

CAPITAL NOTES.

Modifications Made in Regulations for the State Fair.

Ex-Gov. Furnas Attains a Foreign Commission.

The Backward Legislative Records--A Legal Fight Taken in General, State and Personal Matters.

THE DAY AT LINCOLN. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. Reported by The Bee's Bureau.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—Ex-Governor R. W. Furnas has been appointed executive commissioner for the United States of the American exhibition which is to be held in Earle's court, London, beginning on the 1st day of May, 1886. The governor has already at his own expense procured samples of small grain and is now receiving and securing agricultural and other displays of industries to be placed on exhibition there.

Work on the senate journals will be finished in about a week, when they will be delivered to the public. The "copy" of the house journals has just been deposited with the secretary of state, and as the printer, the State Journal company, is allowed ninety days to complete the work, it will quite likely be ready before the people will be permitted to peruse their interesting pages.

This is the last day for Mr. King, the successful bidder on the Norfolk asylum, to show up under the law and if he don't come the state has his bond of \$5,000, which will be forfeited. The architect, Mr. M. E. Ho, of Marshalltown, Iowa, is here.

A deed to lots eleven and twelve, block 189, in this city was yesterday made to the Hebrew church here.

The state treasurer has so far paid out about \$300,000, all of which has been distributed in the state.

E. H. Anderson created quite an excitement on Eleventh street Tuesday evening by requesting every one within the reach of his voice to go into their cellars to avoid the tornado. But it didn't come.

Mrs. Ella Mason arrived in the city last evening in search of her young daughter who left home for some purpose unknown. At this writing the daughter has failed to materialize.

Mrs. E. S. Holyoke, of Grinnell, Iowa, mother of Dr. Holyoke, of this city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chancellor Bennett.

Chancellor I. J. Manatt is spending a few weeks at Mato Strang, Colorado. B. L. Wallace, of Kearney, who has the contract for building the new post-office there, is in the city purchasing iron cornish and contracting for stone work and iron work.

F. A. Brown, of the new wholesale tobacco house, left yesterday for a trip over the state.

Policeman Kelly yesterday morning took a crazy woman into custody. She was wandering about the streets infested with the idea that every little boy she met had a bottle of whisky in his pocket, and that she was specially deputized to relieve said boy of said bottle.

F. E. Woodrow, of the Bradstreet company, of Omaha, is doing the city in the interests of that directory. He made this office a pleasant call.

Mrs. Joseph Scott, wife of Land Commissioner Scott, is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

The wife of Sheriff Melick is dangerously sick.

Under the rules of the live stock commission any party desiring to buy cattle, horses or other stock to the state fair will have no trouble in getting into the state, and they will be sure to be protected against contracting any disease while here.

The entries of the speed programme in lots two, seven and thirteen are full, there being twenty-eight entries. The fifty box stalls for speed horses are all complete, and there are in addition 176 other box stalls. There will be room for all that may come. The state board transacted no further business yesterday, and all but Secretary Furnas returned home.

The case of Morris, the boy who stole the money from Perkins' shoe store, was continued for one week, to accommodate Mr. Caldwell, who was appointed guardian for the boy. Judge Parker seems to be of the opinion that the boy, who is not sixteen years of age, according to the best proof that can be obtained, should be to the reform school, and Mr. Caldwell thinks the boy will not go. The boy hails from Ohio, and letters from Columbus state that he is a noted thief.

A Chester agency, of which John M. Martin was president, approached prominent legal light of this city a d offered him the agency for \$50, to be given in a note due January 1st, not negotiable. The supposed president went right into the First national bank, disposed of the note, paid his board bill and skipped out. It is quite likely the bank is out and the young attorney is likely some what wiser if not poorer.

The arrivals yesterday included: Oscar Callahan, Teumseh; J. O. Cleveland, Beatrice; O. F. Davis, Dan Shelley, Omaha; W. H. Craig, Minden; J. E. Bradley, Plattemouth; Hon. Alva Smith, Waverly; J. Brink, Crete; S. M. Baker, Silver Creek; E. P. Davis, Charles B. Keller, Omaha; the Hon. R. M. Taggart, Palmyra; W. H. Barstow, Crete; E. McIntyre, William Gill, Seward; J. B. Dinmore, Sutton; E. N. Grinnell, Fort Calhoun; W. P. Hill, Holdridge; Ed Harburt, Jr., Columbus; J. H. Kent, Minden.

