

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Frederick Harrison Makes Several Important Literary Estimates.

UNIDENTIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUNCH

Two Fanny Volumes from Life—Another Tells the Story of the South African Troubles Between English and Dutch.

Under the title of "Tennyson, Ruskin, Mill and Other Literary Estimates" Frederick Harrison has collected a series of essays, dealing with some of the most important and typical writers who have influenced thought in one field or another during the past reign. One of the "appreciations" have already appeared in the "Nineteenth Century," but the piece de resistance of the volume is now published for the first time. It has awaited the release of his principal poems in a popular form. The studies on Lamb and Keats have appeared in the Contemporary Review and those on Gibbon in the Forum. The pages devoted to "Ruskin as Prophet" and "Ruskin as Master of Prose" will be of unusual interest in view of the very recent decease of the eminent writer. It is a handsome volume in plain binding suitable for the library. The Macmillan Co., Price \$2.

There could be no more fitting compliment to Mrs. Ritchie's admirable biographical edition of the works of her father, William Makepeace Thackeray, than H. M. Spielmann's compilation of the great novelist's "Unidentified Contributions to Punch." The book contains not lost or forgotten pieces of Thackeray's work, but those which up to this time have remained absolutely unrecogntized. While not included in the biographical edition, his ability is shown bound uniformly with the special subscription edition which the Harpers recently published. All admirers of Thackeray will be very interested in the volume. The compiler is a recognized authority on Thackeray. He says of his work: "The material for this volume—based on authentic and exclusive information—has been by me for some years. My first intention was to produce an essay that might be printed in serial form, and this project had the cordial and practical sympathy of the proprietors of Punch and the expressed approval of Mrs. Richmond Ritchie. But as I wrote the subject grew under my hand; my desire for absolute accuracy involved a greater degree of completeness than I had anticipated, and the result is a volume which I hope, if only for the sake of the biography, makes some claim on the lover of Thackeray and on the collector of his works. Harper & Bros. Price \$1.75.

"Mythology for Moderns," which the author, James S. Metcalf of Life, calls "An Up-to-Date Text Book for Up-to-Date Students," provides more amusement than instruction. It is a book in which the humorous side of the religious myths of the Greeks and the Romans and jumbles them up with modern applications and allusions in a way calculated to provoke laughter rather than convey very deep learning in mythology. At the same time the tales are told in a way that is both amusing and instructive. The illustrations, by a notable list of artists, including Charles Dana Gibson and Oliver Herford, are drawn in close sympathy with the text and are both clever and funny. Mr. Atwood's pseudo-classical panels—two of which decorate the binding—are most appropriate. Life Publishing Co., New York. Price \$1.

E. W. Kemble thoroughly appreciates the fun of daily life and is able to transfer his appreciation to paper and by his clever drawings convey it to the minds of others. In "Countdown 400," a handsomely printed book, containing thirty of these drawings, with the appropriate captions, the author has succeeded in conveying to the reader the fun of daily life and is able to transfer his appreciation to paper and by his clever drawings convey it to the minds of others. In "Countdown 400," a handsomely printed book, containing thirty of these drawings, with the appropriate captions, the author has succeeded in conveying to the reader the fun of daily life and is able to transfer his appreciation to paper and by his clever drawings convey it to the minds of others.

There is danger of decadence of character-making home-life. The tendency of young men and women is away from the roof-tree of the past. The young man wanders off in search of fatuous success. The young woman prefers a public career, however insignificant, to home-life and motherhood. She must be Hector or Ulysses—not Andromache or Penelope. She values the conferring of a diploma above an offer of marriage. In the essays comprising "The Motherhood" Mr. Fernald, who is master of elegant and vigorous diction, treats all sides of the momentous question of present-day womanhood, and in such a delicate, candid and sympathetic way that even those who might be inclined to oppose his views must read his argument with deep interest. It is a cordial, judicious and elevating laudation of womanhood, absolutely free from all acrid thought and bitter arraignment. It is a work calculated to convince the woman most ambitious of greater achievement—most intent upon being a ruler of the future—that the crowning triumph of her life is to be found in the realm of motherhood and home, where she may mould her young souls almost at will from their earliest dawn, and from which she may reach out to guide and influence them to life's latest day. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York. Price \$2.

