ARMY LAYS IN ITS SUPPLIES

Subsistence Department Awards Contracts for Stores for Next Year.

NECESSARY PAPERS NOW BEING PREPARED

Amounts Not as Small as Had Been Anticipated, as Enough Must Be Kept on Hand to Meet Emergencies.

The contracts upon the estimates of the quartermaster for the necessary grain and supplies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, have been awarded and the department is preparing the bonds and contracts for signature and approval. The amount of grain required by the department is not as low as was expected by reason of the removal of the troops from the department, but this is accounted for by the fact that there is no way of telling how long the troops will be in other departments and the quartermaster is expected to have on hand enough provender for all of the troops which may be placed in the department.

The estimates for the year 1899-1900, as compared with those for 1900-1901, are as follows:

Commodity.	1901. Pounds.	1900. Pounds.
Oats	8,038,000	9,278,000
Bran	1,220,000	1,221,000
Baled hay	10,900,000	8,709,000
Stacked hay	4,725,000	2,000,000
Corn	.....	375,000
Straw	3,758,000	2,506,000

There is a greater difference in the estimated amount of fuel needed this year in comparison with that consumed last year, the figures being:

Commodity.	1901. Pounds.	1900. Pounds.
Bituminous coal	39,830,000	45,434,000
Anthracite coal	3,200,000	6,450,000
Smelting coal	727,000	105,000
Charcoal	* 550	* 1,075
Wood	**4,965	**5,035

* bushels. ** cords.

The subsistence department is awarding contracts for the supply of perishable articles of food needed by the department. This award is made monthly.

Colonel Hathaway, chief quartermaster of the department, left yesterday for Forts Sill and Reno on a tour of inspection.

Special orders were issued yesterday for the payment of the troops in the department. The men will receive their money next Tuesday.

FOREPAUGH'S FUNNY FOLKS.

The Frolic of 25 Fools.

The management of the Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' united menageries, circuses and hippodromes evidently believes in the truth of the saying, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you," and, furthermore, recognizes that laughter turns all into pleased and good-humored critics. Strong in every arenic element, calculated to gratify and attract, the big show is notably so in the number and quality of its clowns, which includes besides twenty-five of the most hilarious human humorists, whose names are written high up on the world's star role of rib-tickling talent—clown elephants, clown sea lions and seals, clown pigs, ponies, dogs, bears, goats and monkeys.

Clowns on four legs, clowns on two;
Clowns the cutest you ever knew;
Clowns on the earth, clowns in the air;
Clowns inthe water, clowns everywhere;
Clowns in seal skins, clowns in hair;
Clowns with whom none can compare;
Clowns in motley, clowns with wings;
Clowns performing marvelous things;
Clowns in dress suits, clowns in kilts;
Clowns in long skirts, clowns on stilts;
Clowns that mimic every fad;
Clowns that make the million glad;
Clowns that cause the buttons to fly;
Clowns at whom you laugh till you cry;
Clowns of every nation and clime;
Clowns who are funny all the time;
Clowns, and more than you ever saw;
Clowns that make the world haw-haw.

These clowns with the shows will exhibit at David City, Neb., today, and will arrive in Omaha Sunday and, with the assistance of the small boy, will pitch their tents at Twentieth and Paul streets and will give performances Monday. This is the only "big circus" that will visit Omaha this season.

STOP PREACHING IN PARKS

Commissioners Decide to Prohibit the Holding of Any Religious Services in City's Breathing Places.

Preaching in the parks of Omaha will be discontinued. At its meeting yesterday afternoon the Board of Park Commissioners decided to notify the park policemen that the section of the rules which prohibits public metings shall be enforced to the letter. Complaints have come to the board concerning religious meetings that are held in Hanscom park and exhorters have also been gathering crowds on Jefferson square. The result has been that the sod has been damaged and shrubs have been broken by the congregations that listen to the itinerant preachers. If any church were granted the right to hold meetings in the parks the same privilege would have to be extended to all and the board has adopted the policy of prohibiting all public meetings unless they are of a patriotic nature.

