CLIMPSES OF LIFE IN HAVANA

How the Capital of Cuba Looks to an American Visitor.

COSTUMES OF THE HAVANESE WOMEN

How the Large Hotels Are Managed _Few Bieyeles There and No Kodaks Allowed_Activity at the Cemetery.

A cesual observer would may there was very little difference between the gowns and costumes of the Havanese women and those seen in the large cities of the United States or Europe. They catch on to the prevailing fashlons without much delay, writes a correspondent of the Hartford Courant, and adopt them to the extent of their purses. One does not see seal cloaks or other furs on the streets even in the winter months, when the temperature is between 70 and 80, although I saw a fur cape for sale in one of the shops. If a sale of them ever occurs the purchaser is undoubtedly one who contemplates a trip north. Most of the women who appear on the streets in the daytime hood their faces with black lace scarfs and use fans to protect their faces from the sun. Frequently with a generous stock of good photographs, you see young women walking together although there was a great demand for dressed exactly alike. This is so frequent as to be noticeable to strangers. On a Sunday afternoon I noticed in front of a fashionable residence five women, probably members of the same family, all gowned precisely alike, in a heliotrope colored fabric. It was sug-gested that the head of the family was pleased with the goods and bought a whole piece. Very few of the women are pretty, according to the American standard of according to the American standard of beauty. They age early and rapidly, and resort to coemetics and powders to continue their youthful looks long-after their beauty, if they ever had any, has passed away.

One might imagine that everybody in Havana was rich, as there is an utter absence of dogs, which cannot be accounted for by lack of poverty. Without asking for an explanation, one may conclude that they

an explanation, one may conclude that they have gone with the reconcentrados. The an explanation, one may conclude that they have gone with the reconcentrados. The bicycle fad doesn't seem to have taken hold of the Havanese. I saw but two bicycles on the streets and those were on the outskirts of the city, where there was a little patch of concrete pavement. There are very few streets in Havana where it would be a pleasure to ride a wheel. The business portion is paved with block granite, in very good condition. The roads in the suburbs are execrable. The favorite drive is on the beach road, but there is very little pleasure beach road, but there is very little pleasure in riding—the road is so full of ruts and de-pressions that carriage springs are severely tested. The condition of the streets and the almost entire absence of country roads is probably the excuse for not indulging in bicycling. HOTEL LIFE.

The Hotel Inglaterra is considered a fine dining room if in the United States. of it you are hopelessly lost if you under-take to give them an order. But I started to tell you about the bedroom. It is very roomy and at least twenty feet high. Broad cooden blinds open out on an iron balcony. wooden blinds open out on an iron balcony. Iron bars perpendicularly placed make access to your room from the outside impossible. The floor is marble and the walls are covered with a heavy dark paper of a Moorish design. A half circle of colored glasses over your window make a very beautiful rainbow effect on the marble floor when the sun shines into the room. The beds are a pretty picture to look at. The bedsteads are brass with a symmetrically curved mesquito canopy tastefully draped to protect the sleeper from those musical pests, which do business every month in the year. The picture is somewhat dispelled when you discover there is nothing between you and a very flexible wire mattress ex-cept one thin quilt and a sheet. The effect is something like getting into a hammock. Another peculiarity of the room is that th partition which separates you from the ad olning room reaches only eight or nine fee from the floor, and by standing in a chair, if inclined, you can look in on your neigh-

There are a few lines of street cars with mulcs for motive power. The charge is 10 cents, and travel by this method is naturally somewhat restricted. When the war is o there ought to be a grand opportunity for enter rising Americans to put in a first-class trolley system with 5-cent fares. The favor-ite means of transportation in the city is by their one-horse victorias, of which there are thousands, and they will carry two persons from one point to another within the city limits for a peacta, or 20 cents of their money, equal in value to 14 cents, United States. This is about the only cheap article in Havana.

THE CEMETERY.

There is a commendable abtence of drunk enness in Havana. I saw but one person intoxicated, and he was hanging around the American consulate, asking assistance. He was an American, I am ashamed to say. His story was that he had been stranded here, and, being an American sailor, had been abused by the Spanish, to prove which he showed me the cuts on his head. He apparently deserved all he got.

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The cemetery is an interesting place to wisht and one is repaid for the trouble of a two or three mile drive to see some of the fine menum and there, especially one erected by the city to the memory of thirty-six firemen who perished in a configration several years ago. It is of Italian marble, grand in proportions and elaborate in workmanship.

