

COUNCIL TO EXONERATE SELF

Investigation Being Made Into Letting of Wooden Paving Contracts.

OFFICIALS ARE ALL SUMMONED

Reporter for The Bee Refuses to Divulge the Source of His Information—Hearing Continued This Afternoon.

Following a resolution passed by them to probe the letting of the Sixteenth street crossoted wood block paving contract the city council sat yesterday as a court of investigation. John P. Breen, representing the petitioners for the wood block when the district was created; W. H. Herdman, legal representative of the interveners, and Hugh Murphy's lawyer, J. E. George, a real estate man who became interested in the crossoted wood block and circulated the petition and The Bee reporter were placed on the witness stand.

City Attorney Rine, Judge Louis Berka in his capacity of acting mayor, and members of the city council conducted the investigation. Reports and interviews published in The Bee were submitted and an attempt made to prove that such articles reflected on the integrity of the councilmen. The investigation centered about an interview with a city official who declared that a "smooth deal had been struck." The council was unanimous in demanding the name of the official and when the reporter refused issued a summons to all elective and appointive city hall officials to appear in the afternoon and state under oath whether they were responsible for the interview.

Review Proceedings.

Attorneys Breen and Herdman reviewed the legal proceedings leading to the submission of the petition for crossoted wood block—the passage of the ordinance creating the district, the veto of the ordinance by the mayor, the fight before the courts led by Mr. Breen to restrain the veto from going into effect and the subsequent passage of the ordinance over the veto. They testified that there was no "smooth work" done as far as they knew. City councilmen had been approached, they said, and the matter discussed with them, but nothing that was not "over and above board" was transacted.

Mr. George took credit for being a prime mover in the promotion of the district, having become interested in it and having visited and examined the pavement in other cities. He said he talked with A. C. Morrison, representative of the Kettle River company, but that as far as he knew nobody in Omaha received any promotion fees.

Promotion Fees Paid.

Mr. Morrison, in precipitating the exposure of the Kettle River and Republic combines at Minneapolis, brought out at that time the proof that a promotion fee of 10 cents per yard was paid by the Kettle River company for promoting crossoted wood block paving districts.

City Attorney Rine, Judge Berka and his supporters in the council confined the investigation strictly to the Sixteenth street paving district. Questions were propounded with the idea of securing evidence to exonerate the city council from all blame in the letting of the contract.

Drummond Auto Co. is to Have New Home

The Drummond Motor company has decided to buy a building, larger than the present home at Eighth and Harney streets, and has asked architects for estimates of the cost of building. The company may erect its own building or may accept the proposal of Edward Riley to build a home for it at Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets.

A combined garage and factory, the biggest in the city, is contemplated. It would cost \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Manufacturing and selling motor cars will be the business of the concern, which was recently reorganized with a capital of \$50,000 and the following officers: William R. Drummond, president; James Drummond, vice president and general manager; W. B. Hughes, secretary, and L. W. Scheibel, treasurer. These officers and H. W. Yates, Jr., constitute the board of directors.

EARLY CLOSING MOVE MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

Because several merchants are not willing to close their shops at 9 o'clock Saturday night instead of at 10 the committee from the Woman's club which is canvassing the stores to gain the early closing did not complete its mission Thursday as expected. The committee composed of Mrs. C. W. Hayes, chairman; Mrs. W. O. Paisley, Mrs. Charles Rosewater and Mrs. George Tilden started to visit the merchants December 30 and met no opposition to their request for early Saturday closing until Wednesday, when several merchants raised objections. Not until these are convinced by the women can the movement go forward.

ELABORATE BANQUET IS GIVEN TO GENE SANDERS

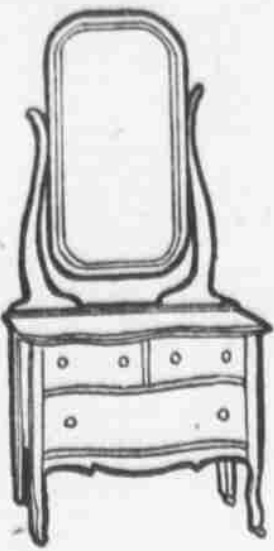
An elaborate banquet was given Eugene Sanders at the Rome hotel by his friends of the Union Stock Yards Wednesday evening in recognition of twenty-five years' service with the Hammond and Armour packing houses. Plates were laid for seventy-five.

