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(SEAL.)

KANSAS CITY'S postoffice is to be investigated by order of the civil service commission. Postmaster General Vilas might have looked up the matter while in the city had not the trip been entirely non-political.

IF Chicago locks up George Francis Train as a lunantic, which the authorities there threaten to do, and prevents the distinguished citizen's proposed western trip, she will be entitled to our thanks.

THE wooden pavement contractors promise to resume work within two weeks, but we have a faint suspicion that their promises, like that of other Omaha contractors, are to be taken with several grains of allowance.

THE United States district attorney at New York has decided that Rev. E. Walpole Warren's case comes under the contract labor law. This decision is contrary to the view taken by Collector Magone, and the case will be brought into court by a suit against the vestry of the church which called Mr. Warren from England. The result of the action will be awaited with interest, as it will define the scope of the law and whether under it professional services can be considered as labor.

THE Omaha *Republican* is still prodding away at the republican judicial delegates to nominate a straight party ticket. That might do in Streator, Illinois, or some of the republican villages in which Cadet Taylor has graduated. But here, where Judge Wakely was appointed by a republican governor at the instance of leading republicans, including all factions, and elected by republicans four years ago, the attempt to substitute such men as Lee Estelle or O. H. Ballou is not likely to meet with favor from reputable republicans, who want a clean and competent judiciary.

THERE is a good deal more truth than poetry in the statement of the wooden paving contractors which we publish elsewhere. There has been a great deal of clashing among our city officials during the present season, and an inexcusable delay on the part of the contractors for curbing and guttering. The failure of the treasurer to dispose of the paving bonds has also been a drawback, but that does not relieve the contractors from proceeding with their paving as rapidly as the curbing is placed and the money is forthcoming for work which has been accepted. We do not object to their taking paving contracts in Council Bluffs, providing they keep up their work in Omaha.

When General Grant passed through Burlington, Iowa, on his return from his tour around the world, Frank Hatton presented him with a copy of the *Hawkeye* printed on white satin. That bit of enterprise made Frank postmaster general. This precedent may have inspired Mr. Hitchcock with the idea of presenting Grover Cleveland with a copy of the *World* printed on the same material. Mr. Hitchcock, however, has exhibited a little more diplomacy by attacking the emotional part of the administration with a poem dedicated, "The Uncrowned Queen," Frankie Folsom Cleveland. It remains to be seen whether the poet laureate, Fred Nye, will carry off Vilas' shoes, and leave the chief proprietor of the whole *World* to take Gallagher's brogans.

A BRIGHT young woman in New York feigned insanity and succeeded in being confined in Bellevue hospital and sent thence to the quarters for the insane on Blackwell's island. It was necessary to deceive several professed experts on insanity in order to accomplish this, but she did it most skillfully and completely. She remained on the island ten days, gained all the information she desired, and it has been made public, greatly to the dismay and humiliation of the so-called experts. And now the questions are naturally and pertinently asked, how much credence can be placed in the skill of physicians who can be so easily deceived by a perfectly sane person without any serious attempt on her part, and is not such a circumstance tolerably good evidence that there is a considerable admixture of humbug in assumed expert wisdom. At all events this will be justly thought of the doctors who investigated the case of Nellie Brown.

A Few Plain Words.

The pressure which is being brought upon the delegates to the third judicial district republican convention to nominate a straight-out partisan ticket comes chiefly, if not entirely, from candidates who are unfit for the bench. These men have for months been plotting and scheming to foist themselves on the ticket in spite of the known disabilities which when exposed would result in their defeat before the people. Now we serve timely warning on the party that the BEE will vigorously oppose any candidate for judge whose integrity is known to be questionable, or whose associations with the lawless classes render him unfit to impartially fulfill his duties on the bench. We are determined also to prevent if possible the election of any man who is not qualified by legal training and experience for discharging the functions of judge creditably to himself and satisfactorily to the bar. The republican party cannot afford to do violence to the sentiment of the people, nor can it justify the selection of candidates who do not enjoy the respect and confidence of the community. We had hoped that the lessons of the past would not be lost upon the party. The republicans of Douglas county have shown time and again that the party lash is powerless in whipping them into line in support of desreputable or incompetent candidates. The lesson of 1886 is still fresh and should be heeded. The defiance which reckless party-wreckers have shown in the past in contempt of public sentiment and common decency, has always brought disaster upon the party. Unless the judicial convention is heedful of the danger that threatens its success through the nomination of bad men and jack-leg lawyers it will invoke another political cyclone that is liable to sweep the local ticket as well as the judicial ticket out of sight.