A WORDY DISTINCTION. Our western states and western men are rapidly coming into prominence among men and nations of the east, as will be noticed from the following letter which your correspondent was permitted to copy, from Director General John R. Whitley, of London, to Robert W. Furnas, dated June 30th:

"It is with exceeding pleasure I will communicate with you for the first time and welcome you as a colleague on the board of the executive council of the American exhibition. Allow me to congratulate you on your appointment. We all feel much indebted to our excellent friend, Mr. J. G. Speed, for his capital work at New Orleans in the past, the best interest of his country and of the American exhibition. From reports which have been received here concerning your own history we feel that Mr. Speed has indeed selected the most thoroughly representative man and one whom we shall delight to honor. As during your

residence in America you will not be able to attend our board meetings here, we propose, in order to comply with the requirements of our articles of association, to appoint you to some office in the United States which you will exercise on behalf of the executive council. We are all hard workers here and mean to make this exhibition a practical success. We are the more pleased that the fates brought us a new colleague from the western states for, as you are doubtless aware, the western states of America are those that are certain to profit very largely by the exhibition. You will ere this have received your appointment as a commissioner with the letter containing suggestions. Yours faithfully, "JOHN R. WHITLEY."

Electric lights will be placed at the following street corners: Ninth and T, Ninth and K, Eighth and Q, Tenth and S, Tenth and P, Tenth and Q, Tenth and L, Eleventh and J, Eleventh and M, Twelfth and H, Thirteenth and S, Thirteenth and N, Thirteenth and G, Fourteenth and Q, Fifteenth and P, Sixteenth and R, Sixteenth and L, Seventeenth and O, Seventeenth and F, Eighteenth and M. Two will also be placed on the outside of the capitol building. The lights are to be hung thirty feet above the streets.

Elder Marshall, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist church, colored, was bound over yesterday to the district court in the sum of \$100 on the charge of slander.

At a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture yesterday evening, after the reading of several applications from parties in other states regarding entries for stock and other exhibits, the following business was transacted: The resignation of J. C. Bonnell, as superintendent of classes twelve and thirteen, was accepted, and the secretary authorized to fill the vacancy; J. Sanders, of the Breeders' Gazette, was invited to make a speech during the fair; Mr. E. P. Davis, of Omaha, was appointed superintendent of the booth privileges. The board decided not to allow the exclusive privilege to one party or to one building to furnish warm meals, but to allow church and other societies which are anxious to furnish meals for a reasonable amount the privilege. The matter of a fish exhibit was referred to the Chairman Barker with instructions not to exceed \$150 for the same. A medal worth \$100 will be given to the best drilled company of Nebraska militia present during the fair, the drill to take place on Wednesday, September 16, at 10 o'clock a. m., and a \$25 medal to the best drilled militia man, the drill to take place on Thursday, September 17, at 17th, at 10 o'clock a. m. There is also ordered that a premium of \$100 be given for the largest and best display of horses of any age or breed owned by any person or firm, open to the world; that the next fair be held on the week following the Iowa state fair; that J. B. Dinmore go to the Iowa state fair with power to offer an additional \$300 to secure the attendance at the Nebraska state fair for competition of other herds of fine cattle. M. L. Treatner was authorized to fix the times when honey should be weighed in and out of the hive.

In the special run it was ordered that the word "clothing" be changed to read "making;" in the speed department lot twelve, novelty race, is to be corrected to read, "one mile and a half; horse first at the half-mile pole, \$30; horse first at the mile pole, \$45; horse first at the mile and a half pole, \$70.

One hundred and fourteen students are enrolled in the Fremont normal school.

North Platte capitalists threaten to begin work on an opera house next month.

The Fremont school board is considering the advisability of introducing music in the public schools.

Rev. Joel Gardner, of Fremont, was the first victim there of the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors.

Grand Island policemen assume themselves at the annual fair, and are decorating their men with ankle bracelets.

Joe Opelt, of the Morton house, Nebraska City, cashed a check for \$28.50. The check was forged and Joe mourns that amount.

Peter Hathaway, of Cass county, lost a valuable mare last night, which he placed himself by running against a barb wire fence.

Ellwood is the name of a new town on the Ogallala extension of the B. & M., a dozen miles from Holdrege. It is growing rapidly.

