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Executive Committee Chairman, Gen. G. S. Gossard, of Antelope, proposes a plan for wiping out the debt. Hon. O. S. Gossard, of Antelope county, a member of the executive committee, writes Secretary De France...

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, Total, BY COUNTIES, PIERCE-Previously acknowledged, SEWARD-Previously acknowledged.

The Unexpected

In looking through the columns of last Sunday's State Journal we were surprised to find that for once it had so far forgotten its masters in the east...

Remarks have frequently been made in this paper about the success of the home insurance companies and the fact that some of them are fast taking the place of the eastern concerns in the confidence and patronage of Nebraska people.



Successful Nebraska Business Men

HENRY HERPOLSHEIMER. There are in every state men who become prominent in business affairs. Such men seem to possess rare tact and judgment, and as a result, they stand out as leaders in the commercial world.

companies that write it, should select the home company. Western companies are making a strong bid for western business. Taking into account the low rate of mortality in the healthy western states, the low expense rate to new business and favorable opportunity for farm loan investments at good rates of interest, policy holders are justified in anticipating more favorable settlements than would be possible in eastern companies...

Municipal Gas

As long as the city of Lincoln has a republican majority the citizens of the debt-ridden town will have to pay tribute to corporations that furnish light, heat and water to the city as they did last spring for a city lighting plant, but while they have a republican council they will never get it.

In Padua, with over 90,000 inhabitants, near Venice, the financial results have been excellent. Between August 1, 1896, and September 30, 1897, the price of gas was the same as charged by the company. The estimated profits for this period of fourteen months were about \$54,000. The profits actually realized amounted to about \$58,000.

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CHESS

Independence Day, 1901. PROBLEM NO. 53. A case where the constitution does not follow the flag. Composed by H. W. Barry, Boston, Mass., to square up matters with E. E. Armstrong, Parry Sound, Ont., for that No. 49, castles, problem in March. No trick in this prob. White mates in three.



2 K 5 B 1 P 3 P 1 2 K 2 P 1 2 P 2 P 1 Q 1 P 1 P 1 S 3 6 P B 2 2 R 4 P 3 R 1 B 5

SOLUTIONS. For May 30, 1901, Dyar, Q-Kt 6. Jacobs' Scotch gambit trap: 1. P-K 4, P-K 4. 2. Kt-K 3, Kt-Q 3. 3. P-Q 4, P-K 3. 4. B-Q 4, B-B 4. 5. Kt-K 5, Kt-R 3. 6. Q-R 5, Kt-K 4. 7. Kt-K 6, wins a piece.

SOLVERS' SCORES. Table with columns: Name, Old, May 30, Tot. H. W. Barry, 114, 2, 116. C. B. Dyar, 116, 2, 118. H. S. Very, 82, 2, 84. F. Gamage, 65, 2, 67. D. F. Logan, 52, 2, 54. Dr. Sleeper, 0, 2, 2.

Our prize for May goes to H. W. Barry, Boston, Mass. Our readers will be pleased to learn that Mr. Barry has won first prize in the foreign section of the Leisure Hour (London) problem tourney for 1901. Take a squirt at the prize-winner: 5 R B 1 2 B 1 2 P 1 S 1 2 P 1 P 1 P 1 2 R 1 P 1 K 3 2 P 1 S 5 P 2 P 1 K 1 P 2 Q 1 1 B 2 W 1 2 White mates in two moves. (Snaffled from the Boston Post.)

Carl C. Marshall of Cedar Rapids, and A. G. Sommerfield of Dubuque are two Iowans who won Massachusetts scalps last week, the victims being E. L. Parker of Boston and our solver, H. S. Very of Newton, Massachusetts, 7; Iowa, 2.

Beginning with the first Sunday in July, the Boston Post expects to run a thirteen weeks' end-game solving tourney. Sliding scale from 0 to 4. Usual souvenir.

The Mississippi Chess association will hold its annual tournament at Meridian July 16, 1901. Mr. M. D. McGrath of Brookhaven writes that they feel sure all their strongest players will be present and available for the return match by telephone which they hope to arrange with New Orleans. Here's to the success of Mississippi.

The Missouri correspondence tournament has been completed. It started April 9, 1900, with over 50 players in the preliminary round. Sixteen qualified for the semi-finals; and three were in the final round. Dr. E. W. Shrader took the first prize and is the state correspondence champion. J. H. Tevis of Holden won second prize. Capt. T. C. Holland won the prize for longest announced mate (position given in Independent of April 4 and mate in issue of May 16).

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The Literary Digest last week reproduced Mr. A. H. Robbins' beautiful three-mover which he composed for The Independent and dedicated to his friend, Dr. Dalton. (No. 44, Feb. 14, 1901.) It was too subtle for most of our solvers—but the Digest has a corps that never cuts a Gordian knot.

Checkmate for July is before me. Dr. Graham is giving the biggest kind of value for the dollar, as Bro. Jacobs would say. Ohio's chess poet laureate, F. P. Potter of Cleveland, claims the first page with his "In the Bastille," a masterly poem written after witnessing Sir Henry Irving's production of "Robespierre." Following this comes Miron's reminiscences of "The Mrophy

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Chess Rooms," an interesting chat about New York chess-players back in the '60's. Reichelm's new century end-game, a review of Carpenter's chess problems, chess news, original problems, annotated games, etc. go to fill up his twenty pages. The seven number of the American Chess Review has appeared, to say nothing of a large number of end-game positions. By paying 50 or 60 cents for binding the year's issues, one will have the cream of chess for a year in permanent book form.

