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Pen and Picture Pointers

President Euclid Martin of the Omaha Commercial club, whose portrait appears as the frontispiece of this number of The Bee, talks instructively on the work of the club, past and present, in an interview in another column. Mr. Martin has been identified with the Commercial club since its organization and knows its strength and weaknesses probably better than any other person. His elevation to the presidency of the organization at this time comes in the regular line of promotion and is a recognition of his service as a member of and chairman of the executive committee, which is in reality the active force of the association.

C. H. Pickens, chairman of the new executive committee of the Commercial club, was elected to the position during his absence from the city and against his inclinations. Mr. Pickens is a native of Michigan, but has lived in Omaha for thirty-three years. He has been connected with the wholesale grocery house of Paxton & Gallagher for twenty years, having entered its employ as receiving and bill clerk and grown with the business until five years ago he became its secretary and treasurer and general manager. He has seen the business increase from small proportions until last year the institution furnished employment to thirty-three traveling men and 131 men and women in its establishment, and the volume of its trade reached \$4,000,000.

The friends and admirers of General Thaddeus H. Stanton, and he had thousands of them scattered all over the United States, were inexpressibly shocked by his death in this city last week. General Stanton was best known as the fighting paymaster because, although detailed to a comparatively inoffensive branch of the service, he never let an opportunity pass to put himself in the thick of the fight. Particularly in the Indian wars along the western border did he make



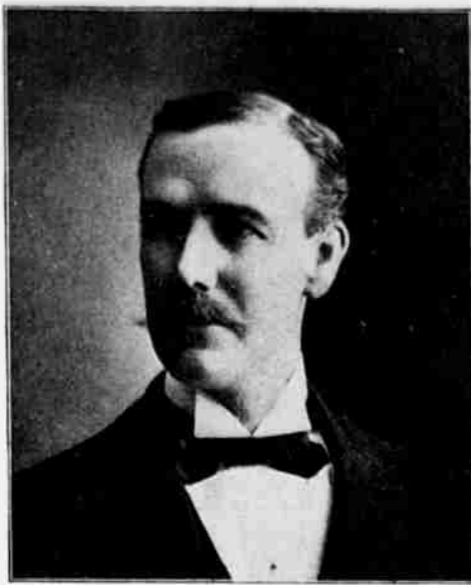
THE LATE GENERAL T. H. STANTON.

himself useful as an army officer, associated with Crook and Miles and Henry and all the other famous Indian fighters. What comes to few active men in the army, General Stanton reached the highest rank in his branch of the service, that of paymaster general, from which he was retired not a year before his death by the operation of the age limit.

The Beatrice Chautauqua assembly has become one of the recognized institutions of Nebraska, and the annual session is anticipated with pleasure by thousands. This assembly is organized on high moral grounds, for the purpose of supplying the demand, in a popular manner, for secular and religious education, providing a meeting ground for the great reformatory movements of the day, securing the best speakers on topics new and important to the body of the people and with all this giving, in some beautiful situation of nature, rest and recreation and an abundance of wholesome entertainment and enjoyment.

The assembly has its home in one of the most beautiful parks in Nebraska. Under the trees, scattered thickly about the grounds, can be found ample shade. The tabernacle, where public entertainments are held, will comfortably seat 4,000 people. Halls are scattered about the grounds where class work is conducted daily in a dozen different departments, and the white tents of the campers add to the picturesqueness of the scene. Delightful concerts, rare lectures and valuable instruction—these are some of the offerings of the Beatrice Chautauqua assembly.

This summer the Chautauqua holds its twelfth annual session, with a program promising to excel that of any previous year. Among those already announced to appear on the lecture platform are: Rev. Rbert McIntyre, Colonel George W. Bain, Rev. Sam P. Jones, John DeWitt Miller, Prof. N. N. Riddell, Alton Packard, Colonel Cope-land. There will also be fine vocal and instrumental music and all lines of Chautauqua instruction. There is a possibility



REV. A. R. SCOTT, NEW PASTOR CASTELLAR STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OMAHA.

that Booker T. Washington may be heard at the assembly July 4; if not he, some other speaker of national reputation will be secured for that day. Rev. C. S. Dudley, now of Chicago, will again be superintendent this year.

The Bee presents several interesting views of the Beatrice Chautauqua grounds which sustain the claim to picturesqueness and beauty of situation.

