

General Nebraska News.

NEWSY STATE BRIEFS.

Shubert had a \$40,000 fire loss.
Bicycle thieves have been operating in Fremont.

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The Dodge county teachers' institute started with an attendance of 130.

William Lenhart, an employe of the Dempster plant in Beatrice, had his left foot badly burned by molten metal.

An eight-year-old son of Walter Rowlett, living south of Norfolk was severely injured by a kick from a horse. His skull was fractured, it is thought.

Constable J. W. Grimes of Beatrice received the appointment of deputy fish and game warden of Gage, Saline and Jefferson counties from Governor Mickey.

The Virginia Telephone company, Gage county, filed articles of incorporation; capital stock, \$1,000; incorporators, John A. Dobbs, W. H. Stambaugh, Joel A. Dobbs, William Holm, W. J. Kiser, Joseph Mangus and G. A. Erickson.

At Fremont Lieutenant Rex Henry was elected to succeed W. R. Brooks as captain of the signal corps, the latter having been transferred to the First regiment as commissary and acting adjutant. Second Lieutenant F. H. Richards was elected first lieutenant.

A brief was filed in the supreme court wherein George W. Leidigh, former warden of the penitentiary, wants the decision of the lower court reversed. The case was one where an employe of the ex-warden sued for wages, alleging that he had been hired for \$1,000 a year to handle ice, and that while he worked three years he failed to get all that was coming to him.

Anna Knuth has filed a petition in the district court at Fremont for a divorce from her husband on account of cruelty. The family came to this country from Germany a year ago. When Mrs. Knuth went to Fremont to consult a lawyer she left her 6-month-old baby with her mother, who lives near her. While she was away her husband went to the house and stole the child.

Cyrus Chamberlain, a farmer living two miles north of Herman, went to town and loaded up with booze. He started home and got as far as the railroad crossing, where he stopped his team just in time to have both mules killed. No. 5 passenger on the St. Paul had the honor of clearing the crossing. Mr. Chamberlain came out safely, with the loss of his hat and somewhat sobered up. Value of the mules, \$250.

A strange woman, who gave her name as Lillie Thompson, and who claimed that her home was at Belleville, Kas., occupied the attention of the Beatrice police recently. The woman claimed that she was looking for work. She went to the different restaurants and hotels telling her tale of woe and begging for something to eat. She ate five meals in the space of four hours and the general impression is that she is of unsound mind.

Valentine Tomjask, 98 years of age, a Poleander who came from Bois, Ill., to Nebraska alone in search of his three sons, Thomas, Antoine and Mike, has succeeded in finding two of them. The names of the towns Union and Ewing, Cass county, sounding somewhat similar caused the old man to be sent to Union, in Cass county. Instead of Ewing, in Holt county, where two sons reside and own farms. He was sent transportation and has gone to them.

D. B. McMahon and W. E. Harvey of Madison county and Lawyer P. E. McKillip of Humphrey, Platte county, have filed a brief in the suit which they have brought to the supreme court to escape payment of a fine of \$25 each administered in Boone county in an action brought against them by Game Warden McConnell. On the 17th of February last they were convicted in Boone county for having five prairie chickens unlawfully in their possession.

Willie Koons, 12 years old, lost his life in an elevator by being smothered by wheat.

The dwelling house of Mike Lieberman who resides in the east part of Beatrice, was struck by lightning during a thunder storm and badly damaged. The family were slightly shocked, but soon recovered. It seems a miracle that none of them were injured.

The James Cole farm, northeast of Beatrice, was sold for \$45 per acre. There is a large demand at present for good farms and values are increasing steadily, as the demand far exceeds the supply.

The State Board of Health held a special meeting for the purpose of hearing the case of Dr. C. W. Downs of Omaha, charged with unprofessional conduct in that it is alleged that the doctor circulated pamphlets and circulars the contents of which would tend to lower rather than to raise the morals of humanity. His case was continued.

The first day's attendance of the Audubon chautauqua was highly satisfactory and indications are for success throughout.

FEATURES OF THE STATE FAIR

Cresceus Day Expected to be a Record Breaker at the Show.

