STATISTICS ABOUT SHEEP.

Annual Report of the Chief of the Wool Bureau.

DECLINE IN NUMBERS THIS YEAR.

Postmaster General Vilas Negotiating For the Purchase of a House in Washington—National Capital News.

Wool Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The report of Colonel W. F. Switzler, chief of the bureau of statistics, of wool and manufactures of wool, shows that the number of sheep in the United States rose from 19,000,000 in 1840 to 51,000,000 in 1884, but declined to 45,000,000 in 1887. This marked decline occurred mainly in the southern and western states, notably in Texas, and is attributed in great part to the decline in the price of wool since 1884. The Argentine Republic is now, next to Great Britain, our source of supply, followed by Australia. Our imports of wool rose from 1,715,899 pounds in 1822 to 114,638,000 pounds since 1887. The increase in wool imports has about kept pace with the growth of our wool products, both having about doubled since 1860. The value of our woolen product of 1850 was $25,000,000 in round numbers and of our imports $19,000,000, both together being about $1.95 per capita of our population. In 1880 the products had grown to $164,000,000 and the imports were valued at $31,000,000, being $3.91 per capita. Thus, while our products of woolen have increased since 1880 nearly seven-fold, our imports have increased about 62 per cent, but the consumption per capita has doubled, which, the statistician says, indicates in a striking manner the advancement of wealth and comfort in style of living among the people of this country. Statistics of the imports and exports of woolens in the trade of foreign countries show that the United Kingdom is foremost in the foreign trade in woolen, the imports during 1885 amounting in value to $49,000,000 and the exports to $115,000,000. France comes next with imports of $49,000,000 and exports amounting to $78,000,000 and Germany next with imports of $25,000,000 and exports of $51,000,000. There has been a large decline in the woolen trade of Great Britain since 1874 as shown by the exports, which are as follows: Exports during the five years from 1870 to 1874, $787,000,000; during the five years from 1880 to 1884, $548,000,000, showing a decline of $239,000,000, or 30 per cent between the two periods. This decline the royal commission on the depression of trade attributes in part to high foreign tariffs, which, it is claimed, shut out the manufacturers of Great Britain from foreign markets.

Vilas Preparing for 1888.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Postmaster General Vilas will shortly purchase a Washington home. It will be situated in that ultra-fashionable quarter on K street facing the Franklin square. The house is owned by the heirs of ex-Justice Swayne, of the United States supreme court. It adjoins Senator John Sherman's house. The price asked was $40,000, but it was secured for $35,000. General Vilas' young daughter, Miss Mollie, will be one of the social debutantes next season. It is the intention of General and Mrs. Vilas to entertain very largely the coming winter. Some of the postmaster general's political enemies are unkind enough to say that the purchase of the house is for the purpose of facilitating General Vilas, vice presidential boom.

Gossip About Chamberlain.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Sir Lionel West, the British minister, has been much amused at the many stories which have appeared in the newspapers describing the hostility of the administration towards Mr. Chamberlain as one of the representatives of the British on the fisheries commission. He has talked with Secretary Bayard upon the subject and that gentleman has assured him that the stories have absolutely no foundation. When your correspondent to-night asked him about it Mr. West laughed and declared that all the animosity which had been manifested was in the newspapers. "Neither the British government nor I," he added, "feel that there will be any necessity for considering the advisability of removing Mr. Chamberlain from the commission and substituting someone in his place. No matter what his position may be on the Irish question, he will make, I have no doubt, a very satisfactory commissioner in bringing to an amiable solution the fisheries dispute."

Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following Nebraska pensions have been granted: Original—Benjamin F. White, Lincoln.

Iowa Pensions: Mexican war—John Scott, Nevada; Eli Saul, Burlington; Oscar Alonzo Harrison, Sioux City. Original—A. G. Berkey, Bedford; Albert Alley, deceased, Fayette; J. P. Albertson, Dean, Increase—Sidney Wells, Russell; Theodore Beach, Charles City; J. M. Guild, Exira; Enoch Davis, Iowa City; George A. Albright, Mount Vernon; John M. Cary, Rock Rapids; T. H. Haines, Sully.

