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The Epwarth league of the Broadway of E. church will entertain a social at the home of L. W. Tulley, Thursday evening, August

The Sunday school of the Fifth avenue Methodist church will picuic in Fairmount Unity Guild will meet in regular session

tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o clock with Mrs. Roberts on Voorbis street. A social will be given this evening at the residence of L. W. Tulleys on Park avenue, under the suspices of the Epworth league of the First Methodist church.

The return game of ball will be played be-tween the Council Bluffs lawyers and the Papillion farmers a week from next Friday afternoon at Papillion.

Regular meeting of Ivanhoe commandery Knights Tempiar No. 17 this evening. In-stallation of officers. A full attendance is desired. By order of the Eminent Comman-Edward J. Robeson commenced an attach-

ment suit in superior court vesterday after noon against Peter J. Smith for \$121.49, allegng that the defendant has left the state and is now a non-resident. About thirty young people of the First Battist church met night before last and proceeded to the residence of the pastor, Rev. L. A. Hall, whom they surprised by calling

on him unexpectedly. The evening was spent very pleasantly by all. The fire department was called out yesterday morning at 20 clock to extinguish a blaze at the house of one Peterson, on Fourth avenue between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-

fifth streets. The house was the property of Guy C. Baston of Omaha. It was almost entirely destroyed. There will be a social tomorrow evening at the Fifth avenue Methodist church, for the the Fifth avenue Methodist charch, for the benefit of the pastor, under the auspices of the ladies' society. Supper will be served, including ice cream, for 25 cents. A phono-graph, and the colored quartette will be among the attractions. Prof. Rutter, a

musician of great ability, will also be presen and furnish a part of the programme. and furnish a part of the programme.

The following officers were elected by Calanthe assembly No. 1, Pythian Sister-hood, at their inst meeting: P. C., Mrs. O. Younkerman; C. C., Mrs. F. Lushaw; V. C., Mrs. E. J. Mottaz; prelate, Mrs. D. J. Gates: M. of E., Mrs. J. L. Smith; K. of R. & S., Mrs. C. A. Simpson; M. A., Mrs. J. Wesley, assistant M. A., Mrs. A. F. Meyers; inner guard, Mrs. E. J. Abbott; outer guard, Mrs. R. H. Carter; mystic one, Miss Hulda Lushaw.

Lushaw. Willie Mason, the boy who was arrested late Tuesday night on a charge of stealing a watch belonging to Emma Joseph, was found guilty in police court yesterday morning, and sentenced to a term of thirty days in the county jail. H. F. Hattenhauer was fined \$5.60 for driving over the fire hose. Ole Peterson was fined \$10.10 for drunkenness. The case of Ed Fegley, charged with committing assault on his wife with intent to do great bodily in large was continued. great bodily injury, was continued.

Constable Evans invaded the residence of J. M. Shea, on Twenty-first street, near the corner of Fifth avenue, vesterday, armed with a search warrant, and levied upon the household goods to pay a bill of \$75 for the corner the good to pay a bill of \$75 for the corner to be set rent, the claim being held by S. Stillman. For several months Shea has not lived in the b being held by but had locked the door and gone away Boits and bars were nowhere, however, and the door was broken in and the goods takes by virtue of a chattle mortgage.

Deputy City Clerk Hubbard and a couple of deputy marshals were busy all day yester-day making out informations to be filed against the saloonkeepers of Council Bluffs, in accordance with the usual monthly programme. Under the new ordinance which was passed by the city council a couple of weeks ago, the offence with which they will here after be charged is disturbing the peace, and a lot of new blank informations have been printed specially for the purpose. All technical difficulties will be avoided, it is said, by the new system, and there will be no more danger of future prosecutions of city officials for conniving at the fracture of the prohibi

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Greatest on Record.

The ten days' clearing sale at the Boston store, Council Bluffs, Ia., is the greatest sale of dry goods ever held in the west, of course when one stops to think for a moment the reasons of success are plain, everything is always to be found at the Boston store just as advertised and even a little better. This sale is a wonder in itself, every article in the store being sold at actual cost price for ten days, something never heard of before in the history the dry goods trade, from card of hooks and eyes to the finest silk dress patterns you will find a reduction on. This may seem like a story to a great many newspaper readers, but to all patrons of the Boston Store the above are known to be facts Reader, if you are not a patron of the Boston Store, Council Biuffs, Ia., delay no longer, make hay while the sur This great sale only lasts a few days longer. Monday, August 10, is the last day. Come early. Come one, come all before the choicest bargains are BOSTON STORE, Fotheringham, Whitelaw & Co.

