SOME STORIES ABOUT CLARK

Incidents in the Life of a Great Railroad Man.

WHY THE MEN LOVED THE PRESIDENT

He Knew Them by Name and Was Always Willing to Assist Them—Anecdotes Current Among "the Boys."

There has been much gossip about the future railroad career of S. H. H. Clark since the election of Horace G. Burt to succeed him as president of the Union Pacific railroad. Some of his friends in this city have argued that his influence would continue to be felt in Union Pacific affairs, even though he should not fill the president's chair. These people maintain that Mr. Clark represents and will continue to represent the financial interests of the Gould family in Union Pacific affairs just as much as he ever has and that while not president he will still have much to say in the workings of the reorganized railroad. Some say that he will be elected president of the Missouri Pacific at the next annual meeting of the board of directors, while others declare that Mr. Clark will never take up active railroading again. His son Hoxie, who was in Omaha recently, was noncommittal on these points. The only thing known definitely is that Mr. Clark expects to spend the remainder of the present winter in the south. His health remains about the same as it has for the last six months. At present he is enjoying a quiet life on a ranch near San Antonio, Tex.

"The king is dead; long live the king" is a very good motto, especially in railroad circles, but no matter how prominently it be emblazoned on the walls of headquarters, shops or roundhouses, it cannot prevent the narration of many stories of the king whose regime is about to close.

Mr. Clark was a very good friend of Omaha, and constantly had its best interests at heart. His enemies say "Point to a single thing he ever did for Omaha," but they overlook the fact of the Union Pacific receiverships and fail to note the obstructions in the way of any building or liberal subscription to laudable enterprises. Mr. Clark for years cherished the hope of seeing the construction of a grand union depot at Ninth and Farnam streets in this city. The building of a handsome structure capable of accommodating every railroad in the city of Omaha and providing adequate terminal facilities for the passenger trains entering and leaving Omaha for many years to come was one of the fondest hopes of the man who up until the advent of Mr. Burt has presided over the destinies of the Union Pacific railroad. That circumstances over which he had no control made impossible the achievement of this enterprise during his term as president of the Union Pacific was a source of deep regret to him. He said so many times, and one of the last interviews he gave to an Omaha reporter was largely occupied with remarks about the need of a union depot here, the desirability of its location at Ninth and Farnam streets and kindred topics, which Mr. Clark reserved with the injunction, "this is not for publication, but for your own information." Should the new regime, which will come in with the inauguration of President-elect Burt solve the great question of adequate terminal facilities for Omaha by the erection of a grand union depot at Ninth and Farnam streets it is doubtful if there would be anyone applaud the action more warmly and more sincerely than S. H. H. Clark.

HE KNEW HIS MEN.

The Union Pacific has had six presidents, and the seventh is now engaged in a trip of inspection over the lines of the company familiarizing himself with the property, preparatory to assuming active charge. But none of these presidents ever enjoyed the extensive acquaintance among the employes of the company that Mr. Clark had. Having worked up to the president's chair through all the offices of the operating department it is not strange that he should know all the older employes along the line and most of the older train hands. He not only knew them, but he knew them well. He always addressed them by their Christian names, and in a number of cases was sufficiently well acquainted with the men and their families to ask after a favorite daughter, or how the head of the family liked the new home into which he had just moved. It was no unusual sight to see the president get out of his private car at one of the stations along the line, and shake hands with from a dozen to a score of engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, switchmen and section foremen, calling the ones whom he had known for a long time by their Christian names and giving them all some kindly greeting. As with the train hands, so it was with the older inhabitants of the towns that sprung up along the line of "the Overland Route;" they all knew Mr. Clark, and when they heard that he was coming through they would line up at the station to shake hands with him and enjoy a few minutes' chat with the genial old gentleman.

Mr. Clark not only knew many of the 15,000 employes along the main line, and the majority of those employed in the Nebraska divisions, but he enjoyed their respect and confidence. If an employe had a grievance, real or imaginary, he could always depend upon a hearing before the president, and if there was a wrong it was generally righted.

HOW CASEY GOT A PLACE.

