GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY.

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Memorial Exercises.

After examining one witness in the case against Jack Martin, charged with counterfeiting, the court suspended business for the day. District Attorney Lambertson arose and moved adjournment in the following words:

In view of the sudden death of Thomas A Hendricks, vice president of the United States, at his home in the city of Indianapolis, Wednesday last, and in view of the fact that this day has been set apart for the final obsequies, and for the observance of appropriate memorial exercises in honor of the illustrious dead, therefor it would seem most fitting and proper that this court, one of the co-ordinate branches of the government, should cease from its labors of the day out of due regard to the conspicuous virtues and eminent abilities, the services and sterling character of Mr. Hendricks, and from due respect to the high office which he held and so acceptably filled. Therefore, I move your honor, that an adjournment be granted of the court this day out of respect to the memory of the deceased."

Messrs. Woolworth and Baldwin followed with appropriate remarks, and the court formally adjourned for the day

Following was Mr. Woolworth's speech, which he read from manuscript:

The sudden death of the vice president is an event of serious moment to the nation, and demands solemn notice in the courts of the federal jurisdiction.

In the civil polity of the country, his rank was next to the chief magistracy. His office was created to supply a due and prompt succession, in the event of vacancy in the presidency, so that the supremacy of the law should continue without suspense. But by a reversal of the order, he, against the misfortunes of whose demise solicitous provision was made, survives in the exercise of his duties, while he who in the exigency was to succeed to the high functions himself is dead.

So do the devices of men come to naught. By a singular and wise provison, the organic law ordains for the vice presidency inactivities rather than a large part of the strife and passion of the administration; so that the personal character and relations of the incumbent might be held in reserve, and, if unhappily called thereto, he should come to the chief magistracy a new man and of high character. Next in rank to the president in whom are vested exhausting and transcendent powers, he was charged with duties little less than formal, and responsibilities that unfrequently are grave.

And yet in the country, amid his fellow citizens, he held no second place and wielded a scepter of no small potency. He was a great character, and men paid him the homage of their first and reverent attention. By a long career of patriotic service, he had earned the right to speak to the people; and they gave heed to his words as those of a wise man, and they were largely swayed by his opinions as those of a pure, honest, faithful leader. No second place was his in the public confidence, and no uncertain memory will be yielded his name in the national affection.

It was not the office which Mr. Hendricks held that made him illustrious; but his services, his character, his life. Among the senators, and mingling with the people, he was a grand figure. Nature had set her mark upon him. His goodly form rose in dignity among his fellows; his ample brow, his mild but glowing eyes, his benignant countenance traced deep with the lines of thought, all bespoke a wise, a serious, a vigorous mind. And his gracious and graceful bearing, never lofty to the lowest, never harsh even to adversaries, told the tale of a life full of charity and service and self discipline. Such he was as a statesman. But to the bench and bar of the federal courts he was more. In these forums, where great causes are agitated, questions of the last importance debated, and final judgments pronounced on the gravest issues, there he most and greatly exercised himself. His grace was that of the consummate lawyer, his diction the purest English; his thought as clear as the waters of the deep and silent river; his illustrations as abundant as the experiences of life; his reasoning as cogent as the vital truth; his truthfulness as certain as the enlightened conscience of the good man.

He was a lawyer all his life. He began his career at the bar; he ended it there. He held to his profession amidst the cares of office and the excitement of party strife. When chief magistrate of his state, he tried causes; when senator in congress, he argued in the courts; from the popular assembly, he turned to the judicial forms and illustrated them with his great advocacy.

He was more than a statesman and lawyer; he was a devout christian and faithful member of the Episcopal church. Senior warden of St. Paul's cathedral, member of the diocesan council of Indiana, and at one time its chancellor, and delegate in the general convention he spared neither labor nor thought nor money for the church. He believed in her dogmas, he rejoced in her services, he received her sacraments, he died in the catholic faith. He rests in peace, and a perpetual light shines upon him. With what terrible frequency this people has been called to the open grave of her great servants. One of the lord chief justices of England, pronouncing judgment in the great contest about the cardom of Oxford said, "I heard a great peer of this realm and a learned say, when he lived there was no king in christendom had such a subject as Oxford." And then speaking of the mutability of human nobleness he said, "and yet time hath his revolutions: There must be a period and an end of all temporal things, finis rerum, an end of names and dignities and whatsoever is terrene; and why not of de vere? Where is Bohun; where's Mowbray; where's Mortimer; nay, which is more and most of all, where is Plantagenet? They are entomed in the urns and sepulchers of mortality. And so we, looking upon the great fame of our country's recent dead exclaim, Where is Grant and McClellan, and the other great servants of the country in the day of her distress; and now, we, name with them Thomas A. Hendricks. Where are they? Entombed in the urns and sepulchers of mortality. Such is the human greatness, save another life follows after this.