The coming of Cresceus to the state fair this year will be the event in the attraction line, and will make on the day that he trots against his record a day in attendance and interest and enthusiasm equal to the J. I. C. day at the fair some fifteen years ago.

Every big day at the fair each year since the time that J. I. C. trotted has been compared with that date, but nothing has ever equalled the attendance on the day when that widely advertised horse trotted. This year the record of attendance of the J. I. C. day will be broken, on the day that Cresceus goes against his record. He is the fastest trotter in the world, holding the world's record, and to secure him for a day at the Nebraska state fair this year was getting an attraction that thousands and thousands of people over the state will appreciate and approve by their attendance.

Lovers of the races should remember also that the state fair management this year has increased the purses for running, trotting and pacing to double the amount of a year ago. In other words this year \$8,000 is devoted to the speed ring, besides the additional thousand dollars it takes to bring Cresceus here. This large amount of money hung up in purses will bring the largest number of good horses to the fair that ever have been gathered at one time in the history of the exposition. It means that every one of the five days commencing with Monday and ending with Friday will have three strong races and occasionally an extra race thrown in for good measure. There will not be a day of the fair when the speed ring will not be especially attractive and interesting.

It was demonstrated a year ago by the attendance at the races that the people appreciated good horses and that they were ready to patronize that feature of the fair. This year the board of managers propose to give the public who enjoy this feature the best entertainment every day ever given in the state, and there need be no doubt but that the attendance at the fair this year will be the greatest in its history.

PASTOR DIES AT ASSEMBLY

Sudden Death of Rev. E. J. Davies of Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH—News of the very sudden death of Rev. E. J. Davies, for four years pastor of the Tecumseh Presbyterian church, was received in Tecumseh.

Rev. Davies was spending his vacation in Indiana, his family having remained at home. The message, which came from Winona Lake, where he was attending an assembly, contained no particulars, merely stating that Rev. Davies had died very suddenly. He leaves a wife, son and three daughters.

Orleans' Big Fair.

ORLEANS, Neb.—Bills are on for what promises to be a big event in southern Nebraska. A combination of the regular county fair, Old Settlers' annual reunion and street fair is to be held at Orleans August 26 to 28.

Hedge Bound Over.

SEWARD—Jesse W. Hedge, the young man recently brought back from Scandia, Kan., charged with getting a forged check for \$45 cashed at the Jones' National bank has his preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court in bonds of \$500. He failed to give bonds and was returned to jail. A farmer named Whitehack went to the bank to identify Hedge and the bank people asked Whitehack to endorse the checks, which he did.

Bridge Lumber Scarce.

PLATTSMOUTH—Since the heavy rain last week, which washed out many bridges in this county, the commissioners have been confronted with the problem of how to secure the necessary material to make the repairs. Oak lumber, which is used for floor and stringers, cannot be procured. Some which was ordered from three to five months ago has not arrived.

Trapped a Burglar.

AUDUBON.—Mrs. Sherlock, who resides in the eastern part of town, was awakened by someone trying to remove the screen to one of the windows of the house. Her husband, who is a railroad brakeman, was away from home on a trip, and there being no man at the house she slipped to the phone, muffled the bell, and telephoned for help, the intruder being arrested.

Thrashing Retarded.

SEWARD—The recent frequent heavy rains have retarded thrashing and stacking grain and much of the grain in shock has been considerably damaged.

Young Woman Files Charges.

OSCEOLA—George Lowe has been arrested on complaint of Miss Pauline Sutka who charges him with being the father of her child.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—There was rather a light run of cattle and the general market could be quoted fairly active and steady to strong on all desirable grades of killers. There were only a few cars of corn-fed cattle on sale, and the steers commanded steady to strong prices. As high as \$3.30 was paid. The better grades were all in good demand, and could be quoted strong, and even the less desirable kinds sold at fully steady prices. The cow market did not show much change. Buyers took hold fairly well, and everything was disposed of at just about steady prices. The prices paid looked about steady with the close of last week, the decline of the early part of the week having been regained. But for the late arrivals an early clearance would have been made. Bulls, veal calves and stags have been selling in just about the same notches all the week. There were practically no stock cattle on sale at the opening of the market, but several cars came in late. Western grass beef steers were very scarce, but in view of the limited supply of corn-feds the market could safely be quoted strong on anything at all desirable. The market for the week is also a little stronger. Range cows sold about steady, and stock cattle were certainly no more than steady.

