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INVESTIGATING THE EXPLOSION.

#### The Fatal B. & M. Boiler Known to Have Been Dangerous For Some Time-Lancaster County Politics-Other Lincoln Items.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.] Early yestetday morning the old Metropoli tan hotel on Eighth and O streets, one of the old landmarks of Lincoln, was discovered on Le. The building is a frame structure that was unoccupied and on the highway to general decay. The firemen were on the ground early but the tinder box was half consumed before the fire was drowned out and the building is a practical wreck. From the fact that the fire broke out simultaneously in two or three places in the building it is believed 

SEEKING THE FACTS. Yesterday morning the coroner impaneled a jury in the case of Charles Thomas, killed by the boiler explosion at the B. & M. wells, The following jurors were drawn: W. C. Lane, C. B. Beach, A. G. Hastings, C. W. Barber, John Haverly and Walter Bohan-non. The jury up to 2 p. m. had not reached a verdict and was engaged in taking evidence tending to show who was responsible for using the boiler and evidence as to its safety. It was developed that the boiler was held in suspicion by a good many of the workmen and a number of men quit work on account of its unsafe condition. John Lanham had the contract for sinking the wells, but he of its unsafe condition. John Lanham had the contract for sinking the wells, but he hired Mr. Roberts to supply the power, in-cluding the boliers and engine, and was not responsible for their use, his contract being with Roberts. There seems to be no doubt as to the direct cause of the explosion, being low water in the bolier. Mr. Roberts states that he considered the bolier safe and that he tested it with cold water pressure prior to its use at the time of the accident. The three men scalded and injured by the ex-plosion were resting comfortably yesterday and they will undoubtedly recover. The reand they will undoubtedly recover. The re-mains of Charles Thomas, the dead fireman will be turned over to his relatives at the conclusion or the investigation before the

Coroner's jury. PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN. Meetings have been held by the republi-cans in different parts of the county the past week and the days up to election day are all to be occupied by meetings over the county. Chairman Billingsley, of the repub-lican committee, is pushing the campaign ican committee, is pushing the campaign with vigor, and the republican ticket, judg-ing from reports of the meetings, is well re-ceived over the county. The prohibitionists are continuing their active work, commenced

Are continuing their active work, commenced early in the fall, and are making a canvass of all the precincts. The democrats have not as yet mapped out their campaign, but it is stated that it will be commenced Monday. CONGREGATIONALISTS' CONVENTION. The general association of Congregational churches in Nebraska holds, its yearly meet-ing in this city commencing on Wednesday, the 26th, and continuing over Sunday, the 30th. The members of the association will will be civen a reception and supper at the auch The members of the association will will be given a reception and supper at the parlors of the First Congregational church Wednesday evening, and the opening sermon will be preached Wednesday evening by Rev. J. L. Mailes. Thursday will be given to educational matters after the regular reports of the state educational institutions. Rev. T. Y. Gardener will speak for the college educa-tional society. Discussion on the work of the academy will be opened by Rev. W. P. Ben-nett. The need of a college in Northern Ne-braska will be discussed by Professor Har-per, and Rev. Willard Scott will discuss 'One College or Two." President Gates, of Iows college, Grinnell, Ia., will speak in the evening. Friday will be devoted to home

Saturday will be devoted to temperance and to foreign mission work. The former topic will be discussed by Professor Perry, of Doane college, Crete. Mrs. Wheeler, of Harpoot, Turkey, will speak upon foreign mis-sion work. On Sunday preaching in the morning and home missions in the evening will be the programme and the different churches in the city will be occupied by visit-ing clergymen. Reduced **rates** have been secured on the railroads and some two hunsecured on the railroads and some two hun-dred clergymen and delegates will be in attendance at the general association. IN DISTRICT COURT. The Gerner case was dragging its weary

way in district court yesterday, the testi-mony not being completed at noon. The trouble and delay in waiting for witnesses was enlivened by issuing an attachment for one of the delinquents. A verdict will prob-ably not be reached for some time yet. The ably not be reached for some time yet. The grand jury came in in the morning hours, re-ported indictments and stated that their work was not yet ended. The judge there-fore dismissed them until Monday. The in-dictments returned were against L. A. Bently for forgery; Daniel Driscoil, assault and battery; Dudley Cochran and Frank Root, burglary; H. F. Griffitn, two indictments for forgery and passing forged checks; George Martin, selling liquor without license. MISSIONARY WORK. The executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society continued in busi-

