

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Paving of West L Street to Burlington Viaduct Being Discussed.

RECEIPTS OF LIVE STOCK ARE HEAVY

Death Rate So Far During February Exceptionally Large, Grip and Pneumonia Being the Principal Causes.

The city of South Omaha has grown so long with few paved streets that the paving of Railroad avenue there is a demand from all quarters for more paving. The city authorities have decided to pave Missouri avenue, from Thirtieth to Twenty-fourth streets, and bids for this work will be opened on Monday night by the council. Now comes some property owners on West L street and want that street paved. This street is paved as far as Thirtieth street. What is wanted now is a little grading and the paving of the street as far west as the east approach to the Burlington viaduct. While West L street, from Thirtieth to Thirty-sixth, is sixty feet in width, it is thought that a pavement thirty-six feet in width will answer all purposes. There will be little grading needed if a pavement is laid. The distance from the west line of Thirtieth street by the east approach of the Burlington viaduct is 124 feet. The stock yards company has already paved about 130 feet of the roadway, and this will reduce the number of feet to be paved to about 11,000. The estimated cost is \$9,000. On the south side of this street, from Thirtieth to Thirty-sixth, the Union Stock Yards company owns all the property. On the north side the property is cut up into lots. It is understood the owners of these lots are willing to sign a petition at once for the paving. With the signatures of the north side property owners and that of the general manager of the stock yards company there will be no difficulty about carrying out this movement. With the completion of the Burlington viaduct it is expected travel on West street will be greatly increased. Paving is needed and if present plans are carried out the work will be done this year.

Stock Receipts Increasing.
Receipts of live stock at the yards here yesterday surprised the employees of the company and the commission dealers. The number of cars at 3 o'clock was 400. On account of the big receipts, which were entirely unexpected, the buyers took advantage and prices dropped. The five days' receipts were about 6,000 below the same days last week and less than half as heavy as the same week a year ago. Today the buyers do not look for much of a market, but some of them said last night that they would not be surprised if good receipts were marked on the board.

Representative Fille Here.
Frank J. Fille, member of the legislature from Douglas county, spent a few hours in the city yesterday. Mr. Fille had some business at the city office and he put in the balance of his time talking with property owners about the sewer proposition. Regarding the information he had obtained Mr. Fille had nothing to say and he would not predict the outcome of the bills now pending before the Nebraska legislature.

Death Rate Alarming.
Friday seven burial certificates were issued by City Clerk Gillin. The total number of deaths reported at the clerk's office so far this month number twenty-five. Most of the deaths have been attributed to pneumonia and the grip. This is the largest death rate for any month in a long time. Physicians are all busy looking after cases of bad colds, pneumonia and the grip. Dr. S. R. Towne of the State Board of Health was in the city yesterday looking over the records of births and deaths and he said he did not recall a time when grip was so prevalent as it has been this winter.

New Books Received.
Miss Jane Abbott, librarian at the city library, has received about 300 new books within the last few days and these books are now on the shelves. There is a demand for more books and about 1,000 have been on identification cards. What is wanted is a liberal donation of books. Books printed especially for juveniles are needed. Those interested in the success of the library are requested to send in donations of books.

Thiele Denies He Was Intoxicated.
Police Officer Charles Thiele takes exceptions to an item in The Bee of yesterday regarding the charges filed against him by Chief Briggs. Officer Thiele declares most positively that he was not intoxicated and that he was surrounded by the chief of police for drinking while on duty and in uniform. As far as he being intoxicated he asserts that this charge is entirely unfounded.

Removal of Snow.
Agent Barrett of the city legal department is putting in all his time now serving notices to property owners about the removal of snow. The mayor and city attorney held a consultation on this matter and the attorney called the attention of the mayor to city ordinance No. 63. The agent of the legal department is now going around to property owners with a copy of this ordinance and his work is showing up nicely. Sidewalks that have not been cleaned this winter are being cleared. There

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is a fine lot of not to exceed \$100 provided in this ordinance for failure to clean walks after police has been served. The expectation is that within a few days the snow will be cleared from walks and roofs or else the city officials will know why.

Notes of the Y. M. C. A.
Mr. J. E. Wells, chairman of the Bible study committee, is attending the state convention at Grand Island this week. Saturday evening the first basketball team will play the Omaha high school sophomores.

Rev. Edwin H. Jenks of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha will be the speaker at the men's meeting Sunday afternoon. His topic will be "Tribute to Whom Tribute is Due." Mrs. R. O. Haskins will sing.