HOGS—There was a small run of hogs and as the local as well as the shipping demand was in good shape, the market opened fully a nickel higher. The advance applies to both light and heavy weights. The heavy hogs sold largely from \$3.10 to \$3.20, medium weights from \$3.20 to \$3.30 and light from \$3.30 to \$3.50. The top price was paid for a very fancy lot, and while they sold higher than yesterday's top they were better than anything offered on yesterday's market. Trading was not very brisk today, as packers were slow to pay the advance, but still the bulk was disposed of in fairly good season.

SHEEP—Quotations for grass stock: Good to choice lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; fair to good lambs, \$4.25 to \$4.75; good to choice yearlings, \$3.00 to \$3.50; fair to good yearlings, \$2.50 to \$3.00; good to choice wethers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; fair to good wethers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; good to choice ewes, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fair to good ewes, \$1.50 to \$2.00; feeder lambs, \$1.50 to \$2.00; feeder yearlings, \$1.50 to \$2.00; feeder wethers, \$1.00 to \$1.50; feeder ewes, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Corn fed cattle active; strong; wintered westerns higher; quarantine stuff strong; common light dull; stockers and feeders slow; cows steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; fair to good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; western fed steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; Texas cows, \$1.50 to \$2.00; native hogs, \$2.00 to \$2.50; Texas clipped sheep, \$2.00 to \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

HOGS—Market 50c to 1c higher; top, \$3.50; bulk of sales, \$3.40 to \$3.50; heavy, \$3.20 to \$3.30; mixed packers, \$3.00 to \$3.10; light, \$2.80 to \$2.90; yorkers, \$3.00 to \$3.10; pigs, \$2.50 to \$2.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market strong and active; native lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Arkanasas, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Texas and Indian yearlings, \$2.50 to \$3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

JAPAN HAS EYE ON THE CUP

Navy Commander Says His Country Will Get It.

NEW YORK.—If Lieutenant Commander Isam Takehira of the imperial Japanese navy can carry out his plans, Japan will have a yacht in the next contest for the American cup. The commander, who came here to see the struggle between Shamrock III and Reliance, declared he would interest financial men in his country to prepare at once for the building of a racer to enter the next international races.

"We can build just as fine a boat as either America or England," he said, "and you may be sure that at the next international yacht races you will see the flag of Japan flying on the winner."

BRITONS GIVE UP ALL HOPE

Don't Expect Shamrock to Win in Any Sort of Weather.

LONDON.—All the press comment here on the Shamrock III's performance evidences the growing conviction that she is incapable of reconquering the America's cup under any weather conditions. The afternoon paper's claim that Friday's abortive race showed nothing of the respective merits of the two boats, but they admit that the performance of the challenger did not fulfill the expectations of her behavior in a light wind, and say that Captain Barr seems to have shown smarter seamanship.

In the Nation's Strong Box.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$231,626,663; gold, \$101,824,128.

Wants \$30,000 for Boy's Death.

SIoux CITY, Ia.—Ed C. Williams, a live stock commission merchant, has sued the Sioux City Gas & Electric company and the Sioux City Traction company for \$30,000 damages for the death of his little son, Carl, who on July 5 was killed by a live wire. The death of the boy was most tragic. The little fellow had gone out on a vacant lot to gather flowers, and came in contact with a live wire.

Chews Dynamite and Dies.

EL PASO, Tex.—The body of an unidentified man was found north of the city on Friday. He had committed suicide by biting a piece of dynamite which he had wrapped in his handkerchief. His head was blown into fragments. Near the corpse was found a copy of a Los Angeles paper, but there was nothing that served to identify the remains. The clothing on the corpse had been purchased in San Francisco.

BLACK IS CHOSEN.

