

ASTRIDE WHIRLING WHEELS.

The Bicycle Tournament at the Exposition Building Last Night.

DISTRICT COURT MATTERS.

The County Poor Farm—An Officer Assaulted—Officer White Bound—Over—Strange Visitors—Other Local News.

The Bicycle Tournament.

The bicycle race at the Exposition building last evening was an excellent entertainment, notwithstanding the fact that several of the professionals who were advertised to take a leading part in the race failed to appear. This was owing to an untimely interference of the elements, a fact that Mr. Prince, who prepared the programme, greatly regrets. Soon after the fifteen hundred people who witnessed the tournament had congregated, Mr. Prince read the following telegram in explanation of the absence of the riders in question:

WORTHINGTON, Minn., Feb. 26. JOHN S. PRINCE, Omaha, Dingley, Squires, Smith, Carlisle and myself are unavoidably here and have been since Thursday night. Will arrive in Omaha Sunday morning, ready for the six days' race. W. Eck.

Mr. Prince stated how deeply he regretted the unavoidable delay, and promised to do his best to present a programme of the highest quality. He substituted, and he succeeded admirably. The first race called for colored men, a two mile dash. Three starters were advertised, but two of them, Wright and Eck, failed to appear. Rieton, who has been riding but a couple of weeks, appeared ready for the race and was matched against a new beginner, familiarly known as "Tas." "Tas" was a blacked up negro, who was dressed in a neat deception upon the audience and upon his sable hued opponent as well. The race was a pretty one and was won by Rieton in 7 minutes and 32 seconds, entitling him to a medal.

Following this came an amateur handicap race for ten miles. Mittauer and Peabody started from the scratch, giving the deal worth a heavy bet. Mittauer a rider a start of a half mile. Peabody cut out the pace for the first mile, trailed by Mittauer and the "Kid." Then Mittauer took the lead and set a pace that dropped like a ton of lead on the necks of both riders. The rival amateurs had a give and take contest until the end of the sixth mile, when they had gained three of the five laps advantage. The first accident of the evening occurred at this point. An outsider who was standing near the dressing room attempted to cross the track after Peabody and Mittauer had passed. A collision with Wertz, who was thrown from his wheel, but fortunately escaped any serious injury. This narrowed the race to the two crack amateurs, who are earnest but friendly rivals. They lived up to what they made of it. Peabody was in the lead the last mile and started on the finishing lap with Mittauer on his little wheel. At the fatal corner near the door Peabody took a header, and both riders were in a heap. Instantly both were on their feet and making for their wheels. In mounting Peabody's foot rest slipped, making a peculiar mount necessary. Mittauer improved his chance advantage and led his rival across the line in 21 minutes and 22 seconds, an excellent record notwithstanding the accident.

The next event, which was that created great excitement, was the twenty mile race between Ed Bullock and Charles Ashinger, both of whom claim the championship of the world. The race was to decide the claim and for a purse of \$50 dollars offered by Mr. Prince. Both of the men appeared in excellent shape and showed from the first that the race would be an exciting one. Mittauer, who was at a slight disadvantage in not being acquainted with the track, set the pace for the first two miles when Bullock took the lead and gave the Colorado a peculiar race. The track was in the track to keep. The men led in turn and aroused the wildest enthusiasm of the audience the greater part of which was on their feet during a greater part of the race. When the signal was given for the last mile Bullock shot ahead and opened a gap that was closed up by Ashinger on the sixth lap. The Colorado Champion was in the wheel of Bullock in the eighth lap when he took the fatal corner and took a header, leaving Bullock to run the last two laps alone, winning the race in 1 hour 5 minutes and 45 seconds.

During one of the intermissions, Master James Murphy entertained the audience with an exhibition of trick riding that was received with great applause. The amusement was presented by masters James Murphy and John Tulley, with Tulley a half lap the start, was won by Murphy in 1 minute and 53 seconds.

The closing feature of the excellent programme was that presented at 10 o'clock by John Prince. The best indoor record is 6 minutes, 4 seconds. Bullock acted as pacesetter for Prince, who set out a terrific pace that kept the track cracking. On the eighth lap the wheel of the sportsman again came in contact with the wheel of another accident. Bullock had slackened his speed while Prince was gaining a lap on a spurt, when an accident of the kind that has been the usual result of Bullock with the track, leaving Prince to finish alone. He did this in 5 minutes and 56 seconds, beating the best indoor record by 8 seconds. The announcement was greeted by the wildest applause. The entertainment on the whole was one of the finest ever given in the city, the large audience, that included some of the best people of the city, attesting to the high character of this sport of sports. Mr. William Porter acted as master of ceremonies and succeeded in making all announcements heard distinctly—a fact that was appreciated as being unusual.

The Six Days Race.