An Instructive Lesson.

There was a meeting of socialists in Union square, New York, last Saturday evening, which was called solely to discuss the merits and claims of the candidates of that party. There were present persons friendly to other candidates, and as the meeting progressed some of these manifested a disposition to annoy the speakers and disturb the proceedings. A force of police was stationed conveniently near, and the officer in charge was quietly asked by one of the officers of the meeting to put a stop to the interruptions of the disturbing element. Summoning a few men he started to carry out this request, intending simply to notify the disturbers that they must desist. The other policemen seeing this movement and interpreting its purpose to be the dispersion of the meeting, made a rush upon the crowd, which not expecting any such interference presented an involuntary resistance. The police used their clubs freely and vigorously, and many persons were more or less severely hurt. It took a little time to arrive at a right understanding, when the meeting was resumed, though with a very different temper and tone.

Such is the explanation of the affair given by the police, and although it is not accepted by those who were attacked and those who sympathise with them, it is perhaps in the main correct. The immediate cause of the unfortunate occurrence was a mistake on the part of a majority of the police force as to the object of the officer in command of them in going with a few of the men into the crowd. In their zeal to do that they fancied to be an urgent duty they hurried to the support of their comrades and threw themselves upon the crowd with the one idea of routing it as rapidly as possible. But was there not back of the mistake which inspired this zeal a cause that made the blunder easy and natural? Is it not a reasonable conclusion that the policemen who without orders made this onset, clubs in hand, had been pretty carefully instructed as to what they should do in certain exigencies, of which this seemed to them to be an example? And may it not also be reasonably thought that these men had been indoctrinated with the idea that the class of people engaged in the meeting were at best public disturbers entitled to very little consideration, who might be justifiably set upon and dispersed on the least provocation and without much regard for such moderate means as is the duty of the authorities to exhaust before having recourse to violent measures?

The lesson of this occurrence is that the strong drift of public sentiment in this country in favor of a stern and indiscriminating repression of those who hold views not acceptable to the majority may, if not held within reasonable and just bounds, become as dangerous to the integrity and perpetuity of our republican system as those who demand such repression claim to regard the doctrines of the objectionable minority. The disposition to put any restraint upon free speech is one that can be safely encouraged only to a very limited extent, if at all. The constitution has thrown a strong safeguard around this great privilege of the citizen by providing that congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, thus recording the judgment of the founders of the government that this most important right of a free people was to be held sacred from all interference. During the hundred years of our existence as a nation this right has been maintained, with no ill consequences to our welfare, and having entered upon the second century of our progress we should not signalize it by recklessly attacking this right. And especially it is most important that the authority to determine the circumstances under which restraint may be exercised shall not be committed to injudicious or thoughtless men, who will be more likely to abuse the trust than to wisely and properly discharge it.

It appears evident that the affair in New York has given an impetus to the independent political movements. Henry George is not less severe than the socialist leaders in denouncing it, and the elements which these several movements draw their support from all feel that they have a common cause in protesting against what they regard as a very great outrage and what many of them believe to have been intentionally perpetrated. Their protest will undoubtedly be more palpably felt after they have deposited their ballots.

Old Dominion Contumacy.

Virginia clings tenaciously to its traditional perversity. Always self-assertive and obdurate, the men who are now in control of its affairs insist on keeping it in line with that policy, though all the rest of the country declare it to be wrong, and the effect is damaging to its own welfare. Two of its officials, the attorney general and the commonwealth attorney of Fauquier, are now in jail for contempt of the United States court. The state debt tangle is the source of the difficulty. By an act of the legislature the state is forbidden to receive the matured coupons of its bonds for taxes. The supreme court of the United States has decided that these bonds are receivable for taxes. Suits were brought against parties who refused to pay their taxes in money after coupons tendered for such payment had been refused. Judge Bond, of the United States circuit court, issued a restraining order stopping the prosecution of the suits until an injunction case pending is decided. To this order the state officers paid no attention, and for this contempt they were arraigned and fined, refusing to pay which they were committed to jail.

