Permanent Right-of-Way Through Douglas County Granted to Electric Road.

BOARD-REJECTS SHERIFF'S DEPUTY BILL

Power's Claim, Including Pay Specials During Strike, Turned Down as Specified Limit Was Exceeded.

With Commissioner McDonald alone voting no, the Board of County Commissioners yesterday voted a perpetual franchise to the Omaha, Beatrice & Lincoln Railway company for the use of any or all the roads and highways in Douglas county. There was no discussion, and Commissioner McDonald contented himself with a simple the promoters of the road was present when the vote was taken.

The board rejected a claim of Sheriff fund for the payment of deputies. This action places the matter in dispute in shape to be taken into court for adjudication.

During the late packing house strike in South Omaha Sheriff Power allowed the special deputies \$2.50 a day, whereas the county board only authorized \$2 The sheriff's position was that a man who "put himself up as a target of this kind" should get at least \$2.50 a day, and he took a chance on the claim being later ap-

Laid Over Thursday. The franchise was laid over yesterday

afternoon at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Since its introduction originally the franchise has been modified so that the company will not have the use of any county bridges, but must build its own structures where bridges are neces-

the franchise came up, recom the whole, Commissioner McDonald asked that it go over to the next meeting. Commissioners Kennard and Connolly

protested that there was no good reason for deferring the granting of the franchise, and they were backed by Chairman O'Keeffa These gentlemen said the measure had been fully and fairly considered for several weeks by the commissioners individually and by the board as a body. They did not think postponement would have the effect of changing the vote of any member, and the plain intimation was made that the be brought to a vote. However, the other commissioners did not feel like crowding it in any way, they said, and in deference to not been considered in open meeting, it was put over until the meeting of the board set

for this morning. A little later on, when the board came to the resolution of Commissioner McDonald requiring a showing of financial responsibility and the furnishing of a plat of any proposed line by the promoters, this, too, was laid over for consideration with the franchise today.

Lease to Field Club.

The board granted, a lease to the Omaha Field club of 130 acres of the county poor farm for a term of twenty-five years, as the same time canceling one for a smaller piece of the farm that has been in existence for some time. The club will pay on February 1 of each year \$5 per acre for the first ten years, \$7.50 per acre for the second ten years and \$10 per acre for the last five years. The lease cannot be assigned by the club and the county board can terminate it at any time by giving three months' notice of an intention so to do.

Liquor licenses were granted to William Hartman, Fifty-fourth and Lincoln, and on lot 8, block 5, Brookline addition.

nd after being read the bids were referred street. 'Phone 216.

VOTE PERPETUAL FRANCHISE to the committee on bridges for tabulation. next week.

By mutual agreement of the parties the hearing on the Hitchcock protest against the allowance of the bill of The Bee for the publication of the scavenger tax list was postponed until 2 p. m. on Tuesday, Janu-

The board, on motion of Commissioner Hofeldt, offered a reward of \$35 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties responsible for the destruction or theft of sower pipe and other property belonging to the county in Florence precinct.

CASE PUZZLES THE DOCTORS

Man is Unconscious and They Are Uncertain Whether He is Ill or Drunk.

Julius Bettinger, who has been stopping at the Hubbell house, 501 South Thirteenth street, was taken to Clarkson hospital at when his name was called. None of \$:30 last evening. He was unconscious and the doctors could not tell what was the matter with him. Julius Bettinger registered at the Hubbell house December 22 and Power for \$5,542.50 for a deficiency in the the clerk states that he has been drinking heavily ever since that time, and Wednesday night intimated he was tired of leading that kind of a life and was going to change or, cease to exist. Yesterday afternoon, when the chambermaid went to clean up his roof, she found the door locked and spoke to the clerk about it. He tried the door, but the key was on the inside. Upon looking over the transom he saw Julius lying upon the bed, fully dressed. He sumnoned the police, who took the man to

Clarkson's hospital. The doctors said they did not think he had taken polson, but could not tell just what was the matter. A doctor who examined the man before he was taken to the hospital stated that in his opinion it was simply a case of too much whisky. Bettinger told the clerk Wednesday that he had no relatives living. He had about \$90 in cash and drafts on his person.

mended for passage by the committee of OHIO RIVER IS BLOCKADED

Four Barges Containing One Hundred Thousand Bushels of Coal Sunk Near Pittaburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.-The channel the Ohio river was blocked and all coal shipments stopped after 5 o'clock this afternoon by an accident to the Crescent of the People's Coal company, which sank four coal barges, containing 100,000 bushels of coal. The wreckage is being franchise will be granted as soon as it can dynamited and shipments will be resumed tomorrow.