Selected as Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief—General John C. Black of Illinois.
Senior Vice Commander—Colonel C. Mason Keene of California.
Junior Vice Commander—Colonel Harry C. Kessler of Montana.
Surgeon-in-Chief—George A. Harmon of Ohio.
Chaplain-in-Chief—Winfield Scott, Arizona.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Grand Army of the Republic Thursday selected Boston as the place in which the encampment of 1904 will be held and elected officers.

The only contest was over chaplain, for which two ballots were taken. On the first ballot Bros of Nebraska received 286 votes, Scott of Arizona, 305, and Bradford of Washington, 356. Bradford withdrew and Scott was elected on the second ballot.

Boston and Denver were the only places named for the next place of meeting. Before the ballot had proceeded far it became apparent that Denver had no chance and it was withdrawn. Boston was selected by acclamation.

The remaining officers will be chosen Friday and the committee on resolutions will report. It is expected that the encampment will be adjourned at noon Friday.

During the afternoon a reception under the auspices of the Press club was held at Mark Hopkins Institute of Art. In the evening there was a reunion and dog watch by the naval reserve which during the day had paid a visit to the Mare Island navy yard. The commander-in-chief was received by the Ladies of the Grand Army in Union Square hall and the Woman's Relief Corps, department of Massachusetts, held a reunion in Golden Gate hall. All the social functions were well attended.

The trip across the continent proved too much for one of the veterans, and the convention heard the sad news Thursday that Samuel Birch, a member of Boser Post, No. 379, Arcanum, O., was dying at a local hospital.

The medical department reports the health of the veterans as good as ever since their arrival only sixty-five cases being under treatment, all of a trivial character.

SESSION IS OVER.

Attendants at G. A. R. Meeting Strike Camp.

SAN FRANCISCO—The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic closed its thirty-seventh annual session Friday afternoon, after a protracted morning meeting. The newly elected officers, with the exception of Junior Vice Commander Kessler, who is now on his way from the Philippines, were installed.

The following appointments were announced by Commander-in-Chief Black:

Adjutant General—C. W. Partridge of Illinois.

Quartermaster—Major Charles Burrows of New Jersey, reappointed.

Judge Advocate General—James Tanner of New York.

Inspector General—E. B. Wessen of Iowa.

Council of Administration—Nebraska, Andrew Traynor; Alabama, M. D. Wickersham; Arizona, George Atkinson; Arkansas, A. A. Whissan; California and Nevada, A. V. Barrett; Colorado and Wyoming, U. S. Hollister; Connecticut, A. C. Hendricks; Delaware, Samuel Worrell; Florida, Chas. Donovan; Georgia, G. A. Sumnerford; Idaho, George M. Parsons; Illinois, F. B. Scott; Indiana, H. A. Root; Indian Territory, James Redfield; Kansas, T. H. Conley; Kentucky, Jacob Selbert; Louisiana and Mississippi, C. S. Shute; Maine, Louis Weibinz; Maryland, R. S. Sunstrom; Massachusetts, J. W. S. Harsey; Michigan, E. B. Fontenot; Minnesota, L. W. Collins; Missouri, J. T. ew; Montana, S. H. Hansell; New Hampshire, I. H. Foster; New Mexico, John R. McPhe; New York, James Owens; North Dakota, S. K. McGinnis; Ohio, A. A. Taylor; Oklahoma, A. W. Taylor; Oregon, W. M. Ingram; Pennsylvania, Thomas C. Sample; Potomac, B. F. Entreen; Rhode Island, J. T. Lenyon; South Dakota, A. B. Nelson; Tennessee, N. Hacker; Texas, R. M. Moore; Utah, W. W. Bostaph; Vermont, A. C. Brown; Virginia and Ington and Alaska, S. W. Clark; West Virginia, G. B. Woodcock; Wisconsin, Philip Cheek; Iowa, S. C. James.

Death of John Ellsler.

NEW YORK.—John Ellsler, father of Effie Ellsler, the actress, and himself a veteran actor and theatrical manager, died of heart disease at his home here, aged 82.

In Chinese Famine District.

