Superintendent Pierce's Impending Removal-Cleaning the Streets -Railway, Army and Police News-Miscellany.

Rioting Ice Cutters.

Yesterday a call was sent to central police station from Boyd's packing house asking that a body of officers be sent to that place to quiet a serious disturbance which was being made by a crowd of striking icemen. The disturbance was created by a gang of the Ice Packers' union, headed by a couple of Danes, who sought to intimidate the men working for Robertson & Nelson, some sixty in

Robertson & Nelson are packing ice under contract for J. E. Boyd. They have been paying \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2,00 to their hands, their prices being nearly if not quite up to the union scale. Last night Mr. Robertson paid off all his men, and an nounced that thereafter he would pay them on a basis of 17; cents for each hour's work. Some of the men were not satisfied with this arrangement, but insisted that they should be paid at the rate for all the work they had done in the past. Mr. Robertson, refused, of to make this arrangement, and some of the men went away muttering ominous threats. Most of the laborers, however, were satisfied, and showed up bright and early in the morning ready for business. They had been at work but a short time, however, before the maleontents, reinforced by the "strikers' gang" of the mism numbering of the union,—numbering in all about 75 or 100 men,—appeared on the scene. They drove the icemen off the river and compelled them to drop their tools. Some of the men at work pro-tested, but were compelled to yield to the superior numbers of the strikers, who Some of the men at work prothreatened to drown them in the river if

A very interesting question arose in this case as to whether it was the duty of the city marshal to arrest these dis-turbers, who were on the river at this time, or of the United States marshal, inasmuch as the river is part of the federal domain. President Bechel of the city council (acting mayor in Mr. Boyd's absence,) after consultation with City Attorney Connell, instructed Marshal Cummings to send down a body of men to protect the icemen, in case a seri-ous disturbance should occur along

they did not comply with orders.

The marshal in preparing to carry out this order, remarked to a reporter that his men would not make any arrests until the strikers came ashore, as they would eventually have to do. Before the squad of police had started for the scene of the disturbance the lioters had dispersed and the men resumed work. ditional trouble is auticipated to-day.

The dissatisfied icemen held a meeting last night to consider the situation. A lengthy conference resulted in an agreement that none of the men should go to work until Messrs. Robertson & Nelson consented to pay an even \$1.75 per day for nine hours work, besides settling for last week's work on the basis of 17½ cents

A CHAPTER OF CASUALTIES. Squeezed Between Cars-Broken Legs

-Another Caisson Fever Case. Frank McCaull, a locomotive fireman on the Union Pacific, was seriously injuredin the yards near the shops yesterday morning. He had stepped in between two cars in a string of bad order freights when a locomotive ran up against one and immed the care to draw-heads were out where McCaull stood and he was pinched with considerable force across the chest in a space of four inches. He was shortly discovered in this plight and taken out as promptly as possible. Dr. Galbraith was summone and the sufferer taken to his lodgings on Cass near Thirteenth street. McCaull is severely but not dangerously hurt and will recover. He is single and without dependants.

A man fell through the trestle of the

a man fell through the trestle of the span of the bridge on this side Tuesday night, a drop of about forty feet. He lit in a snow bank and came off with only a broken leg. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

James Wallace, a laborer on the Union Pacific dump in the bottoms, met with a singular accident on way hour Tuesday.

singular accident on way home! Tuesday night. He was ascending Farnam street and crossing Eleventh when he stepped on a rope trailing behind a hay wagon and naturally went down. On reaching home his ankle pained him so severe! that he was compelled to send for medi cal aid. One of the bones of the foot was discovered fractured.

A third case of the caisson fever developed yesterday morning. Dominek McGowan, a laborer on the morning shift, came out at the end of his hours and started for Pat Ford's hotel, hours and started for Pat Ford's notes, on Tenth street, where he lodges. On reaching the house he fell in a fit and was soon in the convulsions peculiar to the caiseon malady. Dr. Galbraith was called, but the patient had so far recovered as to be conscious, and absolutely refused medical aid. By noon he was able to rise, and announces that he will

return to work to-night.
Pat Carrol, the first victim of the calsson fever, has not yet recovered, and in a delirium Tuesday night created a pan-demonium in St. Joieph's hospital. He leaped out of his bed and, announcing leaped out of his bed and, announcing that he was a "terror," ordered everybody out. The invalids and sister attendants adjourned without delay. Dr. Galbraith was summoned and hastened to the hospital. "Why, Pat," said the doctor in friendly tones, "what's the matter?" "I'm John L. Sullivan, Doc, and can do up the earth," replied the delerious patient. "All right, replied the doctor," still good humoredly, "I'm Baby Barnes, and can lick you." As he laughingly said this the doctor, who had been steadily approaching, pounced on Carrol steadily approaching, pounced on Carrol who, although anxious to stay in the ring, was too weak, and fell as gently on the bed in the arms of the doctor as though he had been a child. A good dose of chloral was given him, and after bathing, the patient calmed down and quietly went to sleep.

