

DISCUSS RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

Major Schulz Calls Meeting to Devise Definite Plan.

SUBMIT REPORT TO CONGRESS

Plan to Stop the Erosion of the River from the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge to Florence.

In order to make a report to the river and harbors committee of congress on a definite project for the improvement of the Missouri river from Florence to South Omaha, Major Edward H. Schulz, chief engineer of the War department, with headquarters at Kansas City, called a meeting of persons and interests in favor of river improvements, which was held in Omaha Wednesday morning.

The meeting was held in the engineer's office at army headquarters, Department of the Missouri. Major Schulz displayed maps of the river and plans for its improvement in the way of revetments, jetties, fascines and dikes. The plans and various propositions were given only cursory examination and discussion because of the crowded quarters of the engineer's office. The meeting was adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when it reconvened in the Commercial club rooms.

The discussion at the morning session covered principally the ways and means of maintaining the banks of the Missouri from the Illinois Central bridge to Florence. Major Schulz proposed a system of revetments for the improvement, which is the standard means of the government taken to protect the land along the river banks and to keep the water in a fixed channel.

"These revetments," said Major Schulz, "are made of lattice willow work, eighty-four feet wide, which forms a mattress that is sunk into the river and ballasted with rocks. Revetments are placed at the outer banks and in the bends of the river to prevent the current from eating into the land. The government system is to put in the willow mattresses to extend from the low water mark down into the water against the bank, curving out into the water at the bottom. From the low water mark to the top of the bank rocks are used as a ballast for the work and a sort of paving for the upper part of the bank.

"I called this meeting," Major Schulz said, "so we could settle upon a definite project for river improvement. A bill was passed in congress asking a report from me on the proposed improvement which is to be made in co-operation with the interests here."

Among those at the meeting was J. M. Maher of Fremont, a civil engineer who patented a riprap device which was installed in the river near his home town and which is said to be proving successful in directing the course of the river and protecting the land.

Mr. Maher had a means of paying for the river improvement which he proposed. His proposed diking districts along the river, which would be taxed as the property owners along a street which is to be paved.

Mr. Maher also introduced his system of fascines or riprap device, which he said was more effective and much less expensive than the system used by the government.

Those who attended the special meeting were:

C. O. Lobeck, congressman; J. W. Craig, city engineer; Goodley Brucker, president of the city council; T. J. Maloney, mayor of Council Bluffs; E. E. Minnick, alderman of Council Bluffs; H. T. Clarke, president of the Missouri Improvement association; J. L. Livesey, chief clerk of the American Smelting and Refining company; W. S. King, civil engineer of South Omaha; J. C. Hans of the Omaha Water company; J. W. McDonald, assistant superintendent of parks and boulevards; P. E. Eleasner, county commissioner; George McBride, county surveyor; F. L. Thompson, engineer of bridges and buildings of the Illinois Central railroad; J. H. Webster, general agent of the Illinois Central; K. L. Huntley, chief engineer of the Union Pacific railroad; H. W. Mool, civil engineer, Omaha; J. L. Campen, assistant city engineer; A. W. Merrick, civil engineer of the Missouri Central; Boone, Ia.; Councilmen M. F. Funkhouser, Louis Burmeister, W. S. Sheldon and J. L. Paxton, Omaha.

NEW FIREPROOF ORDINANCE PREPARED BY CITY ATTORNEY

All Buildings Three Stories High or Over Hereafter to Be Fireproof.

An ordinance providing for the construction of fireproof buildings in the city of Omaha has been drafted by City Attorney Elme and will be presented to the committee of the whole of the city council next Monday afternoon. The new ordinance is the result of the Millard hotel fire, which caused the death of two men.

The proposed ordinance provides that all hospitals, asylums and other institutions for the treatment of persons shall be of fireproof construction if it be more than three stories high.

The ordinance also provides that hotels, lodging houses and school buildings more than three stories high must be of fireproof construction.

In the matter of flat buildings and apartment houses a legacy of one story is given, as the proposed ordinance provides that these must be of fireproof construction if more than four stories in height.

Exceptions in the case of warehouses and wholesale business are made in that they may be of "mild construction" if more than three stories high.

Violation of the ordinance is made a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$100.

COAL FROM SALAMANDER SETS FIRE TO PARSONAGE

Damage Amounting to Five Hundred Dollars is Done Before Flames are Extinguished.

Fire damaged the new parsonage of St. Philomena's church Wednesday afternoon to the extent of \$500 before the flames could extinguish the flames. Workmen had a salamander on the second floor and coals from this dropped onto the floor, setting the building on fire. Father Stevan is pastor of the church and the parsonage was to cost \$10,000.

IMPLEMENT MEN SEND PROTEST

Pass Resolution Against Bill Pending for Binding Twine Factory at the Penitentiary.

The Omaha Implement and Vehicle club has passed a resolution protesting against the bill now before the legislature for a binder twine factory at the state penitentiary. Copies of the resolution will be forwarded to all members of the Douglas county delegation.

