SHALL WE HAVE THE BRIDGE?

Action of the County Commissioners on the Proposition.

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE

A Special Election to Be Held in December to Vote on the Question of Issuing Bonds.

The New Bridge.

The new bridge scheme was presented for the consideration of the county commissioners at an adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon, Messrs. John A. McShane, W. A. Paxton, J. H. Dumont, W. J. Connell and other parties interested in the project were present.

The proposition submitted was the same as appeared in THE BEE. This was accompanied by a petition requesting that the commissioners submit the proposition, as it would be of great advantage and benefit to the city of Omaha and the county. The petition was signed by ninety-five prominent citizens, among whom are the following: H. B. Wood, Luther Drake, Alfred Millard, A. P. Hopkins, W. I. Kierstead, George E. Barker, G. C. Ames, E. L. Bierbower, A. L. Strang, George P. Bemis, Kelley, Stiger & Co., N. B. Falconer, Milton Rogers, Mayor Broatch, D. M. Steele & Co., Lee, Clarke, Anderson Company, Kirkendall, Jones & Co., Kilpatrick, Koch & Co., Richardson Drug Company, A. D. Morse, C. S. Raymond, J. A. Fuller & Co., John Rush, Paxton, Gallagher & Co., E. Rosewater, P. L. Perine, W. G. Sariver, John L. McCague, L. H. Tower, Max Meyer & Bro., Dexter L. Thomas, Hugh G. Clark, John L. Webster, and W. J. Connell.

Commissioner O'Keeffe was in favor of the proposition, but wanted some clause incorporated providing that the depots and principal improvements of the company shall be built in Omaha.

Mr. Dumont, on behalf of the company, assured the commissioners that all of the members of the company were interested in Omaha, and did not propose to build up Council Bluffs, but Omaha, where the interests of the movers in the enterprise lie. The company, he said, was willing to incorporate a clause binding the company to make its principal improvements in Omaha. The company has a charter and proposes to expend a million dollars in a bridge, another million in real estate, and would build a depot suitable to accommodate all of the railroads desiring to enter Omaha.

After some discussion the commissioners withdrew to consult with County Attorney Mahoney upon the proposition.

After a short absence the commissioners returned and suggested some changes in the proposition, which were concurred in by the representatives of the railway company, and the proposition was submitted as follows:

OMAHA, Oct. 31.—To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, Nebraska—Gentlemen: The Nebraska Central Railway company proposes to build a double track steel railway bridge across the Missouri river, at some point yet to be selected, above the present bridges, and south of the north line of the city of Omaha, provided the county of Douglas will donate to the company $250,000 of 5 per cent twenty year bonds of the county, to be delivered to the company on the completion of the bridge ready for operation on or before June 22, 1892.

The bridge is proposed to be built under an act of congress entitled, "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Missouri river at or near the city of Omaha, Nebraska," approved June 22, 1888. And the act provides that the bridge shall be open to all railroad companies desiring to use the same, upon equal terms.

In case the construction of the bridge is not begun before the 15th day of June, 1890, or the bridge is not completed before the 22d day of June, 1892, the company shall not be entitled to receive any of said bonds, even though the proposition should be carried by vote of the electors.

And provided, further, that said bonds shall be delivered to the said Nebraska Central Railway company, its agents, successors or assigns, only upon the execution by said Nebraska Central Railway company, or its successors, and delivery to said county of Douglas, of an undertaking in writing to the effect that the principal depot of said railway company, its general offices and principal machine shops, when built, shall be located and maintained within the incorporate limits of the city of Omaha, Neb.; and that a violation of the terms of said undertaking by the said Nebraska Central Railway company, or its successors, shall render said Nebraska Central Railway company, or its successors, indebted to the said county of Douglas to the full amount of said bonds and the interest thereon.

By order of the board of directors.

NEBRASKA CENTRAL RAILWAY CO.,
J. H. DUMONT, Vice President.
GEORGE C. BARNUM, Secretary.

After reading and discussing the above, the following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Anderson, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the county of Douglas do hereby accept the proposition of the Nebraska Central Railway company dated October 31, 1889, and that the county of Douglas do hereby agree to issue and donate to said railway company the bonds mentioned in said proposition, upon the terms and conditions therein named, provided that the terms of such proposition be first submitted to the legal voters of said county and adopted by them according to law.