Mr. Baldwin's remarks differed from those of the gentlemen preceding in this fact that thew were extemporaneous. The speech was brief but paid in eloquent terms, a splendid tribute to the dead statesman.

A PETITION FOR DIVORCE.

And the Tale Thereto—An Interesting Case.

A petition for divorce was filed yesterday in the district court, the story of which, if it be true, is a somewhat remarkable one. The title of the suit is William Scott vs. Marian Scott.

According to the petition, the plaintiff is an old man, 60 years of age. He has been married to the defendant something like forty years. The prayer of the plaintiff relates that during the last ten years of this time Mrs. Scott has been guilty of extreme cruelty to her husband. She has beaten him repeatedly, it is said, with clubs and sticks, etc., calling him all the at the same time such names as brute, dog, drunkard and scoundrel. She has also, it is said, urged her children on to deeds of violence against him, and taught them to wilfully chastise him on the slightest provocation. On one occasion, it is alleged, the plaintiff was set upon by his eldest daughter, Mary, who beat him cruelly. On many occasions, it is alleged, the plaintiff has been driven from home with the blood trickling down his face, from wounds inflicted by Mrs. Scott and the children. The plaintiff states that this sort of thing has been going on for the past ten years, and that within the last twelve months he has been attacked by his wife at least a dozen times.

To cap the climax of what the petition states to be a long series of cruelties, two or other three months ago, Mrs. Scott filed information before the commission of insanity of Douglas county, that her huband was insane. He was brought before the board, and after a careful examination was discharged. Mr. Scott maintains that he is perfectly sane and able to take charge of the property, his wife's allegations to the contrary notwithstanding. He says in his petition that Mrs. Scott has made to his friends an offer to allow him a certain amount of all money from the income of the property, provided he would leave her alone. This the plaintiff in the action is unwilling to accept. The property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Scott is of no inconsiderable value, among other things there being a valuable lot on Douglas street, on which there is a building formerly occupied as a bakery. This lot alone is valued at $12,000.

The petitioner prays for relief in several directions. First, he seeks absolute divorce from his wife. Second he asks that a receiver be appointed to collect rents and maintain a general control over the property, and third, that an equitable division of the property be made; and fourth that he be given custody over as many of the five children as may choose to live with him.

Mrs. Scott was seen by a scribe yesterday, at the residence on the north side of Douglas street, between 15th and 16th.

She was asked about the truth of the various statements in the petition.

"All I can say," she replied, "is that Mr. Scott is insane."

"But he was discharged by the board of insanity?"

"Yes, because his case was hardly bad enough to send him to Lincoln. At least so the clerk of the district court informed my daughter."

"Is it true that you have beaten him?"

"My husband is insane. That is all I can say. He is not responsible for his declarations."

A DEMON'S DEED.

A Little Girl Raped by An Unknown Assailant.

A case of rape under peculiar and aggravated circumstances, came to light yesterday.

Monday evening about five o'clock, little Emma Krause, a twelve-year-old girl, left her home near Metz's brewery, sent on some trifling errand by her mother. She had gone but a few steps when she was met by two women, one of whom accosted her and remarked that she would show her something nice if she would accompany them.

The little girl, as she says, followed them without thinking that any harm would result. The two women took her off into an old barn near by. Here she was set upon by a man, who threw her down and made her a victim of his lust. In the meantime the women fled, and the girl was left on the spot in a semi-unconscious condition. The name of the assailant is unknown, but the two women who connived in the crime are believed to be neighbors of the Krauses and their identity is a matter of well-nigh absolute certainty.

Fred Krause, the father of the girl, is a watchman in Metz's brewery.

GIGANTIC LAND FRAUDS.

The Perpetrators of Which are to Arrive Here To-Night From Denver.

Deputy Marshal Allen arrived last night from Denver with five prisoners, who were indicted at the last term of the United States grand jury. They are charged with having defrauded and conspiring to defraud the United States of a large amount of public lands by causing various persons to enter lands at the North Platte land office and the McCook land office under the names of fictitious parties. Many of these were employed in Denver for $5 and expenses to proceed to McCook and North Platte land offices and enter the land in the names of fictitious persons. Some of the persons so employed have made as many as half a dozen entries of land all under fictitious names who never went or slept upon the ground or entered it properly. Most all of these swore they resided in Cheyenne county, Neb., and had made the improvements required by law, and that they were all residents of Denver, Colorado. The number of fraudulent land entries made will reach from 100 to 200. It is thought that the defendants arrested are backed by a large money syndicate, and several of the defendants have remarked that there was a million of dollars behind them. It is also understood that large fraudulent entries were made in the land offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, by the same parties.

The names of the parties who arrived last night are are as follows: Jno. C. Turner, Frank Hurst, Hugh Ryan, Alanzo M. Wells, James Dormin. They were all locked up in the county jail.