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Lettjo Hecker, who is well known as a writer of novels, has just brought out "The Aftersiders." Just now the conscience of the reading world is hungry for information of a reliable kind on the cause, near and remote, which has brought about the present sanguinary war between the two African republics and Great Britain. Thoughtful people have felt that much of the matter hitherto published on this subject in the periodicals, state documents and hastily prepared books, was either superficial and therefore incomplete, or tainted by prejudice and muddled by the requirements of diplomatic ends. Moreover, such information on the subject as came from trustworthy sources was so mixed up with the facts of the political and physical geography of that interesting country, that it was difficult to sift out of the mass the separate story of contact and conflict between the Dutch and the English in South Africa. The author has certainly been painstaking in ascertaining and assembling in this history all the facts that bear upon the long feud; and he claims to

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have written without prejudice against either side. The reader may therefore with confidence find in these pages data which will guide him to a correct judgment regarding the questions of right involved in the deplorable strife. Rand, McNally & Co. Price \$1.25.

"A Maid of the First Century," by Lucy Foster Madison, is a book for girls and a good wholesome story. A little maid of Valence goes in search of her father who has been taken as a slave to Rome. After passing through many trying ordeals, she and her father are united and his liberty is restored to him. It is a faithful and graphic portrayal of the times, is intensely interesting and is historically correct. The book is illustrated by Ida Waugh. The Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Price \$1.25.

"Campaigning in the Philippines" is a pretentious work, giving a history of the military operations of the American army. The volume is profusely illustrated with pictures of various companies and regiments and battle scenes. An appendix to the volume gives a very interesting account of the First Nebraska regiment and a complete history of its enlistment and operations at the scene of its famous battle with the officers and of the different companies added to the interest. The Hicks-Judd Publishing Co., San Francisco, Cal.

"Triumphs and Wonders of the Nineteenth Century," edited by P. P. Boyl, is an impressive volume containing an elaborate series of original historic and descriptive writings, showing the marvelous achievements which distinguish the present century. Some thirty or more writers have contributed to its pages. In every respect the work is unique. It brings into prominence the great forces that have crowded a hundred-year era with wondrous results. A. J. Holman & Co., publishers, Philadelphia. Price, \$2.50.

Nebraska Verse. The second edition of the poems, by Irael Makeover of Stormburg, Neb., entitled, "Prairie Flowers and Meadow Grass," has come from the press. The fact that the writer is a resident of this state is perhaps one reason why his work has attracted considerable attention locally, but it is also true that it deserves whatever success it may have gained. The opening poem, "Nebraska," was given at the Transmississippi Exposition, June 14, and was very favorably received. It covers a variety of subjects including sonnets and poems in the dialect of country folk, the latter being especially praiseworthy because of their truthfulness to life. The writer shows her appreciation of the characters she describes by her most delicate touches which cannot escape the most casual reader.

Practical Works. A. C. Austin has published a work on "Practical Half-Tone and Tri-Color Engraving," which is intended as a book of instruction. The methods are such as are used in everyday practice. The author disclaims any attempt to advance any scientific or historical knowledge, believing that a simple story will be most valuable to the worker. The author describes the various processes step by step, giving the beginner in the art the benefit of his experience. The Professional Photographer Publishing Co., Buffalo. Price \$2.

Messrs. Laird & Lee of Chicago have just added to their admirable collection of reference books a valuable pocket compendium entitled "The Twentieth Century Handy Cyclopaedia Britannica," compiled by Alfred B. Chambers, Ph. D. It is a five and one-half by three and one-quarter inch volume of 880 compact volumes, containing a wealth of alphabetically arranged information. The subject includes history and dates down to the present year; geography and biography, carefully revised; all the leading facts of science, medicine, chemistry, astronomy, meteorology, etc. Nothing of interest to the present generation has been neglected and even law and business have received their share of the author's attention.