That a special election be, and the same is hereby called of the legal voters of Douglas county, Nebraska, on Tuesday, the 3d day of December, 1889, at which election the following questions shall be submitted to said voters and voted upon in the form and manner following:

Shall the county of Douglas, Nebraska, issue its coupon bonds to aid the Nebraska Central railway company in the construction of a railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha, Neb.; said bonds to amount to the sum of $250,000, to be issued in sums of $1,000 each; to be made payable to bearer; to be dated on the 1st day of January, 1891; to become due twenty years after the date thereof; to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July; each of which bonds to bear on its face the following words: "This bond is one of a series of two hundred and fifty like bonds which are issued by the county of Douglas, in the state of Nebraska, to aid the Nebraska Central railway company in the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha, Neb;" all of said bonds and the interest thereon to be payable at the fiscal agency of the state of Nebraska in the city of New York; to be delivered and donated to the Nebraska Central railway company when it shall have completed ready for operation a double-track steel railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha, Neb., and shall have executed the agreements contained in said proposition; provided, the same shall be commenced on or before June 15, 1890, and shall be finished ready for operation on or before June 22, 1892?

And shall an annual tax, in addition to the usual and all other taxes, be levied on the taxable property of Douglas county, Nebraska, sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as it becomes due; and at the time of levying the annual county taxes commencing the tenth year prior to the maturity of said bonds, shall a tax in addition to all other taxes be levied on the taxable property of Douglas county, and continued annually thereafter from year to year, until thereby a sinking fund shall have been created sufficient to pay said bonds at the maturity thereof?

The above questions shall be regarded as one entire question, and all legal voters of said Douglas county who desire to vote in favor of the issuance of said bonds and the levy of said taxes in payment of the principal and interest thereof, at said election, shall vote a ballot with said question printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, with the following additional words thereon: "Yes—For the Nebraska Central railway aid bonds and taxes." And all legal voters of said Douglas county who desire to vote against the issuance of said bonds and the levy of said taxes to pay the principal and interest thereof, at said election, shall vote a ballot with said question printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, with the following additional words thereon: "No—Against the Nebraska Central railway aid bonds and taxes."

A suitable number of ballots, both for and against said question, shall be prepared and distributed by the county clerk.

If two-thirds of all of said ballots voted by the said legal voters of said Douglas county at said election shall have thereon the following words, "Yes—For the Nebraska Central Railway Aid Bonds and Taxes," the foregoing proposition will have been adopted, and the said bonds shall be issued and the said taxes shall be levied, in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof; otherwise not.

Said election shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. upon said Tuesday the 3 day of December, 1889, and shall remain open until 6 o'clock of said day.

And that the county clerk be authorized and instructed to issue election notice in accordance with the above.

Then follows a list of the several polling places as specified in the last election proclamation issued by the commissioners.

Have You Registered?

This is the last day on which citizens may register for the election which takes place next Tuesday. The places of registration will remain open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Sleeplessness, nervous prostration, nervous dyspepsia, dullness, blues, cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Samples free at Kuhn & Co.'s, 15th and Douglas.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Union Pacific Officials Undergo the Expected Changes in Position.

The official changes, previously announced in THE BEE, took place at Union Pacific headquarters yesterday morning. As a consequence, several clerks were relieved of duty in Vice President Kimball's department. In all, five were affected by the change, but some were fortunate enough to secure positions in other departments.

T. M. Orr was hard at work at his desk as usual. He is no longer assistant to the general manager, but is yet in the employ of the company. It was reported that he had tendered his resignation, but this was merely a matter of form, inasmuch as the position of general manager was abolished, to take effect yesterday. This action also involved the abolition of the title of assistant to the general manager, consequently Mr. Orr labors no longer under that title, but is patiently awaiting future developments. While he may retire from the service of the company there is a possibility of his being persuaded to remain, and accept some other position.

Under the new state of affairs but a slight change will be made in the location of the offices. Vice President Kimball will occupy the room adjoining his present quarters, and the latter will be added to the compartments of Vice President Holcomb. General Manager Dickinson will occupy his old quarters, as will also General Traffic Manager Mellen, and General Purchasing Agent McKibben. The working force will be increased in the general traffic department owing to the large volume of business that will revert to that office on account of the change made in the form of making traffic reports. At least three clerks will be added to Mr. Mellen's staff.

