

BREVITIES.

Judge Havers is collecting quite an armory of pistols, taken from small boys in the city.
The Omaha & Republican valley road has extended its telegraph lines to Lincoln.
Root Beer and Ginger Ale at Rax's.
Lots, Farms, Houses and Lands. Look over Bemis' new column of bargains on first page.
Try Saxe's little Key West Cigar, 10c.
For Lands, Lots, Houses and Farms, look over Bemis' new column on first page. Bargains.
Choice fresh vegetables; a fresh butter and eggs at Wm. Gentleman's, Sixteenth and Cass street. 27-31
Over four inches of rain have fallen in Omaha and vicinity in the past two days, and the farmers are jubilant. The rain extended from Des Moines, Ia., throughout the state of Nebraska.
Louis Verley, convicted in the United States court of passing counterfeit money, was sentenced on Saturday to six months in the county jail. His counsel, Casper Redick, made an eloquent appeal in his behalf.
Jack Gallagher's trainers have announced him, "off his feet," and he has accordingly been withdrawn from the Marshalltown tournament races. All bets are off. This unfortunate accident will prevent Chief Gallagher from being present at the tournament with some twenty-five members of the Omaha department.
Mr. H. Berthold, the junk dealer on Douglas street, is afraid that our article of Friday may be construed as referring to his establishment. While we think that no one who knows Mr. Berthold would ever suspect anything of the kind, we take pleasure in stating that the article on the treasure found by the police had no reference whatsoever to him.
Mr. John C. Bonnell, who has had charge of the land department of the B. & M. in this city for some time past, has been transferred to Lincoln. He is succeeded by Mr. R. R. Randall, who takes his place in Omaha as agent of the department. Mr. Randall has been in the employ of the road since 1871, and is thoroughly familiar with Nebraska and alert for its interests. He has had much experience in land advertising and is the right man in the right place. Mr. Randall is a gentleman of pleasing manners and address and is an able successor to one of the best officers the B. & M. has ever had.
Dr. Miller, who loves the cause for the prevention of cruelty to animals, very emphatically sits down on Mr. Charles J. Young, of Lincoln, who was reported to be about running a 20 mile in 60 minutes race in this city with his bay mare, "Lady Lightfoot." Mr. Young called at The Bee office Saturday morning and disputed his intention to run a twenty mile race and don't know whether a report originated. He intends, in a few days to give a ten mile race for a purse of \$300, driven up by the citizens of Omaha. Mr. Young says he has made 15 miles in 46 minutes with his mare drawing 470 pounds, and it did not seem to hurt her in the least.
Union Catholic Library Association.
The first regular meeting of the Union Catholic Library was held Sunday afternoon, at their new rooms in Creighton block.
In the absence of the president, John A. Creighton, esq., the first vice president, Mr. Gibson, occupied the chair, and appointed the following committees for the coming year: Library committee—John Rush, chairman; Thomas J. Fitzmorris, Edward A. O'Brien.
Committee on lectures and entertainments—W. M. Bushman, Charles Hanley, W. A. L. Gibson.
Finance committee—John A. McShane, Mrs. Ben. Gallagher, J. H. Whalen.
Efforts will be made immediately to paper the room, provide shelving and tables for the library and reading-room and put the apartments in first-class order. A committee was also appointed to solicit donations of books for the organization, and it is hoped that their efforts will be crowned with great success. The lecture committee are now in correspondence with Ben. Butler, and are endeavoring to procure him to deliver a lecture in Omaha after his return from the coast.
After the transaction of the business before the meeting, it adjourned until Friday, at 8 o'clock p. m.
An Important Decision.
Judge Dundy rendered a decision Saturday in the United States court in the case of Augustus Konize and others against the Omaha Hotel company and others. This was an action upon the bond given by the Omaha Hotel company to stay the execution of the decree of foreclosure of a mortgage upon the hotel property, pending the appeal from the decision of the circuit court of the United States to the superior court; the question being whether the bond, which was for \$50,000, covered both the use and detention of the mortgaged property, and the interest upon the mortgaged debt accrued upon the decision. Judge Dundy held that the bond simply covered the use and detention of the property pending the appeal, and gave judgment for \$15,000.
Sargent Bros., druggists, Delta, O., write that they are having great success with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and that they never sold anything that gave such universal satisfaction.