Dr. S. D. Mercer has offered to give the board the ground necessary for the extension of the drive in Bemis park west through his land to Fortieth street. The advisability of accepting such a gift was discussed and the board finally decided to visit the park at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of inspecting the proposed extension. The board will also examine the bridges in Miller park and visit Kountze park.

The contract for constructing foundations upon which the Spanish cannon shall be set was awarded to a local company, whose bid was $50 for each foundation. One cannon will be placed in Hanscom park and the other at the intersection of Capitol avenue and Nineteenth street.

INTENDED FOR OTHERS.

Difficult to Believe Advice Applies to Us.

"While reading the morning paper at breakfast, I frequently read over the advertisements of Postum Food Coffee and finally began to wonder if it was a fact that my daily headache and dyspepsia were due to coffee drinking.

"It never occurred to me that the warning fitted my case.

"I had been on the diet cure for more than ten years, having tried a strictly meat diet also a strictly vegetable diet and at other times left off breakfast for a time and again left off dinner, but all these efforts were futile in ridding me of the steady half-sick condition under which I labored.

"I had never once thought of over-hauling "dear old coffee," but when it finally occurred to me to make the trial and take up Postum, I immediately discovered where the difficulty all these years came from. I now eat anything for breakfast, as much as I desire, doing justice to a good meal, and the same at lunch and dinner, with never a headache or other disagreeable symptom. My only "crankiness" now is to know that I have Postum served as it should be made, that is properly boiled. There is a vast difference between poorly made Postum and good.

"C. E. Hasty of Alameda, Cali., insists that he owes his life to me because I introduced him to Postum. I have a number of friends who have been finally cured of stomach and bowel trouble by the use of Postum Food Coffee in place of regular coffee.

"Please do not use my name."

D. J. H., 1223 Bremen St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

South Omaha News.

It is the intention of South Omaha republicans to form one gigantic republican club, the organization to include all of the ward clubs, marching clubs, etc. In this way a first class showing can be made at all times and better results obtained. Those who are behind this move propose inviting the officers and members of all of the ward clubs to a conference to be held soon, when the matter will be taken up and discussed thoroughly. Should this idea meet with favor a hall will be secured for permanent headquarters, with a secretary in charge, and an active campaign commenced at once. Local republicans are taking a great deal of interest in the coming campaign and it is openly predicted that the republican majorities of last spring will be repeated this fall.

Mayor Kelly, it is asserted, is giving South Omaha the best administration it ever had. The police force is in splendid condition and the officers under Chief Mitchell are working in harmony. Ante-election promises are being carried out by the mayor, especially in regard to the street and sanitary departments, and the municipality was really never in better condition, taking everything into consideration. Very few crimes are committed and usually punishment rapidly follows the apprehension of a criminal. Mayor Kelly is continually being congratulated on his administration and it is asserted that his actions tend toward cementing the republicans in South Omaha.

Looking Up School Finances.

Expert accountants, lawyers and parties interested in the case are still checking over the books of the school district in order to present to the court an exact showing of the finances of the district in connection with the Hoctor school site injunction. It was discovered yesterday that warrants amounting to about $10,000, in partial payment for the construction of the Jungmann school, had been issued at a time when there was not a dollar in the funds to take up the paper. This issuing of warrants for building purposes when there was no money on hand is in direct violation of the law and some of the members of the board are now worried because they precipitated a fight on the Hoctor site. It is expected that the checking up will be completed today, so that the hearing of the case may be continued next week.

High Prices for Live Stock.

The hog market here was topped yesterday by H. H. Haskins of Pilger, Neb., who brought in some Poland-Chinas 13 months old. The average weight of the bunch was 363 pounds, about as heavyweights for the age as were ever marketed here. Buyers for Swift and Company bought this drove for $5.15. In the line of cattle sales Herman Holstein of Dodge topped the market by selling seventy-eight head of Sand Hills cattle for $5.50. The average weight of this herd was 1,480 pounds.

Board Fails to Meet.

A call for a special meeting of the Board of Education was made yesterday afternoon, but only three members, Messrs. Bulla, Brennan and Roberts, responded. It was the intention to approve the bond of Treasurer Koutsky in order that a warrant call might be issued and thus put a stop to the payment of interest at the rate of $10 a day on outstanding warrants. As there was no quorum, it was impossible to transact any business and it is understood that the bond matter will not come up again until the regular meeting in August.

