CITIES SEEKING THE HOME

Every Hawkeye Village Lobbying For the Soldiers' Haven of Rest.

EXCURSION JAUNTS THE RAGE,

Yesterday's Assembly Proceedings—Plattsmouth's Water Works Proposition Carried—Nebraska and Iowa News.

Iowa's General Assembly.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—There is a probability that there will be as great a contest for the Iowa soldiers' home as there was for the Illinois home a year ago. Every day brings some new city claiming the honor. About fifteen towns are active candidates for the location of the home, and large lobbies are here work for their respective localities. Since Colfax treated the legislature to a free ride and a dinner to inspect its advantages, the excursion idea is becoming popular. It is said that Marshalltown stands ready to run a special train for the legislative visitors as soon as there is an opportunity for them to go. While Burlington is about 200 miles away, it is understood a two days' trip by special train will be tendered so that its location can be inspected. Among the delegations working for the home are two ex-governors, and one ex-lieutenant governor—Carpenter for Fort Dodge, Gear for Burlington, and Bulis for Decorah. McGregor entered the field today, and is claiming the honor of the home for northeastern Iowa. The contest, it is thought, lies between Marshalltown and Colfax, with the former in the lead, having the best organized workers. Colfax claims superior advantage in its mineral springs, and proposes to have the state buy the Hotel Colfax property with about 130 acres of lofty situation, and the park and springs. The contest is becoming so warm that it is seriously affecting general legislation, and all are anxious to have it settled as soon as possible.

The senate passed on its third reading the Miles telegraph bill, providing for the prompt transmission and delivery of telegraph dispatches.

There was a lengthy debate on the bill locating the supreme court at Des Moines and providing for four terms there annually. The principal arguments for the bill were made by Senator Robinson, while speeches against it were made by Senators Knight, Sutton, Doonan, Schmidt and Carson, but the bill was ordered engrossed by a vote of 21 to 17.

Senator Scott introduced a bill to establish a soldiers' home at Davenport and use the orphans' home building for that purpose.

The senate committee's substitute for the mpulsory school bill was also ordered engrossed, after a spirited debate. The bill provides that every child between the ages of 8 and 15 shall be required to attend school at least twelve weeks, eight of which shall be consecutive, each year.

The house devoted the day to the consideration of two bills, the Reynolds or Cossatt bill for regulating the weighing of coal, and the Hutchison bill for a 2½ mill tax to provide for a soldiers' home and other state purposes. Weaver moved to amend the Cossatt bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the Gatch screen bill. After debate the amendment was lost. The bill was favored by Reynolds, Robb, Coleman and others, and opposed by Weaver, Redhead, and Lyons of Mahaska. The latter said he represented 15,000 miners, and he did not believe 10 per cent of them favored the bill. They had the largest mining county in the state, but had not had a strike in five or six years. The bill was ordered engrossed by a vote of 65 to 21. A fight was made on the tax levy bill to have its provisions divided so that the amount asked for the soldiers' home could be voted upon separately, many opposing any increase in taxation to pay outstanding warrants. The bill was ordered engrossed.

The joint legislative committee on the soldiers' home gave a hearing to-night to the representatives of seventeen towns that ask for the home. Oral arguments were presented in favor of each locality, and the committee adjourned until to-morrow, when the places to be visited will be agreed upon.

She Will Have Water.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—The city of Plattsmouth, in a special election, decided to-day for waterworks most emphatically, the vote being 188 for to 56 against—a light vote on account of the almost total lack of opposition. This vote authorizes the city council to grant a twenty-year franchise to establish and maintain a system of waterworks in Plattsmouth to cost not less than $60,000; to have five miles of mains, stand pipes and a reservoir system, the city taking fifty hydrants at an annual rental of $4,000. The works are to be put in the present summer and a satisfactory test of the works to be made at completion. This is the opening boom for Plattsmouth for the year 1886, and all wide awake citizens are jubilant over the result of the election.

Enthusiastic For the Road.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—A mass meeting was held at the opera house to indicate the interest of the citizens concerning the Omaha, Columbus & Wyoming railway corporation. Speeches were made by Hon. J. E. North, Hon. Guy C. Barnum, Hon. Leander Gerard, Mr. Hammond, W. N. Hensley and Hon. Gus Schroeder. They finally concluded to have one man in each township to present a petition to call an election for a vote on the same. A rising vote was called, and it was almost unanimously in favor of voting bonds to secure the construction of the railroad.

The Prosecution Dismissed.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—The sensation of the day here was the arrest of Rev. J. Charles, pastor of the Methodist church, for indecent exposure of his person. The arrest was made at the instance of George Guthardt, a man now under sentence for a similar offense, and a wholly malicious prosecution. Judge Hancock dismissed the case for lack of evidence. The people of all classes rejoice in the reverend gentleman's triumph over his enemies.

