Birthdays for People Who Were Born on February 29.

PECULIAR CONDITIONS HAVE EXISTED

In Some Instances They Have Caused Annoyance, While in Others They Have Been Blessings in Disguise.

It has become the custom with a majority of the residents of this city and with the residents of other cities, so far as that goes, to celebrate their annual birthdays, even if they have to do so in the most informal way. There are certain individuals however who, when these festivities are going on simply stand around and bemoan the fatwhich follows them through life. These people are those who happen to have been born on February 29, a day which rolls around only once in four years. Time, of course, moves along with these people just the same as it does with the majority of mortals, but the fact remains that their birthdays are not so frequent, and as a natural result they are deprived of the annual pleasures which

o many enjoy.

Joel F. Peterson resides at 4244 Larimore street, and around him he has gathered a family that consists of a wife and four children, yet he figures it out that he is but 10 years of age, declaring that while he was born in 1856 he has celebrated but ten birth-BEATEN BY THE RECORD.

Mr. Peterson is one of those individuals who happened to be born on February 29, and, as a result, while other people are giv ing birthday parties, he sits around and kicks

"It is this way." said Mr. Peterson the other day, as he was pouring a tale of woe into the ear of a reporter. "You see I was born down among the green hills of Vermont, where my parents resided until I was quite a chunk of a lad. I went to school summers and slid down the sides of the mountains each winter after I got into pants. The boys and pirls had their birthday parties, but I never had mine. After I got to be about as large as a good-sized 8-year-old boy I asked mother why she did not get up party for me. She laughed and answered Joe, you are only 2 years old, and you are too young to think of such things.' Of course I could not understand the situation, but few years later mother told me of the unfortunate condition of affairs that existed. It nearly broke my heart, but I declared that I would live down the disgrace. Matters kept going from bad to worse, and in 1872 I entered the High school. There I along pretty well until the boys found about that birthday, after which they out about that birthday, after which they made life a dreary waste by poking fun at me and insisting that I ought to be in dresses, as I was but 4 years of age. I tried to argue the point, but they sprung the record, and there it was in black and white, the figures showing that I had had but four birthdays. I managed, however, to get through school and came west, settling in Iowa, where soon fell head over heels in love with young woman. Everything went along in ship shape fashion until the object of my adoration discovered that I was one of those ON ACCOUNT OF HIS AGE.

"During the fall of 1880 I proposed and the young woman whom I will desig-nate as Miss Blank accepted and the wedding day was set. About that time one of those boys whom I had known years before dropped into the town, and a few days later started the report that I was mas querading under false colors. He insisted that while I was passing myself off as young man of 24 years, as a matter of fact, I was a baby and could count but six birthdays. The young woman heard of this and asked me about it. I told her that I was unfortunate; that while I was 24 years of age, it was a fact that I had never been called years but with the beautiful and the second of the se after this a coldness grew up between us and the upehot of the whole matter was that Miss Blank politely informed me that she was not prepared to take a child to raise. The next day I turned my back upon Miss Blank and Iowa, coming to this state. Upon arriving here, I just shoved that birthday one day ahead, destroyed the family bible that I had brought along, and commenced to live a new life. In due course of time I married, and here are the results."

As Mr. Peterson made the last remark, he

clasped his four bright boys in his arms and declared that he had been amply repaid for all of the trouble that the hoodco birthday had caused him during his early youth. Asked if he ever took any account of lear year birthdays, Mr. Peterson said: "I do not go about the streets telling people how old I am, but upon each of those February birthdays I have a joyful time. I invite i my neighbors, and during the evening we make merry Of course, I know that I am not a boy, for I feel the creeping of the years, even if the anniversary of my birthday has been celebrated but ten times."