Murphy Will Accept.

Henry C. Murphy notified Mayor Kelly yesterday that he would accept the position of city prosecutor providing the ordinance creating such an office was passed by the city council. The mayor is of the opinion that Mr. Murphy will prove himself to be a first-class prosecutor and that the revenue from police court fines will be greatly increased by having an experienced attorney assist the police judge in handling city cases.

Magic City Gossip.

A son of Mrs. Cahill, 2912 S street, is ill with diphtheria.

Mrs. Condon of Chicago is here visiting friends for a few days.

Mrs. A. V. Miller has gone to Colorado to visit for a month or so.

Balthas Jetter has purchased an entirely new outfit for the Jetter base ball team.

A game of base ball will be played on Sunday between the Jetter and Armour teams.

And now they say that Dr. Ensor wants to be elected a member of the Nebraska legislature.

Mrs. C. L. Webber and Miss Grace Keplin are here from Iowa, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berch.

Miss Annie Levy has gone to western Nebraska to visit friends. She will remain away until September 1.

A meeting of Swedish-American Republican league No. 2 will be held at the office of A. L. Berguist tonight.

There will be no 8 a. m. service at St. Martin's church on Sunday. Rev. Irving Johnson will preach at 11 a. m.

Street Commissioner Clark has completed the repairs to the pavement in the alley at the rear of Briggs' hardware store.

Members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen will picnic at Waterloo on Sunday. Trains will leave here at 9:30 a. m.

Miss Lulu Ward, who has been employed at the mayor's office as stenographer for some weeks, tendered her resignation yesterday.

Anton Nadliski has been bound over to the district court in the sum of $500 for burglarizing a saloon at Twenty-seventh and L streets.

The funeral of Mrs. H. G. Elbert, who died yesterday from the result of a gasoline explosion, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A game of base ball will be played this afternoon at the stand pipe between the night force at the stock yards and a picked team from Armour's.

The bridge across the gully just east of of the Curo springs, Nineteenth and N streets, is in a bad condition and repairs will be made by the street commissioner.

C. M. Rathburn, one of the Missouri Pacific officials, with headquarters at Atchison, Kan., was the guest yesterday of W. J. C. Kenyon, general manager of the Stock Yards company.

Your druggist will refund your money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure you. 50 cents.

All Over With Leete.

When Mrs. R. D. Leete excused herself from the presence of her common-law husband early Friday evening under the pretext of going for a stroll he suspected that there was a handsomer man in the case and followed her footsteps. He was rewarded for playing the sleuth act when she met John Delbridge in a restaurant, where the pair sat down for supper. No sooner had their orders been taken than the injured husband walked in and remonstrated with Delbridge. The latter stopped not to parley, but went for Leete, vigorously using fist and foot. The woman urged Delbridge to "do up" her husband, who was plainly outclassed and out of the game when Sergeant Weisenberg and Officer Pearson called time and arrested the trio.

Piles of Pain.

Many kinds of piles—itching, bleeding—all painful, terrible tortures, but all are quickly cured by Carcarets Candy Cathartic. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. J. Langer of Wilber is at the Iler Grand.

R. W. DeFord of Hastings was at the Murray Friday.

W. K. Miller of Alliance was a Friday guest at the Murray.

Mrs. M. F. Ewing of Beatrice registered Friday at the Murray.

Bert Davis, one of the editorial representatives of the Sells-Forepaugh show, is registered at the Millard.

Nebraskans at the Merchant's Friday: John E. Owen of Wayne, Tom Dowd of Gordon, W. H. Totten of Fullerton and B. L. Scovel of Chadron.

DUDGEON TIRES OF LIVING

Omaha Pioneer Seeks Death by Means of Narcotic Poisons.

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DEMENTED

Police Find Him at Fort Omaha Dying, but Have Him at the Hospital Still Alive.

J. A. Dudgeon, a pioneer of Omaha, was found in a dying condition late Friday afternoon in the band stand at Fort Omaha. Beside him were two bottles which told the tale. One had contained two ounces of tincture of opium, the other eight ounces of the solution of cocaine, and but one ounce remained of the latter poison.