Medallions in life size of the dead firemen
are cut in relief on one of the supporting
blocks of marble, nine on each side. The
main shaft is surmounted with a figure of an angel helding the dead body of a fire-man in its arms, and on each side and angle is some beautifully worked design commem-orating the occasion. The whole structure must be about seventy-five fest high and possibly thirty feet square at the base. It was made in Italy and must have cost neveral hundred thousands of dollars. The Havana funerals all occur at 5 o'clock in the aftermoon and soon after that time you see processions coming into the cemetery from all directions. The carriages remain at the entrance while the bearers carry the casket to the grave, followed by the mourners. saw several funeral processions wending their way slowly up the hill without hearse or carriages. These were of families too poor to have anything but a plain coffin. This was being carried on the shoulders of men, and as the distance is sometimes several tolles, it requires quite a number of able-lodied men, who relieve one another frequently. Nearly all the lots in the cometery are inclosed with iron fences, and al-most every grave mark has a wreath of metaille flowers attached to it. There is an appearance of neglect noticeable throughout the cemetery, but that seems to be characteristic of the people

THE MILITARY The one predominating element in Ha-vana at the present time is the soldiery. The streets are literally filled with uni-The streets are literally filled with uniformed men and youth. The average Spanish officer or sildier would not impress an American favorably. As a rule they are not well set up, and they are generally undersized. They all lack the West Point cut, which is so much admired by Americans. They may understand the theory and practice of war, but the true martial ardor does not seem to reach down into their backbone and legs. None of the officers would ever be accused of wearing corsets, as some of our fieldlings in the military service are. The uniform of officers and men seems to be of the same material—a fine green and white stripe gingham, or some similar fabric for both coat and trousers. The officers year a few gilt stare on their coat alcover and a white canvas cap; the enlisted men a Panama straw hat, with one side folded up and fastened with a rosette.

performed and never saw anything so slovenly done before. There was no sixing up of the men; a boy of five feet two inches would be between men always or sight inches. would be between men six or eight inches tailer. Talking in the ranks seemed to be

allowed at all times. At inspection the man became immovable only when the officer approached him and relaxed into sociability immediately after the officer had passed. Some had leggings, many had not. They were a job lot of misfits, assorted sizes and colors, from fifteen to forty. The regulars are having a hard time of it. In summer about 50 per cent sicken and die. At the present time some of them are begging on the streets, not having received their pay for more than six months. This refers to the enlisted men. The officers are paid, and, apparently enjoy themselves,

NO KODAKS ALLOWED. It is the policy of the Spanish authorities o suppress everything that illustrates the condition of affairs in Cuba. A careful search to obtain photographs of the people or of any event connected with the war was fruitless. The use of kodaks is restricted, if permitted at all. Views of the tomb of Co-lumbus and the monument erected on the spot where he landed are freely offered for sale. One is a little skeptical about be-lieving that the remains of the great dis-coverer are ectually resting in Havana, but good authorities say that it is unquestionably correct.

morning after the Maine explosion an energetic photographer took some very good views of the wreck, but the authorities very soon suppressed his truffic and he retired

seems to a stranger in Havana that one-half of the population are engaged in selling lottery tickets. They are offered you by all classes, ages and sexes, and the boy or man in charge of the lift suggests that you invest. Almost every store con supply you if you want them. Half-clad men, women and children importune you in Spanish to help them out. The wonder is where all these wretched people get the money to start in businers. Possibly they sell on commission, but it must take a great deal of confidence to trust them on the streets with so much valuable property.

Married Quietly and Unexpectedly in

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Walter Senger Pullman, one of the twin sons of the late George M. Pullman, the palace car California. magnate, was married yesterday to Miss Louise Lander West of this city. The un- the matter. expected wedding took place at the home of Rev. John Bakewell, rector of Trinity church, on Telegraph avenue, Oakland. Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Puliman, unaccompanied, made his appearance at county clerk's office in the Alameda county

court house. He made application to Deputy County Clerk Meson for a license to marry. He gave his full nane as Walter Sanger Pullman, a netive of Illinois, aged 23, and at present a resident of the city and county of San Francisco. The name of his intended bride he gave as Louise hotel for Cuba. You would not be catisfied Lander West, a native of California, aged with the cooking and general conduct of the 24, and a resident of the city and county is scarcely any variation of the menu from meal to meal and day to day. It is printed in both Spatish and English, but as the waiters cannot understand the English part of it you are hopelessly lost if you understand the ceremony in the parlors of his home, the clergyman's wife and a Mics Robbins, a friend of Mrs. Bakewell, acting es witnesses. After the ceremony the couple went away as quietly as they had

> sister, Mrs. Hugh McDonnell, is a daugh ter of the late Chester H. West, who was ploneer of 1849, having made the trip aroun the Horn with the earliest goldseekers. He becane a banker in this city and was at one time very wealthy. He left but little property and his daughters made their own way in the world, teaching in the public

Hugh McDonnell, who is now young owner of New York City. The late General Frederick Lander was an uncle of the Misses West and they are the nicees of Judge Edward Linder of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Pullman, the bride, is of medium height. She is a chataine, with a pro-fusion of reddish brown hair, steel blue eyes, long eyelashes and an attractive face COMBINATIONS OF STEEL MAKERS

Bessemer Producers the Latest to Try Consolidation.

CLEVELAND, March 17 .- Concerning the result of the two days' meeting of the Bessemer furnace operators, which has just closed here, the Iron Trade Review, in its issue of this week, will say: The merchant makers of Bessemer iron in the central west are perfecting an organization, somewhat on the lines of the Bessemer Ore association. The objects are to reduce selling cost, eliminate the manipulation of the middle men and get a margin over the increased cost of their ore. progress on the plan.