SNAKE RIVER CHARLEY. .

How His Disreputable Den Was Broken Up-Forty Days in Jail. Frank Mays, who also carries around with him the title of "Snake River Charley," was sentenced to forty days in the county jail as a vagrant by Judge Stenberg yestarday afternoon. Mays has only been in Omaha for a short time, having come from Eagle Rock, Idaho, where he obtained the sobriquet of

"Snake River Charley." If all reports be true, he is a hard character and belongs to a very undesirable class of citizens. According to his adclass of citizens. According to his admission made to Officer Donovan, Mays was run out of Idaho, last October on account of his unsavery character and conduct. He had been conducting a "eastle" of ill-repute in Eagle Rock. The public sentiment became inflamed against him. A committee of citizens waited upon him and and notified him that he had better leave the territory at once. He failed to comply with the orders in

stanter and a committee of the Knights of Labor then stormed his house, took him out, tied a rope to his neck and threw him into the Snake river. He took the warning, and when pulled out in a half drowned condition, meekly gasped a promise to leave the place at once. He came straight to Omaha and has been here since. When questioned about the matter yesterday, by a reporter, Mayo appeared very much confused, denied ever making any such statement to Donovan, etc., etc. Ever since this little incident he has been known as "Snake River Charley," and the name will probably stick to him through life.

Judge Stenberg yesterday morning fined E. Adams and Peter Johnson, \$5 and cosst each for drunkenness. Both failed to pay, and were committed in default. M. J. Carney, charged with the same offense, was more fortunate, and was discharged Chas Eustis, a vagrant, loafer, and generally worthless burn, was sent up to the county jail on a 60 days sentence. For the first lifteen and last fifteen days of the sentence, he will banquet on bread and water.

A FAMILY FIGHT. The Green-Eyed Monster Enters

Happy Colored Home. "You're too hot to handle now," said Judge Stenberg vesterday afternoon, addressing two colored individuals who were standing in front of the police court bench, both talking at the same time. The two people were John and Mary Williams, who live as man and wife at the corner of Tenth and Douglas streets. They not only live there, but also conduct a little confectionary shop in the front of a little confectionary shop in the front of the building. Yesterday two colored ladies came into the place ostensibly to buy taffy, and Mrs. Williams started to wait on them. John was standing in the rear of the store, when suddenly Mrs. Williams noticed that he was looking at one of the females, and that she was re-turning the gaze instead of attending to turning the gaze instead of attending to the business of purchasing candy. The two women failed to buy anything, and when they left, Mrs. Williams, fired with green-eyed jealousy, accused her hus-band of trying to make a "mash." Hot words followed on both sides, which ter-minated in Mrs. Williams announcing that she would leave her husband's bed and board

"If you do," said Williams, "you can't leave with any of my money," and he accordingly secured a hatchet and started to break open his wife's trunk, which contained \$5 which he had given her Saturday

Mrs. Williams immediately rushed out on the street calling "police," and two officers responded and placed the quarreling couple under arrest. They were taken before Judge Stenberg and each

excitedly told their story.

Being still in a towering pession the judge ordered them both locked up until they could cool off. After an hour's sojourn in the central police station they were again brought before his honor, the woman discharged and the man sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs.

COMMEMORATING HIS RESCUE. Mr. Altendorf Celebrates the Anniversary of a Terrible Experience.

About sixty of the Turners assembled in Germania Hall Tuesday night to take part in a Commers fest given by Albert Altendorf in commemoration of the third anniversary of his rescue from the steamer Cymbria, sunk in the English channel. Good things of meat and drink were provided in festal abundance and the evening passed merrily with toast and song. Mr. Altendorf told the story of his memorable experience and cheers to his luck and long life greeted every thrilling portion of the narrative.

