INTERSTATE CHAUTAUQUA

Interesting Assembly to be Opened at Beatrice June 30.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO BE PRESENT

Many Additional Buildings Added to the Grounds Since Last Year-Ninety Acres Included in the Location -Other Features.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 19 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The program and announcements of the fourth assembly of the Interstate Chautauqua, or, as it is better known, the Beatrice Chautauqua, just issued, comprises the richest and most entertaining Chautauqua feast of the year, and surpasses even the three preceding programs at this marvelously successful and popular assembly.

The management has reingaged as superintendent of instruction John E. Earp, who so successfully and grandly managed the initial assembly at this point four years ago and who is one of the brightest and most compotent Chautauqua managers in the union. The sole management of the Chautauqua is vested this year in Messrs, S. D. Roberts of Lincoln, president of the association, and W. D. Nicholls of Beatrice, secretary and treasurer. In this herculean work they are assisted by E. I. Roberts and A. L. Nicholis, the two remaining members of the board of trustees.

Faculty and Lecturers.

The faculty and lecturers comprise a list of many of the most eminent names of the country, which warrants an intellectual feast of unsurpassed enjoyment and excellence. A hasty glance through the comprehensive program reveals the names of Governor William McKinley, jr., of Obio; Bishop J. P. Newman of Omaha; Chaplain C. C. McCabe, the hero of L bby prison; Prof. James L. Hughes, the famous educator of Toronto; Rev. Joseph Wild, D.D., the famous Congregational divine of Ontario; Robert Nourse, the world famous dramatic orator; J. H. Davis, the 'Texas Cyclone,' and a host of lesser lights in the lecture firmament, but each worthy of the most fulsome mention. Prof. O. Schnausfer of Delaware, O., has been selected as musical director because of his exceptionally excellent qualifications for this character of musical instruction work. He will be assisted by Prof. M. S. Calvin of this city, "Sankey's singing mate," and by John Maynew, as piano accompanist. The art and other miscellaneous departments are confided to the care of the most competent talent the state can produce, and, in brief, the supervisory equipment of the Beatrice assembly is unequalled in excellence.

The assembly will open June 30 and will continue in session to and inclusive of July 16, making a seventeen days' session of this charming and enjoyable university of the woods. Many additional buildings have been erected this year and the great tabernacle the largest west of the Mississippi, has been thoroughly reroofed and repaired, so that it is now perfectly water proof. The steam-boat, "Queen of the Blue," has been thoroughly overhauted and will as usual be at the service of the Chautauquans for de hightful excursions up and down the shaded river course above and below the assembly water front.

A magnificent new iron bridge has just been completed over the Blue at Sixth street, thus giving additional and comfortable access to the Chautauqua grounds.

The handsome grounds, comprising ninety

acres, are now resplendant in their summe verdure, gloriously shaded with noble trees and beautiful beyond description.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT. Closing Exercises of Various Educational

Institutions Throughout the State. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 19 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The Plattsmouth High schools Thursday night graduated a class of nine pupils. The commencement exercises at the Waterman opera house was largely attended and were of a very high order of excellence. The invocation was made by Rev. L. F. Britt whose son, Chazies W. Britt, immediately followed his father with the Salutatory address, "American Citizenship." The address was a very able one. Miss Nellio
Boone followed with an essay, "A
Plea for Our Inferiors," which was
of a high order of merit. The class history, "Looking Backward," was given by
Miss Fannie Richey, after which music was
had. Miss Lillian Smith in the Latin oration "Chains and Back" made a year, good

nade. Miss Linina Smith in the Latin ora-tion, "Chains and Bars," made a very good impression and was followed by Miss Edith Patterson in the class song, "The Motto of '92." Miss Patterson won well merited ap-plause. Henry E. Snyder gave a fine essay under the title of "Locomotion," which was well received. well received.
Miss Margie Safford gave the class

prophecy, "Looking Forward" The class poem by Frank T. Wiles was excellent and received much approval. The valedictory, "Launched but not Anchored," by Miss Janette Mergan, was very pretty, being very roctical and sentimental

The address to the class was made by Dr. W. A. Humphrey in a very happy manner. The diplomas were presented to the successful pupils by S. A. Davis, in a neat address. In connection with the closing exercises of the schools an exposition is being held in Rockwood hall, where specimens of the handiwork of the entire schools can be seen. Bome of the specimens are very fine, and show the Plattsmouth schools to have attained a high grade of excellence. It has

Crete's Commencements.

