BRIEF CITY NEWS.

I shall be glad to meet my friends at the People's store. Brantley.

New Store—New goods. Clothing for men and women, hats, shoes, furniture, carpets, draperies, stoves. Cash or credit. Union Outfitting Co., 1315-17 Farnam.

Seminary Alumni at Luncheon—The Alumni association of the Omaha Theological seminary will have a luncheon at the Millard hotel at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Clarence L. Rosa Sells Residence—Clarence L. Rosa has sold his large residence near the southwest corner of Twenty-eighth and Pacific streets to John C. Peters for $5,125.

Church Rummage Sale—The women of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Twentieth and Ohio streets, will hold a rummage sale Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Rush to Pay Taxes—The rush to pay 1906 county real estate tax continues in county and city treasurer's office. Mr. Fink is behind in his mail business. County real estate taxes will begin to draw interest on Wednesday.

Omaha Electric Company Moving—The Omaha Electric Light and Power company is moving its headquarters from the New York Life building to its new home in the Young Men's Christian association building at Seventeenth and Harney streets.

G. S. Carlberg Dispose of House—Howard Saxton, an attorney who recently came from Washington and entered into practice in the city, has bought a story and a half frame house at 36th and Bird street for $1,300 as an investment from George Carlberg.

Union Pacific Double Track—Double track on the Union Pacific is now being used by westbound freight trains between Lane and Central City. The track is rapidly being put in shape and it is expected that by Saturday passenger trains will be run over it as far as Central City.

Club Steward is Here—H. W. Halls of Milwaukee, who has been appointed as the steward for the Happy Hollow Country club, arrived in Omaha Tuesday morning and will enter upon his duties immediately. Mr. Halls was formerly steward of the Fox Point Country club of Milwaukee and the Chicago Golf club.

Four Policemen Appointed—The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Monday evening appointed Thomas F. Gaffey, R. B. Rickard, R. W. Chamberlain and Samuel Morris to positions on the police department. Chamberlain and Morris are former members of the force. The new men will be put to work at once.

New Deputy United States Marshal—C. P. Hensel of Hebron has been appointed deputy United States marshal for the Lincoln division of the Nebraska federal district, with headquarters at Lincoln. The appointment was made Tuesday morning by United States Marshal Warner. Mr. Hensel was sworn in Tuesday morning and at once entered on his duties. He will return to Lincoln Wednesday morning.

Boys Held for Taking Rig—Walter and Rolf Hanson, two boys living at 5127 North Eighteenth street, were taken before Judge Crawford in police court Tuesday morning on charges of horse stealing, their cases being set over until Wednesday on bonds of $100 each. The boys are accused of having taken a team and wagon from the Hazel Dell nursery, Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue, Saturday night. Later the rig was found on Cuming street, with the wagon badly damaged, apparently in a runaway.

Des Moines Wants Auditorium—With the intention of building a large coliseum the "Greater Des Moines" committee has been collecting information regarding the Omaha Auditorium and coliseum and probably will visit Omaha on an inspection trip in a few weeks. Manager Gillan of the Auditorium has been in correspondence with the Des Moines committee for the last few days and has been of material assistance in furnishing data upon which the Des Moines promoters can base an estimate of the cost of a coliseum in their city.

Rules for Cemeteries—Councilmen Bedford, Zimman and McGovern and City Attorney Burnam will meet in one of the council committee rooms at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to confer with representatives of the various cemeteries. The purpose will be to agree on a proposed ordinance to regulate management of cemeteries in the matter of filing plats of all graves and furnishing exact location of each grave before receiving burial permit. Recent ordinances introduced along this line were laid on the table, as the provisions were considered too drastic.

Sheriff McDonald Hurts Leg—Sheriff McDonald is confined to his home, 2218 Willis avenue, with a badly sprained ankle. He was about to leave Monday evening for Brownsville, Neb., for a man whom he had received information was wanted and had but little time in which to catch the train. Rushing out of the house to get a car which he heard approaching, his foot turned on a stone or other hard object, causing him to fall and bending the leg under him as he went down. His knee was also twisted and the limb is in rather bad shape, but nothing serious will result, only time being necessary for recovery.