There will be a grand rally of the membership at the rooms Saturday evening, February 27.

The Swift and Company basketball team played a game with the high school Friday evening. Score, 13 to 26.

Magic City Gossip.
E. C. Johnson, Thirtieth and Harrison streets, reports the birth of a daughter.

W. A. Berry has been called to his home at Waterloo, Ia., by the death of his father.

Local coal dealers say that they will have plenty of coal of all kinds on hand by Monday.

Matthew McDermold, one of Cudahy's cattle butchers, is confined to his home with a severe cold.

The Eagles' Dress club gave an entertainment at Eagles hall last night which was largely attended.

The injunction case against the issuing of bonds for a city hall has been set for Tuesday in Judge Sweeney's court.

Henry Jetter, son of Balthas Jetter, has located for a time at Chatauque, Tenn. His address is 529 Market street.

The republican city central committee will hold a meeting this evening at the office of E. H. Leigh, Twenty-fourth and M streets.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Richmond are moving from Twenty-first and J streets to a comfortable cottage near Twenty-fourth and A streets.

Fred Lea died at his home at Bellevue yesterday. The funeral will be held at the Bellevue Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Interment at the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mrs. E. W. Headland died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Gurney, Twenty-second and A streets.

Funeral services will be held at the residence, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. G. W. VanWinkle will officiate. Interment at Laurel Hill cemetery.

AFFAIRS OF THE WOOD FAMILY

Domestic Relations of Ill-Associated Pair Partially Explained in Police Court.

Oscar and Mary Wood, husband and wife, were the head-liners in police court. Wood was arrested Thursday night on the charge of being drunk and abusing his family, and faced the music in police court like a Trojan. Mr. Wood, complaining witness, furnished the music, and so loud did her accompaniment become that she was warned by court to calm and collected, lest she might place herself in contempt of court. She had the last word as she left the court room.

The Wood family live in room No. 57, Martin flats. The wife testified that she has been living on one meal a day, while her husband and mother get drunk every day. This, she maintained, is not the ideal married life. When the judge asked Wood if he had been drunk, the man said he had not been.

"He was drunk," replied the woman, as she removed her bonnet and pushed back her front hair.

"She was drunk," interposed Wood.

"You are a liar," declared the woman.

"You'll be in contempt of court if you are not careful," said Acting Prosecutor Elick.

"And little do I care if I do. I would then get something to eat," rejoined Mrs. Wood, with a look that almost withered the trembling prisoner.

"Give him the limit," continued the wife. The case has been continued until Saturday morning so that additional evidence may be introduced by the arresting officers, Patrolmen Kinsane and Ring.

Announcements of the Theaters.
Miss Helen Grantly's engagement at the Boyd theater will conclude with two performances today of "Her Lord and Master," afternoon and evening. The next attraction at the Boyd will be Andrew Mack, the popular singing Irish comedian, in his newest comedy, "The Way to Kenmare."

In this Mr. Mack has a much better opportunity for his talent than in anything he has yet offered the public. He will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and a special matinee on Wednesday next.

After the matinee performance Saturday Miss Grantly will hold a reception on the stage for her Omaha friends.

Commencing Sunday matinee for the week at the Orpheum the new bill, like last week, promises to stimulate the theater-going habit in even the blase. The Barrymore-Lancaster company, presenting their latest success, a new one-act play, entitled "When George Was Eighteen," will be the principal card. The story has its phases of love and humor, for a play without the effervescent humor of good natured James Barrymore and a love scene for John L. Lancaster would scarcely prove satisfactory in their hands, for they have been pleasingly associated with both these elements.

The remainder of the program embraces: Harry Earle, Godfrey and Miss Veta Henderson, offering the quaint conceit, "A Daughter of the Gods"; The musical Avon, xylophonist; J. Roger West and Ida Van Selen in "The College Gymnasium"; Harry V. Fitzgerald, lighting change artist; J. W. Kurts and dogs, and new kindrome.

Ysaye as a Drawing Card.
Ysaye, the great violinist, who will appear at the Auditorium on next Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Omaha Concert promoters, has the most wonderful record on drawing audiences of any artist or company or performance, or, in fact, any class of entertainment. Up to date he has played about forty performances in America, appearing in the largest cities and also some of the smaller ones. This artist's price exceeds that of even a grand opera prima donna, and the enormous guarantees must be forthcoming irrespective of the size of the city, but, strange to relate, he appeared in Little Norway, Conn., recently and more than 600 people attended his concert. Norway has a population of 25,000. One out of every forty-two of the population attended the performance. The receipts were between \$1,500 and \$1,000 for this concert, and a few of the public spirited men made up the balance of the guarantee. This will be Ysaye's only appearance in Omaha or the state during this season.