The Crow Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The secretary of the interior to-day received a telegram from the inspector at the Crow agency in Montana saying that twenty Gros Ventre Indians, well armed, are on the reservation en route to the Shoshone agency. The military authorities have been instructed to return the Gros Ventres to the agency to which they belong. The commissioner of Indian affairs has been instructed to notify agents in Montana and adjoining territories to use every effort to keep the Indians on their reservations and not to permit any of them to visit the Crow reservation.

The Yellow Fever District.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Surgeon General Hamilton received to-day a telegram from Dr. Porter, in charge of relief measures at Tampa, Fla., in which he says there has been 225 to 250 cases of yellow fever and thirty-four deaths up to date. There were fourteen new cases yesterday, and about eighty are sick in town. Information was received to the effect that the hospital will have to be enlarged so as to afford additional accommodations.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following Iowa postmasters were appointed to-day: Andrew Kean, Ion, Allamakee county, vice Silas C. Hub, deceased; Jacob Foster, Pomeroy, Calhoun county, vice William T. Uvey, resigned.

Railroad Regulation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The interstate commerce commission to-day gave a hearing to representatives of a great many railroads upon the subject of annual reports to be required from carriers under section 20 of the act to regulate commerce.

AUDACIOUS GREASERS.

Mexican Bandits Try to Blackmail Wealthy Texas Merchants.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Oct. 26.—Wealthy merchants at Rio Grand City are in a state of terror owing to the threats of Mexican bandits who are writing anonymous letters demanding sums of money ranging from $1,000 to $8,000. In case of failure to comply, destruction of themselves, family and property is threated. The surrounding country is terrorized, and appeals will be made to the governor for protection.

Wedded a Spanish Diplomat.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—Miss Camille Bergman, daughter of Mrs. L. MacAlester Laughton, was married to-day to Jose DePedroso, an attache of the Spanish legation at Washington, at Glengary, the summer residence of Mrs. Laughton. Miss Rose Cleveland, sister of the president, assisted in receiving and Miss McElroy, niece of the late President Arthur, was one of the bridesmaids.

NEWS BY STEAMSHIP.

Ships Lost On the Chinese Coast—The Chinese-American Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The steamship Gaelic arrived this morning from Hong Kong and Yokohama and brings advices to the effect that September 15 the Chinese transport Wagler was lost in Pescadores and 280 Chinese and five Europeans were drowned. The British bark Oxford was stranded on the Batoan coast September 19, but no lives were lost. It is also reported that the steamer Anton encountered a typhoon during which the second officer and twenty-four Chinese were washed overboard and drowned. The typhoon is reported from various places in the China sea and nearly all vessels arriving at Hong Kong reported having suffered more or less.

The steamship Gaelic to-day brought Chinese papers containing copies of an agreement for establishing the China-American bank, concerning which there has been so much controversy. The agreement consists of ten articles. The bank is to be known as the China-American bank and the capital will be supervised and safeguarded by the government of China and the United States. The capital shall consist of 10,000,000 American dollars. Vanderbilt will act as president in the United States but a vice president will be sent to China to attend to business there. The remaining articles then provide for the coinage of silver or gold money by the bank and for the issue of paper money to the amount of one-half the capital of the bank. The concessions heretofore mentioned are cited. The agreement as published shows that the name of Vanderbilt was employed in negotiations by Mitkiewicz and that the United States was mentioned as being cognizant of the proposed agreement.

Wedded in Paris.

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PARIS, (via Havre), Oct. 26.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—The sun shone bright and warm yesterday on the marriage of Miss Mary Holman, of Baltimore, to Baran Moncheure, the first secretary of the Belgium legation at Berlin, which took place at 1 o'clock in the American church, Avenue de l' Alma. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Morgan, rector, and the ceremony was made exceedingly impressive by processional hymn of Turle's marriage choral, "Father of Life", sung by the choirsters. Following the bride and bridegroom in procession were the bride's stepbrother, Mr. Padelford and Mr. S. Holman, Mr. and Miss Holman and others of the family. At the altar awaiting the bridal party were the groom's best man, Mr. Dalu, of New York, and another step-brother of the bride, Mr. Padelford, who gave her away. After an impressive marriage service the choir gave Sullivan's marriage anthem, "O God Thou Art Worthy to be Praised," and the organist played Mendelssohn's wedding march. The silk gown of the bride was superb. Her costume was rich with lace and orange buds. A long white trail, over which fell in profusion a long tulle veil, was very effective and exceedingly becoming to a bride. The baroness, by the way, is a pretty brunette and during the summer was a great belle at Schwalbach. Mrs. Holman wore steel colored velvet embroidered in silver with a bonnet of the same material and trimming. There were few guests present owing to the short residence in Paris of the bride and groom. Among them were the wife of the United States vice-consul at Havre, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry, Mrs. Randolph, Mr. Francis Goodridge, Mrs. and Miss Bronson and others. Baron Moncheur has a leave of absence for six months from Berlin so that he and the Baroness Moncheur will pass the time in Rome. They are to leave Paris to-day for Italy.