The five-year-old son of Walter H. Barr, living near Juniata, fell off a wagon load of sand, Saturday. The hind wheel passed over the boy's neck, killing him instantly.

Fremont prefers the estimate of the town's population made by Wolfe, the directory man, to the state census. The former figures show a population of 9,322 while the census shows only 4,014.

A public meeting was held in Fremont last night to discuss ways and means of providing a system of water works. The moment Fremonters take hold of a public improvement it is as good as secured.

Mrs. J. P. Legg, of Fremont, would probably yell if a mouse should appear in her kitchen, for burglars she is always at home. The other night a mouse called out and she was in the kitchen with a bullet which Mrs. L. had carefully prepared for the thief's woman's aim was not good and the burglar escaped.

There is quite an exodus of stock men from northwest Nebraska into Dakota, where range facilities are not cramped by settlers. This is the inevitable result of the crowding of grazers on the domain of the cowboys, and a few years will witness the extinction of free range in this state. The ranchman must own his own land or go to the wall.

A Free Dispensary. The board of managers of the Omaha city mission have kindly donated the use of their rooms in the mission house on Tenth street, for a free dispensary to the poor. Dr. Warren C. Spaulding has been appointed physician in chief, and Mr. Ravel R. France, the well known druggist, apothecary. The office will be located in the rooms of the city mission, on Tenth street, between Dodge street and Capitol avenue. The object of the dispensary is to furnish medical and surgical services free to the afflicted poor. The dispensary will be open from 10 o'clock a. m. to 10 o'clock p. m., and it is well known that there are hundreds of destitute people who cannot afford to pay for medical treatment.

A Delightful Affair. Mr. Stephen Broderick, who owns a charming little residence on Thirteenth and Cass streets, entertained a few of his best friends last night. It was a thoroughly informal affair the principal feature being the gathering together of a lot of old country people, who, of course, are never tired of reciting the good points about their particular native lands. But this gathering was something more than that, as there were some very creditable vocal and instrumental performances interspersed between the bragging talks of the several nationalities present, and among those who shined most prominently in this respect were Miss F. Murthagh, Mr. Thomas Broderick, Major Gordon, and Mr. Stephen Broderick.

THE CHIEF OF CROOKS.

Frank Moise, Manager of a Swindling Bank in Boston.

How He Carried on the Business While Operating Loyal L. Smith's Store Here--\$8,000 Worth of Jewelry Packed in His Room.

One of the most interesting chapters relating to the late L. L. Smith and his gang of swindlers was whispered to a reporter for the Bee last evening by two young men who are loaded with facts and figures to prove all their statements. It has already been proven beyond any question of doubt, that Smith himself was a schemer, adventurer and swindler, but now comes to light a story about his manager, Frank Moise, that has about it the elements of such deep laid and well planned rascality that under many similar circumstances people have been led to believe that parties whom they supposed rogues were the tools of others and forced to commit acts they otherwise might not have committed. This may be the case with L. L. Smith, because Frank Moise, was and is a scoundrel, a smooth, sleek, and desperate villain. In this week's issue of the Police News, is a very accurate and life like picture of him, underneath which, he is denoted as "manager of the National Loan & Trust company, a swindling banking concern, situated at 149 Washington street, Boston. In this role, Moise has figured for a number of years, as a member of one of the most notorious gangs of sharpers this or any other country was ever polluted with. They were not only sharpers and confidence workers, but arch conspirators as well. Their chief occupation however, was that of swindling commission merchants and bogus produce dealers. The methods of their operations, which were carried on for years, in Boston and vicinity, was to adopt a firm name closely resembling that of some well-known and reputable commission merchant house, and then make offers above the current market prices to induce consignments from farmers and country shippers. The result was that hundreds of confiding countrymen, who shipped their car load after car load of produce, never saw or received a cent for it. Frank Moise, Osmer W. Roper, Henry W. Colson, and James W. Harris, formed the chiefs of the gang. Roper, Colson and Harris were the main spring of a dozen bogus produce firms--W. H. Holmes & Co., American Co-operative Dairy Co., Low & Co., and many others. A helper of these swindlers in their operations was the National Loan and Trust company, of which Moise was the manager. Roper has been arrested recently and convicted, and Moise is wanted very badly by the authorities of Boston. It seems that a strenuous effort is now on foot to break the gang up. Mr. L. A. Barnes, who was the travelling representative of Smith here, returned yesterday from Chicago where he had been for the past two weeks trying to ascertain what he could do to get Smith's record and also to see, whether or not he could possibly recover a considerable amount of money lost by him in the Smith failure. Mr. Barnes learned more about Moise than he did about Smith, and having been Moise's room mate here, of course the expose of his villainy in Boston, brought to light many transactions made on each side. When together that bears out the history of his crooked career. At one time Moise had \$8,000 worth of fine jewelry secreted in their room, which was in Capitol avenue, number 7, Morse block. His excuse for putting it there, was that it would be safer there than in any other place. He also carried a lot of fine silk to the room at various times. Shortly before the failure all these goods were packed in trunks and sent away. Barnes learned while in Chicago, that Moise has a wife and two children living in Brooklyn, and that in addition to being a scheming swindler he is also at the head of a gang of professional safe blowers. The picture of him in this week's Police News, is easily recognized by any one who ever saw the man. Mr. Barnes also learned that Smith had been at Lung Branch since he left here.