Rev. A. R. Scott, who has been called to the pastorate of the Castellar Street Presbyterian church of Omaha, comes here from Chicago. He is a comparatively young man of great vigor and power, and a pleasing pulpit speaker. His congregation is considerably enthused over his advent and expects him not only to maintain the position and influence of the church, but to widen the field in which it is working for the good of the community.

In the passing of Jay Burrows came the demise of one of the principal founders of populism and the populist party and one of its most active promoters in Nebraska. A firm believer in populist principles, Mr. Burrows refused to be swayed along the lines of expedition for the sake of the spoils and the patronage, and on that account perhaps more than any other wielded an influence equalled by none of the other populist leaders. In the political history of Nebraska he will occupy a place which no historian can ignore.

About Noted People

The story of Thomas Edison's constant smoking while at work in his laboratory seems to be only partially true. He puts a cigar in his mouth when he begins work, but at once becomes so absorbed in his work that he often forgets to light it, though he keeps "drawing on it" vigorously all the time.

Ex-President Harrison's maiden speech in the senate was a eulogy like that of Senator Depew's. The subject was General A. E. Burnside, then recently deceased. Mr. Harrison submitted his manuscript to Senator Sherman, telling him to strike out what should be omitted. "Not a word," said Sherman after reading it over.

Governor Crane of Massachusetts is very popular among the employes of his paper mill in Dalton, owing to his liberal treatment of them. There are several aged men in the town whose sole duty is to walk to the office of the mills and draw their pay—a sort of pension for services loyally rendered in the past. A strike in the establishment has not been known in the three generations of family management.

Henry Savage Lanoir, who is now on a lecture tour of this country, speaks sixteen

languages, in which he perhaps shows the effects of heredity, for his grandfather, the great poet, was also a fine linguist. That the young man is not lacking in courage is shown by the fact that he has revisited the scene of his terrible captivity and torture. The second time, however, he went with a strong escort and the Tibetans got the worst of it.

John B. McDonald of New York, who has secured the contract to build the proposed \$35,000,000 tunnel, is a Tammany man and a close friend of Richard Croker. Yet, by general agreement, he is recognized as the man to build the tunnel. McDonald has had experience in tunnel building and is an honest contractor. The Baltimore Sun says that the mile and a half tunnel under Baltimore, which he built successfully for the belt line railroad of the Baltimore & Ohio, was "one of the most daring feats ever attempted."

Hon. Theodore Schoch, the veteran of veteran editors in Pennsylvania, is now confined to his room suffering from stomach and kidney trouble. He is quite the oldest editor in active service in the fraternity of Pennsylvania and he has never been connected with any other journal than the Stroudsburg Jeffersonian that he founded nearly fifty-nine years ago. He was then a whig and started a whig organ in the overwhelmingly democratic county of Monroe when there were hardly 300 whig voters in the county, but he has maintained his paper by commanding the respect of the more intelligent people of all parties.

The Youth's Companion makes this reference to the late Mr. Ford: "The readers of the Companion have lost an old and true



THE LATE JAY BURROWS OF LINCOLN—ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF POPULISM.

friend in the death of the great and good man whose name heads this article. Although most of them never before saw the name—for it is now printed in the Companion for the first time—he has been for forty-two years its editor-in-chief and publisher. Gifted with a broad mind, a quick intuition, a conscience as pure as a child's, a sympathy that embraced every living creature and an unwearied industry, he has left behind him a monument which all the world can see and admire, but in the hearts of his associates he has left a void which nothing can fill."

Point Not Well Taken

Chicago Tribune: "It seems to me," said the magazine editor, condescending to point out some flaws in the literary style of the contributor, "you use a faulty figure of speech when you speak of a 'brave old hearthstone.' How can a hearthstone be brave?"

"Well, sir," said the contributor, "the one I am writing about has been under fire for nearly forty years without flinching."

President Martin on The Commercial Club

The newly elected president of the Commercial club of Omaha, Euclid Martin, was installed a week ago. Mr. Martin had been chairman of the executive committee during the year preceding and was chosen in pursuance of the general plan of the club to promote the chairman of that committee to the presidency.

Mr. Martin has been prominent in commercial circles in Omaha ever since his advent in this community, seventeen years ago. He came to Omaha from Illinois in 1882, opening up a branch implement house for the Parlin & Orendorf company. Although other implement establishments were already here, this was the first branch implement house opened at this point, and from the beginning Mr. Martin has been the sole manager of the business.