Ben Hogan and Holt, temperance agitators, open here to-night.

A Hermit's Good Bequest.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—Christian Winkler, who has been living a hermit's life on a little farm east of this city, died in the Cottege hospital last Sunday. He was unmarried, and it was supposed had no means, but his will, opened to-day, leaves real and personal property to the amount of $5,000 or $6,000 to the Benedict Home for Fallen Women in this city. Winkler was born in Switzerland, but has lived like a hermit for several years near Des Moines.

An Unknown Man Killed.

DES MOINES, March 9.—The incoming train from the west on the Rock Island struck a team at a junction four miles from here this afternoon, killing the driver in a shocking manner. His remains could not be identified, but from a letter in the pocket of the dead man he is supposed to be Dr. J. A. Ellis, living in the country west of this city.

Editors on the Warpath.

CRESTON, Iowa, March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—S. A. Brewster, editor of the Daily Advertiser, was assaulted on the street at noon to-day by Otto Hicks, editor of the Workingman's Advocate, who laid in wait for him. Brewster was knocked senseless, with a bad cut on the side of the left ear. The trouble grew out of an article in the Advertiser defamatory to Hicks' character. Hicks gave himself up and paid a fine.

Beatrice Water Bonds Sold.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—The $80,000 6 per cent Beatrice City water bonds were sold to-night to N. W. Harris & Co., of Chicago for $81,878, being at 102.35 per cent. Bids were in from Omaha, Kansas City, Poughkeepsie, Boston, Toledo and Hartford. The contracts for putting in the system will be let to-morrow.

Man Lost to Nebraska.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, March 9.—Jordan Sawyer, a farmer of Lacon, Ills., on his way to Nebraska with stock, was run down by an engine in the yards at this place to-night and instantly killed, his body being cut in two. He was about 35 years of age, married, but has no children.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

A Fashionable London Procuress Under Arrest.

LONDON, March 9.—Louisa Hart, a rich procuress of the West End, was to-day committed for trial on the charge of providing young girls for a number of aristocratic patrons. The woman's business had grown so bold and offensive that the police felt constrained to suppress it. But despite their best efforts they were unable until recently to secure evidence that would convict. The arrest of Mrs. Hart caused a sensation in certain circles, and gossip bandies about many names of titled debauchees as likely to be identified with the business with which she has grown rich.

Anarchy in Annam.

LONDON, March 9.—Advices from Annam state that anarchy prevails in that country; that bands of robbers are scouring the land; that the people are in revolt against French authority, and that the rebels have attacked the French near Hue, the capital, and advanced in numbers on Quintone.

Greece Won't Be Coerced.

VIENNA, March 9.—Continued war preparations in Greece are exciting grave fears in European cabinets. It is believed that the moral effect of the assembling of foreign fleets in Luda bay will not be sufficient to coerce Greece, and that further measures will be necessary.

Death of Ex-Senator Chaffee.

NEW YORK, March 9.—A telegram was receives in this city this morning announcing the death at Purdy's Station, West Chester county, of ex-United States Senator Jerome B. Chaffee of Colorado, father-in-law of Ulysses Grant, jr. Chaffee died of acute meningitis.

Chaffee served a full term in the United States senate, was a man of considerable brains and a million or more of bullion, and was a stalwart among republicans in his day. He was defeated for a second term by N. P. Hill, another of Colorado's millionaires, but was revenged by securing the defeat of Hill last year and electing Teller.

Back to the Days of Tweedism.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 9.—The railroad committee, which has been investigating the methods by which the franchise of the Broadway Surface railroad in New York City was obtained, today made its preliminary report to the senate. The committee are unanimously of the opinion that the franchise was procured from the board of aldermen of the city of New York by bribery and corruption, and urge that swift and summary justice be meted out to the guilty, and also that the fruits of their criminality be taken from them. The committee has four bills designed to restore this franchise and property to the rightful owners.

Murdered For Their Money.

PITTSBURG, March 9.—A horrible murder and robbery were committed yesterday at the farm house of John J. Everhart, near Licking Vale, in the northern part of Clarence county. A boy in the family returning from school found Mrs. Everhart lying on the floor with her throat cut from ear to ear, and her mother, Mrs. Gilfallen, in the spring house also with her throat cut and life extinct. The house had been ransacked and $300 taken.

An Opium Eater's Suicide.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 9.—A man by the name of R. B. Barrick, whose people live at Middleton, Logan county, committed suicide in this city, by shooting himself through the head. He was a victim of opium, and being out of the drug and with no money to purchase it, entered a hardware store, asked to look at some revolvers, filled the one which he selected with cartridges, placed the pistol to his head, pulled the trigger and dropped to the floor dead. He was 22 years old and unmarried.