The announcement of the probable failure of the wire consolidation, based on the development of irreconcilable differences at New York, was followed quickly by the giving out at Chicago of information concerning a consolidation, taking in a part of the plants originally under consideration. It is now stated, however, that efforts are still being made at the eastern end of the line to accomplish something on the original plan before the expiration of options. April 4, and while there is believed to be little chance of agreement, the announcement of the or agreement, limited consolidation may have its influence in securing concessions.

SENDS MONEY FOR HEBREW FARMS.

Widow of Baron De Hirsch Supports His Philanthropy. NEW YORK, March 17.-It was learned ast night that the Baroness de Hirsch recently sent from Paris a large sum of money, the interest of which is to be applied to maintaining and extending the Hebrew farms and agricultural interests founded by the late Baron de Hirsch near Vineland, N. J. The colony was gradually falling into decay and some of those interested appealed to the baroness. pealed to the baroness.

A. Sutoman, the agent for the fund in this city, suid: "The report is substantially true, but I am only sorry the story has come out before all the details of the plans are perfected. I can say nothing further concerning the matter at present."

Brings in Spanish Fishing Boat. PUNTA GORDA, Fla., March 17 .- The Spanish fishing smack Carmen has been towed into this port by the United States revenue cutter Forward. It had been seized for violation of the navigation laws. The Forward left Tampa searching for a filibustering expedition reported to be in the vicinity of Cape Romano. At the entrance to Chartering expedition reported to be in the vicinity of Cape Romano. At the entrance to Chartotte harbor the Forward came upon the Carmen at anchor, making preparations to put to sea. Captain Rogers sent an officer on board the Spanlard, and ascertaining that the stranger had been there for more than twenty-four hours without reporting to the customs authorities placed the Carmen under arrest, brought it to this port and turned it over to the deputy collector of customs. The Carmen had live and salted fish aboard, the result of its catch since leaving Havana. Its master says he has only been engaged in fishing around the Tortugas and the waters of Florida bay, having cleared from Hayana for that purpose several days ago and put into Charlotte harbor on account of stress of weather. revenue cutter Forward. It had been seized

Gold Engagements Abroad NEW YORK, March 17.—Lagard-Freres save engaged \$1,000,000 and Muller, Schall & Co. \$300,000 in sold for import, making a total for the day of \$1,300,000, and the total on the present movement \$24,550,000.

FORCES UNITE AGAINST COMMISSIONERS

Executive Committee, Park Commission and Women's Board Press the County Representatives to Reconsider Action.

The members of the exposition executive committee, each and every member of the executive committee of the Woman's Board of Managers and members of the Board of Park Commissioners are expressing the greatest disappointment at the announcement that the Board of County Commissioners will refuse to co-operate with the exposition management and the park board in securing for the decoration of the exposition and as a bequest to the public parks the lot of permaeent statuary which the exposition desires to purchase from Captain Edward Kemeys, the well known sculptor of Indians and wild animals. The proposition as made by Captain Kemeys, through a representative who has been on the ground for some time, is to design an original group, in the size known design an original group, in the size known as semi-heroic, showing an half-naked Indian astride his pony in the act of administering the death blow to a buffalo. In addition to this he proposes to furnish eight singe figures of wild thimals, life size, the exposition management to have the right to select the animals, the only provision being that they shall be of a distinctively western type. All of these figures are to be of cement on an iron frame, the material being treated by a patented process which is guaranteed to make it permanent in its character. For this work the sculptor asks \$15,ood and the exposition management asked the park board and the county commissioners to co-operate with it, each contributing will probably be accepted. He suggests \$5,000 toward the purchase, with the previ-YOUNG PULLMAN TAKES A BRIDE. tion that the statuary is to become the property of the city after the exposition for the decoration of the city parks.

President Wattles of the exposition and greatest regret at the report that the county

commissioners would rejuse to co-operate in MOST REASONABLE PROPOSITION. "If the county refuses to act with the expesition and park board in this matter," said President Wattles, "It means that the exposition grounds will not be embellished with any statuary. We have been trying to devise ways and means for securing some kind of statuary over since the expesition kind of statuary ever since the exposition was started and have been unable to see any way to do it, but this proposition promised to put an end to our troubles in that line. We have been investigating the statuary question for some time and have learned enough about it to know that this proposition is a most reasonable one and to the advantage of the exposition to accept, but advantage of the exposition to accept, but we have not seen our way clear to devote \$15,000 to that purpose. After going to great expense to erect beautiful buildings and laying out magnificent grounds, if we do not have statuary to add the finishing touch it will be like giving a man a fine suit of clothes and sending him out in the street without any hat. Statuary is absolutely essential to the carrying out of our plans, but we have not the money to pay for it.

"I feel very much disappointed about the matter," said Captain Palmer. "The board was well satisfied with the proposition and we are especially anxious to secure the Indian and buffalo for Jefferson square. We believe it will be the Indian and buffalo for Jefferson square. We believe it will be the handsomest and bent ornament for that park that could possibly be secured and would soon become a landmark. I hope the commissioners will not pass the resolution that has been introduced, but will help us to get this saturary for our parks.