Council Bluffs, Ia.

PELSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Colonel J. S. Tam of Stuart was in the city yesterday. Vernie and Ethel Witter are in Woodbine

James Hereld and wife are spending a few Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Granam left for Oko-

on a vacation

Mrs. W. A. Maurer and son are visiting friends in Illinois. Hon. Spencer Smith returned Tuesday

from a trip to Spirit Lake. Miss Margaret Britton has gone to Wamego, Kan., to visit friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirscht left yesterday for

a couple of weeks' stay at Colfax Mrs. C. A. Dobinson, Mrs. Jennie Mac-Connell and Miss Annie Burke have gone to Eureka Springs, Kan., to spend a month. L. F. Potter of Oakland, yesterday, started on an extended western trip, intending to visit various point of interest on the Pacific

John G. Lowry and wife of Pennsylvania are visiting here a few day the guest of their nephew J. M. Gursier. They express special surprise and admiration at fluding such builds as the Grand hotel and the Baldwin

The C. M. & St. P. ticket office has been removed from 506 Broadway into the elegant new quarters in the new

Baldwin block, 5 Pearl street. Union Park races, Omaha and Council Bluffs, September 8-11, \$6,500; October 20-22, \$4,000. For programmes address Nat Brown, Merchants hotel,

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Enterprising Citizens Arranging to Secure the Smelting Works.

COMPANY OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING.

Omaha's Gigantic Industry Finds Many Ridders in Other Cities --What the Capitalists Think About the Matter.

The intelligence that the Omaha smeiting works may passiniv be moved from Omaha in the near future, has set Council Bluffs capitalists on the alert for developments, and an effort is to be made to have them located on this side of the river, in case it is the intention of the owners to move them at all. Some regard Mr. Barton's statements as more of a bluff than anything else, while others are of the opinion that he means what he says. At all events it can do no harm to investigate, so certain representatives of the board of trade have been detailed to investigate. A conference will be nad this afterneon with Mr. Barton and the results of this conference will decide the future policy of the board.

A prominent member of the board of trade

said vesterday. "Ir Barton wants to move his smelting works I am sure \$200,000 can be raised among Council Bluffs business men to offer as an inducement. The land which the works now occupy is very valuable, and in all probability t could be sold for enough to enable the change to be made without loss, and there might be an actual gain. If we can get the works here it will be the biggest thing we have ever had. It is hardly likely that Omaha will let them go without a struggle, but there can be no harm in trying, even if we get

took a ride over the western part of the city in company with J. W. Paul with a view to in company with J. W. Paul with a view to finding out what resources Council Bluffs has with respect to locations for the smelting works. Mr. Paul has offered him a tract of forty acres in the northwestern part of the city, and Leonard Everett has offered one of eighty acres just west of the Union Pacific bridge approach. Two prominent citizens have announced their willingness to subscribe \$5.000 each toward a willingness to subscribe \$5,000 each toward a bonus to induce the company to move its works to this side of the river, and it is certain that if all the company wants is encouragement it can have it by the cart load.

Mr. Barton was in the city yesterday and

Don't wear a heavy, ill-fitting suit when you can get elegant summer suits at eastern prices at Reiter's, the tailor, 310 Broadway.

Those Appealed Cases.

The article published in yesterday's BEE in regard the Maher-Carroll case raised a stiff breeze in certain quarters, and promises to produce good results.