The police were notified at 6:05, and thirteen minutes later Emergency Officer Baldwin was at the scene. He stopped long enough at a house near the fort to get a pail of mustard water and one of black coffee. Dudgeon was almost beyond human aid when Baldwin reached his side, but the latter administered the remedies and the necessary physical manipulation, with the result that life was prolonged until the arrival of Police Surgeon Ames. The surgeon gave an emergency treatment and ordered Dudgeon taken to Clarkson hospital. It was reported at a late hour that he was still alive, but in such bad condition that his recovery is extremely doubtful.

Dudgeon left the following not in explanation of his action:

"To Whom It May Concern: I have suffered enough and am nearly blind. Please turn this body over to Dr. Charles E. Allison for dissection."

Two letters addressed to relatives were also found. One was for his daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Smith of Craig, Neb., the other for a son, F. L. Dudgeon of DeSoto, Neb. His wife and children have had much trouble with him in the last few years, as he has often disappeared for days at a time and threatened frequently to commit suicide. It is believed that he was partially demented.

Dudgeon was about 65 years old and came to this city thirty years ago or more. He was at one time well-to-do, but of late years has been supported by his wife and children. In addition to the two children named above, another son resides in Omaha, D. W. Dudgeon, a plumber, at 2910 Farnam street.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AFFAIRS

Board Elects Officers and Names Its Committees for the Ensuing Year.

Last night's meeting of the Public Library board called for the annual election of officers under the provisions of the governing ordinance. By the unanimity of the members the formality of a ballot was dispensed with and the secretary instructed to cast the entire vote as follows:

President—Lewis S. Reed.
Vice President—Victor Rosewater.
Secretary—A. C. Kennedy.
Librarian—Edith Tobitt.

The only change in the list is that of secretary, in which Mr. Kennedy succeeds Mr. Perine, who requested to be relieved of the duties. President Reed immediately announced the standing committees on whom devolve the active supervision of the different departments of the institution for the ensuing twelve months. They are:

Executive—Victor Rosewater, chairman; Haller and Perine.

Book—Frank L. Haller, chairman; Knox, Kennedy and President Reed.

Judiciary—H. B. Leavitt, chairman; Kennedy and Ives.

Museum—P. L. Perine, chairman; Deuel and Leavitt.

The only absentees at the meeting were Ives and Kennedy, while H. P. Deuel participated for the first time by virtue of his recent appointment.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Rosewater was unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the records:

Resolved, That the board hereby expresses its profound regret at the untimely death of William R. Morris, that has deprived it of a valuable and loved member, unselfishly devoting his abilities to the upbuilding of the library; and that it extends deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

The other business transacted was chiefly of a routine character. A report of the librarian on the meeting of the American Library association at Montreal, to which she had been sent by the board, was read and placed on file. The same disposition met the librarian's regular monthly report. Bills to the amount of $1,352 were audited and certified to by the comptroller and the suggestion that the fiscal year be made to coincide with that of the other city departments, so far as it relates to official statistics and reports, put over for action by the city council. The salary of the librarian was fixed at $1,500 for the year 1900.

First Ward Republicans.

At a business meeting of the First Ward Republican club last night at Forest hall Sam Scott presided and R. C. Jordan officiated as secretary. At the close of the business session addresses were delivered by W. H. Hanchett, R. C. Jordan and P. M. Back. Music was furnished by a colored quartet.

The First Ward McKinley and Roosevelt club and the First Ward Bohemian club met jointly in Wiesner's beer garden at the corner of Eighth and Hickory streets and listened to addresses from Isaac S. Hascall, Major Miller and Harry Fisher of the Ninth ward, with about fifty in attendance.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Frank Hrusha, aged 26, died of dropsy at St. Joseph's hospital and his remains were sent to Weston, Neb., for interment.

The body of J. A. Craum, who was killed last Sunday by falling from an electric light pole at Twentieth and Dodge streets, has been sent to Eagle, Mich., for interment.

Myron D. Karr, acting mayor, has called a special meeting of the council for 10 o'clock this morning. The purpose of the meeting is to pass the appropriation ordinance for July.