CRETE, Neb., June 19.—[Special to The Bee.]—The second section of the graduating class of Crete High school held their exercises Friday evening. The class consisted of ten memoers as follows: Roy Elilson, Addle Kasey, Otto Kubicek, Grace Barragad, Ray Albert Length Growell. Albert Length Growell. Ray Abbott, Jennie Growell, Albert Hay-den, Frank Nedela, Vesta Dolansky, Claude

Doane college closed commencement week with a dinner given by the college to all of the alumnismee the opening of the college, twenty years ago. Old "class men and class girls" from all parts of the state were present to take par in the twentieth anniversary of old "Doane."

At Nelson and Grand Island.

NELSON, Neb., June 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The graduating exercises of the Nelson High school were held in the opera house here Thursday night. There were many visitors from Superior and Edgar present. There were six graduates. The past year has been the most successful of any in the history of Nelsons' schools and the retiring Professor Dusenberry deserves great credit for his untiring work as prin-

great credit for his untiring work as principal and instructor.

Grand Island, Neb., June 19.—[Special to The Ber.]—The commencement exercises of the High school took place at the operahouse Thursday night. The hall was filled. Every available square foot of room was occupied. The program was successfully carried out without a break. Barttings' orchestra rendered some excellent music.

State Normal Exercises.

PERU, Neb., June 19-[Special to THE BEE.]—The commencement exercises of the State Normal, which occurred this week, State Normal, which occurred this week, were fittingly brought to a close by the Roy. Robert McGutin of Denver who delivered the class oration. The subject of his morning lecture was "Buttoned-up People," while in the evening he spoke upon "The Sunny Side of Soldier Life."

At the annual meeting for the election of normal teachers the board of education restected the present faculty with the exception of Prof. Taylor. He has resigned his position as teacher of zoology and geology,

his position as teacher of zoology and geology, to attend the new Chicago university.

Ghand Island, Neb., June 19.—|Special to The Bes.|—The Alumni association of the Grand Island High school held its first annual meeting Monday night. A grand banquet was spread and the responses to toasts were a feast.

Woodship, In., June 19.—(Special to The

WOODEINE, Ia., June 19.-[Special to THE Brg. |-Friday evening occurred the fourth annual commencement of the Woodbine Normal school. The exercises were held in the Methodist Episcopal church, which was filled to its utmost scating capacity. The graduating class consisted of eleven members and their orations and essays were good, clear productions and showed deep thought. The graduates are: George H. Smith, Cora Haworth, Allie Asquith, Robert A. Williams,

J. B. Shorette, Bertha Hall, E. E. Crane, Mai Gilker, Laura D. White, Lulu Hoffman, John W. Grimes.

Table Rock Topies. TABLE ROCK, Neb., June 19 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Since the destruction of our depot by fire last Sunday the matter has been agitated of getting a new one built nearer to town. A committee of citizens is doing its utmost, but it is propable that the new depot will be in the same place, a mile from our postoffice. The material is ordered and some has already arrived. It will be

larger and better than the old one, naving two waiting rooms, and will be better suited

to the large freight and passenger business carried on at this junction. carried on at this junction.

Our citizens propose to celebrate the glorious Fourth, and the various committees to carry out the work have been appointed.

R. P. Jennings having just sold out his lumber yard to E. G. Dey & Co. of this place is agitating the erection of a flouring mill. He wants the citizens to assist in starting the project by taking stock in the mill, which he would hope eventually to buy out and become sole owner. It is to be hoped that in the interests of the town ho

The Table Rock brick works have just finished their first kiln of brick this season and are loading them upon cars. These brick are in such demand that they could take orders now for as many as they could possibly manufacture between now and winter.