County Attorney Organ very naturally protests against some of the statements made by one of the city officials in discusing the As he has been very vigorous and successful in the prosecution of cases placed in his hands, any intimation or insinuation to the contrary very naturally appears as a gross injustice. He challenges investigation of the records to substantiate the fact that the failures to convict, if such these be, are due to no fault in his office, and the cause must be sought else where. In some criminal cases much trouble has been caused by the absence of prose-cuting witnesses, and other cases have fallen by the way before reaching his office, but Mr. Organ is content to rest upon the record as a complete justification of his actions as prosecuting attorney. This record is re-ferred to as a complete refutation of the claim that dozens of such cases have been dismissed in the district court by the county ittorney. An examination was made into the records

yesterday, which showed that not a case had been entered on the criminal docket of the district court on an appeal from the superior court for over a year and a half. It is a well own fact that there have been notices of appeal given in numerous cases, and the fact that none of them materialized ted to an investigation. It is learned that Colonel R. C. Hubbard has been simply following the exambeen simply following the example set him by his predecessors, and has failed to certify the cases up to the district court when appealed. This fallure was not willful, but resulted from a mistaken idea of his duty. He considered it to the city's ad vantage to have the cases settled in the lower court, and so he didn't think it was his business to see that the proper preliminaries were gone through with to insure the cases coming up for trial at the proper time in the

was the business of the criminal himself to look after that, he thought, and if he failed to do so within a reasonable time, the city had the power to bring proceedings for the satisfaction of the judgment already against him. The criminals have never taken the pains to see that they were given a second trial, and the city has never taken the pains to see that they suffered the original penuity, and the result has been that in these cases no punishment has followed conviction As a result of the airing which this subject has had, there will be a large number o criminal suits certified up to the district court, and all these fellows who have been running at lagre while their appeal bonds lay rotting in the city clerk's safe, will be called upon to serve their terms according to the sentences that were passed upon them or to forfeit their appeal bond. In either case it will cause a rattling among the dry bones. County Attorney Organ is exonerated from all responsibility in the mat-ter and the blame seems to rest upon a sort of general misunderstanding. It will not be so easy hereafter for convicted criminals to escape the results of their wrong doings by taking an appeal.

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Swanson music company, 335 Broad-

Getting at Assets. It is almost impossible to get an accurate

or detailed statement concerning the financial condition of the Kimball-Champ investment company. Assignee Robrer is very reticent, and declines making any statement until he completes his inventory. It is learned from other sources that there are notes and bonds to a large amount in the hands of eastern agents and not in the possession of the assignce. There are others in judgment or in the hands of agents and at-torneys in Nebraska or put up as collateral. These notes and mortgages will probably amount to \$85,000, which is not in the nands of the assignee. Then there are notes and bills on band, overdue paper, coupons paid by the company to protect its guarantees, stocks and bonds, tax certificates, furniture and fixtures, representing a face value of probably \$117,000. In addition there are items of real estate, sheriff deeds and heriff certificates, which will amount to pe haps \$100,000. It is predicted that the fixed liabilities will not exceed \$100,000. The contingent liabilities are the guaranteed mortgages and cannot be estimated. Much of the paper sent for collection and bearing the guarantee of the com-pany they paid. Over \$0,000 of such paper has been paid within a few days, so that it appears the loans are much better than many feared they would prove.

The above facts are believed to be approxi-mately correct, being gathered from those well versed in the financial circles in which the investment company has been so prom

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Parallel of Cut Off.

J. R. McPherson of Red Oak, one of the shining legal lights of the state, was in the city yesterday afternoon closeted with Attorney General Stone. The subject of the conference-was a lawsuit in which he is retained as attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway company and which is

now pending in the district court of Fremont county. A thousand acres of land near Ne-braska City are involved in the controversy, and the points are substantially the same as those in the Cut-Off Island case. land which is the subject of the dis-pute was formerly in Nebraska, but by a change in the bed of the M'ssouri river, it was thrown on this side of the stream. Burlington has been using the land transferred as its own property for several years, and its right to do so has never been questioned until the bringing of the present suit. The suit is one between private individuals, but it is property for the property of the property o able that Attorney General Stone will mence another in which the boundary be-tween the states at the same point will be the subject of controversy.

Question of Criminal Law. Attorney General Stone rendered a derision yesterday on a matter presented to him by G. W. Lister, county attorney or Osceola county. The question was as follows: When a man is charged with a crime, waives examination, is neld to bail, is released and goes out of the state, can he be sent for and procured by request of his bail! Is he a fugitive from justice before his bond is forfeited! The reply of the attorney general is, in substance, that the criminal ought to be extradited at the criminal ought to be extradited at the request of his bail. He may be given up at any time by his bail, and may be rearrested at any time on request. If he leaves the state he renders it impossi-ble for him to be given up on demand of his benusman, and has therefore a fugitive from justice as soon as his bondsman announces his intention of giving him up.