WILL IT COLLAPSE?

The Vanderbilt Speculation a Death Blow to the Presidents' Combine.

Notwithstanding the denials that have been made concerning the probability of the inter-state railway association going to the wall, the opinion prevails here that the association will soon collapse. It is reported that the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern have withdrawn from the organization, but inquiry at the headquarters of the former road elicited a denial. A well-known official who has just returned from Chicago said: "To a man up a tree it would appear as though the association is destined to go to the wall. In Chicago, it is the general talk. As to the reported withdrawal of the Union Pacific, I actually believe, that if it has not already done so it will in a short time. On account of the coalition of that road and the Northwestern, there is no way out of it but for both roads to withdraw. They must either do this, or the rules of the association, if lived up to, will make the traffic agreement inoperative. There is no denying that the Inter-State Railway association is in bad shape, and its longevity is a serious question."

"In what respect does the traffic agreement infract the rules of the association?"

"Why, in every respect. Do you suppose that the roads are willing to bind themselves to maintain rates, and allow two of the members to gobble up the majority of the traffic, and especially a majority of the through business? The rules of the association explicitly state that there shall be no combinations formed of any, or between any of the roads entitled to membership, for the purpose of diverting traffic. If the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern did not have this object in view, wherefore did they enter into a close traffic agreement that amounts almost to a consolidation? It is useless for any one to enter a denial as to the purports of the agreement. We all understand it fully."

Must Issue Checks.

Superintendent Thompson, of the Burlington, has issued an order directing conductors, when a passenger desires to stop en route, to issue stop-over checks instead of making an indenture on the back of the ticket.

Omaha Bureau Organized.

The Omaha bureau of the Western Car Service association was organized yesterday morning with A. A. Jones as chief. The car service bureau is similar to the demurrage bureau, the principal points involved being the levying of a tariff on cars loaded and detained at the point of delivery. Under the rules taking effect yesterday the tariff on each car detained, after the first twenty-four hours, will be $1 per day for each day, and until the car shall have been unloaded and reported "empty." Mr. Jones has had charge of the demurrage bureau here for a considerable length of time, and states a great deal has been accomplished during that time. He will have several assistants and a strong clerical force.

Railroad Notes.

W. H. Ramseyer, master car builder of the Elkhorn, is in the city.

A. W. Dickinson, general superintendent of the Missouri Pacific, is in Omaha.

General Superintendent Hughes, of the Elkhorn, has returned from the east.

S. A. Teal, master mechanic of the Elkhorn at Missouri Valley, is in Omaha.

K. C. Morehouse, general freight agent of the Elkhorn, has returned from Chicago.

George Dorrington, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, has returned from a trip west.

C. M. Rathburn, superintendent of the western and central divisions of the Missouri Pacific, is in the city.

Piles! Piles! Piles!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure blind, bleeding and itching piles when other ointments have failed. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for piles and itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is warranted. Sold by druggists or sent by mail on receipt of price, 50c and $1. per box.

WILLIAMS' M'FG. CO., Prop's.
Cleveland, O.

A Festive Hack Driver.

Thomas Hart is a gay and festive hack driver. Last night Tommy accumulated a little jag and amused himself by running into the motor and a number of people. He did not do any particular harm, but it was not his fault. The police gathered him in and charged him with being drunk, reckless driving, being without his badge, not having a hack ordinance in his vehicle, and other little details too numerous to mention.

Wanted at Fort Logan.

Sheriff Smith, of Fort Logan, Col., is in the city after A. A. Conrad, who has been under arrest for several days. Conrad is wanted at Fort Logan for forgery and embezzlement, and $50 reward was offered for his arrest, which will go to enrich the coffers of Officer D. C. Rowden.

For Nervousness

Use Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. W. C. Hanscome, Minneapous, Minn., says: "I used it in a case of acute rheumatism, during convalescence; the particular symptoms I wished to relieve were sleeplessness and nervousness, and the results were all I desired."

APPRAISING FOR UNCLE SAM

Valuation of the Postoffice Site Set at $384,874.

LESSEES AND TENANTS, $12,245.

End of the Long-Drawn Out Anxiety as Regards the Valuation of the Site of the Future Pile.