Hierarchal Promotions.

BALTIMORE, March 9.—The Catholic Mirror received to-day from Rome a cablegram announcing that the pope had chosen the Most Rev. Elzear Alexander Taschereau, archbishop of Quebec, as well as Archbishop Gibbons of Baltimore, for elevation to a cardinalate.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The jobbing departments of trade are fairly active, but at first hands the demand has been less vigorous. Deliveries of previous orders are being pressed, and agents are doing their best to meet the requirements of the distributor. The tone of the market is very steady.

The New Law Working Well.

CHICAGO, March 9.—To-day was the first day of registration under the new city election law. The total registration for the day was 53,354, which is much heavier than expected. The greatest number of votes ever polled here is 100,974.

An Oolong Collapse.

BOSTON, March 9.—Claflin, Allison & Co., one of the oldest wholesale tea and coffee firms in Boston, have failed. Liabilities, $75,000; assets, $50,000.

Death of Mrs. Ben Brewster.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—Mrs. Benjamin Brewster, wife of Ex-Attorney General Brewster, died at her residence in this city this morning.

Weather For To-Day.

MISSOURI VALLEY—Stationary, followed by higher temperature; variable, followed by southerly winds; fair weather.

At this time of year the work of tree pruning goes forward with great vigor and the hearts of those who love the natural beauty of objects are sorely tried at seeing the reckless way in which the trees in the streets are destroyed. For some reason it is now the fashion, when the shade from a row of trees becomes too dense, instead of cutting out some of the trees entirely or judiciously thinning out the superfluous branches, to lop off the whole head of each one, with the result that we see a row of brooms, all the branches cut to an even length. Nothing could be more absurd or more hideous. A tree, if allowed its natural growth, is almost invariably a beautiful object, and the maples, of which we have so many in our streets, nearly always develop in time a truly beautiful form. But maimed and mutilated by ignorant gardeners they become truly hideous; better far cut them out entirely. We want few trees in our streets, but such as we have we should have in their native beauty of form.

Wanted.

We want some more vacant lots on the following streets at once for buyers: Saunders, Cuming, Sherman avenue, Sixteenth street, Leavenworth, Catherine, Virginia avenue, Georgia avenue. Also in Shinn's 1st, 2d and 3d, Parker's, E. V. Smith's, Nelson's, Armstrong's, Hillside, Drake's and West End. If you have any lots in the above localities and want to make a quick sale list them now with Stockdale & Buncher, 1511 Dodge St.

For Sale—Cheap—A nearly new Fairbanks platform scale. Benson Fish Co.

THE MARDI GRAS IN OMAHA

Two Brilliant Masquerades Last Night by the Concordia and Maennerchor.

THE BLACK CROOK AT THE BOYD

Notes of Other Social Events—The Fish Distribution—Numerous Other Local Matters of Minor Importance.

The Bal Masques.

The subscription mask ball of the Concordia society was the event last night at Germania hall, and it is safe to say that never in the history of the organization has it stood sponsor for such a brilliant affair. The arrangements were made with all attention to detail, so that everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly. The costumes were noticeably handsome, some of them being imported especially for the ball.

The committee, consisting of George Heimrod, L. Raapke, George E. Stratmann, Adolph Meyer, W. Sievers, Max Becht and L. Grobecker, were arrayed as Grand Dukes, in costumes which were splendid and unique of silver cloth, beaded and jeweled.

Among the costumes noted were the following: Mrs. Albert Meyer, Quakeress; Mrs. Moritz Meyer, grand duchess; Mrs. Martin Cahn and Mrs. Albert Cahn, school girls; Mrs. Seligsohnt, school girl; Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Rehfeldt, dominos; Mrs. Brandies, domino; Miss Hoffman, Austrian Girl; Miss Heller, Milwaukee, domino; Mr. Albert Cahn, domino; Martin Cahn, domino; Ike and Dave Kaufman, dominos; Simon Fisher, domino; Ike Schiff, domino; Sol Bergman, domino; Max Meyer, baby, F. Hadra, Indian chief; Aaron Cohn, domino; Moritz Meyer, domino.

Supper was served at midnight, after which dancing was resumed and kept up until a late hour this morning.

THE MÆNNERCHOR MASQUE.

Turner hall was filled with gay dancers in brilliant costumes and unique masks last night on the occasion of the grand masquerade ball of the Omaha Maennerchor. The scene was a most pleasurable one as the light and graceful forms of the maskers flitted hither and thither in the mazes of the dance, the varigated colors of the costumes blending confusedly as seen by the interested spectators. Everything moved merrily along to the strains of delightful music, and the dancers held high revel until a late hour.

