"NO WASHEE TO-DAY."

The Chinese Celebrate New Years-The Marshal Controversy-A Bottoms Mystery-An Aged Lady, Etc.

An Interesting Question.

Some time ago the BEE announced the engagement of Mr. N. B. Falconer, the prominent dry goods merchant, to Miss Nettie Leach, one of his accomplished lady clerks. The wedding was to have taken place Feb. 11, but has been post-

In connection with this affair, which is of great social interest to the readers of the BEE, a curious and somewhat perplexing question has arisen. Briefly stated, it is this: Miss Leach is a member of the Catholic church, while Mr. N. B. Falconer is not. Now, according to the laws of the church, which have from time to time been brought into prominence by encyclical letters from the pope, Catholics and Protestants (or heretics) are not allowed to intermarry, except for the most stringent reasons. This law can be set aside, by a special papal dis-dispensation or an order from the bishop of the diocese in which the parties re-

It is this law of the church which has cast an impediment in the way of the marriage of Mr. Falconer and Miss Bishop O'Connor has been requested to grant a special order setting aside the law, but he has refused to take any such action. Other priests in the various parishes of this city have been requested to perform the ceremony, but one and all have declined to do so, not caring to take any action wnich would be in direct deliance of the decision of Bishop O'Connor and the expressed laws of the church. The priests of Council Bluffs, who have likewise been visited. have declined to perform the ceremony.

There remain but two things to be done, either to have the nuptials solemnized by a Protestant minister or by some magistrate duly authorized by law to perform the ceremony. This latter course

will probably be pursued and the wedding will take place on February 18.

Mr. Falconer, in conversation with a reporter yesterday said that Miss Leach, while a member of the Catholic church, was not so devout that she would allow the anti-Protestant marriage law of the church to prevent the union. can find no priest here to perform the ceremony," he said, "and shall probably be married by a local magistrate. Miss Leach is a member of the Catholic church while I am not, but, on the other hand, am inclined to be rather liberal in my views. It seems that the Catholic church has a law which forbids such marriages but we don't propose to allow it to stand in our way.

A priest of one of the local parishes was called upon by a reporter last night. Questioned with regard to the matter, he

The laws of the Catholic church forbid a marriage between a Protestant and a Catholic. This can be set aside for various reasons, by a special dispensation from the bishop of the diocese in which the member of the church, so desiring to marry, resides. In the case of Mr. Fal-coner and Miss Leach, the bishop saw no special reason for granting a dispensa-tion and so could not take such action." "Suppose that the marriage ceremony is performed by some authorized person who is not a member of the Catholic

the lady will by the very act, become excommunicated. If the ceremony is performed by some magistrate then the act is simply one of disobedience on the part of the lady—and the church will see her later—after death."

CHINESE FESTIVITIES. The Coolie Laundrymen Celebrating Their Glad New Year. The twelfth anniversary of the acces-

sion of Quong Soi, the Son of Heaven, the Child of the Sun, Prince of Earth and Emperor of all the Chinas, was celebrated in Omaha yesterday with far grander "eclat" than the run of affairs would seem to warrant. The average citizen rushes over the snowy streets on business intent with no thought that the day was one of solemn ceremonial and re-When the first cold rays of the winter sun stole into the several washee shops in the city, their occupants arose with drowsy minds full of meditation. The establishments were not opened with that business promptness which usually greets the morning, but the barred doors were left as such and the window curtains hung undrawn.
In every laundry the work
of preparation for the great holiday was
elaborately begun. Shrines of painted cloth and grotesque picturings were reared, and in their center set a figure of ideous mien about which incense tapers were lighted. This done the devotees of great and awful Buddha fell upon their nees and wrestled for an hour with leaving prayers and mystic incantations. The hour ended, the absolved penitents, freshened for another year of life, arose and proceeded to the festivities of the day. Although the "China boy" actually kneels but one hour in uttered prayer, the entire day is passed in alleged devo-tion as in the symbol of the fuming in-cense sticks which stink the shop, worship continues from dawn till dark. The Chinese year dates from the beinning of each reign of kings and naturally changes from time to time. Long years ago, Celestial astronomers had fathomed the mysteries of the heavens and reached, approximately, the movements of the heavenly bodies: They had numbered the days of the year at three hundred and sixty-two, long before the christian scientist had lost his neck for maintaining that "the world do move." But the followers of the Cross have since outstripped the worshippers have since outstripped the worshippers of graven ,images and pierce more clearly the depths of nature. In their conservatism the Chinese, however, will

adhere to the calendar of centuries ago.