The creamery is making 2,000 pounds of butter a day, and is churning the creame gathered at Hanover, Kas., where this company is engaged in building a new creamery.

They paid a handsome dividend last year and seem to be in a prosperous condition. Their system of paying for the cream is to test daily the cream of every patron, and pay so much a pound for the amount of but-ter contained in the cream, as they make two grades of butter, according as the by special rules, or otherwise. They pay 11 cents a pound for the butter from cream of the first grade, and 9 cents for that of the

Yesterday J. N. Gere post, Grand Army of the Republic, held its annual picnic and campfire in our beautiful park in town. Samuel Barnard originated the plan of holding this picule in strawbyrry time on his own beautiful grounds, on which are located the purseries bearing his name, and since his death the post keeps up the observance. A number of impromptu speeches were made, after which all were invited to buy their berries and ice cream for the benefit of the post, and in the evening some more formal speeches were made. There were in attendance the Woman's Relief Corps of Table Rock and a delegation from Pawnee, and the Sons of Veterans and Daughters of

Norfolk Society Notes. NORFOLK, Neb., June 11 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The past week has been a gay one in Norfolk society. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. N. Huse and Dora Budenz received their many lady friends at the home of the former on Norfolk avenue. Lunch was served. The gathering was a large one.
On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Birchard entertained their friends at their beautiful home in the "Heights." The order of the evening was cards, after which a sumptuous repast was had. Mr. and Mrs. Birchard are typical entertainers and all had a delightful evening. On Friday afternoon, Mrs. W. H. and A.

J. Johnson entertained their many friends at the home of the former on Koeingstein avenue. The ladies report a lovely time. On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. George L. Iles entertained their many friends at cards in their beautiful home on Norfolk avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Hes are perfect enter

Mrs. E. C. Harris, wife of Superintendent Harris of the Black Hills division of the Fre-mont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, is visiting her numerous lady friends in the city.

Papillion News Notes. Parillion, Neb., June 19 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Preparations are being made here for a grand celebration of the Fourth. and a big time is expected. One feature of the day will be the racing at the driving park, where over \$500 in purses have been offered, and good horses have been entered.
The republicans of Sarpy county will have

a flag pole raising and raily at Papillion on Saturday afternoon, June 25. Good speakers have been secured, and an enthusiastic meet-R. Frick, for many years the Union

Pacific agent here, and one of the most popular agents on the line, left Friday for Gienn's Ferry, Idaho, where he has a position with the company of more importance and better pay.

The owners of Omaha property who re-

side here were well pleased with the result of the recent bond election. Corn in this section looks fine. Small grain is doing well, but needs rain. The farmers are looking forward to good crops of all

West Point News Notes.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 19 .- [Special to The Bee.]-Thursday bids for the erection of the German Lutheran church were There were three bids, as follows: Derr & Hoffman, \$7.850; Mr. Gardner of Omaha, \$7,748, and Fred Remen, \$7,190. Mr. Remen was awarded the contract. The old frame will be moved back and will be utilzed for a school building.

The next state encampment of the Sons of

Veterans will be neld in West Point. This was decided at David City. This will be a big thing for this city and about \$1,000 will have to be raised. Much credit is due Mr. Ellott in securing the prize.

The many friends of Frank Kloke tendand.

dered him a farewell surprise party Friday evening. The event was also in honor of two of Frank's cousins, who are visiting from the east. Frank contemplates leaving at an early date for Hot Springs, S. D. News from Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., June 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The ladies of the Congregational church held their sociable last Thursday evening at the residence of Prof. Hibbards, just south of town. It was a fine evening and a grand time was had.

Cain brothers, two young men who have been teaching school in the country for the past year, have bought the grocery stock of Edward Tracy.