REICHELM'S END-GAME. Many fairly strong players cannot give mate in 50 moves with B and Kt vs. the lone K, and allow the game to be called a draw. Some, less skillful, cannot mate with R. Others experience much difficulty in winning nently the property of the Brooklyn K vs. R. The win B and R vs. R is also one of the most difficult and, unless the weaker side is in an exceptionally bad position, it is almost invariably to call R and Kt vs. R a drawn game. But G. Reichelm, the gifted chess editor of the Philadelphia Times, writing for Checkmate (July) takes up the ending, R and Kt vs. R, giving black a more favorable position and shows a win for white. This study he dedicates to Dr. Emanuel Lasker, "the great practical master of end-game play, and chess champion of the world."

"Hence, it hardly can fail to be of benefit to the rising generation of chessplayers if the individual play of the contestants is compared and measured. This most properly is done by means of that universal standard of chess excellence—the play of Paul Morphy. Deductions thus drawn should aid the student to imitate the good and avoid the bad practice of the competitors in this notable contest. "At the first board, the titular champion of America, Harry N. Pillsbury of Boston, the pupil of Franklin K. Young and C. F. Burille, was opposed by Blackburne, probably the best chessplayer ever known in England. Pillsbury is in the prime of life; his antagonist is an old man who was at his best a quarter of a century ago. Pillsbury won, as is natural, (although, perhaps, unexpected) and thereby scored his first victory, as against two defeats and three drawn games with the same opponent, in the prior cable matches.

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"The recent cable match between the leading chessmasters of the United States and Great Britain contains much of interest and instruction to students of the Royal Game. "In a general way, the personnel of the teams must be considered as representing the best chess talent of England and America. Of course, it is not to be denied that on both sides of the Atlantic there are chessplayers equally as skillful and equally as entitled to a place among the competitors as those who competed. But for many reasons it is not possible to bring together, at a stated time, the twenty best experts of the nations; chiefly from the fact that such men, in the main, are amateurs and that with them chess necessarily is subordinated to more important matters.

"Thus, on the whole, the play in the latest cable match is to be regarded as technically the high-water mark of chess development among the English-speaking peoples of the present day. This, also, in spite of the fact that almost every game is marred by misplays and that several contain errors in plan and in execution seemingly impossible to men who, by their selection to this competition, are formally recognized as masters at chess.

"Only enough, while misplays were frequent on both sides, the American team seems to have a monopoly in what may be termed gross blundering. It is not to be disputed that but for miscalculations in positions not over three moves deep, the British would have been vanquished and the Newnes Trophy have become permanent chess club.

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attack) the ill effects of the weak defense he (black) so judiciously adopted. However, instead of seizing the opportunity to establish the major front by the left oblique, thereby acquiring the attack and a large command of the board, Blackburne played the bizarre 14... P-K R 4, followed by the equally indefensible advance of this pawn to K R 6. By this entirely unscientific procedure, Blackburne deprived himself of the privilege of casting K R. It now merely remained for white to prevent black casting Q R. Pillsbury, who by youth had been thoroughly trained to the knowledge that in chess all depends on the situations of the opposing kings, at once saw the fatal strategic error made by the Englishman. Forthwith he devoted all his ingenuity to availing of it by rendering it impracticable for black to castle Q R. Deploying his pieces according to the rules governing the double rook reinforced by the crochit aligned, white headed for the strategic objective, Q B 5, with his sole remaining Kt; and although this piece was captured en route, Pillsbury succeeded in his purpose to prevent black casting Q R and forced the opposing king to the exposed and utterly unscientific post, K B square.

"After this, Pillsbury's win was easy. He had the advantage on both wings and an impregnable center; one could ask no more in order to beat the man who made the game. Blackburne's situation after his 22... P-K Kt 4 was pitiable. To recede by position at this point return his K P to K R 2, his Q Kt to Q B 3, which posts these pieces never should have left, and castle Q R. Then play for black, Kt-Q 2, followed by P-K B 3, and when white advances Q B P-Q 4, capture it in passing. (The position would look something like this, just prior to white's P-Q B 4: 2 k r 3 r p p 1 s 2 p p 1 q 2 p 2 4 p 3 4 p 1 p 1 p 3 4 p 1 R 1 B 4 2 P B Q P P P 5 R K 1 3 3 -Editor.)

"Taken all in all, the play of Blackburne in this game is far below the standard of a master at chess and in no sense does it compare with his average performance. Pillsbury's game played itself. All that was required of him was ordinary expert attention. With the mention of the names of the players and its result, future interest in the game ceases; but it is an instructive example of the folly of high-sounding people of the present day. P-K 4 with any other move than 1... P-K 4, and also of the futility of bizarre and unscientific processes against a player who, like Pillsbury, is trained in the synthetic method of chess-play."

(Next week we take up the game of Mason vs. Showalter.—Ed.)

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