real Estate exchange presented a report which he is to make today on the matter of voting bonds for the municipal lighting plant. The members were in accord with his views, which out of courtesy to his organization were not made public. The report is adverse to municipal ownership.

A. G. Beeson spoke at some length and read the report given by W. S. Boyd to the council. He urged the appointment of a committee to submit to the council the necessity for action on his recommendations and said that "unless something is done to show a disposition to handle this matter there will certainly be a raise in insurance rates in this city before many weeks."

The executive committee decided to make such representation to the council.

Harry Fischer was elected to membership.

HAND IS QUICKER THAN EYE

Pushcart Merchants Complain that They Are Swindled by Smooth Operator.

James Millian and John Ale, pushcart merchants on Leavenworth street, have reached the conclusion that the quickness of the hand may deceive the eye and the closer you watch the less you sometimes see. Messrs. Millian and Ale came to this agreement Monday afternoon after a short mutual sympathy meeting, followed by a hasty trip to the police station. The burden of their plaint is that a stranger made a small purchase at each stand, presenting in each instance a $5 bill for payment. The change in each case was $4.75, which was paid, but both Millian and Ale aver that the $5 bill presented by the stranger was by some magic process transformed into a $1 bill. Anyway, the merchants are out $4.75 each, and it is thought the stranger is out of town, although detectives are out looking for him. Meanwhile millian and Ale are looking out for men who present them $5 bills.

BOARD OF TRADE DIVIDEND

Directors Will Pay $10 a Share Besides Reducing the Mortgage Some.

Monday afternoon the 196 stockholders of the Board of Trade Building company received notice of the second payment in dividends of $10 each for the current year. Last year, through the payment of $10,000 on account of the mortgage that hangs over the building, the shareholders were left without their usual distribution. The dividend declared Monday has not only been earned, but in addition the directors voted at the same time to pay off $3,000 on the mortgage, reducing that to $47,000. Checks have already been sent out for both dividends and reduction of mortgage.

Diamond engagement rings. Edholm, jeweler.

Joe King Works Well.

It has been reported that a dapper young man giving the name of Joe King made his entre on the local business stage a few days ago and disappeared with quick curtain, red fire and shiver music, leaving a long train of mourners behind him. King, who claimed to be from Denver, represented himself as interested in the promotion of a paper to be published in the interests of Creighton university, so he is said to have told one business man. To another he said his father was United States consul at Salvador and that his worthy sire intended to make a priest out of him. King was as versatile as the day is long and is said to have realized on his get-rich-schemes with neatness and dispatch.

$3 to $10 wedding gifts. Edholm, jeweler.

Buster Brown in Sunday's Bee.

O'Brien Fined for Larceny.

Tom O'Brien has been fined $10 and costs in police court where he was arraigned on the charge of petit larceny. He was charged with the theft of a coat from M. P. Oleson at 709 North Sixteenth street. O'Brien had been arrested while trying to sell the coat, and before Mr. Oleson had reported the loss at the station.