To-morrow evening commences the six days race, four hours a day, for the twenty-four hour championship of America. T. W. Eck, champion of America; Tom Hardwick, champion of Canada; Tom Hardwick, champion of Kansas; Frank E. Dingley, champion of the northwest; Ed Bullock, champion of Nebraska; Chas. Ashinger, champion of Colorado, and Frank Smith, a new rider from Minneapolis. The race will start each evening at 7 o'clock and close at 11 o'clock. The race will be an exciting one. Of course all of the contestants have an eye on the race with Prince as favorite. Then what a scramble Eck, Dingley, Bullock and Ashinger will make for second place. To-morrow morning all ladies will be admitted free of charge.

UNHAPPY WIVES.

Divorce Petitions Handled in the District Court Yesterday.

In the district court yesterday Katha Dieler commenced a suit for a divorce from her husband, John H. Dieler. According to the petition of the plaintiff he has had no end of trouble with her since she was married to him in April, 1886, since which time a child has lived eight months in the family. Her husband has refused to live with her since the wedding day and has failed to contribute anything to the support of herself and child. She further alleges

SOME COMING ORATORS.

Debate by the Creighton College Philharmonic Society.

In the debate which took place between some of the chosen members of the Creighton college Philharmonic society last week it was once more made evident that the professors of that institution do not believe that education consists entirely of routine work. The subject chosen for debate was one of the live topics of the day and one which required an immense amount of original thinking by those who championed one side or the other. Mr. Eugene Noon, previous to the debate, read a carefully prepared critical essay on Henry George's theory, and on this was the debate founded. Mr. P. Burke and Mr. H. Town contended that the private ownership of land is unjust, while Mr. J. O. Gorman and Mr. J. McCarville pleaded for the more conservative and present method of ownership. For some time past the more advanced students of the college have been endeavoring to give some of their own views on the subject of the debate. It was generally conceded the sides were about equally divided as to oratorical ability, and consequently there was an unusual interest and a large attendance.

A PARLOR MATCH.

At Boyd's opera house those comical comedians, Messrs. Evans and Hoy, (Old Hoss and Me), will appear Friday and Saturday this week in Mr. Hoy's amusing comedy, "A Parlor Match." This piece is one of the most amusing which Mr. Hoy has given to the stage, and in it Messrs. Evans and Hoy have depicted themselves to the infinite enjoyment of large audiences, and they will no doubt repeat their former great success in this city, while they have been changed in many respects since it was last presented here, and new music specialties and new topical songs have been interpolated, so that there will be a new and improved production of those who saw it and enjoyed it last season.

People's Theatre.

On Monday, February 28, at this theatre Fielding's Comedy begins a week's engagement in the "Indians" with "The Smoking Comedians." This is an organization composed of comedians and play only comedies. The stars of the company, John and Maggie Fielding, are known to the theatre-goers of the entire United States. The company is a carefully selected one, and the plays are produced with every attention to detail. The performances have received the highest praise from the press in every city where they have appeared. All the plays produced by this company are interspersed with songs and pleasing specialties. Manager Walton assures his patrons that this is the best company that has yet appeared at his theatre, having himself been a member of the company six years ago, and he speaks advisedly. On Monday night "Confusion" will be presented.

The County Poor Farm.

The bill authorizing the county commissioners to sell the poor farm on time was passed by the legislature, and the commissioners have taken steps to have the arrangements made at once for the sale. Judge McCulloch yesterday appointed John Rustin, Chris Hartman and John L. M. Agnew, to appraise the value of the property. The sale will be made some time in April. The terms will probably be one-third cash and the balance in one, two and three years.

Strange Visitors.

Wenceslief, a Bohemian who lives on south Fourteenth street, has a strange party of uninvited guests at his home. Friday he and his wife returned home after their day's work to find a young lady, a stranger and a bouncing boy sitting on their sofa, occupying one of their bedrooms. The young woman gave her name as Mary Bodka but refused to tell anything more of herself or her history.

BENSON BROS.

1519 and 1521 Douglas Street. Special prices for next week. Great Towel sale on record. 150 doz. Turkish Bath Towels, 15c worth 30c. 50 doz. Gingham Towels, 20c worth 30c. 100 doz. Knotted French Towels, 25c worth 50c. 100 doz. Elegant Satin Damask Towels, knotted fringe, 35c worth 75c. 50 doz. Elegant Beach Huck Towels, size 25x40 in., 35c worth 75c. For next week only we will place on sale four (4) numbers in extra fine Bleached Table Damask, full 2 yards wide. No. 1 at 75c, regular price 90c. No. 2 at 87c, regular price 95c. No. 3 at 81c, regular price 95c. No. 4 at 85c, regular price 95c. Don't fail to see these damasks as they are gone. 50 doz. extra fine bleached Napkins at 14c per doz., worth 20c. 50 doz. very fine bleached Dinner Napkins at 25c per doz., worth 35c. 100 doz. Fine French checked Napkins at 50c per doz., worth 75c. 2 cases White Crochet Quilts 75c worth \$1.00. 2 cases White Crochet Quilts \$1.00 worth \$1.25. 2 cases White Crochet Quilts \$1.25 worth \$1.75. Don't fail to examine these Quilts. It's very seldom you get a bargain like these. For next week, 100 doz. full width and Stripe and Checked Seekers at 10c per yard, never sold less than 12c and 15c. 50 pieces All Wool 40 inch Ladies' Sackings 48c worth 65c, all new Spring Shades. 20 pieces 49 inch Fancy Mixtures 50c worth 75c. BENSON BROS. 1519-1521 Douglas street.