They have been posing as martyrs in defense of the rights of the state, among which is that of repudiating its obligations. Of course they are sustained by the party in control of the state government, and they may strengthen their popularity with this element. The federal judge is denounced as guilty of a grave usurpation of authority, and a great deal of the old-time claptrap about the liberties of the people being endangered is heard from sources whose utterances should be guided by wisdom and a prudent discretion. The liberty to repudiate obligations honestly due and defraud creditors who in good faith gave their money for the bonds of the state may be of inestimable value to the average Virginia democrat, but he will find very few to sympathize with him elsewhere. And when a state deliberately proposes to rob its own people there would seem to be most urgent necessity for the interposition of a higher power to prevent, if possible, the consummation of the purpose. Undoubtedly if the state is compelled to receive these bonds it would be a serious matter for the now bankrupt treasury, but repudiation cannot be justified on the ground that without it the debtor would have great trouble to get along. Such a principle, if admitted, would speedily give repudiation a boom far beyond the boundaries of the Old Dominion. It is not at all imbrobable, however, that if Virginia should faithfully try an honest policy regarding its obligations it might find a ready and easy way to get over the difficulties which it now seeks to avoid by refusing to receive for what is due it from its people the evidences of its own indebtedness to them.

Proceedings have been instituted with a view to obtaining from the supreme court of the United States a decision regarding the jurisdiction of the circuit judge, and Virginia opinion in sympathy with the officials in contempt affects to regard the determination that may be reached by the court of last resort as of the gravest importance not only to Virginia, but to all the states. But people who are not contemplating repudiation, partial or complete, as a feature of the policy of their states, will not realize that there is any cause for serious concern regarding the outcome of this issue. Meanwhile it may be hoped that Virginia will be held to the payment of her obligations.

IT has been the understanding that between the claims of the government in Alaskan waters and in connection with the Canadian fisheries controversy, Mr. Bayard has succeeded in getting himself badly tangled up. Whether the commission will be able to straighten him out is a question, but meanwhile there is a ray of promise to the unfortunate chief of our diplomatic department by the course Russia is understood to be taking. Russian cruisers are reported patrolling the Siberian coast and seizing both English and American sealers found in those waters. If the report is correct it foreshadows the assertion by Russsa of its supremacy over that portion of Behring Sea not made over to the United States when Alaska was bought. Such assertion would mean that in the cession to the United States Russia undoubtedly looked upon itself as sovereign of the land-locked waters of the North Pacific and as having the right to cede jurisdiction. It would unite the United States and Russia against the pretensions of England and the rest of the world for that matter.

DAN ANGEL, who was hanging around the legislature with the "oil-room bums," shot off his mouth in the democratic county convention against members of the Douglas delegation who voted for Van Wyck last winter. Angel was at one time Jim Boyd's city marshal, and imbibes a great deal of his gall from the fountain head of the packing house. As a matter of fact, no man who was known to be opposed to the reelection of Van Wyck could have been elected in Douglas county last fall, either on the democratic or the republican legislative ticket. The men who voted for Van Wyck represented the wishes of nine-tenths of the people of this county. They did just what they were pledged to do. The renegades who violated these pledges are execrated by all decent men, and despised by even those who were honestly opposed to Van Wyck. The smothered indignation of the masses in this county may have emboldened the packing-house striker in his insolence, but the smoldering embers are liable to be fanned into a flame whenever the issue is forced.

ST. LOUIS is very sad over the defeat of her crack ball club in its last two games. Chicago, however, fails to rejoice as it would on other occasions. The Garden City is so far back in the base ball procession that she can't even make fun of St. Louis.

WE have been favored with a copy of the Omaha *World* of Wednesday. It is printed on white satin, and is designed as a souvenir of the visit of President Cleveland. It is a very creditable piece of work, both from a mechanical and journalistic standpoint.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

It is rumored that Lord Salisbury will shortly visit Bismarck.