The covers of the menu cards had an embossed scrip letter "S" inlaid with mother-of-pearl. It was printed on bond paper, tied with silver cord and had a half-tone engraving of Mr. Sanders. Several blank pages were reserved for signatures. Each guest wrote his signature seventy-five times when the menus were passed. This means that 4,625 autographs were written during the course of the banquet.

IRISH WILL CELEBRATE NIGHT OF THE BIG WIND

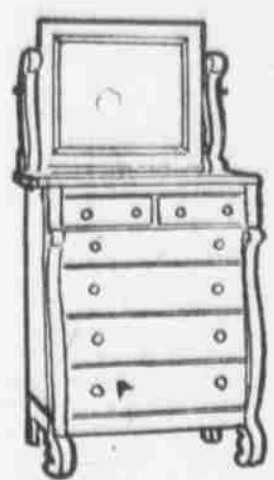
Saturday evening is the date set for the celebration of the "night of the big wind," by the Irish Fellowship club and the Emmet Monument association. It has been erroneously announced for Friday evening. Dr. T. R. Mullen, president of the Irish Fellowship club, says that a dozen or more very old Irishmen, who were small lads in 1839, will be present to tell yarns of the strange things that happened when Ireland was devastated by the famous cyclone.

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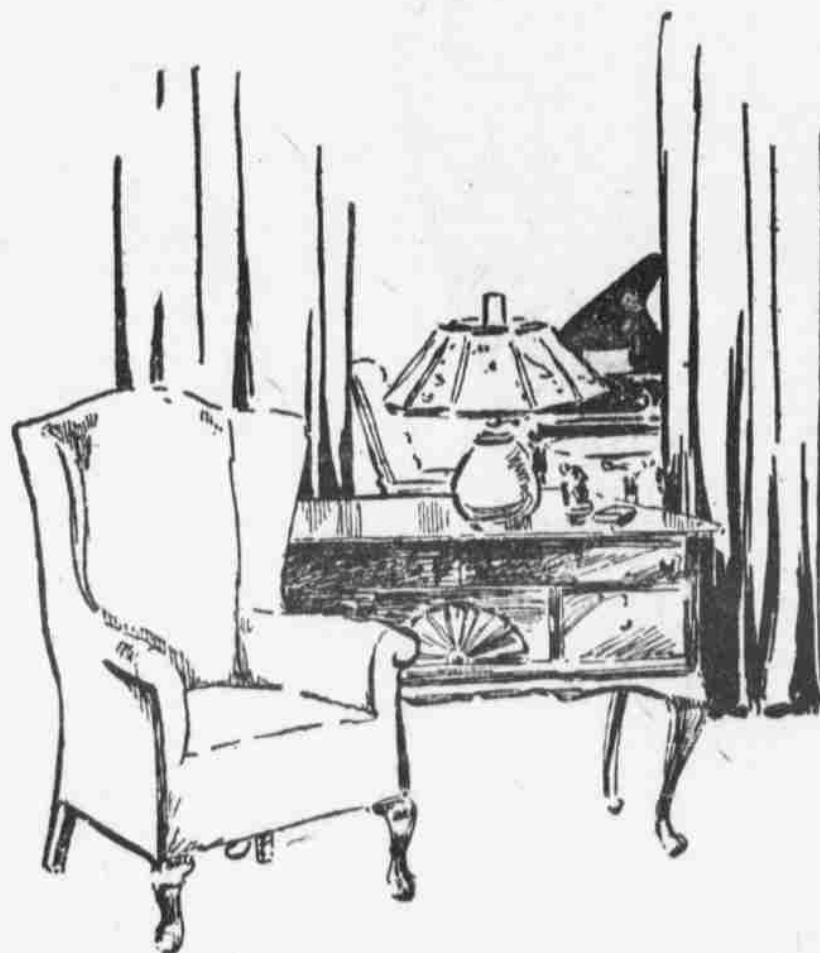
WE believe readers of The Bee desire no other than good furniture in their homes. For this reason we call attention to the January sale of furniture here, where we are selling **GOOD FURNITURE AT LOW PRICES.** We have furniture in this sale that includes choice pieces for every room of the home. In every case these articles are the kind of furniture that is good to live with, inexpensively priced though it is.

