

DES MOINES.

An Interesting Letter From a Thriving City.

It's Beauties and Manufacturing Industries.

Iowa State Fair and Other Important Topics.

Correspondence of The Bee. DES MOINES, IA., August 20.—Des Moines is fast becoming the greatest manufacturing city in Iowa. The clouds of coal smoke and the puffing of steam are seen in every direction. It contains the largest foundry, machine shops (excluding railroad shops), engine works, sash, door and blind factory, and barbed wire factory of the west. Within a short distance on every side are exhaustless mines of coal. Each railway in Iowa is pointing a significant finger in this direction, and most of them already deliver passengers and receive and discharge freight in this city. The B. & M. will reach here in a few weeks, and will cross Fourth street through the alley one-half block north of the C., R. I. & P.

New industries of a public character are still being added, among which the greatest are the Gilbert starch factory and Kidd's distillery. Two hundred car-loads of stone have been in the foundation of the latter, so no one can accuse its founder of building it on a sand bank. I am told that this is to be the largest distillery in the United States. The center of the great corn-fields is constantly traveling westward, and the great corn crushers must sooner or later follow up the corn-fields. Des Moines is a very beautiful city of 25,000 people, lying on both sides of the river bearing the same name. The greater part of the city is on the west side.

On the East Side, and begins to make quite an imposing appearance. It is a magnificent structure, built of white stone, elaborately trimmed and ornamented, a tower at each corner and a dome in the center. The edifice occupies a double square in length, reaching across one street, and is surrounded by what may be transformed into an elegant park when the building is completed. The interior will be more elaborately decorated than that of any other capital in the western states. It will cost three millions, and will cover two acres of ground, but will not be ready for occupancy within one year from the coming December.

THE IOWA STATE FAIR. To be held in this city from September 5th to 9th, inclusive, promises to be one of unusual interest. The location of the grounds is extremely favorable for an exhibition of the products of the soil and for the attendance of farmers from all parts of the state. The C., R. I. & P. railroad will run trains to and from the grounds every half hour. The grounds contain nearly one hundred acres, including a small natural lake having an average depth of sixteen feet, and covering over three acres of ground. The arrangement of carriage-ways and walks and entrance and exit gates is very convenient. The officers are men of intelligence and prudence, who compile reliable information and statistics regarding the resources of the state, that are used to advantage in securing immigration. Numerous letters are being constantly received from parties in the east, inquiring what are to be the prominent features of the fair, and signifying intention to be present. A special feature will be

DAIRY HALL. and a new building to be used for that purpose is now in course of construction. During the last five years Iowa has taken rank as the greatest creamery-butter state known to the Chicago market, and this fact is attracting the attention of many enterprising men of the east, who are looking west for the employment of their capital. A new fruit and floral hall is in course of erection. It is in the form of a Greek cross, 90x90, well located and made attractive. The capital dining hall is being enlarged, and many new machinery in the great permanent buildings. Secretary John R. Shaffer has opened an office on Fourth street, opposite the Aborn house, and is ready to answer all queries about matters pertaining to the welfare of the fair. He reports that James G. Blaine will be on hand to deliver the address.

MAUDS. and a splendid collection of other lively stappers will add to the attractiveness of the speed ring. The premiums offered on speed rings aggregate \$6,395, and for the circuit, which includes the speed rings at Omaha, Hamburg and Red Oak, the last two being district fairs, aggregate \$15,000. There will be two chariot races every afternoon, and a ten mile race between Miss Pinneo, of Denver, and Miss Curtis, of Topeka, Kansas. There will also be a bicycle race in which the premiums amount to \$150; also hurdle and motorcycle races, with premiums. The musical prodigy, Little Ella, will be present.