Chamberlain Criticized

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LONDON, Oct. 26.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to the BEE.]—The Herald's queries as to whether Mr. Chamberlain will visit Washington or not continue to variously exercise the metropolitan or provincial press. This evening's Pall Mall Gazette voices thus, what appears to be the general sentiment of the radical or Gladstone press: "Mr. Chamberlain lacks, we fear, one essential qualification of a diplomatist; he cannot hold his tongue. His references to Canada the other day were unfortunate enough, but his apology for them yesterday was worse. Still when you make a blunder in a matter like that the only thing to do is to let it be forgotten, as far as possible. This elementary rule of diplomacy Mr. Chamberlain has still to learn. Yesterday he insisted on enlarging upon his original text and dilating on the very slender tie which bound Cananda to the mother country and on the conflict of interests between them. A more injudicious line to take on the eve of his departure to act as imperial embassador on Canada's behalf, it would be hard to conceive. For, not content with quarreling with Canada, Mr. Chamberlain promptly proceeded to fall foul of a large and influential section of Americans. It is already notorious that Mr. Chamberlain's bitterly anti-Irish attitude will not tend to make him a persona gratia in the United States. Last night he did his worst to make himself less acceptable still by abusing, in unmeasured terms, the whole Irish section of America. What is one to say of a diplomatist who thinks it wise to celebrate his departure on a friendly mission by picking a quarrel with both parties to the dispute which he is sent to adjust?"

Spurgeon Withdraws.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Mr. Spurgeon has withdrawn from the Baptist union. In announcing his decision to withdraw and replying to his critics he says: "To pursue the union at the expense of truth is treason to Jesus. To tamper with His doctrines is to become a traitor to Him. We have before us the wretched spectacle of professedly orthodox christians publicly avowing a union with those who deny the faith, call the fall of man a fable and deny the personality of the Holy Ghost."

A Knock Out For Prohibition.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The United States supreme court to-day refused the attorney general of Kansas permission to make oral argument now in the prohibition case of Ziebold et al.

Philomathian Programme.

Miss Lottie L. Gassette, teacher of the sixth grade at the Farnam school, has prepared the following programme which will be carried out by the scholars on Friday afternoon:

Roll-call and secretary's report....Flora Day
President's address.....Earl Decker
The Jolly Blacksmith, song.....School
A Funny Dream, composition..Clyde Wescott
That Hired Girl, recitation..Walden Branch
Who Is It? historical sketch..Dewitt Burgland
The Boy and the Schoolma'am.....Reading
Olive Branch.
The Letter in the Candle.....Song
Mary Wright, Thana Anspacher,
Alice Andresen, Sadie Gibson.
Our Tom, recitation.....Moshier Colpetzer
The Omaha Mud.....Composition
Emma Buckingham.
Prince's Feather, recitation.Thana Anspacher
Debate—Resolved, That girls do more to make home and school happy than boys.
Affirmative, Negative,
Emma Harris. Franklin Rose.
The Dude, recitation.....Harry Stephens
What I Live For, recitation.....Flora Day
Little German Home, song..Harry Stephens
Guess My Name, literary puzzle.Sadie Gibson
Boys Wanted, speech.....Fred Maile
Patient Mercy Jones, recitation.PearlWescott
A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.....Composition
Alice Andresen.
Critic's Report.....Emma Buckingham

Darling—Dixon.