IT WAS A HOODOO FOR SAM. Of all the individuals who ever labored under the hand cap of a birthday which only called around once in four years. Sam Gra-ham was perhaps the most remarkable ex-Sam used to work for Hugh Murphy several years ago, and his story is vouched for by Bob Johnson, whose veracity is un-questioned outside of the city council cham-ber. Sam's was a case in which the Gregarian calendar was a hoodoo, with no ex-tenuating circumstances. He was born in Vermont on the last day of February, 1864, and even at that early date in his career his evil genius was manifest. On the very day on which his eyes first opened on earthly surroundings his father was killed by a premature blast at the marble quarries where be was employed. From that day to this every recurrence of his quadrennial birthday has been marked by some serious misfortune. Just before he was 4 years old his mother died, leaving him without a relative to care for him. He was sent to an orphan asylum, celebrated his second birthday by falling from a window and breaking his ieg. Four years later he was taken with black diphtheria and only pulled through by a scratch. When his next birthday came it found him in the quarries learning the stone cutter's trade. It served him better than it had his father, for when the smoke than it had his father, for when the smoke of the explosion had cleared away he only missed a couple of fingers and a liberal portion of his skin and hair. Four years later found him on a freight train, beating his way west. He was slocked in a car and traveled from Albany to Detroit before he was released. He was so hearly starved that he has been estimated as a fine to make that he has been eating ever since to make that he has been eating ever since to make up for lost time. He finally worked into a good position in Illinois, and was getting along nobly when another birthday hove in sight and shattered his hopes. This time he improved the occasion and get married. He said he thought it might break the combination but afterward he alluded to it as bication, but afterward he alluded to it as the greatest minfortune of his life. His wife lived with him a year and then ran away with a grocery clerk. After that he gave up hope. He came to Omaha, where gave up hope. He came to Omaha, where he worked for nearly a year, and then went to Denver, where he resided at last ac-counts. Now that the fated occasion has arrived for the seventh time, his friends are wondering whether he has fallen off the

city ball or married a grass widow. IT HITS A PREACHER, TOO. Rev. Frank Foster is one of Omaha's residents who first saw the light of this world on February 29. He celebrates only when on February 29. He celebrates only when February 29 comes around, and consequently his birthday observances are four years apart. He was just 12 "years" old yesterday. The occasion was made the excuse for a banquet, which was given last Thursday night by the women of the Baptist Immanuel church.

"My next birthday will not occur for hight years" remarks Mr. Fester, philosoph.

"My next birthday will not occur for eight years," remarks Mr. Foster, philosophically. "The next February 29 will come in 1904. I will then be 13 years old, although I will have nearly reached the allotted span. Eight years is a pretty long year, and, consequently, I thought to make this birthday a special occasion. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Mr. Foster brings out the fact that there is no February 29 in 1900, although the numbers of the year are divisible by four. Consequently, the unfortunates born on that

sequently, the unfortunates born on that date who are only 13 or 14 "years" old are a little dubious about seeing the light of an-other birthday. On February 29, 1904, they

COME ONCE IN FOUR YEARS would be only 14 or 15 "years" old, yet the nearly reached the span of three score and Therefore, such people are shaking hands with themselves on their birthday, for perhaps the last time, and they are not losing the opportunity offered by this ap-parently last chance.

GOOD TO BET ON. Jay G. DuBois, a traveling salesman, who lives at 2532 Davenport street, celebrated the anniversity of his birth yesterday. When a Bee reporter called on him, Mr. DuBois was busily engaged in putting up a stove pipe. He apologized for his appearance, saying that he had just moved into a new home and was just getting things straightened. He added that he couldn't understand why Mrs. DuBois was in such a rush about set ting things to rights. Mrs. DuBols, however infidentially told the reporter that as he husband's "hirthday" came but once in four along for eight years, she had arranged a pleasant little surprise party for him for the

evening. Mr. DuBois said that he hadn't had many "birthdays," but he wished the number were fewer. "It seems a long while, though, before I'll have another. Just think of waitbefore I'll have another. Just think of waiting eight years for a birthday. I've won a good many bets in my day because of m entrance into the world on February 29 Many a time I've been in a crowd of fellows and the subject of ages has come up for dis cusuion. I would always offer to wager that no one present could guess within ten of the number of 'birthdays' I had had. The offer was generally accepted, and as you may imagine, I generally won my bet. Once saw the light of day stood back of me and endeavored to tip off to a friend the num-ber of 'birthdays' I had had. He raised four fingers of his hand. His friend winked back that he understood the tip, and promptly said, 'Why, I know. You've had twenty-four birthdays.' "

HERE'S A BUNCH OF THEM, Miss Nathanna Anspecker, the sister of Mrs. Andrew Haas, living at 1134 South Thirtieth avenue, celebrated the anniversary of her birth yesterday in New York City Miss Anspecker is well known among must lovers of this city and has been in the tropolis for the past three seasons, engage in the study of vocal music. She is so busily engaged in her musical studies that she did not celebrate yesierday in any un-usual manner. It had been her desire to spend the day with her friends in this city, but that, of course, was impossible. I could not be learned just how many anni versaries of her natal day Miss Anspecke has seen, but the number is probably not quite a half dozen.