The most noticeable costume on the floor was worn by a gentleman of magnificent physique, who represented Julius Cæsar. From his massive shoulders hung in graceful folds the Roman toga, his shapely lower limbs were encased in tights, while on his feet were the sandals of that heroic age. To him was awarded the grand prize for the best character mask. A young lady costumed as a huntress, with gun and game, received the prize for the best lady en masque. Other prizes were also awarded for elegant costumes.

The affair throughout was a grand success and most heartily enjoyed by all present.

AMUSEMENTS.

Crowds at Kiralfy's "Black Crook" Last Night.

The largest crowd that ever gathered in the opera house, according to Manager Boyd's figures, was present at the presentation of the "Black Crook" last night. Old as it is this spectacular play has drawing qualities which should rejoice the heart of a manager. The play was brought out last night in fine style, the stage settings and the scenery being excellent. Miles De Rosa and Astegiano received hearty applause for their graceful dancing, and the work of the ballet as a whole merited approbation. There is not much chance for an exhibition of acting in the piece, yet what was done was excellent. The "Black Crook" will be repeated to-night.

MARY ANDERSON.

Marcus Maher, the agent of Mary Anderson, and who is also intimately connected with Abbey's ventures, is in Omaha making arrangements for Miss Anderson's appearance March 22 and 23. When asked concerning her success in England he said that in one season she had made $250,000. Miss Anderson's performance here is an event which is eagerly anticipated by Omaha theatergoers.

Social Pleasures.

Nearly one hundred couples waltzed and schottisched and rippled and polkad at the Parnell social party last evening in Cunningham hall. The party was, in point of the enjoyment it afforded, fully up to the standard set long ago by the Parnell club. Nothing was left undone to render the affair a success, and that it was completely such, was the verdict of all. To the following committees credit is due:

Master of ceremonies—Louis Connolly; floor committee—C. J. Conway, S. Collins, P. Clifford, J. Mahoney; reception committee—Jno. Price, J. Buckley, B. Maher, J. J. Lloyd; committee of arrangements—Jas. Connolly, S. McCaffery, H. O. Hollaran.

Prof. Allmon gave a pleasant and largely attended reception to his pupils at Light Guards hall last evening.

The following programme was carried out to the strains of the Musical Union orchestra:

1. Waltz.
2. Quadrille—Lanciers.
3. Polka.
4. Schottische—Highland.
5. Quadrille—de la Boulevarde.
6. Waltz.
7. Newport.
8. Quadrille—Minuett Lanciers.
9. Toe and Toe Polka.
10. Waltz.
11. Quadrille—Light Guard.
12. Medley.

Distributing Fish.

Commissioner Kennedy, of the state hatchery, has just completed the preparation of his annual report giving figures of the season's work. According to the report, the capacity of the hatchery has been nearly doubled, and many improvements in the way of stone dams and more perfect facilities, have been made. There have been hatched and distributed fish as follows:

	Hatched.	Distrib.
Brook trout	136,000	121,000
California trout	12,000	8,000
Wall-eyed pike	16,000,000	5,575,000
Lake trout	40,000	45,000
Black bass	605	605
German carp	2,745	2,745

A Small Fire.

The fire department was called out about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to suppress a blaze in a dilapidated two-story wooden structure at 116 South Tenth street. The fire had caught in the second story from a defective flue and completely wrecked the upper part of the building. The first floor was occupied by J. H. Cole, colored, as a saloon, and the building was the property of Mrs. Gilbert. The loss was slight.

Home for Horses.

On April 1st Messrs. Hake & Palmer open to the public their mammoth horse market at Fourteenth and Howard. Horses and mules of every description bought, sold or exchanged. See their ad. in this issue.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Monthly Report of the Women's Christian Association.

The following is a condensed report of the W. C. T. U. for the month of February:

Mr. J. C. Holt began a course of sixteen lectures on February 1, continuing sixteen nights. The last evening he was engaged and paid by the Reform club, numbering 200, which is the result of his labor among us. A number in this club are members of the Y. M. C. A. and other Christian societies, who joined to help the boys in their efforts to save others. The Reform club is organized with the usual officers, and holds regular meetings on Saturday evening. The reading room is the hourly resort of men who spent their time formerly in saloons.

Mr. Joe Critchfield followed Mr. Holt with lectures full of sound argument and genuine wit. Ben Hogan has been in attendance several evenings.

Work has been found for eleven girls and four men during the month. Letters of thanks are often received for favors done. Two girls sent to the Home of the Friendless at Lincoln, one to the Reform Home at Des Moines. Sick man and woman cared for about two weeks; food furnished by the W. C. A. prepared and carried to them by the W. C. T. U.