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting at noon today for the purpose of approving the bonds of the newly elected officers of the board and giving them an opportunity to qualify before August 1.

The six deer recently purchased for Riverside park have been placed in the enclosure prepared for them. The deer belonged to an estate that was being closed out at Menomonie, Mich., and the Board of Park Commissioners secured them for $95.

Lentz & Williams' new bowling alley re-opens today at the old place, second floor, 1416-1418 Farnam. Everything remodeled and refitted. Four finest alleys in Omaha. The room is large, well lighted and ventilated, making it an ideal place for this popular sport.

Captain Joe Sullivan of No. 3 engine house, who had charge of the Omaha fire fighting exhibit at York this week, reports the loss of a valuable diamond stud. He says he noticed the loss while on the train, soon after leaving York, and is of the opinion he was "touched."

The police were called upon yesterday to arbitrate a neighborhood quarrel between Mrs. C. P. Cooley of 2422 South Tenth street and Mrs. Annie Goth of 1610 Arbor street. Their back yards adjoin. Mrs. Goth accuses Mrs. Cooley of poisoning her chickens, and Mrs. Cooley avers that Mrs. Goth is holding as hostages two Angora kittens belonging to Mrs. Cooley. Sergeant Whalen patched up a truce for them and the two powers are again on diplomatic terms.

After a hearing in police court Friday afternoon on a charge of assault and battery Hans Peterson and his wife were discharged. They were accused of assault by Mrs. Johanna Johnson and her sister, Mrs. Mary Christophson, at the Johnson boarding and rooming house, 1409 Jones street, July 12. The trouble arose over the payment of a 75 cent bill. The landlady and her sister attempted to prevent the Petersons from removing their trunk from the house and the result was a four-cornered mixup at the foot of the stairs.

DEDUCTIONS FROM SHOES.

Character as Read by the Vigilant Sleeping Car Porter.

"Yes, sah, yes sah," said the porter, as we sped along in the smoker at midnight, reports the New York Sun, "sho's you bawn I kin always tell er man by de way he wears out his shoes. I been shinin' shoes on dis run fo' yeahs an' yeahs, an' nevah made er mistake 'bout any man." And the old fellow gazed at the long row of footwear in front of him.

"Dis heah gemman, fo' instance," he said, picking up a neat looking tan, "dis heah gemmen, he been wearin' dis pah o' shoes fo' er long time, but dey is wo'n' bout de same all roun'. Now, dat gemmen, he gave me mo' trouble den all de res' ob de cyah all togeder. He want everything jes' so, an' ef I fo'git de leas' thing he be ringin' me up fo' I kin git back to where I started. Nex' mawnin' ef I give him er brush off he keep me busy doin' dis and doin' dat tell I don' have time to pay 'tention to t'other gemmen, an' den he gives me 10 cents."

The old man was silent for a moment, as he contemplated the villainous tendencies of such a character.

"An' den, ef he makes reg'lar runs, he don' even give me 10 cents, but he says, 'Nex' time, Sam, I give you a quatah,' but I don' git no quatah, sho's yer bawn, tell he makes sev'rul mo' trips. No, sah, don' you talk ter me 'bout dese men what weah dey shoes out de same all 'roun'. Ded am pow'ful mean men, an' no mistake.

"Now, heah am de kind o' shoe I like. You see dis one, hit am worn out at de heel an' at de toe, an' worn flat in de centah ob de hoof. Now, dat gemmen, he's all right. He call me an' he say, 'Ole man, make down my bed de fust chance you git,' an' den he go an' loaf roun' in de smokah tell I tole him his bed made down, an' den he swing in widout sayin' anything, an' fust thing you know he soun' sleep. No, sah, he don' go tearing roun' 'bout dis thing and dat thing. Ef t'aint jes' right he jes' say, in his min', you know, 'Dam de diff'ence,' an' off he go to sleep.

"Dis gemman, he all right, too. He ain' no cah'luss man, but he jes' go 'long and tend his bus'ness widout ra'sin' so much cain, an' yet he do mo' in er day den dat yan' fellah he do in er month. Nex' day I brush him off an' get done an' he not say erword, an' den he re'ch down an' han' me er quatah while he finish readin' his papah. Dat am er nice gemman, sho's yeh bawn.