Henry Kruger, who lives at 1404 South Twenty-eighth street, was born February 29, 1876, and is consequently 20 years old, although on only five occasions during his life has he been eligible for birthday presents and congratulations. But some time in the interval between each February and March he had chalked up another mark on as though he had a day to which to charge

Kruger is a sign painter by trade. Herman Dreibus, son of Jacob Dreibus, is one of those unfortunate individuals who first saw the light of day on February 29. Reckoned by birthdays Mr. Dreibus is four years of age, but his eyes have looked upon the snows of sixteen winters. He was born in 1880 and the clock announced that the sun was crossing the meridian just as he announced his arrival on this mundane sphere by a lustly yell, which would have compared favaorably with the war whoop of some of the earlier denizens of this sec

In consequence of the fact that his birthday comes but once in four years, young Mr. Dreibus has always made it a point to celebrate the occasion in a manner calculated to make up for lost time. This year was no exception to the rule and the family resilence at 3536 South Fifteenth street was the scene last night of a merry gathering of friends and relatives of the family. There was but one drawback to the en-joyment of the occasion and that was the thought that it would be eight years before another birthday could be celebrated the year 1900 not being a leap year By that time Mr. Dreibus will be 24 years old, by ordinary measurment of time, and his parents are fearful that, owing to the unusual time of his birth, he will be pecu-listly liable to be made a victim by some enterprising female who sees her matrimonial prospects fading away.

nefit of W. C. T. U. Fountains. Captain Jackson of Omaha will exhibit his amous deep sea collections, largest and best collection, consisting of man-eating sharks American blow fish, devil fish, four-eyed Henetopiano (now extinct), also the Ne-braska wonder, monkey-faced bird, and many other natural history curios, affording an op-portunity to naturalists, scholars and those never having seen monsters of the deep. Bring the children to see the school of natural history. No. 115 S. 16th street. Open every day, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Ad mission 10 cents. Everybody come

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WABASH RAILROAD'S

Homeseckers' Excursions Resumed. On March 10th we will sell round trip tickets to nearly all points south at one fare, with \$2 added. Remember, we have the quickest and best route to all points south. For further information or tickets or a copy of the homeseekers' guide call or write the Wabash office, 1415 street, Paxton Hotel block, Omaha.

Encourage Douglas County Writers The Nebraska club offers prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 for articles showing the resources of Nebraska and the advantages it offers to

homeseekers. The Bee proposes to stimulate Douglas county writers to enter the contest and hereby offers an additional prize of \$5 to any resident of Douglas county who succeeds in winning either of the prizes offered by the Nebraska club, or if the three prizes are secured by Douglas county writers The Bee will pay \$5 to each of the winners.

Articles must not exceed 1,000 words in length. They must be accompanied by at least \$1 for a subscription to one share of the stock of the club and be submitted to he secretary of the club, Bee building

Omaba, by March 1. Union Pacific. "The Overland Route." City ticket office, 1302 Farnam street.

Low Rates Vin the Burlington. Tuesday, March 10, to the south and west-Arizona, Arkansas, Texas, Neb aska, Kan-sas, etc. Call at the city ticket office, 1502 Farnam street and get full information about rates, stop-over privileges, limits and ter ritory to which reduction will apply, or write to J. Francis, G. P. A., Omaha, Neb.

"The Overland Limited." Is the fastest train out of Omaha, and carries the finest equipment of any line in the west. Tickets via the Union Pacific can be secured at

1302 FARNAM STREET.

We Will Give You a Check for your baggage at the time you buy your ticket and arrange to have our wagon call and take your trunk to the train. No tro at the depot. All you have to do is to get aboard. Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. City ticket office, 1504 Farnam st.

To Our Patrons and Other. You can save money by bringing your Omaha Fire Insurance policies to Ostrom Bros. office, room 326, Board of Trade buildng, corner of 16th and Farnam streets.

