

THE DAILY BEE.

OMAHA.

Monday Morning, Dec. 17.

Special Meeting of the State Alliance.

A special meeting of the Farmers' State Alliance will be held at Kearney, Neb., on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 16 and 17, 1884. All alliances which have at any time been organized in this state are earnestly requested to send delegates to this meeting, and all anti-monopolists of the state are cordially invited to attend. No pains will be spared to make the meeting entertaining and instructive. A programme of proceedings will soon be sent to all alliances, giving names of speakers, subjects and all particulars. All officers of alliances are requested to see that meetings are called and arrangements made to send delegates.

State papers, please copy. P. B. REYNOLDS, Pres't State Alliance. J. B. BROWN, Sec. ad interim.

The Weather.

For the upper Mississippi valley: Increasing cloudiness, followed by snow; warmer and southerly winds and falling barometer. For the Missouri valley: Increasing cloudiness and snow; southerly winds and falling barometer.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Hinebaugh & Taylor, Omaha, sell Buffalo U. S. Standard scale. Write for prices. The Boston Ideas give four nights of opera this week, beginning to-night with "Fatinza." The public library will be closed for three or four days this week, on account of moving up on the next floor above the present rooms, in Williams' block.

Robert King, who was arrested for obtaining a promissory note from O. F. Ballou upon false pretenses, was discharged, Ballou having withdrawn the complaint.

The Sullivan combination showed in Council Bluffs Friday and were greeted by a small audience. The Council Bluffs people didn't get very badly sold.

Just before noon Saturday two hackmen were running horses on Tenth street toward the depot. They should be arrested and fined and maybe that would teach them a lesson in regard to the laws of the city.

The ladies of the Christian church will give their annual dinner and supper at the Paxton house parlors Wednesday next, December 19. All are invited to attend and get a clean meal.

Charley Withnell fell from a scaffold at Dr. Peabody's house Thursday. He was not seriously injured but dislocated the shoulder of a fellow workman in his haste to reach terra firma.

The trial of the case of Wm. Miller against Geo. L. Miller, in the United States court, set on a draft for \$8,500 and interest, resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The counsel were Thurston & Hall for the plaintiff, and Geo. E. Pritchett for defendant.

In police court Saturday there were two cases for disturbance of the peace, both of which were fined \$5 and costs, and sent up on the hill to bond it out. One suspicious character is held pending the investigation of a number of papers found in his possession.

Notice was served Friday upon William S. Redman by John M. Thurston, attorney for the Belt railway, to appear before the board of appeals and show just cause why his property in block eight should not be condemned and appraised. William will go and try and find out why he and other property holders should be thus robbed.

Sergeant Timmons, of Fort Steele, passed through the city yesterday afternoon, having in charge three deserters who he was taking to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth. Their names and length of sentence are as follows: Joseph Bible, three years; Chas. Hazleton, four years; Chas. Lovejoy, four years.

At the skating rink Friday night there was quite an interesting contest between ten young skaters for a pair of nickel plated roller skates. At 9 o'clock the floor was cleared and the boys went at it amid the cheers of the on-lookers. It was an exciting trial and the honors were carried off by C. H. Gratton. More of these contests will follow from time to time.

At the State theatre last night there was a large audience to witness "The Sign of the Cross." The play was given with great satisfaction to those present, being frequently applauded. Mrs. Kraft-Frey, Mrs. Pule-Ahl as pitied themselves in their accustomed creditable manner. The State theatre people played engagements last week with great success in neighboring towns. They were at Grand Island Tuesday, West Point Wednesday, Columbus Thursday, and Fremont Friday. They had crowded houses everywhere. In Columbus they were tendered a reception by the German citizens.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. P. C. Hinebaugh, president of the Young Men's Christian association, who has taken such an interest in the welfare of the association, has been obliged to go to California for his health. At their last meeting the following resolutions were adopted by the committee:

Resolved, That we, the undersigned committee of the Y. M. C. A., as appointed and instructed, hereby tender the most hearty thanks of the association to Mr. P. C. Hinebaugh for his generous proposals toward the purchase of a suitable lot, and toward the erection thereon of a substantial and complete building, which the association is to own and so much needs.