The resolution states at some length the following reasons why such a bill should not be adopted: In the first place, the only justification for convict labor in competition with honest labor is simply the provision of employment. Only one tenth of the labor in a binder twine factory is done by hand. Second, it is injurious to the convict himself, in that it teaches him no trade. Third, the records show that all such prison plants are operated at a loss. Fourth, that convict labor could be employed to a better advantage on the roads.

Millard Hotel Fire Claims Its Second Victim—Cathcart

St. Louis Man Dies After a Hard Fall for His Life—Had Regained Consciousness.

The Millard hotel fire of Monday morning has claimed its second victim. John W. Cathcart, a traveling representative of a St. Louis firm, died at the Omaha General hospital at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning from the effects of the smoke that he inhaled into his lungs.

The attending physicians, Dr. H. A. Waggoner, the hotel physician, and Dr. T. T. Harris, police surgeon, had been extremely skeptical concerning his recovery from the first. Cathcart, however, recovered consciousness and rationally Tuesday afternoon and some hope was entertained. Shortly after midnight Tuesday, the injured man suffered a relapse and despite the efforts of the doctors died this morning.

Coroner Crosby has taken charge of the body and an inquest will probably be held.

Health Department Special Officers

Dr. Connell Says that if Police Board Holds to Its Position Men Must Go.

If the police board sticks by its guns in its declaration that the city health department must pay the salary of the two patrolmen now detailed to the health commissioner's office, the patrolmen will be back on a regular beat after the first of the month.

Dr. E. W. Connell, health commissioner, stated Wednesday morning that the department had no funds to pay the salaries of the patrolmen and that he would have to disperse with their services. However, he will try to induce the board to leave the patrolmen with the office.

At the meeting of the police board Tuesday night it was decided that unless the health department pays these salaries the patrolmen would have to return to their beats.

The patrolmen who have been detailed to the health department are E. Morrison and Hans Nielsen. For three years they have investigated conditions for the health department, working as plain clothes men. But unless the police board recedes from its position they will have to don their uniforms again.

Samson May Sponsor Some Running Races

Also Plans to Put On a Week of Wild West Festivities in Omaha.

The National Roofing company has received the contract to re-roof the Den with a coating of flint and asphalt under a ten-year guarantee. This announcement was made from the office of Samson.

It was also stated that preparations for the annual fall festival are now under full headway. Among the plans being considered is that of having a week of wild west exhibitions such as was given at the Frontier day celebration at Cheyenne, Wyo., and a week of running and trotting races during the festival.

Several representatives, respectively, of booking agencies of the east and of costume and pageant contractors, have paid calls at Samson's office recently and declared that the Ak-Sar-Ben is making a great name for itself all over the country.

STARTLING ALLEGATIONS IN WOODMEN CIRCLE CASE

Hearing is Indefinitely Postponed Because of Absence of Attorney from the City.

Affidavits in behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Sears in the case of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle against Elizabeth Sears were filed Wednesday in district clerk's office. With the affidavits was the transcript of testimony taken before the board of managers. The case was to have been begun today, but because of the absence from the city of one of the attorneys, it was continued to an indefinite date.

The affidavits contain startling allegations, but it is in the transcript that sensations are really sprung.

FUNERAL OF JOHN R. SNYDER

Masonic Funeral at the Residence, with Interment at Council Bluffs Cemetery.

The funeral of John R. Snyder, president and treasurer of the Snyder-Frimble Commission company, who died Monday afternoon at the family home, 118 South Thirty fifth street, at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. T. J. Mackay of All Saints' church was in charge of the services, which were Masonic. The body was taken to the Walnut Hill cemetery in Council Bluffs for interment.

Mr. Snyder was 61 years old and death followed a general breaking down of his system. He was a native of eastern Pennsylvania. He had been a resident of Omaha for the last eighteen years, and had lived in Council Bluffs for five years prior to his removal to Omaha.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Jake Hess of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Theodore Salvator of Atlantic, Ia.; Mrs. James Bowie of this city, and Ruth, a little girl of 4 years.

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Annual January Sales Thomas Sheraton is ranked first among that eminent group of furniture designers of the eighteenth century because of his practical efforts in conjunction with his masterly expression of design. Reproductions of his designs are the pride of every home that possesses them. The great designer fashioned some of the most delicately-retined tables, chairs and sideboards of the classical periods. Those dainty inlaid pieces are characteristic of Sheratonian and we have included many of them in our January sale. Some are fashioned from richly hued mahogany, inlaid with pretty East India Satinwood. These Sheraton reproductions are so strongly built, so splendidly designed, so graceful, so charming that they are irresistible. When one gazes upon them he thinks of the Georgian period to which Sheraton supplied a distinction in furniture character and design. These Sheratons breathe a sentiment of grace, distinction and elegance of old-times. During the remaining days of our sale we shall sell these famous pieces and many others of both classical and modern patterns at prices far below the original value.