A total of 1,750,000 bushels of coal was sent out of the harbor today. Tomorrow the objection of Commissioner McDonald the Sprague and the Jim Wood will leave that the franchise in its amended form had with about 1,000,000 bushels, while the shipments of the independent companies is expected to raise the day's shipments to

1,500,000 bushels. The rivers continue at a coal boat stage, fluctuating between ten and eleven feet. There is enough water in sight to maintain this stage throughout the winter and a stage sufficient for the bringing up of empties is expected for three or four days

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sale December 31 and January 1 Bids were opened and read from six firms and 2, with final return limit January 4. for the construction of sewers and culverts, Inquire of City Ticket Office, 1324 Farnam

Defect is Discovered in City Hall Bend Proposition Petition.

NUMBER OF SIGNERS NOT FREEHOLDERS

Probability This Will Invalidate the Election-Park Bonds Appear to Be Clear of Any Such Defect.

As the injunction cases in the city hall and park bond issues are to be called in Judge Sears' court today those interested in the city half proposition met yesterday afternoon and went over the city hall petition carefully. The tax books were taken into the office of the city engineer and several real estate men were present. Each name on the city hall petition was examined carefully, and it was found that out of the 123 names on the petition twenty-six were not freeholders. When this was ascertained the advocates of a city hall building practically threw up their hands. It appeared that quite a number of men who signed the city hall petition had no property in their own name.

City Attorney Lambert was aware of this condition some days ago, but said nothing, as he expected to bring the defective petition to the attention of the court when the case comes up for hearing.

When the news was circulated on the streets that the petition was defective and that the voting of bonds for a city hall building would doubtless be declared void by the courts there was a feeling of sadness among those who had cherished the idea that they might sell a site for a city hall building. It seems hardly probable that in the face of the investigation made yesterday any effort will be made to push the city hall question any further.

As far as the investigation has gone the petition for park bonds appears to be all right and this may go through the courts without a hitch.

Now that the building of a city hall has practically been given up there is talk of renting the present High school building from the school district for city hall pur-Those who are familiar with the building

say that with alterations the building can be turned into a city hall without going to great deal of expense and that in case of annexation to Omaha the building could again be used for school purposes. This idea seems to be a good one and is being seriously considered by those who desire to see the city offices moved to more commodi ous quarters.

There is plenty of room in the present High school building for all of the city offices and the heating plant is in firstclass condition. Along with this there is room for a council chamber and a police ourt room, as well as committee rooms. It is not expected that the Board of Education would entertain a proposal to rent until the new High school building is com

The city has a lease for one year on the building now occupied by the city officials, but it is thought that suitable arrange ments can be made with the agents of the building in case a move is decided upon.

Treasurer Kept Busy. All of the force in the city treasurer's office was kept on the jump yesterday making out statements and receipts for personal taxes. These taxes become deinquent on January 1 and draw interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month from that date until paid. Several good-sized payments were made yesterday. Swift and Company paid \$8,800 personal taxes, the Union Stock Yards National bank paid Holiday Low Rates.

Holiday Low Rates.

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Auctioneers Kept Busy. A meeting of the members of the State Auctioneers' association was held here yes-

terday at the office of P. C. Caldwell in the Pioneer block, Twenty-mixth and N streets. Three dozen members of the association attënded this annual meeting. Colonel I. C. Gallup of this city was chosen president and P. C. Caldwell secretary and treasurer. An examining board was named, composed of Peck of York, Smith of Shelby, Gallup of South Omaha and Caldwell of South Omaha. All those desiring to become members of this state organization will hereafter be called before this gramining board,

Filing December Bills, Yesterday the heads of the fire and police departments filed with the city clerk the payroll for December. Last month the department cost the city in wages \$1.277. This includes the chief, captain and men. Eighteen men all told are now carried on the police payroll. In the fire department the cost is less, the salaries amount ing to \$840. In this sum is included the pay of the chief and the captains of three companies, making a total of eleven men. There is money in the police and fire funds to pay these salary claims.

Goldstrom Offers Reward. Chief of Police Briggs is in receipt of letter from Sol Goldstrom offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the men who attempted to blow the safe in his store on the night of December 27. The chief, with a few men who are familiar with the surroundings, are working on the ase, but nothing new was developed yeaterday or last night. It is the opinion of the police that local talent attempted to do the job and having failed are keeping under

over for a few days. The offer of a re-

ward is an incentive to hustle and there

are hopes held out that the guilty parties may be captured.