of five years five lots on the north side of Vincennes Nineteenth and Twentieth which is just outside of the city. The name of the firm not having been stated, the lease was made with C. & Co. On the 27th of June, the firm agreed to run the busi Schmitz & Liebler. They wanted \$40 to the business. On the 27th, it is charged, took over the business himself and free out. He has been running free. It is also charged that he still continues to appropriate profits which up to date it is \$3,000 to \$500, to his own outfit prays for an injunction out which will stop him from arying on the business. The case hearing on the 25th instant.

PUBLIC I.

An Active and Interesting on the Subject Last Committee's Apj

The citizens of Nora held a meeting last night a Bruner's building, on the corner of Fifteenth and Cuming streets, with attendance. J. C. Bruner, chairman and stated at length of North Omaha people to participate that they have now, as were also made in favor of proposition by Joseph an, Dr. Mercer, Col. Chase, here. On motion of Councilman he followed special committee dated and given instructions to get the matter and see just a be done. A. N. Ferguson, chairman, Rodman, T. O. Brunner, St. A. Imbe, Geo. P. Bemis, Thomas S. E. House, Thomas Dally, F. E. Guy C. Berton.

Councilman Daily now pertinent remarks, also Aldrich and others, after which Majombe was called on and presented as to the feasibility of Jefferies as a park and took the stand was entirely too small and not location. He suggested that Jefferies be exchanged for sixty or acres of land which would give the long-needed park.

A special committee was on motion appointed by the chairing of Col. C. S. Chase, W. R. C. E. Squires, Col. Smythe the janitor F. Knight to confer with the commissioners in regard to the Thirty-sixth street, from the stock yard in north Omaha, a width of 120 feet, in view of making the boulevard of the city.

All the speakers urged the great and growing demand of for more public parks makes it ratative for every one to take an active in assisting to secure them. The meeting was adjourned to the call of the chairman.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH WATT?

Trouble Among the A. E. Church Brethren Over a Gatch.

Mr. A. Kinchaflo sent communication to the Bee last evening which he unburdened his grievance against Mr. W. A. Watt. It seems that on July 17th, 1884, the finance committee A. M. E. church, offered to give a prize of \$50 watch to than who would raise the money for the benefit of the church. The gentlemen who contested for the prize were Wm. Vinegar, T. Nelson Mr. Watt. When the contest came to a close, the committee made up each expecting of course that was sure to carry off the watch. Vin and Nelson had the cash receipts their labor along and turned them on the committee, but Mr. Watt put in a slip of paper certifying that had collected \$100, and put it in the hat. This entitled him to the prize, but the committee, though full of doubts matters were not straight and hied about giving up the watch, but first seeing the money. Thon Watt arranged for the committee meet him next day, when he would o the bank and get the money, and twatch was presented. The committee called on next day, and failed to keep his promise and hid the committee off by saying that had placed the money to the credit of church and they could not get it. In mean time the watch had been left E. H. E. Erickson's shop for repairer; the committee went and gaved out the watch. In this order the jewellers would not act, so seeing that they could not get it, agreed that he would give the watch the trustees of the church. Whatney called for it he bluffed them off a same way that he bluffed the commit. He still carries the watch.

Comic Opera.