For Sale—Quantity old bricks, lumber, doors, windows, etc. Apply at Associated Charities, 807 Howard street. 'Phone, 1646.

Attention, A. O. U. W. The members of Union Pacific lodge No. 17 will meet at the lodge room at 12 o'cleck sharp, Sunday, March 1, to attend the funeral of our late brother, George Q. McConnell, which will be held at the People's church at 1 o'clock instead of 2. Members of rister lodges are invited.

J. G. GROSS, lodges are invited. J. G. GROSS, H. YINGLING, Master Workman. Recorder.

Ak-Sar-Ben Cycle Co. sell second-hand wheels at 319 S. 15th street.

HAYDEN BROS. Business Booming Prices in Every

Department. HEADQUARTERS FOR SILKS. Low prices and high qualities combine to take us leaders in silks. Every lady should tee our splendid array of fine spring and summer fabrics. For beauty, utility, style and elegance, these silks have never been equalled. The prices are always the lowest. DRESS GOODS.

NOVELTIES. Our importations of novelties, both in blacks and colors, are arriving daily, and we're in better position today to offer you special novelties at special prices than we We will sell a silk and wool povelty (all

ew effects) at 39c. We offer a beautiful line of silk, wool and Our 75c line of novelties comprise all that is new and correct.
Our \$1.00 line is the work of master artists.

would be cheap at 89c. SERGES. Have come to stay. There is nothing in the dress goods as staple.

35-inch all wool, imported cloth, very fine all colors, 25c. 40-inch all wool, imported cloth, very fine, 45-inch all wool, French cloth, very fine all colors, 29c. 50-inch all wool, French cloth, the \$1.00

fonday 50c. WASH GOODS SPECIALS. Garner's 36-inch percales, 10c yard. Beautiful challies, dark colors, neat figures

Elegant dimities, choice styles, 10c. 32-inch washable plaids, 10c yard. 30-inch dark printed sateens, 10c yard. Headquarters for every up-to-date wash

Good dress ginghams, dark colors, 4%c. Staple apron check ginghams, 414c. Turkey red and black calico, 31/2c. Light shirting prints, 34c. Newest effects in organdies, dimities, etc. Fast black sateen, 8c yard. Simpson's black and white calico, 5c. The new red prints, 5c yard. Best German blue calicos, 32-inch, at 10c

Every make of calico, every style of gingham, everything washable. LINENS! LINENS!

Unsurpassed bargains all this week in the inen and white goods department. Some beautiful styles and great values in papkins Special sale on newest styles in white goods Unbleached damask at 1236c vard. 50-inch unbleached damask, 19c.

Extra fine damask at 25c yard. good quality, 35c yard. A lot of silver bleached and unbleached damask, about 20 different patterns to select from, worth 60c yard, on sale at 37½c. 68-inch bleached damask, worth 90c,

sale at 69c yard.
72-inch bleached damask, worth \$1.50, a 75c yard.

GREAT SHEETING SALE. 4-4 Lawrence L. L. muslin, 3%c. 4-4 fine sheeting, 5c. Fruit of the Loom, 61/2c. Lonsdale muslin, 6½c. 6-4 wide sheeting, 10c; 7-4 wide sheeting. 6-4 wide suc. 11c; 9-4 at 15c. FLANNELS.

All this week we offer many good bargain n this department. Good Shaker flannel at 3%c, 5c, 8c, 10c. Outing flannels, light and dark shades, 5c Outing flannel, regular 10c quality, at 714c

White wool flannel at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30 Light Scotch shirtings at 25c yard Hickory shirtings at 61/2c, 8c, 10c. All wool red flannel at 121/2c.

All wool cassimeres in the newest givle t 59c, 75c, 89c, 98c. These goods are very cheap and we have a large Grey blankets at 49c, 75c, \$1.00.

Good all wool blankets at \$2.35, \$2.50 Bed comforters from 50c each: Denims and cottonades for overalls at 10c

All wool Eiderdown at 25c HAYDEN BROS.

Young Republicans Meet. Young Men's Republican club of Omaha will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Washington hall, Eighteenth and Harney streets. This will be the opening meeting of the campaign and be of interest and importance. A presentation of flag will be made by Charles E. Winter chairman of the committee, followed by re marks of acceptance by the vice president, John W. Battin. John L. Kennedy, Charles J. Greene and General John C. Cowin have been invited and will address the meeting. The campaign quartet will furnish music All members of the club are urged to attend and the public generally is invited.