Invest Constant Oil Stock. Mr. N. Y. Life.

LOCAL BREVITIES.
The All Saints' Social club will give a dancing party at Chambers on Monday evening, February 20.

Oliver S. Erwin, an attorney of Omaha, yesterday afternoon admitted to practice before the United States courts of this district.

The semi-monthly social of the Women's alliance of the Union church will be given at Metropolitan hall on Friday evening, February 24.

W. M. Hopewell, son of Judge Hopewell, of Burlington county, was yesterday admitted to the bar before the United States courts of this district.

Deputy Marshal John F. Sides left last night for Sioux Falls, S. D., taking with him Gus Bahr, a fugitive from justice from that federal jurisdiction, where he is wanted for burglarizing on the Sioux Indian reservation.

FIRE DRILL IN BIG BUILDINGS

Preparation of Employees and Tenants for Possible Conflagration.

UNION PACIFIC SETS THE PACE FOR OMAHA

Overland Headquarters Thoroughly Organized and Equipped for the Systematic Protection of Life and Property.

Building Inspector Withnell warmly commends a system of fire drills and instruction designed to protect life and property just inaugurated in the Union Pacific headquarters building. In connection with the rules and regulations which have just been promulgated, the inspector said that he hardly saw a factory, commission or warehouse, factory building or department or other store has devoted attention to anything of the kind.

"It is a grave mistake for the persons controlling large buildings where many are employed to neglect these precautions," he says. "Personally, I don't know of a single building except the Union Pacific headquarters where any attempt is made to anticipate fire and to prepare for the rapid exit of the inmates and prompt battling of the flames. Such an arrangement is badly needed in office buildings, wholesale houses, factories and department stores. Under the Union Pacific system every person is supposed to know just where to go to get out without crowding the stairways and use the fire extinguishers at hand, in order to destroy the trouble, if it is possible. I cannot praise the foresight and wisdom of the Union Pacific people too highly, but I wish that other large commercial and corporate buildings would follow their example."

Union Pacific Regulations.
Three cards have been printed by the Union Pacific to be posted about the building. They instruct all concerned in case of fire to first notify the operator in the building exchange, telling where the fire is and describing it, the operator to immediately transmit the information to the city fire department. The operator then proceeds as quickly as possible to notify every department of the fire, beginning on the top floor and working down.

Fire precautions are placed entirely in the hands of the superintendent of the building, who reports to Chief Engineer Berry. The superintendent must see that all apparatus, including fire escapes, is in good working order and actually tested at least once a month. He is to instruct subordinate employees and all persons employed in the building how to use the fire apparatus, giving genuine demonstrations at the time, and he is made responsible for the acquisition of this knowledge by all employees. Once a month there must be a fire drill wherein the whole process must be worked out exactly as if there were a fire, water being turned on and the escapes being used. In each room the way to the window having a fire escape must be left clear and every departmental head must have an understanding with the superintendent of the building concerning the egress of the employees under him. In this way congestion of stairways and escapes may be avoided, if it is thought.

The effect of the new instructions is to enable everyone in the building to know just what to do in case of peril and not only avoid panic and save his life, but to assist in saving property and doing everything possible to extinguish the fire. New fire squads from among the employees are selected each month, so that all may be educated to a degree of efficiency.

NEW FIELD FOR OMAHA BONDS

New York May Permit Its Savings Banks to Buy Gate City Securities Hereafter.

News of the introduction of a bill at Albany with the approval of Governor Higgins, which, if it becomes a law, will make Omaha, Kansas City, Oakland and San Francisco bonds legal investments for New York state savings banks, has been received with great pleasure by Omaha people in the city hall and among those who have to do with the financing of the city expense account. The passage of the bill is eagerly awaited and it is believed the measure will become a law. The result quite probably will make it possible for the city to get its bonds out at a better rate of interest.

City Treasurer Hennings and Tax Commissioner Fleming were delighted at what they consider a recognition of the city's financial standing. They believe the admission of Omaha bonds to New York state will almost double the field for the city securities.