George Westinghouse, jr., the inventor of the air-brake, is rated at $7,000,000.

Prof. Huxley has lately been making inquiries into the phenomena of spiritualism.

John Bright, in a recent letter, says he has not much faith in the success of absolute prohibition.

The wife of James G. Blaine, jr., is a very successful and enthusiastic amateur photographer.

President Marvin Hughitt of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad was once a telegraph operator.

James R. Keene has made some lucky speculations in oil and will shortly return to Wall street.

Ex-Senator Ferry of Michigan is thinking of going to live in Utah, where he owns extensive mines.

Rutherford B. Hayes is a grandfather. His son, B. A. Hayes, of Toledo, recently became a happy father.

Deacon S. N. White lost $6,000 betting on Blaine, and says he has been a reformed gambler ever since.

Miss Churchill, who wrote "My Girls," is the private secretary of the president of a New England railroad.

Henry Villard says he has gone into the Northern Pacific board of directors "not for glory, but for work."

Jacob Shaefer, the billiardist, has returned from abroad. Patti gave him a ring of diamonds and turquoises.

Prof. Schliemann has received permission from the Greek government to search for antiquities on the Isle of Kycita.

The famous Jewish sculptor, M. Antokolski, has commenced the publication of his autobiography in a leading Russian journal.

Count Mitkiewicz weighs only 120 pounds. It makes a man thin to carry around international issues. It is hard on the tissues.

Mr. Bell has conveyed his very large interests in the Bell Telephone to his wife, retaining for himself but one share of the stock.

Cyrus W. Field is said to want to sell his princely villa at Dobbs' Ferry. He was offered $900,000 for it by John Jacob Astor, but will not sell it for that sum.

Pope Leo has received among his jubilee presents a colossal cheese, a large barrel of wine, four yards of fine linen from a poor servant, two tiger skins and an enormous sausage.

Edward Burgess is said to be enjoying great practical benefits, as well as international fame, in consequence of the achievements of the Puritan, Mayflower and Volunteer. His hands are full of orders for boat building.

Maharajah, Sir Waghjee, knight commander of the Indian empire, and Thakore Sahib of Morvi, Kattiawar, Hindostan, will soon sail for England. He has been delighted with his sojourn in this country. He has been especially interested in manufactures and machinery.

That Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is the model of the courteous traveler is the opinion of The London Daily News, and it adds: "All future English writers on the United States ought to resolve not to be outdone by him in this quality, however much they may be obliged to fall short of him in others.

There Would be a Cyclone.

Chicago Times.

Colonel D. R. Anthony, having sold his Leavenworth Times and retired from fighting journalism, is confidently recommended as one of the toughest and best seasoned men in America for use as a base ball umpire next season.

They Can't be Reached That Way.

Sioux Falls Press.

As the weather begins to turn cold the coal kings screw up the price of coal, and they may be expected to give another twist every time the mercury falls a little lower than usual. An open and a short winter is the only hope for the people for deliverance from these hard-hearted, blood-drawing Shylocks, and it would not be amiss for the people to pray for such deliverance.

An Autumn Reverie.

Isabel Hotchkiss.

The dream of the summer is ended,
The bright page is almost turned o'er,
Gone is the breath of the flowers,
We knew not their sweetness before.

This morn there was frost on the meadow,
The trees are all shivering with fear,
The grass that was green on the hillside
Is dying, and with it the year.

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A fool I to think that she loved me;
Her proud lips so proudly said "no,"
Her beautiful eyes had deceived me,
Oh, God—and I trusted her so!

The heart she had used for a plaything
Her jeweled white hands cast aside.
The dream of the summer is ended,
In ashes of roses it died.

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A bird flying fast to the southward,
A flurry of leaves in the gale,
A flickering phantom of sunlight,
And a sigh that is almost a wail.

Thus endeth the dream of the summer,
'Neath autumn skies, sombre and gray,
I'm seeking a grave for my lost hope,
And the joy that has faded away.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings.

Fremont has contracted for an electric light plant.

General Van Wyck delivers an address at Tecumseh to-day.

The Kansas City & Omaha tracklayers have reached Minden.

The three banks of Fremont hold deposits amounting to $696,559.

