

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Council Will Be Asked to Settle Peculiar Question.

STREET AND ALLEY TAKE BRUNSKY'S LOTS

Man in Albright Taxed on Title to Public Thoroughfare and Asked to Move Buildings to Make Room.

Several items of interest will come before the city council tonight, among them the rather unique statement of Michael Brunsky, who lives at Twenty-second and Jefferson streets. He is the owner of lots 29, 31 and 32 of block 3 in Albright's Annex. According to his statement the county road passes through the three lots and takes up three-fourths of the property, and yet he has been paying taxes on these lots for several years. During this time he has built several fences and buildings, which, if the present survey is correct, stand on the space designated as the alley. Action has been begun to cause Mr. Brunsky to move his buildings. And on this he makes the declaration that the alley takes from him the other one-fourth of the lots. Here he makes the pertinent inquiry as to where he is to come in. He says the buildings and fences have stood for several years without complaint. The county road runs diagonally through the property and so takes up one-half at the least, and possibly the three-fourths. If the line of the alley is changed very much where it passes along the north side of the lots there will not be much left. Mr. Brunsky says he has paid taxes on three full lots for seventeen years and how it happened that he received no compensation when the road passed through his holdings is unexplained. It may also be that even if his buildings are found to be on the alley they cannot be moved by the statute recognizing undisputed possession. His principal request in the case, however, is that the city engineer make a new and accurate survey of the street and the alley which appears to be situated at about the corner of Twenty-third and the alley. The council will make a canvass of the late special election and an official declaration of the result of the same. It may be that some of the preliminary steps will be taken for the carrying out of the will of the people as to the issue of bonds to the amount of \$500,000 for the street and the specifications and plans of Andrew Rosewater are both generous and ample and the surplusage from the building of the main branches will serve to accommodate any sections for which provision has not been made in the general plans. Such is already the sentiment of the council, and the same act also sets aside any premium which may accrue from the sale of the bonds.

The bids for the curbing and guttering of Twenty-third street which have been advertised for the last two weeks will be opened and the contract awarded. The cost of this work is estimated at about \$2,000 or \$3,000 and it is contemplated that the work shall be done early in the spring.

O'Malley Accused of Forgery. George O'Malley was arrested Saturday night charged with a forgery. A man who had been a former friend of O'Malley lodged the information against him with the police which led to the arrest. His name is Kretzenbrink, but it was not his name which was forged, but a third party whose name is unknown to the police at present. This party was an old man and it appears that he gave O'Malley the money for his check and the packing house. When the check was delivered O'Malley is said to have forged the endorsement on the back of the check and then proceeded to spend the money. Kretzenbrink says he will appear in court to contest this morning and will also bring the man whose name was forged on the back of the check.

Fire in a Cottage. A blaze occurred in a small cottage belonging to John Ritchie, Twenty-third and O street last night. It broke out at about 4 o'clock and was raining considerably headway by the time the firemen arrived. They were in time, however, to prevent any great damage or damage to the property.

Clay Pigeon Factory. It is stated that Dana Morrill will establish a plant for the manufacture of clay pigeons or "blue rocks," as they are commonly called. He will be located at 323 North Twenty-fourth street, South Omaha, and hopes to supply several million out of the thirty million clay pigeons used in the United States each year by the sportsmen. He claims to be able to manu-

facture the articles much cheaper than they are made at the other factories on account of the nearness and the quality of the clays found about South Omaha. Some of the machinery is already on the ground and other arrangements are on the way. About April 1 the operations are expected to begin. Several men will have to be employed.

Magic City Gossip. Harry B. Miller and family have gone to Atton. Mrs. R. N. McCoid has returned from a visit in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dore, 291 E street, report the birth of a son.

The Olympia club has arranged a masked ball for February 22 at the Workmen temple.

The annual masked ball will be celebrated by the Lotus club at the Masonic hall tonight.

The 4th annual ball of the South Omaha Eagles will be given in the Workmen temple Tuesday.