PROPRIETY BEYOND QUESTION.

"Statuary is a thing you can't put fixed value on." continued the capts fixed value on." continued the captain.
"Kemeys is one of the most celebrated sculptors of wild animals and Indians in the scuiptors of wild animals and Indians in the country and what could be more appropriate than a statue of an Indian and buffalo in Cmaha, the recognized center of the Indian country in the olden days. The only question our board has had in the matter has been the permunency of this material, but been the permanency of this material, but I am informed that there are statues in Surope made of the same material which have been in existence hundreds of years and a recent issue of one of the principal scientific papers published in this country contained an article regarding a gigantic statue of this kind which was erected about 300 years ago and which is still standing. If it has as long as that I believe we will our money's worth."

The executive committee of the Woman' board spent considerable time at its regular weekly meeting discussing this statuary question. They had a material interest in the matter, as this committee first agitate the matter of securing several pieces of statuary for the exposition grounds with a view of having them placed in the parks afterward and the progress of the matter has been watched with a great deal of interest. After discussing the matter at length the women formulated a letter to the Board of County Commissioners, urging that body

the exposition management and the Boerd of Park Commis-sioners in purchasing the statuary and giving several reasons why this should be done. Among the reasons were these "We consider the present an unusual oppor-"We consider the present an unusual oppor-tunity for securing such valuable and perma-nent decoration. The far-reaching educa-tional value, both as an exhibit of high art for the exposition and as a perpetual legacy to our community we deem of very great importance. We believe these works of ar, will be a most fitting souvenir of the great exposition and that the large body of intelliexpecition and that the large body of intelli-gent citizens will commend the wisdom and generosity of the men who provided them, and that the appreciation of all classes of citizens will increase with the years and reflect honor upon those who secured them.' This letter was signed by each individual number of the executive committee and

transmitted to the county commissioners, KANSAS MEN VISIT THE GROUNDS

Prepared for the Exposition. A strong delegation of Leavenworth busi ness men accompanied Major T. S. Clarkson of the exposition executive department or

his return from a trip to Kaneus to arouse the interest of the people of that state in the matter of state representation at the exposition. The committee consisted of Mayor John D. Edmond, Eiward E. Coombs. general manager of the Leavenworh Street Railway company; E. G. Krezdorn, former county attorney; Louis Latte, editor of the Leavenworth Tribuna and George P. Leavenworth Tribune, and George P. Roths child, a prominent merchant of Leaven-

The party was escorted to the exposition The party was escorted to the exposition grounds by Major Clarkson, and then went to the Millard hotel for luncheon, after which the various exposition offices were visited and a large amount of information exquired regarding the exposition. The visitors, with the exception of Mr. Coombs, returned home yesterday afternoon.

prise to the Leavenworth delegation. Mayor Edmond spoke for the committee saying: "We expected to see something fine, after hearing Major Clarkson talk so much about

URGE PURCHASE OF STATUARY our people will visit Otanha during the LUMBERMEN GET THROUGH

our people will visit Omaha during the summer."

Major Clarkson reports that his mission was very successful. He had a long interview with Governor Leedy and the latter agreed to do all in his power to help the matter along. He said he would appoint a strong commission at once and would ask the next legislature to reimburse any subscriber who will assist in raising the \$15,000 which must be raised to make the \$15,000 which must be raised to make the \$15,000 raised by the railrosis available. Major Clarkson says this faiter promise on the part of the governor was all-that was necessary to insure the raising of the money and that it will be on hand within a very short time. The governor has been urged to appoint his commission at once and to call a meeting of that body at Omaha in the near future so that the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is see for themselves whether the exposition is see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioner to the commissioners may see for themselves whether the exposition is the commissioner to the commissioners may be commissioners and the call the commissioners may be commissioners to the commissioners may be commissioners and the call the commissioners see for themselves whether the exposition is all that it has been represented to be. FOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' BUILDING.

Executive Committee of Woman's

Board Settles on Details.
The executive committe of the Woman's dren and women and will not be en-cumbered with exhibits that will interfere in any way with the use for which the build-ing is designed.

It is estimated that the building will cost

about \$8,000 and the furnishings about \$1,000

to make it permanent in its charac-For this work the sculptor asks \$15,- tures, etc., Prof. Edward Daniels of this city that a screen suitable for showing projected pictures, views, etc., be fixed in the room that a screen suitable for showing projected pictures, views, etc., be fixed in the room in question, for the use of the lecturers, and he offers the use of a very valuable set of apparatus belonging to himself for producing the pictures which may be provided by membership. A resolution giving the securing such lecturers, thus saving the expenses of condition that he devote at least expenses on condition that he devote at least expenses on condition that he devote at least transporting bulky and expensive apparatus. The professor says he has the apparatus used by the late Dr. Howland at Washington, comprising a projecting lantern, polariscopes, microscope, spectroscope and all ac-cessories, being a collection such as is possessed by only a few universities. He says these instruments were made in London under the eye of Prof. Tyndall and cost \$4,000. He offers to allow them to be used in this building as an inducement to noted because to lecturers to appear, they having to bring only their slices.