"La Mascotte" was given Boyd's opera house last evening by the English Opera company, with following cast of characters: Lorenzo, Max Fignanz; Pippo, M. H. Waldo; Frederic, M. H. Waldo; Miss Ann Barret; Mr. Fry Howard; Miss Helen Cooper; War Howard; Miss Helen Cooper; J. H. Ruth; Miss Helen Cooper; Miss Helen Cooper; Grand Chorus and Orchestra. The audience present was not large, but could reasonably have been expected considering hot weather season, which is not surprising. The production was a very good one, and the principals were repeatedly, encouraged in their work by generous rounds of applause. Max Fignanz, as "Lorenzo," was especially entertaining, and Miss Helen Cooper's "Betina" showed her to be a very artist. Miss Helen Cooper, as "Betina," and Harry Howard, as "Lorenzo," were a good in their parts. The chorus is strong and well drilled. Hans Kreisling, well known director of comic opera music, wielded the baton.

A Grand Success.

Last evening, promptly at 10 o'clock, in front of the Paton hotel, Mr. Caryball, agent of the Eclipse Chemical Fire Extinguisher, gave a test of the machine.

In the presence of a large number of our leading railroad and business men the two immense brewery vats lined with pitch which had been put in year after year until the wood was thoroughly saturated and coated with it, and set on fire and immediately made an intense heat, but at the word the operator commenced and almost immediately had the fire out, not having used one-fourth of the four gallon machine.

The great superiority of the Eclipse over all other fire extinguishers consists in the fact that nothing but pure water is kept in the brass tank until fire occurs when one movement introduces dry powder which then do the work of putting out the fire by smothering as carbonic acid gas is then generated, and it can be refilled without any delay.

The Eclipse is made by the Eclipse Fire Engine Co., of Beloit, Wis., and sold here by Joslin & Sackett, 1509 Farnam.

Looking After State Taxes. County Commissioner O'Keefe went to Lincoln yesterday, where he will appear, on behalf of Douglas county, before the state board of equalization, which is now in session. As the state taxes of Douglas county are about 10 per cent of the whole as compared with other counties it is deemed, by the commissioners, time that somebody should take an interest in the matter, and see that the county is not imposed upon. For that reason Mr. O'Keefe was sent down to the capital city to appear before the board.

PERSONAL. Judge Seiden is in David City. J. W. Wolf, Fifth, is at the Paton. J. E. French, of Cleveland, is at the Paton.

H. W. Yates and wife went to Denver yesterday. K. Callahan, Friend, Neb., is at the Millard. W. A. Bergettsner, of Nelson, is at the Paton.

W. N. Gates, of Indianapolis, is at the Millard. Dr. J. H. Quinn, of Blue Springs, Neb., is at the Millard.

Deputy Treasurer D. O. Campbell, of Cass county, is in the city. B. E. Trexell went west yesterday and will make a tour of the mountains before his return.

C. S. Stebbins and family left last night for a visit to the home of Mr. Stebbins' family in Pennsylvania.

Herman Koontz and family left for Spirit Lake last evening, to enjoy the cool breezes of that popular resort.

E. L. Renfield, J. F. Walter, Dorchester; S. A. Collins, Essex; E. M. Tiltonson, Colburn; and are at the Arcade. Paymaster Floyd, of the Burlington & Missouri, left for Spirit Lake last evening with his family, to enjoy a few days recreation.

Miss Genevieve Ingersoll, who went east some time since to study for the stage, has returned to this city and is now the guest of Mrs. Sturges, 1716 Cass street. She will remain here until the middle of August.

Mrs. R. B. Ringwalt and Miss Gratitude H. Ringwalt were among the east-bound passengers on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy yesterday afternoon, and will visit friends in Chicago, Racine and Detroit during the coming month.

At the Metropolitan: H. E. Stuart, McCook; Walter Wells, Hastings; J. K. Gillman, Nebraska City; C. M. Whiting, Howard, Neb.; A. J. Mathews, New York; W. H. Higgs, Racine, Wis.; H. D. Reeve, Hampton, Ia.; J. E. Miller, George Cox, St. Louis, E. C. Kline, Pittsburg, and F. J. McIsaac, Marshalltown, Ia.