The social observance of this holiday among the Chinamen is strikingly similar to the common practices of New 'ear's day in this country. The day is spent in calling, and each washerman re-ceives his visitors with good cheer. In every shop there is a spread of good things, such as hit the fancy and palate of the Oriental. Mysterious confections, quaint paper scripts which are greeting cards, cigars, cigarrettes, opium pipes, and an endless quantity of quaint and curious articles are laid out and the caller helps himself according to his taste. He may take a snack of cake, or cat black taffy from a dark, forbidding pot or "hit the pipe" a soothing lick, just as he wishes. A reporter for this journal who made the rounds was cordially received at every point and intrepidly helped himself on pressing invitation. It is to be said that some courage is required to swallow Chinese delicacies, as their appearance is all but alluring. Yet the candies and sugared fruits are palatable, and the eigars are genuine tobacco, while the opium smells as strong and probably works as damagingly as the or-dinary drug of commerce.

not be shown the error of their ways and

It appears that the Chinamen had in-

tended to give a grand blow-out in the W. C. T. U. hall, where they attend Sunday school. They hung the auditorium with lanterns and banners when suddenly they changed their minds and took down the ornamentations. The night was passed in high revelry at all the wash shops in town.

THE STAUNCH MARSHAL. Honest Deflance of the Base Assaults Upon Him.

The reckless vindictiveness of the as saults on Marshal Cummings are not more apparent than when the Herald says that on the July day when he was bribed to release Beveridge, "the money was dropped in the marshal's overcoat pocket," and again when a lot of sourrilous matter, involving Policeman Turnbull, is prated of a day, on which that officer was in Lincoln; also again when he George Jackson jail delivery is laid ne George Jackson pail delivery is laid up against Cummings, as well as when countless other palpably false charges, crippled in their very malic-iousness by ignorant blunders, are made against him. Of the Jackson case, all that is to be said, is that he was a common thief without friends or inluence, who escaped from the policeman in charge of the gang going from the jail to trial in the police court. If the mar-shal is to be blamed for all the mishaps on the force, it would be a scheme to accuse him of having liberated the prisoner who sawed out of the new jail before the

ron armor had been put on. Marshal Cummings does not deny that he accepted the \$10 which Emery pressed upon him as a slight share of the reward for his assistance in capturing Beveridge. This was after the detective had successfully completed his work and the Fre-mont forger had been discharged from custody on a compromise which his rich father made with the banks. If Marshal Cummings is to be blamed for accepting this money then all of the officers of the city and county constabulary are guilty of repeated acts of malfeasance.

Marshal Cummings is a stayer, and, arme I with the knowledge of his own innocence invites investigation. Yesterday he said to a reporter that he was now convinced that his eneminies were panded to destroy him and the journal which they influence and in whose edi-torial room they plot and plan did not care to scruple the falsity of any accusa-tions. He declared himself prepared, yes, willing and anxious, to meet the grand jury and to light, if the battle went beyond that, through all the courts to which maligners proposed to carry it.

"It's a scheme," said he, "to remove me in the spring. If I am indicted the mayor will claim the right to suspend me until the case is settled and then the trial will be staved off as long as possible. But I tell you that it won't succeed, for I rely upon the support of all honest men, of whatever party, who must naturally con-demn a political scheme to destroy a man and his character at once.'

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

An Omaha Lady Who Has Lived Beyond the "Three Score and Ten." Undoubtedly the oldest person in

Omaha is Mrs. Augusta Douglas, resident on California street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. The aged lady lacks but three months of being one hundred years old, for in May, 1886, if she lives till then, she will become a centenarian. Mrs. Douglas is a great-greatgrandmother. Her daughter, Mrs. Hall, a lady 77 years of age, and phenomenally well preserved, has a daughter, now visiting here, but a resident of Colorado Springs), who has a son who is a father, his eldest born being two or three years of age.

Mrs. Douglas is now hving with her daughter, Mrs. Hall, on California street, and it was there she was seen by a reporter for the BEE last evening. The aged lady is still in hearty health, and is able to converse intelligently, and perform for herself common every day duties, though she is confined to her chair most of the time by reason of acute rheumatic troubles. Her hearing being a little defective, one has to talk in a loud one of voice in order to make himself heard. Her sight is almost gone, and she is barely able to distinguish objects held

at a close range and in a favorable light.