The Omaha bonds at present outstanding aggregate \$5,588,400. Of this amount \$4,848,000 are general bonds and the remainder special bonds. J. L. Brandels & Sons have taken the last three issues and Frank N. Clarke, manager of the bank, when asked regarding the effect of the bill if it should become a law, said:

"It will be a big thing for Omaha to get its bonds into New York state. New York state, with its \$500,000,000 of savings deposits, would double the field for Omaha securities. The situation is this: The eastern states restrict the character of the bonds which savings banks may buy as legal assets. In New England, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont have admitted Omaha bonds as proper securities for such banks. Up to the present they have not been admitted in New York, which has the largest savings bank business in the country. If the bill passes, it will greatly widen the market for our bonds. Connecticut, at present the largest purchaser and holder of Omaha bonds and something like fifty banks there have a larger or smaller block of them. If we get into New York the city will be able to sell more Omaha bonds."

Mr. Clarke is confident the bill will pass the New York law-making body, because his bank has been in receipt of letters for some days past from bankers in the Empire state asking for large blocks of bonds. It is unlikely they would be so anxious to purchase them if they were very sure they were to be made legal investments for their banks.

TEN-CENT THEATER IS COMING

Cheap Continuous Making Plans to Add Omaha to Circuit Already in Existence.

Omaha is threatened with a cheap theater showing two performances every afternoon and two every night, each lasting one hour and fifteen minutes, for which 10 cents entitles the patron to any seat in the house. Representatives of a company which claims to own and control fifteen such theaters in Denver, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other cities have been here for several days trying to rent a building which can be remodeled for the purpose. No suitable building has been found. President Meadlander of the company is reported as saying that he is determined to break into this city and if necessary will buy property and build a playhouse that will suit his purpose.

It is said the shows given in the 10-cent theaters run from vaudeville and burlesque to musical comedies and short plays.

Shooting Match a Draw.
Before a crowd of fully 2,000 people the Robert Cascard of Omaha and Miss Cora Holman of Lincoln made a draw of the first round of the shooting match. The first effort Mrs. Cascard was half a lap in the lead when Miss Holman lost a skate. Mrs. Cascard skated and the

race was started anew. The second trial resulted in a rattling contest and was a draw. The excitement was intense and the large crowd present was exceedingly demonstrative.

ADVERSE REPORT ON PRIMARY

House Committee Attacks the Validity of the Petition for the Bill.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The report of the house elections committee on the primary election bill was presented late this evening. It attacks the validity of the petition and recommends that it do not pass. It goes over to tomorrow for action and the probabilities are that the report will be turned down and the bill passed.

Principal among the house bills presented today were by the ways and means committee to require county auditors to meet with the State Equalization board before the assessors' meetings each year, and increasing insurance taxes from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent of the premium receipts, and by the live stock committee providing for county meat and hide inspectors.

The Zerk resolution for an amendment to raise the salaries of legislative members only secured eleven votes and the bill for a state library commission was defeated. The house made laws in passing senate bills to list agricultural and mineral lands separately for assessment and to tax cost against the plaintiff where suit was brought in the wrong county.

House bills passed were the Foster bill, prohibiting dealing in futures and operation of bookshops. Foster declared these institutions to be worse than any other kind of gambling places in the state, and the bill went through with only half a dozen votes against it. Other house bills were: To prohibit granting saloon licenses within five miles of government works; increasing compensation of county commissioners in certain cases; allowing circuit court judges expenses; increasing compulsory school attendance to sixteen weeks in a year; legalizing issuance of water works bonds, the bill being for the purpose of assisting in straightening out the Sioux Falls water works tangle, and a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to provide for municipal courts.

In the senate the bill to create a northeastern hospital for the insane at Watertown was the only matter which called out debate. Dillon of Yankton leading the opposition, in which he was supported by Cassell, Nell, Hutchinson, Lawson and Abel supported the measure. Johnson asked for an amendment to prohibit the erection of buildings at the new location until the Yankton institution had reached an attendance of 1,000, which was added to the bill before it passed.

Other senate bills passed were: Empowering county commissioners to appropriate cash for county fairs; requiring the faculty at the Agricultural college to make an annual exhibit at the State fair; allowing road taxes to be paid in cash; authorizing the employment of assistant state attorneys in certain cases, and providing for farmers' institutes.

The senate made laws by passing house bills making notes for physician's service non-negotiable, and authorizing consolidation of certain funds in the state treasury. New senate bills were by Friesberg, to fix fees of insurance companies, and a joint resolution by Cassell, endorsing the position of President Roosevelt on the railroad question.