The Cymbria was a vessel of the Hamburg-Bremen Packet line, on passage to New York. The crew and passenger register numbered 150 souls. On the third night out the ship was forging through thick weather, with her engines slow, her battle lanterns out and her whistle signalling. About 10 o'clock the bow lights of a vessel bearing at right angles were sighted immediately off the quarter. The greatest efforts were made to wear off, but the stranger held her course and struck the Cymbria bow on, just forward of the engine rooms. A tremendous gap was opened in the ribs of the steamer and she filled with water like a tin pail. The unknown cause of the disaster dropped away in the mist and was not seen again until she landed at Plymouth and reported the incident. She was an English sloop and although she must have been aware of the Cymbria's distress and heard the cries for help from the sinking steamer she did not lend a hand of help. The Cymbria went down in fifteen minutes and half the passengers and crew went with her. Mr. Altendorf and his sister succeeded in gaining a boat in which a few of the survivors put off and were next morning picked up by an inbound steamer,

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

The Committees and Patrons of The

Grand Ball. The Second Annual Charity ball will be held at the exposition building on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, 1886, under the following auspices:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Hon, J. E. Boyd-Chairman. Hon, Guy C. Barton, Herman Kountze, Es-Gen, J. P. Hawkins, Frank Murphy, Esq., Maj. J. W. Paddock, Judge E. S. Dundy.

MANAGERS: Mr. Frank Colpetzer-Chairman. Mr. A. H. Bishop, Mr. John T. Clarke, Mr. J. S. Collins,

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" E Peck,	" F W Gray,
" W J Jarvis.	" CK Coutant,
" W L Parrette.	" E W Nash,
" A J Poppletor	i, " H H Bright,
" J W Savage,	" C E Yost,
" J M Woolwort	h. " G M Mitcheock,
" C D Woolwort	h, " O N Ramsey,
" A D Morre,	" Fred Nye.
" J N H Patrick.	" J W Morse,
" Guy C Barton,	E M Morseman.
" Lewis Reed,	" S T Smith, " E Rosewater,
" G L Miller,	" E Rosewater.
" George B Lake	" Byron Reed.
" J H Millard,	" Ezra Millard,
" S R Callaway,	" E N Deitz,
" W H McCord,	" W F Allen,
" S P Morse,	" Z B Knight,
" G W Holdredg	e, " Wm Wallace,
" Samuel Jones,	" W B Doolittle,
" T L Kimball,	" W A Paxton,
" Thomas Miller	" Louis Bradford,
" Guy V Henry	" Geo B Dandy
" R C Melliore	" Geo Patterson
" Guy V Henry, " R C McClure, " J C Cowin,	" IM Thurston
" Theo Swobe,	" Geo Patterson, " J M Thurston, " A U Wyman,
" N Merriam,	" Elmer Frank.
" DH Wheeler,	" W N Babcock,
" H T Clarke,	" E L Bierbower,
" W H Hams	" II D Estabrook

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" B B Wood, " D H Wheeler, jr,
" J L Woods, " F A Nash,
" C F Goodman, " J M Eddy.

The managers are putting forth every
effort to make the ball this year the greatest social event ever known west of the Missouri. They deserve and should have the hearty support and co-opera-tion of every citizen of Omaha.

The Weather.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 1886. Observer, Omaha, Neb.: Indications for Omaha and vicinity to-day: Local snews and warmer weather, HAZEN.

TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

Short Interviews Gathered in Hotel Rotundas.

Church Howe, Auburn, Neb: "The Mis souri Pacific is fully prepared to build its branch into Lincoln, and expects to commence active work by April at the latest. The iron, rails, ties, lumber, piles, etc. are ready to be used in the construction. I expect to furnish 100,000 feet of ties, from the forests of Arkansas. The branch will be constructed within a few months, and will be ready for traffic by

sum meror early fall.',
J. A. Shaffer, Valentine, Neb: [Mr. Shaffer was in Omaha vesterday, on busi Shaffer was in Omaha yesterday, on business connected with the scheme for colonizing eastern Wyoming.] "The oil fields of the territory are developing wonderfully and promise to furnish one of Wyoming's grandest resources. The oil has been found in very large quantities; in a few rods, walk you can run across hundreds of springs bubbling up through the surface of the soil. In the valleys there are large tracts of and covered with oil, to the depth of several feet. Fine quality? Yes, sir, the finest in the world. Scientists who have tested Scientists who have tested the oil, declare that it is the best yet dis covered. Wyoming is settling up very fast, and its admission as a state is the

matter of but a short time. E. R. Leonard, Boise City:-"We flat ter ourselves that we have the best pros pects in both mining and grazing re sources combined, of any city in the far northwest. Our mines are becoming richer every day. Boise is fifteen miles from the line of the Oregon Short Line but by spring a spur will be run up to us. When this is done, Boise will at once begin to bring the world to a recognition of its rapid advance."