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock Miss Lilly A. Dixon, daughter of E. W. Dixon, 2310 California street, was married to Mr. C. T. Darling, of the Davenport, (Ia.) Democrat-Gazette. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly wedded pair left for their future home at Davenport. Miss Dixon has been a great favorite in Omaha social circles.

LAST GAME OF THE SEASON.

Detroit and St. Louis Wind Up the Championship Contests.

THE BROWNS MAKE A WINNING.

A Large Number of Interesting Matches at the Shooting Tournament Yesterday—Western League Meeting.

St. Louis 9, Detroit 2.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The concluding game of the world's championship series was played here to-day before a crowd of 800. The weather was cold and the players were ready to quit at the conclusion of the sixth inning. The St. Louis men did the cleanest and hardest hitting that they have yet done and won the game with ease, although there was clearly no intentional let-down in the work of the Detroits. Both sides were guilty of errors, but most of them were on difficult plays, the batting being sharp. Latham's bases on balls, errors by Baldwin and Richardson and O'Neill's three-bagger gave St. Louis three in the first, and singles by Robinson, Bushong, Lyons and Comiskey, with Latham's double, yielded them four in the second. The runs in the fourth and fifth were made on errors. Errors by Lyons and Welch and Ganzell's hit gave Detroit one in the second, and hits by Rowe, Thompson and White, with a passed ball, was responsible for the others.

THE SCORE.

ST. LOUIS.	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Latham, 3b	4	2	3	2	1	1	0
Lyons, s. s.	4	3	2	0	1	2	3
O'Neill, l. f.	4	1	1	0	1	0	1
Comiskey, 1b	4	0	1	0	4	1	0
Caruthers, p	4	0	0	0	2	4	0
Foutz, r. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welch, c. f.	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
Robinson, 2b	3	1	2	0	2	3	0
Bushong, c	3	2	2	0	5	1	0
Total	32	9	11	2	18	12	5
DETROIT.	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Richardson, 2b	4	0	0	0	5	0	1
Sutcliffe, 1b & c	3	0	0	0	6	2	2
Rowe, s. s.	3	1	2	0	0	5	2
Thompson, r. f.	3	0	2	0	2	0	0
White, 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Twitchell, l. f.	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
Ganzel, 1b & c	3	0	1	0	2	0	1
Hanlon, c. f.	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Baldwin, p	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	30	2	8	0	18	8	7

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	
St. Louis	3	4	0	1	1	0	—9
Detroit	0	1	1	0	0	0	—2

Earned runs—St. Louis 5.
Two-base hits—Latham.
Three-base hits—O'Neill.
First base on balls—Latham, Robinson, Baldwin.
First base on errors—St. Louis 5, Detroits 2.
Struck out—Hanlon, Ganzell, Twitchell.
Passed balls—Bushong 2.
Umpires—Gaffney and Kelley.

Dunlap Sold to New York.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 26.—Fred Dunlap, the star second baseman of the champion League club, is to be released. New York has offered $5,000 for him. Dunlap has not been entirely satisfactory. It is alleged that recent events have shown that he has been the spirit of some strife in the team, and his reputation as a disorganizer has caused him all along to be held under suspicion by many of the players. Dunlap plays ball for the money there is in it, and is willing to go to New York. His present contract calls for $4,500 a year, with an extra $1,000 at the end of the season. Detroit paid $1,000 for him two years ago, and he has done good work for them. When he broke his leg, however, and was retired for many weeks, it was seen that Richardson was just as good a man at second and that Dunlap was not essential to the club's success, as first supposed by some.

National Jockey Club Races.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The weather was cold and rainy and the track good.

For two-year-olds, Six furlongs: Fordham won, Rita B second, Nance third. Time—1:16¼.

One and one-eighth miles: Richmond won, Wilfred second, Banner Bearer third. Time—1:57.

For three-year-olds, mile and a furlong, starters Stuyvesant and Kingston: Kingston won. Time—1:56¼.

Seven-eighths mile: Folian won, Hanover second, Mamie Hunt third. Time—1:28¾.

One mile: Knight of Ellerslie won, Bralt second, Valiant third. Time—1:44¼.

The Shooting Tourney.