Wilson Knows the Situation—"Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture shows clearly he is in touch with the great work which is being done by the university and government experimental stations in the west in their experiments with macaroni wheat by a portion of his address which he delivered before the American club of Pittsburg last Saturday night," said D. Clem Deaver, head of the homeseekers' information bureau of the Burlington.

Fitch Opposes Any Delay—The trial of F. W. Fitch on the charge of contempt of court will begin before Judge Kennedy next Tuesday morning, according to present arrangements. Judge Kennedy Tuesday afternoon overruled the motion of Mr. Fitch to be discharged on his answer in the case. After this was done Fitch asked for an immediate hearing on the merits of the case and wanted to begin at once. As Judge Kennedy's time is occupied until the early part of next week the time of the hearing was fixed at Tuesday morning. Most of the evidence is in writing and there will be little oral testimony introduced.

OUTING TO KEYSTONE PARK

Pleasure Trip Will Be Made by Real Estate Men to New Addition.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Real Estate exchange at the Commercial club Wednesday afternoon the members of the exchange are to be given an outing on the invitation of the D. V. Sholes company and the Payne Investment company to Keystone park, formerly the fancy stock farm of W. A. Paxton, but which is to be placed on the market as a suburban acreage tract. The members of the exchange will be taken to the grounds west of Benson in automobiles and will leave the Commercial club at 1:30 p. m. Refreshments will be provided by the entertainers and a most enjoyable outing is anticipated. In case the weather should be unpropitious the outing will be postponed one week. The public opening of the new residence subdivision will be held May 11.

President Bostwick of the exchange has secured Joseph Alex Connor to address the members at the meeting Wednesday. Mr. Connor, recently returned from Los Angeles, where he went last fall to go into the real estate business, but has returned to re-enter the business in Omaha.

DOUBLE SHIFT UNDER DEBATE

Leeder Law is Being Considered by Board, Which Balks Because of Finances.

"The double shift fire department law is being considered by the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners," remarked Robert Cowell, chairman of the finance committee of this board Tuesday afternoon. "The finance committee," he said, "had a meeting Monday afternoon and touched upon this subject. As we have sixty days yet before the new law goes into effect, there is time to think this matter over. One thing is sure, the board will not incur any overlap. I am in favor of the double shift system and I believe most of the board is, but we realize it takes money to inaugurate the new system. It has been said some of the supporters of the bill have a scheme whereby the double shift may be put in without addition to the present fire fund; if so, well and good.

"Under the present system it will take every dollar of the present fund to run the department this year."

The double shift law, known as the Leeder bill, will become operative on July 1.

NO CONTEST BY LAW OFFICE

If Fight on Two-Cent Rates Is Made It Will Be by Passenger Department.

"Matters have changed in no way since we decided to obey the 2-cent passenger rate law," said William Whittaker of the legal department of the Union Pacific. "When we decided to give the law a trial we did nothing which would estop us from contesting the law at some future date if we found the rate unremunerative, and that is the position we are in today. The letter spoken of by the Lincoln correspondent to the railroad commissioners must have been sent by officials of the passenger department. They, better than anyone else, know that it is a hard and expensive task to get out new tariffs, and if they wish to delay the new tariffs on interstate business until such time as the new laws in the neighboring states go into effect, I don't think they can be blamed."

No passenger agent authorized to make a statement is in the city.

FIFTY-TWO DEEDS RECORDED

Record Breaking Business is Done by County Register Frank Bandle.

DUE TO ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

Few Filings Are for Technical Purposes, the Great Majority for Residence or Business Property Deals.