CLEANING THE STREETS.

The Snowy Barricades Being Removed Rapidly.

Pursuant to instructions of Mayor Boyd the work of cleaning away the drifted banks of snow in the principal thorough fares of the city is progressing bravely. The work is being done under the streetcleaning contract of Smith & Hoel, About sixty or seventy men have been engaged—and are now breaking down and earling away the banks. On Farnam street, the process was somewhat difficult, as the banks on either side of the street car track were very high and cannot be "spread" down, because the tracks would be soon covered up. Accordingly the drifts were cut up and carted off to convenient places.

On Douglas, Harney and Dodge streets where there are no street car tracks, the banks had been simply spread evenly, so that when the thaw comes there will not be a heavy accumulation of water in any

Street Commissioner Meany was busied yesterday and yesterday in removing the snow from the sidewalks in front of city lots, and notifying citizens to clean off the sidewalks in front of their property. It is estimated that the recent snow-storm has provided work for from seventy-five to 300 men each day. It has indeed proven a windfall to the many who would otherwise have been out of

A Musical Evening.

The Young People's association of the Dodge Street Presbyterian church has arranged to give during the winter, in connection with the regular church sociables, a series of very pleasing and profitable entertainments.

The first on the list is a musicale, to be given in the church this evening. Miss Fannie E Loomis, an accomp-

lished pianiste of Boston, and a pupil of Baermann, will take a prominent part. Other very fine singers and musicians of this city will participate. They are Miss Blanche Oliver, soprano; Mrs. F. P. Day, contralto; L. M. Bartlett, tenor; W. B. Wilkins, tenor; J. L. Smith, basso; W. T. Taber, accompanist; E. A. Todd, organist, and Franklin S. Smith, musical director. No charge of admission. Every one welcome.

Following is the programme in full:

PROGRAMME.

1. Swedish Wedding March (transcribed

Miss Oliver, Mrs. Day, and Messrs. Wilkins and Smith.

S. Faschingsschwank Aus Wein,—Allegro—Romanze—Scherzino, Schuman.

Miss Loomis,

4. Song—Poet's Corner, Tours,
Miss Oliver.

5. Song—Three Gifts, Roeckel.
Mr. Bartiett.
(a)—Harmonious Blacksmith, Handel

Mr. Bartiett.
(a)—Harmonious Blacksmith... Handel,
(b)—The Mill... Jensen.
(c)—The Gipsie's Dance, (arranged from "Danza Boema,")... Meyerbeer.
Miss Loomis.
7. Songs | (a)-Thou fairest Vision... Lassen.
| (b)-One Summer Night... Grieg.
Mr. Wilkins.
| (a)-Nocturne No. 12, | (b)-Baliade in G. Minor. | Chopin.
| Miss Loomis.
| (a) Tanfare... Lemmens.

9. Tanfare, Mr. Todd. Lemmens.

CIVIL ENGINEERS. Their Convention Adjours-New Offi-

cers Elected. The association reached the conclusion

of its labors yesterday and adjourned to meet in annual session at Lincoln, January 1887. A regular meeting is to be held in Grand Island in August next. An interesting discussion on the subdi-vision of sections and the method of keeping records, led by Mr. Hill, of Blair, was indulged in. An election of officers was held, result-

ing as follows:
President, Geo. W. Tillson, of Omaha.
Vice President, G. A. Kilpatrick, of

Secretary, A. J. Groves, of Omaha.

Treasurer, J. P. Walters, of Lincoln.
Executive committee, Geo. Smith,
Omaha; H. B. Cuddy, York; L. H. Spen-

cer, Wilbur.

The committee on National Public works was elected as follows: Geo. W. Tillson, A. Rosewater and C. H. Howes. The chairman of this committee will be, ex-officio a member of the national com-mittee, organized for the general purpose of elevating the profession of civil engineering in America.

Army Gossip.

Gen. Howard received yesterday a letter from the war department at Washington, authorizing him to erect several cavalry stables at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah. Considerable correspondence on Ctah. Considerable correspondence on the subject has been done, and the department has finally concluded to make the necessary outlay, \$2,000 to \$3,000. "This shows pretty conclusively," said Gen. Howard in speaking of the matter to a reporter yesterday "that battery Dwill remain permanently at Salt Lake City to protect the country against any Mormon outbreak. The structure will cost about \$2,000, and will be built of brick."