PREPARES FOR AQUATIC PLANTS.

Beautiful Feature of the Bluff Tract
Being Arranged.

Henry A. Dreer of Philadelphia, the leading propagator of aquatic plants in this country, is beginning his arrangements for furnishing the aquatic basins, which will be a prominent and very beautiful feature of the floral decoration of the floral decoration of the bluff tract. There will be three of these bashs just north of the Horticulture building, directly in the center of the bluff tract. The middle bash, will be eighty feet in diameter, and at the cast and west sides will be smaller basins, each twenty-five feet in diameter. The large basin has been excuyated and the planting of this will be commenced at once. The bluff were elected directors the succeed John has been excuyated and the planting of this will be commenced at once. The bottom will be puddled and covered with the problem of the succeed year of the succeed of the planting of this will be commenced at once. The bottom will be puddled and covered with the problem of the bluff tract. The middle bash against the planting of this will be commenced at once. The bottom will be puddled and covered with an order of the bluff tract the planting of the planting of the planting of this will be commenced at once. The bottom will be puddled and covered with the problem of the planting of this will be commenced at once the problem.

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supplied with heating apparatus to maintain supplied with heating apparatus to maintain the water at a temperature of 80 degrees at all times. In each of these basins will be planted one specimen of the beautiful Victoria Regia, one of the finest varieties of water lilies in cultivation. One plant of this immense variety will fill one of these basins. Its broad, flat leaves, two or three feet in dispates with indured edges.

Briard F. Hill, northern passenger agent of the Nashville, Chattancoga & St. Louis railway, is in the city as the representative of the Georgia Exposition commission and will close all matters with reference to the

will close all matters with reference to the erection of the Georgia building on the exposition grounds. He has selected the site for the building, being on the west side of the bluff tract near Spencer street.

Mr. Hill says the plan for making the Georgia building entirely of native wood has been changed and it will be of staff exterior with the inside finished in native woods. The structure will cost about \$6,000 and all of the Georgia exhibit will be placed. and all of the Georgia exhibit will be placed

and all of the Georgia exhibit will be placed in this building.
"We are going to have a fine exhibit," said Mr. Hill, "and our people are coming here in force. They have been making great preparations for this thing and we will have separations to be provided when we open between the contract of the string and we will have something to be proud of when we open the doors of our building. I will close the contract for the erection of the building before I leave town and we will commence chipping our material as soon as the building is ready for it. We have our exhibit material preity well is hand and I know what I am talking about when I say it will be a magnificent showing."

Certificates of Majchet Sales.

The management of the Hatchet is issuing certificates to those boys and girls who have sold 100 copies of the paper. The returns are not all in, but it is known that there will be at least 100 children who have each sold 100 or more copies of the paper, and this catifies them to one admission ficket to the exposition groups. the exposition groupds. The certificates bear witness to the fact that the person receiving it is entitled to an admission ticket and the recipients are instructed to present these certificates to the secretary of the Woman's heard after May 26 and receive a

Woman's board after May 20 and receive a ticket in exchange.

The reception accorded the Hatchet is very gratifying to the women and they are in high feather over the success of their venture. They say the paper went "like hot cakes," and they are seriously considering the advisability of repeatle's the experiment. The edition of 25,000 is almost exhausted. ticket in exchange.

Notes of the Exposition. George Mithauer, the local agent for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association of St. Louis, has made application for 256 feet of space in the Manuscourses building for an

W. P. Andrus of Minneapolis was a caller at exposition headquarters having etopped while passing through the city to visit the exposition grounds and see the progress which is being made.

A. M. Allen, president of the Cozad Irrigation company, is in the city to make arrangements for an irrigation exhibit by his company. He says the exhibit will illustrate the system in practical use in Dawson

The eighth annual convention of the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association, which convened on Wednesday, closed a most succonvened on Wednesday, closed a most successful meeting at noon yesterday. The attendance was remarkably good, over 150 New York City. He came to Nebraska in delegates and visitors being present. A 1857, but at the outbreak of the war he results of the successful meeting at noon yesterday. The his life. His first newspaper work was in deciding to list property at substantially the same value as last year. However, they Board of Managers has taken final action in good deal of important business was transapproving the plans for the Boys' and Girls' acted and yet plenty of time was found for building and the construction of this buildling will be ptarted at once. The general which the convention was sitting was taken plan of the building has not been changed, up with the program of enjoyment provided there being only a few minor alterations. by the local entertainment committee. As The structure will be for the use of the chil- a consequence the visitors are leaving the a consequence the visitors are leaving the city well satisfied with their stay in Omaha. WINDING UP BUSINESS.

Yesterday morning the final session was held in the Patterson block and proved to be full of husiness. In order to give the atternoon to the visit to the exposition grounds it was necessary to finally adjourn at noon. As a consequence a large amount or business was rushed through

The first business of the session was the report of the auditing committee to the effect that it had found the reports of the secretary and treasurer correct. George W. Baldwin read a paper upon "Retail and Credit Business," and then the report of the committee on resolutions was received.