"Method in Education," the second book of Roark's pedagogical series, is designed for normal schools, teachers' reading circles, and for private reading for every teacher who seeks a key to the solution of the problems of the modern present. The series is in the school room. By its practical application and illustration of sound pedagogical principles it presents a working manual of great helpfulness to all teachers, both to the experienced and inexperienced. The book is designed to be used in plan and execution and carries the application of common-sense psychology into the details of the teacher's work. General principles of teaching are deduced from a study of mind-growth and these are applied to the various branches taught in schools and are illustrated in numerous lesson plans, outlines of subjects and detailed suggestions, all of which must prove of the greatest service to the teacher. American Book Co., Price \$1.

"A Defense of Poesie," by Sir Philip Sidney. Cassell & Co. Price, 10c.
"The Education of the People," by Levi Seelye. American Book Co. Price, \$1.25.
"Plutarch's Lives," Englished by Sir Thomas North, in ten volumes. Vol. X, The Macmillan Co. Price, 50c.
"Prairie Folks," by Hamlin Garland. New edition, enlarged and revised. The Macmillan Co. Price, \$1.25.
"The Lute and Lays," by Charles Stuart Welles. The Macmillan Co., New York.
"History of Education," by Levi Seelye. American Book Co., Chicago.
"The Empire of the Invisible," by H. E. Orcutt. The Metaphysical Publishing Co., New York. Price, \$2.

Literary Notes. In accord with the expressed desire of Mr. Moody, his biography, as now being prepared by his son, William R. Moody, and will be published by subscription from the press of Fleming H. Revell company.
Among the notable contributions in the coming Age for February is "Educational and Therapeutic Value of Hygienic Living," by the eminent New York physician and author, Dr. R. Osgood Mason, M. D., A. M. Those who welcomed the appearance of "Raphael," the initial number of the Riverside Art Series, will be glad to know that a very distinct new title will be published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have just published another volume of this same series, "Raphael," by Estelle M. Hull.
The many American friends and admirers of the late Albert Perry, D. D., who died in 1898, will welcome the announcement that Messrs. Cassell & Co. have published a book in this country a memoir of his life. The author is Rev. James S. Drummond, his colleague and afterward his assistant in pastoral work.
A new volume of Cassell's Little Folks is being written by the February number and among other interesting items is a new serial from the pen of Miss E. S. Sillney Wood. Every one knows of Miss Wood, the celebrated writer of cats. Many will be interested to learn that in the February number the story of her life is given. Mrs. Sillney Wood has also other features to interest little ones.

TO AID THE SUPREME COURT

Suggestion of Reinforcement Meets with General Approval of Bench.

DISTRICT JUDGES EXPRESS OPINIONS

In the Aggregate, the Judges Believe the Proposition Outlined by The Bee is Worthy of Consideration.

The publication of an editorial in The Sunday Bee in advocacy of reinforcing the supreme court by calling the judges of the district court from time to time, on occasion may require, has given rise to much comment among the local judges and in legal circles generally. The aggregate opinion is that the plan suggested by The Bee is worthy of consideration. Doubt is expressed, however, as to the constitutionality of such procedure. It is conceded as an indisputable fact that the supreme court, as it now exists, is unable to promptly dispatch the business that comes before it. In support of the proposition to reinforce the bench by drawing upon the district court talent, it is set forth that such supplemental reinforcement would not add to the salaries of the district judges and that the only additional expense would be a trivial sum for railroad fare and from the capital. Interviews with district judges are as follows: Judge W. W. Keyser—I would be willing to render my assistance to the supreme court that is within my power. The supreme court is legally established; the district judges have the constitutional right to aid the supreme court, I believe the plan would work admirably. It would, of course, do much toward relieving the pressure of work, which is bound to accumulate under present conditions. The district judges could look after some of the more trivial cases, and their opinions could be reviewed and passed upon by the supreme court. I will not undertake to give an opinion just now as to the constitutionality of the proposition, but it seems to me that the legislature could easily legislate the plan into effect.

