POSTAL TELEGRAPH TALK.

The Subject Already Being Agitated at Washington.

SUPPORT PROMISED THE SCHEME

Alarming Reports Current About Secretary Whitney's Condition—Mrs. Folsom's Coming Receptions—National Capital News.

A Plan to Benefit the People.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Agitation of the subject of postal telegraphy has been already begun by senators and representatives in the city, and without a single exception it is believed congress will, this winter, either establish postal telegraphy or pass an inter-state telegraph bill, making the same regulations as is now imposed upon railroad traffic by the inter-state commerce law. Government control of the telegraph is assured, they all say, and more than a dozen have announced their determination to lead the agitation and introduce bills as soon as congress convenes. This evening's Critic devotes a column of comment upon the subject, predicting a postal telegraph, and declaring that it is as necessary as a means of communication among the masses as the mail department of the general postoffices. It concludes: "There is every reason to believe that a government telegraph, whether acquired by independent construction regardless of existing competition, or by gradual purchase upon its own terms as existing competition becomes forced to the wall, would soon become so thoroughly popularized that its patrons would no more consent to its discontinuance than to the abolition of the general postoffice and would wonder that they ever submitted so long and patiently to the exactions and impositions of a system that just now has a tighter grip upon the public than ever before." This is said to be the position assumed by Senators Edmunds, Sherman, Hawley, Allison and leading members of the house.

"I am most heartily in favor of it," said Senator Cullom, of Illinois, to-day in answer to a question in regard to his opinion touching governmental ownership of the telegraphs of the country. "I have been in favor of a government telegraph for years, but ever since I reached a conclusion on the subject my time and mind in the senate have been so engrossed with the inter-state commerce bill that I could not go into other matters in which I was almost as much interested. Now, that I have that bill off my shoulders, I shall do what I can to urge a government or postal telegraph bill on the senate. If no one else will introduce a bill I will draft and introduce one myself. Yes, the subject has been several times before the committee on postoffices and post roads. I believe that bills have been prepared, but I do not remember that one has ever been introduced. It is possible that the prospect of permanent rival lines which seemed so fair when the Baltimore & Ohio company constructed its system led some who were in favor of such a measure into a temporary condition of indifference. If so, there can no longer be any excuse for indifference. The entire telegraph system of the country is practically controlled by one man. Telegraph communication is at his mercy. The business and commercial secrets of the whole country are at his command. He can send the business thermometer up or down at will. It is surely high time to take steps toward control of the telegraph system by the people. I would not attempt to bargain with Jay Gould or any other man for the purchase of lines already built. The government should construct its own systems. It would be advisable, I presume, to place it in control of the postoffice department. I believe the senate is fully ready for the question and that such a bill, if introduced, would pass without serious opposition. In view of the history of telegraph ownership in the United States and in view of recent occurrences, I really don't see how any one could show good reason why a government telegraph should not be constructed as soon as possible. But I haven't the least doubt that the legislation necessary for the work will be enacted within three months."

Though Senator Cullom is so complete a convert to the principle of government ownership of the telegraph, he is not ready to follow the principle to its logical conclusion and argue also that the government—that is the people—should own and operate the railroads, though in some foreign countries it is quite as feasible and necessary to own the one as the other. The senator's objection to ownership of the railroads is that it would place such a tremendous power in the hands of a party administration to perpetuate itself. The vast army of employes necessary for the operation of a great railroad system would, he thinks, be too dangerous a lever to be safely put into the hands of the party politics of this time. At any rate, he thinks that the telegraph is the present and pressing question, and one thing should be taken at a time.

Secretary Whitney Sick.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Secretary Whitney's illness is to-night regarded as of a much more serious nature than the regular press reports have stated. It is said that his trouble is purely mental and that it threatens to dethrone him. Whitney has been worried almost to distraction during the past year by cases pending in the New York courts and has given himself much unnecessary anxiety about departmental and society affairs. His present condition is due, however, to matters which have preyed upon his mind many months. It will be no great surprise to those here who know what Whitney has suffered to learn at any time that he is completely incapacitated and that he must retire from the cabinet. His present condition is at best a serious blow to President Cleveland. He has been all along the politician of the cabinet. He had cunning, craftiness, courage popularity and money. All these he applied willingly and effectively for his chief, who depended on his secretary of the navy to secure the east while Postmaster General Vilas cared for the west in 1888. But it seems that death and illness is yet to thwart much of the planned work of the president. First came the death of the wife of Secretary Bayard and then his daughter. Shortly afterward paralysis drove Secretary Manning from the cabinet and now a sad calamity comes upon his secretary of the navy.