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Hurt by a Freight Car.

A tramp attempted to board an outgoing freight train last evening at 6:15 o'clock, but missed his footing and was thrown to the ground with great force. He was picked up, but a great deal of telephoning back and forth was done between the depot and the police station, to find out where he should be taken. He was finally carried to the Women's Christian association hospital. His injuries were not serious. He gave his name as John Maloney, and was on his way to South Omaha, where he was going to get work.

Picnic at Manhattan beach, Round trip tickets from Omaha, including boat ride, 50c; on sale at news stands at Millard and Murray hotels.

Hilditch is All Right.

To the Editor of THE BEE: In the Issue of August 4 I see the announcement that I had mmenced a suit against F. Hilditch to collect his poll-tax. I wish to say that Mr. Hill ditch was not the person who was intended to be sued. He is a man of unquestionable char-acter and he showed his honesty by settling this claim without any trouble. A. J. MCLAHEN, Poll-tax Collector.

Candlelight Social.

There will be a novel entertainment this evening, August 6, in the par-lors of the First Presbyterian church in the shape of a candlelight social under the auspices of the King's Daughters. Among the attractions will be a fine musical programme, which will include vocal selections by Miss Kate Pusey, Mr. Porall and Mr. Officer, a piano solo by Miss Laura Couch, music by the Mandolin club and others. Ices will be served during the evening. A good time is assured all who attend. The proceeds will be devoted to furnishing a room in the Woman's Christian Temperance union hospital.

Driesbach's pavilion band will give a free concert at Fairmont park this evening.

WYOMING MINE CONVENTION. Object of the Gathering to be Held

in Septemb 'r. C. G. Coutant, secretary of the state board of mines of Wyoming, arrived in this city last evening from Cheyenne to consult with the railroad officials of this city in regard to rates for the Wyoming mining convention which will be held at Chevenne September 7 to 12 Mr. Coutant says that great preparations are made to make the convention a suc from every mining camp in the state. The already famous Gold Hill camp will make a fine showing, as well as Atlantic City, Bald Mountain, Silver Crown and many other localities. The object of the convention is to make known the resources of the state as regards its minerals and to take such action as will result in the early development of the many rich mines that have been discovered. The people of Wy-oming invite capital to come to them and offer in return the best they have in gold, silver, copper, coal, iron, oil or other min-erals. These people, Mr. Coutant says, are looking for Omaha to take a more active in terest in the new state of Wyoming. The have the wealth of an empire in their moun tains and their population is rapidly increas ing. The trade of that section must either come to Omaha or go to Denver. It is a question which city will secure it.

Hebrews Cannot Pe-Enter Russia LONDON Aug. 5 .- The Times correspondent at Berlin says: A most pertinent illustration of the falsity of the reported statements that the czar had decided to alleviate the condition of the Jews on the repre sentations from America which have never been made is found in a Warsaw telegram which declares that the Russian frontier officials have been instructed to strictly fo bid and prevent so far as possible the return of all Jewish emigrants who wish to re-ente Russia of their own free will or are forced to do so by Germany or other foreign officials. All petitions under this head are to b ignored and unanswered.

Attempted Suicide by Morphine. Ollie Stanton, a fallen woman living at 82 Dodge street, grew despondent last evening and took a dose of morphine with suicidal in tent. It was a half hour or so afterwards that the inmates of the house became awar of her condition. Officer Walker was called and hastily summoned Dr. Sloman, who worked hard for several hours to save his patient. About 10 o'clock the physician said that the woman's chances of life were reason ably fair and that she would probably live

Blazing Wall Paper.

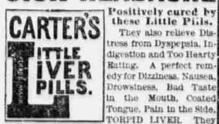
F. Lehmann's wall paper establishment. 1818 South Sixteenth street, was discovered to be on fire about 2 o'clock this morning. An alarm was pulled in from box 28 and the down town department responded. Leh-man had only a small stock on hand an i car-ried an insurance of \$300. Mrs. Emma Volander, who lived next door, owned to

Mr. Dobbs in Limbo.