Judge Irving F. Baxter—I cannot express an opinion as to the constitutionality of the plan proposed by The Bee, because it is a question requiring considerable research, and I have not yet looked into it. But I desire to go on record as saying that if it can be done legally, I am heartily in favor of the idea. There is no doubt the great good would result. It would save tedious delays in the dispensation of justice and would be a decisive benefit both to the state and the public generally. A similar law is in effect in New York, and the success of that state is a model. Business there is kept clear and the docket is kept nearly cleared up at all times. I believe the proposition suggested by The Bee is worthy of careful consideration.

Judge Lee Estelle—I am of the opinion that such arrangement would conflict with the constitution, but that opinion is expressed impromptu, and I do not make it conclusive. I see many good features in the idea if it can be legally put into execution. I read The Bee editorial with a great deal of interest and I am giving the matter thorough thought. Judge Charles T. Dickinson—I have no doubt about the feasibility of the plan. I incline to the belief that a judge of good continuous connection with his docket in order to properly comprehend the situation and to be in position to render clear and logical judgment. It seems to me that running down to Lincoln, where the court is held, would handicap a district judge, so that he could not properly discharge his duties. I have not, however, looked into the question to any great extent, and the proposition is certainly open to argument and is worthy of consideration.

Judge B. S. Baker—I have not given this matter much thought and I could not in an offhand way like this express an opinion as to the legal phase of the idea. I will, however, state that I believe the district judges could render valuable assistance if called upon. Judge W. W. Slaught—My time just now being occupied in hearing an important case in vacation, and in preparing to look into the supreme court proposition, I shall state The Bee's editorial, as it touches upon a subject of vital concern not only to the judiciary and the legal fraternity, but the people in general. Judge Patrick of the equity docket could not be interviewed, as he is at Nebraska City holding court as a substitute for a local judge.

Prominent members of the bar are heartily in favor of reinforcement, so that they will be enabled to secure speedy action on behalf of their clients.

WOMAN'S TONGUE TO BLAME

Maren C. Sorensen Declines that Ida Jorgensen Told Ugly Stories About Her.

Woman's tongue, which has been the stock in trade of jesters and joke writers for a century or more, is the cause of a \$10,000 damage suit which was filed in the district court yesterday. Maren C. Sorensen is the plaintiff and Ida Jorgensen is the defendant. Both parties to the litigation live in South Omaha. The plaintiff is evidently acting on the theory that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, for she lays stress on the allegation that by reason of gossip her reputation has been blackened.

The specific charge is that the defendant circulated a story to the effect that on December 7 of last year and again on January 5 of this year the plaintiff entered a wine room in a South Omaha saloon and remaind there until she reached the stage of maudlin intoxication. It is further alleged that the plaintiff stayed in the aforesaid saloon so long that she missed the last car which leaves Twenty-fourth and N streets at 12:30 o'clock. Having missed the car, so the story goes, the plaintiff was compelled to walk home. There is rumor between the lines of the petition, from start to finish, and a strong suggestion of latch keys that have outgrown the keyhole and of side-walks that rise up and smite belated pedestrians. The plaintiff declares that these reports are utterly without foundation. She includes two counts in her petition, assessing the damage in each at \$5,000. This will be one of the most unique suits ever tried in an Omaha court, and will doubtless attract much attention. The case has not yet been given docket assignment, and at this time it is not known which one of the judges will hear it.

YEISER IS TURNED DOWN AGAIN.

Makes Futile Attempt to Establish His Initiative and Referendum.

argument and at the conclusion he decided to deny the writ of mandamus on the grounds that such proceedings should be brought in case of an emergency. This is not the first appearance of Yeiser on this proposition. Once before he brought the same action before the late Judge Scott and the writ was then denied because it was established that the election was pending at that time was not general, and the legislative act with reference to the submission of the initiative and referendum contemplates that it must be for a general election.