The reports of the serious condition of Secretary Whitney's health have also caused a good deal of comment in political circles. It is stated that he will not be able to attend to his official duties this winter, and that he may resign if he does not improve after a few months at his home in New York.

Military Matters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—General Sheridan is expected in Washington to-night.

Lieutenant Eben Swift, Fifth cavalry, has been ordered to Fort Riley on public business.

Lieutenant George H. Cameron, Seventh cavalry, has been granted one month's extention of leave.

The retirement of First Lieutenant William H. McMinn, Eighth infantry, to-day promotes Second Lieutenant Edgar Hubert to be first lieutenant.

Sergeant James Bayliss, Fifth infantry, heads the list of non-commissioned officers who were recently examined for promotion to second lieutenants. He attained a rank of 88.7 out of a possible 100.

Leaves of absence: Captain George E. Head, Third infantry, three months; Chaplain J. D. Parker, fifteen days; Captain A. E. Woodson, Fifth cavalry, ten days; Captain Joseph Hale, third infantry, one month; Captain S. A. Mason, Fourth cavalry, one month.

Colonel Glover Ezerin, assistant surgeon general, will be retired from active service November 17. He is at present medical director of the Department of Dakota. His retirement will create the following promotions in the medical staff: Lieutenant Colonel Charles Page to be colonel, Major James C. McKee to be lieutenant colonel and Captain Alfred C. Girard to be major.

Major Asa Gardner, of the judge advocate general's department of the army, who was recently ordered to duty in Washington, is now installed in the war department as a secretary to the secretary of war. He occupies with Major Adams the large room west of the secretary's reception room. Secretary Endicott now has three military secretaries—Major Gardner, Major Adams, of the engineer corps, and Captain Taylor, of the ordnance department. The latter officer occupies the small room between the secretary's office and the chief clerk's room.

A Society Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Mrs. Folsom's Wednesday noon receptions at Oak View, in which she will be assisted oftentimes by Mrs. Cleveland, will be among the attractions of the winter. Senator and Mrs. and Miss Cameron will arrive early next month in the first week and will open a rarely artistic house on Lafayette square for the delectation of their many friends. Mrs. Leiter will throw open the Blaine mansion to society this season. Mrs. Leiter's sister, Mrs. Remington, who spent last winter with her and whose illness prevented Mrs. Leiter from sending out invitations or from going into society, is now much improved in health and expects to go to California. Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and family are in Europe at present, but will be here within a fortnight.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The following Nebraskans were granted pensions to-day: Mexican war: Thomas Bennett, Bondville. Original: Robert H. Crawford, Troy. Increase: John Connor, Danbury; Dennis McKillip, Thornbury.

Iowa pensions: Mexican war: Samuel Henderson, Mount Ayr; John Shafer, Red Oak. Original: John Bantley, Dubuque; Thomas W. Bucher, Gravity; Leonard M. Odiorm, Dover; William Bryant, Centreville. Increase: Daniel Eastley, Primrose City; Robert U. Chapman, Prescott; W. J. Harlow (old war), Seymour; Jacob Seeber, Clear Lake; Christopher C. Linville, Devorah; Charles Porter, Grinnell. Reissue: Orville K. Pike, Miller.

Unnecessary Solicitude.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Judge Falkner, of Indiana, chief of the records division of the pension office, created quite a sensation yesterday afternoon. He addressed a few words to a new lady clerk in the office, and they struck her so abruptly, although they were official orders, that she fainted. She was timid and was frightened. For a while it was supposed she was dead, and the judge, in the goodness of his heart, called a carriage to have the lady taken to her home. A few minutes after the woman was taken away she recovered, and now it is said the judge is kicking himself for his unnecessary extravagance.