H. H. BOYLES, President. Read the rep t of Commissioner Merrill upon the triennial examination of the New England Mutual Life Ins. Co. on page 15. MR. BUCKINGHAM'S PROMOTION

Takes the Burlington Chief Clerkship in This City. General Passenger and Ticket Agent Francis of the Burlington announced yesterday that John E. Buckingham had been appointed chief clerk of the passenger department in this city to succeed C. R. Davidson, whose

resignation took effect yesterday. Mr. Buckingham, who was formerly chief rate clerk, has been acting as chief clerk during the past fortnight. He is well quali-fied to fill the responsible position to which he has just been appointed, and his promoion gives great satisfaction to those having business to transact with the passenger department. Mr. Buckingham comes from a family of railway men, Edward Bücking-ham, superintendent of the Union Pacific's car service, and "Buck" Buckingham of the Union Pacific's city office are both brothers of the new chief clerk.

Judge Cornish's Court to Meet. The office corps of Master-in-Chancery Cornish of the Union Pacific is busily engaged in getting ready for the next session of the master's court, which will be held here. The court will open on March 10, and there is sufficient business scheduled to engage its attention for an entire week at least. Wins-low S. Pierce of New York, the secretary of the reorganization committee, has just filed his appearance in answer to a number of petitions recently filed by the receivers of the road. This indicates that Mr. Pierce will take a prominent part in the coming term of the master's court. He will prob-ably be present to personally conduct part in the cases to be considered.

Chleago Derby Declared Off. CHICAGO, Feb. 29 .- Ed Corrigan today deciared off the \$25,000 Chicago Derby of 1896, to which there were 274 entries, including Ben Brush, Ben Eder, Crescendo, Beau Ideal Bob Ramiro and Applegate. No payments have been made, but the first declarations are due next Monday. This leaves the Chicago Futurity of 1897 and 1898 as Hawthorne's only live stakes.

Don Sweet Goes to Atlantic & Pacific. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 29.-Notice was received at the passenger depot of the Southern California Railway company this morning that Receiver Smith of the Atlantic & Pacific had appointed Don. A. Sweet general freight and passenger agent, with headquarters at Albuquerque. At one time Mr. Sweet was general traffic manager for the Santa Fe system

Postoffice Robbers Under Arrest. SPRINGFIELD, . III., Feb. 29.-United States Marshal John McCarty of New York arrived here this morning with Stephen Yennie and George Carson, who were ar-rested in New York, charged with robbing the postoffice here, April 3, 1895.

Eleven Prisoners Brenk Juil. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 29.-Eleven risoners, including two murderers, have escaped from jail at Socorro by digging through the wall, two feet thick, with an axe. Dis-cipline in the jail was very lax, the prisoners being permitted to go about as they pleased.

Ak-Sar-Ben Cycle Co. do repairing, sell-sundries and rent bicycles at 319 S. 15th

CASE OF HAVE TO WITH HIM

Real Reason Why Waller Will Quit Labor Temple.

WAS ASKED TO HAND IN RESIGNATION

What Parties on Both Sides Have to Say About the Matter-Says He Restanted Vol-

The announcement was published Friday that H. C. Waller, superintendent at Labor temple, had resigned. Now it can be stated that H. C. Waller was invited to resign, or at least that if he had not re-59c vigereaux suiting, 46 inches wide, signed a request that he do so would have been sent to him. The fact remains that H. C. Waller will cease to be the superintendent at Labor Temple after March 31.

For some time there has been considerable dissatisfaction regarding the way in which Waller connected himself with labor matters. The trouble has been that there been other aspirants than Waller for the position of labor leader. Other men have felt themselves competent to look out for the labor interests of the city, and the charge that Waller, by reason of his position has assumed the leadership, has caused

The climax was reached at a recent meet ing of the directors of the temple. Wal-ler's friends say that he handed in his resignation at that meeting, although they admit that if the resignation had not beer forwarded it would have been asked for. I is understood that a committee was ap-pointed to request the resignation. Some of Waller's opponents state that he resigned in answer to a request to do so, while others, believing that if the facts were known, labor interests would be jeopardized, say that it was simply intimated to Waller that his resignation would be very desirable and that in response to this intimation the resignation was forthcoming.