Keep your feet dry and get a pair of Willis's waxed shoes, a Vassar's West Point Creamery Butter, 25c, Prud's.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

Public Decoration of the Graves of the Nation's Heroes, Forbidden by a Drenching Rain.
Private Detachments From the Grand Army and Fire Department perform the Pious Office.
Omaha's Firemen Martyrs Not Forgotten.
Hon. J. L. Webster's Eloquent Address—A Sweet and Tuneful Tribute From Miss Stacia L. Crowley.
A drenching rain which set in at an early hour Saturday morning, and which has continued without abatement ever since, was the first right which met the eyes of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic into whose hands had been committed the pious duty of adorning the graves of the hero martyrs of the nation. It was hoped that a cessation of the rain would permit the carrying out of the elaborate programme which had been carefully prepared, but since and then continued, so the committee were compelled with great reluctance to give up all thoughts of a public celebration and turn their attention to some less ostentatious manner of carrying out the sacred duty which had been entrusted to their charge.
All the details of the procession and of the public exercises at the cemetery had necessarily to be thrown aside. There was at first some discussion as to the advisability of postponing the ceremonies until Sunday but it was decided that such postponement would be impracticable for many reasons, not the least of which would be the difficulty of gathering the members of the different organizations together, a large number of whom would be conscientiously opposed to public display on the Sabbath. The flowers, too, most of which had been cut and prepared on Saturday would hardly retain their beauty and freshness, and in addition, it was proper that whatever the weather, the day observed all over the country, should be likewise observed in some manner in Omaha.
A meeting of the members of Geo. A. Custer post No. 7, G. A. R., was accordingly held at Clark Hall and it was determined to send out a detail of the post together with representatives from the fire department, and to commit to their hands the duty of decorating their dead comrades last resting places. Post Commander Joshua Budd named the following members of Geo. Custer post No. 7 to proceed to the cemetery and decorate the graves of their comrades:
M. R. Riddon, S. A. Hinton, J. M. Manchester, E. E. Wyman, J. Budd, W. H. Scott, W. H. James and Geo. O'Brien, together with Richard McDonald and Frank Garatty. A request was also sent to the fire department to send a detachment to co-operate with that of the G. A. R. Arrangements were made to furnish carriages for the details who started at half past one o'clock from Clark's Hall. It was further decided that the G. A. R. proceed in a body to the first M. E. church on Sunday morning to listen to a commemorative discourse by the Rev. J. Maxwell, the post assembling at its room at 9:30, and marching together at 10 o'clock, sharp. In regard to the oration, which the Hon. J. L. Webster was to have delivered, a formal request was made that he furnish it for publication in the daily papers of the city.
Below we append the oration in full. It is to be regretted that the opportunity for its delivery was not afforded Mr. Webster, as it is well worthy his powers as an orator.
When John was an exile in the rocky island of Patmos, he saw a dove ascend in heaven and heard a voice "as it were of a trumpet talking with him," which said to him, "Write down what thou seest, and what is written in the book." He saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a book, and when he had opened one of the seals thereof, he heard a voice say, "Write the things which thou hast seen, and what is written in the book." He looked and behold a "white horse and he that sat on him which had a crown was given unto him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer."
How like a vision of the times we celebrate, the poem has not been written, the oration has not been pronounced, that so truly, and with so much of simplicity, truth and eloquence, describes the character of the individual soldiers of our army who went forth conquering and to conquer the southern states, they were not a crown of power but they won a crown of honor on every battle field and they were it now as they were then, as they fought they toil in the workshop, as they labor on the farm or walk in the byways of trade. Those who now sleep in yonder cemetery are riding white horses about the world, and that throne and are wearing a crown of glory.
The war was a school and the army was its pupils. The soldier who climbed the mountains of Virginia and marched across the southern states with Sherman to the sea, learned something of our country's extent and her people. He who was at the siege of Vicksburg heard the increasing roar of cannon and felt the impulse of active war. He who was at Shiloh saw the deadly conflict of men in the field of battle and became familiar with death. He who was at Fort Mifflin saw the smoke of battle and the pulse of a massacre. He who was at Andersonville and Libby knows what of the slow tortures of death and the slow tortures of death and the slow tortures of death. He who was at the side of Lookout mountain and saw the armies battling above the sublimity of nature than the tourist who looks at the mountain peaks. These men who looked at the vast armies at rest by the camp fire beneath the evening stars, or moving in long lines of march across the plains with their armor gleaming under the sun-beams, felt a greater touch of poetic sublimity than Byron when gazing upon the Appennines of Italy. These who listened to the commands of great Generals

and saw the brightful beauties of a field of carnage know something of what it is to live, and to have a country to love.