A Poor Boarding-Place.

Ed Kane, a suspicious character, was arraigned before Judge Stenberg yesterday. He is a perfect wreck, being an inveterate opium eater. In fact his intellectual powers are so completely shattered, that he is better fit for the insane asylum than the prison. Among his other foibles is that of thieving. He can not restrain from this propensity, and will invariably walk away with anything he sees, if his fancy so dictates. This time he had stolen the overcoat belonging to a young man in the Emmet house.

"How long have you been out of jail?" asked the judge.

"About five days, your honor?" was the reply.

"Where do you live?"

"Near the Emmet house."

"Where do you board?"

"At the Republican office." This reply, unexpected and comical, brought down the house. The judge reasoned that Kane if boarding at this hostelry would get nothing to eat but liberal hunks of the Pierson sensation, which would be enough to account for his thin and general disorderly condition. Accordingly in order that the poor fellow might be not tempted to get on a Bender, the judge decided to turn him over to the county authorities to be looked after as a pauper.

A CHLOROFORM ROBBERY.

Thieves Operate with the Aid of Drugs—A Good Haul.

The residence of A. L. Bergsten, Seventh and Pine streets, was entered by thieves Monday night, who gained an entrance by forcing open the rear door of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Bergsten slept on the first floor, and in their room is a closet containing some silverware and other valuables. The thieves entered this room and rausacked the closet in the most thorough manner. About $50 worth of silverware was taken, and some $18 in money from a purse in one of the drawers. There is no doubt but that the family was chloroformed, as a strong odor of that drug was perceptible in the house this morning, and a sponge which had evidently been soaked with chloroform was found. Mr. Bergsten says that he is very easily awakened and is confident that had not the thieves operated with the aid of chloroform, they would have awakened him. There is no clue to the robbers.

The City Hall.

Mr. E. E. Myers telegraphs from Detroit that he will be here on the 15th inst., with the plans for the city hall ready to submit to the council.

WOMAN'S GOODNESS.

Exemplified in the Meeting and Workings of the Women's Christian Aid Association.

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Aid association, was held in the basement of the English Lutheran church, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There was an attendance of about fifty well known ladies, and the attendance would have been much greater had it not been for the unusual attraction of an Abbott matinee.

Mrs. W. R. Doolittle, president of the association, occupied the chair. Mrs. Dodge acted as secretary. The meeting opened with a "Reading of the Scriptures by Mrs. Doolittle, after which Mrs. Jardine offered prayer. A short poem on "Active Piety" was then read, after which the roll was called by Mrs. Dodge. A committee on nomination of officers was then appointed and consisted of five members. The minutes was then read by Mrs. Dodge, and approved by the meeting. The treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Ludington, read her report, from which the following excerpts are made:

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

For building fund	$ 48.00
For general fund	938.23
From "charity ball" committee	2,224.71
Total	$3,210.94

EXPENDED.

From general fund	$ 720.46	
From "charity ball" fund	2,224.71	
		$2,945.17
		$265.77
Balance on hand last year		383.63
Funds now on hand		$649.40
Consisting of—		
Building fund	$382.75	
General fund	266.65	
		$649.40

The report of the matron, Mrs. M. Pugsley, was replete with interest. Another poem on "Christian Liberty" was read when the annual report was read by Mrs. Dr. Moore. This was a carefully prepared document and showed up the beneficence of the association in securing temporary homes for more than 200 women and children; securing permanent employment, through its agency to about the same number; distributing 300 tons of coal, 400 pairs of shoes and actually keeping not less than 300 families from starvation. The report further showed that the $2,241.71 recived from the charity ball committee had been accounted for to the same, and been expended as directed for only four things: food, fuel, clothing and medicine. There are now on hand $400 in the building fund, which, however, cannot be expended until the city redeems its promise of donating a lot to the association. A paper, "What is the true end and aim of Women's Christian association work?" by Mrs. S. W. Ingham, of Cleveland, O., was read by Mrs. J. G. Haines, of this city. This was followed by a vocal solo, "Your mission," by Mrs. A. P. Wood, after which Mrs. Doolittle delivered the president's address. The report of the nominating committee was made after which the election of officers took place, as follows: President, Mrs. Barr; first vice president, Mrs. J. J. McClain; second vice president, Mrs. P. L. Perrine. The hymn Christian Sympathy followed and the Doxology brought the meeting to a close.

PRISONER LAUER.

How He May Be Released from Jail and How He Looks in His Cell.

Since the committal of John F. Lauer on the charge of murdering his wife, his counsel, John M. Thurston, has been hurrying up the work of preparing to secure the former's release on a writ of habeas corpus. The motion will be brought up on next Thursday and argued immediately.

Lauer passed a sleepless night and as his cell is isolated save for the adjacent quarters of a condemned murderer, it can be imagined that his dreams brought to him no soothing fancies.