When the Commercial club was organized he was one of the charter members and has served on the executive committee almost continuously during its existence. Once before he was made chairman of the executive committee, but declined to stand for the presidency at the end of that term. Speaking of the work of the Commercial club and its prospects, Mr. Martin expresses his views as follows:

"What are the principal things the Commercial club has done for which it should be given credit? In my opinion of first importance is the matter of fire protection which it took up at the time Chief Redell was brought here. A joint committee was appointed of members of the Commercial club and the city council, which held night sessions and examined witnesses, investigating into the capacity of the water plant and the efficiency of the fire department. Out of this grew the enlargement of the mains, voluntarily, on the part of the water works, and the retention of Chief Redell and a general overhauling of the fire department. This was followed by a consequent reduction of fire insurance, which was, I think, in the neighborhood of 40 per cent, raising a tremendous burden from the business community and saving an immense amount of money to this city.

Achievements of the Club.

"The club has taken up a great many things. It was a potent element in the launching of the Transmississippi Exposition and providing entertainment features and taking care of the numerous conventions held in conjunction with it. Even before that it had taken an active part in securing the location of the State fair at Omaha, and was the nucleus out of which grew the Ak-Sar-Ben organization, whose good work is recognized on every hand.

"It has also done a great deal to get favorable action by the railroads with reference to freight rates, although it has failed in many instances in accomplishing what people thought it ought to have accomplished. But it has done a great deal in that direction for which it should have credit.

"What are the problems before us this year? One matter came up at our last meeting which I think will lead to something of no little importance. The proposition was presented for our club to join with the Commercial club of South Omaha in trying to secure an improvement of the main artery of commerce between the two cities. It was stated that South Omaha people felt better toward Omaha than they had and a joint committee was appointed to take such action as seemed advisable. I believe that out of this will grow a much closer union between these two cities, and should the question of annexation be brought up the Commercial club would doubtless be a moving spirit—in fact, I believe the club will devote itself largely during the present year to such measures as will tend to make Omaha produce a good showing in the impending census, but of course only in a

legitimate way. The club does not want to have anything inflated or exaggerated.

Program and Prospects.

"As to the club itself, I think it is more influential today than it has ever been. You would be surprised at the different communications that came to me in the last two or three months in the capacity of chairman of the executive committee asking us to take hold of various projects. Just now the council wants us to take an interest in the new tax levy, in the water works agitation and various other matters. The club is out of debt, has a good paying membership, is dining room full every day, and is as strong, I believe, as any similar organization in any other city of the same class. I know of no commercial organization that stands stronger than ours does just now.

"What would I do to maintain its strength? I see but one way, and that is to avoid spreading over too much ground, but when



CHARLES H. PICKENS, NEW CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OMAHA COMMERCIAL CLUB.

we take up anything to stay by it until it is finished. That has been my idea all along. As a member of the executive committee I have said a hundred times, 'Let us stick to one thing until we finish it up.' The Bee has given that same advice many times, as far as that is concerned. But the temptation, as you know, is great for a member to offer a resolution favoring some project and then to let it drop, imagining that that is all it is necessary for him to do. In a word, with good guidance and united action I think the outlook for the Commercial club is excellent."

Told Out of Court

The jury in a prosecution for indecency rendered the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the prisoner at the bar guilty without mercy and recommend him to the extreme penalty of the law."

An Illinois attorney, in his brief, comments on a witness as follows: "Practice has come to distinguish between an expert and a liar; otherwise we should not dignify this witness by calling him an expert. * * * It is with great self-control that we longer speak of him as belonging to that class."