Several members of the Rebakah lodge of Independent Order of Odd Feilows went over to Framont Tuesday to extend the over to Fremont Tuesday to attend the working of the lodge there Tuesday evening. They report having a good time and that the Fremont people cutertained them hand-

Improvements at Elsie. Elsie, Neb., June 19,-(Special to The BEE. |-Elsie is forging ahead of all her sister towns in the matter of improvements. During the past three months two large store rooms have been built, a two-story business building, the Journal's large print ing office, two meat markets, two dwelling houses and the new \$2,000 Methodist church have all been built. Sidswalks have been laid on all principal streets and to depot. A new \$2,500 school bouse will be built before the fall term opens, the old one being too small to accommodate the school longer.

Wilber's New Mill. WILBER, Neb., June 19. - [Special to THE BEE.]-W. H. Mann & Co.'s new steam mill commenced work Thursday. It is a large frame structure of three stories, with engine and boiler rooms and a large warehouse adjoining. It has a daily capacity of 150 parrel s of wheat and fifty of rye, and is fitted throughout with the latest improved and most expensive milling machinery.

Crop Prospects Encouraging. JUNIATA, Neb., June 19 .- | Special to THE BEE.]—Corn is growing very fast now, and is about the best stand for years. The farmers have it clean and in good shape. A severe hall and wind storm is reported to have been some three miles north of here last week and much damage was gone. A lew hall fell here.

Valley's Opera House. VALLEY, Neb., June 19 .- (Special to THE BEE. |-Tuesday evening the Valley opera house will be formally opened. The event is of great interest to this locality.

Dr. Birney's Catarrh Powder cures catarra For sale by all druggists. 50 cents.

Visit the manufacturers' exposition.

HE WANTED TO MARRY WEALTH.

Joseph Megier's Pursuit After a Millionaire Bride Results in Poverty. New York, June 19 .- The Heraid says: Joseph P. Megler has tried for seven years to become the husband of some rich woman, and has ignominiously failed. Perhaps no other man in the United States has been as persistent in this direction as Mr. Megler has been. If so, he is entitled to distinction in the great army of eccentric persons. Mr. Megier put his scheme of fortune nunting into operation in 1885, and has kept it up at a not pace until now, and after repeated disap-pointments has concluded that there is noth-

I could not go through the mill again," he said sadiy yesterday. "It has ruined my health and has been expensive. I was prosperous before. I set out to marry for money, and through my persistent endeavors to wed

an heiress I have become poor,"

Mr. Megler's proposals of marriage to women all over the country have been without exception mailed from Portland, Ore, He has been sick and idle since he returned to New York, his native city, and while he has abandoned fortune hunting, he thinks that he has not been treated quite right by Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, one of whose eighteen grandchildren he was ambitious to marry. In speaking of his unprofitable correspondence with Mrs. Vanderbilt, Megler told me that he considered that he stood as good a chance as anybody to wed one of the eighteen grandchildren, and being a native New Yorker he was entitled to e-unideration. "Mrs. Vanderbilt was not the first person

I addressed on this matrimonial question," he said. "I wanted to marry Evelyn, daughter of Cicero Hunt Lewis, a rich man of Portland. I thought I was going to get Evelyn, but she is married now." Here Megler fished out, of his trunk an account book, in which was written in pencil copies of letters he had addressed to wealthy men and women informing them that he was in the field hunting for a rich wife. This is what he wrote to Helen Gould on May 2,

Dear Miss: I have gone into the matrimonial market and have your name on my catalogue. Should this information cammend your fancy, be kind enough to write me of your approval at once. Yours respectfully.

JOSEPH M. MEGLER.

Megler wrote to Miss Jennie Flood, daughter of the late James C. Flood, in a similar vein, and also made inquiry from John Jacob Astor and Charles Crocker, the San Francisco millionaire, .f they had any unmarried daughters. He told me that Mr. Crocker, while on a visit to Portland, made inquiry about him at the store where he was imployed, and that he was flattered at hav-

ing attracted Mr. Crocker's attention.