Record breaking business was done Monday in the office of the county register of deeds, Frank W. Bandle, when fifty-two deeds, representing real estate transfers aggregating $64,800, were placed on file. This is one of the largest number of deeds ever placed on record in any one day for several weeks and is indicative of the extraordinary activity now evident in Omaha realty, both residence and business property.

Very few of the deeds recorded Monday were for technical purposes and they were mostly for small property, although several large transactions were represented.

"The number of transfers reported for Monday fails to bear out the complaints of many real estate dealers that business is stagnant," said a well known realty broker Tuesday morning. "This recent spell of cold and unseasonable weather has had, no doubt, the effect of making sales and inquiries less frequent, but the general business this spring is far ahead of that of previous years in every line. It is also to be noticed that the sales for home purposes are equal, nearly, to those for investment, although the home sales are mostly small. This indicates, however, prosperous times with the wage earner and salaried man, who can now afford to buy their own homes."

It is believed the transfers during the month of April will be smaller than those recorded during the same period of 1906, as the condition of the weather during the last month has not been conducive to activity in the real estate market.

Perfect Their Title.

Instruments perfecting the title of the Klopp & Bartlett company to the large building and lot now occupied by the printing establishment at the southwest corner of Tenth and Douglas streets have been placed on record by the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company. The lot and building was bought by the printing company about five years ago for $12,000 and half of the indebtedness has been paid, a mortgage of $6,000 having been placed on record Monday with the actual title in the Klopp & Bartlett company.

Deeds were filed Monday transferring the title to the home of Mrs. Fanny Reichenberg at 217 South Thirty-seventh street for $16,000 to E. M. F. Leflang of Lexington. The sale was made by J. H. Dumont & Son several weeks ago and is part of many investments made in Omaha real estate by Mr. Leflang, who intends to occupy the home of Mrs. Reichenberg.

Deeds have been recorded transferring the title to the lot on Twenty-fourth street, just north of Cuming street, to the Independent Telephone company from William J. Hislop of the McCague Investment company. The consideration was $4,000 and the lot will be used as a site for one of the subexchanges of the telephone company.

WATER MOVING HIGH BLUFF

Chewing Away Big Hill and Tossing it Into the Missouri River.

Water is moving the huge bluff from the site of the Haarmann Vinegar works into the Missouri river at a rapid rate. The little machine which is mixing the clay of the bluff into thin mud is at work and the huge bank is being moved with rapidity. This is at Thirteenth and Marcy streets, just south of the Burlington bridge across Thirteenth street, where the bank rises fifty feet.

Ten teams are used on the work, nine on wheelers and one plow team and these haul the dirt to the trap by which it is slid into the little machine into which is run 500 gallons of water per minute. The machine consists of an old boiler about four feet in diameter with a shaft running through the center, to which are attached numerous arms that churn the dirt in the water until it is thin enough to run through the sewer to the river, about a mile away.

E. L. Whitcomb has the contract for moving the dirt, which will amount to about 100,000 yards. The scheme does away with all the hauling through the streets and is said to be in no way interfering with the sewer. Numerous articles run through the little mixer, such as ordinary brick and stone and Saturday an immense paving stone came through with no injury to the machine. A novelty also came through in the shape of an English shilling of the date of 1795. A grate of two-by-fours over the sewer keeps any large pieces from running to the sewer and these are either crushed or thrown aside.

OFFICER TAKEN FOR INSANE

Detective Maloney Has Hard Time Convincing Hospital Authorities of the Mistake.

That Detective Steve Maloney, who took an insane man, to St. Bernard hospital Council Bluffs, Tuesday morning with Detective Donohoe, was mistaken for the patient by the keepers and was obliged to show his badge of authority as an officer of the law in the state of Nebraska before he could even establish a doubt in the minds of the hospital people, is the story related at the police station and vouched for by a number of officers. Nor does Maloney deny with the air of a man entirely innocent.

It is said the keepers asked Maloney to remain quiet and all would be arranged satisfactorily, when he began to protest.