There are said to be a number of reasons

why Waller was not acceptable to the labor people. In the first place it is urged that he introduced too much of his own political faith into the schemes that have been set on foot to promote labor interests. Waller is an avowed socialist and his principles have not been accepted by a good many of the labor leaders and by those who do not aspire to a leadership. This is one reason why the esignation was requested.

Another reason in that Waller has been very prominent factor in labor meetings and "bluffy" attitude has brought about results not acceptable to others who believe that they are better suited to represen laboring men. It is even said that he has even threatened to bring about the ruin o labor men who have political aspirations who

do not coincide with his opinions.

It is also said that the temple has not been managed in a way entirely satisfactory It is hinted that many laboring men have been turned away from the doors because they did not suit Waller, personally. It is but fair to Waller, however, to state that this opinion is not held by many who can be looked upon as his opponents.

Finally it is stated that Waller has not

acted diplomatically enough to best promote the laboring interests. This criticism is specially directed to his attitude in the recent street sweeping matter.

It will be remembered that the laboring made a determined effort to have the work of sweeping of streets performed by the unemployed of the city. A delegation visited the council and Board of Public Works with that object in view. It is said

that Waller's words to these bodies did more harm than good and that they almost in-clined these bodies to turn away the laborng men without any redress.
Waller and his friends still insist that he resigned of his own accord. Waller states that if he had known that his resignation would have been asked for he would never have turned it in, but would have defied hi support laboring interests. He says that he walk, has not as yet completed the deal which over to

will put the plant in his possession. BLOCK MAY YET BE TRIED.

Filing of Another Information Under Consideration. The dismissal of the case against Alfred D. Block was the subject of considerable comment about the court house yesterday, and there are indications that another case will be filed against him. The more the real facts in the case become known the stronger the feeling grows against Block. All of the assistants to the county attorney are of the opinion that there is nothing to prevent the filing of new charges. say that the circumstances under which the case was dismissed would not constitute a ground for a plea in abatement by reason of Block having been once placed in jeopardy for the crime, as he was charged with having committed the crime on another party rom the one who would be the complaining witness in the next case.

Assistant County Attorney Day, who draws up the informations issuing from the office of the county attorney, said yesterday that he had obtained the name in the information from a brother-in-law of the girl. The brother-in-law was the person who filed the information on which the warrant for Block's arrest was issued and Mr. Day took t for granted that he knew the proper

name of the girl. The queer part in the proceeding was the fact that the prosecution asked and was granted leave by the court to endorse on the back of the information the correct name of the girl, but neglected to change the name in the body of the document. A well known attorney expressed the opinion that this was an act of gross carelessness on the part of some one conected with the office of the

county attorney.
The relatives of the girl are very indignant over the outcome of the case and are ex-tremely bitter against Block. The girl victim, Marie, says that Block sent a letter to her mother and father, purporting to have come from her uncle, saying he was sick and for them to visit him at Fort Omaha. Block then volunteered his services to stay in the store with Marie and see that no one took advantage of her during the absence of her parents. As soon as the old folks had gone he commenced making advances to her, winning her confidence by a gradual approach to his real object and finally accomplishing her ruin. The girl seemed utterly unconscious of the enormity of the crime and spoke of it with childish reserve, but with every indication that she had no idea of the far-reaching consequences.

Minor Court Matters. Leo Schlesinger & Co. have brought suit against Rosensrock & Frice for \$404.29 for W. L. Selby has brought suit in the county court against Louise L. Saunders to recover

\$4 on several notes. Daniel W. Phelps., a cigar salesman, has commenced an attachment suit against Kin-ports & Co, for \$292.72, alleged to be due him as commissions on sales.

The case of George:Bagley and Mary Kennedy, alias Ella Grendon, will be taken up Monday in the criminal court. Mary Ken-nedy was employed at the residence of C. E. Morrill as a servant and it is charged that she stole a gold watch which she gave to Bagley, who disposed of it.

Four suits were commenced in the disriot court yesterday against the Consolidated Coffee company on promissory notes, as follows: William T. Levering for \$4,359, J. W. Doane & Co. for \$2,836.97, Hard & Rand for \$6,872.89, and C. D. Lathrop & Co. for \$1,482.41.