One instance will illustrate the generous feelings Mr. Clark entertained for the men who had grown up on the Union Pacific system and given their best days to its work. A couple of years ago there was an Irishman somewhat over 60 years of age who had worked for many years in the operating department of the company. His name was Patrick Casey. He lost the position he held for many years through a continued illness and on recovering from his illness found that his place had been filled by a younger and more active man. He went to General Superintendent Nichols and told him that he wanted a position as watchman for the Union Pacific somewhere in Omaha. The general superintendent told him he would like to give him such a job, but he couldn't because there was not a single vacancy and there didn't appear to be any places that were likely to become vacant. Then Casey struck out for the office of Superintendent of Special Service Canada. He renewed his application, but Mr. Canada told him that there wasn't a thing in sight and advised him to see the general superintendent. Off trotted Casey to Mr. Nichols' office again and he spent the best part of a month traveling between the offices of these two officials, demanding a position as watchman. Nothing more was heard of Casey for several months, at least not by the two officials named. Finally one of them went into the local freight house of the company and about the first man he saw was Casey, who was strutting up and down the platform, with his chest thrown out, keenly watching every piece of freight about the place. As the official passed Casey the latter said: "Well, you see, don't you?"

"See what, Pat?"

"Ah, you see I've got me job as watchman, don't you. And have you got a mind how I got it? No? Well, I'll tell you. After runnin' a month between you and Mister Nichols I made up me mind I'd see the old man himself. So I goes to him and I says, 'Mister Clark, I want a job as watchman. You know how long I've worked for the U. P. And I lost me job while I was sick. Now I am here 'cause I couldn't wear out any more shoe leather a-trotting between Nichols and Canady.' The old man writes me a dinky little note and I goes to work the next mornin'. You see how it happened, don't you? Well, git along now and don't be a-blocking up the way."

BILL KELLY'S GRACE.

If Mr. Clark took a personal interest in the several thousand men under him it was because he had a real regard for them and not because he affected any knowledge of their careers just while they were talking to him. If he knew a man well enough to call him by his Christian name when he met him he knew just as well when he was several thousand miles away. The attaches of the Union Pacific tell one story on Mr. Clark, in which his acquaintance with a section foreman was rather neatly turned by another foreman. An employe of the name of Bill Kelly had been dismissed from the Union Pacific because of a too great love he bore for the flowing bowl. After he had duly repented and had greatly braced up Mr. Clark secured him a position on the Iron Mountain railroad in the southern part of Missouri. A few months later Mr. Clark was taking a trip over the Iron Mountain and met Kelly. He was delighted with the latter's good appearance and the reports of excellent conduct that came from Kelly's superiors. When Mr. Clark returned to Nebraska he met Pat Touey, who was Kelly's bosom friend here. He said: "Pat, I saw your old friend Kelly while I was down in Missouri and he sent his regards to you."

'Oh, did he? Thank you, Mister Clark, and how is Kelly makin' it?"

"Fine, Pat. Kelly has got a good job; he has braced up wonderfully and has quit drinking altogether."

Pat Touey looked nonplussed for a minute, and when he could find voice he said: "So Kelly's dead, is he?"

COMPLIMENT FROM THE COURT.

Probably the most graceful and best deserved compliment ever paid a railroad man by a court was that which was pronounced by Judge Caldwell in this city during the hearing of the famous wage schedule. Testimony was being given regarding the work and the wages of the employes of the Union Pacific system. After a number of employes had testified S. H. H. Clark, the president, was called to the stand. The attorneys waited for the court to administer the usual oath required of the witnesses. But instead of being sworn Mr. Clark was given a most unexpected compliment, but one that has never been forgotten in railway circles. Judge Caldwell merely said: "The oath will not be administered to Mr. Clark. His word is entirely acceptable to this court."

Mention has been made of the ease with which employes could see the president and enjoy a personal interview with him. Employes of the company were not the only ones who could readily gain access to the president during Mr. Clark's regime. While Mr. Clark never allowed himself to be overrun with visitors, those who had good reason for seeing him were rarely disappointed. To reporters he was always agreeable, and so far as was in his power he was always glad to furnish them with reliable news about his own road. While the sight of a reporter sitting in Mr. Clark's room at the Millard hotel, interviewing the president of the Union Pacific while he shaved, was one calculated to shock other distinguished railway officials, it was one that never seemed out of place to the great railway president and was but another illustration of his rule to see a newspaper man at any time. Mr. Clark trusted the reporters after he had come to know them and he has said that his confidence was never abused by them.

DEATH CLAIMS A NEWSPAPER MAN.

Judge Boynton Succumbs to a Long Illness.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 9.—Judge Albert G. Boynton, for twenty-five years political editor of the Detroit Free Press, died this evening at the Alma, Mich., sanitarium. He had suffered from kidney troubles for two years past, which finally caused other complications. Last September he relinquished his work and was taken to Alma three weeks ago, but was unable to rally.