To Collect Burglar Insurance. In Judge Vinson's court today the suit of William Priesman against the Fidelity Casualty company will be called for hearing. This is an action to collect \$1,000 which the plaintiff claims is due him by reason of the fact that he carried a burglar insurance policy issued by the defendant company. Priesman is a resident of this city, but a year or so ago he owned a clothing store at Winona, Minn. He alleges that his store was entered by burglars and that they carried away about \$1,000 worth of stock. Payment is requested on the allegation that no burglary occurred, and that Priesman's claim is not well founded. This was heard a few days ago before Judge Vinson, and a continuance was taken.

Notes from the Courts. John B. Hale has filed suit against Nettie D. Hale asking for divorce, cruelty and general incompatibility as the allegations. The petitioner asks for custody of the children.

The W. J. Perry Live Stock company has brought suit against Oswald Bonnington for the recovery of purchase money paid for the consignment of sheep. It is alleged that the sheep were sold some time ago so high that it shut out the live stock from the market. A restraining order was issued against the sheep and the sheep were sold. The case will be heard on its merits today. Murphy declares the fence is built simply for spite.

FIGHT ON THE LUNCH WAGONS

Restaurant Men and Waiters Ask Council to Pass a Prohibitive Ordinance.

At 4 o'clock yesterday the committee appointed by the restaurant men and the waiters' union appeared before the general committee of the council for the purpose of considering the proposed ordinance to increase the occupational tax upon the operators of lunch wagons. The committee charge has received answers to a set of questions sent out by it and out of the thirty-seven answering only two oppose the ordinance. The committee and these men are, singularly enough, members of the Episcopal church—Rev. T. J. Mackay and Rev. John Albert Williams.

Mr. Mackay opposes on the grounds that the operators of the lunch wagons are poor men who have to make a living and therefore compete with someone and they may as well compete with the restaurants with any other class. The answer of Mr. Williams says that he must take part of the lunch wagons, and gives as one reason: "I can be served with anything in their menu, and I am ready to pay for it, and this privilege is denied me by the restaurants." This part of the answer was emphatic to the committee, and they can see no reason why a minister of the gospel should get better treatment from a lunch wagon than from a restaurant. The committee is colored church and Rev. Williams is of the most talented divines of his race in the west, and is one of eighty ordained colored ministers of the Episcopal church.

Howard Harvey, chairman of the restaurant men's committee, said that if the council fixes the license tax low to equalize the opportunities of the wagons and the established restaurants, the members of the two organizations—waiters and restaurant men—would have the owners of property refuse to stand in front of their place of business. The waiters' committee desired to have the lunch wagons' license fixed at \$300, the yearly fee being now from \$20 to \$100. In presenting his plea to the council Mr. Harvey stated that the restaurant men were now doing business at principal intersections. Three restaurants, he said, had abandoned all attempts at operating at night, and others were about to close. He pointed out that this action affected the waiters directly.

BOY KILLED BY A MOTOR CAR

Bernice Pett Run Down Near Twentieth and Grace Streets and Dies Almost Instantly.

Bernice Pett, 8-year-old son of Fred A. Pett, 2005 Grace street, was struck by a motor car at Twentieth and Grace at 11:30 a. m. yesterday and almost instantly killed. The body was taken in the patrol wagon to the coroner's office, where it was held until the coroner's jury had rendered its verdict. The boy was running after a coal wagon which was going south on Twentieth street. Motor car No. 85, also southbound, was immediately behind the wagon, but on the street being narrow, the boy, being unaware of its presence, suddenly stepped into its path. Before the motorman had time to stop the child was under the wheels. His scalp was almost entirely torn off and he was injured about the body. He was pulled from beneath the truck a moment later, but was unable to speak.

The crew of car No. 85 comprised Motorman Otto Wendt and Conductor William Anderson. The motorman says he saw the boy as he stepped in front of the car, but the distance was so short he had no time to stop.