Rodney A. Wall has been jugged in Juniata for embezzling railroad tickets from the B. & M.

Nebraska City has 1,400 school children enrolled and twenty-five teachers to guide their ideas.

George Williams, the Fremont crook, who lifted a gold watch and diamond from Mrs. Tichenor for the purpose of getting a job in the pen, was accommodated with an eighteen months' engagement.

The Beatrice cannery has closed a successful season, with the certainty of a dividend for the stockholders. The company will plant 1,000 acres of sweet corn next season, and work on a bigger scale than ever.

Wymore has organized a gold mining company to operate in the salted fields of Arkansas. Next to graveyard insurance in Kansas, the gold fields of Arkansas hold out the richest inducements to squander money in.

The Indian band from Genoa, which greeted the president on his arrival in Omaha, tooted a mighty regretful toot when the members found there was not enough of Grover's topknot left to furnish a decent handle to his scalp. The footprints of early and continued piety were impressively prominent.

The county campaign is now on in all sections. Parties possessing details of the secret blemishes of candidates, the wild escapades of youths, or oats sown in barren fields; crookedness of days gone by or hereditary consumption, traits of lunacy or mental decay, will be liberally compensated by applying to the political sewer diggers of the opposition.

The democrats of Keya Paha county have nominated the following ticket: County judge, John Bevins; clerk, C. E. Lear; treasurer, William Powell; commissioner, Frank Fisher; sheriff, John Coble; superintendent, P. L. Kelley; surveyor, William Hinton; coroner, Dr. Starr.

Julius, the eighteen-year-old son of Henry Kessler, a bright, industrious boy, was accidentally killed while hunting near Nebraska City, Tuesday. While crossing a creek he threw his gun to the dry ground to avoid wetting it. It went off and the bullet shattered his left leg. Amputation and death followed in a few hours.

The Plattsmouth Journal is engaged in the herculean task of pounding railroad sense into the residents. The interests of the town have been tied to the B. & M. for so many years that it seems impossible to break down the barriers that shut out other roads. The Missouri Pacific has flirted with the town, but the advances were met with a cold and scrawny shoulder. The Rock Island road is said to be browsing around the neighborhood now, and is likely to be met with a chilly air of indifference. If the town does not rid itself of micawber methods pretty soon, some enterprising rival will put the coppers on its eyes and turn up its toes.

Iowa Items.

Sixty thousand dollars has been subscribed to build a Masonic temple at Davenport.

Prophet Foster, of Burlington, has laid in a varied stock of weather for November. The storm dates are the 4th, 10th, 16th, 21st and 27th, with a probability of an extra storm on the 25th.

The Dunkards, a religious denomination of Polk county, have heretofore refused to vote. It is their principle not to exercise the right of suffrage except on extraordinary occasions. This fall they will vote.

Sioux City was highly complimented by one of the Vanderbilts who visited the palace recently. "These people must have wonderful hearing," he whispered to a companion, "they have such big ears." Chauncey promptly fanned him with a cob and the spectators cheered huskily.

Two smooth-talking scoundrels are going the rounds of the state victimizing farmers. One claims to be gathering crop statistics, while the other has a remonstrance against high taxation. The object is to secure the signatures of the farmers to papers, which afterward turn up at the banks as promissory notes.

Dakota.

The Episcopalians of Rapid City have contracted for a church to cost $3,500.

The water mains and fittings have arrived for the Jamestown water works.

The Territorial Stock Breeders' association will hold its annual meeting at Jamestown in November.

Those portions of the territory which suffered from drought to the damage of crops last summer, report the ground in better condition than for four years.

"Two new railroads and a cathedral next year will give Yankton a high boost," says the Press. The cathedral is referred to as a "booster" heavenward.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Peter Lutz Held to the District Court Without Bail.