Judge Boynton was born March 31, 1837, at Bangor, Me. His father was of English ancestry, and his mother a lineal descendant of John Alden and other pilgrims. In 1854 he abandoned study at Bowdoin college on account of ill health, and went to Montreal, where he later began a law practice, and also contributed to the Canadian press. He came to Detroit in 1857, practiced law and became acting city attorney, and later police judge. In 1872 he resigned office and purchased an interest in the Free Press and had ever since been the principal editorial writer of the paper. He leaves a widow, three daughters and a son.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 9.—Chancey L. Harris, one of the oldest newspaper men in the west, and a veteran of the war of the rebellion, died suddenly here today. The apparent cause was a fall on an icy sidewalk from which he sustained some internal spraln or rupture. He was 66 years of age. He was one of the best known men in the state, a pioneer of Montana, and a native of New York. He had never been married.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Judge John W. Brown, after a few days of illness, died at his home in Schuyler at 11 o'clock this morning, being at the time of his death a few months over 79 years of age.

Judge Brown settled in Schuyler June 9, 1870, at which time he began the practice of his profession. He was born in Tompkins county, New York, September 29, 1818. He served four years as district attorney of Schuyler county; was elected county judge of Colfax county in the fall of 1871 and served the full term; was elected county treasurer of Colfax county in the fall of 1873 and served one term, afterwards continued the practice of his profession in Schuyler, and in the fall of 1893 was elected county attorney of Colfax county, serving one term. He was married at Rush, N. Y., September 21, 1843, to Phebe Green, a native of Milton, N. Y., who survives him. They have one son, James T., an attorney practicing in the west.

PENDER, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Ex-Sheriff John T. Leaton of this place died this morning of a peculiar affliction. About a month ago he was doing his chores one Sunday morning when he felt a little soreness in the calf of his left leg, but thought nothing of it till a little while after he felt it swelling. On examination he found his leg to be turning black and in a couple of hours the member was swollen up badly clear to his body. A physician was called and bandaged his leg and treated him carefully. For a while he seemed to grow slightly better, but about a week ago began to get worse, until he died. He was a prominent citizen and a member in each of the following orders, viz.: Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America and Modern Brotherhood of America. The funeral will occur on Monday afternoon under the auspices of these several orders. He leaves a wife and three daughters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The death of Franklin Bain Phelps, a well known financial editor, who died at his home in this city Friday, was announced yesterday. Mr. Phelps was a son of Judge M. Phelps of Janesville, Wis., where he was born some thirty-two years ago. Mr. Phelps was financial editor of the Record and later of the Commercial Advertiser.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Sir Robert Henry Meade, permanent under secretary of state for the colonies since 1891, is dead. Sir Robert was born in 1835, educated at Oxford, and appointed a clerk in the foreign office in 1859. He was attached to Lord Dufferin's special mission to Syria in 1860, and in 1862 accompanied the prince of Wales on his tour through Germany, Italy and the east. From 1871 to 1891 he was assistant under secretary of state for the colonies.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—Tonight at supper at the Burnet house, Charles F. Kendall of Camden, N. Y., fell dead of heart disease. He was president of the Kendall Knitting company with factories at Camden, Utica and Syracuse, N. Y. He had been to Florida, and reached here this morning on his return. His body will be sent to Camden, N. Y. tomorrow.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Dr. William S. Tremain, one of the best known physicians in this city, died tonight, aged 60 years. During the civil war he served as assistant surgeon of the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts infantry, a surgeon of the Thirty-first United States colored infantry and as assistant surgeon in the regular army. At the close of the war he settled in Baltimore, but later went west and was one of the founders of the Kansas City Medical college. He came to Buffalo in 1891. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, and at the time of his death was managing director of the Fort Erie Jockey club.

Rogers Dies from His Wounds.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Dr. Shep A. Rogers, who was Friday shot by Mrs. Mary Sandbrink, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital. The remains of Mrs. Sandbrink, who killed herself after shooting the physician, were buried yesterday afternoon. In a statement written by the woman before the shooting she alleges that the physician had borrowed money from her which he could not pay and after gaining her affection would not marry her.

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BRUSH ACTS AS MEDIATOR

He Merely Offers Von Der Ahe Financial Assistance.

SECURES PURCHASERS FOR ST. LOUIS CLUB

They Are Willing to Take the Property if It Can Be Turned Over Free from Encumbrance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 9.—John T. Brush, being asked today if he for his own account, or for his friends, had purchased the St. Louis base ball club, replied that "neither himself nor his friends had bought the property." Being asked if there were any prospects of such a purchase on the part of himself or his friends, he replied emphatically that there was not. Being further asked to explain his recent visit to St. Louis, and Mr. Von Der Ahe's visit to Indianapolis, he said:

"Early in December Mr. Von Der Ahe appealed to me for financial aid. Upon his statement and showing I endeavored to handle a loan that would place him upon his feet again, but found it impossible and impracticable to do. He then offered the club for sale. I secured for him a prospective purchaser in Dickson & Talbott of this city, who were willing to buy his club if it could be delivered to them free of incumbrance at their price.