The clear skies and balmy sunshine of yesterday morning brought out the shooters in swarms and the attendance at the tournament was very large. All the contests were closely contested and in consequence very exciting.

The first event was 9 blue rocks, 18 yards rise, $200 entrance, which resulted as follows:

Penrose	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—8
Parmalee	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
Stiece	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
Budd	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—8
Crabill J	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
Ketchum	1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1—7
Crabill F	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—8
Ladd	1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1—6
Hodgins	1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0—3
Kellogg	1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1—5
Petty	1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0—6
Mertz	1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1—5
Wethaway	1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1—6
Ruble	1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0—4
Deun	1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1—6
Beech	0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1—5
Hinkley	0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0—4
Hall	1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0—5
Crabill T	1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1—6

Parmalee and Budd divided first money, $22.50; Petty and Ladd divided second, $15.00; Mertz won third, $9.00.

The next event was a live bird race, 5 birds 25 yards, use of one barrel:

The score:

Petty	1 1 1 0 1—4
Crabill, J	1 0 1 1 1—4
Crabill, F	0 1 1 1 1—4
Ketchum	1 1 0 1 0—3
Stiece	1 1 1 1 1—5
Deun	0 1 1 0 0—2
Smith	1 1 1 1 1—5
Ladd	0 1 1 0 0—2
Parmalee	1 1 0 0 1—3
Budd	1 1 1 1 1—5
Ruble	1 1 1 1 0—4
Hall	1 1 0 0 1—3
Penrose	1 1 1 1 1—5

Smith and Budd divided first money, $30; J. Crabill took second, $21; Ketchum, third, $12.50; Deun and Ladd divided fourth, $8.25.

The attendance in the afternoon was large and enthusiastic. The first went on the card was 12 blue rocks, 21 yards rise, entrance, $3.00. After a very close and interesting contest, first money was taken by J. A. Ruble, of Albert Lea, Minn., who made a clean score, and Dick Mertz and William Brewer who also killed 12 straight birds, and divided the purse.

The score is subjoined:

Penrose	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—11
Budd	0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—10
Parmelee	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—11
Crabill, F	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—11
Hinkley	0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 0—5
Hall	1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0—6
Kellogg	1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0—6
Ladd	1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0—8
Crabill, J	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—10
Hodgins	1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0—7
Crabitt, T	1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1—6
Ruble	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—12
Beach	0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0—6
Stice	1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0—9
Nethaway	1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—10
Mertz	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—12
Petty	1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—9
Brewer	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—12
Stevens	1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1—8
Ketchum	1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—10

First money, J. A. Ruble, $45; second, $30 divided Parmelee, Crabill and Penrose; third money, $25, divided by Budd and Nethaway.

The second event was the grand event of the tourney, being the live bird shoot, ten to the man, entrance $10. The birds were an excellent lot, strong and swift of wing, and testing eye and nerve to the utmost. The first money $84, was again taken by J. A. Ruble, with ten straight birds, he being the only man out twelve contestants, among whom were C. W. Budd, the champion wing shot of the world, and J. R. Steice, of New Haven, ex-champion. The score:

Budd	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—9
Penrose	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0—7
Parmelee	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1—7
Denn	1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0—7
Smith	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1—8
Beach	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—9
Crabill, J	1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1—9
Hinkley	1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1—7
Ruble	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—10
Mertz	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—9
Steice	1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—8
Crabill, F	1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1—8

Ruble first, $84; J. Crabill and Rudd divided second, $54; Stiece shot F. Crabill and Smith out for third by killing twenty straight birds, $27; Parmelee third, $18.

The next event was five doubles, live birds, twenty-one yards rise, $7.50 entrance. The score:

Budd	11 11 11 11 10—9
Beach	11 11 11 11 11—10
Ketchem	10 11 00 11 11—7
Smith	11 11 11 11 11—10
Parmelee	10 11 11 11 11—9
Crabill F	01 10 10 11 11—7
Crabill J	11 10 01 01 01—6
Steice	11 11 11 01 11—9
Mertz	10 00 11 00 11—5
Fox	11 10 10 01 11—7

Smith took first money, $37.50; Budd second, $22.50; Ketchem third, $15.00.