Mrs. Douglas is possessed of a memory which is in many respects remarkable Events which have transpired but a few weeks, or months, or years ago, to be sure, she does not remember at all well, but things which occurred fifty, sixty or seventy years ago or more are still remembered by her with wonderful accu racy. She remembers quite well the war of 1812. At that time she was a resident of New York state. Her hus-band, as she informed the reporter, was drafted for the war but procured a substitute. Their neighbors were not so fortunate. "I remember one family" she said, "who sent two or three

boys to the war. One day word was re-ceived that one of the boys had been badly wounded in a battle. When the youngest son heard it he burst out crying, with 'I know he'll die, I know he'll die, it's just our luck !' "

Up to two or three years ago, Mrs. Douglas' eye sight was so good that she could read well, with the help of glasses, and could even sew. One day however, while busy on a piece of needle-work, her sight suddenly failed, and since that time she has been unable to use her that time she has been unable to use her eyes. At times she is seized with a paralytic affection, particularly in her hands and arms, which occasionally ren-

ders them almost useless.

Mrs. Douglas was for many years a resident of Lebauon, New York, and it was in that town that her childhood was spent. For the past few years she has been living in Omaha with her daughter, Mrs. Half, and here she will probably

That Coal Again.

To the Editor: It seems to me that it would have been more creditable for County Commissioner O'Keeffe to have stated in The BEE "that after examining into the matter, and seeing the parties, alleged by Dr. Benson to be the complainants, I, in behalf of the commissioners, pronounce the complaint unjust and untrue."

But, as it is, Mr. O'Keeffe unburdens himself to a reporter of the BEE, making a broad denial. As far as that is concerned the writer's word is just as reliable as Mr. O'Keeffe's, and the statement made in my card of Monday "that the coal given to the poor is unfit for use, and that the fact can easily be corroborated by a half-dozen of reliable persons," still remains unproved to the contrary.

Be it as it may I have succeeded in arousing the attention of the public in this important matter, and assured our unfortunate poor and needy that there are those in this community who have the temerity to exercise their pen, as well as voice, in their behalf. And, as I have not the time nor the juclination to enter into a newspaper controversy in reference to this matter, would therefore state that by calling either at my residence or office that I will cheerfully furnish such information which based the subject of the complaint

N. I. BENSON.

Tremble King Alcoholt Mr. C. J. Holt had another successful temperance meeting at the W. C. T. U. Buckingham hall, Mr. W. N.

McCandlish conducted devotional exercises in an impressive manner. The song service was spirited and led by Mr. Richards, Mrs. J. T. Bell presiding at the organ. Mr. Holt was listened to with deep attention and the interest is being awakened on this subject. His power over drinking men is something marvelous, as his great success during the past seven years fully attests. Rev. Mr. Dale spoke in praise of Mr. Holt's work in Illinois, and insisted strongly on the necessity of this reform and that the Christian people of Omaha should put their shoulders to the wheel and give it a boom. He was followed by others. Mr. Holt read the constitution of the Reform club and many signatures were obtained. The interest is deepening and the best results are assured. The meetings are to continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial interest in the continue all week and a most cordial in the continue all week and a m vitation is extended to all. Everybody come to-night.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE. The Grand Jury Indicts Powell-Other Court News.

The grand jury has finished the case of Lafayette Powell, charged with the murder of Charles Leslie at Florence and yesterday afternoon brought in an indictment against him for murder in the first degree. The jury also entered into consideration of the case of Timothy Driscoll, who is accused of horse-stealing. The witnesses examined were Messrs, Ed. Culver, Coe, ex-Deputy Sheriff Crewell and Captain Cormack, of the police force. The jury adjourned for the night without presenting an indictment.

Judge Wakely yesterday morning heard the arguments in the injunction case of the city against J. I. Redick to prevent him from putting up a wooden building at Twenty-third and Cuming streets, which is within the fire limits as designated in the new ordinance. Mr. Redick made the defense that the contract for the erection of the building had been let before the ordinance was passed and so its validity could not be impaired. Further time will probably be given for the attorneys to cite authorities and on Saturday Judge Wakley will render his decision.

Judge Neville was engaged with the trial of a small civil case entitled, "Cook vs. Rose," a suit on an account. After taking up the attention of the court all day, a judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$20.