The jail committee reported at ladies' prayer meeting that seventeen prisoners had signed the pledge, and requested that the signers be the subject of prayer that day. Two of the boys called at the rooms as soon as released from jail and renewed their promise to lead better lives. Papers and magazines for distribution at the jail are furnished by Rev. Harsha, Mr. Seaman, and the BEE, Herald, Excelsior, World and Republican offices.

One young man who had lost his situation on account of drinking and had a black mark opposite his name, was restored to his position because of intercession in his behalf.

A member of the Band of Hope has proved the truth of Scripture. "A little child shall lead them," by pleading with a drinking father to attend Mr. Holt's meetings and sign the pledge until he came, saying he would reform to please his child. He has taken one step more and joined the First M. E. church on probation. Members of the Reform club who have been converted at our meetings are now represented in the First Presbyterian, First Congregational and First Methodist churches, and one young girl converted at the meetings united with the Baptist church.

The winter's work seems to be known all over the state. Whether Omaha people are equally interested can be shown by rallying around the few who are carrying on the great work.

The union wishes to express thanks to the press for all their favors, and to friends who have responded to our appeals. The Buckingham will need assistance a month or two longer and voluntary donations sent care of Buckingham will save the ladies and a receipt will be promptly returned with thanks.

Donations received for February expenses: Mrs. Reuben Gaylord, $5; Mrs. T. L. Kimball, $5; Mrs. William Webster, $2; Mrs. G. W. Clark, $10; Mrs. Howard Kennedy, $1; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Perine, $5; Mr. J. T. Bell, $5; Pacific Hotel company, $10; Mr. Flint, $5; Mr. A. P. Wood, $2; Mr. J. L. Richard, $1, Mr. D. E. Tyler, $2; O'Donahue & Sherfy, $2; Mr. T. S. Warner, $1; Mr. Sam Burns, $2; from Craig, Neb., $4.

Donations received in January and reported without names: Mrs. J. L. Pierson, 50c; Mrs. George Tilden, $1; Mrs. Lyman, 50c; Mrs. Waugh, 50c; Mrs. Maul, $1; Mrs. P. H. Sharp, 50c; Mrs. O. F. Davis, $1; Mrs. Meredith, $1; Mrs. Kennard, 50c; Mrs. S. H. H. Clark, $1; Mrs. ——, 50c; Mrs. Merriam, dishes; Mrs. Ezra Millard, magazines; Peycke & Bro., three turkeys. Sum total of pledges collected for December, January and February: Mrs. O. H. Pratt, $6, Mrs. Manning, $3; Mrs. Forsythe, $3; Mrs. E. Mills, $3; Mrs. Parks, 50c; Mrs. J. L. Welshans, $3; Mrs. W. J. Welshans $11.50, Mrs. Densie $1.50, Mrs. Collier $3, Mrs. Wm. McCandlish $2. Pledges for February not collected and those including March will be given in next month's report. Gospel temperance meetings at the hall every Sunday and Tuesday evening, reform club on Saturday evening, Al Morris, the reformed gambler, has been invited to hold meetings at the hall on the evenings it is not engaged, and join with us for the purpose of saving the boys.

The Fifteenth street lunch room has given sixty-two meals to men and women out of employment. Assisted unemployed girls to obtain homes and work, twenty-two. Helped two girls to redeem clothes and valuables in pawn. One man who had just been discharged from the penitentiary was assisted in getting a pass from the county to go to friends in Kansas. He was furnished with lunch to last him on the journey, and $1 cash for his immediate needs on his arrival, that he might not be tempted before meeting friends. Has helped five sewing women who were strangers in the city to get work to do, and engaged work to be given them, so that now they are earning a good living for themselves.

SEC. W. C. T. U.

No California for Her.

"No, siree, jedge, I won't go to California. Nothin' in de world would induce me to leave dis yer city of Omaha," said Sadie McBride, the notorious to Police Judge Stenberg yesterday morning upon being asked if she would like to be shipped to the Pacific coast now that the rates are so low. Sadie has been out of jail since last Friday, but with the exception of these few days, she has not been serving a continuous string of county jail sentences for disorderly conduct since last April. She declines to leave town, and the judge released her upon a promise that she would make desperate efforts to keep out of the clutches of the police for the next month.

Martin Meyer, a Nebraska City man, who had just returned from California, was arraigned for drunkenness, but discharged. Mike Flynn also charged with disturbance of the peace was released.

Mrs. George was fined $5 and costs for disturbing the peace.

H. W. Burnevay was held for further examination to answer to a charge of vagrancy.

Thirteenth Street Taxpayers.