Foreign Missionary society continued in busi-ness session yesterday morning and the ses-sion was one of the most interesting held sion was one of the most interesting held thus far. The corresponding secretaries for the different missions submitted reports as follows: Mrs. Cowan for Oudah, India; Mrs. Skidmore for Rohlamo, India; Mrs. Hoag, Bombay, India: Mrs. Patton, Kum-son, India; Mrs. Ninde, South India. These reports were of unusual interest and were received with great attention. Miss Rowe, missionary to India, spoke of her life in that country and was listened to with much in-terest. erest

At the close of the morning session a com-mittee from the Lincoln auxilliary society presented a communication inviting the executive committee and its missionary friends and visitors to a reception to be held by the and visitors to a receiption to be held by the Lincoln auxiliary at the residence of Mrs. Putnam on Tuesday evening next. The communication was received by the general committee and the invitation accepted. The meeting in the afternoon yesterday was largely attended. Mrs. Baker presided and the address was made by Miss Mansel

and the address was made by Miss Mansel of India. At the evening session Mrs. M. W. Porter, of Des Moines, presided and the ad iress of the evening way by Mrs. J. E. D

To-day a number of the ladies of the general executive committee, from abroad, will occupy the pulpits of the different churches, speaking upon mission topics. One of the interesting statements made in the progress of the meeting was in regard to the society's financial condition, the treasurer's report showing the following amounts being raised during the year by the following

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lew England	93,983.97	
ew York	40,098.34	
hiladelphia	16,919.60	Ľ
Saltimore	8,909.25	
incinnati	28,000.00	Ŀ
forthwest	11,000.00	L
linneapolis	19,095.23	Ł
opeka	9,560.57	L
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Notal	190,334.59	L
Increase	23,236.59	L

# Puget Sound Colony.

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The Omaha branch of the Puget Sound Co-operative colony will hold a public meet-ing to day at 1114 Farnam street, at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Norman R. Smith, a member and an old resident of Port Angeles. W. T., will speak, F. J. McArde—who has just re-turned from the colony site and who has been appointed the traveling agent for the colony, will speak upon the progress and prospects of the movement.

## A Young Girl's Narrow Escape.

A young girl attempted to re-cross the truck before a coming locomotive on the B. & M. road near Deerfield yesterday after-uoon. In doing so she fell between the rails, and had it not been for the fact that she rolled off the track just in time to avert being struck she would undoubtedly have been in-stantly killed.

Items of Interest to the Members of the Various Orders. THE ODD FELLOWS AT LINCOLN. The Elks Royal Arcanum-The A. O. H.-General Pythian News-The Attacks on J. H. Rathbone-Personal Chat. The Odd Fellows.

The grand lodge I. O. O. F. of Nebraska met at Lincoln Wednesday. The grand secretary's report makes the following showing. Number of working lodges last report... 137

Number organized during year ..... 11

 Total
 148

 Number surrending charters.
 1

 Number consolidating.
 2

 Leaving a total of lodges.
 145

 The membership report is as follows:
 505

Admitted by card...... Reinstated. - 324 97

Leaving a total of ...... 6,564 From this should be deducted the following: Number withdrawn by card.....

Other cases.....

Making a loss of ..... 689 This, deducted from the foregoing total, leaves a total active membership at date of 5,875, a gain of 375 in mem-bership during the year. The total amount of relief extended during the year is figured at \$6,352.36.

The conditions of the subordinate lodges are shown by the following figures to be in a very flattering condition:

Total receipts of subordinate lodges. 50,567 79 Expenses of subordinate lodges. 20,467 71 Excess of receipts over expenses. 30,102 08 Total assets of subordinate lodges. 216,093 01 The grand lodge receipts and balance for the past year was \$10,482.52; the ex-penses, same time, \$4,334.85-thus leavng a balance in the treasury of \$6,147.68.