It is reported that the health of Maj. It is reported that the health of Maj. Duwees, commandant at Fort Robinson. of recuperating his nealth, if possible.

Lieut. Baldwin, of Fort Russell, is in the city, on his way to his post.

Railway Notes and Personals.

The report that a large number of Union Pacific shopmen had been let out Tuesday is not true. A small number of men who had been engaged on special work, finished their job and having nothing nothing more to do went away. The | ance of the time.

shops are working steadily under a full grist of repairs and construction.

John Evans, tax commissioner of the Union Pacific, has resigned to be succeeded by W. H. Russell, of Detroit.

Mi. Parkhurst, the superintending engineer of the new Union Pacific bridge, who broke his leg coasting on Dodge street about a month ago, has had a hard time of it, and is still suffering, with no indications of a speedy recovery.

J. F. Clark, general superintendent of the Milwaukee, is in the city, stopping at

the Millard. The snow has not yet bothered the rail oads since the blockade of ten days ago, although reports from the north in the Milwaukee office and from the far west at Union Pacific headquarters indicate a

IS IT THE RIGHT MAN?

Officers Arrest a Supposed Absconder His Transactions in Omaha.

heavy fall.

George J. Fryer, the absconding agent f the American Express company at Glencoe, Ont., who, it will be remembered, stopped in Omaha in the course of his flight and changed several thousand dollars of Canadian money for American, is reported to have been arrested at Salt Lake City. At least that is what the officers at that place telegraphed to Chicago, and Mr. Maurry, route agent for the company, and Mr. Warner, special agent and detective, hastened to Salt Lake to secure him, passing through Omaia on their way out. From the descriptions given by the officers these gentlemen are inclined to believe the wrong man has been arrested. Mr. Maurry gave the reporter an in-teresting account of Fryer's brilliant career and its inglorious ending at Glen-coe. It seems that he was one of the prominent citizens of the town, and occupied several positions of trust. Besides being agent for the express company, he was postmaster and the local manager of the Bell Telephone company. He was also an influential member of the Methodist church, and had a greater capacity for long-winded prayers than any one in the community. The whole amount of money embezzled was about \$7,000, the postoffice and telephone company being robbed, as well as the exprescompany

At Salt Lake City the prisoner has passed under several aliases—Henderson, Harrison and Crown—and was arrested suspicion of doing crooked work in that city.

POOR SUPERINTENDENT.

Authoritative Announcement that Mr I. Pierce is to Be Removed.

It seems that Mr. Timme, the democratic commissioner of the county, is about to succeed in his endeavors of the year past to remove Mr. Pierce, the couny superintendent of poor. It is unquestionably the fact that one or both of the other commissioners intend to propitiate Mr. Timme and give him the deciding vote which has so long been withheld.

Mr. Pierce, who doubtless foresaw the inevitable results, made overtures to resign on Jan. 1st, but the commissioners felt that it would be unwise to have a change in the office occur at a time when the poor required the attention of a skilled and experienced man, familiar with the details. It is understood among them that Mr. Pierce will retire by the first of April at least,

There are a number of applicants for the position, but the man who most meets Mr. Timme's favor is not known. Clark, the proprietor of the New York restaurant, and a certain Linde are reported as the leading candidates.

Wanted-A first class bread and pastry baker. None but those of experience need apply. Address within three days, Lock box 38, Chadron, Neb.

Mr. Chas. H. Ross, an accomplished

and genial hotel man, will succeed Mr. Jos. Henshaw as room clerk at the Paxton. Mr. Ross has been for some time past at the Cozzens. His place at that hostelry will be filled by Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Henshaw, it is understood, will go to St. Paul, where he will join himself to the forces of the Hotel Ryan. Mr. Henshaw was in the city yesterday, bidding friends good-bye. His loss will be felt by a large circle of acquaintances in this city and among the traveling men who have long known him. He leaves here with the heartiest wishes for his success in his new position at St. Paul.

Bishop O'Connor's Lecture.

On Sunday evening next, at 8 o'clock p. m., Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connor, D. D., will deliver a lecture at Boyd's Opera house under the auspices of the C. K. of A.

The subject is "The Roman Question," and will undoubtedly be handled in such a manner as only a close student and profound scholar, conversant with the subject, is capable of doing.