The loss is only about double that

Robert Dobbs, the colored pug wno made such a game fight with Aaron Sherroy at South Omaha some three weeks since, was arrested at Lincoln Tuesday on a requisition from the governor of Colorado, charged with violating the statutes of that state by engag ze fight near Pueblo last May for

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WIND AND (LOUDS

The Platte Marksmen Contest Against Them at Bellevue. The third day of the competitive rifle

practice of the solulers of the department of the Platte, at Bellevue, yesterday was characterized by cloudy saies in the morning and strong winds in the afternoon. These did not conduce to good shooting and yet the men took a great deal of pains to overcome these elemental disturbances, Notwithstanding, the scores did not attain the figures anticipated but, all things considered, they are as creditable as could have been expected. The score is as follows: THE SCORE.

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Prvt. Davidson.G. leth	101	127	10	150	
Corp. Draney, D. 19th	169	116	15	445	-
Sgt. Mayer, to lith	170	110	161	443	- 3
Corp. Chrenters, 2d	167	107	107	431	- 2
Peyt Hill Gith	120	114	135	4700	- 7
Corp. Wilson, A. 16th	169	97	164	2:00	
Prvt. HIII. G.7th Corp. Wilson, A. 18th Prvt. Jensen, E. 7th Corp. Merrill, F. 17th	150	110	152	427	- 3
Corp. Merrill, F, 17th.	1904	104	155	427	
	156	1.19	150	425	- 10
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	138	91	164	110	15
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Corp. Snell, C.2d	158	91	157	406	2
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Sgt. Black C. 21st	140	104	182	3590	22
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Corp. Kiley, F. 10th.	100	72	154	1000	25
Prvi Wray, H. 2d.	157	- 11	154	263	180
Corp. Furge, B. 17th	143	93	148	384	730
Corp. Smith. F. 8th	132	72	168	381	- 347
Corp. Palmer, H. sth	157	82	144	383	115
Corp. Casey, C. 7th	161	79	125	383	-78
Corp. Palmer, H. 8th	156	.04	132	382	1
Corp. Dickson, D. 7th Prvt. Hertzell, F. 7th	140	91 91	151	377	18
Prvt Russell 2nd	150	18	138	373	17
Set Shirlock A. 21st	156	128	143	361	33
Sgt. Shirlock, A. 21st Sgt. Merrill, E. 8th	135	82	149	1900	130
Pret Todd, H. 2181	197	88	1.50	365	4
Ident. Jones, 8th.	139	50	138	37/35	- 6
Sgt Campbell E. 10th	140)	55	360	\$60	- 47
Sgt Pearson, F. 71st	1312	84	141	1139	- 4
Corp. Morrison, E. Tist Prvt. Buchanan, B. Tist	151	130	138	353	4
Prvt Tillman, A. 7th	157	523	118	344	- 4
Prvt. Annable, G. 21st	141	50	140	340	4
Lt. Butts 21st	124	80	126	2330	4
Lt. Butts, 21st	145	53	129	1945	43
I'rvi Brann, B. Sin	1.175	51	119	318	24
Prvt. Thomas, D. 2d	129	64	114	307	- 5
Corp. Engell, D. 8th	148	24	1119	261	3
Sgl. Mc onley, B. (11)	100	71	st'k	si'k	-
DISTINGUISHED MARKSMEN	100	74	157	397	20:
Sgt. Elwell, C 2nd	196	86	159	411	150
Corp. Lloyd, G. 2nd Corp. Holen, C. 7th	102	91	171	424	104
Sgt. Davis, B. 16th	154	106	130	429	- 7
1st Sgt. Deitz, F. 17th	167	97	163	127	19

lead with respect to the number of men nov having a fair chance to secure a place upon the department team. On Tuesday, the regiment had five men among the first ten, but yesterday it dropped one, Corporal Laughlin, who fell to the eleventh place. Lieuten-ant Chynowith also fell a few files, taking the tenth place, while Corporal Wilson of the Sixteenth jumped up to the seventh from the eleventh place.