The preliminary trial of Peter Lutz for killing W. W. Lynch last Saturday morning was held before Judge Berka yesterday afternoon, with County Attorney Simeral on behalf of the state and Messrs. Green and Estelle for the defense. The witnesses on the part of the prosecution were Gerhart Lutz, Samuel I. Gordon, Joseph Michael, Jacob Creagler, Frank Puborsky and Dr. Keogh. No testimony was introduced by the defense. The testimony of Lutz' son Gerhart was the most damaging evidence produced, and was substantially the same as the account of the affair that appeared in the BEE last Saturday. The other witnesses were all parties who were attracted to the spot by the shots fired, but who saw nothing of the encounter between the two men. Mrs. Lutz did not appear in court. After hearing the evidence it was decided to hold Lutz without bail to answer to the charge of murder in the first degree. All the witnesses were released on their own recognizance to appear against Lutz at his trial before the district court.

During the trial Lutz looked as unconcerned as though he were watching a horse trade instead of being present at his own trial for murder.

Injured in a Runaway.

August Pollock, an iron merchant from Chicago, in company with a lad named Heinrich Jansen, while driving down Ninth street about 5 p. m. yesterday, had an exciting runaway. The horse took fright about a block north of the Union Pacific depot and dashed furiously up the street. In turning the corner at Ninth and Jackson streets, the buggy struck the curbstone and was upset, throwing the occupants violently to the ground. Mr. Pollock was picked up insensible and carried into a store near by. In a few minutes he recovered consciousness, when it was discovered that he was not fatally injured, although badly bruised and cut over the head. Young Jansen fared worse than Pollock, receiving an ugly cut on the back of the head that had to be sewed up.

The Exiled Iowans.

The exiled Iowans met in Metz' hall last night and organized what will hereafter be known as the "Iowa Anti-Prohibition club of Omaha," the object of which will be to combat prohibition in Iowa by the members retaining their citizenship in Iowa and fighting it at the polls. There were about fifty present, and the following officers were elected: President, M. J. Crook; secretary, H. H. Rich; treasurer, A. L. Larsch. A list of those who will go back to vote was made out and the meeting adjourned until next Sunday at 2 p. m.

Chautauquans to Meet.

The first meeting of the Omaha Chautauqua circle for regular work will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the board of education rooms. All interested in this work are cordially invited to attend. The programme will consist of the usual class exercises and a paper by the president on "The Education of Later Life." There will also be a talk on Chautauqua work at which Mr. G. A. Joplin will preside. There will also be select readings by Mrs. M. Murphy.

PYTHIANS AT THE WHEEL.

The Grand Lodge Elects Officers For the Ensuing Term.

GRAND CHANCELLOR O'NEIL.

The Band Contest—La B. Cake's Offering On the Triangle—How the Nebraska Boys Are Regarded.

The Grand Lodge.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the Grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias met at Central hall. The record of the proceedings of Tuesday was read and approved. The following lodges were not represented: Numbers 3, 7, 30, 52, 66 and 74. The G. P., G. M. of E., and G. M. at A. being absent, the following appointments were made for this session: G. P., J. E. Smith; G. M. of E., M. Toft; G. M. at A., L. C. Dunn, of Lincoln.

A memorial was presented from Nebraska lodge No. 1, asking permission to reinstate a suspended member. Granted.

G. R., F. F. Godefing of Falls City, was reported sick and excused.

The committee on laws made several interesting reports, one an endorsement and approval of the decision of the G. C., refusing a request from Humboldt lodge to initiate two members of a traveling theatrical troupe.

The Grand lodge degree was conferred upon C. S. Alling, of Seward; W. W. Davis, of Plattsmouth; W. D. Mathews, of O'Neil, and J. L. Edwards, of Pawnee City.

A resolution was adopted that the Grand rank would be conferred only as the first business of the morning and afternoon session.

The exemplification of the secret work was made the special order for to-morrow morning.

Representative Roberts introduced a resolution making the G. K. of R. and S. the custodian of the G. R. jewels during the adjournments of the lodge. A number of the G. R's. protested on the ground that they desired to retain their jewels for inspection and the resolution was defeated.

The committee on laws was instructed to formulate an amendment requiring all D. D. G. C. to give bond in the sum of $200.

The bond of the G. M. of E. was fixed at $10,000.

The following were referred to the committee on revision and law:

Motion for amendment to constitution, making the terms of all officers of the subordinate lodge six months, instead of a year, as now.

Resolution instructing the G. C. to appoint a D. D. G. C. for each lodge, except in cities or towns where more than one lodge exist.