Such scenes enlarge and liberalize the understanding and comprehension of men. Great occasions are the great teachers. Napoleon felt this, when leading his army beside the pyramids he exclaimed, "forty centuries look down upon you."
Behind all this was there an idea—Napoleon was written "Waterloo is not a battle; it is the change of front of the Universes." History will record that our conflict was not a rebellion; it was the punishment of an original sin, the bursting into bloom of the richest flower of thought,—universal liberty.
Men who have experienced such scenes and been impressed with such thoughts desire more national honor. Their strong arm should be felt in the councils of the government and their voice should be heard in the contests of statesmanship.
Bulwer has made immortal to the literary world the memory of that unknown guardian who stood on duty at the gate of Pompeii while the city was being buried. Who he stood at his post of duty he could see the crater of Vesuvius belching forth her flames of fire and the floods of molten lava rushing down the mountain side and pouring into the city. As he would look upward he could see the sky clouded by the mass of ashes that the wind carried across the heavens and cast all about him. He saw the people frenzied and feeling through the gate beside him for safety yet he moved not. He saw the city in flames and being buried in ashes and lava that came from the terrible volcano, yet he stirred not from duty. No persuasive voice could induce him to flee. He was commanded to guard the gate until he maintained at that post of duty until he was buried alive in the elements that came from inside the bowels of the earth—and thus passed away from the city that he guarded.
When archaeologists dug up the ruins of that city they found the petrified remains of this faithful soldier standing erect at the great gate, clothed in armor and with the sword of his office and fidelity was there. The civilized tongue in many languages applauded the deed; yet such a hero has no comparison to the grand army of volunteers who worked all of life, to accept all of death, to save their country.
The conduct of that guardian at Pompeii was but of the same order as a subject to the imperial dictate of Roman power, while the conduct of the federal soldier was not that of a subject, but of a sovereign; not of obedience to power, but of fidelity to country; not an acceptance of a command, but an embracing of all there is in political thought—patriotism.
Roman power has produced but one such hero while American freedom produces her hundreds of thousands. The Grand Army of the Republic is made up of men who are entitled to every gallantry, every honor and the dead to be enshrined in golden coffins.
Nearest akin to these are our noble and daring firemen, some of whose comrades also in that silent city from an effort to save to Omaha her chief structure. The hero of Pompeii was a coward compared to these men. The fair hands of Omaha will not forget their republicans.
To each individual grave of our fallen heroes we bring the choicest gifts of nature, these beautiful bouquets and wreaths of flowers, which we scatter them let us say by Byron:
"Light be the turf thy tomb
May thy venture like carnivals be
When thou art a shadow of a dream
In aught that remains of the tomb."
The real worth of these men cannot be felt until we look at the other side of the picture. Had it not been for them, what of our country? South Carolina would be flitting another banner. The waters of the Missouri, the Granddike would be winding their way to another nationality. New Orleans would not be our Southern Metropolis but the Capital of an Empire. America's veins of trade would not be floating in the harbors of the Gulf of Mexico, but that grand water would be the shelter of an enemy's flotilla. Queen Victoria would be entertaining the minister from the cotton fields of the south. The eleven states, which civilization arrested from an uncivilized waste would be marching toward the tread of four million slaves. That liberty which was born in the revolution and had budded in thirty-four states until it had become the gem and wonder of the world would have decayed in its weakness. We would have chanted a requiem to our country's departed glory at the foot of Bunker Hill. The finger of scorn would be pointed at us from the hand of Lafayette. Hands would be ready to tear down the unfinished monument of the name to Washington.