The Sixteenth now has three men among

the leading ten and some of its members say that today, which will decide the fight, will see four men on the team. They also take pride in the fact that while the Seventeenth is numerically stronger in the team the marksmen of the Sixteenth have scored more points than have those of the Seventeenth. The contest between these rivals today will be warm and interesting and in it the tinguished marksmen" of both regiments will take a hand. Corporal Ohrenbury still represents the Second among the ten leaders having on yes-

terday jumped up a couple of files from seventh to fifth place.

Privates Jensen and Hill still hold their places among the leaders in behalf of the

Today the competition will be brought to a close by grand skirmish firing, both in the morning and afternoon. The shooting in the morning begins at 8 o'clock and in the afternoon at 1 o'clock. The last shot will be fired about 3:30 o'clock. The scores will then be added and afterward the medals will be pre sented to the ten soldiers who have earned places on the department team.

The presentation will be made by Colonel M. V. Sheridan, adjutant general of the de-partment. Incidental to this act an interest.

ing programme set forth in an order issued terday, will be carried out. The band of the Second infantry at Fort Omaha will be in For the accommodation of those who de

sire to witness the closing of the skirmish firing, as also the presentation, a special train on the B. & M. will leave the union depot at 1 p. m. today for the range. It will return after the exercises. The fare for the round trip is only 35 cents. The public will be

EX-PRISONERS MEET.

They Discuss Increased Pensions-Other Veterans' Organizations. DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 5.-The national convention of ex-prisoners of war met in this city today. Mayor Pingree, an ex-prisoner, welcomed the ex-prisoners to the city.

President E. H. Williams of Indianapolis read his address. He urged the importance of the claim of ex-prisoners to increased pen sions on the attention of the members. Ex-Senator T. M. Palmer, president of the

world's fair, presided at the picnic this afternoor. After a brief address of welcome to the assembled veterans, Senator Palmer in troduced the following gentlemen, all o whom made speeches during the course of the afternoon: Mayor Pingree of Detroit Congessman A. P. Allen, Ypsilanti: Gen eral Henderson of Iowa; General Alger, Sen ator Manderson of Nebraska; General Miles and Chaplam-in-Chief Loser.

This evening a grand display of fireworks arranged by H. B. Thearl & Co., took place on the lower end of Belle Isie. The display ended with a representation of Perry's vic tory on Lake Erie.

The maimed soldier league held a re union in this city today, several hun-dred members being in attendance, Every soldier of the war who lost an arm or le belong to the league. There are 8,000 members in all and Isaac R. Martindell of Phila delphia, the president, presided at today's meeting. The meeting was purely a socia one and was devoted to reminiscences and a discussion of the pension rate,

"Silent Army" Transacts Business. DETROIT Mich., Aug. 5 .- A national con vention which has not had its parallel in the history of nations met in this city today. It was the annual convention of the "Silent Army," While there was no shouting, no pounding on the table, no oratorical speeches and no cheering, a great deal of business was

It was the first reunion of the silent army of deaf and dumb soldiers, sailors and marines. The silent army decided to lay the matter of its pension claims before the pension committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, but the principal object of the re-union was to give these men a chance to get some social enjoyment out of an affair that would be very uninteresting to them under ordinary circumstances. Hardly one in ten is able to do anything for his own support and yet the pension rate for total deafness is less than one half what it is for the loss of both arms or boths keps. An effort will be made for larger pensions for total deafness. The national association of naval veterans elected officers today. Baltimore was se-lected as the place of meeting next year, the week preceding the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Washington.

Color Question Creates Useussion. DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 5 .- The race quesion still remains unsolved but will be settled by the encampment tomorrow. The whole matter is temperarily in the hands of the special committee appointed today and it is understood tonight that a majority of this committee will oppose the relegation of the colored comrales to separate departments.

The leading Grand Army of the Republic men of Leuisana and Mississippi still insist the Grand Army of the Republic, so far as the whites are opened and the whites are concerned, will go to pieces it the south unless this is done; while on the other hand, Ex-Congressman Smalls of South Carolina, Colonel Lewis of Louisiana and

other leading colored men say they will tear off the badges and forever renounce the Grand Army of the Republic unless the

colored comrades in every state are admitted to full membership without race dis-

tinction or social isolation.