The society gave a surprise for her little daughter Thursday afternoon. It was a Valentine party.

Mr. Charles N. Gibson, a teacher of the Catholic school, who was reported ill last week, is said to be improving.

Mr. Richard Jacobs gave a surprise party last night to his wife and daughter at the home of Mrs. J. J. Dore.

The funeral of Miss Laura Whitford was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. She was buried at Laurel Hill cemetery.

There will be meetings of the Sunday school throughout the week. The first will be tonight at the United Presbyterian church.

It is reported that both Mrs. and Chief John Briggs are ill, she being threatened with pneumonia and he with inflammation of the eye.

Chief Charles N. Gibson entertained a number of friends in honor of her husband's birthday Friday evening. It was given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Casey.

Members of the South Omaha Country club are reminded again of the general meeting to be held tonight. Important business will be presented. The meeting will be in the library hall.

A fair crowd of the Baptist young people spent Sunday at Tekamah and while there attended the rally of the Sunday schools in that city. The program of the rally was exceptional.

The body of Mrs. J. B. Watkins' mother, who died last week, was buried at Forest Lawn, but the time and place of the funeral services have not been announced.

The music by the Bellevue quartet and orchestra at the home of Mrs. J. B. Watkins was much appreciated by the members of the Young Men's Christian league who were held tonight. Important seats were arranged and the large gathering was well accommodated.

Mrs. Charles N. Gibson has subscribed to the funds of the Gaelic league since the lecture of Douglas Hyde in the state. He is reported to be held tonight. Much is being sent in from small towns of the state. Dr. McCann is treasurer of the financial committee of the organization and C. S. Smyth of Omaha is the chairman.

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TIMELY TALES OF TOURISTS

Charles H. Pickens Tells of Omaha's Good Standing in New York.

L. S. REED BRINGS NEWS FROM PACIFIC

A. W. Jeffers Returns from Southern Montana Impressed with Future Greatness of That Part of the Country.

Charles H. Pickens, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Paxton & Gallagher wholesale grocery company, returned last week from a business trip to New York City, bringing the report that Nebraska and Omaha are being well and favorably advertised throughout the east. Mr. Pickens was surprised at the knowledge of the conditions out here at the command of the bankers, financiers and business men whom he met. They all declared they were aware that big strides forward have taken place during the last few years and that the outlook is brighter than ever before in commercial prosperity and advancement.

Said Mr. Pickens: "My trip necessarily was a hurried one and I did not have as much opportunity to size up the east from a western standpoint as I should have liked, but I met quite a number of bankers, brokers and others who keep more or less in touch with things out here and they all displayed the greatest interest in the west. They were particularly keen inquiring about the developments such as manifested in railroad extensions and irrigation projects. Without exception they had heard of Omaha's progress and they seemed to think it quite in the course of natural events coupled to a live and energetic city.

They based their long range views on the conditions from nothing but the increase in the volume of general business, increase in the bank clearings, success and growth of the Grain exchange, the business done by the packing houses and the figures for the amount of building construction and the gain over previous years. I found a few who, as seen by The Bee's New Year's edition, so I took their names and have arranged to send them copies. I considered that the best way of driving home their good opinions and giving them something more definite to consider and talk about was to send them the Bee's New Year's edition. Much is being sent in from small towns of the state. Dr. McCann is treasurer of the financial committee of the organization and C. S. Smyth of Omaha is the chairman.

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"I would not want to impeach the veracity of the average Chinaman, but as a rule they can put up just about as smooth a story as a man cares to listen to, sufficient to deceive a very clever detective with their ordinary clothes and thick-soled shoes they are enabled to do all sorts of smuggling of small things. In fact a Chinaman can hide more contraband stuff about his person than you can get in an ordinary trunk, and keep it hid so effectively as to deceive the most experienced inspectors.