In his report the grand master speaks of the consolidation of the lodge at Brownville with the lodge at Auburn. This lodge at Brownville was organized n the year 1857 and held forth for hirty years, furnishing the grand lodge n its time three grand masters.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

closed its labors Tuesday evening. Their reports show that the camp has een highly prospered the past year and that the number in the state has been largely increased. The following officers of the encampment were officers of the encampment were elected for the ensuing year: J. S. Hoagland, North Platte, G. P.; L. J. Byers, Lincoln, G. H. P.; C. D. Ayers, Kearney, G. S. W.; J. P. Gage, Fre-mont, G. J. W.; D. A. Cline, Lincoln, G. S.; S. McClay, Lincoln, G. T. The newly elected officers were installed instantiant officers were installed

just prior to adjournment. The grand lodge selected Omaha as the place of the next meeting and elected George H. Cutting of Kearney, grand master, George N. Beals of Norfolk, deputy grand master, W H Barrar of Hebron meand master. W. H. Barger of Hebron, grand war-den, D. A. Cline of Lincoln, grand see-retary, Samuel McClay of Lincoln, grand treasurer, and Adam Ferguson of

AMONG THE Omahans who were in attendance at the session of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., at Lincoln were the following: Messrs. J. B. West and E. L. Armstrong, representing Goodrich lodge; E. E. Cooper, John Evans, J. F. Sheeley and George A. Bennett, rep-resenting Omaha No. 2; A. Viney and W. A. Kelley, of Beacon, No. 10; John W. Disbrow, Peter Vendstrand and M. M. Hein, state lodge, No. 10; and the following members of the Ruth Re-becka degrees: Mrs. Mary Stuht, N. G.; Mrs. A. Toozier, V. G.; Miss Blumve, warden; Mrs. E. C. Cooper, C.; Miss Osborne, P. G.; Miss Bennett, chaplain; Mrs. R. E. Livesy, treasurer; Mrs. Wright, secretary; Misses Pruit, sup-porters to the N. G. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Bernstein, supporters to the V. G.; Mrs. Standeven, pianist.

BRIGADIER GENERAL W. L. DAYTON left Thursday for Europe, where he will remain six months.

TROJAN DIVISION \*U. R. K. P., held its regular business meeting and drill at its quarters Tuesday night. The com-mittee on by-laws made a report and submitted the result of their labors. The rules are decidedly stringent and their force and character reflect credit upon the committee. Trojan is one of the youngest divisions, but it has had the good fortune to be officered by an enthusiastic and enterprising set of Pythians. Captain Spencer is a thorough disciplinarian and eager for the success of his company.

A WRITER in an eastern journal is endeavoring to stir up a discussion in Pythian ranks in regard to Justus H. Rathbone, the founder of the order. The credit of the progress and prosperity of the Knights of Pythias is not," this writer claims, "due to Mr. Rath-bone, as he deserted the order at the time it needed succormost and did not return to its ranks until it had secured a firm foothold as a secret organiza-

tion The attacks upon Mr. Rathbone have been frequent and this latest one is perhaps a revival of the old assaults. Whatever may be the discussions aroused Mr. Rathbong seems to have the love and esteem of the members of his order and if these be satisfied to do him honor as the originator of their order it is not

plain what matter it is to outsiders. Facts, those stubborn things, will always stand in the way of depriving Rathbono of this credit." He originated the order, prepared the first ritual and was the first chancellor of the first lodge in ex-istence. Two months after the organi-

zation of the order, Mr. Rathbone, it is true, withdrew from the membership of the order, "for reasons later fully and satisfactorily explained" as all Pythian authorities agree. Two years from his withdrawal he again became a member, and the progress of the order thereafter was decidedly noticeable. Shortly after Rathbone's withdrawal the grand lodge of the order ceased to ex-ist, Washington, the maiden lodge passed away, and in Angust, 1865, there was but one lodge of the order in existence. In this condition the order continued until two days after Mr Rathbone again entered the ranks, when through his efforts the grand lodge was reorganized and the organization began its steps towards progress.

Mr. Housell for a position on the force, and the recorder pretended to grant the request, and dressing the ignorant fellow with a helmet, belt and other portions of the order's uniform, started him out to be the sport of the town. The scheme took well, but some person who had evidently been taught that the use of Pythian regalia was intended for a different purpose, and who undoubtedly thought that the teachings of F. C. and B. did not include the performance of childish pranks on ignorant people, preferred charges against New Jersey's chief Pythian officer. An investigation was had, and the above facts were developed. The ground upon which Mr. Housell was exonerated was that he 'meant no harm."