The Needs of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The annual report of Commodore Harmony, chief of the naval bureau of yards and docks, asks for an appropriation of $1,770,000 for the maintenance of navy yards throughout the United States during the next fiscal year. He recommends that the water fronts of the navy yards at Norfolk, Va., and Mare Island, Cal., be increased and that a new naval dry dock be cynstructed at the Pensacola, Fla., navy yard. Commodore Harmony says the appropriations for the past year were entirely insufficient to prevent decay of government property. He calls attention to the urgent necessity for putting the Pacific coast in a proper condition of equipment, etc., and says the necessity for a naval station on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico is imperative.

Contesting Carlisle's Seat.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—To-day the attorney for George H. Thobe, the contestant against John G. Carlisle for a seat in the fiftieth congress, filed sixty copies of his brief with the clerk of the house. The brief asserts that Thobe was elected by 600 majority. This result is found by rejecting about a thousand votes cast for Carlisle and 200 votes cast for Thobe, which were polled in precincts, where it is claimed the laws of Kentucky were not observed.

National Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—H. J. Bell, of Nebraska, is quartered at the Ebbitt.

Senator Manderson is expected to call a meeting of his committee next month to make provisions for early printing for congress.

The Rock Springs Indemnity.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The secretary of state is in receipt of a note from the Chinese minister here, returning, by direction of his government, a portion of the Rock Springs indemnity lately appropriated by congress.

Killed in a Gravel Pit.

PARIS, Ill., Oct. 29.—William E. Gaffney and Samuel Carnahan were killed here this morning in a gravel pit by a bank caving in on them.

GOULD'S DEPARTURE.

A New York Paper Says it Was Caused By Anarchist Threats.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Jay Gould sailed on the Umbria at 3 this afternoon for Liverpool.

NEW YORK, October 29.—An evening paper prints a chimerical story, the substance of which is to the effect that Jay Gould has gone to Europe on account of threats made against him by the anarchists, who, it claims, have been after him for months secretly to use his great money power in behalf of their condemned brethren.

The nature of the anarchist communications received by Gould may be judged by the following letter received at the white house yesterday addressed to President Cleveland:

THE HAGUE, Holland, Oct. 15.—To the President of the United States: The council general of the democratic federation in Holland, feeling indignant at the infamous judgment of the Illinois supreme court in the case of the Chicago anarchists, hold that the throwing of the bomb in the meeting held May 4, 1886, was provoked by an outrageous assault of the police upon the people's right of free speech.

Furthermore, as the thrower of the bomb is not known, the charging of the seven anarchists with the guilt of this act is essentially arbitrary and the outgrowth of class hatred.

Therefore, the social democratic federation of Holland, in the name of humanity, liberty and justice, protest against the sentence of death passed upon the Chicago anarchists and despising the ruling classes for making themselves a party to this murder, shall hold the president of the United States personally responsible if their lives are taken.

THE COUNCIL GENERAL,
C. CROLL, Secretary.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Gould, Miss Nellie Gould, aged sixteen, Annie Gould, aged eight and a son aged six years. Just before the Umbria sailed Mr. Gould found himself the center of a group of reporters, and said: "We are going direct to Gibraltar where my yacht is to meet us. Then we will cruise around the Mediterranean for two months. No business—only pleasure."

A Republican Rally.

A grand republican mass meeting was held last night at Pruyn's carriage repository on Izard street. It was a joint meeting of the republicans of the Sixth and Eighth wards and the meeting was addressed by Hon. J. M. Thurston and a number of the other orators and candidates for election. The Sixth ward club with torches, preceded by a brass band, marched to the hall and were enthusiastically received. Taken altogether, it was a most enthusiastic meeting.

County Democratic Committee.

The Douglas county democratic central committee met at the rooms of Julius Meyer yesterday afternoon, disposed of considerable routine business and adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

Brevities.

Walnut Hill Christian church. The revival meetings are still in progress with unceasing interest. Subject of discourse this morning, "Paul's Experience in Paradise." Subject for this evening, "The Stone Rolled Away." Everybody invited.

Yesterday's internal revenue collections amounted to $13,192.53.