LONDON.—According to mail advices from Hong Kong, missionaries returning from the famine district in Kwangsi province, south China, report that conditions there improved. The harvest had commenced and the free distribution of cereals had ceased in many places early in July. It was expected that necessity for further distribution of food would disappear entirely in a few weeks.

Advocates Evangelical Sermons.

WARSAW, Ind.—Evangelical sermons in preference to lectures on questions of the day were advocated for the pulpit Sunday by Rev. Robert F. Coyle, moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, who preached at the bible conference. He spoke of the evangelical spirit which pervades the Presbyterian and other churches all over the world. The general topic was "Home and Foreign Missions."



Won Aug. 22, 1851, at Cowes, Eng., by yacht America at the Royal Yacht Club Squadron, open to all nations, beating the cutters Volante, 48 tons; Arrow, 84 tons; Alarm, 198 tons; Mona, 82 tons; Bacchante, 80 tons; Freak, 60 tons; Eclipse, 59 tons; and schooners Beatrice, 161 tons; Wyvern, 205 tons; Gene, 75 tons; Constance, 218 tons; Lipey Queen, 160 tons; Brilliant, 392 tons. The schooner America was of 170 tons, in command of Commodore John C. Stevens, and built by George Steers in New York in 1851 for Mr. Stevens, George L. Schuyler, Hamilton Wilkes, J. Beckman Flinlay and Edwin A. Stevens. The cup was presented to the New York Yacht Club as a perpetual challenge cup for all nations, and has been sailed for eleven times, beginning in 1870, and won each time by the American boats. The results of the various races were:

1870.

Oct. 8.—Over New York Yacht Club inside course—Mr. James Asbury's schooner yacht Cambria, representing the Royal Thames Yacht club, beaten in the following order by schooner yachts: Magis, Idler, Silvie, America, Dauntless, Nadgie, Phantom, Alice, Halcyon. Time—3:53.21.

1871.

Oct. 16.—Franklin Osgood's schooner yacht Columbia beat James Asbury's schooner yacht Livonia over New York Yacht Club inside course by 27 minutes 48 seconds, in 6:19.41.

Oct. 18.—Columbia beat Livonia over outside course by 10 minutes 32 seconds, in 3:07.41.

Oct. 19.—Livonia beat Columbia over inside course by 15 minutes 10 seconds, in 3:53.05.

Oct. 21.—W. P. Douglas' schooner yacht Sappho beat Livonia over outside course by 30 minutes 21 seconds, in 5:39.02.

Oct. 23.—Sappho beat Livonia over inside course by 25 minutes 27 seconds, in 4:46.17.

1876.

Aug. 11.—J. S. Dickerson's schooner yacht Madeline beat Charles Gifford's schooner Countess of Dufferin of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto over the inside course by 10 minutes 59 seconds in 5:23.54.

Aug. 12.—Madeline beat Countess of Dufferin over the outside course by 27 minutes 14 seconds, in 7:18.46.

1881.

Nov. 9.—J. R. Busk's sloop Mischief

beat Capt. Alexander Cuthbert's sloop Atalanta of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club of Canada over the inside course by 26 minutes 29 seconds, in 4:17.09.

Nov. 10.—Mischief beat Atalanta over the outside course, sixteen miles to leeward and return, by 38 minutes 54 seconds, in 4:54.53.

1885.

Sept. 14.—Eastern Yacht Club syndicate's sloop Puritan beat Sir Richard Sutton's sloop Genesta of the Royal Yacht Squadron of England over the inside course by 16 minutes 19 seconds, in 6:08.14.

Sept. 16.—Puritan beat Genesta over the outside course 20 miles to leeward and return by 1 minute 38 seconds, in 5:03.14.

1885.

Sept. 9.—Gen Charles J. Paine's sloop Mayflower beat Lieut. William Henna's Galatea of the Royal Northern Yacht Club of England over the inside course by 12 minutes 2 seconds, in 5:26.41.

Sept. 11.—Mayflower beat Galatea over the outside course, twenty miles to leeward and return, by 29 minutes 9 seconds, in 6:49.00.

1887.