Our stalwart army foresaw all this. It averted its cannon to the mouth and averted its caudex to the gulf. By its patriotism it rallied liberty all throughout the regions of the rebel states and went to replant the stars and stripes beside the hills and valleys of the south. Some time ago a correspondent gave a description of Niagara Falls as seen under electric light. As he looked over the edge of the chasm a single electric light was playing on the edge of the fall, converting it into a mass of moving snow, whose dazzling whiteness rolled on with an undimmed majestic grandeur. The mist that arose from the whirlpools below looked weird and ghastly, and assumed most fantastic shapes. As he stood, enraptured, a lightning of the brilliancy of the light changed the aspect of the scene. The water now seemed liquid glass and moved as mechanically and looked as unincarnate as any painted caricature on the mimic stage. Suddenly the manipulator of the light on the cliff aloft a sheet of rose colored glass between his hands. The scene became anguished, and now it is a caterpillar of light is arranged to take in the bark and upper part of the falls and then one shaded blue converts the foam into a mist of white. The light is turned instant a flood of white is projected between the red and the blue and the great waterfall becomes the grandest representation of that banner of liberty, the American flag, ever seen by mortal eye. As the gazer looks upon that ecstatic scene, his heart is filled with rapturous joy, and he imagines himself in some fairy land, at the mercy of some genial elf of delusion who captivates and enraptures at will.
Thus America's grandest piece of natural scenery, colored by the art of man, becomes the grandest representation of American liberty by the art of man. The vast assembly filled with patriotic fervor at the beauty and sublimity of the scene, rest the air with their applause; yet it was nothing, compared to that higher patriotic fervor which thrilled the hearts of these noble dead and of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic living as they looked upon that banner on the day of battle and marched underneath its inspiring folds from victory to victory.
It is now to the Grand Army of the Republic who keep alive the memory of those unexpressed feelings. It seems as now their departed comrades were waving our flag from the battlements of heaven. O! Scatter those flowers over their graves, that as they look down they may smile upon us, and make the temple of our country's God ring with huzzas of our country's glory.
THE BEE takes great pleasure in publishing the following exquisite poem, from the pen of one of Omaha's most talented ladies, Miss Crowley.
1880.
BY STACIA CROWLEY.
It is summer's young dawn, and our mother,
Draws her green mantle over her breast;
And cradled beneath it forever sleep,
Lie the dead of our nation forever at rest.
Asleep and at peace, rank by rank, file by file,
No matter what color they wore.
They listen not now for the tap of the drum,
They shall wake at reveille no more.
Their captain may call them to battle in vain,
The great Captain has hidden them cease.
No flag, save the grasses, wave over their heads,
Mother Nature's green banners of peace;
The birds whistle round, but the bugles are still;
Life and strife and their echoes have fled,
And the lone partridge drums from the far away wood,
The evening twilight for the dead.
Though their names are forgotten, they are not forgot,
Where they sleep shall be called halcyon.
Grateful hearts shall bear record, when stones fall to dust,
That a soldier lies under each mound.
The battle is lost, and the battle is won;
Aye, the cause that his heart held so dear
May perchance be forgot, but this much shall remain—
Unforgotten, a soldier lies here.
"A soldier lies here," let us ask for no more,
But scatter our flowers o'er his grave.
The cause that he fought for? What matters it, now?
We know it was life that he gave.
For the wrong; has life heroes as well as the right,
And the false as well as the true;
Let them sleep beneath our flowers, who fell in our fight,
Wearing either the Gray or the Blue.
Both have proven their faith by the blood of their hearts,
And alike let their recompense be.
They who die for a wrong that they think is a right,
It was right that they died for, say we.
They are earnest, indeed, who for cause or for creed
Fight their fellows to death, if they must;
It is truth that they err for, and life that they give,
We are human, but let us be just.
PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
Hon. Edward Rosowater left this morning for Chicago, where he will attend the republican convention.
Mr. J. S. Collins left yesterday afternoon for Iowa, where he will visit his old friends.
Bishop Clarkson has returned from the west.
E. P. French left on the noon train Saturday for Grand Island.
L. H. Kory returned Saturday from Marshalltown, Iowa.
Lew May, one of Nebraska's fish commissioners, left Saturday for Fremont.
Miss Ella J. Spoor has returned home from a two months' visit in St. Louis.
Mr. John G. Jacobs is back from the east, and is undergoing a vigorous handshaking from his many friends.
Miss Bessie B. Howison, of Philadelphia, and Miss Betty Holmes, of Louisville, Ky., are the guests of Mrs. J. R. Boyce.