The Appraisers' Report.

The postoffice appraisers have finally completed their report and it was filed with Skip Dundy, clerk of the United States district court, at 11 o'clock yesterday. The allowances made to owners of the real estate and such improvements as they have, are in round numbers as follows:

G. M. Hitchcock	$ 70,400
Union National Bank, n. ½ lo 1	66,080
Folsom estate, lots 2 and 7	54,200
Folsom estate, south 1-5 lot 8	24,100
Byron Reed, lot 5	34,088
Samuel R. Brown, n. ½ lot 8	33,618
Mary M. Reed, lot 6	27,750
William Flemming, s. ½ lot 1	21,168
United Presbyterian church	19,000
Dennis Cunningham, n. ½ s. 2-5 lot 8	17,669
Sarah E. King, ½ s. 3-5 lot 8	16,934
Total	$384,874

On nearly all these holdings there are incumbrances in the shape of mortgages, back taxes and unpaid interest.

John J. and Lucinda Monell have a mortgage claim against Hitchcock's holdings for $6,763.25 with interest due at the rate of 7 per cent from July 9, 1886. Hiram LaMonte also holds a $12,000 mortgage, and Douglas county comes in for $145.60 in taxes, while the city list shows a shortage there of $2,181.13.

The Union National bank is indebted to the county for $124.80 county taxes, $133 delinquent taxes and to the city for $428.91 city taxes.

On lots 2 and 7 the Folsom heirs are indbted to Douglas county for $135.20 county taxes, and to the city for $793.50 with interest from July 1 last. The incumbrance on their portion of lot 8 amounts to $107.86 city and $52 county taxes.

Byron Reed is held responsible for his 1889 taxes, $72.80. Mary M. Reed's only indebtedness is $52 county taxes.

Against the property of the United Presbyterian church is a mortgage of $6,000, with interest at 8 per cent, due from October 1, held by the Farmers' Loan and Trust company; also delinquent city taxes to the amount of $438.97, with interest from July 11, at 12 per cent.

Out of the valuation placed upon Dennis Cunningham's interest in lot 8, comes a judgment in favor of Ben B. Wood for $4,264.02, and taxes due Douglas county, $37.44.

Sarah B. Knight's allowance is subject to $37.44 county, and $46.20 city taxes.

The only qualification attached to Samuel R. Brown's claim, is that he shall pay his county taxes, amounting to $52.

William Flemming is down for a $6,000 mortgage to Edward S. De G. Tompkins, with interest at 7 per cent from July 1, $109 county and $214.80 city taxes.

The claims of tenants allowed are:

James H. McShane	$ 6,500.00
City of Omaha for taxes	4,494.83
Douglas county for taxes	951.20
James H. Curry	150.00
Yee Lee	150.00
C. D. Woodworth & Co	300.00
Charles Thompson	350.00
George Metzell	150.00
John Murphy	150.00
J. S. Brown and P. W. Hudson	250.00
A. Spigel	60.00
Harry Donn	100.00
Neise T. Patrick, et al	4,000.00
Ella Fisher	60.00
A. J. Potter	1,000.00
Total	$12,245.23

A few of the tenants who put in claims failed to draw a prize. Among these are Henry Kirby, Everett A. Archibald, J. R. Mander, Falconer, Gifford & McCullough, Benjamin T. Mills, Rachel Heman, Annie Foos, Elizabeth Norris, Ida Howard, J. J. Donahoe, Samuel S. Dickover, Henry Dona and F. H. McMannus.

Judge Dundy has issued an order that on Wednesday next, at 10 a. m., he will listen to the complaints of the property owners mentioned above.

Cushman's Mentho Inhaler cures catarrh, headache, neuralgia, asthma, hay fever. Trial free at your druggist. Price 50 cents.

Mortuary.

Mr. John H. Butler, the night watchman of THE BEE building, living at 2705 Davenport street, is mourning the loss of a son, aged fourteen years. The little fellow has been an invalid, and confined to the house for several years, being afflicted with dropsy. His death occurred last evening about 6 o'clock, and was not unexpected.

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Cook's extra dry champagne is made by natural fermentation of the pure juice of the grape. There is none better.

AMUSEMENTS.