"Here, I'm not the crazy man," he cried; "it's that other fellow."

"That's what they all say, was the disquieting reply. "Now, just sit down in that chair and we'll fix you up comfortably."

It was not until Donohoe went to the rescue and assured the keepers they were trying to detain the wrong man that Maloney was given any chance to prove himself a sane person and a protector of the peace instead of a disturber. And within five minutes after the officers returned to the Omaha police station the story had percolated from cellar to court room.

DIFFERENT SORT OF LONG

Little Girl Thinks It is Number of Pages Instead of Length of Envelope.

"Say, will you tell me which place to drop my letter in?" asked a little girl of Watchman Shugart at the postoffice the other day. Mr. Shugart walked with the little girl over to the place where the letter slots are so arranged that the public may sort the mail to some extent. The slots are marked "north," "east," "south," "west," "state" and "long letters."

"You see," explained the little girl, "this letter is to Mazie and I've got it all sealed up already, but I think it's only six pages long."

"Yes?" said Mr. Shugart, dubiously.

"Is that a long letter or a short one?" inquired the little girl.

"Oh, I think that's just about medium," said Mr. Shugart, after deep thought.

"But there isn't any place for medium letters," the little girl pointed out. "There's a place for long ones."

Mr. Shugart smiled comprehendingly.

"Ah, I see," he said. "Where does Mazie live?"

The little girl imparted the information that Mazie lives in Colorado and the watchman told her to drop it in the slot marked "west." He didn't have the heart to hurt the dignity of the little miss by telling her that the "long letter" receptacle is meant for long envelopes and has nothing to do with the number of pages in the missive.

WOMAN MARRIES TOO OFTEN

Plea Offered by Man Seeking Divorce After Being in Dark for Three Years.

Charging she already had a husband when she married him and that after their marriage she was secretly wedded again without his knowledge, James M. Shores has begun suit in district court against Jennie Curtis Shores, to have the marriage ceremony performed in 1904 set aside and declared null and void. In his petition Shores says he did not learn the true state of affairs until January 1, 1907, and since that time he has not lived with the woman he supposed was his legal wife.

Shores says he was married to Mrs. Shores at San Bernardino, Cal., September 20, 1904. He declares she told him at that time she had been divorced from her former husband, William Snider of Council Bluffs to whom she had been married in 1901 and was a single woman. They lived together until January, 1905, when she came to Omaha, as he believed on a visit. Divorce proceedings were begun against her here by Mr. Snider and she filed a cross-petition and was granted the divorce. During this time he said he was sending her $40 a month. The decree in the Snider case was filed August 28, 1905. Before the required six months were up he says she went to Council Bluffs and married Joseph T. Tool and lived with him until July 1, 1906, refusing to return to Shores. The petition says they lived both in Omaha and South Bend, Ind.

In 1906 ignorant of what had happened since she left him, he says they began living together and continued to do so until January 1, when he learned of the other marriages and left her.

John Battin, who was her attorney in the divorce suit, is his attorney in the present one.

Lola Ritchey has begun suit against James C. Ritchey for a divorce charging him with nonsupport.

SOIL AND CROP CONDITIONS

Favorable Status in Most Places, Considering the Bad Weather of the Month.

Soil on the Lincoln and Wymore divisions was reported in workable condition by the Burlington soil and crop report for the week ending Saturday, although moisture was needed for the best results. West of Hastings and Red Cloud the soil is in very fair condition. A heavy snow on the 24th put the soil in good shape for some time. Winter wheat continues to be in fine condition in all parts of the Nebraska division. Cold weather has held back the growth, but no actual damage has been done. The cold weather, however, has not been favorable to spring grain. Oats especially are not growing very much and the stand generally is not first-class, because the seed did not grow as well as it would have done had the weather been warmer and the ground in more favorable condition. Spring wheat, which amounts to little in the matter of acreage, is doing fairly well.