His cell is on the second floor, the farther east of the two especially contrived for the restraint of desperate characters. Yet that has no significance, in fact, as the chamber is spacious, well ventilated and flooded with light. In the center of the room, itself secured by heavy doors and barred windows, stands a cage, seven by eight feet in lateral dimensions and about six and a half feet high. Its grated door is locked and its lattice frame work is of steel so highly chilled that no file or saw can make an impression and no heavy sledge bend or break its unyielding temper.

In this enclosure, upon a pallet lay John Lauer when the reporter called this morning. The prisoner lay with a blanket drawn closely about him, and at intervals would shake as though with a chill. His face betrayed suffering and he looked altogether like a sick man. The reporter asked him if he was ill, to which he nodded assent.

Lauer had little to say. He remarked, however, that his committal without bail was no surprise to him. He did not know whether a writ of habeas corpus could be obtained for him, but was satisfied that Mr. Thurston was confident of being able to do so.

A few friends had called in the morning, but up to noon no flowers or delicacies, as is so frequently the custom, had been brought for him.

Army Notes.

Gen. Howard left yesterday for Kansas City to deliver a lecture on "Gen Grant."

Col. Henry, department instructor of rifle practice, has prepared his report of the standing of the various posts within his jurisdiction, in the matter of target practice, during the year 1885. The following are the figures:

Fort Bridger	63.97
Fort Douglas	57.88
Fort Laramie	74.95
Fort McKinney	70.32
Fort Russell	69.60
Fort Sidney	66.11
Fort Steele	62.13
Fort Niobrara	50.66
Fort Omaha	47.35
Fort Robinson	40.62
Fort Washakie	54.14
Camp Medicine Butte	96.00
Camp Pilot Butte	29.46

The work done by Gen. Hatch, Ninth cavalry, at Fort McKinney, standing second with two months practice is most creditable.

The barracks being built at Evanston by the Union Pacific company, for the accommodation of the troops now stationed there, will consist of a main building 21x121 feet on the ground and a wing 28x52 feet on one side. The ceiling will be ten feet high. The building will include a well equipped kitchen, tailor shop, barber shop, etc., and fifty-two iron bunks. A porch nine feet and ten inches in width and 120 feet eight inches in length will run along the side facing the railroad. A high, tight board fence will enclose the space, two sides of which is formed by the main building and wing.

Railway Matters.

Large quantities of materials and supplies are being shipped daily from this city for use upon the Burlington & Missouri extension now in progress from Ellwood to Ogallala. The contractors, Mallory & Cushing, sent out five carloads of teams, wagons and implements, and fifty men followed this morning.

Mr. Hackney, the selected successor of I. H. Congdon, the resigned superintendent of the Union Pacific motor power and car departments, left Kansas City last night and arrives here this morning.

H. G. Burt, superintendent of the Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern, is in the city.

R. P. Humphrey, traveling agent for the Chicago & Atlantic, is in the city.

E. W. Winter, general manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, arrived yesterday by special train from St. Paul. Mr. Winter's present business here is connected with the pending injunction suits of his road against the Omaha Belt line. He is stopping at the Paxton.

AMUSEMENTS.

EMMA ABBOTT IN LA TRAVIATA.

Another crowded house greeted the close of the Abbott season here last night and listened to a splendid performance of "La Traviata," an opera which contests with "Il Trovatore" for the rank of Verdi's masterpiece. So well did Miss Abbott sustain the role of Violetta, meeting at once its demands for song and drama, that she has won the assurance of perpetual big business from the Omaha public.

"La Traviata" restricts its active duties to two members of the cast, and last evening the work devolved upon Miss Abbott and M. Michelena. How well they met the requirements of their parts the plaudits greeting their every aria and duet loudly attested. The singing of Mr. Pruette should not be overlooked as it earned him in the second act a call before the curtain. The chorus and orchestra were both in harmony with the excellence of the leading parts, and the grand opera was rendered perfectly and smoothly.

"La Traviata" is a musical adaptation of Dumas' drama "Camille" and sustains the strong emotions of its prototype. It was with much pleasure that the evidence of Miss Abbott's dramatic talents were perceived in her excellent delineation of the character of the ill-fated adventuress. Mr. Michelena also proved himself an actor, so that the opera was well acted and well sung.

The Omaha public has been generous to Miss Abbott on her present visit, for not less that $3,500 were receipted at the three performances, and altogether the people spent for opera in the two days past, fully $5,000.

HE WANTS HIS WIFE.

A Couple of Runaways Who Are Headed for Omaha.