The musical feature of the programme,

both vocal and instrumental, is understood to be the choicest in the west, and the committee of arrangements spare no effort to make the occasion as pleasant, entertaining, and edifying as possible to the audience of the evening.

Masks and masqverade trimmings at Max Meyer & Co.'s, Eleventh and Farnam.

A Serious Fall. Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, an old gentleman

some seventy-eight years of age, was found lying unconscious yesterday on the sidewalk in front of Whitehouse's drug store on North Sixteenth street. He had fallen down, and the shock had entailed upon him serious injury The po-lice were summoned, and he was re moved to the residence of his nephew, Mr. Thomas Swift, Fifteenth and Chi-Mr. Thomas Swift, Fifteenth and Chi-cago streets. It was thought at first that his leg was broken, but it was developed that the injuries, for the most part, were sustained by his head and back. On ac-count of his age, the shock may prove serious in its results.

District Court Cases.

The new bar docket for the February term of the district court is nearly ready. There are about 850 civil cases to be tried. Supposing that the two judges can dispose of 600 civil cases in a year, these 850 cases represent at least thirteen months work ahead of them. Clerk Ijams informed a reportery esterday that 200 cases were disposed of at the last term of court, which was one of the longest, if not the longest, known in the history of Douglas county.

Hog Cholera at the Poor Farm. Superintendent Pierce reports that the hogs on the poor farm belonging to the county are still dying in large numbers. So far there have been about fifty deaths

and still others are sick. The cause of the mortality is without doubt hog cholera, and fears are entertained that nearly the whole herd will succumb to the disease. County Medies. The monthly meeting of the Douglas

County Medical society was held Tuesday

evening, about ten members being present. An interesting paper was read by Dr. S. K. Spalding on the subject of "Stricture of the Oesophagus." A discussion of this theme occupied the bal-

ODDS AND ENDS.

Stray Leaves from the Reporters' Note Books. A fellow dashed into the B. & M. depot

vesterday morning with a look of despair in his eyes and a canvas satchel in his hand.

"I want ther police!" he shouted and ticket agent Knapp stuck his head out of the box and asked what the row was.

"I've been made a fool of. I've been swindled. Pve been robbed," and the excited man raised his voice to a yell as he made these declarations.

"Vhat's der mehtter?" asked the Dutch watchman as he came in to learn the cause of disturbance.

"Oh, Iv'e been outraged in this blamed own and I want the police. How did it happen? Well, I came in from Beatrice yesterday with forty-two hard carned dollars iff my clothes and I min't got 'em now. How did I lose 'em' Don't ask me; it makes me sick. I had read all about it and then to think that I was green enough to get worked anyway. Why, Thompson's colt was one of the seven wise men alongside of me," and the pilgrim sat down and wept softly 'I was standing up here on the stree pelling out a sign on a tence which said that two or three hundred men were wanted for work out on the railroad. I was just about makin' up my mind to go around and see about it when some one tapped me on the shoulder, and I turns apped me on the shounder, and fellow, around and sees a good-looking fellow, Yes, sez who asks me if I want work.

I; 'Come along with me,' sez he, and I went About a block up street we met another feller who had a bill against the feller with me, and—Oh, you know the rest. He didn't have enough to pay, so I gave him my money. He gave me a check for a hundred dollars and told me to go right along up to the bank and get the money and then come back here, and—Oh, the check is no good and I ain't seen the feller since. I read lots about these tricks. and had made up my mind to lick the eternal shape out of the first confidence man, as they call 'em, that ever tried to pull the wool over my eyes. Yes, I had worked up my muscle just for that very thing before coming to Omaha, and here I am, after all," and with a boo-hoo, the overgrown youth sat down and beliewed dismally. Steighing is lots of fun at this time but

Omaha sleighs have the most treacherous tendency to tip over of any sleighs recorded. A dash up or down the snowy esplanade is certainly immense diversion, yet the average pleasure-seeker gets more than he sought when the dash terminutes with his head in a way-side drift. Last Sunday was a wonderful day for such experiences and nearly everybody who went out had a tumble. There were Messra. Remington and McCormick who went over to Council Bluffs in a cutter and in like manner got back as far as the sity of walking the remainder of the dis-tance was imposed upon them by their flighty steed. Then Judge Brandes, while whirling down the road to the fort was bounced on his head by the overturn of his sleigh. And Coroner Drexel who was driving briskly back from the south of the city broke a runner and went flying into the bank over his head. But the worst of all was the experience of a reporter on a contemporary and a very nice dry goods clerk. They were dead sober, but after their horse had run a half mile and struck a fence, they had to be carried into the Road House for restoration to conscious-ness, and were then sent home in a cab. Yesterday afternoon a gentieman and lady were pitched out at the corner of 14th and Douglas. The lady went like a rocket, with a gleam of white linen and colored balbriggans in the rear. She was unhart but very much confused. Dr. McKenna's sleigh also capsized with him vesterday afternoon, but he lit clear of langer and his good horse stopped. Lots and lots of people have had just such ex-periences, and a toss into the snow out of the cutter has become a common and harmless exhileration.