J. D. Shearman, J. M. Hanna, Springfield; A. C. Bollong, Schuyler; G. W. Lord, Ulysses; H. B. Gould, Missouri Valley; Geo. W. Watt, Wakefield; Ira Thompson and wife, Tekamah; G. W. Spencer, St. James; M. N. Iyerson, Grand Island; W. B. Stout, Culbertson; E. Clark, W. F. Lewis, Hastings; W. J. Montague, Wichita; A. L. Spearman, Springfield; L. W. Taylor, Avoca; C. N. Ambrose, St. Louis; Wm. Courtney, Thomas, Geo. Osceola, are at the Canfield.

Invitations have been received in this city for the wedding of General Passenger Agent Dawes of the N. C. St. J. & C. B. R. R., and Miss Melissa Crossen, daughter of Mr. H. B. Crossen, of Nevada, Mo. The marriage will take place at the Washington street Presbyterian church, Nevada, on the evening of August 5, and the reception at the Pacific house in St. Joe on the evening of the 6th.

Both parties have the best wishes of many friends in this part of the world.

Bob Johnson had Hugh McManne arrested yesterday, for assault and battery.

Peter Loggreen, the forger, was bound over, by Judge Stenberg yesterday, to the district court in the sum of \$1,000.

Dick and John Davis, two rather notorious rascals, who inhabit that part of town known as the "Bottom," were arrested in the city jail. They had been raising a great disturbance by trying to shoot one or two members of their own family.

The westerners are distributing a new class of advertising matter, which it is feared will kill the present ones and drive away some of the country. It is a photograph of W. H. Vico, their San Francisco agent, and if it properly represents him, he is certainly a dandy. Hair-wound of short, patch over one eye, a big horse fly on his nose and several warts that stand out prominently are features of the picture.

Fearfully Tantalizing. Philadelphia Call.

"Hello, Fred you seem awfully put out. What's happened eh?"

"Oh, I was fearfully tantalized a little while ago. I tied on a pretty girl's bra, and she rubbed me a tangle; her eyes sparkled, her lips were cherry ripe, and so close to mine that her breath swept my cheek."

"You were dying to kiss her, eh?"

"That was just it."

"Well, why didn't you kiss her?"

"For a very simple reason. Her husband was standing by."

Croft loans money on Diamonds and Fine Watches. Room 4, Withnell block.

See the Omaha Lumber Co. before buying building material, 15th St. & U.P.R. B.

Dr. Hamilton's Warren, Physician and Surgeon, 619 N. 16th street near Webster. Day and night calls promptly attended to.

Madam Anuse, the great clairvoyant and fortune teller, will remain in the city this week and can be consulted at her office corner 10th and Harney. All who wish to consult her had better call at once.

THE RISING QUESTION.

Shall we eat Lime with our Bread?

It is a fact no longer questioned that all the baking powders, with the single exception of the Royal, contain lime or alum. Prof. Love's report as analyst of the New York State Board of Health, revealing lime impurities, and Government Chemist Mott's researches showing the alarming use of alum, have conclusively established the presence of these substances. Eminent analysts have found in some of the powders notably these so prominently advertised, 10.7 per cent of lime alone.

Everybody is interested in this wholesale debasement of food. The public health is no doubt injuriously affected by the large amount of lime that is thus taken into the system, for—although perfectly pure food is produced by the use of Royal Baking powder, which is free from lime and absolutely pure—many of these adulterated baking powders are still imposed upon consumers by the false advertisements with which they are placed before the public.

No Lime in Royal Baking Powder.

Chemical tests have likewise proved the Royal Baking Powder to be free from lime and absolutely pure. This results from the exclusive use of cream of tartar specially refined and prepared by patent processes by which the tartrate of lime is totally eliminated. The production of chemically pure cream of tartar involved many experiments and great expense, which add largely, of course, to the cost of producing the Royal Baking Powder. But its manufacturers are amply rewarded in thus being able to give consumers a baking powder absolutely pure in all respects—the only absolutely pure baking powder made. In emphasis of this fact, the report of Prof. McMurtrie, late chief chemist for the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, is given.

"I have examined the cream of tartar manufactured by the New York Tartar Company and used by the Royal Baking Powder Company in the manufacture of their baking powder, and found it perfectly pure and free from lime in any form.

"The chemical tests to which I have submitted the Royal Baking Powder, it perfectly healthful and free from every deleterious substance.

"WM. McMURTRIE, E.M., Ph.D.,
"Chemist in Chief U. S. Dept. of Agriculture."

THE TRAMP'S NEW SCHEME.

How He Makes a Living at "Family Gatherings."

New York Tribune.