Marshal Cummings received a letter yesterday from Chief of Police Tullar, of St. Joseph, Mo., directing him to be on the lookout for a runaway wife who is badly wanted in that city. On the 18th day of November Mrs. Charles F. Gensheen left St. Joe in company with a "fly" young man calling himself Frank Longkise. They were headed for Omaha when last heard from, and it is supposed that they are now in this city. Mrs. Gensheen deserted a family of several small children. Her husband, who had never suspected any infidelity on her part, is almost crazy over his wife's act.

Mrs. Gensheen is described as a woman 21 years of age, 4 feet 10 inches in height. She has blue or gray eyes, light hair, and of general light complexion. She is round-shouldered, and has a scar on her right wrist. The police are on the lookout for the guilty couple, but as yet have no trace.

K. of P. Dignitaries.

At the regular annual meeting of Myrtle lodge, K. of P., on Monday last, the following officers were elected for for the ensuing year: P. C., W. F. Manning; C. C., W. W. Wells; V. C., Charles Connors; Prelate, W. F. Baker; M. of E., Dave Kaufman; M. of F., M. F. Maul; K. R. of S., R. F. Simpson; M. of A, Fred Fuller.

After the honors had been conferred, David Kaufman, the newly elected M. of E., generously invited the attendance, numbering about fifty, to Higgins' restaurant, where a delightful and short-noticed supper was spread before and enjoyed by all the gallant young gentlemen.

Awaiting a Word From Home.

The remains of David R. Kohns, the brakeman who was killed on the Union Pacific track in Council Bluffs on last Saturday, at last accounts were in Undertaker Burket's rooms, on North Sixteenth street. Some friends of the deceased in the Bluffs had telegraphed to his relatives, in Connorsville, Pa., to ascertain what disposition would be made of the remains, but had not received any answer. Kohns was engaged to a young lady named Darling, in Council Bluffs, and was shortly to have been married to her. The violent severance of the plighted ties has worked severely upon the object of the young man's affections

Police Court Docket.

Judge Stenberg had a full house, yesterday. The following cases were disposed of:

Ed. Berkenson, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs.

Mrs. Dillon, intoxication, discharged.

H. A. Nichols, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs.

Ed. Gibbon, disturbance of the peace, $5 and costs.

Pat Fox, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs, committed.

Sam Love, disorderly conduct, discharged.

Ed Kane, suspicious character, ordered into custody of the county.

Dave Hurst, suspicious character, 20 days in the county jail.

John Ritchie, Charles Florence, suspicious characters, given 10 minutes to leave the city.

Released.

Sam Love, a "dandy dark," faced Judge Stenberg yesterday to answer to a charge of disorderly conduct, the real charge against him being that of stealing a woman's dress. According to the story he tells, he had a quarrel with his "solid woman," so "just to spite her" broke open a trunk and took therefrom a dress and gave it to one of his friends with intimations "not to tell dat Lize about whah her dress was." Lize concluded to turn the tables and sent Policeman Donovan after her property. That officer not only secured the dress, but arrested Love.

Upon hearing, Love was dismissed with instructions not to play any more jokes of that kind.

Grade of Leavenworth Street.

The people on Leavenworth are divided in sentiment as regards the benefits they are to derive from the compromise ordinance which last night passed the council establishing the grade of that thoroughfare. And yet, it is the only one that could have been accepted, when the benefit of the greater number was considered. It is a question of tearing down hills or filling even to thirty feet of some of the hollows on the street. To each of these are found some objectors, and their next step they say will be to fight the improvement in the courts.

Held for Examination.

Victoria Howard, the colored girl charged with stealing a cloak from Broderick, the clothing man, was held by Judge Stenberg yesterday [illegible] er examination. Her bail was fixed at $1,000 and unable to give it she was remanded to jail.

ENGINE HOUSE NO. 5

Which is Soon to be Opened on Phil Sheridan Avenue.

The wonderful growth which has taken place in the southwestern part of Omaha has necessitated an engine house in that vicinity. Recognizing the fact, though tardily, the city recently had moved to Phil Sheridan avenue, between Leavenworth street and St. Mary's avenue, the old Paxton stable, which has now been so altered as to answer fire purposes admirably. A new loft has been inserted which will be used in part for dormitory and other purposes. The former will be connected with ground floor by means of stairs and the sliding pole, now in use in all our engine houses. The first floor has been plastered, and the sides wainscotted. In the rear, will be stationed stalls for the horses, while in the front will be placed the steamer and hose cart. The building is located on a large lot, centrally located, and in the midst of one of the most promising neighborhoods of the city. The barn was secured in exchange with the Paxton lot. It cost $250 to move it from Nineteenth and Farnham streets, and the improvements which it has undergone have cost about $450 more. No cheaper engine house was ever erected in this city, and nearly all of the changes made in in it have been made by members of the fire department. The building will be ready for occupany by Saturday next. Owing to the lack of pressure in the hydrants in that part of the city, one of the fire engines which was used before the erection of our water works will be located there. It will be manned by four firemen, including the driver of the hose cart.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.