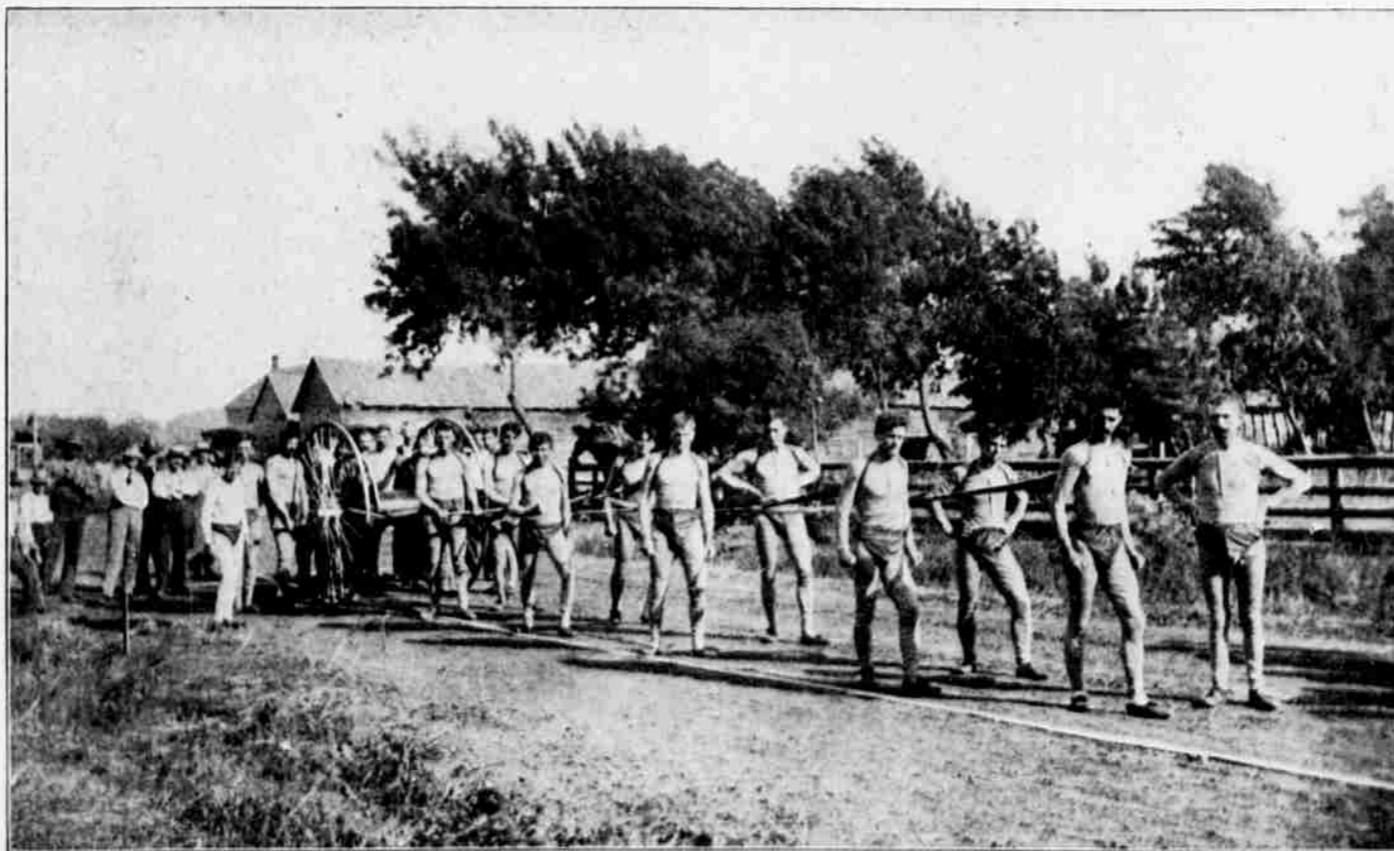
The late Lord Ludlow was exceedingly mild on the bench and on more than one occasion his amiability in interposing out of pity to a confused witness led to unforeseen results. A witness was once badgered about a denial of intoxication. The judge asked him kindly from the bench: "Did you say, 'I was not drunk, sir?'" "I never said anything about you at all," was the unexpected reply.

At a murder trial in Arkansas the important witness for the prosecution was a colored boy only 10 years of age—to young, the lawyer for the defense thought, to understand the nature of an oath. "Boy," he said, "do you know what would happen if you swore to a lie?" "Yes, sah. Mammy would lick me." "Would anything else happen?" "Deed dey would, case de devil would git me." At this point the judge leaned over his desk and said with pretended sternness: "Don't you know, boy, that I would get you, too?" "Yes, sah; dat's what I jus' said."

After Vest returned from the south he commenced the practice of law at Sedalia with John F. Phillips. While in his office at Sedalia one day Vest told a St. Louis reporter this story:

"When a boy at Frankfort just starting out on his career of public speaking he penetrated the knobs of Franklin county, Kentucky. He was making a speech to a small crowd which had scattered about the stump on which he stood. The audience either sat or lolled back on the ground while he spoke. As he expressed it afterward, he thought he was playing the old Harry with the opposite side, when, at the height of what he considered a splendid flight of oratory, some long, lean, lank, one-galled, shrill-voiced fellow rose from a lounging position in the middle of the group and said: 'Go it, my peckerwood!'

"Vest's hair was very red and he wore a blue suit. He was knocked clear off the stump and adjourned the meeting."



YORK (NEB.) RUNNING HOSE TEAM—STATE CHAMPIONS OF 1898.