

THE FIRST DAY OF EIGHTY-SIX

A Quiet Celebration of the Advent of the New Year.

MISSOURI RIVER COMMISSION.

An Interesting Interview—A Terrible Fall—A Winter Hard to Beat—Captain Bailey—Mrs. Barlow's Death.

"The Glad New Year," New Year's day, 1886, was quietly celebrated in Omaha...

Very few calls were made and the custom seems to have been pretty generally abandoned by Omaha society...

The hotels served elegant dinners as is the usual New Year custom. The Paxton had a sumptuous bill printed on unique and pretty menus...

- Ox Tail Soup, Made of Cholee Tails selected from "Innocent's Abroad" Celery, Baked Blue Fish with Cream Sauce...

The Millard had a splendid dinner with the menu of its usual neat pattern, as follows: Purse of Chicken Soup—Almond Consomme—Cobbler...

- Supreme Filets of Chicken—Financier, Calf's Sweet Breads—Jardiniere, Spanish Fritters, Rum Sauce, Punch a la Cardinal...

MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

The Return of the Omaha Delegation From Kansas City.

The Omaha delegation to the Missouri river convention, held in Kansas City, to discuss the improvement of the Big Muddy has returned home.

THE OPEN WINTER.

A Season Only Paralleled by the Winter of '59.

"The oldest inhabitant" is stumped to recall a parallel for this winter in all the winters in Omaha's past history.

Harry Dome, the genial and all-obliging ticket agent of the Burlington and Rock Island, says that he does not remember such a winter as he ought to know.

Several other old residents were put to the test and gave it their best. At last, however, the reporter encountered Hon. A. D. Jones who everybody knows came here in times prehistoric and carries in his mind every step of the opening of the Missouri river.

Mr. Jones greeted the reporter benignly and to his question started his account of the winter in those times had two channels in front of the city.

"The Missouri river is already navigable," continues Mr. Broatch, "in certain portions. The only difficulty has been and is now to keep it so, and to maintain a fair average depth along the entire channel."

CAPTAIN BAILEY.

An All-Round Athlete—Duncan C. Ross—The Gallant Sixty-Ninth.

Capt. James C. Bailey of New York is in the city on his way to San Francisco, where he is matched to wrestle Duncan C. Ross.

AN INGENIOUS THEORY.

Another Way of Accounting for the Death of Watson B. Smith.

Among the many "watch-parties" which sat up New Year's eve to witness the death of the old year and the birth of the new, was one composed of a prominent physician, a lawyer and a reporter for the Bee.

"I have never taken any stock in the theory that Watson B. Smith was murdered," said the physician, "and especially in the cock and bull story which has lately been sprung on the public."

"I mean exactly what I say. Let me explain to you, Mr. Smith left his office in the federal building after dark. The building was lonely and deserted, and as he stepped out of the door of his office, he was struck by a bullet from his right hand—probably his left hand. In his right hand, as I conceive it, he held the key with which he was about to lock the door."

"Mrs. Barlow's death. The death of Mrs. Mary Barlow, wife of M. T. Barlow occurred Thursday night at 11 o'clock. During the last week of her illness she was unable to retain food, and she was sustained almost solely by hypodermic injections.

Isaac Depeu Backs into an Elevator Opening and is Terribly Injured. Isaac Depeu, a laborer at the Chicago Lumber company's yards, met with a terrible accident about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

How Tickets may be Secured. Each customer gets out the good for a chance with every 25 cents worth of goods purchased.

KAUFMAN BROS.

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Notes About the County Building.

The county building was nearly deserted yesterday. Most of the daily toilers within the walls of that massive structure were away celebrating the first day of the new year.

"We have nearly finished the figuring up of Mr. Leavitt's account," said County Commissioner Depeu to a reporter. "His bondsmen have to do with us as security about \$2,000."

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Wedding at the Paxton.

Mr. P. J. Larson, of Stanton, Iowa, was married at the Paxton to Miss Sophia L. Peterson, of the same place, the Rev. J. S. Dettler, of the English Lutheran church officiating. Dr. Theo. L. Trulson, of Stanton, was present as best man. A pleasant little supper was served after the ceremony at which were present in addition to the bride and groom, Dr. Trulson and Mr. A. J. Anderson, of Chicago, besides one or two invited Omaha friends.

A BEAR SKIN OVERCOAT.

A Magnificent Garment and How Its Possessor Secured It.

"How did you come by that wonderful garment? There must be something interesting in its history," remarked a reporter to his friend, a certain telegraph operator, distinguished for parading a remarkably fine fur overcoat in cold weather, as well as for his immaculate dress at all times.

"Ah, right you are my friend. There is a story of great interest attached to this bear skin coat of mine. It is a narrative that I seldom tell, as one would scarcely believe it, but you and I are great friends and as we have the leisure on this New Year's morning, I tell it to you as we drop in here and stow away a little T. and J."

The reporter and the operator "dropped in" and over the steaming beverage the latter spun his yarn. Struck with wonder at the thrilling tale the reporter has chronicled it, just as it was told him and he will have a glowing opportunity to remember their snub to Irish nationality.

"But they made due apology, did they not?" asked the reporter, "and do you not cordially believe on most occasions, less pranks which would have been played on the Seventh, Twenty-seventh, or any other regiment happening to pass?"

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TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

Short Interviews Gathered in the Hotel Rotunda.

Hon. Beach Hinman, North Platte, Neb. [Judge Hinman is one of the counsel employed in the celebrated Rankin-Texas disease cattle cases, which have been on trial in the United States court during the past week.] "There are no signs of the Texas disease in the herds about Brady Island or North Platte at the present time."

Hon. A. S. Babcock, Beatrice, Neb. "Our little city is booming right ahead, and is bound to be one of the trade centers of the state for a long time to come. Compared with the other Nebraska towns it has a large population as yet."

Hon. F. F. Hulsey, Boston, Mass. "The condition of the farm in the east, as I have concluded after looking over the principal markets, is good, with nothing, however, to boast of. During the year of 1885 the heavy frosts of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and the other eastern cities have transacted a business which is considerable larger than that of the year preceding."

Major Goodfellow's Funeral. The funeral of the late Major Goodfellow, well known to many officers serving in this department took place yesterday at Fort Leavenworth and was largely attended.

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