A MOVEMENT is on foot to induce the S. C. K. of P. to alter the date of the meeting of the coming supreme lodge. The date as fixed at Toronto was in June, but strenuous efforts are being made to change the session to the month of May.

. . ITALIAN RITUALS have been sent to Louisiana for a K. of P. lodge for the sons of sunny Italy.

FRENCH RITUALS have been sent to California and St. Louis, Mo., where K. of P. lodges will be instituted composed of French residents.

THE MEMBERSHIP of the order of K. of P. in Maryland now numbers 6,702, being an increase of 180, for six months ending June 30. The aggregate lodge reports show that the lodges have in their exchequer \$172,000, an increase for the term over \$3,000.

\*\*\* THE SUPREME LODGE K. of P. has provided a funeral rosette, to be worn on

funeral occasions. \*\*\*

THE KNIGHT, a pythian organ at Co-lumbus, O., has been fortunate in securing as a correspondent from Omaha a gentleman who over the nom de plume of "Wawko," keeps the readers of the Knight well posted on Pythian affairs in Nebraska. The excellence of "Wawko's" reports will be better appreciated when it is stated that of three which have been noticed every one of them were copied word for word from the BEE.

MONDAY NIGHT & number of Elks organized a Royal Arcanum in this city with twenty charter members. The odge was instituted by Deputy Supreme Regent T. C. Magrane, with the assist-ance of State Deputy Supreme Regent W. J. Booth. The officer selected were: R. C. McClure, regent; Sidney Smith, vice regent; I. W. Miner, orator; W. N. Babcock, past regent; E. C. Snyder, secretary; R. E. Pease, collector; D. W. Van Cott, treasurer; W. B. Alex-w. Van Cott, iteasurer, w. B. Alex-ander, chaplain; C. E. Wantland, guide; E. E. Whitmore, warden, and Martin Kelley, sentinel. Trustees: D. H. Goodrich, Dr. Swetnam and Jas. D.

principal object, insurance. AT A REGULAR meeting of Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held on October 16, 1887, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously: HENRY C. HOUSELL, G. C. of the K. of P. in New Jersey, has just come out exonerated of an, investigation brought about by his desire to be humorous; Mr.

deplore, our society has sustained a great loss, the causes of Irish nationality has lost an energetic supporter, and his wife has lost a faithful husband.

Resolved. That we tender our sincere and warm sympathy to his sorrowing wife in this the hour of her sad bereavement.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to our deceased brother, our hall shall be draped in mourning for three successive meetings, and that a copy of these resolutions be pre-sented to the wife of deceased. Resolved. That these resolutions be printed

Michael Papers. Michael Michael Michael Committee. JOHN PHELAN, PATRICK FORD,

R. L. C. WHITE, S. K. of R. & S. took charge of the office October 1, and the same is now located in Nashville. Mr, White gives instructions that all communications intended for the office should be addressed to him at Nashville,

TUESDAY EVENING a number of Elks presented Mr. C. C. Hulettt with a handsome watch charm, emblematical handsome watch charm, emblematical of the order. An informal banquet was had, at which the following were pres-ent: A. B. Davenport, F. N. Clarke, Zach Thomasson, D. W. Van Cott, C. E. Phelps, W. C. Gregory, O. N. Dav-enport, Robert Hunter, George B. Eddy, C. E. Babcock, J. M. Swetman, C. W. Fredenburg, Charles, Blackhurg, C. W. Fredenburg, Charles Blackburn, J. O. Julian, Thomas Swobe, Harry Hall, Frank MacDonald, Samuel Curtis, W. D. Bennett, George Spangen-burg, W. N. Babcock.

## SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

A large opera party was made up of the residents of South Omaha to see Modjeska in Romeo and Juliet. John Brandon, who was up before the po-lice judge on the charge of drunkenness, was mulcted in the sum of \$5.50, which he paid and departed.

Michael Gahen, formerly superintendent of Fowler Brothers packing house, has re-signed his position here to accept a similar one with the same firm in Kansas City.