Dickson & Talbott, while having no immediate experience in base ball, are undoubtedly well qualified to succeed in this enterprise if they should engage in it; they are endowed with the dual requisites, ability and money. While it is true a local syndicate has long been organized in St. Louis to purchase the franchise at figures which have been made public, Messrs Dickson and Talbott have been in no sense competitors in their negotiations. They have only entered the field when invited to do so, which has been on several occasions, and have always retired whenever impracticable barriers arose, or conditions imposed which rendered it impossible to continue negotiations.

"The financial affairs of the club are in such condition it is going to be a very difficult matter for anyone to buy and get a clear and unincumbered title. Suits, judgments, mortgages, claims (known and unknown), make it extremely hazardous to buy, and the refusal of Dickson & Talbott to longer consider the matter is due to this fact."

"You are criticised in some quarters for connection with this matter, upon the ground that you are buying the club on your own account, and Dickson & Talbott do not represent their financial interests."

"Yes, I know; but that makes no difference to me since it is wholly and absolutely untrue. I have an interest in the welfare of the National league. My desire to foster and promote its best welfare may not be any greater than that of my partners in other league cities, but I do feel that it is. St. Louis has been the disappointment of the present organization. Any change that will insure the redemption of St. Louis to its proper place in the front rank of base ball cities ought to have the encouragement and support of every magnate in the National league.

"Anything that I may do within the lines of legitimacy to accomplish this I will do regardless of the criticism of the few whose stock in trade consists mainly of jealousies and revenge. The National league owes it to itself to furnish whatever assistance it may, consistent with the propriety, in restoring St. Louis to something like its former prestige on the base ball map.

"Mr. Von Der Ahe asked me for assistance. Dickson & Talbott invited me to aid them. My efforts have simply been in the interests of both, and ultimately for the general good of the National league."

PROMISES SOMETHING STARTLING.

Corbett is Going to Issue Another Challenge.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—James J. Corbett and his theatrical company opened the week here tonight. When Corbett was informed that Fitzsimmons tonight agreed to sign articles with him provided he first whips Peter Maher, he said: "That's the same old story. He wants to sidetrack me onto somebody else, which he can never do. I am not going to tire the public by having further talk. There is nothing new in this proposition. What I will do will be stated distinctly on January 17, when I will issue a final challenge which will startle the sporting world. It will contain a proposition never before heard of by any pugilist. I don't know whether I can whip anybody else in the world, but I do know I can whip Fitzsimmons. If he does not accept this final challenge from me I will retire from the ring and never talk fight to anybody again, but will study for the stage and stick to it. The one thing constantly before me is to fight Fitzsimmons, and if he won't accept my final challenge January 17, then I will know he is done and then I am done."

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—After nearly two hours' talk, late tonight Dan Stuart left Bob Fitzsimmons and Manager Martin Julian with the statement that he would see what he could do with Corbett and Maher, as the necessary step toward bringing off a fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

Mr. Stuart arrived on the noon train from Chicago and immediately sought to open communication with Martin Julian, who later called on Stuart and talked matters over in an informal way. Julian said that Fitzsimmons did not have to fight, and would only give Corbett another chance after he had disposed of Maher in a finish fight. With this statement, Stuart had to be satisfied, and no signatures were added to the document he had brought with him.

Indianapolis Leads in Batting.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Batting and fielding averages of the Western Base Ball league players were made public today. Indianapolis leads in the batting, with a percentage of .314; Columbus second, with .313; Detroit third, with .305. In fielding records Columbus heads the list, with a percentage of .934; Milwaukee second, with .930; Indianapolis third, with .929. Individual batting averages show McBride of St. Paul as the top-notcher, with a percentage of .387; Dungan of Detroit second at .378; Wood of Indianapolis third, at .375.

Two Umpires Selected.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The World says: No less than 300 umpires have applied to President Nick Young for the positions that have been created under the double umpire system. Up to date he has selected two officials. They are Edward Swartwood, a member of last year's Eastern league staff, and Tom Connolly, an umpire in the New England league. They are both good men, according to reliable reports, and Mr. Young is confronted with the task of selecting four more.

Will Run with the Irishman.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Charles Kilpatrick of this city, holder of the world's amateur record for the half mile run, has signed articles for two races with the crack Irish runner, George Tincler. The first race will will be run at Lynne, England, January 22, and the distance will be one-half mile. The second race will be three-quarters of a mile and will be run at Avon under Lynne, January 28. Each race will be for $250 a side.