District Attorney Estelle said yesterday that he did not propose to bring before the grand jury the main question of Mar-shal Cumming's guilt. "It would be fool-ish to do so," he remarked, "on the slim showing of evidence so far brought out. But I understand from the Herald editorials that Dr. Miller has other evidence which he considers of importance. shall bring him or his representative here, and find out whether he really has any new facts in his possession. If he has not the case will be dropped; if he has, it will become my duty to sift the matter to the bottom. No jury with a particle of common sense would convict the mar-shal on the evidence so far brought out." TO-DAY'S CALLS. Judge Wakeley's call for to-day is as

follows: Laing vs. Nelson Estabrook vs. Haleroth, Krejei vs. Barta et al. Reed vs. Omaha. Bossard vs. Huberman. Simeral vs. Howell.

Hamann vs. the B & M. Harmon vs. Omaha. The following is the call before Judge Hendrix vs. the Board of County Com-

nissioners. Festner vs. Forbes. Vehrs vs. Emerson. Schamel vs. Stephenson. Grautner vs. Omaha Belt Railway com-

Horbach vs. Omaha Belt Railway com-

"DOING TIME."

A Noted Omaha Crook in the Colo-

rado Penitentiary. At one time there was no criminal in Omaha better known than Frank Burns. He was one of the toughest of the tough, and before his departure from Omaha got into several serious scrapes, one of which at least gave him a close call for the penitentiary. He was a tin-horn gambler, confidence man and general 'hard worker,'' whose reputation was about as bad as that of any one in this But Frank's usefulness in his chosen

line of work is, for a time at least, ended.

He is now in the state's prison in Col-

orado, serving out a sentence for attempted murder. The circumstances of the affair have never been published in the local papers, and will be news to many of his old friends in this city. many of his old friends in this city.

Some months ago, shortly after his discharge from the county jail, Burns left Omaha and drifted out west. A short time ago he fell in with a gang of Colorado crooks. They went together to Leadville. There Burns, one night, became involved in a quarrel with a wine room decoy, and in the course of a heated conversation struck her savagely. She conversation struck her savagely. She at once informed the manager of the establishment, Mike Goldsmith, a big, burly fellow, who picked Burns up by the seat of his pants and threw him out upon the sidewalk. Burns reflected for a moment, undecided whether or no to take notice of the "insult." One of his gang a noted desperado, turned to him and said: "If I was in your place, I'd get a gun and shoot the ----Burns acting on his friends advice borrowed a revolver, and waiting his chance, confronted Goldsmith and fired. The aim came very near proving fatal lodging near the base of the brain. Burns was hustled off to jail by the

authorities before the infuriated mob which congregated could carry out their threats of lynching. He was tried, con-victed, and sentenced to a term of ten years in the Colorado penitentiary. Goldsmith bovered between life and death for many days but finally redeath for many days, but finally re-Burns will be remembered as the crook who was suspected of being implicated in the Duke hardware robbery. A short time afterwards he attempted to

the woman who had "given away" the details of the Duke's robbery to the

kill Willard, the friend of Lottie Coombs.

No Death Benefit. Judge McCulloch of the county court yesterday rendered a decision in the ease of Christian Bertleson against the Danish Brotherhood. The suit was one brought by the plaintiff to recover \$175 benefit from the association on account of of the death of his son Frederick, who had been a member of the organization.

It was shown that the young man, some eight months before his death, had left Omaha and had ceased paying any dues. This was enough under the provisions of the constitution to debar Bertleson from obtaining any benefits, and Judge Mc-Culloch so decided.

Police Court Docket.

Judge Stenberg, of the municipal court, had a very light business before him yesterday. Frank Morrisey and Frank Sheets, who had been engaged in a quarrel at Benham's stable, were fined \$1 and costs each. Alfred Campbell, arrested for being intoxicated, was found to be too drunk for trial and was remanded to jail, ODDS AND ENDS

Stray Leaves From the Reporters' Note-bonks. "Only forty cents among twelve pris-oners," said jolly Night Jailor Tom Peirronet, last evening, as he closed up the register on which he had copied a list of his boarders for the night.

"Do you count all the money a prisoner has on his person?" asked a BEE reporter who was standing near and heard the remark.