For public appreciation and general enjoyment, "Norma" is, without doubt, the prettiest grand opera ever written. It is musical, melodious and charming from beginning to end, and just the kind of music that people of average inteligence can appreciate. This opera was produced for the first time in Omaha at Boyd's last night, with Emma Abbott, Lizzie Annandale, Myra Mirella, Signor A. Montergiffo, Richard Karl and H. Kennedy in the cast of principal characters, supported by the Abbott chorus, and proved to be the most artistic performance given during the present engagement. Miss Abbott, Miss Annandale and Montegriffo appeared to great advantage and sustained their respective roles in an entirely satisfactory manner. They seemed to realize that the occasion required extraordinary effort, and their work fully demonstrated that they are capable, both in vocal and dramatic ability, of meeting any demand made upon them. "Norma" is designated as a tragic opera, founded on a Roman story, into which is woven an interesting and strong plot. Having effected the subjugation of Gaul, the Romans made Pollio, a pro-consul, governor of the conquered province. He became enamored of an arch-druid's daughter and secretly married her, and two children were born to them. Subsequently Pollio transfers his affections to Adalyisa, a lovely princess of the temple of Irmineul, and attempts to have her fly with him, but is defeated in his scheme. These three parts were taken by Abbott, Montegriffo and Annandale. In addition to any musical strength or prominence that may attach to them, they admit of an abundance of dramatic enthusiasm, and these three artists supplied it to the complete satisfaction and edification of the audience, which, considering the very stormy and disagreeable weather, was large and representative. At no time has Miss Abbott been seen on an Omaha stage in a character that apparently suited the range, quality and beauty of her voice so perfectly as in the title role of "Norma." The loose fitting costume and long flowing hair gave her the appropriate tragical air, and the interjected demonstrations furnished all necessary effect needed to make a finished performance. In the first and second acts she gained her greatest vocal triumphs. The real gem of the evening was the duet, between Miss Abbott and Miss Annandale, in the second act, though the trio rendered by them and Montegriffo was well received. All the way through the opera Montegriffo acquitted himself nobly, and Miss Annandale was in fine voice. The chorus was very strong and pleasing.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething produces natural quiet sleep. 25 cents a bottle.

McSpadden Bound Over.

Henry McSpadden, who has been under arrest charged with arson, was tried in police court yesterday and bound over to the district court. James Buchanan, held on the charge of forgery, was discharged.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

The City Council.

The city marshal skirmished round all yesterday forenoon and by 1 o'clock got the members of the city council together. Messrs. C. M. Hunt and W. A. L. Gibbon protested against the assessment for paving N street, and the clerk was directed to advertise a meeting of the city council to sit Monday and Tuesday, November 11 and 12, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., as a board of equalization on the N street paving.

Special ordinance No. 11, for assessments for the Twenty-fourth street grading, was read the second time and a motion to suspend the rules and pass it finally, was lost.

An order on the interest fund for $9,150.50 for interest advanced on the bonds, and one on the general fund for $149.60 for forwarding $157,000 worth of bonds to New York, were ordered in favor of the Nebraska Savings bank.

Bids for laying sidewalks during the year were opened and read. J. N. Snider's bid, as follows, was accepted: Six-foot walk, 25½ cents; twelve-foot walk, 49½ cents; sixteen-foot walk, 63 cents, and twenty-foot walk, 78 cents. All walks to be of two-inch plank on 2x6 stringers, laid three feet apart.

The committee's report of awarding the paving bonds to John Dale, of Omaha, at a premium of $1,400, was adopted.

Policeman Michael Loye's resignation was accepted, and William M. Hughes was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Clerk Hoctor will notify G. H. Mack, of Omaha, that M street has been graded and that he must pay the costs thereof, $312.79.

The committee on viaducts, streets and alleys must notify the King Iron and Bridge company to close the Q street viaduct to travel till it be completed and accepted.

Marshal Maloney will notify the sidewalk contractor to build a sidewalk on the south side of Q street between Thirtieth and Thirty-third streets.

Y. M. C. A. Doings.

Secretary G. W. Jenner and Assistant Secretary C. E. Williamson, of Omaha, came down to attend the meeting held in Dr. W. H. Sleeough's office for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Christian association. The following plan was decided on: Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mr. Williamson will hold a public meeting in Hunt's opera house, and on the following Sunday at the same hour Mr. Jenner will hold another meeting. Mr. Jenner will next week canvass the city to raise funds to hire rooms suitable for an auditorium, with a capacity of at least one hundred and fifty, to put in both rooms a library and reading room and a gymnasium. A social will also be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the interest of the association, at a time to be fixed.