CHECKMATING THE SHARKS.

They Can No Longer Rob Claimants of the Government.

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Men who have had claims against the gov ernment and employed professional agents to represent them before the departments in Washington, tell strange stories of tricks and rascality to which they were subjected at the hands of these merciless creatures There are of course, some honest men among these agents; but there are so many that are notoriously corrupt, that it is almost impossible for a claimant, unless he be directed by a well-informed individual, to find one in whom he can place implicit confidence.

THE BEE has received hundreds of complaints from soldiers and others who had advanced money when so desired and who waited for years and yet failed to receive any information as regards what the sharks had done with either money or claim. The Benhas also been requested to recom

mend reliable agent a nd has, in this wa served to protect the people from fraud an robbery. But that did no good to the people who had fallen into the hands of sharks. As rapidly as the latter were snown up, new ones with new tricks and rascality took their

There was but one means left and that was to establish a great bureau of claims. This idea was suggested to a number of people but was put into practice first by the San Franisco Examiner.
With the Examiner, The Ber has co-opera

ted n the great work of affording relief to

worthy claimants.

The Washington correspondent of the Examiner, Mr. John Wedderburn, who has also cted as private secretary to Senator Hearst, was detailed to organize and take charge of the bureau. His long service in Washington in both these capacities had given him a large acquaintance with government officials and government methods. Knowing the men and the proper procedure to follow, he was thosen as well qualified to push claims chrough in the shortest time if they were

The best lawyers to be had were then emgaged and a full clerical force put into the bureau. In every instance the men were chosen for their knowledge of the work to be Congress was not less anxious to protect

claimants from robbery. The same kind of comptaints had come to THE BEE and gone to the members of congress as well. The com mittees that had the Indian depredations bill under consideration investigated the operations of the claim agents and attorneys in connection with the Indian depredations claims. They found that the claim agents had demanded 33½ to 50 per cent from the men holding the claims, and in hundreds of cases held contracts at these figures. While the bill was still in congress, with little ap parent chance of passage, they were able, by methods dangerously near the line of false pretenses, to induce the claimants to sign the exorbitant demands.

There appeared to be only one way to pro

teer the claimants. That was to cancel all contracts by law and limit the fees that attorneys might collect. The claimants would thus be enabled to choose another agent if the one they had first engaged had attempted to defraud them, and the contracts could not demand more than the specified rate.

The ninth section of the one was thus drawn to annul "all sales, transfers or assignments of claims" and "all contracts here-tofore made." The maximum fee to be al-lowed was put at 15 per cent of the amount collected except in case of claims under \$500 or where unusual work had to be done, when 20 per cent might be allowed. The amount of business received imme

diately after the opening of the bureau is a proof of the confidence in which the people hold it and of the distrust which the ordi nary claim agent has aroused. In the six weeks, from April 1 to May 15, claims to the amount of \$4,905,341.65% were filed with the bureau on account of Indian depredation claims alone. All these go to the court o claims under the act and are in various stages of preparation and prosecution. Be sides the claims under the Indian depredasides the claims under the Indian depreda-tion act there had been filed at that date treasury claims to the amount of \$23,604; French spoilation claims to the amount of \$285,883; land claims, \$289,350; and patent and other claims to a large amount. Since that date some \$2,000,000 of claims have been filed with the bureau, and it is now attending over \$5,000,000 of claims.

The need for the bureau may well be seen

by the fact that it now has on hand more claims than all of the claim attorneys of Washington combined. The efforts of congress and the establishment of the bureau was not appreciated by the claim agents. They wanted to continue to thrive in their business of fleecing the needy claimant. They accordingly denounced the government and the bureau. They held that the former could not cancel the contract they had made with their victims. But the cancellation was made in the interest and name of the people. And it need not be doubted that the eminent constitutional lawyears who framed the act in question did not do so without knowing what they were doing. The threats of the sharks undoubtedly had ar effect upon some men who desired to make new contracts and secure the services of some other attorney, but this effect will

the claimant from the tyranny of the shark will be complete. The amount of money that will be saved to the people by this work of THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS, may not be calculated. It will certainly be very great. The work will be done as near actual cost as possible. Some of it will not cost more than 5 per cent, whil much of it can be done within the 15 and 20 per cent allowed by law. In some cases the 20 per cent may be required. It is the intention, however, to give the claimant the bene fit of the lowest charges that will cover the

soon be destroyed and the emancipation of

expenses of the service. THE BEE BUREAU will prosecute claims in the supreme court of the United States, the court of claims, the several courts of the Dis trict of Columbia, before the committees of congress and the executive departments. It will secure the payment of just Indian depre dation claims, land claims, pension claims, mining pre-emption and homestead cases and obtain patents at minimum cost and the