Fair progress has been made in preparing the soil for corn, as it has not actually become too dry to cultivate and nowhere during the spring was it too wet to plow. It is reported that little corn has been planted on the Wymore division and little on the McCook division. Acreage actually planted does not amount to much.

About the average acreage of potatoes has been planted. Stock is doing well, but the cold weather has retarded the growth of grass and in some cases put the stock back onto feed and materially cut down the cream supply that usually goes to the factories at this time of the year.

The ground has been prepared for sugar beets, but the crop is not generally planted. There is not much enthusiasm over this crop in this territory. Fruit, except perhaps some late apples, is generally thought to be killed.

OFFICIAL SONG OF THE TOUR

Omaha the Market Town Will Be Sung to Tune of John Brown.

Commissioner Guild of the Commercial club received a song Tuesday morning, which is given below, from A. Nonymous, with the suggestion that it be used on the "Great Northwest" trade excursion to be held next June. The tune is that of "John Brown," and the proposition will be submitted to the proper committee for action.

This jolly crowd from Omaha, just out to meet our friends—
The friends we have and those we'll make before our journey ends—
To trade in Omaha.
Glory, glory, just you hear our cowbells ring;
Glory, glory, for the city of the king.
The home of great Ak-Sar-Ben; so we shout for Omaha—
That good old market town.

We have the goods, just what you want we ever have in sight,
The goods the best that cash can buy, and prices always right.
You'll get the best of service, and a square deal every time
That you trade in Omaha.
Glory, glory, for the city of the west,
Glory, glory, it's the brightest and the best.
A hustling, bustling city, so we shout for Omaha—
That good old market town.

Then when your stock is ready, you will want a market, too,
And if you want the best, there is South Omaha for you.
In case you failed to catch it, we'll repeat it once again—
South Omaha for you.
Glory, glory, this is where you'll get the price,
Glory, glory, and we'll always treat you nice;
So, if you'll send your stock to us, you'll find that we have here
A bully market town.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Norfolk, Va., April 26-November 30. Low round trip rates via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Season, sixty day and fifteen day tickets on sale daily at greatly reduced rates. Full information regarding rates, routes, etc., free on application. F. A. Nash, general western agent, 1524 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

BUILDING MATERIAL LOWER

Prices Underre Marked Change as Shown in Cohn Hotel Bids.

CONTRACT IS ABOUT TO BE LET

Plans Are Prepared by Architect Latenser and Proposals Asked for the Completion of the Auditorium.

The contracts for the erection of the new hotel building of Herman Cohn at Sixteenth street and Capitol avenue will be awarded Wednesday morning. It is understood the contract for the fireproofing construction of the building has been let and other subsidiary contracts will be closed up immediately.

An interesting feature brought out by the original bids submitted for the construction of the new building is the apparent decline in prices of material. The first bids submitted by the many contractors surprised Architect Latenser and Mr. Cohn by being decidedly lower than had been expected and far below the estimates for the total cost of the four-story building. The first bids were for a building only two-thirds fireproof, but the figures submitted allowed for the building of a completely fireproof structure, and this is now contemplated under the revised figures.

The low bids submitted for the Cohn building would not have been possible if prices for material had not eased off to some degree and it is the consensus of opinion among contractors that there is an easier feeling in the material market in contrast to the rise in prices during the last few years.

Completion of Auditorium.

Plans have been prepared by Architect Latenser and bids asked for the completion of the Auditorium building by the construction of a new and permanent roof and other minor improvements. The specifications call for the construction of a heavy tile roof, to take the place of the present temporary roof and the total cost of the improvements will be between $40,000 and $50,000.

A meeting of the committee, of which F. A. Nash is chairman, has been called for Thursday afternoon to consider the bids submitted by that time, although the contract will not be let for about two weeks.

Work will be begun by the committee in a short time to float the remainder of the bonds necessary to the completion of the Auditorium, when an active campaign will be entered upon by the members of the large committee.

Christian Science Church.