There may be many reasons why we do not wish to carry over a piece of furniture which is still as desirable for your home as when it first came into this store. A tree is no less good because the forester must cut it down to make room for young growth; and these excellent pieces and suites are of such thorough value that we call especial attention of home-furnishers to both their quality and their prices. The unusual reductions of 10 to 60 per cent. are placed upon them because we desire to have more room by the first of February for new stocks.

- \$35.00 Colonial Desk—Mahogany, oak or Circassian walnut; height, 44 inches; solid, heavy writing bed, 29x35 inches; strong, modest lines; beautifully built \$25.00
- \$47.00 Bed Davenport—Oak; green denim upholstery \$30.00
- \$22.00 Windsor Chair—Solid mahogany; handsome model \$14.00
- \$13.00 Occasional Chair—English oak; comfortable \$7.00
- \$8.00 Lamp Shade—Silk; imported from France \$4.00
- \$6.00 French Lamp Shade—Silk; gold fringe \$4.00
- \$200 Mahogany Clock—Grand time piece; accurate and staunch \$100.00
- \$41.00 Mahogany Chair—Roomy; pretty lines; comfortable \$25.00
- \$14.75 Lamps—Exquisite beauty \$10.00
- \$60.00 Mahogany Chair—Comfortable; durable, at \$25.00
- \$19.50 Chiffonier—Golden oak; excellent quality, at \$12.50
- \$40.00 Gentleman's Chiffonier—Golden oak \$28.00
- \$65.00 Mahogany Chiffonier—Beautiful \$40.00
- \$28.00 Mahogany Dresser—Rare quality \$20.00
- \$31.00 Arm Chair—Genuine Spanish leather; roomy \$25.00
- \$46.00 Library Table—Mahogany; excellent quality \$30.00
- \$21.00 Library Table—Very strong \$14.00
- \$46.00 Mahogany Settee—Every bit thoroughly made \$20.00
- \$35.00 China Cabinet—Fumed oak; strong shelves \$20.00
- \$65.00 Buffet—Fumed oak; excellent quality \$37.00
- \$25.00 Serving Table—Fumed oak; thoroughly built \$15.00
- \$8.50 Fumed Oak Chair—Very finest quality \$5.50
- \$27.00 Arm Chair—Fumed oak \$15.00
- \$75.00 Mahogany Chiffonier—Roomy and strong \$40.00
- \$21.50 Mahogany Dresser—Beautiful article \$15.00
- \$68.00 Library Table—Five feet; heavy \$45.00
- \$35.00 Mission Oak Clock—Accurate \$17.50
- \$34.00 Mission Oak Clock—Beautiful article \$17.00
- \$80.00 Davenport—Mahogany frame; green denim upholstery \$50.00
- \$62.00 Mahogany Wing Chair—Denim upholstered \$40.00
- \$140.00 Overstuffed Davenport—Golden tapestry \$110.00
- \$41.00 Solid Mahogany Chair—Loose cushion \$20.00
- \$70.00 Solid Mahogany Settee—Exquisite article \$40.00
- \$14.00 Quarter Sawed Oak Rocker—Leather seat and back \$9.50
- \$20.00 Oak Chair—Leather seat and back \$15.00
- \$25.00 Italian Marble Bust—"Holland Lass" \$12.50
- \$30.00 Italian Marble Bust—"The Daisies" \$15.00
- \$50.00 Dining Table—Quarter sawed oak; length, 12 feet; very highest grade \$29.00