Another letter in Megler's book was directed to Miss Clothilde Palms, daughter of the late Francis Palms, a Detroit million Megter told me in conclusion that he used to believe that he was destined to be wealthy, because many years ago, before he went west, Jay Gould winked at him one night in the Grand opera house. Although Megier has abandoned his fortune hunting, ne reads the newspapers carefully every day in the nope of getting information about the objects of his former epistolary pursuits.

Dr. Birney's Catarrh Powder for cold in head. For sale by all druggists. 50 cents. SIBERIAN LEPERS.

Horrible Condition of the Afflicted People-A Revolting Story.

Berlin, June 19.-Kate Marsden, who is interested in a project to establish a leper colony in Siberia, has arrived here from St. Petersburg enroute to the United States In an interview today she gave a graphic de scription of her six weeks tour of the leper colonies of Siberia. She says that as soon as any person shows signs of the disease the victim is driven into the depths of the forest, there to live upon tree bark and upon rotten fish. This food is furnished by relatives, who deposit it at a distance from the miserable huts of the victims. The huts are onehalf under ground for the sake of warmth, and are hundreds of versts apart, so that supervision is impossible. Miss Marsden and thirty guides were obliged to cut a path for themselves through the undergrowth of the forests and to proceed in single-file. They found the lepers ill-clad and living in indescribable filth and vice, dragging out s indescribable filth and vice, dragging out a horrible existence for years, until they die of the disease or starvation, after becoming so loathsome that they have lost all semblance of humanity. Miss Marsden says that there has been found in Yakutaska a plant that is reputed to cure leprosy, but she has not been able to test it as yet. She intends to return to Yakutaska to establish a colony at Velnisk. colony at Velnisk.

If you are bilious, take Beecham's Pills. Visit the exposition and see goods manufactured. Admission, 25c.

Independent Convention. Chairman Jeffcoat and Secretary Bigelow of the county independent central committee have issued a formal call for the county convention on June 25. The convention will choose fifty-seven delegates to the state con vention on June 30, and delegates to the con gressional convention. The county convention will be held in Central hall, and the

OMARA.	COUNTY.
First ward	9 Chicago precinct
Second ward	9 Cloutarf
Third ward	9 Douglas
Fourth ward	9 East Omaha
Fifth ward	9 Elkhorn
Sixth ward	9 Florence
Seventh ward	9 Jefferson
Eighth ward	WMcArdle
Ninth ward	9 Millard
SOUTH OMAHA.	Platte Valley
First ward	5 Union
Second ward	5 Waterloo
Third ward	5 West Omaha
Fourth ward	5 Valley

De Witt's Sarsaparilla is reliable.

NEW BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Poultney Bigelow has written an interesting and instructive work on "The German Emperor and His Eastern Neighbors," from which we learn, among a host of other things, that the army is not, in Germany, a career of pecuniary profit. A sergeant major gets just \$15 per month, a sergeant \$9 and a private only \$2.50 per month. Even musicians cannot get more than \$4 per month in the regular army. The private is allowed usually about 4 cents a day for mess, in addition to one pound, ten and two-thirds ounces of coarse bread. To this is added about 3 cents more, which is deducted from his monthly pay, and on this combination, which is managed with acrupulous economy e manages to look well fer at least and to

ne manages to look well fel at least and to do a good deal of hard work, "One phase of the German question," says the editor of this volume, "has been en-tirely overlooked. It is that the emperor is the very last flower and fruit of the national the very last flower and fruit of the national system. He is more German than the Germans, and herein lies his greatest strength. The recent aliusion to 'slippered grunblers,' and his suggestion that those who were not pleased with his government might leave the country are distinctly German in character and must have appealed strongly to the national feeling' it is really a delightful book and should be read by all who take an interest in Germany and its young emparor. Published by Charles L. Webster & Co., New York.