"Another smuggling scheme that is practiced along the border is in the matter of clothes. White men do a thriving business in this way, though they are sometimes caught. The plan is to put on an old, worthless suit of clothes, go across the line and buy a new suit and wear it back. Ordinarily a man is permitted to enter the country with the clothes he is wearing, and there is a certain exception of other articles. I have known instances where a man came back across the line with three or four suits of clothes. This is especially easy as regards summer wear and about the only way the smuggler can be identified is when he goes away pretty lean and comes back fat.

"Oh, they have got the smuggling system down to a point along the border, and it keeps the inspectors constantly busy to be on the lookout for them."

ERIC PETERSEN LAID AT REST One of Founders of Local Danish Brotherhood Buried with Honors at Order.

Eric Petersen, one of the founders of the local Danish Brotherhood, was buried yesterday afternoon at Forest Lawn cemetery under the auspices of the brotherhood. The members of the Danish organization assembled at the Peterson home, 388 Florence boulevard, and conducted the funeral service with the regalia and rights of the order. Frank Rasmussen was master of ceremonies. The pallbearers were Peter Christensen, Robert Johnson, Jens Jensen, Henry Lehman, Carl Morrison and Paul Paulsen. Mr. Petersen was 61 years of age and lived in Omaha thirty years. He was a carpenter and well known and liked among his countrymen and others here. In 1887 he was one of the organizers of the Danish Brotherhood in Omaha.

Dangers that Threaten the Child's Life. (From the Chicago Tribune.) "Health Commissioner Reynolds of Chicago, in his latest bulletin of the department, says that the worst danger to which the children of Chicago are now exposed is the neglected cold."

It would be unwise for the health commissioner of a city to recommend any remedy for a cold, but should he do so, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy would certainly head the list as the most efficacious for colds, croup and whooping cough in children, as a remedy that can always be depended upon to effect a speedy cure and that is pleasant and safe to take. This remedy contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Its great worth and merit in the treatment of these diseases has been attested by many thousands of mothers.

Dear Mrs. Pinkham— "Gradual loss of strength, nervousness, bearing-down pains and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said I had diseased organs and ulceration, and advised an operation if I wanted to get well. I objected to this and decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. I soon found that all the good things said about this great medicine were true. The ulceration soon healed, headaches, dizziness and nervousness disappeared, and in a short time I was strong, vigorous and perfectly well. I have never since had any of the troubles who suffers would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a vegetable tonic which invigorates and strengthens the entire female organism, and will produce the same beneficial results in the cases of other sick women as with Miss Merkle's.

OUR LETTER BOX

Wootter on Pass Question. SILVER CREEK, Neb., Feb. 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: Looking over an old impression book under date of February 2, 1896, I find a letter to General Charles P. Manderson in which it said:

Remembering a conversation I had with you some years ago in regard to the pass question with the people and, with a call, I write you as one of the general officers of the Burlington to offer a suggestion which I trust, you will take under serious consideration.

I am of the opinion that if the railroad companies of Nebraska would unite on two bills, the one prohibiting all free transportation of passengers, and the other reducing fares to 25 cents per mile, cause them to be introduced in the legislature in good faith, they would be a great benefit to the people and, with the end, be to their financial advantage. An anti-pass bill should be sweeping and stringent in its terms and one that railroad people themselves would feel bound to obey. I am sure that others would know how to draft such a bill.

General Manderson didn't seem to take kindly to my proposition. But, in view of subsequent developments, I am satisfied that my advice was timely and good. I wish now to renew my suggestion with this modification, that the passenger rate be made 2 cents instead of 25 cents. The railroads would do well to make a virtue of necessity and take the initiative in this matter. If they don't, the legislature will be likely to do so. The people will be demanding a 2-cent rate, and as nearly all railroads have recently got pious on the railroad question, they will be only too anxious to have a law preventing their carrying those hateful railroad papers which burn their throats.

CHARLES WOOTTER.

The Signs of the Time. LOUP CITY, Neb., Feb. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Whoever has attentively studied the history of society outside of the business methods of individuals and corporations cannot fail to discern that there is now a spirit of investigation and inquiry among men into the past and present character and status of men and corporations which nothing but the most radical and complete recognition of this spirit and its contributing all in his power to check and warn the courts and trusts of the impending danger.