CITY POLITICS WARM IN AUGUSTA.

Kerr Faction Scalping Ex-Senator Walsh's Followers.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—At the session of the city council last night for the election of city officers for the ensuing term the fight between the Walsh and Kerr factions was resumed with all its pugilistic features. The Kerrites have a majority of five and they proceeded to amputate the heads of those officers who supported ex-Senator Walsh in the municipal campaign. When the fire department was reached the presence of Chief Roulette was necessary and pending his arrival a recess was taken. During the recess County Jailer Collins and Councilman Lougee became involved in a difficulty. Lougee attempted to strike Collins, who landed a blow on Lougee's jaw. Lougee reached for his gun, but peacemakers interfered and quiet was restored. Feeling is running high among the citizens and the action of the Kerrites is denounced on all sides.

FATAL DISEASE AMONG CATTLE.

Threatens to Take Off an Entire Herd at Hooper.

HOOPER, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The cattle belonging to Hiram Rodgers, living at the edge of town, have become afflicted with a peculiar fatal disease, best known by its symptoms as hoof rot.

Mr. Rogers has two droves of young cattle, numbering in all about 140. The disease prevails in both and in the space of a week he lost twenty-six head. The alarming rate at which the disease has spread threatens to destroy the greater number of his large herd. He has some very choice cattle in this lot, among them being the Jersey and the Polled Angus and his loss will be very heavy. The disease afflicts these high bred cattle, as well as those of the common stock.

About five weeks ago he first noticed that something was the matter with his stock. The earliest symptoms are a weakness in the hind parts and a tenderness in the hoofs. Soon decay sets in and in the course of about three weeks the hoof has sufficiently rotted so as to fall off at the first joint. The rotting continues until the second joint has fallen away. Nor does it cease here, but continues even into the bones of the limbs. However, when this stage is reached the cattle are in a helpless condition and, as death is only a question of time, they are killed.

One peculiarity of these diseased cattle and very uncommon as to the general nature and symptoms of diseases is that all throughout they have a very good appetite, clear eyes, and every indication of health.

There seems to be nothing that will cure it or stay its fatal progress. To the end that the nature of the disease might be studied and a cure established, Mr. Rodgers wrote to the State University agricultural department to have the state veterinarian investigate the same, but learned that this official position had been dispensed with.

Install Their Officers.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Baker post, No. 9, Grand Army of the Republic, and the local camps of the Sons of Veterans of this city held joint installation services last evening, when the following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year: Baker post, No. 9—James H. Galley, commander; John R. Brock, senior vice commander; John L. Sturgeon, junior vice commander; J. R. Meagher, adjutant; H. T. Speerry, quartermaster; Edward Clark, surgeon; S. L. McCoy, chaplain; R. L. Rossiter, officer of the day; John Tannihill, officer of the guard; D. N. Miner, sergeant major; Charles H. Davis, quartermaster sergeant.

Sons of Veterans—H. Gordon Cross, captain; Charles Miner, first lieutenant; John Brock, jr., second lieutenant; B. J. Galley, first sergeant; E. P. Dussell, quartermaster sergeant; E. H. Jenkins, sergeant guard; John Tannihill, corporal of the guard; J. B. Tschudy, guard.

The exercises were public and were largely attended. Bellwood camp, Sons of Veterans, attended in a body.

Knights of Pythias Banquet.

WESTON, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—St. George lodge, No. 95, Knights of Pythias, installed officers Friday night and conferred the second rank upon two candidates. Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Will H. Love and many visiting members from Wahoo, Valparaiso and Yutan were present. At midnight a banquet was spread at the Stevens' house for seventy-five. The officers for this year are as follows:

Samuel D. Mauck, C. C.; M. O. Norvall, V. C.; W. A. Tuveson, M. at A.; Peter Campbell, P.; Will T. Mauck, K of R. and S.; J. R. Webster, M. of F.; C. E. Lillibridge, M. of E.; R. C. Carpenter, M. of W.; Arvid Ludblad, I. G.; A. H. Lehmkuhl, O. G.

Laid to Rest.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late Ernest Schurman was held from his residence this afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Buss of the Congregational church, under the direction of Mount Tabor commandery, Knights Templar. The canton Independent Order of Odd Fellows was present in full regalia as were also the encampment and subordinate lodges of the order. The remains were escorted to Ridge cemetery by a large procession. At the grave the ritualistic services of the Knights Templar were said, according to the last wishes of the deceased.

Prosperous Gates College.