"Do you know," said Mr. Hull, the clerk at the Paxton, after he had helped the reporter spell out the autograph of a man from Chicago, "that the people of Nebraska write a better hand and evince in other ways more profit from the national free school system than any of the agrarian element in other states where I have had experience. Look over the registry of state names and you will find that they are uniformly legible and smooth written. It also strikes me that the people throughout the state are better dressed and more conversant with the ways of the modern world than their country brethren back east. We have great numbers of people from the small owns and range and rural districts of Nebraska who come here frequently, and among them I have yet to meet one who was not an educated and polite gentle-

man. The city editor was looking over the telegraph page when his eye fell on a small special telegram from Broken

Bow. "Broken Bow?" said he to himself. meditatively. "That's a name significant of something, and a tale must surely hang thereby-some romance of the Indian maiden, her young warrior lover, heartless old father, and a pathetic close to the poem. Say, here," turning to the busy erew of reporters granding out the daily grist of information for the countless thousands of the Bee's readers. His eye fell directly on No. 10, the young-

Guintless Housands of the Bee's readers. His eye fell directly on No. 10, the youngest of the gang, and calling him forth, the city editor ordered, "you bring in by to-morrow morning the legend of the christening of Broken Bow, the county seat of Custer county, and don't forget it." The reporter meekly promised that it would be forthcoming, and resumed his labors without questioning further. The next day the city editor stalked into the room and inquired, "Where's that legend of Broken Bow?"

"There isn't any legend except a tough old yarn that isn't worth much," replied the youth, trembling. "I went up to see Uncle John Stanton, who's been here since the flood and knows everything about ancient history. I asked him about the legend, and he laughed and said, 'Legend, your eye; an Indian never saw the town. The name was given it by the fellow who built the first dance house. A racket occurred the first night and the A racket occurred the first night and the tiddler broke his bow, so that the dance had to go on after that without any mu-sic.' Uncle John said that was true although another fellow sitting by said that it was wrong and then went on to state that the town was founded by a young man who had run away in despair from the east because his girl jilted him from the cast because his girl jilted him when he didn't have money to buy caramels. The fellow that told the story said that the young man was a broken beau and that's the way the town got its name, although it's misspelled now. I rather think, though, that the fellow was imposing on me and that Uncle John toid the right story. That's all. You don't want it written in surely do you?"

it written up, surely, do you?''
Oh, no, the managing editor didn't want it written up, but he gave the reporter a chance to go through a primary course in journalism on one of the Kansas City papers. Before he went the luckless youth said that he would send up his half week's wages to anybody who would get up a legend about Broken Bow.

"I notice," remarked a citizen the other day, "that wife beating is becom-

ing a common thing in Omaha. Lookin? over the police reports that appear in the BEE, I have observed that hardly a day passes but that a wife-beater is brought into court. A man who will beat a woman is a wretch for whom no punishment is too severe. He is a brute in every sense of the word, and should be treated as a brute—tied to a whipping post and lashed until his back is of the complexion of a lobster. It's a trite suggestion to make, but I for one, recommend that Judge Stenberg, instead of sending up these wife-beaters on bread and water sentences, sink a good stout post in front of his court room and give them a public raw hiding. Yes, I am aware that this suggestion of the introduction of the whipping post into Omaha is by no means an original one. It is a good one, nevertheless, and should be carried into effect."

"I was walking down State street in Chicago the other day," remarked Johnny Moynihan, who has just returned from the Garden City, "when whom should I run plump against but Mr. John Jacobs, esq., the little fat, red-cheeked, eye-glassed gentleman, who used to work "ads" for the Herald. He ap-peared rather surprised to see me but consented to put out his paw and shake hands. 'Are the people in Omaha inquiring after mey' he asked jocosely. 'Yes,' I replied, 'there are quite a number of citizens there who would like to gaze upon you once more.' 'I can't help it,'
he replied, 'I got in debt about \$400 or
\$500, and I had to do something to pull
myself out. Give 'em my regards when
you go back there.' 'No, Jack is not doing anything at present, but like the Hon Wilkins Micawber, is waiting for something to turn up."

