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Pen and Picture Pointers

A newly appointed judge will soon take his place on the bench of the federal court for the Southern district of Iowa in the person of Hon. Smith McPherson of Red Oak, who is now serving the Ninth Iowa district as its congressman at Washington. Mr. McPherson's portrait is presented as the frontpiece of this issue of The Bee, reproducing a new photograph taken specially for this purpose.

Omaha people make their mark abroad as well as at home, as is evidenced by the picture we give of a well known Omaha young woman who secured the prize recently at a rag-time party in St. Louis. The costume shows originality and attention to detail; it is not excelled even by the pose caught by the camera.



MISS GEORGIA SHARP—AN OMAHA PRIZE WINNER IN A RAG TIME PARTY AT ST. LOUIS.

One of the pictures accompanying Carpenter's letter this week is a portrait of General Schwan, who is familiar to Omahans by reason of his connection with the Department of the Missouri, whose headquarters is located in this city, where General Schwan, previous to the outbreak of the war with Spain, officiated as adjutant of the department.

The advent of Shakespeare's birthday anniversary comes tomorrow, April 23, and will be celebrated generally by the various clubs which make a specialty of the study of Shakespeare. A number of these clubs throughout Nebraska have been quite active in literary work, their special theme this year being "Macbeth."

Fifty farmers' institutes have been held in Nebraska since January 1 and there have been no failures, and in nearly every locality there is great enthusiasm over the prospects for an institute next year. Prof. E. A. Burnett, recently appointed to the chair of Animal Husbandry of Nebraska State university, has been in charge of this work.

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and for four years previous to September 1, 1899, held the position of professor of agriculture in the South Dakota Agricultural college. His work in Nebraska will be directed largely to the interests of the stock feeder and stock breeder.

The new president of the Omaha city council, Myron D. Karr, was 41 years old yesterday. He was born at Battle Creek, Mich., which was his home until he moved to Omaha in 1887. He learned the carriage ironing business after finishing his education in the schools of his native city and followed it for fifteen years. At the November election in 1896 he was elected ward councilman from the Sixth ward. He served three months, when the new city charter went into effect, which ousted him from office. He was elected to the new council in 1897 and re-elected again this spring. Should Mayor Mores be absent from the city at any time during the next three years Mr. Karr, by virtue of his office, would be acting mayor.

Convention hall, Kansas City's pride, wherein the democratic national convention was to have been held on July 4, was laid in ruins by fire in less than thirty minutes Wednesday afternoon, April 4. The Bee this week prints a picture of the interior of the hall, showing the bent and twisted steel arches as they appeared after the fire in a view from the east side.

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At the recent municipal elections in Nebraska a majority of the men elected to fill the office of mayor were business men, who have never aspired to fill a political position, but have been forced into the political arena by their business associates. This week The Bee prints the pictures of eight of the recently elected Nebraska mayors.

The picture of a group of Omaha workmen is suggestive of the prosperous times we are now enjoying. Four or five years ago a much larger group could have been photographed on almost any prominent street corner in Omaha at any hour of the day, but it would have lacked the tools of industry and the men would have had a hungry out-of-a-job appearance.

The First Christian church of Omaha recently called Rev. Sumner T. Martin of Mason City, Ia., to fill the pulpit that had been occupied for several years by Rev. Howard Cramblet, who accepted a call from a church in the east. Rev. Martin is an able preacher and a successful pastor. During

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PROF. E. A. BURNETT—PROFESSOR OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

his pastorate at Mason City over 300 new members were taken into the church.

About Noted People

Sequoyah, the Indian chief who reduced to written characters the language of the Cherokees, will have a monument erected to his memory. The people of Cherokee nation propose to place the monument in the public square at Tahlequah, capital of the



REV SUMNER T. MARTIN—NEW PASTOR OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OMAHA.

General Botha (pronounced Boat-a) is a farmer and modestly claims to know more about sheep raising than he does about fighting. He is only 36 years of age and almost every year of that time he has spent in raising sheep and cattle on the large ranges of land in the Vryheid district of the Transvaal.

Mr. Cortelyou, who succeeds Mr. Porter as the president's secretary, is voted by everybody in Washington who has dealings

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According to the London Chronicle the telescope which Napoleon used to carry has been discovered in the possession of an inhabitant of Turin. It has the inscription, "Napoleon, I. R.," engraved on it and is kept in a velvet case, with the arms of Queen Olga of Wurtemberg stamped on it. Napoleon left the telescope, which, curiously enough, bears the mark of Dolland, England, in the drawer of his camp table when he fled from Waterloo and it was taken by a French sergeant, who afterward gave it to its present owner.

A writer in the London King describes Henry Labouchere as a clever man of immense conceit, who will say almost anything in order to be noticed. Dress and such things he cares nothing whatever about; indeed, he is an untidy fellow, of careless appearance. He does not, moreover, care twopence for food or drink and he smokes bad cigarettes, but he has a lovely old house in Old Palace Yard and another at Twickenham. To his wife he is devoted, but the great love of his life is his little daughter Dora, who is all in all to him. To see "Labby" with this little girl is to see a very different man from him of below the gangway.