"I suppose you don't remember me," said a man in the park as he came up and grasped a reporter by the hand. The voice was faintly familiar and the speaker, who was decently dressed, though evidently not particularly about harmonious colors or perfect fit, had a slouchy movement that indefinitely recalled some person he had met. The man smiled and drawled on, "I thought you wouldn't know me; don't you remember a couple of winters ago when you'd be comin' out of that printin' office over there, how you used to stop and 'buz' me about what you used to call the noble army of tramps? I don't forget you, sir, for when you'd get through talkin' you'd put up for coffee and cake, and more than once for lodgin'."

"I'd be real glad if you'd go and have a schooner or cigar or suttin' with me. I'm 'ixed," said he, pulling out a handful of coin and bills, "and would like to set 'em up."

The reporter declined, but upon calling to mind the unacted, dilapidated tramp he had once known, was forced to inquire how so marked a change of condition had come about.

"Well," said he, "if you won't give it away, I'll tell you—though I don't care if you do. For I am going west on the same lay. For the past two years I've been working the family gatherings—those folks, you know who advertise for everybody or their name to meet at some one place to chin about themselves and have a picnic.

"You see, one day last summer, I was killin' time readin' a newspaper I'd found when I ran across one of these meetin's. Well, it must have been—must have been—'What is it that gives them pretts a steer?'"

"Inspiration!" suggested the reporter.

"Yes, that's it; it must have been that; for all of sudden suttin' said: 'That's the racket for you, my boy, go make believe you're one of the gang.' You see, here I get my way down where I was when you first saw me I used to 'stups' around theatres; that made me think how easy 'twould be for one of them actors to put up such a job. Well, the first lot I tackled was on abig farm up the North river. I got a piece of blue pencil, made an anchor on my wrist, and put their name under it, so as to look like India Ink, you know. I had on a sailor's blue flannel shirt when I went on the grounds. There I told 'em I had always followed the sea, and had lately had hard luck; had read about the meetin' and my name to see if I knew anybody of my name."

"Well, they're always jolly and free at these places; so they asked me to rest my hand, and raked me some better clothes thru I had on; after that we had some bully grub. I walked around and answered questions as well as I could. Now and then, when no one was lockin' some good old maid would come up, unlock her satchel and slip a dollar or two in my hand. I've been glib from one place to another, all summer and fall, ever since. I keep the ran of 'em by the papers and what I hear around, and I get plenty of good duds and lots of cash. I play the sailor dodge 'most always. Sometimes I fix up, but it isn't a good way, for they expect you to chin too much.

"Say, if ever you go on this racket, let me give you the straight tip, don't be fresh, don't talk more 'n you can help; let 'em do the chintin'. I made a mistake that way where I was last week. I was gettin' along first rate; had been there two days. At lunch under the trees the last afternoon an old lady roped at me through her spectacles and then said: 'Put her name in mind of 'ike,' who went out west a number of years ago to see some cousins who were not known out this way. Well, I was fast enough to say I belonged to the western branch, as they called it, and re-

membered 'ike.' That settled it; they all scoured on me at once, and I found out that the western blokes had got 'ike' a drinkin' and gamblin' and that branch of the family was looked at as N. G. So I didn't get a rake that time.

"Another thing, don't take in any folks with long, highfalutin' names, with de or van to 'em; they generally have their families down fine and you'll get left sure; better go for the Smith's, Thompsons or Browns.

"One time 'down east' though, I struck a swell crowd and got a big stake when I'd no show at all. A good chap with diamond studs saw me and asked me 'what I was doin' there!' I gave him a good story about lookin' for my relatives. And I'm blamed if he didn't shake hands with me and said he'd help me look 'em up. Then he took me a little on the side and asked me if I'd do him a favor. He said he'd left Boston without sending an important telegram, didn't like to leave the party, would I oblige by goin' to Boston, sendin' the telegram and waitin' for an answer. 'Wait,' said he, 'if it takes you any day. He handed me a twenty-dollar bill and a railroad ticket. Well, I did the errand, waited a good while, no answer came, and then I wrote to the man, sayin' you see, I was paid like the organizer, to go away! But, don't you see even that beats gettin' bounced from a free lunch counter like the old times, eh?"

"But come," and here the tramp so earnestly urged the acceptance of the "platable" schooner that the reporter had to compromise on a telegram and saltzer at a Broadway drug store before good-by could be said.

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