

GATHERED ABOUT THE CITY.

Pearl Smith and Her Sad Story—Rescued From Shame.

THE GOULD PARTY IN OMAHA.

Mrs. Shonghroo's Divorce Suit—The American Opera Company—Rail Notes—General Local News.

A Strange Story. Yesterday morning a closed carriage drove hurriedly down to the Union Pacific depot, carrying two ladies, mother and daughter, to the overland train.

The daughter was a young girl, who, Sunday, was taken from Laura Mack's house on Capitol avenue, by Mrs. G. W. Clark, of the Buckingham home, on Twelfth street.

Seven years ago Pearl Smith was living with her mother in a little town in the interior of Nebraska. She was at that time only thirteen years of age.

Some way she fell into the clutches of a smooth designing villain who professed to be deeply in love with her. Her mother heartily disapproved her daughter's associating in any way with the young man, and absolutely forbade the latter to come to her house.

Charles Ottwald was not to be outdone, however, and one day abducted the girl forcibly and against her will. He took her aboard an outgoing train, and finally persuaded her to marry him.

After a year or two of marriage, however, he became cruel, neglected her for other women, and altogether made her life anything but a pleasant one. The young girl bore this as long as she could, until about a year ago, when she concluded to procure a divorce from her husband.

The mother who had long been awaiting an opportunity to secure possession of her children, came to Omaha. He learned in some way the whereabouts of the children, and determined to obtain them.

He went to the convent, introduced himself as a photographer and said that he would like to take pictures of the two little children whom he had seen playing about the grounds.

The mother who had lost all trace of her erring daughter hurried at once to Omaha, and with the aid of Mrs. Clark, succeeded in inducing the girl to leave the den of infamy.

It should be mentioned that the two children which were stolen by Ottwald from the convent were recovered and placed in charge of the grandmother. Ottwald is now in the county jail awaiting trial. He was arrested Saturday at Wayne, Neb.

With a Large Party. Yesterday morning after a number of false announcements, Jay Gould arrived in town. His train steamed in over the Missouri Pacific from Lincoln, and consisted of engine 257, a deer-like looking machine, a baggage car full of nothing except a couple of sable porters; the special car San Francisco and the private car Conroy.

When the train came to a stop, the Gould party disembarked and was immediately surrounded by a host of curious people, who diligently inquired as to which of the gentlemen was the biggest man in the crowd.

young man, as he must be as president of the Missouri Pacific. He wore a shirt and collar devoid of gold, with a suit of \$40 clothes, the only ornamentation being a slight gold and silver watch chain. He repeated what his father had said about the extension of the Missouri Pacific, and claimed that they had to make an annual tour, otherwise the country would grow away from them, it was advancing so rapidly.

Col. Clowry, of the Western Union telegraph, had nothing to say about the intent of that association in extending its wires in this direction. The object of his visit was to look at the wires and to take a little trip for recreation.

Seeking a Divorce. Mrs. Kate Shonghroo commenced suit in the district court yesterday afternoon through her attorney, Parke Godwin, Esq., for a divorce from her husband, Patrick Shonghroo. The petition sets forth that the plaintiff was married to the defendant in the year 1881.

The committee on aid for colleges reported that \$243.22 had been contributed to this work and that 160 churches of the synod had contributed to this cause. The churches were urged to take up collections for this cause.

The report of the special committee to prepare an appeal to the church at large in behalf of more generous support of home missionaries in the west was presented by Judge Edwards, of Pawnee City, and was unanimously adopted.

The minutes were read, and after doxology and benediction, the synod adjourned to meet next October in the First Presbyterian church in Lincoln.

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Switched Off. Sunday George Ross the fireman on one of the switch engines in the B. & M. yards, found that he had been victimized by a fellow named Wilson, who had stopped at his house, 1123 Pierce street, and known as the dude switchman.

South Omaha. Chas. Ottwald who was arrested a few days ago in Wayne, Neb. was taken from the county jail yesterday morning to the stockyards by Deputy Sheriff Walker, where he will answer to the charge of having obtained \$100 under false pretenses.

Police Court. There were 72 cases on the police court register yesterday morning, the largest ever known in the history of that tribunal. Most of them were ordinary cases of intoxication and fighting, and were disposed of with the usual fines.

Grand Opera. Professor Nathan Franko is endeavoring to secure the American Opera company under Theodore Thomas, to give three grand opera performances here next April. The company comprises an orchestra of 60 musicians and 350 stage performers.

Don't Fail to Attend. The great auction sale of fine imported Key West and Domestic cigars, Thursday Oct. 21st, at 212 N. 16th street, under Masonic hall.

Well Drills. A large consignment of wooden drill poles from Lawrensburg, Ind., to be used in the working of boring the well for gas in this city, arrived yesterday morning, consigned to the Union Stock Yards company. They were immediately shipped to their destination.

State Presbyterians. The synod of the Presbyterian church met in the North Presbyterian church at 8:30 yesterday morning. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. C. Haskell, of Stromsburg.

Resigned His Position. Mr. M. Timmons, who succeeded Mr. Blackburn as chief clerk in the passenger department of the Union Pacific, has been obliged to resign on account of his failing health.

A Soldier's Grave. Chas. P. Clinton, an old member of Company B Second Infantry, died at Fort Omaha on last Friday night. He was buried Sunday in the post cemetery, with all the honors belonging to a soldier of his rank.

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