THE PRIMARIES of the republican party were held here this afternoon. A party local regulation provides that the voters shall express their preference for nominee as state senator, and if a majority is obtained for any one the convention formally declare him the nominee; otherwise they proceed to nominate. The two prominent candidates for that position are two lawyers who bear no further resemblance than that one was christened in early life Hiram J. Smith and the other Seward Smith. The people seem voluntarily to divide upon the question of an anticipated amendment to the constitution. The "boys" generally and the liquor dealers irrespective of party have flocked to the standard of Hiram J. Smith, and the other element have just as naturally flocked out for the interests of Seward Smith. Both tickets bear the dubious heading of U. S. senator.

JOHN A. KASSON. Mr. Kasson is not known to be a candidate for the United States senate, and Mr. James F. Wilson is. An ex-

pression with a meaning is not desired. There must be no expression against Mr. Wilson in favor of an opponent. As this is the home of Mr. Kasson his name can be taken up with safety, and it will not be regarded unfavorable to Wilson. Mr. Kasson is in Washington, and therefore is in no way responsible for the use of his name. But Hiram J. Smith is known as a Wilson man, and as it is possible his opponents will be stronger than his friends, they must be divided. This is done by getting a third man in the field. Rev. D. R. Lucas, a popular minister of the Christian church, a prohibition advocate, and at the same time a Wilson man, is pitted and led upon the track with all the outward show of a GENUINE CANDIDATE.

The game seems to have worked like a charm. Hiram Y. Smith is reported ahead, and it is believed his opponents have been so effectually divided that it he does not succeed no one will. The reports from the country portion of the county are not sufficient to determine who has been recommended to the convention, but if the country has been as well manipulated as the city, Wilson may expect a vote from Polk county first, last and all the time.

A number of Gear men were on the same tickets as delegates to the county convention. Later intelligence says the Hiram Y. Smith ticket has been carried with a sweeping majority.

DE WITT DOINGS.

"Ranger" Visits That Place and Tells All About What He Saw There.

Plenty of Business Being Done—A Good Opening For a Mill.

Correspondence of The Bee. DE WITT, Neb., August 18.—De Witt, Nebraska, is located on the Big Blue river in the southeast corner of Saline county, and is one of the best towns on the Beatrice branch of the B. & M. R. R.

It is noted for the extremely fertile land tributary to it, the large and increasing herds of cattle that are fattened by men who make it an exclusive business, and for the fact that it is on a financial basis that is, perhaps, without a parallel in the state. It is asserted that there is not a mortgage on a single house in this town.

It is also said that for the size of the town there is not its equal in the state for legitimate business transacted.

I have not, in the four weeks that I have been on this trip, and I have visited nearly a town a day found a single place where my calls upon the business people were so universally pleasant and profitable.

Intelligence, enterprise and a hearty good will seem to be the leading characteristics of the people. In just four hours' time, with the aid of that most genial gentleman, Mr. W. H. Staley, I had a subscription list to the BEE that included every man we called on excepting one only, and he had about half a dozen dailies already, but would take the BEE on the 1st of January, when some of his stock on hand expired their subscriptions.

Not one of these subscriptions was for less than three months, and some for a year. All paid in advance without a word of objection.

Now I want some other newspaper representative to "give his experience" and tell "if he can of a single town that will beat this one."

Two fine elevators have been erected this season, Mr. Hastings' elevator having 12,000 bushels capacity and the other 10,000. There was an excellent flouring mill here, but two years ago it burned. Five run of burrs were kept busy night and day.

There is no better opening in the state of Nebraska for a mill, it is claimed, than right here, for there is a dam by the mill-site of DeWitt, but no mill by that dam site. Parties who feel interested in securing a first-class location can write to W. H. Staley and get the details.

Mr. Joseph Ellis, one of the cattle kings of this vicinity, is authority for the statement that over 2,000 head of cattle are being fattened for market within ten miles of this town. Mr. Ellis, by the way, is the owner of some very fine Durham bulls and cows, thoroughbreds and pure breeds, and feeder of several hundred head of mixed cattle.

For morality and honesty, and for an entire lack of criminal items, this town and vicinity is famous.

For years there has not been a crime committed in this neighborhood. There is but one attorney in town, and it is said that he would starve to death, but for the practice he secures in the surrounding towns.