The Republican magazine is the title of another aspirant for public patronage. The initial number appeared on the first of this month and is certainly a very creditable production. On the cover, which is somewhat unique in design, it states its objects to be the promulgation and perpetuation of republican principles. Among its varied articles are the following: "The Spirit and Genius of Republicanism," by Van Buren Denslow; "Newspaper and Special Journalism," by Edward Edwards; "Americanism," by E. B. Hissdale; "If Free Trade—What!" by D. G. Harriman; "Republican Women," by Kate McQuirk;" "Ways and Means—A Story," by Ernest Marie; "Republicanism in the South," by John S. Wise; "Would England Fight if America Kicked Her!" by Edward P. North;" "Why Irishmen Should be Republicans," by James R. O'Beirne; "An Educational Campsign," by D. Russell Brown; "The Elephant and the G. O. P.," by N. A. Elsberg, and in addition papers on D. Russell Brown; "The Elephant and the G. O. P.," by N. A. Elsberg, and in addition papers on D. Russell Brown, T. Jefferson Coolidge, and also some notable sayings of prominent men and editorials. It is a well edited periodical

and should be patronized by all progressive

The complete novel-in Lippincott's magazine for June, "John Gray: a Kentucky Tale of the Olden Time?" is by James Lane Allen, who gives his readers a tender historical picture of the region named, singularly apart from anything written against a Kentucky background heretofore, yet brimming with local knowledge, and rivaling in its exquisite sympathy and touch all that the author has before produced. The peaceful theme of the tale, under Mr. Atlen's own marked originality of handling, only serves to enhance the tale, under Mr. Aften's own marked originality of handling, only serves to enhance the interest of the story. "Early Editorial Experience," being from the pen of Murat Halstead, is, of course, both interesting and instructive, while the 'paper contributed by Hon. John James, Ingalis, entitled "Westward the Course of Empire takes its Way," bears the impressof the ex-senator's powerful style, and all the other articles are very attractive.

In "A Debt of Hatred" Georges Ohnethas shown his great genius as a powerful writer of fiction, and the translator, E. P. Robins, has done his work faithfully and well. It is a most fascinating story of love, both proper and otherwise, intermixed with duels and killings sufficient to keep up a lively interest In the progress of the story. The style and lauguage are singularly charming and it is dangerous to commence this book in the evening, as one is liable to sacrifice sleep in a desire to reach the denouement. Published by Cassell Publishing company, New York.

The June number of Harper's magazine is rich in illustrations and in the extraordinary variety of its contents. It is impossible for the most fasticious literary gourmand not to be pleased with this month's issue. In the diting of Harper's magazine great care is shown and especial pains are taken that no snown and especial pains are taken that no article shall appear in its pages which cannot be pronounced by competent critics the best of its kind. It would appear that expense cuts no figure whatever in the getting out of this justly popular periodical, so that the requirements of the reading public are fully met.

An article that will attract and interest all members of evangelistic organizations is "The Christian Endeavor Movement" in the New England Magazine of Boston, . It is written by three writers, and deals with the beginnings and methods and aims of the organization in a thoroughly comprehensive fashion. The president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Rev. Francis E. Clark, whose name is inseparably linked with the movement as one of the originators of it, opens with an account of "The Early Days of the Society." Amos R. Wells, the editor of the Golden Rule, deals with it as "A New Religious Force," and touches upon its relation and heipfulness to the churches; and John Willis Baer, the secretary of the society, in "The Outlook and the Opportunity," describes the possible growth and future of the movement

A little over a year ago there was started in Detroit, Mich., a publication which has already won an international reputation as an authoritative resume of the world's do-ings, namely the Quarterly Register of Cur-rent History. This periodical ought to be a welcomed visitor in each home, office, library and reading room in the land. There is no man or woman, whatever the extent of his or her means of leisure, to whom Current History is not an invaluable assistant, and the subscription price is only \$1 a year.

In his able dissertation upon the interest ng subject of "The Morals of Christ" Austin Bierbower has given to the world an exhaustive review of the departure from the Mosaic morality in all its multifarious bearags. In the second chapter the departure from the Pharisaic morality is treated of in a graphic account of the departure from the Gracco-Roman morality. This work is evi-dently the result of much deep research and careful study of the important topics discussed therein. Published by Charles I Kerr & Co., 175 Dearborn street, Chicago. . Published by Charles H.