City Clerk Gillin will receive bids for supdies for the city up to noon on Saturday Already a number of bids have been filed and it looks as if plenty more were to forlow from the number of inquiries at the

clerk's office for bidding blanks. The list of supplies needed is estimated by the head of each department and includes almost everything that is used by the city from letterheads to feed for fire

"It looks to me," said Clerk Gillin last night, "as if nearly every dealer in the city was going to bid on supplies this year. It so the council will have considerable work in tabulating the bids." The desire of the officials seems to be to let contracts to the lowest responsible bidder. While a certified check must accompany all bids the counch reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive defects.

Magte City Gossip.

Coal-J. B. Watkins & Co. Tel. 31.
R. Trapp has secured a building permit for a dwelling on Drews hill. L. A. Scott, city bill poster, yesterday oined the state auctioneers' association. Thomas Smith, 314 North Twenty-third street, announces the birth of a daughter. Try Gooden's antiseptic barber shop for first-class work. 2510 N street. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Christic returned yes-terday from Chicago, where they visited friends for a week.

E. A. Pollard returns to his home at Fairbury today after spending a few days with relatives here. Hard coal. See Howland Lumber Co., 435 North Twenty-fourth street. 'Fhone 7. George H. Brewer and wife are home from Illinois, where they went to attend the wedding of a relative.

Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Cosford of Jamestown.
N. D., but formerly of this city, are here spending the holidays.
Dr. T. H. Ensor has made arrangements to leave on Monday for El Paso, Tex., where he has business interests.

Joseph Keenan, whose hands were budly frozen a few nights ago, is nicely at the South Omaha hospital. Fred Scott, an employe of the Nebraska Fred Scott, an employe of the Nebraska Telephone company, has returned from Sloux City, where he worked after the fire in the replacing of broker, telephone wires. Goldstrom Art Calendar given free with every purchase of \$1 or more. We carry a choice line of 'liquors for family use. 2003 N street. Tel. 1239.

TRAVELERS OBJECT TO LAW Proposed Insurance Messure Works Hardship to Such Organi-

sations.

Arthur L. Sheetz, secretary of the Western Travelers' association, left last night for Chicago, where he has arranged for a meeting of the legislative committee of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers' organization to consider what attitude the federation will take towards the Morrell bill, now pending in congress, providing for government supervision of insurance, Mr. Sheetz states that there are some features of the bill. in its present form, which are objectionable to the commercial travelers' organizations represented in the federation. It is not yet certain whether the federation will ask to have the traveling men's assoclations exempt from the operations of the law, or whether they will seek to have the bill so amended as to more fully accommodate the special class of insurance

represented by these organizations. The members of the legislative committee, who met at the Great Northern hotel this morning, represent nearly 200,-000 commercial travelers, all being members of the various commercial travelers' co-operative insurance organizations of the

Announcements of the Theaters. This afternoon in "Don Caesar de Bazan" and this evening in "Othello" Mr. Charles B. Hanford will make his annual appearance at the Boyd theater. This sterling actor is supported this season by a most capable company, led by Miss Marie Drofnah. The engagement is for the two performances only. On Sunday afternoon Mr. Charles Hawtrey, the distinguished English actor, will open his engagement in "A Messenger from Mars." This piece has been tremendously successful since its first production in London, four years ago, and Mr. Hawtrey has been continually identified with it.

The last two performances of the vaudeville bill that has been entertaining Orpheum patrons will be given today, matines and night.

For New Year week, commencing matines Sunday, January 1, and including an extra New Year matinee Monday, there will be eight varied new features on the program. Prominent on the roster will be the eight Colini-Clairous, a European troupe of four women and four men, who are terpsiche rean artists. Aicide Capitaine, the famous female gymnast, will show her wonderfut development and do a trapeze performance. Binns, Binns and Binns are eccen trics and musicians. Charles Leonard Fletcher will present us with his "An Evening with Charles Dickens and Other Great Novelists." Happy Jack Gardner will make merry with parodies and stories. Fox and Poxie, the funny clown and his dog; Mitchell and Love in "Married Life from the Inside," and new kinodrome pictures fill out the program.

Important Change of Time By Rock Island system effective Sunday, December 26, 1904, on and after which date train now leaving Omaha eastbound at 12:01, noon, daily except Sunday, will leave at 11:15 a. m., except Sunday, and train now leaving Omaha westbound at 5:15 p. m. daily, will leave at 4:15 p. m. daily, F. P. RUTHERFORD, D. P. A.

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