There will be a meeting of the Puget Sound colony at 1114 Farnam street at 2 o'clock to-day.

WEEKLY BUSINESS REVIEW.

Very Few Changes Noted In Local Financial Affairs.

A GOOD DEMAND FOR MONEY.

Bankers Becoming More Cautious On Account of Repeated Failures—Activity In the New York Stock Market.

In the Commercial World.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—There are very few changes to note in local financial affairs. Quite a good demand existed for money from all sources, but there was no particular stringency, as bankers were well supplied with loanable funds. Regular customers of the financial institutions and local borrowers in good repute were enabled to obtain all the funds asked for, yet bankers as a rule demanded undoubted security, and loaned only on safe and wide margins. The movement of currency to the interior was moderately free and mainly to wheat and live stock districts. Some money was forwarded for the purpose of cribbing corn which parties have sold for May delivery. Inquiry for loans on behalf of operators on the board of trade was moderate, but no trouble was experienced in obtaining all the favors wanted. Shippers offered some short date paper, which was accepted. Lumber dealers and manufacturers were moderate borrowers. Merchants in the wholesale trade offered considerable paper for discount and they were readily accommodated. Collections are reported good in sections where the crops have been secured in good condition. Rates of interest are well maintained at 6½@7 per cent on call and 7@8 per cent on time paper, with very little money loaned under 7 per cent. Money in eastern financial centres is working easier, still there is considerable difficulty experienced in obtaining bank favors. Failures in commercial circles have made bankers more cautious and they are very independent with their limited funds. Foreign money markets are without material change. The balance of trade continues in favor of this country, though it will probably be more evenly balanced in a short time. Eastern exchange was in fair supply and the demand was moderately active. Sales between banks were made at 40@50 cents discount per $1,000 and the market closed steady at that range. Foreign exchange was in fair request and the offerings were not very large. The market ruled firmer and prices higher, with small sales of shippers' sixty days documentary bills on London at $4.80@4.80¾ and closed rather firm at $4.80¼. The New York stock market has exhibited considerable activity during the week just closed. Money was not quite so close in that quarter and the earnings of the principal railroads showed some increase and there was less inclination to sell stocks. Besides, parties who were on "short" side of the market were more inclined to cover their contracts. These features imparted a little more strength and steapiness to the market and prices averaged higner, though they ruled irregular within a small range. Wall street operators traded with considerable freedom, but outside and foreign speculators traded only moderately. Western railroads have attracted considerable attention with some disposition to sell their shares, but the earnings of some of the roads that lead through the districts which produce large quantities of grain and a large number of animals have checked the decline in prices to some extent. The sales on the New York stock exchange for the week aggregated 1,638,000 shares. Speculative trading has improved very little in grain circles during the past week, but there has been more activity manifested in hog products. Local operators have shown some disposition to enlarge their speculative lines and outside orders have been larger both in number and quantity. The receiving and shipping branch of the trade, while not quite as active as during the previous two or three weeks, has shown considerable life. Interior shippers evidently desire to forward as much of their farm products as possible before the close of lake navigation, and would undoubtedly give the Chicago market the preference if they were enabled to obtain all the facilities which are promiscuously extended to them at other points. While Chicago merchants have little to complain of, especially as far as the receiving and shipping of grain is concerned, yet those interested in trade are inclined to the opinion that it can be further enlarged if an united effort be made to secure it. In fact, it is admitted that if a large share of the farm products of the west can be turned toward the Chicago market the speculative trade here will be speedily revived and the mercantile trade of the city be greatly increased by the exchange of goods for the farm products received. It is claimed that the attention of exporters and merchants in foreign markets should be especially directed to the excellent quality of grain received here and inspected by official inspectors, and that it is superior to that offered at seaboard points and which it is surmised is mixed in many cases, although selling within a fraction of the best grades here. Millers in eastern states should also understand this feature of our trade. Country shippers now have their grain weighed at the elevators here at a trifling expense and this is regarded as beneficial, as the weight is certified to by an independent party. Other movements will no doubt be shortly inaugurated which will be beneficial to the shippers of grain and the trade of Chicago. The matter of discriminating in the item of freights should be investigated and an effort be made to secure equal facilities for Chicago receivers as may be obtained by merchants at ether points. An effort, no doubt, will be made to have terminal charges abolished, which also have been an embargo on our trade. A reduction in storage charges is not one of the improbabilities, as it is hinted that with the completion of the new elevators now in progress of erection there will be a scaling down of storage rates. Prices during the week have exhibited very little change. Freights have ruled easier, which has encouraged a little more buying of grain for shipment and vessels were chartered to arrive. Stocks of grain are gradually increasing, but not as rapidly as during former years. Supplies of provisions are considerable reduced, especially of lard. The export movement of flour, grain and provisions is well maintained and the advices from abroad indicate considerable strength in that quarter, accompanied with higher prices for some articles. Receipts of live stock continue liberal, especially of cattle and sheep. The packing in the west is progressing very favorably and the result for the summer season will show a decrease of about 50,000 hogs as compared with the returns of last season. The improvement in weight will probably be sufficient to make up for the deficiency in number.