Resolved, That the association bears with much solicitude the health of Mr. Hinebaugh and has been so much impressed that he is forced to leave his business, his home, and his associations; and while the regret at his sudden departure is universal, still all understand and express the hope that by the divine blessing he will be speedily restored to health as his friends here and the association which needs him above measure.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be placed upon the records of the Y. M. C. A., and a copy forwarded to the press of Omaha and to Mr. Hinebaugh.

ALEX. G. CHAPMAN, GEORGE M. HANSEN, OLIVER O. HOWARD, Committee.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL CARDS

New designs, never before published. Will please any person. Sent free on receipt of 25 stamp to every reader of the OMAHA BEE. Address Samuel Carter, 35 Park place, New York. newwif.

HON. THOMAS MURRAY.

One of the Old-timers of the Gate City.

A Glimpse of His Past, Present and Future as Looked Upon by a Bee Reporter.

Way back in the year of '37 there arrived in the then small city of Omaha an eccentric character who went by the name of Tom Murray, which name has stuck to him ever since.

When Mr. Murray first landed in Omaha, he was not blessed with an abundant supply of this world's goods, but like many before him, he was filled with determination and energy, and more than that, an enormous streak of luck which caused everything which he touched to turn into gold. Thomas has been noted during his long residence in this place for his economy, and by taking care of the odds and ends, the fickle goddess of fortune has smiled, yes fairly laughed upon him, until he is now able to count anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000 all his own.

For years he carried on a business in an old rookery on Fourteenth street, just across the alley from where the Paxton now stands. He dealt in second hand goods of every description, and anything wanted, from a ship's anchor to a tooth-pick, could be found at Tom Murray's. In fact, when in search of any article not commonly in use after visiting all the places of business, a trip to Tom's store never failed to bring forth the object of search.

The boys at one time put up a nice little job on Tom, by going in, one after another, and inquiring for old-fashioned spinning wheels. He had one, but it was too large, but as there appeared to be quite a demand for them, he ordered a half dozen of a smaller size, which half dozen he still has.

After the building of the Grand Central hotel, Tom Murray was constantly importuned to tear down his old shanty upon the alley before it, and should take fire and an alley frebrand to destroy the material hotel, to which it was next door neighbor. He turned a deaf ear to all entreaties in this direction, and some scawlag even went so far one night as to pile up a quantity of combustible material in the centre of the old store and apply the match, but the flames were extinguished by the fire department before any damage was done.

Finally the fire fiend laid its strong hold upon the beautiful Grand Central and while the flames were leaping high toward heaven, Tom Murray was turning up the water, and the water was so certain that his old rookery would burn down the hotel, for then there was every indication that the hotel would burn out the old junk shop, but fate had decreed otherwise, and for some unforeseen reason the grand and majestic structure was spared, and the old rookery was turned into a store, and Tom Murray's old rookery was more than thirty feet distant, was unharmed.

After long years of pleading, however, Tom gave in and consented to replace the old building by one which should be an honor to the street and a credit to its owner, and in accordance with the wishes of the city, he obtained plans for a five story brick structure, sixty-four foot front, with the upper stories to be built in such a manner, that should it be necessary, they could be connected to the Paxton hotel and used for hotel purposes. Something over a year ago the building was completed, and many an eye had grown dim and many a heart tired and sick while watching for the laying of the first brick in the basement walls, but at last, oh happy sight, the walls were commenced, and yea the north wall has been laid at least four feet high, and the water is so certain that the water was propped up by timbers from the inside to prevent the dirt from the alley from crowding it out of place, and fifty thousand people ask, "when will this great work go on?"

While passing the place a few days since, a Bee reporter noticed quite a gathering of men around the place, and all seemed to be considerably excited. Upon drawing nearer we ascertained that wagers were being made upon the general result, and bets were even that the props would decay and moulder into dust before the building was laid upon that long-lashed wall.

Up on Farnam street hill is a congregation of old rookeries and half-destroyed hovels filled with everything conceivable in the line of general truck, all belonging to Tom Murray, and one may travel up and down the streets of Omaha, and upon pointing out an old dilapidated building and inquiring the ownership in ninety-nine cases out of a possible hundred the answer will be Tom Murray.

Yet Mr. Murray is not the worst man in Omaha—far from it. He is eccentric, and that is his way of managing his affairs and will be so long as he lives, and all attempts to win him from this path will be utterly useless.

A Blessing to all Mankind.