The Celebrated Mason & Hamlin Organ and Pianos in Omaha.

The Mason & Hamlin organ and piano company are about to establish an agency in this city of their celebrated instruments. Mr. R. M. Eppstein, representing this company is now here to look over the field and will doubtless offer a valuable opportunity for a successful business to an efficient representative, if such can be found. Mr. E. is stopping at the Cozzens.

Ground His Thumb Off.

A boy named John Simms, living on the river bottoms near the bridge and employed at the nail works lost the thumb of his right hand in a peculiar manner. He was sharpening the point of a raking hook on one of the large grindstones when his hand slipped and his thumb was thrust against the stone. So rasping is its surface and so fast does the stone revolve, that in an instant it had ground off the boy's thumb to the first joint. The injured lad was led to the office of Dr. Galbraith and the wound dressed.

Hardware Men in Council.

The hardware dealers of this city together with many of the trade from abroad, have been holding a meeting to-day in rooms 132 and 134 of the Millard hotel. The purpose of the meeting is to establish some uniform currency of prices, to reach better arrangements with railways and to take various steps of advantage to the business. Among the visitors are Messrs. C. W. Hackett and Adam Decker of St. Paul, Minn.; Wm. Westfall and C. Schreiber of Dubuque, Ia.; I. I. Rutka of Ft. Dodge, Ia.; and F. A. Gardner of Connecticut.

Parnellites at Plattsmouth.

A large mass meeting was held at Plattsmouth last night, for the purpose of taking measures to aid Parnell in his efforts to obtain legislative independence for Ireland. Among those in attendance from Omaha were Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Hon. John Rush, Hon. Thomas Brennan, ex-secretary of the Irish Land League, Hon. Robert R. Livingston, Hon. Sam. M. Chapman and other local speakers. A large delegation will go down from Omaha this evening to lend its voice and support to the cause of the meeting.

Brevities.

Yesterday morning the class in political economy at the high school had a discussion on the merits of protection and free trade. Four scholars were chosen to represent each side. Those on the protection side were Mary Ludington, Nellie Hall, Victor Rosewater, and Charles McConnell; on the free trade side, Julia Newcomb, Augustus Detwiler, Art Rose, and Enoch Ellison. The arguments on both sides were well chosen and presented. A vote of the class gave the victory to the protectionists.

Striking Pavers.

The pavers on Thirteenth street, twenty in number, struck yesterday against a reduction of hours and wages. John Fox, the contractor, had been paying $2.25 for ten hours daily work and as the days are growing shorter and dark cuts off work so much earlier he determined to lessen the working day by one hour and reduce the daily pay by twenty cents. The men refused these terms and quit work. The matter will either be arbitrated or new men obtained.

The Stockyards Blaze.

There is still considerable mystery about the South Omaha fire of Sunday morning. No little talk of arson is indulged in, though as to where the blame is to rest, there is by no means a unanimity of sentiment. Some people believe that Alex Wishart is responsible for the fire, while others insist that Jones himself started the blaze, simply for spite. The loss on the building and property is about $12,000.

The Wrong Person.

Mrs. Julia Wade swore out a warrant yesterday in police court for the arrest of her husband, who had ill-treated her. The warrant was placed in the hands of Policeman James Brady for service. He made a bad mistake and arrested Julia herself, instead of her husband. She was released when brought into the police court and Brady will "try it again."

Theatricals at the Fort.

The officers and ladies at Fort Omaha have prepared for another theatrical entertainment, on Friday evening next, December 4. This is the second occasion of the season, and as the presentation of My Uncle's Will and The Old Guard, some several weeks since, was so successful, it was felt warrantable to again call the histrionic ability of the talented folks who make up the post society.

Burton-Holman.

Married, November 26, 1885, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr W. D. Butler, 551 North Illinois street, Indianapolis, by the Rev. J. P. D. John, D. D., of De Pauw university, George W. Burton, of Orleans, Neb., and Alma Holman, of Indianapolis Indiana. Address for the winter, Nice, Alpes Maritimes, France.

Distillery Improvements.

The Willow Springs distillery is now running at one-half capacity on account of new and costly apparatus being put in. The machinery, which is of the latest and most approved sort, will be ready for operation probably to-morrow. When the improvement is completed the distillery will be one of the most finely equipped in the United States.

Martin was Drunk.

Previous to the adjournment of the United States court yesterday, one witness was examined in the Martin case. His name was John McCarthy, who stated that the counterfeit money passed by Martin had been borrowed by the defendant, and further that the latter was intoxicated at the time and unable to distinguish between pure and spurious coins. The case will be continued to-day.

No Decision Yet.

Judge Wakeley informed a scribe yesterday that all arguments in the matter of the Paddock-McCormick demurrer had been made, but that he would render no decision until two or three weeks hence. Both parties to the suit have been given two weeks time to file supplementary papers.