"An' den heah's er 'nother kind o' gemman, which sometime I like an' sometime I don' like. You see his shoe hit am worn all kinda o' ways. Dey am hollered out here and turned off dar an' have all sorts o' cu'ous bruises. Now, dat fellah he don' give er dam whether he go ter bed er not, sometime, an' den again he apt to sleep all day. Sometime I like to watch an' see jes' what he gwine do nex', fo' he certily am a cu'ous white man. Ef he got any stuff he jes' apt to give yeh a dollah as er quatah, but den sometime he broke an' yeh don' get nothin', but all de same I like dis gemman. Ef he git mad he madder'n de debbil hisself, but gen'ly he don' care how de win' blow.

"Dis gemman I don' like neither. No, sah, I don' like dis gemman," said the old man, picking up another pair of tans. "Yeh see, dis heah shoe? Hit am worn out mo' at de toe den anywhar else. Dat man he a pow'ful lot o' trouble. He am fidgity, an' er fidgity man am wos'n er fussy woman, an' er fussy woman—may de Lawd sab me.

"Dis man he always in er hurry. He ask me er thousand questions. He want his bed made down befo' anybody else an' he want hit made up befo' anybody else, an' all enduin' ob de night he ringin' fo' de potah. Dere he go now, heah him? Let him ring. I done been dere sev'l times an' he don' want a Gowd's blessed thing wuth noticin'. De wus thing 'bout him, he got er bad mem'ry. When he git nigh whah he goin' he so fidgity to get off dat he fo'git ev'rything else, fo'git his grip an' his walkin' stick, an' he nevah fails ter disremember dat you done wait on him like er dawg all night. Dat's de meanes' thing' bout dis heah fidgity gemman. I hope he doan git on my cyah no mo' dis summah.

"But heah's sompin I don' like. Heah's one ob dem Jonah shoes. You ask any po'tah an' he tell you dat dis kin' er shoe mighty nigh bring er wreck er sompin wues ev'ry time. Now look at dat shoe, sah. See dat lef' heel. Evah see anything like it? Hit am worn right off'n one side. How you spose dat gemman evah weah he shoe off dat way? Don' know? Cose you don'; nobody else. Dat man am a Jonah man, sho's yeh bawn, an' I been feelin' oncomfitabul evch since I see dat shoe. I say to myself, 'Sam, yeh bettah be pow'ful cahful ternight, case dat Jonah man am on de cah, an' I am still pester'd 'bout hit. Dat man he cu'ous sho 'nuff. He nevah say nuthin' all de time. He sot still an' look out'n de winder, an' now an' den when you pass by, he roll dem eyes o' his roun' at you, an' it make youh blood freeze—dat what he do. I plum 'fraid o' dat kin' o' man, an' I nevah do anythin' mo'n I kin help fo' him. No, sah, I wouldn' touch dat man wid my broom fo' 75 cents; no, sah.

"Heah sin er nother kin' o' shoe I don' like. Look at it. Hit am narro' all er long an' flat as er pancake, wid a short toe, an' hit am worn down on de inside ob de fron' sole. Dat man am er dude. Anybody kin see dat. He gib de potah a heap o' trouble an' pow'ful little ob anything else, lemme tell you. He call me in de mawnin' an' he say: 'Po'tah, po'tah, did you polish—he allers say polish—did you polish my shoes?' Den I gins ter git mad, but I keeps polite an' I say: 'Yes, sah, I shined 'em,' but he say: 'Well, dey don' look like hit. I wish you would take them back an' go ovah dem again.' An' den I take dem back an' sot dem down in de conah fo' er few minits widout so much as touchin' dem, an' when I take dem back he look pow'ful pleased, case he think he goin' ter look finer'n anybody else. He take up mo' room in de smokah dan anybody, an' he fool eroun' an' com' his hair an' fix his tie tell de dinin' car am pulled off an' den he almos' break his heart case he misses his breakfas."

Made Love to 120 Girls.