Reproach, obloquy, threats and precautions will be in vain. They may number and talk and legislate, but they cannot abate the spirit and keenness of this research into the practice and methods of the lives of men in whom they have been deceived, wronged and robbed, men who have contributed nothing to the moral and material welfare of society, but who, by their own and control personally, and only. To the thinking man there is a silent march of thought, which will detect all hypocrisy, deceit and fraud, and it is not difficult to see will be marked by important events as over the nation. Men and women before the nation, they now stand. The press never thundered such sentiments of moral right against entrenched wrong as it is doing today. It is yielding to national sentiment for better government, better men to govern, and to acquire the moral intellect and virtue of the nation. What has brought this about? Look for an instance at the gigantic system of plunder and pillage inaugurated by a band of political pirates, with their dens in the life insurance companies.

Men of professional honor and honesty, family, hunger and indignance of orphans and widows, at last detected to be unclean criminals, robbers of the dead and dying, embezzlers of the orphans and widows' portion. Such villainy as this is the greatest of the great impending horror upheaval all over the country. Behold Mr. Ely, driven by the power of a righteous public sentiment to disgorge and return to his own company \$250,000 of embezzled money—stolen money. Is he now a purer or better man than he was before? No. A virtuous and holy public sentiment detected that he restore to the dead and dying the money he embezzled, and the embezzler did so for fear of a worse fate. It would be dangerous at this time for an individual or newspaper to defend or applaud his act as an act of virtue. No sacred virtue to Venus shall adorn his name, but the thorny crown of degradation and disgrace shall rest heavy now and forever upon his dishonored name.

Happy be the man who, in the line of duty, charges of opinions now on us are saved from that strife which fraud, pride, prejudice, envy, hate and obstinacy of the oppressive few occasion to the patient multitude. A. P. CULLEY.

BOHEMIANS GIVE A CONCERT Local Singing Society, Assisted by a Noted Violinist, Entertains Large Audience.

At the Bohemian Turner's hall last night a very enjoyable concert was rendered by Mr. Vaclav Machek, the noted violinist, assisted by the Bohemian Local Singing Society. The program included several solos, being accompanied on the piano by Stanley B. Letovsky, Jr. Mr. Letovsky contributed a piano number, one part of which was a mazurka of his own composition. The society sang three numbers, and Mr. Machek and Josephine Vodokuroy contributed vocal duets. A large number were present and attested the pleasure felt by enthusiastic applause.

ALL BOWLING RECORDS BROKEN Marble and Cochran Play 100 Games in Thirteen Hours Twenty Minutes.

Marble and Cochran broke 47-200 bowling records at the association alleys in this city Saturday night, when they bowled 100 games in 13 hours and 20 minutes with a total of 18,720 pins. When the bowlers had reached the mark they had bowled 100 games in 13 hours and 20 minutes with a total of 18,720 pins. When the bowlers had reached the mark they had bowled 100 games in 13 hours and 20 minutes with a total of 18,720 pins.

A. W. Jeffers returned last week from a trip through southern Montana filled with an abounding faith in that part of the new country. He is willing to give it as his candid opinion that attractive futures exist for young men with plenty of stamina and nerve who go out there prepared to endure hardship until fortune rewards them.

"I rode through part of the country with Governor Brooks," said Mr. Jeffers. "He is very enthusiastic for the future of his state. From what I could see his optimism was well grounded. There is a lot of talk about railroad projections and parties of surveyors have been busy near Billings and through the south part of the state for some time. The building of the Milwaukee road, the coast or to a coast connection is looked upon as an assured thing and considerable construction of new lines by the Great Northern and the Burlington is expected. The Crow Indian reservation in Montana is to be opened to settlement, and a big boom and heavy colonization is anticipated to follow. The Indians on the reservation are showing commendable progress in the ways of civilization and last year raised something like 30,000 bushels of grain. 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