

THE MEMOIRS OF OMAHA.

Something About Citizens Who Have Made Their Mark.

OLD-TIMERS LOSING THEIR GRIP.

The Crack Shots of an Early Day—The Omaha Gun Clubs—Sports of the Field.

[Written for the Omaha Sunday Bee.]

A meeting of the sportsmen of Omaha was recently called at Athletic park. The hour named for the meeting was 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and at that time about fifty men had assembled. They were all young men, and the way that they didn't get to work showed that they were waiting for more arrivals. "They're like the owls," finally remarked one of the young men, "and won't come out until after sundown."

AN HOUR WITH THE FAIRIES.

An Omaha Wanderer Into the Dreamland of 1900.

THE FUTURE GATE CITY.

Prophetic Views of Men and Things of Local and State Importance Entertained While in the Embrace of Morphines.

"I had a dream the other night," said a young railroad man to a BEE reporter, yesterday afternoon.

"I thought it was the year 1900. Tom Murray's building was finished. The cable company had just announced where it was going to build its road. The murderer of Kullbe had been discovered. The Union Pacific had almost concluded to build the union road. Nearly all the fossils of other days had gone to their fathers, and tax-shirkers were no more. There was but one broken sidewalk on Farnam street and that was all that was left of the crumble-stone ones which were laid when Omaha was in her swaddling clothes. The county commissioners had seriously considered the advisability of holding formal meetings, and Uncle John Stanton had been placed upon the Mexican-war pension list. John A. McShane was still offering anonymous assistance to building the Union Pacific railroad. Seventeen hundred eastern manufacturers were clamoring to know why the Omaha real estate men had not materialized the auxiliary board which was to give aid to every foreign company which wanted to come here and locate. James E. Boyd was still pondering how he came to fall in running the city government as a demagogue. The late Mayor Butler yet wore sackcloth because he had not earlier discovered that the fees of his office belonged to the city. Certain city taxpayers were in tears because of their property being sold for non-payment of pavement, and the horse railway company had found out with regret that cable-line competition was synonymous with fortunes, while mile teams meant poverty and want."

Amateur Railway Building.

Boston Herald: Every newspaper reader no doubt remembers the gallant, though unsuccessful, attempt to save Gen. Gordon from the gallows. He was a brave man, but few knew of the hardships borne and the obstacles overcome by the British army in the Sudan. However, I will not attempt to picture these discomfiting incidents, but will simply relate an incident of the expedition. The advance up the Nile was made in eighty white boats. Each boat was in command of a Canadian voyageur, and carried a crew of ten men for one hundred days. Sailing, rowing, towing and carrying or portaging boats from daylight to dark, interspersed with picnic meals of canned corn beef and other food, would have been a weary and novel experience for a week or two, but believe me, it gets monotonous in fifty days. The portages were short, fifty yards or more, others long, from a mile to fifty miles. Over the former the provisions were "packed" by men, and over the latter by camels, the boats being drawn through the rapids by the Canadian men in the meantime. One portage, from Wady Halfa to Sarraz, was so long that the British government decided to build a railroad between the two points. It had been laid out, ready to be laid, engines, cars, water-tanks and stations; in fact, a complete railroad was sent out. The members of the engineer corps had no previous field experience in railroad building, and were not furnished with the necessary appliances for grading, etc. No natives, men, women and children, mostly the latter, were hired to do the work. The men were paid in a plaster five cents a day, to carry sand in small baskets and dump it on the grade. When an obstructive rock loomed up in front, they never thought of moving it, but they cut through it, such a thing as cutting through a hill was unheard of, and the only way any large heap of sand were removed or leveled was to bury a plaster in the heap and let it melt away.

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