NELIGH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The first day's enrollment of the winter term of Gates college exceeded that of any former year. The faculty has been strengthened materially in the college course, and the conservatory of music has been fortunate in securing the service of Mr. Logan, the violinist of the Oberlin Glee club of 1896. Two members of the last organization are now connected with the conservatory. The percentage of male students in the college is larger than usual. Gaylord hall has not sufficient capacity to accommodate all the young women with rooms.

Poultry Show.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The annual meeting and exhibit of the Nebraska State Poultry association will be held here next week, January 17 to 21. The second and third stories of the Fuhrman block have been secured for the exhibits. These two rooms are each 44x125 feet in size and so arranged as to give plenty of light and air. The previous exhibits of the association have been very large ones and the indications are that the coming one will be ahead of all others. Some of the best bred chickens in the state are owned in Fremont.

State Horticultural Society.

LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Horticultural society will be held at the State university on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 11, 12 and 13. Horticulturists and others interested are invited to bring in exhibits of fruits, flowers, trees, seeds and horticultural appliances. The headquarters of the members will be at the Lindell hotel, Thirteenth and M streets. Timely papers on important topics will be read and discussed.

Sidney Happenings.

SIDNEY, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Emma L. Newton, organizer for the Royal Neighbors, completed the institution of a camp of that order at this place Saturday and installed the officers. The camp was named Emma L. Newton camp in honor of that lady. A banquet was given after the installation.

Dr. Lincoln G. Simon of this city has been appointed county physician by the Board of County Commissioners.

Want Fraud Investigated.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—A petition is being circulated and largely signed directed to Judges Marshall and Albert of this district, praying them to call a grand jury for Platte county to investigate the alleged frauds at the recent election. If called it will be the first grand jury for this county in thirteen years. Many seem to think it will only prove an additional bill of expense.

Prominent Indian Buried.

PENDER, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—John Pilcher, one of the oldest, most respected and highly educated men of the tribe of Omaha Indians, was buried yesterday at his home at Quinton, Neb. He was official interpreter for Captain W. H. Beck during that gentleman's encumbency as Indian agent on this reservation.

Will Go Out of Business.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The stockholders of the Platte County Fair and Driving Park association held a metting last evening and concluded to go out of business. They will offer the property for sale. The property lies about one mile north of the city and has been used for fair grounds over twenty years.

New Board Steps In.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The Burt County Agricultural society met here Saturday. The old board retired and the new one took charge. The following officers are now in charge: F. A. Cameron, president; E. C. Houston, vice president; G. W. Green, secretary; Oscar Samson, treasurer.

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AMUSEMENTS.

The popularity of the Woodward company was attested and the success of the newly inaugurated season of low prices at the Creighton fully assured on two occasions yesterday when upwards of 5,000 delighted people witnessed enjoyable performances of the war drama, "Lynwood," and some very clever specialties between acts. The enormous crowds were handled with expert facility, the problem of expedition being practically solved by railing off a separate entrance for holders of tickets to the balcony, which obviates much of the crowding at the doors.

"Lynwood" is the creditable production of one J. K. Tillotson, and concerns events of the late civil war. As presented here, it calls for the full strength of the Woodward company and serves to introduce to the local public the new leading man, Mr. Fulton, in the strong role of Victor Blanchard. He gives evidence of excellent ability, which, coupled with a fine stage presence and manifest intelligence, will certainly make him a prime favorite and a valuable member of the organization. Another new comer, Mr. Warren, also makes a favorable impression. Mr. Livingstone, who has the direction of the stage this season, brings the eminent sincerity of his style to bear upon the ungrateful role of Dudley Middleton. Mr. Rush is deservedly popular in Omaha and makes his accustomed hit in the new character of Epenutus Carter. Mr. Emery doubles the small part of Edwin with the somewhat larger one of the sentinel, the latter of which he does particularly well. Mr. Davis is careful and painstaking, as usual, in the character of the negro servitor, and Mr. Schroth plays a confederate captain with good effect.

Miss Ernest invests the exacting role of Lucille Carlyle with genuine strength and true feeling. It is a pleasure to bear witness to the notable artistic growth of this conscientious actress since her last appearance here. Indeed, the results of hard work and intelligent endeavor are apparent in the marked development of every member of the company. Miss Montgomery, who already gives evidence of a high order of ability, has a better opportunity in "Lynwood" than she sometimes enjoys, and she improves it very creditably. Miss Clore is always charming and has a fetching ingenue role in the play now under discussion, which also affords Miss Carlton a chance to show that she need not confine herself exclusively to the eccentric character parts with which she has hitherto been chiefly identified. All the members of the company were heartily welcomed by the friendly audiences.