A conference between Architect Frederick Clarke and members of the congregation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, was held Monday night at Chambers academy for the purpose of considering the plans for the new church, which are being drawn by Mr. Clarke. The plans were exhibited about one week ago to the congregation and the conference Monday night was for the purpose of perfecting minor details. Definite plans for the new church home will be decided upon at a meeting to be held at 8 p. m., May 6, at Chambers' academy, with the intention that bids will be taken for the immediate construction of the church on the site recently bought at Twenty-fourth street and St. Mary's avenue.

RECEPTION OF NEW PASTOR

Cantata Written for the Occasion Will Be Sung for Rev. Adolf Hult.

A cantata written especially for the occasion will be sung by the choir of the Swedish Lutheran Emanuel church Thursday evening at the reception to Rev. Adolf Hult, the new pastor, who reaches Omaha that day. The members of the congregation are preparing for an elaborate affair. The cantata will be sung in the main body of the church and Rev. Mr. Hult will be formally welcomed by Rev. P. M. Lindberg, chairman of the conference, by the officers of the church and the ministers of the city. Following this refreshments will be served in the basement. Rev. Mr. Hult comes to the Omaha congregation from the Messiah English Lutheran church of Chicago and is highly recommended. Since his entry to the ministry he has been in charge of English speaking churches entirely, this being his first Swedish speaking charge. His family will come to Omaha later and will reside at the parsonage.

FIRST PROSECUTION OF KIND

Penalty for Breaking Quarantine is to Be Enforced by the City.

For the first time within the recollection of the city authorities, the law providing a penalty for breaking quarantine is to be applied and James Gillian, 3621 Manderson street, is to be the victim.

A short time ago the wife and child of Gillian contracted a case of smallpox and City Physician Connell placed the house under quarantine with all at home. The enforced idleness became irksome for Gillian, so he went out Monday and got drunk. In the afternoon Sergeant Cook arrested him and he was locked up.

Gillian secured his release on a bond, but meanwhile it was learned he had been under quarantine and Officer Wooldridge was sent to rearest him Tuesday. He was taken to Dr. Connell's office, thoroughly fumigated and was then locked up to appear in police court. The penalty for breaking quarantine is $100 fine, thirty days' imprisonment or both.

FINE PAID OR PUP MUST DIE

Ultimatum Handed Down to Colored Woman by Police Judge.

DOG DAYS BEFORE THE PEOPLE'S BAR

Woman Hesitates to Act on Suggestion of Court, Saying Bruno is Her Constant Protector.

The last days of April are not generally included among "dog days," but the proceedings in police court Tuesday morning were frequently devoted to discussion of the mental, physical and moral status of certain canines which have been marked for annihilation by the neighbors, either by fair means or foul.

The first "purp" to have its name dragged in the mire of disgrace was that of Mrs. Mary Marsh, colored, Twenty-eighth and Dorcas streets, the name of which is Bruno. Half a dozen Caucasian women in the neighborhood told Judge Crawford how they lived in fear for themselves and their little children because of Bruno and Patrolman Inda related how he had been attacked by the animal and was obliged to take a shot at it, inflicting a wound in the jaw.

It looked much like Bruno for dog heaven, when Mrs. Marsh, mistress of Bruno and a lot 49x129 feet, as she took pains to impress in introduction, spoke up. Bruno was going to get a reprieve, it appeared.

"Judge, I've got that dog to protect that lot and me when my husband ain't home," was the opening remark, "and I don't allow Bruno to allow no one on my property. I got a sign on each end of the lot and the neighbors all knows that dog is there."

Cannot Let It Bite Folks.

"Well, we can't allow any dog to chase people up the public streets," coldly remarked his honor, "and you have that dog here before dark to be killed or pay $10 fine."

The idea did not seem to seep through for a while, and Prosecutor Daniel took pains to explain more thoroughly.

"Well, s'pose I don't bring that dog today, then what?"

"The police will just come down and bring you up here; that's what!"