FATALLY STABBED.

A Cable Line Laborer Found Cut on the Street.

John Kelley, a laborer on the cable line, was stabbed by an unknown man this morning about 12:30 o'clock, and is thought to be in a critical condition. He, in company with two or three companions, were on the sidewalk across the street from engine house No. 2, when the workmen near by were attracted by his screams. Rushing up to him they found him lying on the sidewalk with the blood gushing from a long cut on the side of his face and two wounds in his side. In the confusion that followed his companions were lost and nothing was learned of their identity. Kelley was taken to the police station and his wounds were examined by Dr. Ralph, but he was in such a beastly state of intoxication that it was impossible to determine whether the wounds would prove fatal or not. The chances, however, are against him. The wounds are both in the right side near the bottom of the ribs, and are about an inch apart.

Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning a man named S. O'Dowell was arrested on suspicion of having done the stabbing.

Mrs. Foster Re-Elected.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Oct. 29.—The Iowa W. C. T. U. re-elected J. Ellen Foster president and J. M. Aldrich secretary. Both are opposed to separate political action.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Scanlan's Appearance Last Night in the "Irish Minstrel" at Boyd's.

Mr. Scanlan is great neither as an actor nor as an Irish comedian. There are a dozen men in the lower walk of the profession, from which adventitious circumstances raised him, who are capable of excelling him in both these respects. His Irishmen, as a rule, are of the tender, sentimental, semi-poetic and mildly melo-dramatic order, who are found only in the fanciful sketches of fiction writers or in the plays of dramatists whose knowledge of Irish characters is picked up from the trashy stage productions of a generation ago. Irish lads are not perennially roaming about as amateur detectives, discovering lost wills, circumventing the machinations of scoundrels and being rewarded by receiving, in marriage, the daughter of the old man whom they have saved from eviction, or the wayward son from whom they have averted the lightning of a father's anger on the reproach of his father's friends. Neither are they so gifted with poesy as to reel it off with the fluency of a ballad-singer; nor yet so deeply read in philosophy as to give expression on the slightest suggestion to aphorisms which would do honor to a doctor of laws. As a rule, they are hard-working, industrious and, in the main, practical fellows. But Mr. Scanlan doubtless knows that such personages would not enable him to smile throughout his pieces and indulge in his stage love-making and sing his songs, some of which are unquestionably grateful to the ear. In so far, his work cannot be styled as illustrating nature. It simply personifies an ideal, the object of which is solely to entertain. Yet, the wilderness of the method employed is a decided improvement over the blood-and-thunder system used by some of his predecessors. The more natural of his witty remarks provoke a modest laugh but others equally witty, though made to order by the dramatist, pass by unhonored. Mr. Scanlan ought, to deserve the title of Irish comedian, which means more than the ability to sing and smile, give us one character, in his repertoire, the distinguishing feature of which would be manliness and devotion with a native humor and wit which would not emanate from the play-wright.

Coming Entertainments.

The attractions at the theatres for the present week are as follows:

BOYD'S.

Grismer-Davies in "Called Back," Monday and Tuesday; "Natural Gas," Wednesday and Thursday; Wilson & Rankin's minstrels, Friday and Saturday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

"Abbey's Double Uncle Tom's Cabin," matinee and evening Wednesday; Ida Siddon's burlesque company, Thursday, Friday and Saturday matinee and evening.