"Yes, I have to take all the money he has, together with every piece of property, valuable or otherwise, which he has on his person. These are all done up neatly in a package, and the next morning, on his discharge or commitment to jail, they are returned to him. We find some curious things on the prisoners once in a while, I can tell you."
"What was the largest amount of money you ever took from any one pris-

"Thirteen hundred dollars, which I captured on a fellow who came here from Texas and determined to paint the town with pink and yellow stripes. He landed here with about two thousand dollars. He fell in with fast women (to one of whom he gave \$500) became gloriously drunk, and was in the midst of spree when he was arrested by the police. In December or November last, I forget which, a woman of the town landed in jail and the charge of robbing was placed opposite her name, the complainplaced opposite her hame, the complain-ant being a sucker who allowed her free access to his pockets. Before being placed in a cell, she was pretty thorough-ly searched, but nothing of any conse-quence was taken from her. Once in the cell however, she called Jailor Sigwart to the bars and pulled from her stocking a roll of \$5,000, in \$10's, \$20's, \$50's, \$100's and \$500's. Sigwart would not believe that the wealth was genuine until she allowed him to count the cash for himself. So far as I know, she had more eash on her person than any other prisoner ever eaged in the county jail, at least for the past ten or fifteen years."

"I shall never forget a little scare I had several months ago-it was in October last," continued Jailor Pierronet. "One of the police had brought in a man and placed a charge of drunk and disorderly opposite his name. I searched his inner pockets, felt of his pant-legs, boots, etc., and finally went through his overcoat pockets. In one of them I found a small square package, done up in brown paper. It fitted rather tightly in the pocket and I commenced to jerk vigorously to get it out. I had worked at it but a meant when with a worked at it but a moment when, with a wild shrick, the prisoner threw his arm around and shoved me off. Then with a quick movement he pulled out the package and handed it to me before I had time to recover from my astsnishment. He seemed to have become sober all of a sudden, and as he handed me the packet he remarked, "If you had jarred that box or dropped it to the floor, you and I would have been dead men before this."

The next morning after he had paid his tine in police court he explained to me that the packet contained a dynamic of the sudden and the sudden and

me that the packet contained a dynamite infernal machine of that kind manufactured for home use. Fact. And he broke the scaled cover and showed me enough to convince me that he was telling me the truth." "I wish you would suggest that it would

be a good idea to have the lady teachers present at the meeting of the board of education," remarked a member of that august body to a reporter the other day. "You were present at our last meeting," continued the aforesaid member, "and you saw the great difference that the presence of the three ladies made in the proceedings. Of course Secretary Conoyer did start out on Superintendent James once, but he glanced at the teachers and suddenly cooled his fiery language. The other members, too, spoke in a subdued tone, I suppose you noticed, and looked inquiringly at the ladies for signs of approval of their remarks. Woman, you know, has a softening, har-monizing influence (when she's not your wife), and I don't think of any organization which needs her influence more than the board of education unless it is the city council. Be sure, now, and urge them to come. I like to have good-looking girls around myself."

A variety actor, his wife, two babies, an immense quantity of luggage and a dog crowded into the first day coach of the Union Pacific train bound eastward out of Denver one morning last week. The mother naturally earried the youngsters and the greater portion of the tonnage while the stout husband and father hustled alone with the dog and a bandbox in his arms. Arriving at a convenient section he gave a stealthy, sweeping glance about the car, dropped the band box and set down the purp on the seat and deftly covered the animal's form with a cloak. That dog didn't leave that seat, nor peep from under the cloak nor per-ceptibly move a muscle during the whole of the twenty four hours ride to Omaha. As the train stopped at the depot here, the variety man picked up his pet, and a fellow voyager who had for the first time observed the dog's shrouded silence, re-

marked his surprise.
"Oh, that's nothing," rejoined the owner; "the dog's trained, and he knows that if the brakeman sees him, into the baggage car he roughly goes. Why, the dog's done this trick hundreds of times, and once rode in that fashion from San

There have been numberless exaggerated reports of the reduction of th Union Pacific shop forces circulated in the east during the past few weeks. It was reported at one time that three hundred men had been discharged from the Omaha shops and more were yet to fol-The fact is that not a shopman has been dismissed in many weeks and upon the statement of reliable officials, the company entertains no notion of doing so. Two weeks ago a gang of thirty or forty men who had been hired to store coal here, finished their work and were let out. These men had been hired for that purpose alone and their task being finished their services were no longer required. There is about as much reason for those workmen to complain as there would be for the hundreds of additional laborers, employed to raise the blockade, to howl for retention in idleness after they had removed the snew. The expression from high headquarters is altogether to the effect that the company has too much work on hand to spare any of its shopmen.

Omaha will enter a middle weight champion in the national prize ring this spring. The gentleman is well known and is now in training. He will reduce from 180 to 150 pounds, harden his muscles and go east.