A meeting of the property holders on South Thirteenth street was held at Hascall's Cosmopolitan last night. The meeting having been called to order Mr. J. C. Brennan was made chairman and W. Bunker secretary. The object of the meeting having been announced, remarks were made by Messrs. Morrison, Hascall, O'Keefe and others. Wm. Colby, Frank Casper, W. Morrison and Mr. Hascall were appointed a committee to confer with the property holders and make an estimate of the damages. Mr. Brennan, Mr. Morrison and Mr Caspar were appointed a special committee to see Mr. Maxham and ascertain the least amount of damages he would claim. Mr. Casper having been instructed to have the matter properly advertised the meeting adjourned till March 15th.

The Bnai Brith Ball.

The local lodge of the Jewish Order of Bnai Brith intend to give a grand ball at the Germania hall March 23. The funds accrued from the sale of tickets are intended to go towards replenishing the sick benefit fund, which this order pays to its members. The committee to whom the success of the affair is entrusted is composed of the following men: F. Adler, C. Brandies, S. Reichenberg, S. Oberfelder, and J. Schlessing. The lodge expects that this laudible purpose will meet with the success which it deserves.

Selling Mortgaged Property.

Edward Jorgensen was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn out in Justice Anderson's court for selling mortgaged property. The complainants were Edholm & Erickson, of whom Jorgensen had bought a gold watch, paying part cash and giving a note and chattel mortgage for the balance, which amounted to $70. Before obtaining their consent, the complainants state, Jorgensen traded the watch for a horse, and when they asked him to settle the chattel mortgage he refused, telling them to find the watch if they could. The case will be tried this afternoon at 3 o'clock before Judge Anderson.

Live Stock in Court.

The case of McCord, Brady & Co. against Dodson was on trial before Judge Wakeley yesterday. The suit was brought to recover a horse, cow and household furniture on a writ of replevin, Mrs. Dodson claiming that the goods were hers instead of her husband's, and that the plaintiff had no right to them. After occupying the attention of the court all day the case was given to the jury, who, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, Mrs. Dodson.

The Butchers' Strike.

G. H. Hammond & Co. shipped their cattle last night, twenty-two cars, from South Omaha to their other packing house at Hammond, (Ind.) The striking butchers here are inclined to think that the butchers at Hammond will refuse to kill the cattle as they have been notified of the situation.

Councilmen for the Jury.

Deputy Sheriff Phillips last night created a stampede at the city council chamber by announcing that he had summons for the councilmen to serve on the Lauer jury. He succeeded in securing service on Messrs. Bailey, Dailey and Goodman, despite violent protestations on their part.

Brevities.

—Frank Owens, charged with being a pimp, was fined $20 in the police court yesterday afternoon and committed in default.

The Mapleson troupe will be hauled by the Union Pacific to Denver via the Kansas Pacific. The troupe will start from St. Joe on the eleventh.

The Musical Protective association are entertaining the idea of giving a grand masquerade ball in the new exposition building some time in the near future.

Several new cases of caisson fever have been developed at the works on the bridge in the last few days. None of them, however, have proved to be serious.

Chris. Toft, of Chicago, is in the city, and is fast making himself acquainted with many prominent citizens. In a few weeks he will open up business in M. Toft's old stand under the People's Theater.

White Cedar Piling is better than oak for bridge or foundation work. It lasts longer in or out of the ground, and can be furnished and driven for one-third less cost by D. Soper & Co., 1020 Farnam street, Omaha.

An old colored man fell in a fit at the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas streets yesterday afternoon, but recovered consciousness after a few minutes and was able to be removed to his home. He is the same man who was attacked by thugs last summer and had his skull fractured, from the effect of which he has never fully recovered.

Personal Paragraphs.

J. S. Halbert, of Chicago, is at the Paxton.

A. W. Mann, of Rochester, N. Y., is at the Paxton.

Hon. E. K. Valentine, of West Point, is at the Millard.

Mr. Charles Balbach and daughters have returned from the south.

Samuel Burgstrom, the clothier, returned from the east yesterday.

Mr. E. D. Brass of North Bend, a well known stock man, is in the city.

D. J. O'Donahoe, of O'Donahoe & Sherfy, returned from the east yesterday.

Charles Goldsmith, of Misfit Clothing parlors' fame, returned from New York city yesterday.

Maj. William H. Bell, of the commissary department at Cheyenne, has been ordered to take a similar position in Denver.

High License or No License.

Havre-de-Grace (Md.) Republican.

There are two classes of temperance people in this country. One class demands full and absolute prohibitory legislation, the other class demands that the use and sale of intoxicants be regulated by license laws. The best men differ on this question. Which are the better temperance men? The prohibitionists assume to possess all the virtue, philanthropy and humanity, and, as a corollary, are the only proper guardians and protectors of public morals; but the facts fail to support such arrogant assumptions. We find among high-license advocates men of high moral integrity, and quite as virtuous, honest and humane and better practicable temperance men.