The New Boulevard.

City Engineer Rosewater informed a scribe yesterday that he had prepared profiles, etc., of the new boulevard and was working upon an estimate of the cost thereof, to be soon submitted to the city council. The whole diagram and accompanying statement will be full and complete.

Argued To-Morrow.

The injunction of the Milwaukee road against the Belt Line came up for hearing before Judge Wakeley yesterday, but the hearing of the arguments was postponed until to-day at 2 o'clock.

SPECIAL SALE.

50—Fifty—50

Fifty patterns fine Chamber Sets in all woods, at greatly reduced prices. Will continue only until sold.

CHAS. SHIVERICK,
1206, 1208 and 1210 Farnam street.

Personal Paragraphs.

Clark Woodman left for the east yesterday afternoon.

Louis Bradford has been spending a few days in Chicago.

R. M. Epstein, general agent of the Mason & Hamlin Organ company, is at the Cozzens.

P. E. J. Mackid, advance agent for Westbrook & Haeker, the bicyclists, is in the city making arrangements to open at the rink next week.

John Liseo, Clarks; E. L. Martin, Fairmont; J. N. Lyman, Hastings; J. W. Hart, Rising City; Robert J. Doan, Ashland, are at the Canfield.

Long, the young man whom Eads tracked to Alton, Ill., and charged with absconding, had gotten out the latter's reach by just a day at the latter place.

An old man named Browning, of Fairbury, in this state, is now in jail here, charged by the United States with sending an obscene letter through the mail to a man in Missouri. Browing is about 60 years of age, and says his letter told the truth.

Julius Peycke, of Wiedman & Co., one of Omaha's most popular business men, will leave this afternoon for a three months trip to Europe. He will spend a portion of the time in visiting his parents, who reside near Hamburg. It is rumored that he has purchased two return tickets.

Mrs. S. T. Smith arrived home yesterday and through her, the loss sustained through the burglary of Thanksgiving night is approximately ascertained. Mr. Smith says that the stolen articles will aggregate in value close to $5,000. No clue to the whereabouts of either thieves or goods has as yet been obtained.

Brevities.

Joseph Robbins and wife left last evening for Mexico where they will spend the winter.

The criticism on "The Mikado," and the spicy interview with Miss Abbott in yesterday's Herald was the work of Miss Minnie Rath.

Tom Williams was arrested last night by Officer Brady for threatening to kill Helen Kimmel; Bill Moran and Pat O'Donnell for drunk and disorderly, and Pat Hannon as a suspicious character.

The People's theatre was well filled last night, notwithstanding the counter attraction at the opera house, the company being Niblo's Humpty Dumpty. The show is a good one with many pleasing features. Peters and Holly, as usual, formed the great attraction.

Postoffice Changes

In Nebraska and Iowa during the week ending November 28, 1885, furnished by William Van Vleck, of the postoffice department:

NEBRASKA.

Established—Grover, Seward county, John J. Briggs, postmaster; Lloyd, Knox county, Lucy A. Middlekauff.

Discontinued — Warsaw, Howard county.

Postmasters Appointed—Bartonville, Frontier county, John Harkins; Buda, Buffalo county, Edward J. Scott; Byron, Thayer county, Cyrus Black; Lake, Phelps county, Carrie Page; Long Pine, Brown county, George W. Love; Lyons, Burt county, Christopher Van Schaick; Reynolds, Jefferson county, C. D. Moore; Rochelle, Sherman county, Mrs. A. M. Gust; St. Charles, Cuming county, Adam Schiferl; Schwedt, Stanton county, Ferdinand Muller; Willow Island, Dawson county, O. M. Collins.

IOWA.

Established—Gilpin, Madison county, Hiram L. Bigelow, postmaster; Yorkshire, Harrison county, James N. Abbott, postmaster.

Postmasters appointed—Alta, Buena Vista county, C. E. Cameron; Cleves, Hardin county, George Blecker; Conesville, Muscatine county, Richard R. Wolford; Correctionville, Woodbury county, M. E. Crowther; Delaware, Delaware county, Clara Hefner; Dexter, Dallas county, J. L. Meek; Garner, Hancock county, Robert Elder; Green Castle, Jasper county, Hezekiah Woods; Guernsey, Poweshiek county, Miss Maggie M. Birney; Guss, Taylor county, Mrs. Margaret Bush; Hentonville, Mills county, S. W. Whonu; Hudson, Black Hawk county, Samuel L. Willson; Linden, Dallas county; Louis Moore; Luther, Boone county, French Luther; Maples River, Carroll county, John Meis; Swan Lake, Emmet county, Ned Mulroney; Templeton, Carroll county, Peter New; Ute, Monona county, Emmett G. Dorothy; Waukon Junction, Allamakee county, Julius Boecker.