ROMANCE OF OIL CREEK

Like the Fabled River it Rolled O'er Golden

The fiction of "Monte Cristo," or Rider Haggard's "King Solomon's Mines" is commonplace alongside of the romance of riches which could be told of fireswept Oil Creek, says the Ne w York Adv ertiser. The history of this wonderful region has yet to be written, and when it is written it will be a chapter o amazing interest

Like the fabled river, Oil Creek rolled golden sands. From a wilderness the valley through which it flowed suddenly became a populous district. Towns grew up in a night and were sometimes destroyed in an hour. Many of them were rebuilt a number of times. When the oil development moved away from them they were taken down, board by board and house by house, hauled away on wagons and rebuilt elsewhere. The Duncan house, a hotel large enough to accommodate several hundred guests, was first erected in Pithole, a few miles over the hills from Oil Creek.
In less than a year it
was torn down and rebuilt in
Titusville. From Titusville it was taken
to Pleasantville, and thence to Oil City,

where it did duty as a hotel, boarding house and tenement house for many years. The Chase house, in Pithole, was built and furnished without regard to cost, and never entertained a guest. The big well collapsed, and the entire town moved elsewhere. The Holden farm, upon which the first large wells were found, was bought by a Chicago company for \$1,500,000. Within a few years this farm has been sold for taxes or less than \$100. At the time of the petroleum development in Pithole the town was the third in size in the state Philadelphia and Pittsburg exceeding Now there is not a plank left to mark where it stood. A large church was built on a hill some distance from the town. The seven years the structure has been abandoned; but the Sunday school library, consisting of several hundred volumes, still remains in the basement. The books are mildewed, and sheep that run wild on the hills herd in the Sunday school room as a place of shelter. The church was built by the "Swordsmen's club," which was organized by oil producers and business men about town, the object of which was "to

have fun." When the oil excitement swept down Oil creek, Hamilton McClintock owned the Smith farm. He had traded a yoke of oxen for it. McClintock sold the farm to H. J. Beers and P. P. Cornen for \$1,000, and was pleased with his profit. Beers & Cornen developed the farm and it produced between \$4,000.000 and \$5,000,000 worth of oil. Many other farms have histories almost as remark-

In these bonanza days oil was transported from the wells entirely by wagons. John Wade drove his team all the way from central Ohio to engage in hauling oil. It was a profitable business, and he soon accumulated a few thousand dollars which he invested in a well on Cherry run, which empties into Oil creek at Rouseville, three miles above Oil City. The well was drilled and proved to be a gusher. In a day or two after it was struck Frank Allen of New York, as agent for the Republic Oil company, paid Wade \$280,000 cash for his well. Wade drew the money from the bank, hitched up his team and drove back with his easily earned fortune to centra

Ohio.
Boston capitalists built the Humboldt refinery in the wools on Cherry run, to

BONDS TOTAL ISSUE OF CITIES, SCHOOL COMPANIES, ST. R. R. COMPANIES, ST. W.W. HARRIS & COMPANY, Bankers.

refine oil by a process which they owned. The refinery cost several hundred thouworkmen, and expensively furnished quarters for the officers of the company The enterprise proved unsuccessful, and one day the order came from Boston to abandon it; It was abandoned, as a ship would be left at sea without any at tempt to save anything. The furniture was left in the offices. Among other things left behind was a piano in one of the residences. The instrument re-mained there undisturbed for some years, except when tramps would come take pessession of the house for a night regale their sou's with music and move Only the chiseled stone foundation remains to mark where the Humbo'dt

refinery stood. Oil City, which has just had such a baptism of flood and fire, had a nopula-tion of about 300 in 1861. In 1864 it had grown to 6,000. In the spring of that year the town was literally swept away by a flood in the Allegheny river. In another year the place had been rebuilt only to fall a victim to fire. The entire business portion of the town was con-sumed. It has now a population of over 11,000 and will soon recover from the financial loss it has lately felt; but the memory of the tragedy which has at tended it can never be effaced.



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