In these times when our newspapers are flooded with patent medicine advertisements, it is gratifying to know what to procure that will certainly cure you, if you are afflicted with blood out of order, liver inactive, generally debilitated, there is nothing in the world that will cure you so quickly as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are a blessing to all mankind, and you had better try fifty cents a bottle of C. F. Gooden's.

Saratoga News.

The Union Sunday school was favored by the presence of Rev. A. F. Sherrill and Senator O. O. Howard at their session yesterday afternoon, both of whom spoke very acceptably. The school has just received an organ by donation. It cost \$100, and was used for the first time yesterday.

George McKenzie, Sr., has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the school board caused by the resignation and removal of C. W. Toussley.

All who are desirous of organizing the Young People's Lyceum are requested to meet at the Saratoga school house Tuesday, December 18, 1883, at 7 p. m. (Signed) J. R. Hazard, A. R. Davis, J. C. Linderman, J. W. Brown, W. G. Rustin, W. F. McKenzie, Louis Littlefield, J. H. Conrad, W. S. Hair.

Constable Page went to Florence Friday and arrested one Charles Garrison for larceny, who was found guilty and fined.

Miss Nellie Quinn, formerly of North Omaha, was married Saturday at Waterloo, to Mr. Neal, of that place.

Mayor Chase, of your city, will address the Young People's Lyceum at their first public meeting, Friday evening. The regular meeting of the literary and debating society, Saturday evening, was quite interesting. The society was favored by Mr. Julius Feister with a zither solo, which was much enjoyed. The paper by the Misses Parker was

spicy and interesting, while the drill of the Saratoga light guard (ten young ladies) was decidedly amusing. The debate on the tariff question was in progress when the meeting adjourned.

THE TALE OF A COAT.

A Trade that Wasn't a Trade—Who Got the Reward?

As is already known, Matt Clare's overcoat was stolen from the Paxton hotel Saturday morning, and has since been recovered. Connected with its recovery is an incident not generally known. The man who took the coat sold it to a pawnbroker. The dealer in unredeemed pledges hung the garment out in front of his place. In a short time along came Officer Turnbull, and seeing the overcoat thought he might get a bargain. The coat is a nice one, good enough for anybody. The officer stepped in and soon closed a trade. He gave a coat of his own and \$5 for the stolen overcoat. He put it on, and proud of the new addition to his wardrobe, went up to the city jail to show it to the boys. He had hardly got inside the door when Deputy Gorman shouted, "Hello, you look like Matt Clare! Where did you get it?" Before the almost dumfounded officer could say anything, Gorman, who was in the next room, lawled out, "What did you say about Matt Clare's coat? I'm after that coat myself." Coming into the room he pulled out of his pocket a description of the lost garment, to which the coat in question exactly corresponded.

Then there was another scene. Turnbull and Gorman both rushed out. It is said that one went to track back the coat and get his own, and the other went after Matt Clare to claim the reward for finding it. How it all turned out the reporter is not informed, further than that Turnbull got his own coat and money back. Matt Clare got the overcoat, but who got the reward hasn't been learned. The officer who made the trade now has the same coat that has stood faithfully by him for many winters.

Excited Thousands.

All over the land are excited to-day over Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. They looked for recovery by the timely use of this great life-saving remedy, and they are going to it with praise. It is guaranteed to positively cure Severe Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, or any affection of the throat and lungs.

ANOTHER TELEPHONE COMPANY.

The articles of incorporation for the Midland Telephone Company filed Saturday afternoon.

The authorized capital stock is \$50,000, and the shares will be \$100 each. The incorporators are John J. Dickey, Lewis H. Korty, Herman Drake, Lewis M. Rheem and Harvey J. Wells.

This is a good management and we are pleased to note the incorporation of this new enterprise, which we trust will soon have their wires up and be in shape for business.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancer, Piles, Chills, Corns, Tetter, Chapped hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance, or money refunded. 25 cents per box.

PERSONAL.

John Barsby, of Fairmont, is at the Millard.

Chas. Trever, of Fairmont, is at the Millard.

J. M. Jackson, of Louisville, is staying at the Millard.

Frank C. Phelps, of Lincoln, arrived at the Paxton yesterday.

E. W. Fenton, of Lincoln, is at the Paxton.

E. J. Warren, James Sweet, J. C. Watson and F. P. Ireland, of Nebraska City, are at the Paxton.

W. P. Connor, of York, is at the Paxton.

Bishop Sharp, of Salt Lake, vice president of the Utah Central railroad, passed through Omaha yesterday, en route to New York.

