

BENEATH THE BIG MUDDY.

Blinking the First Gaisson of the New Bridge.

HOW THE WORK IS CONDUCTED.

A "Bee" Reporter Takes a Trip Down Below the Surface and Tells His Experience - Strange Sensation.

Down in the Cañon.

"We have a 100,000 foot lifting power and she's dancing on the bottom now. You didn't know what danger you were in," said Contractor Scully to a Bee reporter, who sat rubbing his ears in the little flat boat that does duty as an office for the bridge building firm of Hopkins & Scully.

"What did you do that for?" asked the reporter, who thought for a moment that there might have been some personal reasons.

"Oh, just to force out the ice upon which the caisson is resting, and then I didn't know you were down there when I gave the order," was the answer, and the reporter accepted the apology.

Citizens of Omaha who nightly sit cozily in their warm apartments, may not have known that while they are enjoying the comforts of life, there are others, fathoms below the waters of the Missouri, who hourly risk their lives in the endeavor to earn but average wages.

Through the wintry blizzards as well as the winter weather of the past winter, working men have been busy arranging the sections of the bridge that in future will form an connecting link between Council Bluffs and Omaha.

One hundred and forty-seven of them are now on the pay roll, and upwards of \$30,000 has been expended by the contractors up to date.

The first caisson was completed and allowed to sink to the bottom of the river on the Nebraska side, the ice upon which it stood first being cut away and the caisson being put to man the screws that aided in its descent.

Thursday the air was turned on and the air chamber, and yesterday the first gang of men went to the bottom, where they will work in twelve-hour shifts at \$3.25 per day.

The day shift was composed of P. M. Peterson, foreman, and John Hanley, Joe Berger, Charles Campbell, Doc Dougherty and Charlie Steward. The seventh man was the Bee reporter, who had previously fortified himself with a heavy lunch.

The Ninth ward republican club will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock to elect three delegates for the convention of republican clubs to be held at Omaha March 11.

M. K. LINDSAY, Pres't.

The Only Line That Gets There. It has been well said by a distinguished writer that "the Michigan Central is the only 'Niagara Route' in the country."

It is the only railroad that runs directly by the falls and stops its trains at a point from which all parts of the falls are visible.

The following is a list of the names of the board of education.

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The Wassermans' Two Suits. A Bee reporter was told yesterday that the Wasserman family, while pensioners upon the county, made a pitiable appearance when seeking alms more for effect than because of their alleged extreme destitution.

They live near Howell's lumber yard. The father, as is known, was recently convicted of perjury in the United States court.

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Leland hotel, Chicago.

The Bricklayers met last evening at Hornberger's hall by a special call, and had a splendid turnout and a very pleasant meeting.

A final ballot was taken in regard to the present standing demand which was carried unanimously to stand by it, and it was stated that any parties furthering work done in their line or who expect to have during the coming month will please address p. o. box 730, as the bricklayers wish to obviate any trouble in delays and are fully prepared to satisfy the most particular parties and will do all in their power to allay trouble.

Go to the Next. When a dealer who happens to be out of ZOZODONT, tries to make you believe that something he has in stock is better or as good, quietly say, No, and seek the next establishment where that standard tooth beautifier can be obtained.

Lazy Lot of Janitors. Whenever it snows or rains the approaches and steps to the county building are always in a deplorable state of messiness and danger.

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Board of Public Works. The board of public works held a brief session yesterday afternoon. All the members were present.

Stone-All stone shall be at least three inches in thickness and laid upon six inch foundation of sand.

Grading-The earth shall be removed to a depth of twelve inches, measuring from the top of the curb, and to be of uniform depth and parallel with the incline of the surface of the walk.

Sub-base-The sub-base shall consist of sand, crushed brick stone or brick, to a depth of six or eight inches, according to the thickness of wearing of the surface material adopted, and to be well tamped.

Hase-The base to be at least three inches thick, to consist of broken stone or slag, sand and cement in such proportions as may be ordered by the sidewalk inspector; will be regulated by measure. The cement shall be the best American or Portland cement, and the broken stone to be of substantial quality, and not greater than one and a half inches in the greatest diameter.

Wearing surface-The wearing material to be of a thickness of not less than one and a half inches, on a base of not less than three inches. Thicker wearing material with a correspondingly thicker base.

Siagolithic or granolithic wearing surface-The material for this shall consist of fine crushed slag, substantial stone or granite. The same to be screened through one-half inch mesh screen, and the best brand of Portland cement, and shall be in a proportion of not less than one to two.

Granolithic walks-Same specifications as foregoing.

Sand and cement walks-The sand shall be free from clay or loam and all impurities. The cement to be of the best Portland cement and shall be in proportion of not less than one to one.

Guarantee-A five year guarantee will be required on all artificial work under city contract, said guarantee to be sustained by a good and satisfactory bond, to be approved by the mayor and council.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

Those who have Recognized Courage and Devotion.

LOUIE ROYCE FUND. Previously reported, \$4,266 34; Concert at Rushville, Neb., 10 50; Public schools of Grand Island and Hall Co., 137 14; Bluff City Typographical union, Council Bluffs, 11 00; Public schools of Columbus, Neb., 49 25.

Total, \$4,564 83.

LENA WOEBECKE FUND. Previously reported, \$1,429 24; Concert at Rushville, Neb., 10 50; Public schools Grand Island and Hall Co., Neb., 84 78; Maud and Maggie McBride, 5 01; Columbus, Neb., schools, 16 00.

