

## BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Omaha General Hospital, Doug, \$25.  
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Thieves Get Fountain Pens—E. A. Eckerter reported to the police that his office at 209 McCague building was entered by burglars Saturday or Sunday night and robbed of seventy-five fountain pens.

Standard Mail Car Wanted—Assistant Superintendent F. D. Johnston of the fourteenth division of the railway mail service, who is now in Washington with other officials, is endeavoring to induce the railroads to adopt a standard mail car. He will return to Omaha January 18.

Railway Mail Service to Be Inspected—Word comes from Washington that a committee appointed to visit the railway-mail service divisions with a view of standardizing the service will come to Omaha soon to confer with Superintendent Master of the fourteenth division.

Beautiful Doll Swiped—King George, the great, big, beautiful doll, imported by Hugo Brandel recently, has been stolen from the Brandel's Stores and a reward is offered for its return. The doll was on exhibition in the Pompeian room, where it attracted much attention.

Detective Savage Setters—Chief of Detectives John H. Savage, who has been confined to his home for the last two months with stomach and heart trouble, was a visitor at police headquarters Monday morning. Mr. Savage says he feels fine and will probably be back on the job next week.

Mrs. Groninger, the national lecturer of the Royal Neighbors society, will give a lecture Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Woodmen hall, Fifteenth and Douglas streets. The statement that raising of rates would be discussed is a mistake. The lecture is for the good of the society only. The public is cordially invited.

Joy Ride Postponed—The Commercial club industrial committee's tour of the Belt Line, originally set for December 13, has been postponed, owing to the absence from the city of Comptroller Guild. The mayor and city council and members of the Real Estate exchange plan to accompany the company, at its invitation.

Mrs. Schroeder Wants Insurance—Trial of Mrs. Caroline Schroeder's suits against the Woodmen of the World and the Royal Achates for \$1,000 each of policies carried by her husband, August Schroeder, was started before Judge Willis G. Scare today. Schroeder, a cigar-maker, committed suicide a year ago and the lodges refused payment under the suicide clauses of the policies.

Mrs. Malstrom Gets Divorce—Belinda Malstrom was given a decree of divorce from Henry Malstrom, with whom she never lived a day, by Judge Troup in the equity division of the district court. Testimony was that two years ago the girl, then but 18, became infatuated with Malstrom and they married. She immediately returned to her father's home. Malstrom could not support her. Not until a year later did the girl's father hear rumors that she was married. The divorce is gone now.

Chief Helps Girl Win Debate—A high school girl at Coon Rapids, Ia., is indebted to Chief of Police Donahue and writes him that "if he ever comes to that village be sure and call on her." A short time ago the chief received a letter from her asking his opinion of a question to be debated. The question was: "Resolved, that the duties of a policeman in a large city are more dangerous than the duties of a fireman." Chief Donahue sent his arguments for the affirmative, the girl used them and won the debate, and thus her gratitude.

Mysterious Revolving Wheel—A novel window display made by the James Morton &amp; Son Co. on Dodge street is attracting much attention from pedestrians. The novelty is a wheel upon which are mounted four awns. The contrivance rests upon a big glass bottle and it revolves continually without any apparent motive power. Some watch it and declare that perpetual motion has been solved, while others will flounder around in physics and science to solve the puzzle. Mr. Morton knows how it is done, but he says he will not tell. They mysterious revolving wheel is used to attract Christmas shoppers to the fine line of hardware and cutlery carried by the firm.

## Union Stock Yards Company Holds Its Annual Election

At a meeting of the directors of the Union Stock yards, yesterday, held in the private office of E. Buckingham, the following officers and board of directors were elected:

President—R. J. Dunham  
Vice President—J. D. Creighton  
Secretary-Treasurer—Colonel J. T. Sharp

General Manager—E. Buckingham.

Directors—R. J. Dunham, J. D. Creighton, G. B. Robbins, R. C. Howe, Lee W. Spratt, James R. McPherson, T. J. Mahoney (in place of the late General C. F. Manderson), V. B. Caldwell, E. Buckingham (in place of F. H. Davis).

A resolution regretting the loss sustained in the death of General Manderson was passed.

President Dunham reported a very prosperous year, \$350,000 having been spent for improvements and several constructions being now under way.

Appropriations were left to a later meeting of the board of directors.

Jack Walters, present superintendent, was re-elected at an increase of salary.

## Committees Favor the Flaming Arches

At a joint meeting of the municipal affairs committee of the Commercial club and special committees of the Real Estate exchange, Ad club, Knights of Aka-Bar-Ben and the Electrical club and City Electrician Michaelsen, the following resolutions, to be presented to the city council yesterday afternoon, were passed:

"Provided, a price satisfactory to the city council is obtained and the funds at its disposal are sufficient, this committee recommends the immediate installation of flaming arches lights in the underground district, instead of the old arc lights now in use."