P. F. Vanzile, of Salt Lake, was among the east-bound passengers yesterday. He was on his way to Charlotte, Mich., to visit his family.

J. H. Brenner, of Red Rock, Montana, passed through the city yesterday going to Philadelphia.

J. S. West, of Cheyenne, was aboard the Union Pacific yesterday afternoon, bound for New York.

The following party arrived last evening from Weeping Water, as witnesses in a case in the United States court: W. D. Gibson, J. M. Beardsley, E. H. Akeley, Samuel Enoch, J. F. Parkins, D. D. Johnson, Laurel Sheldon, H. Hubbard, George W. Adams, H. K. Dunbar, D. T. Dudley, George Hatch, Charles T. L. Grothe, E. L. Reed, and J. L. Teelstra.

Mr. C. C. Hallett, book-keeper of the Millard, left Saturday for Adrian, Michigan, to visit at home during the holidays.

Rev. J. R. Lucas, of the Christian church, has returned from Gallatin, Mo.

Wm. Whitmore left for New York yesterday, having purchased an interest in the New York street works, No. 800 Nassau street.

Mr. Whitmore has been for several years connected with the railway mail service, and is a young man highly respected here, whose loss is much missed by his New York business ventures.

Rev. Philip Hubbard, of St. Joseph, Mo., is in the city, the guest of W. T. Drayden, on Howard street.

Marriage Licenses Issued During the Past Week.

A. Percy Hilditch and Edna May, James O. Prescott and Minnie E. Putnam, George J. Gorman and Helen M. Patterson, Erik J. Peterson and Matilda Carlsson, George F. Geltenbeck and Adelaide Wallbridge, George Elliott and Ida Brown, John W. Wezmann and Clara E. Webb, James A. Handy and Esther Cummings, William Madden and Esther Robinson, G. P. Larkin and Hensha Erickson, Hans Jorgensen and Rosemund Hansen, Seymour K. Forbes and Anna Gibson, Lee M. Greer and Hattie M. Gottham, Johann P. Tholen and Andra S. Nelson, John Nelson and Clara Sorenson.

The English parliament is prorogued till Feb. 5.

A DROWNED MAN.

His Body Floats Down the River and Disappears Under the Ice.

Probability that Coroner Kent will Find It To-day.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock John Mulvihill, a Union Pacific brakeman, while engaged in switching a train below Boyd's packing house, saw the body of a man floating down the river. It was about one hundred feet from the river bank, and it finally disappeared under the ice, there being four or five hundred yards of the river frozen over in that vicinity. Below this there is open water again, and the river at that point is quite shallow. It is quite likely that the body will be discovered in this open place this morning, and if so it can be easily recovered. Coroner Kent will probably make an effort to recover the body.

Mr. Mulvihill says that the dead man was bald on the top of his head, but what hair he had was very long, and it was about fifty years of age. He wore a black coat. His feet were submerged in the water. Who the man was no one seems to know, nor is any one aware of any man having disappeared.

Lutharians in Conference.

The American Evangelical Lutheran Emigrant Missionary society held its second meeting in the Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. M. L. Mellick, pastor, at Waverly, Neb., commencing on Tuesday evening, December 11th, 1883.

The meeting was opened by a Bible reading, in which special attention was given to the emigration of God's people, both in the Old and New Testament, and the effect which their movements produced upon mankind.

This was followed by an able address by Rev. M. S. Crossman, of Lincoln, Neb., on the subject, "How may the English Lutheran Church care for her Home, and her Neglected Foreign Emigrants?" The speaker laid special stress upon the fact that as a church we have our distinctive features, and that these should be kept prominent; that our foreign brethren, who have known no other church, must be won by true Lutheranism. Rev. C. Huber, of Clear Creek, Neb., followed with a few remarks.

ARMY ORDERS.

Under authority contained in paragraph 529, army regulations, as corrected by general orders No. 4, series 1883, from the headquarters of the army, the ration of bread for issue to company H, Fourth infantry, is increased to twenty-two ounces.

Leave of absence for one month, with permission to apply to the adjutant-general of the army for an extension of 4 months, is granted Second Lieutenant Robert R. Stevens, Sixth infantry.