Probably the most successful suitor of modern times is Alois Frankenberg, a Bavarian, who has just been sentenced at Gratz, in Austria, to spend two years and a half in prison because he made love to too many girls and swindled them out of goodly sums of money. The son and heir of a wealthy man at Gratz, he quickly ran through his patrimony, whereupon he advertised for a wife in several papers. Girls of all ranks in society answered his advertisement, and, selecting among them those who were comely and who had money, he promised to marry them. Gradually he inveigled their money from them, and then he disappeared, leaving the hapless women to mourn over his fickleness and his dishonesty.

He was next heard of at Munich, where he played the same trick and with equal success on several young and old widows. To the neighboring cities he also paid frequent visits, and ever with the same object in view, the result being that in a short time he had accumulated quite a handsome fortune. Unfortunately he went one day to Gratz, and was there seen by one of his victims, who promptly had him arrested.

This modern Don Juan is himself authority for the statement that he had offered his hand and heart to at least 120 maids and widows.

A Huge Job.

The consolidation of the two great sleeping car companies made necessary a vast amount of work, says the Chicago News. The word Wagner had to be painted out of 730 cars of that company. Of the cars operated by the Wagner company 502 bore the same names as 502 of those belonging to the Pullman company. A list of these duplicate cars was made out and the day after the transfer painters went to work changing them. The first Wagner sleeper had its name changed from Java to Pultava. The Pullman standard lock is being placed in former Wagner cars, thus causing a change of 40,000 locks. The bed linen, blankets, towels, doormats and the glass in those windows containing monograms will have to be changed, and it may take many months before the alterations are completed.

CHIEF BANE OF OCEAN TRIPS

That Intense Feeling of Goneness Which Obliges the Traveler to Give Up.

SOME MEDICAL POINTS ON SEASICKNESS

Suggestions Designed to Reduce the Internal Commotion to a Minimum and Make Life the While Worth Living.

It may be confidently asserted, says the New York Tribune, that no single cause detracts so much from the pleasure of an ocean voyage as seasickness, actual and anticipative. The monotonous moan of the foghorn, the tremor that results from a twin-screw mechanical equipment, the crying or excessively sociable child, which begins demonstrations in an adjacent cabin at 5 o'clock in the morning, and the spilling of a plate of soup into one's lap when the vessel rolls heavily, are either exceptional or trifling drawbacks. But seasickness finds a larger number of victims, dominates them for a longer period and is a much more serious matter than any of these other experiences. The acute manifestations of the malady may not be prolonged, but, susceptibility to it having been discovered, the sufferer becomes more or less apprehensive, his plans and movements are trammeled and his ambition is paralyzed. Fortunately, the majority of those who suffer at all are troubled only during the first two or three days of a voyage, or else only when the ship pitches badly. But even so, it is highly desirable to mitigate the severity of the attack if possible. And this may be done by observing a few simple precautions.

Dr. Herman Partsch of Brooklyn contributes to the Medical Record a number of excellent suggestions on this subject. Some of them will seem rather familiar to the veteran voyager; others may appear more novel. In any case, however, it is to be noted that the man who offers these hints spent two and a half years at sea as the medical officer of various steamships and in 1886 received a prize from the Medical society of California for an essay on seasickness. Moreover, several other doctors who have served a similar apprenticeship and the leading steamship companies of San Francisco have strongly recommended Dr. Partsch's instructions.

Fresh Air Amidships.

In the first place, a passenger who expects to be sick should secure a cabin as nearly amidships as possible, and should give that part of the vessel the preference when out on deck, inasmuch as the motion of the ship is felt much less there than out forward. Secondly, one cannot have too much fresh air. It is vastly better to be out on deck than cooped up in a cabin. But the latter should be as well ventilated as possible. One need not worry about draughts. It is a singular fact, due perhaps to the humidity of sea air, that on the ocean it is practically impossible to take cold. Dr. Partsch urges the advisability of wearing shoes that are warm and comfortable, and that can be put on and removed with ease. Indeed, convenience in dressing and undressing is to be studied in the choice of clothing taken on a sea voyage.