Discontinued—Holly, Plymouth county.

Postoffice in Mourning.

The decoration of the postoffice, in commemoration of the death of Vice President Hendricks, is a decided advancement upon that which caused so much censure at the time of General Grant's death. The middle part of the building, on Fifteenth street, has broad bands of black extending from the cornice to the pavement. These are loosely interwoven at each of the stories with festoons lightly falling between the improvised sombre pilasters. There is nothing inspiring in the work. It looks indeed like a mechanical tribute, and could scarcely have been less demonstrative. On the north end a few black clothes lines do duty by falling over a national flag and strongly suggest the artistic skill which evoked so much criticism during the obsequies of Gen. Grant.

HIS LOVE OF A GOOD STORY

Cardinal McCloskey's Anecdote of Archbishop Hughes and a Pennsylvanian.

Cardinal McCloskey was fond of a good joke. He had a keen and lively sense of the humorous, and his faculty of discrimination is said by those who knew him intimately to have been of an exceedingly high order. It is known that he was possessed of an accurate literary taste, and that he was a severe and critical scholar; but to all except those who stood on the closest terms of intimacy with him it may seem strange that so reserved and austere a man should have been as much at home in pleasant society as in the pulpit. That such was the case, however, is fully vouched for. One of the best stories his Eminence ever told, and one which he frequently repeated among his intimate friends, was the following incident respecting Archbishop Hughes:

One wet night in 1862 the archbishop was summoned to the parlor of his residence in Mott street, by a man from Luzerne county, Pa., who gave his name as Wheeler. He was a sturdy backwoods character with a loud voice, an honest, open countenance, and a candid spontaneity of manner that was picturesque in the extreme. On entering the parlor the archbishop was familiarly addressed as "Mr. Hughes," and was asked to take a seat. He declined the invitation, however, and for a few moments stood gazing at the stranger in blank astonishment. He seem perplexed. The visitor performed all the honors, and did most of the talking for the first five minutes. He explained that it was his intention to enter the Roman Catholic fold, and that he had come on to have the ceremony performed by the highest church dignitary he knew of. Father McCune, an old priest in central Pennsylvania, had instructed him in the rudiments of the faith, and he thought he was about prepared to begin his noviceship.

Archbishop Hughes became interested. He listened to the man patiently for several minutes. The stranger talked and talked, without the remotest intention apparently of coming to a stop. He would not be interrupted. He talked about the weather, politics, crops, everything but the subject under consideration. The archbishop paced nervously up and down the room. Things were getting desperate. The visitor appeared to appreciate Archbishop Hughes' discomfiture, if he did not positively enjoy it, and every now and then, by way of parenthesis, would remark:

"Sit down, Mr. Hughes; sit down, and make yourself at home."

Although this was uttered in the sincerest manner imaginable the novelty soon wore off, and after a while from the dint of frequent repetition it ceased to be even original. The archbishop could endure it no longer. He was not in an over cheery mood at the time, owing to the dreary state of the weather and was not disposed to tolerate nonsense. He decided to bring the interview to an end if possible, and firmly said:

"Sir, I am in my own house, and can stand up or sit down, as I please."

The Pennsylvanian was not in the least abashed. He failed to see the force of the remark, as a matter of course, and again assured the archbishop that he ought to sit down. At length an opportunity presented itself and Archbishop Hughes began to interrogate the man as to what he knew of the Catholic religion. He began with the ordinary questions in the introductory catechism, which the neophyte said he had studied.

"Who made you?"

"God."

"Why did he make you?"

"To know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world and be happy with Him forever in the next."

"Where is God."

"God is everywhere, but is said principally to reside in Heaven."

"Where is Heaven."

The man hesitated, paused and for once was silent. Suddenly recovering himself, however, he answered

"Well, Mr. Hughes, that question wasn't in the book, but—but I suppose it's up above."

"Now, then," said the archbishop, looking squarely in the man's eyes, "what does God do in heaven?"

That was a poser. The Pennsylvanian was bewildered. He scratched his head in a vain effort to think it out, but somehow the idea had never struck him before. He was almost on the point of giving it up, when his face brightened as he responded:

"That question wasn't in the book, either, Mr. Hughes; but between you and me I guess God is in His own house up there, and can stand up or sit down as He pleases."

Archbishop Hughes burst out into a hearty laugh, and grasping the man's hand shook it warmly. They were warm friends after that.

Cardinal McCloskey related this anecdote with such an evident appreciation of the point of the story, and with such an eloquent elaboration of detail that it never failed to produce untold mirth.—[New York Star.

Musical Union Ball.

At the Casino skating rink to-night the Musical Union will give a concert and ball which will be one of the biggest affairs, so far, of the present social season. The full band of fifty pieces plays in concert and the dance. Music will be furnished from thirty-five instruments. Five hundred tickets have already been sold.

ROYAL