Total, \$1,545 53.

ETTA SHATTUCK FUND. Previously reported, \$4,704 05; Grand Island and Hall county, Neb., public schools, 5 00.

Total, \$4,709 05.

MINNIE FREEMAN FUND. Previously reported, \$ 719 12; Total to date, \$ 102 88.

The "Bee" Fund. The present condition of the funds opened by the Bee is as follows:

Loie Royce fund, \$4,564 83; Lena Woebbecke fund, 1,545 53; Minnie Freeman fund, 719 12; Etta Shattuck fund, 4,709 05; Westphalen monument fund, 102 88.

Grand total, \$11,694 41.

The Rushville Concert. RUSHVILLE, Neb., Feb. 23.-To the Editor of the Bee: Enclosed find postoffice order for \$21, net proceeds of a concert given by the citizens of Rushville for the benefit of the storm sufferers, Miss Royce and Lena Woebbecke, to be equally shared by each.

On account of the night being quite stormy the attendance at the concert was not as good as we had hoped for.

G. E. HORTON.

Typographical Union No. 203. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 14.-To the Editor of the Bee: The members of Bluff City Typographical union desire to contribute to the fund for the benefit of Miss Royce, who was so badly frozen in your state last month.

We forward the enclosed to you, hoping you will assist us in getting the money (\$11.00) to its proper destination. Please find money order for \$11.00 enclosed.

J. E. COLLIER.

Public Schools. COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 24.-To the Editor of the Bee: Enclosed please find a check for \$65.25. You will please give Lena Woebbecke \$10 and the balance to the State National bank, Omaha, being the amount of contribution received to date from the Grand Island City and Hall county district schools.

Loie Royce fund, \$4 78; Lena Woebbecke fund, 5 00; Etta Shattuck fund, 5 00.

Total, \$21 76. I also enclose list of contributors.

GEO. A. MOHRENSTEGER.

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Total, \$6.00.

TEACHERS AND PUPILS OF GRAND ISLAND.

Dodge school, \$54.48; Howard school, 23.43; Wasserman school, 2.75; Platte school, 1.00; Evans school, 1.00.

Total, \$81.67.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, \$14.55; School district No. 19, 3.25; School district No. 7, 5.10; School district No. 29, 1.00; School district No. 35, 10.50; School district No. 22, 6.35; School district No. 20, 9.25; School district No. 3, 9.25; School district No. 58, 7.05; School district No. 18, 1.75; School district No. 48, 2.00; School district W. 1, 7.50; School district E. 1, 3.75; School district No. 29, 6.50; School district No. 48, 2.00; School district No. 57, 3.00; School district No. 47, 3.00; School district No. 45, 2.50; Wood River school, 5.35; W. P. Goodbaugh, 1.00; B. Brandt, H. Egan, K. K. K. K., 1.00; Miss Owens, 1.00; Mrs. Fred Hedde, 2.00; W. Scholey, 1.00; J. P. Miller, 1.00; A. J. Smith, post G. A. R., Doniphan, 5.00.

Grand total, \$216.92.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Frank Yates is on a visit to his Fremont friends.

M. Krone of Wood River, is in with three cars of cattle.

A severe cold has kept Marshal McCracken within doors for a day or two.

William Robt. & Co. of Plum Creek, had five cars of cattle on the market.

There were neither civil nor criminal cases before any of the South Omaha courts.

J. Sivers of C. H. Parmelee & Co., Cedar Creek, had three cars of cattle on the market.

Jack Hughes a packing house employe, had his hand badly cut and came over to Dr. Kirkpatrick for repairs.

John Link of Link Bros., is in from Millard with a car of hogs.

There are about fifteen candidates for the six vacant council chairs, and they all say they don't want to run.

Rosor has it that a friendly game of cards resulted in an unfriendly shooting scrape, in which one of the players received a flesh wound, last night. As the information did not come from the police, names are not given.

A departing guest left a dilapidated overcoat with the proprietor of the Delmonico saloon, in a deplorable state of messiness and danger. He didn't leave even a note, but the proprietor of the Reed house—he only left his room.

Hog buyers are disputing as to whether the packers season clean in the lot of pork or the lot of April this year. Some maintain that by a recent order of the Chicago board of trade the line had been extended until April 1. Who can tell?

Salvation Oil routs and banishes all bodily pain instantly, and costs only twenty-five cents a bottle.

"A bull in a china shop" is out of place, but a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in the china closet is in place. For cough, bronchitis, sore chests and colds it is a prompt and efficacious remedy.

HAS HE THE POWER? Some Excitement Over an Act of County Clerk Roche.

Legal and real estate clerks are somewhat worked up over an action of County Clerk Roche in receiving and recording a lease on a piece of real estate, and the question arises in what position the lessee would find himself if the lessor should be inclined to engage in a double deal. It is maintained that Mr. Roche exceeded his authority in accepting the lease, as it should have gone to the office of the registrar of deeds, where one with a naturally legal gift of it was to be examined.

Lawyers assert that Mr. Roche has no legal power to file matters concerning realty, his authority not extending beyond the registering of mesneadings.

The circumstance has brought out quite a legal point and one that will be settled either out delay, as a number of gentlemen interested in the real estate business are looking into the law.

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