

Senate File No. 1--A Prophecy

From The Bee, January 22, 1901.

The compulsory waterworks purchase bill has been railroaded through the senate without discussion as an emergency measure. While strictly local in its scope and affecting only the taxpayers of Omaha and South Omaha, this bill violates a fundamental principle of self-government. It is, in fact, an indictment of the intelligence and integrity of the citizenship of Omaha and a public declaration in favor of placing Omaha in the hands of a receiver, or appointing a guardian to protect it from its own people.

LADIES' DAY IN LAND TRIAL

Several Women Tell How Triplet Induced Them to File.

LIKE MEN, THEY DIDN'T INTEND TO SETTLE.

One Woman Testifies that Triplet Frankly Told Her He Was the Agent of Richards and Comstock.

"Tuesday was 'ladies' day' in the big land trial before Judge Munger in the United States district court. The first woman witness was put on the stand Tuesday morning, following the brief evidence of Frank M. King, a banker at Alliance, who was called to testify to the handwriting of Aquilla Triplet. Objections were made to King's evidence on the ground he was not a qualified expert and the objection was sustained and the witness was excused.

LINE ON WOMAN INSULTER

Police Have Trap Laid for Insolent Scamp and Say They Will Get Him.

An interesting Christmas present awaits a certain male passenger of Park line cars. This person has been making a practice of late of thrusting his attention on women who have to ride on the same cars, sometimes, that carry him and they have become so annoyed by his impudence that they have reported the matter to the police.

A certain indignant husband says he will do the same thing when he lays his hands on the "cur," as he terms him. A short time ago a young woman living in the Hanscom Park district had been down town on business until comparatively late and was standing back from the sidewalk in front of the Wabash ticket office door at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, waiting for her car.

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TEST ON POSITION OF BOARD

Showdown of County Commissioners on Prisoner Feeding Matter.

FIRST BILL FILED BY THE SHERIFF Proposition Will Come Up at Next Meeting of Board When Its Attitude Will Become Known.

A test of the position of the county board in its controversy with Sheriff McDonald over the feeding of county prisoners has been precipitated by the filing of the first claim for board by the sheriff. The bill is for \$1,220.82 for board for 2,941 day units at 41 cents a day and includes only the month of February. The claim in the bill will come over the allowance of the 41 cents a day demanded by the sheriff.

NOVELTIES--Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

SALOON MEN PLEAD GUILTY Pat Moran is Fined Hundred Dollars, Which is the Maximum Imposed.

The saloon men who were caught in the toils of the law for selling liquor Sunday in violation of the Stocum law all pleaded guilty in police court Tuesday morning and were fined according to the varying degrees of their inquiry. The heaviest penalty was that given to Pat J. Moran, 1123 Douglas street, who was fined \$100 and costs, which was paid.

BRUNING AND TRAIOR GO

Two Members of Douglas County Board Attend Commissioners Meeting at Kearney.

Chairman Bruning and P. J. Traior of the county board will represent Douglas county at the annual meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners, which opened at Kearney Tuesday morning. The meeting will close Thursday. The Douglas county members of the association profess ignorance as to what will come up before the meeting and so far as they have been informed the meeting will not be a very important one. Mr. Traior intends to present the merits of the cement and steel permanent bridges to his colleagues and will try to secure some ideas he will be able to utilize in Douglas county. He is an advocate of permanent bridges on permanent roads and favors either a cement structure or a steel bridge with a cement floor. He believes the cost in the long run would be no larger than the expense of maintaining and rebuilding wooden bridges and the permanent bridges would give better service.

MAYOR VETOES ORDINANCE

Dahlman Disapproves Street Car Transfer Measure by Council.

TAKES COMPANY'S PLEA FOR ACTION Basis Decision on Argument that Bill Would Impose Practically an Impossibility on the Corporation.

Mayor Dahlman Tuesday morning vetoed the new street car transfer ordinance passed by the city council last Tuesday evening. The mayor gave as his reasons for not signing the document the argument advanced by the street car officials, namely, that the ordinance requires almost an impossibility when it orders the street car company to give transfers at any and all points and proposes at the same time to permit the company to protect itself against round trips for one fare. The street car company agreed to carry passengers from any starting point to any destination for one fare, but maintained the company should have the right to designate the points of transfer and request that passengers ask for transfers when fares are paid.

take eight votes to pass the ordinance over the mayor's veto.

Before the ordinance he vetoed the street car company officials, or rather received from them a statement setting forth the alleged inconsistencies of the new ordinance.

The Nebraska Mercantile Mutual Insurance company of Lincoln, Neb., does a purely city and town business, and is strictly a Nebraska institution. It was organized in 1887. Elmer C. Coffin, president of the company, says that this year has been a most successful one. The company is represented in Omaha by C. L. Smith on the ground floor of the McCague building, who has been so successful here in the company's work for the last six years. The company's reputation for fair adjustment of losses and prompt payment of them seems to be unexcelled. A Nebraska institution for Nebraska people.

FATHER WORKS FOR SON'S BAIL

Puts in Day and Night to Raise Money So Boy Can Enjoy Christmas.

Arthur Grants and Frank Jotchet, who are accused of robbing the drug store of B. Robinson, 516 South Sixteenth street, about two weeks ago, were arraigned in police court Tuesday morning and bound over for trial in the district court. Grants was bound over under bond of \$300, while the bond of Jotchet was fixed at \$100 as the latter is a resident of Omaha and of a poor family. His father has been working night and day since the arrest of his son to earn enough money so that his son could be released by Christmas. The two boys are both under 18 years of age and an effort is to be made to have them sent to the reform school by Judge Sutton.

Acts for Richards and Comstock.

Charles W. Reed, a son of the preceding witness and a former bar keeper at Alliance, said he had been solicited by Triplet to file on land within the Spade ranch and continued:

"Triplet told me he was locating people on the Spade ranch for Richards and Comstock. Triplet and I had a misunderstanding about the \$500 I was to get on land proof, so I went to Ellsworth and saw Mr. C. C. Jameson about it. Jameson said to me: 'Certainly, we will pay all of your expenses and the \$500 when you prove up. You do your part and we will do ours.' The defense objected to the testimony of Reed as irrelevant and immaterial, but the objection didn't go, and the testimony went into the record. The defense then strenuously undertook to make the witness impeach his own testimony relative to the agreement with Triplet and Jameson as to the disposal of the land or anybody else after final proof. But the witness was unshaken and adhered to his original statement.

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DEBATE ON GREATER OMAHA

Van Dusen Will Lead the Interested Opponents to the Merger Proposition.

J. H. Van Dusen and other citizens of South Omaha will appear before the Omaha Real Estate exchange Wednesday noon to discuss the question of the consolidation of Omaha and South Omaha. Mr. Van Dusen is against consolidation, but it is understood there will be addresses on both sides of the question. All members of the exchange are invited.

STERLING SILVER--Frenzer, 15 & Dodge

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