The day's shoot concluded with a fifteen blue rock race, eighteen yards rise, entrance $3.00. The score:

Parmelee	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—14
Brewer	1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—12
Budd	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—15
Nethaway	1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1—10
Ketchem	1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—12
Steice	1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—13

Budd took first, $10; Parmelee second and Steice third.

The prospects for to-day's programme are very flattering, as many additional shooters from abroad are expected to arrive on this morning's train. There are eight events on the day's card. The admission to the grounds to-day will be free to all.

The Western Base Ball League.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—An informal meeting of the representatives of the new Western Base Ball league was held this morning at the Tremont house. The league is represented by C. M. Sherman, of Des Moines; R. C. Foster, Minneapolis; John Barnes, St. Paul; J. W. Loftus, St. Louis; James Hart, Milwaukee; Sam Morton, Chicago; Arthur Briggs, Omaha. E. E. Menges, the Kansas City representative, had not arrived this morning and consequently no business was done, the members present devoting their time to reading the constitution of the National league and making such changes in it as are necessary to make it fit the requirements of the new league. Menges arrived in the afternoon and the new league was organized. Samuel Morton, of Chicago, was elected president, secretary and treasurer. Hart, of Milwaukee; Thompson, of St. Paul, and Morton were appointed a committee to prepare a schedule of games. E. E. Menges, of Kansas City, and Samuel Morton were appointed a committee to visit the arbitration committee of the National league and secure the protection of the league agreement. The constitution of the National league was adopted, and it was resolved that there should be a $100 guarantee to the visiting club on each game, and that bonds of $1,500 must be deposited with the secretary to secure the payment of the guarantee. The next meeting will be held in December.

She Broke Her Jaw.

In the impromptu fight between Jack Nugent's brindle bull "Spot" and her mother "Nell," which occurred at the county jail last Saturday evening, the former received injuries from which she will not recover for some weeks and which may completely destroy her value as a fighter. It has been found that her lower jaw was broken. Efforts have been made to properly reset it. These two dogs are known to be the best blooded animals of the kind in the west, and the defeat of "Spot" in this fight is attributed to the fact that she was too young to tackle her mother.

That Faith Cure Victim.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 26.—To the Editor of the BEE: I noticed an article in your paper a few days since headed, "Victim of the Faith Cure," "Death of a Woman Who Scorned Human Remedies." In this article the author called the Scientists Charleton's of the faith cure and said that a simple operation could have removed the trouble, but instead of doing this she squandered her money on these Charletons of faith cure and died when she might easily have been saved. When I read that article it impressed me as being very unjust, from the fact that I have had eight years' experience in mental healing and am aware of the fact that this class of physicians very rarely get cases of this kind to treat until medical aid has first been tried until all hope of help from that source has been abandoned. This fact led me in justice to the science "that is proving such a great blessing to humanity," as well as to the friends of the deceased, to ascertain the facts which I did by going to the house and interviewing one of the family, and these are the facts as given to me by the party. Mrs. Baldwin came from Blair here and for a time employed Dr. Coffman; did not remember just how long but as long as it seemed best, as she did not improve and this, too, at or near the beginning of her trouble. Failing in this they took her to the Medical Institute in this city, where she had an operation performed. After this she gradually failed and was able to do very little if any work afterwards, and feeling that they had tested medical skill until it was useless to try that longer, they appealed to the scientist, as many another has done, in the hope that she as well as hundreds of others might get well. But it being a severe case and far advanced was hard to reach and did not respond as readily as desired and the friends feeling anxious to leave nothing undone for her relief they again called Dr. Coffman. He visited her and performed another operation, and when asked by a member of the family if she was in a dangerous condition, replied no, that she would get along all right now, but instead of that she sank rapidly until death relieved her of suffering. I now leave these facts, just as I received them, for the public to decide where the trifling came in. Perhaps, however, in justice to the scientist who treated her, I ought to add that a very small amount of money was squandered on him, for, as my informant stated, he was very kind and took but a very small sum for his services. A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

The Void Election Law.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 26.—To the Editor of the BEE: Since the supreme court has declared the election law, as enacted by the present legislature for metropolitan cities, to be unconstitutional and void, the question has arisen: "Have we any election law at all governing metropolitan cities, and, if not, who is to appoint officers to conduct the coming election?"

