

## GATHERED ABOUT THE CITY.

The Superintendent of the Poor Farm Tenders His Resignation.

## HIS SUCCESSOR NAMED.

What a Panama Civil Engineer Says—John Bieri Discharged—Odds and Ends—Talks With Travelers, Etc.

**Pierce Resigns.**  
Yesterday afternoon, I. N. Pierce, superintendent of the poor farm, sent the following letter to the commissioners:

OMAHA, July 29th, 1886.  
To the county commissioners of Douglas county, Messrs. Corliss and O'Keefe.  
I hereby tender you the resignation of both myself and wife as superintendent and matron of the poor farm, to take effect September 1st, 1886.

Hoping you will give this your attention at the proper time, I am very respectfully,

I. N. Pierce.

This little document occasioned some surprise to all the members of the board, who have thus been served, and they are Messrs. O'Keefe and Timme. Mr. O'Keefe had not anticipated the resignation, and though Mr. Timme had not been looking for it, its presentation caused him a certain feeling of satisfaction.

It may be necessary to direct attention to the fact that in the address, the name of Mr. Timme is omitted, while that of the other two members are mentioned. This may have been the result of an oversight, but there are some people who think it was intended as a reminder to Mr. Timme of the strong desire he has all along experienced to have Mr. Pierce removed from his position and his place filled by a democrat.

It was well known last year that Mr. Timme had a preferred candidate for the position, whom he sought to have removed. Mr. Pierce's successor by the assistance of Commissioner O'Keefe's vote. The latter while a democrat, was slow to be converted to Mr. Timme's views in this matter and as Mr. Corliss was in favor of retaining Mr. Pierce, Mr. Timme has been forced to submit to the inevitable. But things have changed somewhat.

It is rumored that Pierce is a candidate for the position of county commissioner, who is to be nominated in the fall, to succeed Corliss. It is also said that he has already commenced to pull his wires.

It is also known that Corliss has a desire to be his own successor and feels as other officials have felt, that a subordinate ought to be an active supporter instead of a rival for the coveted office. It is further related that their last trip to Lincoln, a little combination was effected by Messrs. Corliss and Timme, that Pierce, a head of it, and made up his mind that he would "not be bounced away," hence the document above mentioned. This action leaves Pierce to act as he pleases in the matter of running for commissioner.

The commissioners late yesterday afternoon selected Mr. John Mahoney, an employee in the master mechanic's department of the Union Pacific, to succeed Mr. Pierce. The nomination of Mr. Mahoney was made by Commissioner Timme.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

## Stray Leaves From a Reporter's Notebook.

It was with fear and trepidation that his mother kissed him good-bye as he left his home in Arapahoe to come to Omaha. He had never been outside of the county in which he was born and had never before been in the metropolis. He had grown tired of the old routine of farm work and longed for something new. And so it was that Frank Nettleson, set at twenty-two, boarded the train for Omaha. He was accompanied by a fellow-townsmen, who also desired to see the town.

They arrived in Omaha all right, and after disposing of their stock started in to see the sights. They went through all the big buildings, took a shot or two in the shooting galleries, and went through the "Battle of Gettysburg" building. They were just debating what to do next when they spied one of Stephenson's two-wheelers rolling up the street. "I wonder what that 'ere thing is?" said Nettleson, musingly. "I never saw one of 'em wheelies before."

"Huh, don't you know?" said his companion, loftily, "that's a scab." "Is that so?" returned Nettleson, trying to elude indifference. "Well, I suppose you take a ride on it." Accordingly they hailed the driver, jumped into the scab and were driven for two hours about the city. When they asked the cab driver how much he charged, he replied, "two dollars." "By the tarnation, Moses," said Nettleson, "that's an outrage. Why down home I can hire Deacon Jones back all day for a dollar."

"Don't care," said the driver sullenly, "I want \$2."

"Dang my buttons," said Nettleson in reply, "I won't pay it! Why people in this town are infernal old swine!" He never finished his sentence, for just then a policeman came up and carried him off to jail. Yesterday morning Judge Stenberg fined him \$5 and costs for carrying concealed weapons, as a revolver had been found on his person. "That's a darn shame," said the prisoner after he had paid his fine, "that a man can't carry a revolver in this hyer town where so much iniquity is goin' on."

"The disposition lately displayed by two of our Nebraska congressmen," said a local politician, "to resent insinuations, may, for aught we know, have a depressing effect upon the number and intelligence of aspirants for congressional honors. May be, but I don't see how it can on the part of the conventions to select for congressional honors men who might be able to repel insinuations in the proper manner. If that should be done, only men of brawn and muscle would be honored with a nomination. But, unfortunately, brawn and muscle and brains are not companions, and frequently the possessor of the former is more qualified to play in a ball club than to legislate in the halls of congress. It would be a cold day for Pat Hawes and Church Howe and several other aspirants if this regiment were insisted upon."

## TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

## Short Interviews Gathered in the Hotel Rotundas.

J. C. Gorham, San Francisco, Cal.: "I have just come in from Frisco. Everything there is 'G. A. R.' The people of our city are making great preparations for the coming reunion and propose to entertain the veterans in a royal manner. Don't you forget it, the old soldiers will be treated in a manner that will make them believers forever in the liberality of our people. Everything points to a belief that the affair will be the grandest of the kind ever held."

J. M. Wheeler, Norfolk: "The North Nebraska Insane asylum will soon be ready for the roof. I think in about a week the contractor will be ready to lay the trusses. I don't know how long it will take him to lay them, but the building must be completed by the 1st of January. Well, I don't know the width, but the length is 240 feet. It's an immense affair. The foundation is of rock and the other stories are of brick. It will be constructed within the appropriation, which amounted to \$75,000, with the exception of one extra of \$2,500 for heating purposes, which was not included in the cost of the building. I don't know the division of insane people between our institution and that at Lincoln will be made. Some seem to think that one will be used for incurables and the other for those who are not so afflicted. That has not yet been determined."

E. M. Coffin, Ord: "The railroad is now laid to our town, and is being put in condition for trains, which, it is expected, will be run into the town in about two weeks. Yes, we are going to have a jubilation over the event. Ord has now a population of about 1,200, which is constantly increasing. This, I consider a pretty fair number for an inland town. Yes, we are for prohibition to the extent that there are only three saloons in the place. We have one of the finest small court houses in the state, which cost us \$16,000, and an excellent brick school which was built for \$7,500. The late rains struck us just in time, so much so that I think Valley county's crops will probably be the best that she has ever had. They will be as good at least as the best she has ever grown. Farmers' alliances are growing up around us very fast."

## A VICTIM OF PANAMA.

## He Pronounces the Canal as Impossible of Completion.

August Meister, an engineer, lately employed upon the Panama canal, came into town yesterday with a letter of introduction to City Engineer Rosewater. He looks enfeebled, as if he had had a hard time, and the story told by him bears out his appearance. He is now on his way to Davenport to recuperate. He has been working there for two years back, having gone there from Germany. During that time he has been employed as engineer. He says that when he left there were 14,000 men employed with a corps of engineers, comprising thirty-seven members. The heat is intense, ranging as high as 124 deg. in the shade. Malaria fever is prevalent, and the death rate averages 200 men per day. The force of men employed is composed mainly of Germans, French and Spaniards, and natives of the surrounding islands, while men from this part of the world being unable to stand the heat. The wages paid engineers rate as high as \$400 a month. Mr. Meister was granted \$900 per month, but says he has not been paid in a year. At the present time there is no reasonable probability that the canal will ever be completed.

For Sale Cheap—Fine Jersey heifer calf, three months old. Address at once, H. C. care Pacific Hotel Co.

## Hastings vs. Omaha.

Undoubtedly the most exciting series of baseball games played in Omaha this year will be those between the Union Pacifices and Hastings, on next Saturday and Sunday. The Hastings team is unquestionably the strongest in Nebraska outside of Omaha, while the Union Pacifices as reorganized will present a very strong front. The following are the positions for the two days:

## SATURDAY.

Bandle.....Foster  
Salsbury.....Smith  
Rockwell.....Brinbleen  
Dugan.....Harris  
McKelvey.....Robner  
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To the T. P. A. boys of southwestern Nebraska. There will be a meeting at the Bostwick hotel, Hastings, Neb., August 1st, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a sub-division post at Hastings.

Mr. C. A. Jacobson Serenaded.  
Mr. C. A. Jacobson, of the firm of Harris Brothers & Co., paper manufacturers, 69 Duane St., New York, has been in town a couple of weeks, investigating the obstacles and advantages of erecting a paper mill in Omaha, with the capacity of supplying our home want. Mr. Jacobson, in answer to some questions on the subject, said to the Bee reporter that he was not prepared to speak before consulting with his New York house, and if deemed advisable by the firm to go ahead, he would soon hear from Mr. Jacobson.

Mr. Jacobson was waited upon and serenaded Wednesday night by the Sve-Nore Singing society of this city, some of the members of which are New York friends of his. The harmony of shading of this club was a surprise to Mr. Jacobson, who thought that the would credit to any similar organization east or west.

FOR SALE—Two sections of choice land in Howard county, this state. Best of soil, convenient to railroad and near county seat. Can offer this land for the next few days at prices and terms that will make it a big bargain. Parties seeking good land either for farming or investment will do well to give this their attention. Address Geo. N. Hicks, P. O. Box 500, Omaha.

## Music in Saloons.

Marshal Cummings said yesterday that he proposed to strictly enforce the new order relative to music in saloons. No proprietor will be allowed to have music of any sort in his place. Many saloon-keepers who have purchased expensive pianos or music-boxes are kicking about the matter. Some four or five of them have endeavored to secure theatre licenses, which will enable them to continue the music. Such licenses cost \$100 each, but it is probable that they will not be granted.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are circulating a petition to have the saloons closed on Sunday, and will present the same to the mayor and council at an early day as possible. They have already secured a large number of names.

## A Correction.

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