First Lieutenant Lewis Merriam, Fourth infantry, is detailed to inspect and report upon the quantity and quality of the flour to be delivered under contract for the Indian service at Thatcher, Neb., during the absence of Second Lieutenant E. H. Browne, Fourth infantry, on leave of absence, and who was detailed for this duty by paragraph 5, special orders No. 68, dated July 2, 1883, from these headquarters.

Recruits George Bailey and John Jacobson, enlisted at Fort Douglas, Utah, are assigned to company H, Sixth infantry.

Recruit Frank S. Quackenbush, enlisted at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, is assigned to the Ninth infantry.

Private George Heines, re-enlisted at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, is assigned to the Sixth infantry, and will be sent to the station of his regiment at the first opportunity.

Leave of absence for fifteen (15) days is granted Lieut. T. H. Capron, 9th Infantry, offered to reinstatement.

Private Peter Hettinger, troop D, 5th Cavalry, is relieved from extra duty at the Cheyenne Ordnance Depot, Wyo., and will report to the commanding officer Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., who will send him to the station of his troop by the first favorable opportunity.

AFFAIRS AT FAIRFIELD.

Railroad Surveyors Prowling in the Neighborhood—Wrestling With an Omaha Preacher.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., December 12, 1883.—The weather continues warm and many of our farmers are still ploughing. Many are also hanking their corn which mostly proves soft, and fears are expressed that seed will be scarce next year.

Corn and land buyers are numerous. Mr. Schell residing in Liberty creek, this county, is engaging 10,000 bushels at 30 cents, which is considered low considering the prospects for higher prices soon.

The Nebraska & Colorado railroad surveyors have run several lines through the southern portion of this county, and about a mile and a quarter seems about as close as they can get to Fairfield.

U. P. surveyors are at work on Oak creek in the neighborhood of Nagadaga and have passed south of us to the east, on the county line. We have it from good authority they are aiming for Edgar, from Minden to Blue Hill and from Blue Hill to E. Kar.

Eli Perkins holds forth at the M. E. church to-night, and judging from the number of tickets sold, the house will be well filled.

Donavin's Monesseeans are billed to appear here to-morrow evening, the 31st inst.

The ladies here have organized a temperance organization called the Blue Ribbon Club, of which Mrs. M. A. Small is president, and will give a temperance entertainment Sunday evening.

A quiet wedding took place this afternoon at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. P. W. Fugate, Mr. Fred Ticker, of inland, and Miss Jennie E. Spencer, of Lone Tree, being the high contracting parties.

A letter from a friend in Illinois informs us that the farmers there will have to feed Nebraska corn this year. Our farmers suggest that they come to Nebraska, where they can have good health, get good land, and raise plenty of corn.

Madam Kumor has it that our two papers here are soon to consolidate. Dr. Prentice has certainly improved the columns of The News, and is making a first-class news sheet the town may well feel proud of.

Our holiday trade is booming and our merchants correspondingly happy. Fairfield is a splendid trading center, and what we need most is a large hotel to supply the wants of the many weary land hunters and others. The one we have is inadequate and prices too high.

The Rev. D. H. Lucas, of Omaha, held a series of successful meetings in the Congregational church of this city recently, and in one of his last sermons preached on the subject of "Church or Christian Union," he mentioned a few of the principles upon which the leading denominations of Christians could unite, and asked if there were any present who could not endorse the articles of faith as laid down? A Mr. John Speer arose and asked, "Can you prove the Lord's Day, and the first day of the week, are identical?" Elder Lucas then craved the words "Lord's Day" and went on to explain the reason why it was so-called. He also said it was on account of the resurrection of the Saviour occurring on that day, to which Mr. Speer took exception. Objections here being raised by members of the church, Mr. Speer was set down upon. The elder said, however, he would meet Mr. Speer by the following day, which he did. At the

meeting, which was generally understood by those present, was to discuss the question of difference between Mr. Speer and Elder Lucas, and the question of proceeding evening. The elder affirmed that the first day of the week was the resurrection day, and I tried to prove it by reading different paragraphs of the Scripture, and the matter was dropped there, as Mr. Speer did not reply at the time. That evening in church Elder Lucas stated that he had met Mr. Speer and that Speer had acknowledged all that he had before taken exceptions to.