The committee on foreign correspondence, having reviewed the journals of forty-three grand lodges, submitted an exhaustive report.

The committee on laws reported, approving the by-laws of a number of subordinate lodges.

The committee on credentials reported, denying to Triumph lodge 32, Fremont, an additional representative, claimed by reason of an increase of membership since its last report. The report was approved.

The credentials committee reported on the standing of past chancellors.

At noon the lodge adjourned for dinner, and at 2 o'clock was again called to order.

At the opening of the afternoon session the arrival of Major General James R. Carnahan was announced and he was received being accorded the grand honors.

At three o'clock the lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

At the session in the afternoon and evening the lodge elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Grand Chancellor—Richard O'Neill, Lincoln.

Grand Vice-Chancellor—Joseph E. Frick, Fremont.

Grand Prelate—Dr. W. H. Hanchett, Omaha.

Grand M. of E.—Charles G. Alton, Ainsworth.

Grand K. of R. and S.—E. E. French, Omaha.

Grand Master at Arms—Lew Weber, Jr., Holdrege.

Grand Inner Guard—Omar L. Green, Kearney.

Grand Outer Guard—George R. Green, Geneva.

J. S. Shropshire was re-elected supreme representative and Fremont was selected as the place for holding the next session, which will be on the second Tuesday in October, 1888.

P. G. C., J. G. Jones installed the newly elected officers and the affairs of Pythianism in Nebraska were delivered into their keeping. The officers elected are entirely new, with the exception of G. K. of R. and S., E. E. French, who was nominated and re-elected by acclamation. The new administration assumes the reins under most favorable auspices and it is but natural to expect that under the guidance of Pythians of ability and discretion such as these, the order will move on during the coming year achieving grander successes than it has even in the past year of remarkable prosperity. The friends of the order, and it has many, will watch with interest the strides of this organization and if the results equal the sanguine expectations of those who admire it for the good it is doing, the members of the order will not be alone in their applause for the men through whose efforts the success is attained.

The New Grand Chancellor.

Grand Chancellor O'Neil who was yesterday elected was born in Kingstone, Ontario, Canada. In 1872 he came to Nebraska aed located in Plattsmouth, later moving to Lincoln where he is at present engaged in the jewelry business. In 1881 he became a Knight, joining Platte Valley lodge No. 5, at Plattsmouth. He is now a member of Apollo lodge No. 36. In the subordinate lodge he has held the office of V. C. and of course C. C. For three terms he has served as grand representative. He is a member of the uniform rank belonging to Apollo division No. 11. Mr. O'Neil is a zealous Pythian and well posted upon matters of the order. His election is a fitting tribute to an energetic and genial gentleman and with his careful hand the Pythian craft will not go far astray.

The Band Contest.

The auditorium of the Grand Opera house was well filled with sir knights, their ladies and friends last night, assembled to witness the band contest and vocal entertainment. The bands taking part in the contest were the Second regiment band, K. of P.; the Union Pacific band and Chapin's Cadet band, of Hastings. No prearranged program was made and each of the bands rendered two selections. The judges, J. E. Aitchinson, Thomas J. Pennell, both of Omaha, and Edwin N. Thacker, of Hastings, awarded the first prize, $150, to the Second regiment, K. of P. band; the second prize, $75, to the Union Pacific, and the third, of $50, to Chapin's Cadet band of Hastings.

One of the most agreeable features of the entertainment was the reading of a poem by Miss Ella June Meade, entitled, "The Knights of Pythias," written by La B. Cake. A quartette composed of Miss Colton, Mrs. Pennell, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Pennell rendered several choice selections.

How the Nebraska Boys Are Regarded.

It don't do to flatter the young enthusiast too much, but it is perhaps safe to give to the Nebraska knights the benefit of the opinion entertained of them by men whose judgment is sound on military matters and who are not carried away by enthusiasm. To a number of these disinterested gentlemen a BEE representative put the query, what do you think of the manner in which the Nebraska knights perform their maneuvers? The following is the result:

General Carnahan—I think the boys of Nebraska display themselves admirably. Considering all things their success is to me really wonderful. Like all young organizations they must continually strive for excellence. It is absolutely necessary that the members should attend every drill possible. I anticipate a very prosperous future for the rank in this state.