The resolution that Secretaries 0. The resolution that September 9 be set

aside as "Lumbermen's day" at the exposi-tion and that the association be called to meet in special session on that date was favorably reported and was unanimously

Another resolution which was also adopted expenses on condition that he devote at least one-third of his time to the work of the as-sociation was amended by striking out the salary, and as amended was passed. The question of salary was left to the board of directors.

After considerable discussion a resolution

that lumbermen in placing issurance should give preference to those who confine their

On | board of directors, which will also select the

Before a final adjournment was taken all green leaves will appear and float on the the delegates collected in a group in front of surface of the water, and about the latter the New York Life building and a photopart of June the flowers will begin to appear. These will present a great variety of This was one of the firal acts of the eight

colors, and their fragrance will scent the air for a considerable distance on every side.

The side basins, however, will be the greatest attraction to lovers of the beautiful. These basins will be cemented and supplied with heating apparatus to maintain the side basins will be commended and supplied with heating apparatus to maintain the side basins will be commended and supplied with heating apparatus to maintain the side basins will be commended and supplied with heating apparatus to maintain the side of the final acts of the eighth annual convention of the final acts of the eighth annual convention of the final acts of the eighth annual convention of the final acts of the eighth annual convention of the association.

A number of the delegates left the city in the afternoon, but the big majority remained by local dealers. At 2 o'clock over 100 were taken out to the exposition grounds in taken out to the exposition grounds to tallyho coaches, where the progress made it the building of the White City was explained to them by members of the exposition direc-

At 6:05 o'clock last evening nearly 10 water lilies in this immense variety will fill one of this immense variety will fill one of the basins. Its broad, flat leaves, two or three feet in diameter with upturned edges, float on the water and between the leaves will appear the huge flower, fully a foot in diameter and of surpassing beauty.

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Commercial club. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MILITIA What the Exposition Will Offer to

the Visiting Guardamen. President Wattles has commenced active operations toward securing a militia encampment for Omaha during the summer and has completed arrangements by which military organizations desiring to come to the exposition will be provided with accommodations such as their necessities require.

At the meeting of the executive committee yesterday the president was authorized to make arrangements to provide suitable camp grounds for such of these organizations as desired to come, a large number of troops from different states having already made inquiry regarding the accommodations which will be furnished by the exposition. The president recommended that these accom-modations be proviled: Camp grounds, modations be proviled: Camp grounds, lights for the streets in the encampment, water, sanitary conveniences, tents with temporary board floors, provided tents can be secured from the government without cost; etraw for tents; one free admission for each member of the organization services. each member of the organization who acempanies it.

These accommodations are substantially the same as have been provided by former expo-sitions, and it is expected that the inducements thus offered will result in gathering at Omaha a large force of militia. The only return asked of the troops is that they shall participate in any parades which may occur during their stay. A proper campoccur during their stay. A proper camp-leg ground will be provided in the neighborhood of the exposition grounds.

Leaves Nothing to His Daughters. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.-The will of Herman Leiber of the North American Commercial company has been filed. No value is placed on the property. George Leiber, Sidney Leiber and Julian Leiber, sons of the deceased, and Isaac Leiber, his cousin, are named in the will as executors and trustees. When the final settlement is made, four years hence, the greater part of the property will be divided equally among the three sons, who are trustees, and a fourth son, Egdar Leiber. The two daughters, Amy and Eisle, will get nothing, because it is stated they have already been amply provided for in the settlement with their matner. Each will, however, receive monthly until she is married the sum of \$10, to be regularly paid to her by the trustees. Many bequests of small amounts are made in the will. Commercial company has been filed. No

CHICAGO, March 17 .- E. S. Willard has missed a stage performance, the first time in twenty-six years. He was obliged to it, but we were simply overwhelmed by the preparations which are being made. We will stir our people vigorously when we return and there is no doubt but Kansas will be well represented by exhibite, and all of the county with irrection.

company. He says the exhibit will illustive up appearing at the Wednesday matinee at Hooley's on account of sickness, in conjunction with the county officials in making an exhibit to show the resources of the county with irrection. DEATH OF JOHN A MACMURPHY. One of Nebraska's Ploneer Journalist Suddenly Summoned.

The death of John A. MacMurphy, a well known Nebraska pioneer and journalist, occurred at his late residence, 1921 Douglas street, late Tuceday afternoon. Mr. Mac-Murphy has been in poor health for some MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTED time, but there was no reason to expect his sudden end until an attack of heart failure sudden end until an attack of heart failure induced his death in a few hours. It is expected that the funeral will be held Sunday morning and that the remains will be taken to Plattsmouth for interment under the direction of the Plattsmouth post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which the

deceased was a member.

Mr. MacMucphy was a native of New Jersey, where he was born in 1838. educated at Pinkerton academy at Derry N. H., and soon after entered the profession He wrote extensively for the Omaha Repub-lican and was one of the first legislative relican and was one of the first legislative re-porters for the Omaha papers. He was suc-cessively the editor and publisher of the Blair Times, the Nebraska Herald, the Schuyler Sun and the Waboo Wasp. He then accept these values and make the levy acriet S. Dakin at Decatur, Neb., thicty years ago. Mrs. MacMurphy has been closely associated with the literary enterprises of Ne-braska and is well known and esteemed in the women's club circles of Omaha.