Mr. Speer comes out in a card and states: "How he could make such a statement is more than I can account for, when others were present who heard him. We tried to get him to affirm what he had tried to prove the evening before, but he utterly refused, and said he would not affirm anything he did not believe; his tactics was to deny everything and affirm nothing. He followed the same procedure, which he said he would deny, and which we are ready to affirm at any convenient time and place agreed upon."

Resolved, That the fourth command of the decalogue is binding upon all Christians to-day.

"I will deny the above proposition, D. R. Lucas."

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CUSTER POST.

A Reply to the "National Tribune" in Relation to Vandervoort.

To the Editor of The Bee.

OMAHA, December 15, 1883. A few days ago a clipping from The National Tribune, relating to the "Custer" Post resolutions, was reprinted, with editorial comments, in The Republican. We had supposed this matter dead and buried, but like "Banquo's" ghost it will down. "Go from home to learn the news," is fully verified in this instance. "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

How should The Tribune be able to obtain matter denied our local papers? Simply because the party who published it knew it would be read in our local papers over his signature. Therefore he must needs resort to the little scheme of reprinting from a paper of national reputation, thinking thereby to add weight and respectability to it, and cover up the ear marks of the author. Vandervoort is a member of Custer post, but has not attended but one meeting in a year. The evening the resolutions were to be voted on he came in and spoke at length and recited the story of his wrongs and told us how he had met the charges, to Gresham's satisfaction, and that Gresham offered to reinstatement him, etc. Notwithstanding Vandervoort's presence, the resolutions passed without a dissenting voice. In his article Vandervoort would have it appear that only a corporal's guard were present on that occasion. There were over twenty members present the evening the resolutions passed, no one studying the matter, neither Commander O'Brien resign. Vandervoort knew this, but he purposely distorted the facts. The intent and purpose of said resolutions were publicity, so understood by their supporters. The evening they passed, it being very late, nothing was said about publishing. At the next regular meeting (two weeks) a motion was made "That the adjutant comprise a committee of one to furnish the resolutions to the press for publication." The members were all in favor of publishing, but did not agree as to the manner in which it should be done. The resolutions were to be printed to intercept the resolutions; his next move was to hinder publicity.

For this purpose he singled out the more credulous members and recited to them an article in the constitution treating on "secrecy." This forbids making public the proceedings of any post, on penalty of expulsion from membership. He thought the only way we could safely publish was to submit to the department commander for his approval. Others thought the article irrelevant, and only referred to the secret work of the order.

Those who had labored to consummate the work did not attend that a should be pigeon-holed and hid its way into anybody's waste basket, and were in favor of the motion. The commander refused to entertain the motion. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair, which was sustained. Whereupon Mr. O'Brien flouted in his resignation, but after carefully studying the matter he included we were right, and has since withdrawn his resignation. Vandervoort would have the public believe this controversy happened on the passage of the resolutions. The member who left the room to attend to other business is one of the most earnest supporters of said resolutions. One little matter Vandervoort forgot to mention in his article, viz: A set of resolutions he had drawn up, eulogizing himself and his deeds, and condemning General Gresham. The resolutions were referred to a committee, who wrote Mr. Gresham and found the facts were not in accord with the resolutions as commonly reported unfavorable. Since Vandervoort has been so active in this matter, facts that would have been so covered by the mantle of "charity," become public property. Originally there was no fight against Vandervoort, only so far as he had to do with endangering the action of Hastings. He said the action was spontaneous. If so, why did he cry out when other people's corns trod on? We have learned since, that Vandervoort made an individual canvass of the camp at Hastings, getting ready for spontaneous (?) action. Van also says our resolutions are absurd because the gathering at Hastings was not wholly composed of G. A. R. comrades. If he will take the trouble to look up the announcement on that occasion he will find it gotten up by the organization, which is responsible for every action whether it participated or not. If Vandervoort is not satisfied with this attempt to mislead the public perhaps we could gratify him by permission of General Gresham to publish our correspondence with the postmaster general.

Reduction of Wages.

PROVIDENCE, December 16.—In consequence of the break in the prices of cotton goods, wages are to be reduced to-morrow in many of the leading mills of Rhode Island.

In Commendable Quarters.

CHICAGO, December 16.—The Western Union Telegraph company took possession of their new operating room yesterday, and to-night about all the wires were moved over from the temporary quarters. The Chicago office now has

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