The advantage to be secured will be an immediate increase of illumination and a demonstration of this type of lamp, whereby the people may more intelligently decide on a more complete system when it is financially possible."

## Pioneer Who Celebrated Seventy-Fifth Birthday

Harry P. Deuel was 75 years old Monday. Born in New York in 1836, he has lived in Omaha since November 8, 1858, when he walked in from the then important village of St. Joseph, Mo. "I have been credited only with the short walk from Nebraska City," said Mr. Deuel, "but the river above St. Joseph was frozen, and I wanted to pitch my tent in Omaha right quick. Here I have remained ever since, reasonably busy all the time, with a good deal of happiness in the account, as the world goes."

An uncle of young Deuel was conducting a steamboat agency in the frontier village of Omaha, and the nephew at once entered his employ. This point was then the northern terminal of a line of packet-boats, known as the Hannibal & St. Joseph line, and John R. Porter, Mr. Deuel's uncle, was the Omaha agent. The round trip occupied five days, and with five boats a daily service was maintained. Mr. Deuel spent a summer as clerk on one of these boats.

From steamboating Mr. Deuel stepped without any flurry into the business of selling railroad tickets. He had the distinction of selling the first railroad ticket for which cash passed in Omaha, and thereafter that was his life's business, until he took the position of superintendent of the Burlington passenger station, in 1896. In 1899 he was chosen auditor of Douglas county, and in 1901 became register of deeds, which place he filled until January, 1906. He deeply learned in Masonry and for many years was active and useful as a member of the public library board.

## DICKENS' SON VISITS OMAHA SHEEP HERE FOR THE SHOW

Resident of Australia Talks on Woman Suffrage There.

## SAYS HE IS ROYALLY TREATED

Socialism, He Says, Has Not Obtained the Foothold in Australia Which is Usually Attributed to It.

Alfred Tennyson Dickens of Melbourne, Australia, son of the famous novelist, Charles Dickens, believes the suffragettes of England are destined to shortly win their battle for the ballot. This opinion he bases upon his observations during his sojourn of the mother country. Further he believes the laboring classes will be benefited by equal suffrage and that capital interests will not be endangered.

"The women of England," said Mr. Dickens, "in my opinion, will very, very shortly obtain the right to vote. This opinion I base upon my observations while there, and it is merely a personal opinion, but I believe their victory is a foregone conclusion."

## Suffragettes in Australia.

"Equal suffrage in Australia (all the states have enacted equal suffrage laws) has been a great benefit to labor. It remains to see whether the labor party will enact legislation inimical to capital, but they have not done so thus far. It has had the effect of largely increasing the labor vote. The legislation enacted has been moderate and I do not believe any extreme measures will be passed.

## No Socialism There.

Asked regarding the growing impression that the government of Australia was verging toward the socialist, Mr. Dickens emphatically denied it and attributed the best legislation that has been passed and the reform-measures to the labor organization. There is a wide difference in Australia, he said, between socialism and labor.

By law candidates for office in "the smallest continent" are required to deposit £50 pecuniary qualification. This qualification has always been met by the labor, the liberal and the conservative parties, but the socialists have refused to recognize it.

## Dickens Likes America.

Mr. Dickens, who was requested to tell his "impressions of America," said it would be a "piece of impudence" to do so. "No man can tell what he really thinks of a country who has only been in it six weeks. Americans go to England and after a short stay tell what they think of the country. Then they are raked over the coals for it. Mark Twain was wise enough when he visited England not to fall into such folly."

## Morris State Fire Inspector of the Theaters of Omaha

Edward T. Morris, city fire warden, has been appointed deputy fire inspector of theaters and other buildings by Louis V. Guye, deputy commissioner of labor and industrial statistics, and will immediately start a campaign for better fire protection in Omaha. He will receive no additional pay, but has added authority and will serve only in Omaha.

"There are a lot of buildings in Omaha," said Mr. Morris, "that are nothing more than fire-traps. In several flats there is no stairway of any sort in the rear, and should a fire occur on the stairway in the house there is no possible way for an inmate to escape."

"This condition will have to be remedied. Either automatic fire escapes or metallic stairways will have to be provided. I will make an investigation of buildings in the city and will report on their condition regarding safety devices in case of fire."

In stature the son of the illustrious novelist is short, well built and gray. He might be a successful American business man, but his English accent unmistakably advertises him nationally.

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## DICKENS AT UNIVERSITY CLUB

## Son of Famous Author Gives Some Impressions of America.

As a guest of the University club, Alfred Tennyson Dickens dined with 123 of the members at the club rooms today and after the cigars had been lighted the distinguished Englishman devoted a few minutes to giving his impression of America. Not going into details, he stated that since his arrival, September 29, for there had been nothing but courtesy and consideration, regardless of where he had been.