There are thousands yet who are entitled to pensions. These should write immedi-ately to the bureau. There are thousands of heirs, widows, minor children, dependent mothers, fathers and minor dependents prothers and sisters who are entitled to sions and should write to The Bee bureau oncerning them. Under recent legislation a liberal increase in pensions has been allowed and those who are entitled to this should write to THE BER Bureau Claim associatio All letters will be promptly answered and all information concerning form of applica tions for claims, terms, etc., will be withas little delay as practicable. No letter will be answered unless the sender encloses



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Claims Work. During the past month the Examiner-Bus ureau of claims has been in receipt of a number of letters from clients enclosing threatening and argumentative circulars from attorneys formerly employed, and asking if the assertions therein made were true. The said clients are parties who, having been previously robbed by claim agents, eagerly grasped the opportunity for relief by trans ferring their cases to this bureau when congress opened the door by annulling previous contracts. Now, the aforesaid claim agent cormorants, fearing they may be balked of the prey they have so long entangled in their meshes, have begun to flood the country with circular letters in which they constantly harp on two themes, viz.: That congress has no power to annul private contracts, and that their powers of attorney are irrevocable because coupled with an interest, namely, contingent fee.

contingent fee.

We do not propose at the present time to advertise the names of these parties who now masquerade under the cognomen of attorneys, though strongly tempted to give them the celebrity their quasi-literary-legal endeavors so richly merit. One in particular decorras special researching. deserves special recognition, by a mandlir communication of eight pages in which he umbles useless facts with fanciful theories garbles indicial decisions, and so inextricably entangles his words that in many instances the closing part of his sentences have no ap parent connection with the beginning.

To any one versed in the law of the land

such idiotic letters are a matter only of ridi-cule and amusement. But when we consider that the average claimant in the west is nec essarily ignorant of the law governing the prosecution of claims in the city of Washing ton, we are prone to treat the matter more eriously.
The question of extent to which congress may go in its interference with private con tracts, is undoubtedly one on which some of the most eminent legal minds have differed and it were easy to write a volume on either side. However, the philosophical and political arguments pro and con are something with which we at present have no concern

We confine ourselves to the cold, hard logic of facts. That the last courses did specifically cancel and annul all existing contracts between claimants and attorneys in the Ir dian depredation act of March 3, 1891. Is a fact which not even the squirming claim agents deny, and which anyone interested may read for himself by applying to us to. copy of the law. Possibly the eminent con-stitutional lawyers and jurists in the senate and house of representatives should have consulted these obscure claim agents before consulted these obscure claim agents before passing the act which so seriously curtailed their Shylock propensities, but we apprehend that more reliance has placed upon the recent decision of the U.S. supreme court, case of Mitchell as clerk, reported in 110 U.S. reports, page 633 where in the highest tribunal in the land where in the highest tribunal in the land asserts "no provision of the constitution prohibits congress from interfering with the validity of contracts."

The second legal problem involved is that

of revocation of powers of attorney. When and under what circumstances the claimant can recall an existing power and employ another attorney. Our eight page friend leads off with due solemity by quoting Judg Storey: "When an authority or power i coupled with an interest it is from its own nature and character in contemplation of law irrevocable:" then proceeds to argue that the retaining of an attorney on a contingent fee is equivalent to coupling the power with an interest. This is absolutely false from a legal standpoint, but it is an assertion well calculated to mislead the ordinary read er. What is really meant by an "interest" is in interest or right in the thing itself. Thus if an estate is conveyed to a trustee, wit nower to seil, this power cannot be revoked has an interest in tate itself; he holds the egal right to the property.

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