F. L. Weaver, administrator of the estate F. L. Weaver, administrator of the estate of James G. Winstanley, has commenced suit against C. W. Edgerton, ex-justice of the peace, and his bondsmen, C. F. Krelle and John E. Knowles, to recover \$34 which it is alleged Edgerton received in the course of garnishment proceedings and which Winstanley claimed to be exempt from execution. The case in which the \$34 was secured was appealed and afterward dismissed for want appealed and afterward dismissed for want of prosecution, but it is alleged that Edger-ton has refused to hand over the money.

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Bargains in the Basement for Mor GROCERIES. 3-pound cans golden pumpkin, 5c. New California evaporated peaches, 4½c. Large cans mustard sardines, 5c. Sugar corn, per can, 5c. Pure corn starch, per package, 3c. Breakfast catmeal, only 1c. 2-pound package self-rising buckwheat, 5c.

Dill pickles, best imported, per quart, 5c. 3-pound can pears, worth 15c, only 10c. 3-pound cans grated pineapple, 714c. Best Golden Rio, 25c. No. 1 Rio, 20c. High grade Mocha and Java, 30c. BARGAINS IN HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

Milk crocks, 3c each. Cups and saucers, 2c each Crystal fruit saucers, 15c Pint cups, 2c cach. Copper bottom wash bollers, 39c each, Wash boards, 7c each. Dish pans, 13c each. Sewing machine oil, 2½c per bottle. 6 piece crystal cream set, 19c per set.

Rice root scrub brushes, 3c each. Extra fine parlor brooms, 121/2c each. Fine crystal water jugs, 10c each. A few more of those \$15.00 dinner sets fo

HAYDEN BROS. An Hour Apart. The flying Northwestern Line trains

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"No. 2," "The Overland," Omaha 4:45 p. m., Chicago 7:45 a.m.
The "OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL"-Omaha 5:45 p. m., Chiacgo 8:45 a. m. Modern art had to stop a while after these trains were built. City office, 1401 Farnam Street.

See the most complete line of bicycles Omaha at the Ak-Sar-Ben Cycle Co., 319 S. 15th street. Call on them for sundries and

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THIS NIGHT FOR IRELAND.

Plans for Celebrating the Birthday of The Irish citizens of Omaha and the friends of Irish liberty are promised a treat next Wednesday evening, when the 118th anniversary of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, will be celebrated at Boyd's theater. The Irish Nationalists of Omaha and South Omaha have been working hard to nake the entertainment a success. The committee on arrangements has prepared the program for the occasion. It is as follows:

"Land of song, said the warrior bard,
Though all the world betray thee,
One sword at least, thy rights shall guard,
One faithful harp shall praise thee."

-Moore.

Mrs. Bethge, Mrs. Lange, Captain Kinzie, Mr. H. Burkley, Musical director, Thomas J. Kelly.

Caused Green to Lose an Eye. The next case to be taken up in the riminal court is that of Henry Henderson, who is charged with maiming Henry Green a small storekeeper on South Thirteentl enemies to make good the charges that street. Over a year ago Henderson and were brought against him. He has given it Green had a dispute which ended by Hender. out that he intends to become a politician son picking up a club and knocking one of and will run a political paper which will green's eyes out of his head onto the side-support laboring interests. He says that he walk. Henderson was arrested and bound On the day when the case was set for trial Henderson was in court, but the case was not reached, being postponed until the next day. When the next day arrived Henderson had disappeared and he was not found until recently, when he was arrested in Council Bluffs as a fugitive from justice. He refused to come to Omaha and requisition papers were secured. Henderson is now ticket office.

in fall in this city.

Money Going for Hydrants Not Ordered by the Council.

UNAUTHORIZED EXPENSE \$3,000 YEARLY

Facts Brought to Light by the Comp troller's Checking-How Long it Has Reen Going on Not Known.

A mere accident has been the cause of bringing out the fact that the city is paying the American Water Works company for a large number of fire hydrants that have been put in without authority. They have simply been located by the water works company and the city has paid the bills without objection, just as though the hydrants had been ordered by the council.