A Republican Rally.

The stormy night did not prevent the Hon. Richard Berlin, Moses P. O'Brien, George M. Helmrod, R. A. L. Dick, Joseph Southard and Michael Maul from coming down from Omaha to address the republican meeting at National hall, neither did it prevent the South Omaha republican war horses from attending. Captain John E. Hart was made chairman and E. O. Mayfield and L. C. Gibson secretaries of the meeting. The speakers made pleasing addresses and received liberal applause. The local republicans are quite enthusiastic in the campaign.

St. Agnes Fair.

On account of the exceedingly disagreeable weather the Rev. Father D. W. Moriarty has decided to continue the fair over till next week. All contests announced to be closed Friday evening, will be decided Saturday evening, and all others will be closed next week.

Notes About the City.

Sage Brothers will remove to Twenty-sixth and Q streets.

A special meeting of the Emonon will be held Monday evening.

The teachers and pupils have made a large, elegant flag for use in the schools.

Jonathan H. Johnson, of the force at Swift & Company's packing house is ill.

A Third ward democratic rally was held at Councilman John N. Burke's Emerald hotel last evening.

The new heating apparatus is being put in the Presbyterian church and will be ready for trial in a day or two.

The Independent Bohemian Political club will meet in National hall, Twenty-fourth and L streets, Saturday evening.

Ticket 20,371 held by John C. Walters and 21,253 held by C. A. Melcher and tickets Nos. 20,348, 21,432, 21,129, 21,101, 21,431, 20,798 and 21,127 drew prizes at Sobotker's October drawing.

Born—A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore T. Dakin, of Albright. Mrs. Dakin and child are doing well, visiting her parents at Nebraska City, while Mr. Dakin is receiving the congratulation of Albright friends.

William Slater, aged seventy-six, died at his residence Twentieth and N streets and was buried yesterday afternoon in Laurel Hill cemetery. The religious services were held at 2 o'clock. Mr. Slater was father to Mrs. B. Burnhart of this city and Mrs. Cunningham of Hastings.

An Absolute Cure.

The ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT is only put up in large two-ounce tin boxes, and is an absolute cure for old sores, burns, wounds, chapped hands, and all skin eruptions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles. Ask for the ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT. Sold by Goodman Drug company at 25 cents per box—by mail 30 cents.

FOOD FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT.

The Whites and Blacks in the South Growing Apart.

The Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickinson, the editor of the Religious Herald of this city, says a Richmond dispatch to the Baltimore Sun, one of the most widely circulated religious papers in the south, says: "I have within a few months been over much of the state, attended large Baptist meetings and have had favorable opportunities for ascertaining the facts as to the relations of the races. And I may say that I have never known a more profound interest manifested in anything than that felt as to the result of the contest now pending. The two races are growing apart more and more. The colored people are more distrustful of the whites day by day, and the whites are becoming more exasperated at the massing of the colored vote against them whenever an election comes off. Over and over of late I have heard solid old Virginians say things which indicate how intensely they feel on this subject. Here and there I have heard a man whom I have known for long years, and from whose lips I have never before known an indiscreet word to fall, affirm that his patience was all gone, and that now he was ready for almost any measure which might teach the colored people of Virginia that they can never rule the old state. To this end many are withdrawing from the colored schools any appropriations except those raised by taxes on their own property. That, of course, would practically break up their schools, as you know that the negroes pay only about one-fourth of the amount their schools cost the commonwealth. For one, I am opposed to all extreme measures. The Virginia whites ought to seek in every way possible to gain influence over the colored people—influence by which we may guide them in the best way as to everything that comes up, and we ought not to be discouraged, but to persevere in well doing. I asked an intelligent colored man if he knew of a single instance in the state of Verginia in which any white man was dealing unjustly by a negro because of his color. He replied, after a little reflection: 'I do not know of a single case of the kind.' Certainly, I do not know of any such case. The trouble comes largely from bad men, white and colored, who, for political reasons, seek to stir up strife between the races. They are the wretches who are at the bottom of all this trouble in the south."