On Monday night, as duly reported in these columns, the Musical Union organized a protective association with a view of joining the Knights of Labor, as an assembly of that great order. Many may regard this as a strange and unusual enter-prise but the fact is that in large cities one of the strongest organizations is found among the musicians. A schedule of fixed rates for performances of various character is made and all union men unwaveringly comply with it.

During the recent struggle of the Union Pacific with the snow blocked a certain re-

cently appointed official in the mechanical department of the road found occasion to make of himself a first class butt

for ridicule.

The story as told by one of his subordinates is this in brief: Hitherto it had been the custom to send out heavy trains which had to break the snow, with four or five engines coupled together in the ordinary fashion. The unequal motion of the locomotives when "bucking" a heavy drift, served to lessen the power of the attack, because the force could not be brought into a single impetus; this circumstance being due to the fact that the engines were loosely coupled to the engines were loosely coupled to-gether. The official in question, after studying the problem, decided that it would be a fine scheme to have the en-gines coupled together by means of long timbers placed on either side, and riveted strongly to each locamotive. In this way strongly to each locomotive. In this way all the engines would move at once "cabiff" against the drift, and scatter it to the four winds of heaven.

The scheme was tried. Everything went swimmingly until a sharp curve was met. The engines being coupled together in a manner which left no play of action, it was impossible to round the curve. Before the danger was noticed, however, it was too late, and every one of the five engines was ditched. The accident re-sulted in considerable damage, the exact amount of which cannot now be learned. It is hardly necessary to say that the new scheme has been declared a bril-

THE RESTLESS ELKHORN. It Is Responsible For a \$5,000 Dam-

age Suit-An Injunction. Elizabeth Johnston commenced a suit in the district court yesterday to recover \$5,000 damages from the Union Pacific railway. The grounds of her petition are these:

She is owner of a large farm in township 15 (west of Omaha), through which the Union Pacific railway passes. On the west boundary of her line is the Elkhorn river. There is a sort of depression or swale running from the Elkhorn river through the middle of the property, and at the time of high water the stream overflows its banks and runs through the this depression. When the Union Pacific first constructed its tracks it crossed the farm of Mrs. Johnston by means of trestle work, through which the water could easily flow. Later, however, in 1881, it built a heavy embankment. When the overflow occurs this impedes the course of the water, and the consequence is that her land is overflowed. Year after year her crops has been destroyed by this circumstance, and her land, both that used for pasturage and meadow, have been rendered useless. Consequently she thinks \$5,000 damages would be about the right thing.

Michael Donovan, of the Empire Steam landers filed an application to day to

laundry, filed an application to-day to procure an injunction against the Sperry Electric Light company to prevent them from shutting off the steam which has been keeping his machinery in motion Mr. Donovan claims that he leased a por tion of the Sperry Electric Light building with the distinct understanding that he was to be supplied with steam power; he furthermore states that according to the best of his belief the company intends to break its contract in this respect. A temporary writ of injuction has been issued

THE WEATHER.

Warmer Weather Coming - Light Snow-Rail Traffic.

The black flag has been ordered down, which indicates that the worst of the cold wave is past. Nevertheless yesterday was a cold day over the entire country. The sun rose here at 100 below, noon came at zero and 3 o'clock at five above. A light snow fell the greater portion of the day. It will continue now to grow

warmer. Following was the temperature at leading points yesterday, taken from the signal office report:

he signal office report:
Denver, Col., 25 deg. above.
Cheyenne, Wyo., 24 deg. above.
North Platte, Neb., 5 deg. above.
Salt Lake, U. T., 32 deg. above.
Des Moines, Ia., 8 deg. below.
Chicago, Ill., 1 deg. above.
St. Louis, Mo., 7 deg. below.
St. Paul, Minn., 26 deg. below.
Leavenworth, Kan., 7 deg. below.
Galveston, Tex., 35 deg. above.
Helena, Mont., 31 deg., above. Helena, Mont., 31 deg. above. Bismarek, D. T., 21 deg. below

St. Vincent, Minn., 34 deg. below. Railway traffic in these parts is but lit-tle impeded by the cold, and all trains arrived yesterday within thirty minutes of schedule, while the greater number

were on time. On the Kansas Pacific and Santa Fe travel is blockaded.

Lecture by a Siberian Exile.