Sept. 27.—Gen. C. J. Paine's sloop Volunteer beat James Bell syndicate's sloop Thistle of the Royal Clyde Yacht club of Scotland over the inside course by 19m. 23s. in 4:53.18.

Sept. 30.—Volunteer beat Thistle over the outside course, twenty miles to leeward and return, by 11m. 48s. in 5:42.56.

1893.

Oct. 7.—C. Oliver Iselin's syndicate sloop Vigilant beat Lord Dunraven's sloop Valkyrie, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 5m. 48s. in 4:05.47.

Oct. 9.—Vigilant beat Valkyrie over a triangular course, outside, ten miles to a leg, by 10m. 36s. in 3:25.01.

Oct. 13.—Vigilant beat Valkyrie, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 40s. in 3:24.39.

1895.

Sept. 7.—W. K. Vanderbilt's syndicate's sloop Defender beat Lord Dunraven's sloop Valkyrie III, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 8m. 49s. in 4:59.55.

Sept. 10.—Defender beat Valkyrie III on a foul, the latter sailing the triangular course of thirty miles in 3:55.09.

Sept. 12.—Defender sailed over the

fifteen miles to windward and return in 4:43.43, Valkyrie III withdrawing. 1899.

Oct. 16.—J. Pierpont Morgan's syndicate's sloop Columbia beat Sir Thomas Lipton's sloop Shamrock of the Royal Ulster Yacht club of Belfast, Ireland, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 10 minutes 3 seconds, in 4:53.53.

Oct. 17.—Columbia beat Shamrock over thirty miles, triangular course, in 3:37.00. Shamrock withdrawing with broken topmast.

Oct. 20.—Columbia beat Shamrock, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 6 minutes 34 seconds, in 3:38.09. 1901.

Sept. 28.—Columbia beat Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock III, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 1 minute 20 seconds, in 4:30.24.

Oct. 2.—Columbia beat Shamrock II, over a thirty mile triangular course, by 3 minutes 35 seconds, in 3:12.35.

Oct. 4.—Columbia beat Shamrock II, fifteen miles to leeward and return, by 41 seconds, in 4:32.57.

CHANGE OF COURSES.

At first the race was sailed over the inside course of the New York Yacht Club, starting in the Narrows and rounding the Sandy Hook lightship. Then an outside course was added, and then after the races with big sloops had been sailed twice, the courses were made all outside, and last three in five contests. In all the contests for the cup there have been two serious quarrels, which could possibly have been avoided had wise counsels prevailed; all the rest were as they should be. The first was with James Asbury on his second visit. He came over in 1870 with Cambria, and was beaten in the single race, but made a good impression and when he came back in the following year with Livonia and tried some sharp practice he was promptly sat upon by the New York Yacht club, and it was several years before the trouble blew over and another challenge was issued.

The next discussion occurred when Lord Dunraven came over with Valkyrie III, two years after he had been beaten with Valkyrie I.

A man's ashes soon smother the light of his fame.

Hackett as Alexander.

James K. Hackett and his wife, Mary Manning, have returned from their six weeks in London and Paris, and are making ready for the season's work, one item of which, for Mr. Hackett will be the personation of no less a character than Alexander the Great, whom Pope called "Macedonia's madman," in a play by Victor Mapes, of which he gave copyright performance in London. Mr. Hackett aims at versatility, sure enough; his leading piece will be "John Ermine of the Yellowstone," in which he has the title role, a Wild West hero.

Strong Man of the Senate.

Senator Keams of Idaho is the strongest man in the United States senate and can easily floor any colleague with a single blow from his ponderous fist. In the early days of Idaho, when nearly everyone carried a pistol, the future senator refused to arm himself, and although he was frequently involved in altercations was never known to come out second best. A single blow from his good right hand was sufficient to send his adversary to grass.

Whistler and Disraeli.

Whistler once came very near to painting a portrait of Disraeli. He had the commission; he even went down to the country where Disraeli was; but the great man did not manage to get into the mood. Whistler went away disappointed, and shortly afterward took place a meeting in Whitehall which was the occasion of a well known story. Disraeli put his arm in Whistler's for a little way on the street, bringing from the artist the exclamation: "If only my credit or could see!"