There are two good saloons running in accordance with the Stocumb law, but drunkenness is unknown nor nearly so, and when there is a wild fellow to be seen on the streets he invariably hails from Caldwell, or some other metropolitan town.

There are many excellent pieces of land hereabouts that are held by speculators, and for sale at the real estate agency of the town. In fact, there is no land here that is not black as ink, and rich as cream. Every one of these farms will in a few years be the home of some one who is now trudging along a very dusty path of life, toiling to enrich some eastern land owner. Cheap farms will soon be a thing of the past here, and those who want all the advantages of civilization with cheap land must come soon. Five to twelve dollars per acre secures raw prairie farms, but next year the number will be few and the price materially advanced on those that remain.

I cannot speak too highly of this town and country. A bank as well as a mill is badly needed, there being neither, and a constant demand for both. For business review see 5th page of daily.

When There's a Will There's a Way. Anyone who has the will to try THOMAS' ELECTRIC OIL will surely find the way to robust health, in cases of bronchial affections, sore throat, pains, etc.; and as an internal remedy it is invaluable.

THE LODGES.

Local Items From the Tyled Doors—Scottish Rite Re-Union.

The Triple Link and the Knightly Pythians.

THE FREE MASONS.

LOCAL LODGES. The heated term and the absence of many members from the city has caused a general cessation in the work of the order. On Thursday evening St. John's Lodge No. 25 A. F. & A. M. conferred the third degree, W. M. J. B. Bruner officiating. The work was done in the usual excellent manner, and a number of visiting brethren were present to witness and take part in the impressive ceremonies. At the conclusion of work the craft adjourned for refreshment.

SCOTTISH RITE REUNION.

The following circular has been issued from the Valley of Chicago relative to a reunion of the Scottish Rite in Chicago next October.

"T. O. O. T. O. A. O. T. U. C." "To all Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret 32d deg.—Fraternal Greeting: A courteous and knightly invitation is extended to all members of the Rite to be present and participate in the ceremonies of the twenty-sixth annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies at Chicago, which will occur Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5, 6, and 7, 1881. Fraternal yours, John O'Neill, Commander-in-Chief Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32d deg.; Edwin W. Chawberlain, 32d deg.; M. W. and P. W. Gourgas Chapter Rose Croix 18th deg.; Alfred W. Hitchcock, 32d deg.; M. E. Sov. Pr. Gr. M. Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem 16th deg.; George R. McClelland, 32d deg.; T. P. Gr. M. Van Rensselaer Gr. Lodge of Per, 14th deg."

TABLETS.

The members of the rite for the southern jurisdiction are in mourning for brothers Mackey and Blackie.

Hon. Wm. M. Ireland '33' has been appointed by Supreme Commander Pike '33' to the vacant Secretary Generalship of the Supreme Council.

MASONRY IN SPAIN.

At this moment Freemasonry holds a position in Spain very interesting alike to note and to watch. In that country "par excellence" of opposition to Masonry, the home of the inquisition, and the scene of Masonic persecution, countless and cruel, the prime minister, Senor Sagasta, is now the grand master. Gone, let us hope for ever, are the hindrances to and denunciations of Freemasonry. Ended, let us trust, are all those serious difficulties of legal recognition which have always rendered the position of Freemasonry in Spain an unenviable one, and at one time threatened to swamp it altogether. For Freemasonry cannot and does not flourish in the dark shade of secret meetings, forbidden by law and which almost always are metamorphosed into surreptitious and hurtful political associations. Legality and order, loyalty and charity, are its ever essential characteristics, and without them Freemasonry ceases to be Freemasonry proper; and call it what you will, degenerates either into a political club or a hurtful association. Truly speaking, Freemasonry only serenely flourishes amid the peace and stability of empires and republics, inasmuch as always obeying the laws of the land, be they what they may, Freemasons respect all forms of government and never conspire against the state.

LINKS. The convolve of the grand commander of Knight Templars for Ohio meets in Cincinnati on September 6th and 7th.