M. Bachrach, who for six years was a prisoner in Siberia, is in the city at the invitation of the Turners, and will deliver a lecture on his prison life in that country next Wednesday. Mr. Bachrach is a gentleman of rare intelligence and has led an eventful life. He fought under Garabaldi in 1858 and 1859, and was sentenced to servitude in the Siberian mines for his connection with revolution in Poland in 1863. is now a political exile and his story of his experience in Siberia's penal settlement is full of interest. The lecture next Wednesday will be given at Germania hall and will be free. It is seldom that the public is given an opportu-nity of hearing a description of this country from a man who traversed it as a victim of Russia's oppression, and all our German citizens will be highly interested.

Music for the Ladies.

The programme of the Ladies' Musical Society was given yesterday afternoon in Meyer's hall, in the shape of a piano recital, by Miss Bella Robinson, assisted by Mrs. Ella J. Rogers, vocalist, and Martin

Cahn, planist.

The affair was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies present. Miss Robinson displayed remarkably brilliant powers of execution. Her touch, and technique, too, are very fine. The programme was

Manager Cash, of the Streator, (Ili.) Glass works, is in the city, endeavoring to make an examination into the accounts

Cash and Credit.

of the firm of Martinovitch & Co. Owing to the action of the defrauding partner, Sylvester V. Lobe, in skipping out with all the available money belonging to the firm, Mr. Cash is "out" on the firm some \$1,900. It appears that Mr. Lobe while in the east, called upon Mr. Cash and representing himself to be Martinovitch, tried to some goods. In this tried to secure more goods. In this, luckily for Mr. Cash, he failed. Mr. Lobe, it is said, was in the city a few days since, but has left for parts unknown.

To Whom It May Concern.

Mr. William Allstadt has resigned from the management of Edward Maurer's bottling establishment, and accepted the position as local agent with the power to collect, receive, and receipt for all accounts due or coming due said establishment.

EDW. MATRIER.

WILLIAM ALLSTADT.

Omaha, February 1, 1886.

THE DARK BOTTOMS.

One More Mystery Comes Up From the River Front. Another bottoms mystery is on the

string, so to speak, On the 16th of January, one Joe Phillips arrived in the city on a train from the east. He was evidently a laboring man but displayed in his purse a large amount of money. He went to the Omaha House, registered without giving his residence and paid nine days board and lodging. He took one meal, left the hotel and was absent until the 28th, when he again disappeared and has not since

een seen.

Bob Nichols, a resident of the bottoms near the bridge, now turns up with a sensationally mysterious occurrence in that quarter on the night of the 28th. He told a reporter and a number of men on Tenth street yesterday morning that on the night in question he had heard a row in a neighboring cabin and on looking out had seen the door of the hut burst open and one man run out pursued by two others. The furtifier took a course toward the smeller fugitive took a course toward the smelter until he reached the sewer creek where he turned and fired at his pursuers. They replied each with his pistol and the man fell. Nichols said he was so frightened at this episode that he closed his door and hustled back to bed. He refused to tell the name of the dwellers in the disorderly cabin and threatened the reporter with instant and fatal death if his name was attached to the story. So many cock and bull yarns are told

of the bottoms that Nichols' would not be worth repeating but for the simultaneous disappearance of Phillips. We have \$20,000 to loan at low rates in

sums of \$1,000to \$10,000 if taken within ten days. J. W. & E. L. Squire, Council Bluffs.

THE NEW VIADUCT. Definitely Settled to be Built on Elev-

enth Street. The action of the council in reference to the approval of contracts for the erection of viaducts seems to settle definitely the question of the downtown viaduct, over the tracks at Eleventh street. The contract has been let to the Morse Bridge company at a sum amount ing to \$82,800. The contract calls for the completion of the viaduct by Sept. 1st, 1886. Mr. Aiken, the representative of the Morse company, states that work will at once be begun in the shops for getting out the material and the job will undoubtedly be completed by the date named. The structure contemplated by the plans of the Morse Bridge company will be the heaviest bridge of the kind in the west, guaranteed to stand all strains which may be placed upon it and will be at once an ornament and a conver nience to the neighborhood in which i s erected. The viaduct commences at

The Knights of Labor Ball.

Jackson and runs to Mason.

The annual ball of the Knights of Labor, which will inaugurated the Exposition building, promises to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind. It will be given on the 22nd of February, that being Washington's birthday and a legal holiday. The Exposition building by that time will be completed sufficiently for the ball which will be very largely attended. The Knights of Labor, as is well known, is a very strong organizawell known, is a very strong organiza-tion in Omaha, comprising representa-tives of every class of workingmen. Its ranks have been largely increased dur-ing the last year by new acces-sions and there is probably not a city in the country which has a larger per cent-age of workingmen enrolled among the Knights of Labor than Omaha. Besides the large number of tickets taken by the members themselves, the committee has disposed of a great many among the merchants and tradesmen of Omaha. That the ball will be a financial as well as a social success there is no doubt.