It is evident that the old law does not apply to metropolitan cities, because at the time of its passage no such cities existed in Nebraska and, therefore, it could not have been contemplated by the legislature that they should be included therein. And it is undoubtedly true that we have no registration law in Omaha. But as far as the officers of election are concerned, such as judges and poll clerks, there need be no inconvenience whatever because the law has wisely provided that when officers have been appointed pursuant to a public unconstitutional law before the same is adjudged to be such they are officers de facto until their successors are lawfully appointed, or until the office which they fill is abolished. This doctrine has been firmly established by decisions of the supreme courts of Massachusetts, Connecticut and various other states. Therefore, as these offices still exist, and as the mayor and council appointed officers to fill them under the law providing for their appointment was declared void, they may still act until some other provision is made. ANDREW BEVINS.

Parnell Social Club Party.

The third of a series of parties being given under the auspices of the Parnell Social club occurred in A. O. H. hall last evening. It was attended by about thirty couples and was a very enjoyable affair. W. H. Franklin officiated as master of ceremonies, and S. E. Collins, J. J. Lloyd, J. F. Price and Louis Connelly were the floor committee. The next party of this series will take place in the same hall November 9.

Jenks Held For Trial.

Ark C. Jenks, who was arrested in Fremont for impersonating a United States officer, had a preliminary hearing before Judge Anderson yesterday and was put under $500 bonds to appear before the district court.

BISHOP FOWLER'S SERMON.

An Eloquent Discourse at the First M. E. Church.

Bishop C. H. Fowler, now on his way to San Francisco, preached at the First Methodist Episcopal church last evening before a very large congregation. He is a very eloquent and expressive speaker, and was eagerly listened to by the large congregation present. He took his text from First Timothy 4:8. In opening his sermon he said: "The short Saxon putting of what I wish to express is that 'Godliness pays.' The soul, like ancient Rome, is approachable by many avenues, and along these many roads can be seen the many powers marching on to capture that citadel, the soul. From a distance we look at the picture. Into the stream of passion God launches his gunboats and seeks to capture the heart. He thunders out, 'Son, give Me thine heart.' In my text he presents tha price of our salvation—a peculiar bargain. He bears the risk, and we in a fair sense get the profit. God does not treat us as a stern, exacting judge. He is lenient and waits patiently and gives us a big chance to make the bargain; he furnishes the capital and we reap all of the profits. Taking this investment with its toils as well as its thrones and its crosses as well as its crowns you will find it a winsome. Every thing possible to induce us to make this investment is done. Heaven's beauties, the pearly gates, the streets of gold and the wonderful throne are portrayed to us, and on the other side the darkness and the fire of hell is shown. The investment he asks us to make is godliness. Now, to have the latter we must freely surrender self. The surrender is not a question of equity, a question of fortune, or a question of culture. Self is a hard thing to give up. Then, to complete the saleable article you must put the price in dollars and cents, for that is too low a standard. In religion a man's life is not worth a cent more than the religion costs. What it costs that is it worth. You will find that it is easier and cheaper to carry the burden of the church than not to carry it. You cannot speculate on the vices of men in christianity, and consequently some say that christianity is disadvantageous. You cannot freely rent your buildings for rum shops, nor can you hang around the legislature and profit from the cheap character of the legislators. Neither can you speculate on men's souls. Godliness is profitable from the thoughts it awakens and the themes it presents, and it is also profitable in the fellowships that it forms, and lastly in immortality.

Matters Political.

The republicans of the Second ward held a meeting last evening in a building on the corner of Eighteenth and Vinton streets. There was a good attendance and considerable enthusiasm. Quite a number of speeches were made, mainly by the candidates, and all were warmly applauded.

The Fifth ward republican club held a meeting last evening at their headquarters, 604 North Sixteenth street. Four of the republican candidates reside in this ward, which necessarily gives the club considerable life, as was evidenced by the good attendance and spirited speeches made last evening. Henry Bolin and other speakers addressed the club.

The Seventh ward democratic club met last evening at the Park house to talk over the political situation. The attendance was small, but the talk great. A number of the democratic candidates were present who made the shades of the surrounding park resound with their eloquent appeals for patronage.