THE COUNTY BOARDING HOUSE

Coburn Has Received Nearly $50,000 for Running It.

HIS TWO DEBTS TO DOUGLAS.

Some Interesting Facts Relating to the Finances of the Shrievalty Which Coburn Dislikes to Lose.

Coburn's Plum.

The following is a statement of the amounts received by William Coburn, sheriff, for feeding prisoners for the years 1883, 1887 and 1888, at 50 cents per day for city prisoners for 1886 and 1887, and 35 cents per day for 1888:

By Whom Paid.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Douglas Co	$ 11,286 75	$ 14,997 25	$ 8,672 95
Sarpy Co	393 00	259 00	516 00
U. S. Gov't	1,307 50	1,332 80	1,463 90
Transient	77 00	39 00	24 00
Total	$ 12,964 25	$ 16,628 05	$10,675 85

Grand total for three year, $40,268.25.

The sheriff receives 25 cents a day for bread and water prisoners, 70 cents per day for the feeding and boarding of United States government prisoners, and $1 per day for each prisoner from outside counties that is cared for. During his term of office he has never paid the county any part of the fees received for the care of any prisoner not belonging to Douglas county. The county commissioners estimate that it costs 25½ cents a day for each prisoner kept to keep up the expenses of the jail, jailers' salaries, fuel, light, bedding, repairs, etc. If Mr. Conurn were required to pay the county this amount for each prisoner he has cared for at 70 cents or $1 a day, he would have to hand over $1,791.88, for during the three years he has kept 342 transient prisoners, a total of 7,027 days.

The matter over which the county has a suit against the sheriff is to recover from him $2,702, paid by him as bailiffs' fees to men who were already employed by him as deputies at a salary.

The amounts were for the years:

1886	$1,374
1887	1,328
Total	$2,702

An examination of the sheriff's accounts also shows a deficit of $1,150.54, for fees allowed him by law, which he has not reported to the commissioners as collected.

Have You Registered?

This is the last day on which citizens may register for the election which takes place next Tuesday. The places of registration will remain open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Upon a fair trial I find Salvation Oil the best cure for rheumatism I have ever known. It gives relief more quickly, and always does its work.

JOSHUA ZIMMERMAN, Wetheredville, Md.

Chronic coughers are bores to the community and should be compelled to use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

A RUSSIAN CHAIN-GANG.

Pen Picture of a Not Infrequent Scene in the Czar's Dominion.

What's the matter here?" asked I, finding a considerable crowd assembled around the long, low front of the great eastern depot at Moscow, the starting point of the railway that connects Russia's old capital with the famous commercial center of Nijni-Novgorod, on the upper Volga, writes David Ker, in Harper's.

"Some fellows going along the Vladmir road," said a passer-by carelessly.

I shivered involuntarily at the words, which are a proverbial phase in Russia for transportation to Siberia, the manufacturing town of Vladimir standing on the great eastern highway; which is the most direct route to the penal settlements. But before I had time to reply, a peculiar clinking sound—only too familiar to my ear from my visits to countless prisons in all parts of the world—told me that the chain-gang was at hand; and in another moment the crowd parted like water cleft by the prow of a ship, and the dismal procession came filing through it.

It was a strange spectacle, and not without a certain gloomy picturesqueness of its own, sad and heartsickening though it was. Most of the prisoners had the sullen dogged look of the hardened social outlaw, who wages a lifelong war against society, neither giving nor expecting mercy. In the sunken eyes of the others lurked the half-cowed, half-frenzied glare of the trapped beast of prey, as they kept glancing stealthily but ceaselessly around them, bent upon attempting an escape, or upon some other venture more desperate still, if they could but find a fit moment and a ready weapon.

I noticed one white-haired old man, very poorly dressed, whose haggard face, hollow eyes and bowed attitude of utter despondency showed that he had reached the lowest depths of misery where hope ceased to exist, and all that can be wished or expected is a lessened measure of wickedness. Behind him came several young lads—evidently professional criminals, with a whole life-time of viciousness and guilt branded on their beardless faces, which had barely outgrown the years of boyhood. These strove to assume an air of swaggering and reckless defiance; but the poor pretense imposed upon no one, and least of all upon the stalwart soldiers, who marched beside them, who, knowing well what real courage is, looked down with just contempt on this miserable affectation of it.