In speaking of Mr. MacMurphy this morning Dr. George L. Miller said that he had undoubtedly been connected with more newspaper enterprises than any other man in Nebraska. "Mr. MacMurphy was present of property of the State Historical society at "An assessor will go into a business house" a meeting of the State Historical society at Liccoln lest winter where I was asked to read a paper," said Dr. Miller, "and at that time he was called to the platform where he related some of his experiences in Nebraska journalism. I had known him for twenty-five or thirty years, but I was surprised at the extent to which he had figured in newspaper work both as a publisher and as a corpose of the state of the property. He is helpless the minute he enters the establishment, and must rely wholly upon what the proprietor tells him. Thus the county loses much of its revenue. Again, the assessors get together, and, for instance, they will agree to assess the land in one precinct at \$5 per acre, when as a paper work both as a publisher and as a cor-respondent. He was a man of remarkable energy in some respects, and his life has undoubtedly exercised a broad influence on Nebraska journalism."

SAW THE BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO. Omaha Men Who Witnessed the Con-

fingration on Wednesday. Two Omaha men, Frank B. Kennard, a give preference to those who comine their business to lumbermen's associations was passed. The same action was taken on a resolution calling upon the Lumber Exchange association of Kansas City, which does a big business among Nebraska lumbermen, to confine its business to members of the association in the state. ploye of the office of the county treasurer, a condition of affairs that I hate to consaw the fire in Chicago Wednesday and the fire in Chicag saw the fire in Chicago Wednesday, where template.

struck the pavement some fifty or seventy- 75 per cent of the tax for Mr. Miller in speaking of the fire, said:
"It was the worst thing that I ever saw. At 11 o'clock when the fire broke out, I was in the Masonic temple, and my attention was

seemed to be coming in from every direction. I followed and in a few minutes was at the scene of the fire, just after the flames had am not up on handling fire apparatus, I don't think that the Chicago did good work on the start. The men seemed to be excited practically the start we paid for dolog and did not get at the fire in anything like an effective way. Streams were turned on, but they did not seem to reach the flames. Another thing I noticed was that there was no effort to keep the crowd back. Men, women and children crowded in around the engines and firemen and for a long time interfered with their work. Later on, how-ever, a line of policemen was thrown about the burning district and the crowd was driven back. After that the firemen seemed to gain on the flames, but they were still burning when I left, a little after 4 o'clock."

HAWKINSON SAYS HE WAS ROBBED.

Police Say He Was Drunk and Robbed Himself. C. S. Hawkinson, until recently employed by the Great Western Type Foundry and living at 618 South Seventeenth atreet, reported to the police that Wednesday night at 1 men who will do the work in an equitable o'clock he was held up and robbed of \$17 at Seventeenth and Jackson streets by tw-

highwaymen. The police discredit Hawkinson's story and cay that he was drunk and unable to account for his money. Hawkirson, when he appeared at the police

station, had several ugly gashes on his face and head, which he says was done by the highwaymen, but which the police say was done by falling and striking his head on the pavement.

Coroner Swanson received a letter from he chief of police at Columbus concerning the man who was found dead in a South Eleventh street lodging house Tuesday. The man gave the name of John Brang, but his real name is John Brig. Paul Brig of Genoa. N.-h., is a brother of the dead man, and other relativer are Frank Capia, Silver Creek, and a man named Noral of Fairchild. Wis. The Coumbus police report that the dead man is a man of some means. He owned land at Fairchild, Wis., and was on his way there to buy more land when he met his death.

Frank Capia arrivel in Omaha at noon and has taken charge of the body. He is a brother-in-law of the dead man and will remove the body to his home for interment. the man who was found dead in a South

Friday evening the Bullders' and Traders exchange will hold a meeting at its rooms in the Life building. Matters of especial inter-est to architects, builders and material fur-nishers will be discussed. After the session a lunch and smoke talk will be indulged in The hour is 7:30.

Opposes Washington University. DENVER, March 17.-Mrs. Elen M Henrotin of Chicago, president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, is in this city to confer with the local biennial board city to confer with the local biennial board regarding the national convention of regarding the national convention of Women's clubs which meets in this city next June. At a meeting of women interested in the George Washington Memorial association, Mrs. Henrotin expressed herself as opposed to the movement for a national university at Washington, because, she said, no institution in Washington can be free from political influence. Mrs. Henrotin declined to express an opinion as to who would be her probable successor in office at her retirement, which will take place in June.

Steamer Illinois Aground. PHILADELPHIA, March 17.-The steamer Illinois, which suiled yesterday for San Francisco, is agraund on the west side of the channel below Marcus Hook. It will probably get off at high tide.

Fruit Dealers Suspend. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.-The pio-neer fruit firm of Luke G. Srezovich company has suspended. The total indebted-ness is \$30,000; assets unknown.