The Second ward democratic club met last evening in the hall on the corner of Sixteenth and Williams streets. There was only a fair attendance. The different political candidates were thoroughly aired and all good democrats were adjured to have their ticket straight.

The Eighth ward republican club will hold a meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the club headquarters, 2401 Cuming street. All republicans cordially invited.

The Douglas county democratic central committee will meet at the corner of Farnam and Thirteenth streets next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

K. of L. Ball.

On Wednesday next K. of L. assembly No. 1079 will give a ball in the Exposition hall.

Brevities.

Yesterday's internal revenue collections amounted to $2,498.70.

This morning at 10 o'clock Judge Dundy will call the docket for the United States court and assign the cases for trial. The jury will be on hand next Monday at noon.

The jury is still out in the case of Noyse vs Stephenson, heard by Judge Hopewell. It was an action for the recovery of a pair of mules sold to Stephenson by an employe of Noyse.

Perkins, Gatce & Lauman filed articles of incorporation in the county clerk's office yesterday afternoon. They represent a capital stock of $40,000 with which they will carry on a wholesale and retail crockery business.

Personal Paragraphs.

Bishop Fowler is a guest at the Paxton.

G. W. Peabody, of Clinton, Ia., is in town.

R. L. Oxford, of Wayne, is at the Millard.

W. N. Weyner, of New York, is in the city.

H. A. Shorey, of Neligh, is at the Millard.

Major D. N. Bash, U. S. A., is at the Millard.

J. N. Beach, of Lincoln, is a guest at the Arcade.

Louis E. Sickle, of Nonpariel, is at the Arcade.

T. T. Bartlett, of Kearney, is a guest at the Paxton.

D. B. Howard, of Lincoln, is staying at the Arcade.

Charles Stein, of Chicago, is a guest at the Paxton.

W. J. Jonson, of Chicago, is quartered at the Millard.

C. M. Stebbins, of Fremont, was at the Paxton yesterday.

Colonel Wolcott leaves to-day for Wyoming territory.

O. M. Whitcomb, of Humboldt, is a guest at the Arcade.

W. J. Rowin, of Fremont, is among the Arcade's guests.

F. E. Gregg, of Lincoln, was in town on business yesterday.

Hon. Paul Schminke, of Nebraska City, is in the city.

Ishan Reavis, of Falls City, is registered at the Millard.

G. J. Vallard, of Hastings, is among the Paxton's guests.

Augustus Kountze left last evening for New York City.

C. C. Hawkins, of North Platte, is a guest at the Millard.

G. B. Salter, of Burlington, is registered at the Millard.

J. S. Bennett, of Philadelphia, is registered at the Millard.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lyons, of St. Joe, are at the Millard.

A. W. Wright, of Des Moines, is registered at the Millard.

J. B. Reyward, of Grand Island, was at the Millard yesterday.

S. B. Reynard of Grand Island, was at the Millard yesterday.

A. A. Chamberlin, of Springfield, O., is a guest at the Millard.

E. A. Warren, of Providence, R. I., is registered at the Paxton.

C. E. Dentler, of the United States army, is a guest at the Paxton.

H. C. Cook, of New York, is among the late arrivals at the Paxton.

Walter Collier, agent for the "Natural Gas" company, is at the Millard.

General Charles F. Manderson leaves this morning for Fort Robinson.

O. J. Shriver, of New York, and William A. Fuller, of Chicago, are registered at the Paxton.

J. E. McLaughlin and wife, of Utica, N. Y., are quartered at the Paxton.

F. B. Tiffany, Elis Hodgins and W. W. Ladd, of Albion, are at the Paxton.

A. E. Keller and J. G. Boynton, of Lincoln, are registered at the Paxton.

Charles J. Allen and George E. Allen, of Kansas City, are staying at the Millard.

C. F. Creighton and S. H. Smith, of Lincoln, are among the Paxton's guests.

Among the latest arrivals at the Paxton are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walter and Miss R. M. Henry, of Frenso, Cal.

W. J. Onahan and wife, of Chicago, are registered at the Paxton. Mr. Onahan is the city collector of the Garden City.

Mrs. W. H. Calhoun arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to her daugh