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back about the same. For further particulars write P. S Eustis, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Omaha, Neb.

The Charity Ball.

The charity ball committee are working hard and late to assure the success of the scheme which they have in hand. At a meeting held vesterday \$1,000 of the charity funds which have so far been collected were turned over to the Woman's Christian Aid association for distribution. This sum, and \$1,000 still on hand does not include money to be derived from the sale of tickets. A tour of the city reveals the fact that there is much suffering among the poor, and the money will be needed at once for charitable purposes.

The committee have sent over 1,000 tickets with circular, asking that the purchase may be remitted at once. Those who intend to buy tickets will help the work materially by remitting at once Some who desire to purchase tickets may have been omitted from the list. All such may be accommodated by sending to the managers.

The Loyal Legion.

The Nebraska commandery of the Military Order Loyal Legion of the United States, held its second meeting since its organization in this city in the Paxton hotel last night. The proceed-ings were private. After the routine work Captain Humphrey read a paper on "Gettysburg as I Saw It." Compan-ion Clark of Milwaukee was a visitor at the meeting.



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Fire on Farnam Street. The fire department responded very patekly to the alarm turned in from Thirteenth and Douglas streets shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The fire was located at 1219 and 1221 Farnam street in buildings owned by the First National bank. It originated in the roof and was probably easued by a defective flue. The flames gathered considerable headway and worked destruc-tion to the upper part of the buildings, No. 1219 was occupied by Schlesinger & Co., clothing dealers, but their goods were not removed and were only slightly damaged by water. James Stover, who occupied the other store with a stock of boots and shoes, was compelled to move out and his stock was considerably dam-aged. His loss, however, is covered by insurance. There was no insurance on the buildings, but as they were to have been removed this month to make room for the First National's new fivestory structure, the actual loss is com-paratively nothing. The proprietor of a 15 cent lodging house on the second floor of 1221 suffered a loss by having his bed-

ng flooded. A Pleasant Event.

The reception given last night by the Metropolitan club to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cahn, recently married in Chicago, was in every respect a pleasant affair. It was attended by about forty couples, representing the clite of local Jewish society. A dance programme of sixteen numbers was carried out to the delightful strains of the Musical Union orchestra. The supper served at the intermission was a feature of the entertainment. A more extended notice of the event is reserved for our society column. The Carnival's Victim.

W. A. Ferris, the young man who was so badly injured at the coasting carnival, is still at St. Joseph's hospital, although improving. His injuries still cause him considerable pain, but he is considered out of danger and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days days.

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Registered Jersey cow six years old this spring, fresh Jan. 1. For particulars address lock box 261, Nebraska City.

Brevities.

Sam Stratton sues Sheriff Coburn in Justice Berka's court to recover two po-nies alleged to have been taken by the officer from plaintiff in a previous suit. Marriage licenses were issued in the county court yesterday to Jorgen V. Vethen, aged 24, and Amelia P. M. J. Bursch, aged 23; and Peter Lubrschei, aged 39, and Anna K. Nick, aged 20, all of Omaha.

The prospects for the success of the masked ball of Thurston hose next Wednesday are highly flattering. The sale of tickets has been very large, and the expectation is that Metz and Turner halls will be taxed to their utmost to con-

tain the people who will be present. Reserved seats for the engagement o Adelaide Moore at Boyd's opera house Friday and Saturday, go on sale to-mor-row morning. The repertoire is "As You Like," Friday evening; School for Scan-dal," Saturday matinee, and "Romeo and Juliet," Saturday evening. All the ladies attending the opening performance will be presented with a beautiful book of poems by Miss Moore, entitled "Drift wood of Idle Moments."

Guy C. Bartou, J. J. Brown and J. W. Gannett, having purchased the interest of Messrs. Paxton and Boyd in the Omaha of Messrs. Paxton and Boyd in the Omaha Savings bank, at the directors meeting yesterday Hon. Guy C. Barton was elected president and J. J. Brown vice-president. The board of directors are Guy C. Barton, L. M. Bennett, J. J. Brown, Max Meyer, Chas. F. Manderson, Thos. L. Kimball, Henry Pundt, L. B. Williams and E. L. Stone.



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