The republican club of South Omaha held a meeting in the Times office last night and decided to hold a mass meeting in the Knights of Labor hall on next Friday night. The brick masons who work on the packing houses now in course of erection will receive \$9 for Sundays work.

Considerable excitement was created last right by a report being circulated that a man was shot near the First ward school house. Four shots were heard in that direction, but on investigation the police found that no one had been hit had been hit.

Fifteen bricklayers were employed on Armours packing house yesterday, and as Mr. Riley could not get enough men to complete the contract he sent a requisition for thirty men to Kansas City, who will each receive #6 per day.

Conductor Charles Mack, one of the most genial knights of the punch on the Council Bluffs and South Omaha dummy runs, yester-day celebrated the ninth anniversary of his wedding and received a number of valuable tokens from a large circle of friends.

#### A Move For Cheaper Gas.

It is reported that a party of eastern cap italists have about completed negotiations for italists have about completed negotiations for the purchase of the Boyd packing house property, with the intention of converting the same into a gas factory. The prospective purchasers intend to manufacture gas for heating and motive power, as well as for illumination, at the price of 50 cents per 1000 cubic feet. As the present price is \$2.00 per 1000 the new enterprice will be halled with Preston. This organization has for its 1,000, the new enterprise will be halled with delight by all the gas consumers in the city.

> Killed By a Passenger Train. Claus Anderson was killed at Deerfield, on the B. & M. railroad, yesterday morning, by being struck by train No. 5, bound for Lincoin. Coroner Drexel picked up the remains, and an inquest was held on the spot. The railway corporation was exonerated from all blame of any nature.

### a Confiding Public.

"There are tricks in all trades but ours," remarked a gentleman familiar with business, "but these men who put up oysters take the cake. In the first place they can put as much Missouri river water in their cans as they please and no one can tell the difference from quality of oysters they see fit into the cans and cap them 'selects,' the good housewife takes them in good faith, supposing that she is getting a good ar-ticle until she opens them up. The cans are all alike but the different grades of oysters are distinguished by the caps with which the cans are scaled up. Retail grocers like to get something that they can sell cheap and make the purchaser believe he is getting a big drive. To meet this demand even first class houses of national reputation are apt to put up snide goods, but they put them in plain cans and leave off their own name. "Selects" are put up here that can be retailed at 25c a can; these are what are called "snaps" at Baltimore. All first-class houses that put up regular brands have a uniform fill, just so many oysters going into each can. There is a good deal of "shenanegan" in bulk oysters. Everything that is too poor to be used for filling cans is thrown in a heap and sold as bulk oysters. When the cans begin to smell, showing that the oysters are getting stale, the cans are opened up and their contents also thrown in with the bulk oysters. also thrown in with the bulk oysters. These make "Green Points," and are in much demand at boarding houses and chop houses. The only safe way for the buyer is to patronize first-class retail houses that carry good goods. The oys-ters put up by Freeman & Shaw, that bear the horse shoe brand are always bear the horse shoe brand, are always reliable in fill and quality. The good house wife should insist that the grocer get that brand if he is not already handling it.

GERMAN-AMERICAN EDUCATION.

The Efforts Being Made to Secure it in This City.

The lady members of the German-American School association, whose efforts in behalf of the school on Harney street, in which they are interested, are preparing for another unique entertainment as means of making the institution a grand success. They propose to give a grand fair in Germania hall, commencing next Monday evening, November 2, and continuing for three nights. They have already made arrangements for a choi have already made arrangements for a choice programme cach night, and, besides, have themselves been busy for several months past in making fancy articles of both use and ernamentation, which may readily be found of value in the bachelor's apartment as well as in the home of the well-established family. These articles will lose none of their intrinsio while home on the bachelor's lose the other intrinsion. The object of the fair, the conservation of a German-American school, is worthy the patronage which it will doubtless receive

## from all classes. A Frightful Fall. The massive decrick which was nearly com-pleted on the site of the New York Life building fell with a terrible crash yesterday morning, shortly after So'clock. John Budz-

man, of Chicago, and Andy Anderson, a Swede of this city, were on the top of it at the time. The former is an old derrick worker, and as the structure fell he guarded himself and landed without injury. Ander-son was less fortunate, and as he fell he was buried beneath the debris. His head was badly crushed, his right arm mangled and his foot severly injured. He was taken to the Child's hospital.