Old People Made Young. J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermontian (Mich.) Echo, has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has avoided Nervous Weakness, Every one knows of Miss Wood, the celebrated writer of cats. Many will be interested to learn that in the February number the story of her life is given. Mrs. Sillney Wood has also other features to interest little ones.

30 Days' Trial. Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt. After 30 years of success in the treatment of disease by electricity I am pleased to be able to offer my famous Electric Belt on 30 days' trial to any one in any part of the world who is sincere and honest. All electrodes covered. No burning or blistering. Improved Aug. 15th last. New and scientific appliances. Cures without using drugs all Weaknesses of Men. I will give \$1,000 for any Electric Belt superior to mine. With its new scientific suspensory attachment a pleasant current passes through the weakened parts all night. It cures while you sleep such disorders as result from youthful excess or later excesses. 7,000 CURES IN 1899. Used by women as well, for Rheumatism, Lame Back, Nervousness, etc. We are the oldest and largest makers of Electric appliances in the world. CAUTION.—The new and improved Dr. Sanden Belt can be had only at our offices. Those sold by others are of old date, 20 years ago. Cure yourself and pay me afterwards. My little book, a guide to men, sent free sealed. DR. F. G. SANDEN, 183 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

NEW SERVICE IS STARTED

Illinois Central Begins Operation of Its Passenger Trains.

Failure of New Engine to Steam Properly Occasions Considerable Delay—Equipment of Train of High Standard of Excellence.

The first passenger train over the Illinois Central from Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis arrived in Omaha yesterday at 11:05 a. m. Its arrival witnessed the installation of regular passenger service between the numerous important cities on the line of the Illinois Central and Omaha. The induction of the Illinois Central was accomplished without incident of note except that the officials were exceedingly disappointed in a delay of nearly three hours. The failure of the engine which pulled the train to steam properly after leaving Fort Dodge was responsible for the delay. This was especially trying to the railroad officials for the reason that a new engine was taken from the shops to be used on the initial run. Splendid time was made from Chicago to Fort Dodge and the latter city was reached on the dot. Here the sleepers from Minneapolis and St. Paul were consolidated with the Chicago train and the run for Omaha was started most favorably. When the engine became cranky and refused to steam up the train had to be backed into Fort Dodge and another engine provided to push the train for a portion of the remaining distance.

The train backed into the Omaha station, having crossed the Missouri river on the bridge of the terminal company, and being transferred to the Union Pacific tracks, was thence taken through the yards to Seventeenth street and switched to the depot tracks of the Union Pacific. This arrangement worked satisfactorily.

When the new train reached the depot there were a number of interested railroad men present to see its arrival. There were a few passengers, the majority having stopped at Council Bluffs, where an excursion of Iowa newspaper men, who had made the first trip over the road, made a brief stop before coming to Omaha.

The equipment of the train was greatly admired. It was new in every particular and came up to the expectations of those who had anticipated its beauty and elegance. The train consisted of a combined library-buffet-smoking car, three Pullman sleepers, one chair car and two day coaches.

The initial trip was made by C. K. Dixon of Cherokee, division superintendent; J. F. Merry of Dubuque, assistant general passenger agent, and H. J. Phelps, city passenger agent at Chicago.

The first train departing from Omaha over the new road was the day express for Minneapolis and St. Paul. It was equipped with the usual day coaches, chaircars and a parlor car. It left promptly at 7 o'clock in the morning. A test speed of the time consumed in getting from Omaha to Council Bluffs was most satisfactory. Twenty minutes after the train left Omaha it was at the Council Bluffs depot of the Illinois Central.

Buy George Crocker's Stock. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The Examiner says: Word comes from New York that the Speyer banking syndicate has taken its option on George Crocker's Southern Pacific stock. He owned two-eighths of the entire Crocker holding of 75,000 shares, and he is said to have received as a money consideration \$3,900,000. This is on the basis of \$40 a share. The other members of the family some time ago received from the Speyers an aggregate of \$5,450,000, or \$35 a share for a total of 225,000 shares. The same Standard is believed to have received \$11,200,000 for her 280,000 shares, which is on the basis of \$40 a share.