- \$25.00 Jacobean Table—Beautiful Cathedral oak, cane top, pretty design... \$18.00
\$12.00 Golden Oak Office Table—Thick top, 54x30, exceptional quality, strong... \$10.75
\$20.00 Parlor Table—Solid mahogany, diameter 36 inches... \$10.00
\$14.00 Fumed Oak Stand—One low shelf, heavy legs, broad top... \$ 7.00
\$60.00 Davenport—Genuine Spanish leather, seven oaks... \$35.00
\$19.00 Music Cabinet—Walnut, four heavy shelves, broad top... \$10.00
\$1.75 Rush Chair—Thick, broad seat and back, excellent quality... \$ .90
\$30.00 Dresser—Grey enamel on birch, 50 in. high, oval mir. 19x15... \$20.00
\$25.00 Oak Rocker—Solid and heavy, denim seat and back... \$18.00
\$17.50 Chiffonier—Mahogany finish, commodious drawers... \$12.00
\$25.00 Jacobean Table—Cathedral oak, cane top, diameter, 19 inches; strong... \$18.00
\$20.00 Four-Post Beds—Mahogany finish on birch, 3/4 and full size... \$16.50
\$30.00 William and Mary Chair—Solid mahogany, leather seat, durable... \$25.00
\$28.75 Solid Mahogany Table—Characterized by straightforward construction... \$14.00
\$9.50 Morris Chair—Tapstry or imitation leather cushion... \$8.00
\$50.00 Genuine Morocco Leather Chair—Frame of birch, with mahogany finish, at... \$25.00

- \$17.50 Chiffonier—Mahogany finish, French mirror, 19x15, excellent quality... \$12.50
\$26.00 Dressing Table—Oak veneer, beveled oval mirror, 35x17, for... \$18.50
\$40.00 Gold Framed Mirror—French plate glass, 54x17, splendid design... \$12.00
\$10.75 Cellarette—Solid oak, neatly arranged compartments, durable... \$ 6.00
\$70.00 Mahogany Davenport—Upholstered in select green denim, high quality... \$68.00



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- \$25.00 Solid Mahogany Serving Table—Handsome and durable... \$12.50
\$16.00 Solid Mahogany Bookrack—Strongly constructed, latest pattern, thick shelves... \$10.00
\$8.50 Commodity Box—Suitable for skirts, matting covered, 46x20, 16 inches high... \$6.38
\$90.00 Tudor Arm Chair—Solid walnut, cane back and seat, loose cushion... \$50.00
\$4.50 English Go-Cart—Heavy steel frame, strongly built, high grade article... \$2.25
\$110.00 Solid Mahogany Library Table—Martha Washington style, excellent quality, for... \$60.00

- \$51.00 Fumed Oak Davenport—Finely upholstered, strongly constructed, pretty design... \$45.00
\$1.10 Fancy Filet Net—White and Arabian, per yard... 83c
60c Fancy Filet Net—White and Arabian, per yard... 45c
45c Fancy Filet Net—White and Arabian, per yard... 34c
30c Bungalow Net—All beautiful colors, per yard... 23c
45c Bungalow Net—Beautiful mission style, per yard... 34c
65c Craftsman Design Bungalow Net—Per yard... 49c
75c White Antique Net—Excellent grade, per yard... 58c
\$1.00 White Antique Net—Excellent grade, per yard... 75c
55c White Antique Net—Excellent grade, per yard... 42c

- Select Decorative Curtains at Attractive Prices
\$1.25 Colonial Net—Allover design, very pretty, per yard... 94c
55c Cream Madras—Block pattern, excellent quality, yard... 42c
65c Cream Madras—Gothic design, good quality, per yard... 49c
45c Pretty White and Arabian Scrim—Very attractive, yard... 27c
\$5.00 Brussels Curtains—Two pair lots... \$2.50
\$3.00 Scotch Nets—In two-pair lots... \$1.50
\$3.75 Scotch Nets—In one-pair lots... \$1.89
65c Swiss Curtains—In two-pair lots... .35c
\$4.00 Novelty Net Curtains—per pair... \$3.00

- Fine Portieres
\$16.50 Sheila Portieres—Red with figured dado, per pair... \$8.25
\$4.50 Figured Rep Portieres—Tapestry border, per pair... \$3.00
\$2.50 Figured Rep Portieres—Van Dyke edging, plain border, per pair... \$1.84
\$3.25 Armure Portieres—Figured border, pretty, per pair... \$2.17
\$3.75 Two-Tone Armure Portieres—Tapestry border, per pair... \$2.50
\$4.00 Rep Portieres—Tapestry border, fine choice, per pair... \$2.67
\$5.00 Armure Portieres—Extra wide tapestry border, per pair... \$3.34
\$8.00 Rep Portieres—Extra quality, figured border, per pair... \$5.34
\$4.75 Armure Portieres—Figured border, all colors, per pair... \$3.17
\$11.50 Figured Velour Portieres—Two-toned effects, per pair... \$7.67
\$8.00 Mercerized Rep Portieres—Solid colors, tapestry border, per pair... \$5.34
\$11.50 Extra Quality Figured Rep Portieres—Applied tapestry, per pair... \$8.52
\$12.00 Mercerized Armure Portieres—Van Dyke edging, per pair... \$6.00
90c Fancy Filet Net—White and Arabian, per yard... \$ .68

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