The vital question is: Does prohibition prohibit? Truth utters an emphatic no! The next important question is: Is high license, that regulates the use and sale of intoxicants and curtails the evils of intemperance, preferable to the free, promiscuous use and sale with no license, as is now the case right here at home and in distant localities, under prohibitory laws. All experience teaches that as long as mankind remain under their present conditions and are governed by the laws of their being they will indulge their passions and appetites in stimulants. Therefore, as intemperance is one of the chief evils that afflict the race, and also, outside of its personal victims, the most costly to the state, and as it is evident it cannot be banished, let us deal with it not in a visionary, ideal, sentimental manner, but practically by regulating the sale of liquor within proper bounds and restraints, and make it contribute its full share to the public revenue and bear, in part at least, its own expense. High license is certainly better than no license under the present rule and temper of public sentiment

A Dry Veteran Rises to Remark.

Louisville Courier-Journal: An old confederate looked up from an examination of the register provided for the entry of the soldiers' names at the reception to General Lee's daughter and remarked: "I have made a discovery." On being asked what it was he replied: "Well, here are the names of three confederate privates. I thought they all were dead."

After a careful study of the subject Professor P. D. Pendhollow concludes that the formation of the so-called "annual rings" of growth in trees is chiefly determined by whatever operates to produce alternating periods of physiological rest and activity. In cold climates the rings are an approximately correct, but not always a certain, index of age. In warm climates, however, the rings are of no value in this respect, as the growth is more likely to mark a period of rainfall than the yearly hot period of summer.

OPENING SALES AT THE TOP

Early Market News Tended to Strengthen All the Speculative Commodities.

DRAGGED TOWARD THE CLOSE.

Pork Drops 5c a Barrel on Very Light Business—The Grain Markets Hold to Best Prices of the Day.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 9.—[Special Telegram.]—WHEAT—There was a steady and firm opening to everything in the list of speculative articles this morning. Starting sales of May wheat were at 83c, or ¼c better than Monday's closing. The visible supply statement tallied so closely with previous estimates on the probable decrease that it had no perceptible effect on values. Colder weather in the west brought a batch of country buying orders, however, and as the New York market was stronger and public cables again favorable for headers, the feeling was one of increased firmness in early dealings. Liverpool spot wheat was quoted in moderate demand, cargoes off cost and on passage firm, and English country markets generally dearer. But the strength developed here during the first hour of business did not prove permanent, and as the forenoon wore away the market showed an inclination to drag, coupled with not a little weakness. From 85⅜c for May, which was the top, there was a decline by noon to 84¾c, when there was a feeble rally. The deal was largely of a light local scalping character all through. Hutchinson was quite a heavy seller when the market was strongest, and he subsequently bought wheat back at a little profit. Swartz & Dupee and Lester were also free sellers early, while Orr, Crittenden & Comes sold, it was said, considerable June wheat. Little if any export business was worked at the eastern seaboard. One report said: "Two boatloads taken;" another, "No demand, and no prospect of any;" so the bulls had nothing to help them out in that direction. But there came over the wires scattering reports of damage to winter wheat in some parts of Ohio and Missouri and the labor troubles in the southwest. They have had some effect. During the last half hour of the regular session the market firmed up to 85@85⅛c on the split for May, and when the bell tapped 85⅛c was bid. The local market for cash wheat was inactive and sales smaller than noted yesterday, both in store and by sample.

CORN—Corn ruled dull but generally firm, limited trade in a speculative way being on a basis of 40¾@40⅞c for seller May. Most of the arrivals of No. 3 yellow for the past few days have been sold to go to store.

OATS—Oats were dull and unchanged at around 32⅜@32½c for May.

PROVISIONS—In the pork pit an unusually quiet state of affairs was witnessed and prices were indifferently well sustained. May pork sold off from $10.35 at the opening to $10.25, and at 1 o'clock $10.30 was bid, being a decline of 5c per barrel.

AFTERNOON BOARD—This afternoon the markets were dull and generally weak under free offerings. Wheat and corn futures receded ¼c. Corn was ⅛c off and lard easier. Pork was unchanged.

2:45 p. m.—Puts on May wheat, 84⅜c sellers; calls, 85c bid.

Chandler, Brown-Co's Report.