There are eleven royal arch chapters, with a membership of 500, in the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia.

The works of the grand lodge of Egypt are carried on the Italian language. The name of the deputy grand master is Brother Teonopolis.

The eminent grand commander of Illinois Knights Templar has ordered that in no way shall there be an abatement in the prescribed fees for conferring the order of knighthood; also, that any commander of a commandery, permitting any evasion of the statute named will be promptly suspended from his command. He adds: "The orders of knighthood are of too high a grade to be thus disgraced."

THE TRIPLE LINK.

NEW YORK GRAND LODGE. The New York grand lodge is now in session. All the lodges are in good condition. On Jan. 1, 1881, the date of the official reports, the condition of the order was as follows, there being 480 lodges then in existence, as against 481 on Jan. 1, 1880:

Table with columns for 1880 and 1879, listing statistics for lodges such as initiated during the year, admitted by card, reinstated, etc.

The total membership on Jan. 1, 1881, was 38,328, as against 37,891 on Jan. 1, 1880. In 1880 there were received 1,802 brothers, as against 2,920 in 1879, and 481 widows, as against 435 in 1879. The amount paid by the lodges for the relief of brothers was, in 1880, \$96,258.24, as against \$97,973.06 in 1879; for the relief of widows and orphans \$16,986.57 was paid, as against \$18,161.16 in 1879; for the burial of the dead in 1880, \$39,622.52 was disbursed, as against \$37,743.04 in 1879. The total revenue of the lodges from all sources was, in 1880, \$322,976.69, as against \$318,148.72 in 1879.

LINKS. A new lamp has been placed outside Odd Fellows hall in this city to

indicate the time of meeting of the various bodies.

There are 51 grand bodies working under the jurisdiction of Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The first lodge in New York was founded by J. C. Chambers, who arrived about the year 1880, from London, and was a member of Loyal Westminister Lodge.

K. or P. During the excessively hot weather of the last few weeks, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, has not been very active in its work. Upon the return of cooler weather the conferring of degrees will keep its members busy, as there are several persons eagerly awaiting introduction to the mysteries of the order.

Planet Lodge No. 4, is having weekly acclamations to its membership, and will work in conferring the 2nd degree next Monday evening.

Omaha Lodge U. D. had work in the 2nd degree last Thursday night, and took action on two new applications.

Endowment Rank, Sec. 95, has a membership of fifty in the different classes. It meets regularly every fourth Monday, but the rapid increase of membership makes frequent special meetings a necessity. Members of the order are cordially invited to attend by all the lodges.

Cared of Drinking. "A young friend of mine was cured of an insatiable thirst for liquor, which had so prostrated him that he was unable to do any business. He was entirely cured by the use of Hop Bitters; it allayed all that burning thirst; took away the appetite for liquor; made his nerves steady, and he has remained a sober and steady man for more than two years, and has no desire to return to his cups. I know a number of others that have been cured of drinking by it."—From a leading R. R. official, Chicago, Ill.—[Times. aug15-sepl

Worthy of Praise. As a rule we do not recommend patent medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, than we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, even where all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend to all.—[Ex. Sold at 50 cents a bottle Ish & McMahon. (4)

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BOOTS & SHOES advertisement with text and address.

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MRS. LOUISE MOHR advertisement with text and address.

KENNEDY'S EAST-INDIA advertisement with text and address.

TO NERVOUS SUFFERERS advertisement with text and address.

Dr. J. B. Simpson's Specific advertisement with text and address.

OUR AGENCY advertisement with text and address.

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MAX MEYER & BRO. advertisement for jewelry and watches.

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Choice Cigars advertisement with text and address.

OMAHA'S BEST advertisement with text and address.

MAX MEYER & CO. advertisement for tobacco.

WM. F. STOETZEL advertisement for cooking stoves.

WM. ROGERS' advertisement for silver plated spoons and forks.

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Choice Cigars advertisement with text and address.

OMAHA'S BEST advertisement with text and address.