- Parlor Furniture Period Furniture
- Bedroom Furniture
- Library Furniture Mission Furniture
- Colonial Furniture
- Leather Furniture Single Pieces
- Upholstered Furniture
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- \$34.00 Mahogany Chair—Comfortable and strong \$25.00
- \$52.00 Mahogany Chiffonier—Very highest class \$29.00
- \$30.00 Mahogany Bed—Four poster; durable \$20.00
- \$32.50 Dresser—Beautiful Circassian walnut \$21.50
- \$22.00 Princess Dresser—Mahogany \$16.50
- \$35.00 Chiffonier—Mahogany, spacious drawers \$22.50
- \$43.00 Chiffonier—Mahogany; graceful lines \$28.00
- \$60.00 Mahogany Chiffonier—Magnificent piece \$38.00
- \$45.00 Cheval Mirror—Walnut frame; large; strong \$25.00
- \$32.50 Dresser—Beautiful walnut \$21.50
- \$35.00 Italian Marble Bust—"Penitance" \$17.50
- \$33.50 Old English Chair—Sturdy and solid \$22.50
- \$75.00 Italian Marble Bust—"The American Girl" \$37.50
- \$68.00 Spanish Leather Rocker—Very fine quality \$50.00
- \$50.00 Spanish Leather Rocker—Genuine Spanish leather \$40.00
- \$33.00 Three-piece Suite—Golden oak; genuine leather seats; high quality—chair, settee and rocker \$24.00
- \$30.00 Three-piece Suite—Chair, settee and rocker; leather seats and backs; very fine articles \$30.00
- \$25.00 Golden Oak Rocker—Upholstered in velour \$18.75
- \$21.00 Golden Oak Rocker—Genuine leather seat \$15.75
- \$125.00 Three-piece Suite—Chair, settee and rocker; tufted leather in back and seats; massive and strong \$95.00
- \$20.00 Dressing Table—Beautiful mahogany, excellent quality \$12.00
- \$18.00 Library Table—Sturdy oak; large drawer \$14.00
- \$22.00 Princess Dresser—Mahogany; three roomy drawers; large mirror; heavy, dainty and strong construction \$16.50
- \$39.00 Napoleon Bed—Circassian walnut; large full size; strongly constructed \$25.00
- \$25.00 Golden Oak Library Table—Strongly made; thick scrolls; massive \$15.00
- \$53.00 Folding Card Table—Solid, choice mahogany; special, roomy compartments for cards, chips, etc.; size of top 49x40 inches \$45.00
- \$40.00 Settee—Mahogany frame; upholstered in denim; durable \$20.00
- \$12.50 Italian Marble Pedestal—Very strong and pretty \$6.25
- \$104 Buffet—English oak; strong and sturdy \$58.00
- \$58.00 China Cabinet—English oak \$36.00
- \$64.00 China Cabinet—English oak \$35.00
- \$10.00 Italian Marble Pedestal—Very highest quality \$5.00



- \$68.00 English Oak Davenport—The acme of sturdiness, strength and construction; leather seat; two leather pillows \$35.00
- \$52.00 Chiffonier—Beautiful mahogany; five spacious drawers; one secret drawer; large beveled glass mirror \$29.00
- \$29.50 Rocker—One of the most comfortable chairs made; solid construction; just the article for resting the tired body \$23.50
- \$47.00 Golden Oak Bed—Very strong and durable \$27.00
- \$100.00 Mahogany Bookcase—Finest quality; stout \$50.00
- \$70.00 Bookcase—Fumed oak \$38.00
- \$14.00 Fumed Oak Arm Chair—Made to endure \$8.00
- \$25.00 China Cabinet—Fumed oak \$12.50
- \$18.00 Table—Oak, strong, beautiful lines \$14.00
- \$28.00 Mahogany Chair—Graceful and durable, at \$20.00

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