Omaha Men Get Contract.
FORT MEADE, S. D., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Contracts for the new buildings to be erected at this post have been awarded. R. P. and E. O. Hamilton of Omaha have been awarded two brick field officers' quarters, one double brick building for the tenants and one double brick building for noncommissioned officers. Charles Fullman of Denver received the plumbing work; George A. Kees of St. Paul the steam heating, and the Berggren Electric company, St. Paul, the electric wiring.

A Rare Opportunity.
To visit Washington, D. C., and witness the inauguration of President-elect Roosevelt March 4, the Pennsylvania lines will sell tickets Chicago to Washington and return at rate of \$17.75, March 1, 2, 3, good returning until March 8, and can be extended until March 18 upon payment of \$1 additional. Tickets good on the Manhattan Limited, leaving Chicago daily at 1 p. m., reaching Washington 1:30 p. m. noon next day, without extra fare. Four other trains daily. Agents of connecting lines will sell through tickets over Pennsylvania lines from Chicago and make sleeping car reservations for you. For full information address the Pennsylvania agent, 24 U. S. Bank Bldg., Omaha.

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If you have anything to trade advertise in the For Exchange column of The Bee and ad page.

Mortality Statistics.
The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Friday: Births—Frank Dolan, Bill Cuming, boy; Philip Miller, 253 South Eleventh, girl; Joseph Carl, 217 1/2 Cass, boy; Walter Wirtz, 708 South Twenty-fifth, boy; Walter Gohle, 118 South Eleventh, boy.

Deaths—W. F. Wilkes, 529 Hamilton, 1 month; Nels Grunnet, 114 South Twenty-eighth, 31.

Boosting the Portland Fair.
After the first of the Union Pacific advertising and literary bureau, has taken the Portland to make final arrangements for the exposition, the bureau will pass the word to the mountain to the exposition, and is mounting a vigorous campaign for the business.

Whaling Bark Sails.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The whaling bark California has sailed on its regular cruise to the coast of California and poor luck. It got no bone and only 530 barrels of oil.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
Mrs. R. E. Welch is confined to her home today.

John F. Sides departed for her home at Dakota City last evening, after a visit of several days in Omaha.

At the Murray, N. J. Dendlinger of Wayne, Mrs. M. L. Hays of Stella, G. W. Wilson, and J. Gillick of Lincoln, E. E. Agner of Belgrade.

Mrs. Frank Baron of Lincoln, G. C. Harrison of Valentine, N. J. Cameron and E. J. Korman of Tekamah, and G. L. Lemper of Albion, A. Kearney and F. A. Stewart of Auburn and H. F. Harsh and wife of Lowell.

Nebraska people registered at the Paxton Hotel, Hart Gilliam, Harold Wood, F. S. O'Mara, W. D. Day, E. M. Schuyler, E. A. Cooper, G. N. Moulton, D. L. Knight and R. Holden of Lincoln, E. Adler of Seward, J. C. Kahl of Schuyler.

People from out in the state registered at the Merchants: J. H. Morrison of Superior, W. D. Beshe of Petersburg, J. F. Keenan of Kearney, William Colfax of Kearney, M. E. Moseley of Kearney, J. E. Lesh, Robert Cusack and Guy P. Blinn, of Lincoln, J. L. Corby of Weeping Water, E. U. Searles of Seward, J. E. Searles of Fremont, Frank Berzel of Randolph, M. W. Oakeson and A. J. Martinson of Wausau, M. J. Bouse of David City.

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AFTER SHORTHORN BREEDERS

Commercial Club Will Try to Land Next Convention of the Central Association.

The Commercial club will make an effort to secure the next annual convention of the Central Shorthorn Breeders' association for this city. The cattlemen have just closed a convention in Sioux City and have left unattended the date and place of the next gathering. Kansas City and Omaha are in the field for the convention, and Omaha will undoubtedly have to put forth some effort to land the meeting. President Lawson, being of Clarks, Neb., will be able to throw some influence for this city. The association would bring a large number of men here, as it included nine states, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

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DIED.
JOHNSON—Heleen M., February 15, 1905, aged 62 years 10 months and 25 days, wife of James B. Johnson and mother of Mrs. E. F. Johnson, 422 Hamilton street. Funeral from 402 Hamilton street Saturday at 1 p. m. Interment, Janesville, Wis. HEADLUND—Mrs. E. W., aged 79 years at her home, Twenty-second and J streets, South Omaha. Funeral at the residence, Sunday, at 4 o'clock p. m. Burial at Laurel Hill cemetery.

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