Stevens to Succeed Ingalls. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 29.—E. Ingalls, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad company, today announced that on February 1, next, he will retire from that office and that he will be succeeded by George W. Stevens, at present the general manager of the road.

REFRESHING SLEEP.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

Refreshes the nerves, relieves the tired and convulsed condition of the brain, and induces refreshing sleep. Genuine bears name Horsford's on wrapper.

40 Per Cent Discount. We are now giving 40 per cent from the factory prices on all Wizard Cameras. Come in and see the bargains we have. We have a first-class Folding Camera, Bulb Shutter, Iris diaphragm, rising and falling front and ground glass, regular price \$10.00, our price \$6.00. THE ALOE & PENFOLD CO. 1408 Farnam St., (Opposite Paxton Hotel.) Omaha, Neb.

WILL ORGANIZE THURSDAY

D. E. Thompson's New Insurance Company Ready for Organization—Headquarters in Omaha.

D. E. Thompson of Lincoln will be in the city Monday to complete arrangements for the organization of the Columbia Fire Insurance company, which will be effected Thursday. The company will have its headquarters in Omaha and its office will be located in the basement of the New York Life building. Workmen are now engaged in refitting the room and preparing it for the purpose for which it will be used.

Discussing the inauguration of the Columbia Fire Insurance company, Mr. Thompson stated: "Immediately after our organization Thursday we shall apply to the state auditor for a certificate entitling us to do business. This will probably be received Friday and thereafter we shall be in active operation. Our capital stock will be \$200,000, fully paid up. With the exception of three, all of our stockholders live in Nebraska. The others are residents of Kansas. Consequently the organization is purely a state affair. Our stockholders live in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, McCook, Wayne, West Point, Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings and several of the other important cities of the state."

"At our meeting Thursday C. D. Mullen, formerly secretary of the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance company at Lincoln, will be elected secretary. Who the other officers will be I am not prepared to state, as the election rests entirely with the stockholders.

"We have flattering encouragement for the belief that the success of the company is assured. I shall devote a portion of my time to the affairs of the company, just as I do to other enterprises in which I am interested. However, I have no intention of moving to this city from Lincoln, as has frequently been rumored. Indeed, I have never had any intention of making my home in Omaha. Lincoln has been my home for twenty-seven years and I expect to stay there as long as I live."

BLANKETING BRYAN'S CRAFT

Plan of Republicans to Get to Windward of the Democratic Boat.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Mr. Bryan has been observed by the Republican planning to make an anti-trust declaration one of the principal planks of their platform, but the republicans may execute a flank movement that will make the issue a very subordinate one and will give their party whatever credit is to be gotten out of it.

Some of the republican leaders have come to the conclusion that if congress should pass a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to give the United States government power over corporations it would leave no chance for the intended democratic assault on trusts. Should such a resolution be passed during the spring of early summer it could not be acted upon by the various state legislatures before next winter, and the issue would not in the meantime be so prominent as the original vote for having taken the first step in the direction of effectual control of trusts resting with the republicans.

Did You Ever Have a Fit?

That is a shoe fit—a fit that makes the shoe the strongest, most comfortable, most well discarded—Drexel, I. Shooman is not only knows how to fit a shoe, but will make of last will best fit the foot. Drexel's women's \$3 waltzers are a perfect fit—shoes—could not fit better—nor look better if you paid \$5 for them. The waltzers are just of the right thickness to make them an easy walker—keep the feet dry, too—uppers of real, soft, pliable calf skin or heavy Dongola kid, which makes them the ideal winter shoe.

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ATTENTION!!! We have a surplus stock of Orchestra and Band Music which we offer at a special discount as long as it will last. Popular Music at popular prices. The latest waltz, "Lucile," by E. Van Alstyne, is the prettiest composition of its kind this year. We'll play it for you at our store. Don't fail to call. A. HOSPE, Music and Art. 1613 Douglas.