Mr. Dickens said that his impressions of America had been in line with those of his father, whose last visit to this country was in 1888. Just before sailing home, in April of that year, the elder Dickens had dined with Horace Greeley. As a postscript to his last book Charles Dickens wrote the incidents connected with that dinner and some things in connection with people whom he met and places he visited. This postscript was read by Mr. Dickens and every line was in commendation of America and his treatment here.

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## PAVING COMBINE AT LINCOLN

Capital City Also Feels Effect of the Wood Block Combination.

## INCREASED PRICE IS PAID

Outside Firms Have No Chance to Get Any of the Work Because of the Strong Clue Which Rules.

The exposure of the Kettle River and Republican creaks wood block paving combine in Minneapolis has led to an investigation not only in Omaha, but has also thrown some light on the situation at Lincoln. It is asserted that the brick paving combine has dictated prices, selected contractors and raked off a substantial bonus each year. An Omaha firm is mentioned in the exposure.

Two firms, Abel & Roberts of Lincoln and M. Ford & Co. of Omaha, have been doing all the bidding on brick paving in Lincoln. Once or twice another firm has entered the field, but has found the combine too strong to successfully combat. Local contractors have admitted that they are at the mercy of the combine, are working with it and have been forced to acquiesce in its plans, although they believe it less hampered competition.

## TAXPAYER IS BUMPED.

The contracts let during the summer were grabbed by the combine at a price limited only by the estimate of the city engineer. These prices were from 15 to 25 cents per yard higher than two years ago when two independent firms were furnishing material. The average price this year is 10 per cent higher than in 1905 and 1906. In 1910 Lincoln put in \$12,000 worth of pavement and this year it was considerably more. The increase in the cost, paid by the taxpayers, will go into the treasury of the combine.

## COMBINE'S POWER ABSOLUTE.

Three years ago the Coffeyville, Phoenix and Buffalo brick manufacturers furnished much material, all of which stood the test of the city engineer. Now no paving brick is offered in Lincoln that is not made by the manufacturers in the combine. The three companies mentioned are included in the combine and independent companies, which fought the combine for a while are now under control and when bids are submitted by them it is with the quality provision that "owing to excessive demands no brick can be furnished this year."

## OMAHA CONTRACTOR APPROACHED.

"An Omaha contractor who has been confining his efforts to Iowa during the last two years talked with an official of the Purington Brick company about securing that brick at a reasonable price," says the Lincoln Journal. "He was told that they could do nothing for him in Lincoln or Omaha, but the official added that if the contractor would go out into undeveloped territory and work up a business he would be taken care of.

## HOW SCHEME IS WORKED.

"As told by contractors who have tried repeatedly to break in on the business the scheme is this: The Lincoln territory is now controlled by the Purington Brick company. The Rock Island company has no paving brick in the hands of an Omaha firm, since the departure of Hugh Murphy, for Denver and Omaha work only. This firm secures quotations which no other firm can obtain, and can underbid any of them. It does not do all the work. Favored contractors can obtain the various kinds of brick controlled by the combine and this includes practically all classes of paving brick within reach of Lincoln, but every such favored contractor must pay a royalty for every yard of brick delivered to him. It is said to range from 6 to 10 cents per yard, depending on the make of brick. This is included in the price of the brick, and is not paid directly by the favored contractor.

## PROMOTION FEES PAID.

"Another expense which the contractor must figure when he bids is the cost of promotion. It has been developed that in Minneapolis and other places where concrete block is used this cost reached as high as 30 cents per yard. In addition one man works up the districts. He is said to get 3 cents per yard for his work. The contractor must pay him. If a contract with the city could be landed by a firm using brick not in the combine he would not be compelled to pay this promotion charge. But if he uses combine brick he pays the promotion charge or will find himself unable to get the brick. Hence any property owner approached by the official promoter with a proposal to sign a petition for pavement must know that he will pay the generous wages of that promoter in the end."

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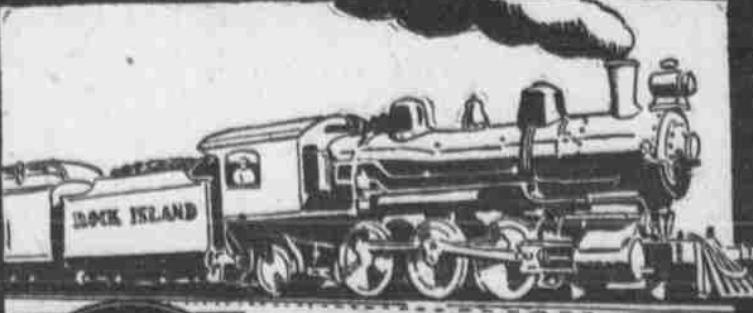
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