Mr. T. J. Rogers, of the firm of M. Rogers & Son, left for New York Friday on a business trip, and will be gone three weeks. His sister, Miss Allie Rogers, accompanied him to Chicago.
OFF TO CHICAGO.
The Nebraska Delegation and Their Friends Leave for the Scene of Battle.
The evening train on Saturday carried across the river on their way to Chicago, the delegations to the national republican convention, of California, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. Upon their arrival at Council Bluffs a presidential salute of twenty-one guns was fired in honor of the various delegations, who, after a short delay, left on the Northwestern and were whirled away toward the Garden City.
The Nebraska delegation had been expected to leave in a body on Sunday, but Hon. Lorenzo Coombs, N. R. Persinger and Dr. Lewis, prosessed in advance of the remainder and left on Saturday afternoon with the Western delegations. Mr. Bierbar, who held Judge Galin's proxy, accompanied by a large number of prominent citizens, left on Sunday afternoon. The depot platform was crowded with interested parties who seemed to think that the fate of the nation depended on the Nebraska delegation. Confidential clubs, private batonholdings and many a joke passed from one to the other, filled up the time until the departure of the train. Among those who left with the delegates were: J. J. Brown, J. E. Parry, J. S. McDermott, Judge Redick, Hon. J. M. Thurston, C. J. Green, F. P. Hanlon, George Mills, J. S. Collins, D. C. Brooks, Gen. Anderson, Dave Miller, T. F. Hall, W. T. Kelley, D. G. Hall, of Lincoln, Lieut. Gov. Carnes, of Seward, Mayor Robert E. Walker, of Helena, Montana, a brother-in-law of Senator Blaine.

THE CHICAGO BISHOPRIC.

Probability of Bishop O'Connor's Elevation to the New Arch-Diocese.
An Interview With Father English on the Subject.
Noticing an article in the Chicago Times of the 26th inst., in reference to the delay in appointing a successor to the late Bishop Foley, which indicated that Bishop O'Connor was generally considered the coming man for the place, a reporter of THE BEE this morning paid a visit to the bishop's residence and sent up his card to Father English with a request for an interview.
"Have you read this extract from the Chicago Times of a few days since," asked the reporter, handing Father English the following clipping:
"Is it generally understood that the new archbishop will be selected from among the prelates whose sees will be suffragan to the Chicago metropolitan? If the law of seniority be followed, choice will probably be Rt. Rev. James O'Connor, D. D., now bishop of Omaha. Dr. O'Connor is preeminently fit, by personal character, learning, and executive ability, for the large dignity which may await him, and his appointment would be universally welcomed by the clergy and people."
"I have watched, of course, with some interest," said Father English, "the various rumors in circulation concerning the Chicago bishopric, but really none have a solid foundation. That is, Rome has not yet announced her decision, and until that decision is announced every report must be rumor, and nothing else."
"Has long been the matter been unadvisedly?" asked the reporter.
"The province, consisting of the western bishops, met in St. Louis a year ago the Wednesday after Easter. Their duty was to select three nominees and forward them to the Holy Father for presentation to the consistory at Rome. The three nominees were Bishop Fehan, of Memphis; Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, and Bishop O'Connor, of Omaha, in the order named. The selection is generally made at Rome from the name heading the list, which in this case, was Bishop Fehan, of Memphis. Egregious time the list, after being forwarded to Rome, was kept secret, but the nominee finally leaked out, and the priests at Chicago were very indignant that the selection had been made out of their diocese. Strong opposition manifested itself to Bishop Fehan only on account of his not being in the diocese and being the selected candidate. Rome, is very slow in all such matters, and she has probably been weighing the names very carefully. The Chicago clergy have lately manifested a strong desire for Bishop O'Connor's selection, a desire which is daily growing stronger. Of course, public sentiment is taken into consideration at Rome and the bishop's friends have good hopes for his advancement."
"Is it the appointment made and how made known?"
"The pope takes the matter before the consistory, which is composed of the cardinals, and the decision is there made. The appointment, which is expected to be made known every day, will immediately be given to the representative of The Freeman's Journal in Rome, and thence transmitted to J. W. McMeasters, its editor in New York, who will give it to the Associated Press."
"Is it that the interest is so great over the Chicago bishopric?"
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