The specialties are extraordinarily good. The little Japanese wire-walker, whose thrilling act was a feature of one of the circuses which showed here last summer, slides backward from the topmost gallery to the stage, besides doing other curious feats on the slack wire. The turn of the Damm brothers is a remarkable exhibition of strength and agility, which must be seen to be fully appreciated. Isabelle Urquhart, with two male associates, presents, very acceptably, a pretty one-act comedy, "In Durance Vile." These adjuncts to the regular theatrical performances may be seen all this week. When the real excellence of the whole entertainment becomes generally known, it is certain that the Creighton theater will not hold the crowds who will wish to see them.

"Lynwood" will be the bill up to and including Wednesday night. For the last half of the week "Jim, the Westerner," will be presented.

It has been found necessary to omit the matinee performance of "The Lady of Lyons" from Mr. Sothern's engagement this week, which will, therefore, remain as originally announced, "The Adventure of the Lady Ursula" being presented on Monday and "Lord Chumley" on Tuesday night.

The farce comedy, "A Boy Wanted," which is no stranger to Omaha, will be the attraction at Boyd's the last half of the present week.

HEARING MODERN WOODMEN CASE.

Trial Will Be Commenced Before Judge Munger Today.

The case of the Modern Woodmen of America against the Union National bank is scheduled for trial this morning in the federal court. J. G. Johnson of Peabody, Kan., the general attorney of the order, who will assist in the prosecution, arrived in the city last night. Other of the head officers who will be in attendance, principally in the capacity of witnesses, are expected this morning.

This case, which has obtained considerable notoriety and is especially well known in the ranks of the membership of the order, is brought to recover between $25,000 and $30,000 upon a certificate of deposit alleged to have been issued by the bank, but which is disclaimed by the officials of the latter. This certificate is said to have been issued at the time D. C. Zink of Grand Island was head banker of the order. The trial of the case is expected to consume about two days.

Tonight the visiting head officers of the order will be the guests at a reception to be given in Myrtle hall. Only members of the order will be admitted. Remarks will be made by the officers and some of the more prominent of the local members. The addresses will be interspersed with musical selections.

WOMAN SCALES THE CASTLE WALL.

Sprained Ankle Prevents Her Swimming the Moat.

May Boyd, a prisoner in the city jail, made an attempt to escape last night, which resulted in nothing more than a sprained ankle. She had been arrested for being drunk and disorderly and was confined in the woman's quarters on the west side of the police station. The partition of these rooms does not extend to the ceiling, but a narrow space is left for ventilation. The woman climbed on a chair within and, watching her chance, forced herself through the opening and jumped to the floor, a distance of ten feet. The injured ankle prevented her using her foot, and she was obliged to lie on the floor until she was found and carried to a cot. This is the first instance of a woman attempting to scale the wall, as the jump is no small one even for an ablebodied man.

Arrested on Orders from Lincoln.

Dan Mulholland, 15 years old, was arrested by Officer Baldwin last night on suspicion of being implicated in the burglary of the candy store of Sutton & Hollowbush at Lincoln a few nights ago. The arrest was made on the request of the authorities in that city, who base their suspicions on the fact that the boy was known about the locality of the burglary and left town soon after the occurrence well stocked with money.

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SECRETARY GAGE BIDES HIS TIME.

May Reply to Mr. Bryan's Chicago Speech.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A Washington dispatch to the World says when asked today if he cared to make a reply to William Jennings Bryan's criticism of his course at the banquet in Chicago last night, Secretary Gage said he was not prepared at this moment to answer Mr. Bryan.

"The 'great silver leader,'" Mr. Gage is quoted as saying, "has had his inning. It may be that I will have mine some of these days. I will say a word, however, about my plan for the retirement of the greenbacks and treasury notes, which Mr. Bryan refers to in his speech. I advocate only a conditional retirement of the greenbacks, or a certain proportion of them, in order to strengthen the government in its position toward them, and give better assurances than now exist that the government will have the power to redeem them in gold, as it should do."

His Death Came High.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 9.—Death Burrows, a cowboy of this county, got into a fight across the river in Juarez, Mexico, last night and in a pitched battle stood off the Juarez police for one hour. Burrows was killed himself, but before biting the dust he killed a gambler, a policeman and fatally wounded two other officers.

Alger's Condition Alarming.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A special to the Chronicle from Washington says: The members of the family and the immediate friends of Secretary Alger are seriously disturbed about his illness. His physicians now fear that he has typhoid fever.

CAUSE OF HER DEATH IS UNKNOWN.