"You had something in your paper last week about the early history of telegraphy in Omaha," said a veteran lightning manipul ator to a reporter last night. "Let me tell you what was the greatest obsta-cle to the stretching of the great trans-continental wires in those days. Can

you guess?"
"No," said the scribe, "I give it up."
"The immense herds of buffalo that
used to roam the plains of Nebraska in
pioneer times. Fact. The buffaloes seemed to take especial delight in rubbing themselves against the telegraph poles, and very frequently would rub so vio as to break them down. proved a most serious annovance, and an njury to the business. Finally a brilliant individual in the employ of the com-pany came to the rescue. He had studied long and faithfully over the matter. He had come to the conclusion that by filling up the lower five feet of the poles with sharp-pointed spikes the buf-faloes would be induced to go elsewhere to scratch, and thus the evil would be remedied. He tried the experiment. A success? No. It was a prodigious failure. The buffaloes, whose skins were as hard as the cheek of an Omaha cabman, took more delight than ever in rubbing their shaggy sides against the telegraph poles. So that plan was given up. The poles. So that plan was given up. company then began to sink the poles several feet deeper, and this, coupled with he rapid decimation of the Nebraska buffalo herds, finally gave the lines tolerade security.

"I'll tell you why the city council did not meet last night," said a city official in reply to a reporter's question. "Some of the councilmen's heads are so big that hey think they have a capacity for a arge amount of intricate city legislation in one night, and they don't want to start in on an evening until their brains are teeming with ideas. Then some of the members have not recovered from the mental strain of reading the prepared report of the minority of the investigating committee, and they wished to give their brains a rest, and so adjourned for two weeks. There is not much doing which should come before the council, and it will take time to trump up some more charges which will require investiga-"Won't you step in and have some-

thing?" inquired a well-known court reporter of a bevy of newspaper men gathered in the rotunda of the Paxton last night. Ranged along the bar, the speaker continued: "I have been in the business myself—used to be correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean at Fargo, Dakota. That's where I did quite a nic little job a sew years ago. You know it's pretty cold up in that country sometimes everybody shivered] and they use these monster drum stoves to heat the public buildings. The little thing I'm about to tell, though, occurred in the summer. There was going to be a private political conference of the leading men in the ter-ritory (no reporters admitted) and I had orders from my paper to send a report of it. The St. Paul Pioneer Press man also received the same instructions, and we agreed to "pool" the meeting. It was going to be held in the opera house, and here is where the stove comes into the story. There were two of 'em in the building, and we fellows bribed the janifor to let us in during the afternoon. The Press man was pretty fat, and had hard work crowding himself into the stove he had selected, and I had to help jam him in. Then I and I had to help jain him in. Then I slipped into the other one, and waited for the meeting to open. We staid in those blamed straight jackets for two hours before the conference commenced, and had to wait an hour after it was over be-fore we could get out. But we got our reports, and that's what we went after. There was a lot of mad politicians when the papers reached Fargo, but not one of them to this day knows how we found out the proceedings. Pretty fair whisky,

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A serious disturbance occurred at the stockyards Tuesday night which nearly resulted in a riot. The trouble arose over the arrest of one Crowley some weeks ago, on the charge of assaulting a Chi-cago policeman. His friends last even-ing met two men who, it was suspected, had turned informer against Crowley, and tareatened to lynch them. The mob seized them and were about to use violence on them, when they broke away and caught a passing train. The two men are in Omaha at present and will probably steer clear of the stockyards in the future.

It was rumored yesterday that Geo. A.

Josiyn of the Western Newspaper Union had received a lease of the Murray build and received a lease of the Marray banding which is now being erected on the
corner of Fourteenth and Harney streets,
for hotel purposes. A reporter waited
upon Mr. Joslyn in order to ascertain the truth of the matter,
and was informed by that gentleman that he was negotiating for a lease of the building, and in all probability would se cure it. The structure, which is to be four stories in height, will be com-pleted before next fall. Mr. Joslyn, if he secures the lease, will run the estab-lishment as a first-class hotel.

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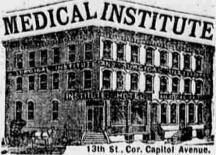
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