The following report of Chicago's speculative markets is furnished the BEE by W. P. Peck, Omaha representative of Chandler-Brown Co., of Chicago and Milwaukee:

Cables reported English and continental markets strong. Spot wheat 1d higher; weather cloudy and cold. Wheat opened strong with the crowd rather bullish. Toledo reported country news and weather very unfavorable, the signal service predicting much colder weather. New York private cables firm, but not active. A general feeling of steadiness prevailed with a disposition to buy. Two loads taken for milling purposes, with export orders at ¼c to 1c below market prices. Receipts at primary markets, 183,000 bushels; shipments, 72,000 bushels; visible supply decreased, 875,000 bushels. May wheat opened at 85c, sold at 85⅝c, reacted to 84⅜c, closing firm at 85⅛c.

Corn lifeless; visible increase, 1,545,000 bushels.

Provisions steady.

2:30 p. m.—Wheat lifeless; values a shade lower; seven loads were reported taken by Nightingale at Baltimore and Philadelphia. Corn, oats and provisions unchanged.

OPTIONS.	Opening	Highest	Lowest	Close
WHEAT—				
April	80¼	80½	80	80½
May	85	85⅝	84¾	84⅞
June	86½	86¾	86⅛	86¼
August	87½	87½	86⅞	86⅞
CORN—				
March	37¼	37¼	37¼	37¼
April	37½	37½	37⅜	37⅜
May	40¼	40⅝	40¼	40¼
June	40¼	40¼	40¼	40¼
OATS—				
March	29	29	29	29
April	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	32⅜	32½	32¼	32¼
June	.....	.....	.....	.....
LARD—				
March	6 02	6 02	6 00	6 00
April	6 02	6 02	6 02	6 02
May	6 07	6 10	6 05	6 05
June	6 12	6 15	6 10	6 10
PORK—				
March	10 22	10 22	10 20	10 20
April	10 27	10 27	10 25	10 25
May	10 35	10 35	10 25	10 30
June	10 40	10 42	10 32	10 37
SHORT RIBS—				
March	5 37	5 37	5 35	5 37
May	5 42	5 45	5 40	5 42
June	.....	.....	.....	.....

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 9.—[Special Telegram.] CATTLE—There was a more confident feeling in trade to-day owing to the light receipts. Buyers were out early but did not trade much during the early hours for the reason that salesmen were asking considerable higher rates than they were willing to pay. The business of the day was active, however, and prices generally stronger. In some cases prices were higher, but as a rule dealers thought there was no quotable change in rates. Shippers and dressed beef men bought freely and offerings were very well cleared. Some 1224 lb steers were sold at $4.65, and some 1149 lb steers sold at $4.70. There were several lots of Nebraska cattle among the offerings. Some 59 Texas steers, averaging 1034 lbs., sold at $4.25. The general market was satisfactory to the salesmen, and there was a liberal volume of business done. Among the sales were 24 Nebraskas, 990 lbs., at $4.20, and 57 Nebraskas, 1052 lbs., at $4.60. Shipping steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs., at $4.75@5.60; 1200 to 1350 lbs., $4.30@5.10; 900 to 1200 lbs., $3.90@4.50.

HOGS—As compared with yesterday there was little change in prices, and in a general way the market was fairly active. As compared with a week ago there has been an advance of 10c per 100 on good to choice assorted heavy shipping grades, while light sorts have undergone little or no change within a week or so. To-day prime heavy; closely assorted shipping grades sold at $4.40@4.55, with packing sorts selling within a range of $4.15@4.35. Packing and shipping, 250 to 400 lbs, $4.20@4.55.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, March 9.—MONEY—On call, easy at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull but steady; $4¾c at sixty days; $4¾c on demand.

GOVERNMENTS—Dull but steady.

STOCKS—The stock market was dull and lifeless. Only one stock on the active list shows a fluctuation of as much as 1 per cent, that of Lackawana, which fluctuated between 129½ and 128, and closed at a loss of 1½ per cent. At the opening prices were irregular, and after fluctuation such as mentioned the market closed about steady, and as a rule ⅛ to ⅜ per cent lower than last evening.

STOCKS ON WALL STREET.

3⅝ cent bonds	100⅛	C. & N. W.	109¼
U. S. 4½'s	112⅝	preferred	149½
New 4's	127¼	N. Y. C.	105⅝
Pacific 6's of '95	126⅝	Oregon Tran.	31½
Central Pacific	43⅝	Pacific Mail	51⅛
C. & A.	142	P., D. & E.	20⅝
preferred	158	P. P. C.	132½
C., B. & Q.	136⅝	Rock Island	129
D., L. & W.	128⅝	St. L. & S. F.	21
D. & R. G.	16	preferred	44½
Erie	27⅝	C., M. & St. P.	92½
preferred	62⅛	preferred	123½
Illinois Central	141⅛	St. P. & O.	39⅝
L. S. & W.	27⅛	preferred	103
Kansas & Texas	28⅛	Texas