The facts were discovered by reason of an accidental reference of the last bills to Comptroller Westberg. It has never been Patent potato slicer, corer and peeler, 3c customary to refer the bills for hydrants, electric lights, etc., to the comptroller. They have simply been referred to a council committee and allowed on the recommendation of the committee. As the corporations have invariably dictated the organization of the committees to some extent they have seen that the committees to which their bills would be referred were not composed of nembers who would be likely to denounce their course. But when the bill of the water works com-

pany for the last six months of 1895 was

presented it was referred to the new committee on fire and water, of which Councilman Burmester is chairman. Burmester supposed that the bill had to be O. K.'d by the comptroller and accordingly turned it over to Comptroller Westberg. The comptroller refused to O. K. the bill until he had checked it up, and the result was that he began to check the items. This process has not been completed, but so far Comptroller Westberg says he has discovered twenty five hydrants which were included in the bill, but which were never ordered by the council. Many others have never been authorized by ordinance, but were put in by favorable to their location. How long the ity has been paying for these unauthorized hydrants has not been ascertained. increase has not been apparent in recent bills, it is presumed that the fraud has been going on for several years. A complet checking up that would show the exact amount out of which the city had been cheated would involve checking over all the previous bills, which would require con-

siderable time. Comptroller Westberg says that the discovery of the unauthorized hydrants is sufficient evidence that a more businesslike checking system should be instituted. All bills of this character, he says, should be referred to the comptroller, or some other official, and thoroughly checked up in each case. If this was done, he believes a sufficient saving would be effected to more than pay the entire expenses of the comptroller's call attention to the numerous electric lights on railroad crossings and elsewhere, which the city is now paying out money necessarily, and prevent any possible padding of the bills.

There is absolutely no data to show how the extra hydrants came to be located. Whether they were put in by the water works company at its own instance, or at the request of councilmen who promised to get the necessary ordinances passed, does not appear. But the figures show that the city is paying \$60 each for at least twenty-five hydrants that are absolutely unauthorized by any municipal authority. Mr. Westberg is preparing a tabulation, showing the location of the extra hydrants, which will probably be transmitted to the council at the next

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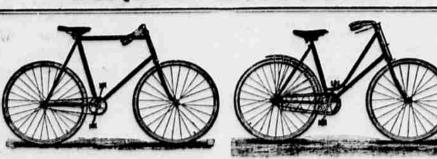
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LEAK IN THE CITY TREASURY VIEW BY PARK COMMISSIONERS Could Do Nothing with the Funds

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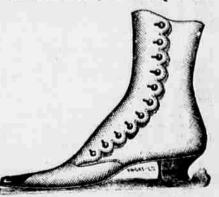
sioners are still figuring on plans for making

\$1 do \$10 worth of work. The figures presented by the secretary and finance committee show that this is no easy proposition. It is evident that the most that the board can depend on, according to its available resources with which to get through the year is between \$2,000 and \$3,000. If all salaries were cut off, including those of the members of the board, only \$5,000 would be available. A glance at the cost of maintaining the parks in previous years shows that even this amount would be insufficient by half to keep the parks in their present condition. Last year the board practiced what was believed to be the closest economy practicable in the maintenance of the parks and boulevards. But the amounts ex-pended were as follows: Hanscom park, \$5,016.23; Riverview park, \$992.43; Elmwood park, \$1,238.47; Bemis park, \$502.49; Miller park, \$821.04; greenhouse, \$1.026.51; Jefferson square, \$432.78; Capitol avenue, \$138.20; Florence boulevard, \$881. Nineteenth street boulevard, \$188.20. This aggregates \$11,237.35, which was spent purely for maintenance. It does not include dollar of the expense for improvements, but simply covers the cost of watchmen, florists, policemen and necessary running expenses. When it is considered that the services of it least one man are necessary in each park to keep it in passable order the amounts spent for maintaining Miller, Bemis, Elm-

wood and Riverview parks are said to be the In Hanscom park the services of at least half a dozen men are said to be necessary to keep the grounds and flowers in presentable condition during the summer season. Con-sequently the lowest estimate which the members can place on the cost of keeping up the parks is \$10,000, as against the \$2,000 which is available. Under these conditions it is the general sentiment that the most radical measures are necessary and that at least the majority of the parks will have to be allowed to run to waste unless more funds are provided.

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