The Bonanza Addition.

To South Omaha has just been placed on the market, being a subdivision of block 16, of ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

100 lots in this beautiful addition are now offered for sale at very moderate prices. They are situated on and immediately adjoining Bellevue road. W. G. ALBRIGHT, 218 S. 15th st.

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For Sale—Lots 6 and 7 in block 2, Dwight and Lyman's—both corners. George Rudin, Comm. Bldg.

Large Sale.

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A PLEASANT BALL.

The Fifteenth Successful Masquerade of the Danish Association.

The fifteenth annual masquerade ball of the Danish association took place last night in Germania hall, and closed this morning at about 3 o'clock. There were about one hundred couple in attendance. The costumes were varied, some being plain yet tasty while others were both rich and handsome. Eleven dances took place before the unmasking. An elegant supper followed and then the second part of the programme, composing numbers, was carried out. The unmasking revealed a very comely gathering of ladies, most of whom possessed charms of form and feature as to attract attention. The ball socially and romantically was a grand success. The association is in an excellent financial condition, having a membership of 226. It owns a lot and a half on the southwest corner of Hartney and Twelfth streets, part of which it proposes to sell and with the proceeds erect a magnificent hall for its own use. The music was furnished in an excellent manner by the orchestra, one of the features of the program, the drumming of Ed Hoffman, son of the professor, who read the music and drummed with exceeding effect. He is but eleven years of age. The officers of the ball were as follows:

Manager of Ceremonies, L. C. Thorne, Reception committee, C. C. Thorne, O. R. Nelson, William Neve, Jacob Jensen, Floor committee, Ed. Hansen, M. Schibsky, A. Schouboe, Charles Pritzler, Tickets, A. Dorn.

Masked Ball at the State Insane Asylum.

LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—[Correspondence of the Bee.]—The annual mask ball given here on the 23d was the most successful within the history of the hospital. The grotesque, comic and elegant costumes did great credit to the varied ideas and artistic skill of Dr. Bodelson, who planned and directed the evening's programme. The some-what limited freedom and non-restraint which is beginning to dawn in this benighted prison hospital under Dr. Knapp's genial and charitable management shed its rays abroad that night, representing the ability of the inmates, who were masked by both patients and employees. The brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated hall was rather crowded till masks were removed, after which those patients who had the prettiest, most modest little Quakers, Mrs. Yerrick looked quaint and picturesque in her peasant's suit. Mrs. M. Brown wore a gracefully designed paper suit representing the Ojibwa Indians. Many more ladies and many gentlemen were masked and all carefully and successfully disguised. Among the employees some very elegant suits were worn; by Mrs. Bink, an court lady, Mrs. Boyle, Cleopatra, and Miss Pollock, princess. Cinderella we suppose ordered her carriage from the domain of her pumpkin mansion and drove to the ball. The word of change was pronounced, so we did not learn her real identity. Mrs. Kinney wore a beautiful costume as goddess of Liberty. Miss Fink as old-fashioned young lady in dress, and being becomingly in cream colored ruffled and lace, with wide hoops, flowing sleeves and an exceedingly poke bonnet. The parody on Red Riding Hood was represented by Miss Crowe, the only Nurse and Nurse were characters represented in the most amusing manner by Mr. Gore as Nurse and Mr. Irwin as Baby.

The prettiest and most beautiful of "George" and "Marta" were also seen. They were peacefully unchained. Miss Barford's was unanimously pronounced the most beautiful and airy costume, and was the work of an exemplar artist. As Fairy her dress of white tulle and stars a beautifully decorated bodice of delicate pink, a golden crown and veil bordered with trailing tendrils of moss and snail and the little golden wand bearing the mystic emblem of moon and star, proclaimed her from the ethereal regions of Fairyland. Costumes were too numerous to mention. The only one of laughter and aimless hand-clapping followed the removal of the masks while the band played a low, soft waltz. At 12 the banquet hall was deserted, and the guests were dismissed. The ball ended in the castle. RESTAURANT.

Additional within two miles of the stock yards are called South Omaha. Look on the map and you will see that the P. R. Ry has two depots on South Omaha proper. The Belt line runs through this property. Prices are low now if bought from the P. R. Ry. It is the only one who can sell it to you from first hands. Get a lot before it is too late. Branch office opp. depot, South Omaha.

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Lincoln Suburban Property. The real estate boom at Lincoln is just beginning. You follow in Omaha who know how to make money out of any property come down and see my tract adjoining the city limits and you will make money by the operation. C. McBrine, Room 4, Richards' block, Lincoln, Neb.

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