Almost at the end of the gloomy file came the figure of a woman, still young, whose face, wasted and deformed though it was by vice and misery, still bore manifest traces of former beauty. The hardness and heaviness of the lower features—a characteristic defect with nearly all women of Slavonian race—contrasted startingly with the unnatural brilliancy of her wonderful eyes, which kept glancing around with a fierce restlessness that reminded me of the look which I had once seen in the eyes of a snared wolf.

"What has she done?" inquired I of one of the guards.

"Murdered her child," said the man quite coolly, and I asked him no more.

Suddenly there broke from the crowd a voice as sharp and full of agony as the cry of a sleep-walker suddenly awakened. "Ach, Meesha! Meesha!" (Oh! Michael! my Michael!).

Framed in the darkness of the prison-car doorway stood a solitary form, the last of that doomed band, taking his farewell look of the world he was leaving. The face was that of a young man, and though white and shrunken as the face of a corpse, it had in it a nameless something which showed him to be far above the foul creatures with whom it was now his doom to live forever.

At the cry he turned his head, and I had just caught a passing glimpse of a young girl in the crowd—she, perhaps, for whose sake he had plunged into crime—stretching out her arms to him despairingly, when the whistle sounded its warning scream. I had barely time to spring into my own car when the fatal door shut upon its prisoner with a dull thud, like the falling of a coffin lid. There came a long, grinding creak and off went the train with its dismal freight. I looked out; the girl was gone, but I could see far in the distance two gray-coated "gorodoviye" (constables) carrying away a motionless figure between them.

AMONG MEXICAN BANDITS.

A Robber Makes His Escape While Shackled to a Corpse.

About a week has elapsed since three bandits attacked a diligence in the state of Vera Cruz, says the San Francisco Examiner. Among its passengers were a number of Americans. The driver, at the command of the highwaymen, who were backed by three revolvers which fully covered him, brought his horses to a standstill. He was made to dismount, and in the usual style was made to stand at one side of the roadway with his hands pointing heavenward. The passengers were then requested to step out of the coach and fall in line with the driver. One of the Americans was one of the first to obey the mandate of the hold-ups. He, however, on dismounting, did not leave his Winchester behind, and had hardly touched mother earth when he commenced to dump cold lead into the highwaymen with a skill that put them to flight.

The day following this episode, and in the same vicinity, the identical gang tackled that stage again. They succeeded in relieving the passengers, who were all Mexicans, of everything of value on their persons and left them doing duty in line with their hands above their heads. Flushed with the success that had attended their exploits, the highwaymen had not gone far before they fell in with two mule drivers, and at the point of the revolver proceeded to despoil them of everything they had packed upon their animals. One of the mule drivers, not relishing the treatment, remonstrated, and he felt a victim to the wrath of the hold-ups. He was tied, thrown to the ground and his nose buried in the sand. His companion kept a discreet silence during the disposition of his goods and was not molested.

For some reason or other after the robbers had completed their work one of them remained behind. The mule driver who had kept quiet said to him:

"Yo teconosco."

"Well, I will fix you so you won't know me," replied the highwayman, and he pulled his revolver and commenced shooting at the driver, who kept dodging until the shots in the revolver had been exhausted. He then fell upon the hold-up with a rock, saying to him:

"Yo me toca, a mi." (Now it is my turn.)

The first blow with the missile knocked the skin off the robbers face. They then grappled and fell to the earth, pelting each other without mercy. During the struggle the other driver managed to free himself from the ropes with which he had been tied, and with a rock in hand fell upon the bleeding highwayman, beating him to a jelly. The two victorious drivers then took their prize and tied him to one of the animals and escorted him to an adjoining hamlet, where he was shackled to another prisoner. By some means or other the two men effected their escape from the room in which they were confined. A posse went in pursuit, and a running fire was opened. The man shackled to the highwayman was killed by one of the shots. He was now picked up by the gamey robber, who made good his escape, notwithstanding the burden that he was carrying.

Two or three days afterward, about three miles from where the fight occurred, the body of the man who was shackled to the hold-up was found in a hut with his leg cut off, but the robber was gone. The highwayman, who was recognized in the hamlet, is known as a very desperate character. A detachment of rurales are now scouring the country for the purpose of putting a stop further robberies.

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