Mrs. Alice Johnson Found Dead in Her Room.

The body of Alice Johnson, dead from some sudden and unusual cause, was found at her room, 1104½ South Seventh street, about 8 o'clock last night. There were no marks of violence on the body, but the circumstances point to suicide, brought on by despondency regarding an unhappy condition. The woman was found by Annie White, a neighboring woman, and Oscar Sandstrom, and death may have occurred at any time within twenty-four hours.

Mrs. Johnson was about 25 years old and is the daughter of Alex Garner, a farmer near Elkhorn, Neb. She married Charles Johnson several years ago, and has a daughter nearly 4 years old. Two years ago Johnson deserted the woman and since that time she has supported herself as a waitress and dishwasher in different restaurants.

Some time ago she met Sandstrom, who is also an employe of a restaurant, and he has since been paying her considerable attention. Sandstrom himself admits that he lived with the woman most of last summer on Howard street, and since her residence in her present quarters, a month ago, the neighbors state that he has been a constant caller. Lizzie Powell, an aunt of the dead woman, says that Mrs. Johnson confessed to her the approaching birth of a child, whose father she said was Sandstrom, and that she further said that unless her trouble was in some way relieved she intended to kill herself.

Sandstrom made a call, as usual, yesterday afternoon, but no one answered his knock. He returned again about 7 o'clock, and the place still seemed deserted, he suspected that something was wrong. He summoned Annie White, who occupies an adjoining flat, and an effort was made to open the door.

The noise alarmed the child of Mrs. Johnson, who had apparently been asleep, and she began to cry. She was asked where her mother was and gave the answer, "Mamma is asleep, and I can't wake her."

The door was then forced and the body of Mrs. Johnson was found close against the door, lying face downward. There was a slight pool of blood near the head and a slight bruise upon the forehead, where it had struck the floor as the woman fell, apparently just in the act of opening the door. The body was fully dressed, and from the ashes strewn at her feet had been about to carry an ash pan down stairs. The stove was cold and burned out. No poison or communications were found in the room.

Two men who roomed in the apartment below said that they had been in their room all day, and had not noticed any sound like that of a falling body. Mrs. White, in the room adjoining, saw Mrs. Johnson going down stairs on Saturday evening, which was the last time she was seen alive.

The coroner was notified and the body was taken to the morgue. A post mortem examination will be held this morning in an effort to determine the cause of death. Alex Garner, thought to be the girl's father, was notified at his farm near Elkhorn, and is expected to arrive at once.

Sandstrom was questioned by Captain Mostyn and it was considered advisable to hold the man as a suspicious character pending the investigation to be held today.

MUSIC AND THEY WHO MAKE IT.

Sunday Evening Concert at Trinity—Woman's Club Recital.

An immense crowd assembled last evening at Trinity cathedral to listen to a program of sacred music given under the direction of Mrs. Cotton by the cathedral choir. Every available place in the church was occupied and even the entrance was thronged by intrested listeners. The choir was at its best and sang with an artistic finish that was truly refreshing. An especially beautiful number was the "Evening Chant," sung by the quartet and accompanied by the chorus humming the familiar tune, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." The soloists were Miss Kountze, Mr. Wilkins, Miss Coon, Miss Bowen and Mr. Lumbard. Mr. Butler presided, as usual, at the organ. The program was made up of standard selections from the repertory of sacred music a every number was performed in a manner quite in keeping with the high standard ing of the singers, the choir and their accomplished leader.

This afternoon at the First Congregational church the fourth recital under the auspices of the musical department of the Woman's club will be conducted by Mrs. Metcalf. The greater portion of the program will be devoted to the compositions of the Norwegian composer, Edward Grieg. This recital is free to members of the club. This program is as follows:

Paper—Historical sketch..Mrs. C. M. Sherrill
Sonata—G minor, op. 13, piano and violin ..... Grieg
Mme. Muentefering, Herr Adelmann.
Song—Longing ..... Ambrose
Miss Kountze.
Piano Solo—Lyrische Stucke .....Grieg
Minuet—March of the Dwarfs.....
Sylphe—French Serenade ..... Papillons
Mme. Muentefering.
Songs—I Love Thee, The Violet, The Swan ..... Grieg
Miss Dickinson.
Violin Solo—Prize Song .....Wagner
Herr Adelmann.
Song—Invocation .....d'Hardelot
Miss Kountze.
Harp obligato .....Miss Lowe
Piano and Violin—Peer Gynt Suite, op. 47 ..... Grieg
Morgenstimmung, Ases Tod, Anitra's Tanz.
Mme. Muentefering, Herr Adelmann.

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