Colonel E. S. Radcliffe—The movements of these divisions are excellent. The members of the rank here are enthusiastic and it takes considerable of that quality mixed with a careful attention to rules and prompt attendance at drill to make an efficient sir knight. I have been agreeably surprised at the efficiency of the several divisions here.

Colonel J. L. Fournier—I have been greatly pleased by the display of the Nebraska knights. They make a good appearance.

Colonel H. H. Hibben—They have done well. A better appearing set of men would be hard to find.

Colonel M. C. Barkwell—I have enjoyed my visit here hugely and the sir knights' display has been excellent. The Nebraska boys, like all others, have many things to learn, but they make a splendid appearance and do their work with skill. There is no reason why this Omaha regiment should not be the foremost in the country. It has all its divisions located conveniently and the social features developed thereby will prompt them to renewed efforts at excellence. I have been particularly struck with the discipline of some of the captains and lieutenants in this state. Many have excellent soldier timber in them.

The Drill.

The fair ground was crowded yesterday with spectators to witness the drill of the Knights of Pythias. The judges selected were Colonel Daggert and Adjutant Kinzie, of the army, and Colonel M. C. Barkwell, of Cheyenne. In class C there were three entries, viz: A. D. Marshall division, of Lincoln, Fremont division and Hastings division. The prizes in this class were three in number as follows: First, $300; second, $200; third, $100. The decision of the judges will be rendered this morning. In the drill of the city lodges the prize offered was $100 and Omaha division, No. 12, being the only entry received the plum.

DISTRICT COURT DOINGS.

Many Cases Before the Three Judges—Divorces Asked.

The case of Ed H. Canon vs Walter S. Tucker and Isaac Adams was heard before Judge Groff yesterday. It is an action based on the grounds of malicious prosecution in the police court of this city. The arguments will be finished this morning and the jury will be sent out.

Judge Neville heard the case of T. S. Goodrich et als, against Isaac Oleifelder & Co., yesterday afternoon. The arguments were not concluded at adjournment.

Judge Hopewell is still on the case of John Winderholm against Peter Wigg.

Judge Neville appointed Edgar Zabriska receiver for A. Polack, whose failure has been announced.

Three replevin suits were filed in the district court yesterday against the Merchant's National bank, the Bank of Omaha, and the other closing mortgages of A. Polack. A. Laufer & Co. claims $1,148.68 for hats and caps, Leopold, Simon & Co., $1,202 for clothing, and Leopold Bros. & Co., $437.50 for clothing.

Gerge Astleford filed a suit against the Omaha Horse Railway company for injuries received by falling from the platform of a crowded car September 8, 1887.

Abbie Amoden is the petitioner in an action for divorce against Hector A. Amoden. She sets forth that she was married to the defendant July 19, 1868, and that she now has a daughter sixteen years old. Mrs. Amoden states that during the last five years she has supported herself by keeping a boarding house. She claims that previous to that time her husband was an engineer on the Union Pacific road, and that he lost his position through intoxication. She further sets forth that he not only is a hard drinker, but he is often brutal. In consequence she sues for an injunction restraining him from entering her house, and also for an absolute divorce.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Betsy Sindel filed a petition for divorce from Narkess Sindel on of ground adultery. They were married in 1886 in Boston.

Brevities.

Yesterday's internal revenue collections amounted to $12,418.85.

The First ward repuublican club will meet at Hoffman hall, corner of Thirteenth and Williams street, this evening at 8 o'clock.

A negro laborer was robbed of $40 in cash at a saloon near Dodge and Thirteenth street on Wednesday night. The party who got his wealth skipped and was seen in Council Bluffs yesterday, but was not apprehended.

About 5:20 yesterday afternoon the fire companies were called to a fire in a cottage on the corner of Saunders and Ohio streets. The family was away at the time and the cause of the fire is unknown. The damage was very slight.

The building permit for St. Mary's convent to be erected on the corner of Castillar and Fifteenth streets, was issued yesterday. The building is to be entireiy of brick, 90x60 ft., and three stories high, besides having a capacious basement and attic.

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