Poultney Bigelow, writing in the Independent, sizes up Uncle Paul as "a single-minded, courageous, gruff, illiterate cattle-driver, with the soul of a Cromwell and the education of a red Indian." But Steyn of the Free State reminded Poultney—in a way—of our Governor Buckingham. Poultney visited Steyn at Bloemfontein (as he visited Uncle Paul at Pretoria) and had many long talks with him. Conversing with Uncle Paul is like conversing with a "shepherd out of the seventeenth century," he tells us, but Steyn's talk is the talk of "a trained lawyer and a practical statesman." This is rather interesting and we quote further: "President Steyn is one of the best all-round types of manhood it has been my fortune to meet. He has a calm, penetrating eye full of human interest and at the same time suggestive of latent fire. Steyn seemed to me about six feet high, with broad shoulders slightly drooping; not the stoop that comes from desk work, but rather from carrying a gun after game. I have met many Americans who reminded me of Steyn—deliberate men and shrewd—indifferent to mere display, yet careful as to their personal appearance. Everything about Steyn and his house spoke of cleanliness, tidiness, good taste. Everything about Kruger's house suggested slovenly housekeeping if not dirty personal habits. Steyn is politically a clean man at the head of a clean community; Kruger is chief of a state where much corruption in high places exists and where his own name even is not always spared. Nowhere in South Africa did I hear Steyn's name mentioned save in terms of the highest respect."

Told Out of Court

A bookkeeper in a Georgia case who claimed an exemption of wages as a laborer testified in support of it as follows: "It requires a right smart of muscular force and exertion sometimes. I do a great deal of jumping around and handling books."

Once upon a time when Judge Gary of

Chicago was trying a case he was disturbed by a young man who kept moving about in the rear of the room, lifting chairs and looking under things.

"Young man," Judge Gary called out, "you are making a great deal of unnecessary noise. What are you about?" "Your honor," replied the young man, "I have lost my overcoat and am trying to find it."

"Well," said the venerable jurist, "people often lose whole suits in here without making all that disturbance."

While in a peculiar mood one day the late Justice Stephen J. Field severely reprimanded Page Henry McCall for an offense of which the page was innocent. But the member of the highest court in the land could not be persuaded that his course was not the correct one. McCall left humiliated, but he was a little gentleman and held his peace.

Later in the day Justice Field sent for McCall.

"Come to my house at 7 o'clock this evening," was all he said.

With mingled feelings of doubt and despair the page called at the Field residence at the time specified, was ushered into the jurist's library and told to hold the books which Mr. Field began, without explanation or ceremony, to take from the shelves.

When the veteran lawyer had piled about fifteen volumes into Page McCall's arms he gruffly remarked:

"Henry, I'm very sorry for the way I treated you today. I realize that my conduct was unwarranted, and I beg your pardon. Here are some choice books. Keep them as a nucleus for your library. Keep them, young man, and—keep your temper, too, whatever you do! Good night!"

In one of the remote counties of the panhandle of Texas two lawyers were trying a



MYRON D. KARR—PRESIDENT OF OMAHA CITY COUNCIL.

case before a justice of the peace. It was sixty miles as the crow flies to the nearest law book, and the attorneys differed, of course, as to the law upon the main issue in the case. They were trying the case without the intervention of a jury, and his honor, who conducted a gambling house in connection with his hotel, saloon and livery stable, was in doubt as to what his decision ought to be. Finally Miller, the plaintiff's counsel, offered to bet Hoover, the defendant's attorney \$10 that he was right. Hoover did not happen to have that much of the circulating medium concealed about his person and was naturally at a loss how to parry this forcible argument. The court waited a few moments for Hoover and finally said:

"Well, Mr. Hoover, the court has waited long enough. Miller's proposition seems to be a fair one, and, since you don't put up, I will decide this case in favor of the plaintiff."

Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News: A fearless man is the greatest of feminine attractions. A conceited young lady says the men are a covet-us lot. When a man doubles his fists he naturally becomes four-handed. It is always safer to be ahead of time or a mule than behind either. The shooting stars may yet discover that the earth is a good revolver. There is nothing more gratifying than the consciousness of doing good. Many a man's good opinion is not worth the price you have to pay for it. Don't complain if you lose your temper. You are probably better off without it. No man is brave enough to allow a woman to see him making faces at her first baby. A small man should never marry a buxom widow. He might be called the "widow's mite." When a woman resorts to art for a youthful complexion she is only trying to make up for lost time. When a man discovers that he has had enough he also discovers that he has overestimated his capacity. A philosopher who has undoubtedly been up against it says: "The best throw a man can make with dice is to throw them away." No man on earth is ever referred to as one of nature's noblemen. He must occupy a space in the earth in order to acquire the title.



GROUP OF OMAHA WORKINGMEN.