COUNTY THE CHIEF LOSER

Public Funds Suffer from the Loose Revenue Laws,

EFFECT OF IMPROPER ASSESSING METHODS

Commissioner Harte Expresses the Board's Disgust at the Action of the Douglas County Assessors' Meeting.

The members of the Board of County Commissioners are pretty thoroughly disgusted are powerless to prevent this course, and nothing is left for them to do but express their disgust.

Commissioner Harte, in speaking of the action of the assessors, said: "The men who list the property in the county are as powschuyler Sun and the Waboo Wasp. He then founded the first stock paper at South Omaha, the Hoof and Horn, which has since become the Drover's Journal. After he had disposed of his South Omaha interests he was one of the proprietors of the Beatrice Times for a short period. He was married to Miss Harriet S. Dakin at December 1. Dakin at December 1. Dakin at December 1. Dakin at Dakin at December 2. Dakin a cordingly. We can raise the valuation on a piece of property, but in doing so we must reduce the value on some other piece, change the aggregate valuation as returned to us by the assessors. The whole system of assessment is a delusion and a snare. Men are elected to office who are in no wise qualified. They know absolutely nothing of values, and simply accept the lists as turned qualified. in by the property owners. Each year thousands of dollars worth of property es-

> "An assessor will go into a business house in one precinct at \$5 per acre, when as a matter of fact the land is worth \$50 per acre and they know it. When the books come in we know of the absolute faisity of the assessment, but can do nothing, owing to the fact that we are tied band and foot. to the fact that we are tied hand and foot.
> "It seems to be the purpose of every assessor to keep down values and in doing assessor to keep down values and in doing so they are causing a great injury to the credit of the county. Each year this is becoming more apparent, and unless the state legislature changes the revenue laws.

LEADS TO INDEBTEDNE'S. "In 1891 the assessors returned the prop-

are drifting, and all on account of the plan

agreed upon and pursued by the assessors who list the property.

"Another thing that we have to combat is attracted by the passing of fire engines. Going to the street, fire fighting apparatus seemed to be coming in from every direction. I followed and in a few minutes was at the scene of the fire, just after the flames had burst through the roof of one of the buildings. Everything was confusion and it was some time before the firemen commenced to do sny hing like effective work. While I expense the work was not well done. Un-der the provisions of the law governing the

practically the same work.
"It is contended that if we raised the valthe contended that if we raised the valuation we would have to pay much more
than our proportion of the state tax. This
is all been and is not true. Even if it
was true, there is no recson why the restdents of this city and county should not
pay their proportion of the taxes for the
support of the state."

Asked when he thought the condition of things would change with reference to listing property in Douglas county, Commissioner Harte replied: "Not until the office of assessor is created and one man is elected who will give all of his time and attention to the duties of the office. When that time comes we can elect a good man-a man who will not be hamiltenpped by political promises, and a man who will be com-petent to do the work. With the single asseezsor law in force, the incumbent of the office can select his deputies and can secure and satisfactory manner to all parties con-

cerned." County Surveyor McBeide is at work or the plate that will be used by the accessors in locating and listing the real estate in the towns and country districts of the

county.

The books that will be used by the county assessors have been about completed by County Clerk Haverley's men. They will be ready fee delivery the lest of the month. The accessors will begin their work on the first of next month.

Numerous bidders on doing the paving on the West Dodge and Center street reads have called at the office of the county surveyor to look over the specifications and secure bidding blanks.

MATTERS IN FEDERAL COURT. John F. King Before Commissioner Wannich for a Hearing.

John F. King, the man arrested a couple of days ago on the charge of fradulently using the United States mails in the pro-motion of a swindling scheme, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Wappich. The same story was told by the three principal withcrees, Sam Goodale of Weeping Water, W. H. Green of Portsmouth, Ia., and O. W. Burt of City Center.

Commissioner Wappich held King to the grand jury in the sum of \$500. In default of ball King went to fall.

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Each answered an advertisement inserted in a local paper by King, in which he offered a salary of \$10 a week for their services as traveling soldenen and expenses if they put \$196 capital into his business. Good-ale paid \$190 and Cocca \$45, but Burt, before emberking into the enterprise, caw as attorney and co his advice consulted the police. King's arrest followed. King has an office in the Paxton block and proposed to send his men out on the road to sell fiber

Edward A. Bangs of Boston, as trustee, has begun proceedings in the federal court to foreciese a morigage upon land that fice been platted into Walnut Hil and Carrer additions to the town of Weeping Water. The mortgage was originally given by John M. Carter, but in the meanwhile the property has passed into the Fands of a number of people. All are named as defendents.

Rishop Worthington Goes East.

The standing committee of the Nebraska
Episcopal diocese has requested Bishop Worthington to cancel his appointments and worthington to cancel his appointments and seek needed rest and he has been advised to consult medical experts in New York in regard to the exact nature of the functional heart difficulty which recently has a armed his friends in Omaha. The intense pain and more frequent recurrences of these attacks of the bishop have caused much anxiety. He and Mrs. Worthington left yesterday.