The victim of seasickness will learn from experience, sooner or later, that his posture greatly affects the behavior of his stomach. If he lies flat on his back he may get along for hours without inconvenience; whereas, if he sits or stands erect for a few minutes he is liable to be overcome on short notice. But it is better to take advice on this point in advance and not wait for original discovery. Dr. Partsch makes it an important feature of his program, and an elaborate explanation of the fact is offered. He says that the first part of the physical mechanism to be affected by a ship's curiously complicated motion is the vaso-motor nervous system. The blood vessels in the abdomen dilate and in consequence get more than their fair share of the blood. Thus the brain is robbed and to that deficiency Dr. Partsch attributes the nausea, which is the most disagreeable symptom of seasickness. Now, by lying down one can restore the equilibrium in the blood distribution and if this precaution be taken promptly, it is asserted, more violent manifestations can be avoided entirely. "The stomach has nothing to do with seasickness, except as it is incidentally and accidentally implicated," says Dr. Partsch, and if while reclining the patient closes his eyes he will thus prevent optical vertigo, by which term is meant the dizziness and nausea that result from visually observing the ship's rolling and pitching.

Eat, Drink and Be Merry.

The most remarkable part of the self-treatment recommended by the Brooklyn expert relates to indulgence in food and drink. The victim is advised to eat, as patriots are sometimes told to vote, early and often. Ordinarily the person who is disposed to be seasick lacks an appetite, if indeed, he has not a distinct aversion for food. Dr. Partsch insists that the sufferer should disregard this fact, though. He argues that one cannot escape seasickness even if lying down unless the blood is kept well supplied with nutritive material—the more the better. The three regular meals of the day ought to be supplemented by four or more others. On this point the Medical Record's contributor remarks:

"Always eat and drink at least ten minutes before rising in the morning. It matters little what it is, provided only it is what you want. Porter or stout are good, so are hard, sour apples. At sea we may find ourselves liking and longing for things that we hardly ever think of on shore. Whatever you really want, that is the best thing to take; and porter or stout are always good, whether you want it or not.

"When one is already seasick, those liquid foods are best which require least digestion, are most rapidly absorbed and yield the quickest returns—beer, ale, porter, stout, broth, soups and meat extracts. These cannot all be prescribed with success; they should only be suggested—then the patient will choose which he wants and the stomach will agree on the choice. The sicker the patient the oftener he must eat, and the less at a time; and when he feels a repugnance to all other foods, porter or stout taken without raising the head, directly from the bottle, a mouthful at a time, at about five minute intervals, will prove a great success."

The yolks of two raw eggs, beaten up with an equal quantity of brandy and taken by the teaspoonful at ten-minute intervals, constitutes a particularly valuable "emergency ration." And it is asserted that the best time to take this or a little stout, or indeed a hearty meal, is immediately after the stomach has been in active rebellion. The spasms of retching are separated by intervals of ten minutes or more. And food that is taken promptly after one of these is pretty sure to be retained.

Although these instructions are meant for people who make long voyages, they can hardly fail to prove useful also to those who merely go yachting and fishing and find that they are not good sailors. Except in one or two respects, the soundness of this advice is well established by independent evidence. And where Dr. Partsch's suggestions seem a little unusual, his practical experience entitles him to the confidence of the unprofessional reader.

Habit in a Horse's Work.

New York Sun: "When I retired from the contracting business a short time ago," said a well known man, "I had a number of horses that I was anxious to dispose of. Among them was one named Jerry, which for several years had been used to working on a drum. In such work a horse becomes accustomed to lifting his feet high to avoid striking the hoisting ropes. When the horses were put under the hammer Jerry went to a Harlem grocer.

"About a week later the purchaser of Jerry called at my house and told me that he had a lot of trouble with the horse. He said that Jerry would go a short distance, when he would stop short and lift his feet high, and after doing this would go a little farther only to repeat it again. I told the grocer why the horse stopped short and lifted his feet, and also advised him to look up some contractor and sell the animal to him for hoisting purposes. He did so, notifying me that he received a larger price than he paid me for the horse."

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But the man knew enough English to ask:

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"No."

"Do you know Arabic?"

"No."

"Do you know Italian?"

"No."

"Do you know Greek?"

"No."

"Then you four fools. I only one."

Destiny.

Detroit Journal: "But," I faltered, "is there no way in which I can make myself famous?"

The hag peered again into my palm, this time more intently.

"No," she croaked, "but you can make your village famous."

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