THE PEOPLES.

"Mackey's Basket Picnic" every night during the week.

OLYMPIC.

A vaudeville performance will be given at this place every night this week.

GERMAN COMPANY, BOYD'S.

This evening Baureis & Puls company appear in "Narciss," Miss Georgine Kauffmann, the new leading lady making her first appearance in this city.

EDITOR STRONG'S ASSASSIN.

An Effort Being Made to Get Him Out of the Insane Asylum.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—To-day, before Judge Spence of the circuit court, in chambers, was begun the hearing of the writ of habeas corpus for the release of Dr. S. A. Richmond, confined in the asylum for the murder of Colonel W. J. Strong, editor of the Herald, on June 18, 1886. Richmond had his trial before a jury and was pronounced insane. Since that time many schemes and ruses have been resorted to to obtain his release, but the board of managers of the asylum have refused to consider any of them. An attempt will be made to prove the law unconstitutional which provides that in the case of an asylum inmate charged with homicide the signatures of a majority of the board are required for his release. The case will go to higher courts, as the parties on both sides are determined. The asylum physician pronounces Richmond cured.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska and Iowa: Warmer, fair weather; light to fresh southerly winds.

For Eastern Dakota: Local rains, followed by colder, fair weather, winds becoming fresh, northwesterly.

ABOUT THE WESTERN LEAGUE

The New Ball Association and Its Prospects For Success.

NO MANAGER FOR OMAHA YET.

Plans For the New Gymnasium—Which Is Sure to Be Built—Interesting Gossip About Local Sports.

Something About Base Ball.

The new western league that was supposed to have been organized at Kansas City a month since was not really organized until Thursday last at Chicago. In truth there is some doubt yet as to the bona fideness of the enterprise. Arthur Briggs of this city was in attendance, but nothing new has been gained in the way of information from him. The clubs from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha, Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago were admitted, but poor old Lincoln was rejected. Dave Rowe, the base highcockalorum of the capital, was present to look to the interests of that city, but Tom Loftus of St. Louis outgeneraled him, and St. Louis was given the preference over Lincoln. The Chicago and St. Louis dailies denounced the enterprise as a catch-penny affair which must depend on Sunday games for a sustenance, and that it is extremely problematical whether it will receive sufficient patronage to keep it alive until the middle of the season. However, this is a little overdrawn, for with proper management the league can be made one of the best paying base ball associations in the country; without it, its failure is a foregone conclusion.

As to Omaha, there is literally no ball news. The directors of the local club have as yet failed to secure a manager and not a single player, unless it be Walsh and Healey, and Messitt has even been spoken to about next season. Hockett, the old Newark, N. J., manager so anxiously sought after by the Omahas, has signed to take charge of the Syracuse Stars next year and if they are after anybody else, assiduous inquiry fails to reveal that fact. Dave Rowe was here Friday. They may possibly be negotiating with him. He is a tolerably fair ball player, but no manager. Dave thinks he has been badly treated at Lincoln and would be pleased to come to Omaha. The directors have held no meetings for the past three weeks, and from the general aspect of affairs the base ball outlook for Omaha next season does not glow with the color of the rose. It may be, though, that a base ball surprise will be sprung before many weeks upon the local moguls of the game. It is in course of incubation, anyway, and the promise of an early hatch is exceedingly bright.

The New Athletic Hall.

The building of the new Athletic hall is at last a certainty. The subscription for season's tickets has been so generously responded to that the proprietors of the scheme do not hesitate to declare the enterprise a success. The structure is to be one of the most complete in the whole country, and will cost something like $25,000, furniture and all. It is something the city should have, and all those fond of athletic sports and good, sound, healthful exercise should attest to their appreciation of the affair by subscribing their names to the roster of membership. In case the national republican convention is secured for Omaha the new Athletic hall, would make an admirable place for holding it. The building is to be constructed with a view of renting for just such purposes, as well as public meetings of all kinds, political rallies, masquerades, grand balls and tournaments. It is the intention to begin work upon the structure just as soon as plans and specifications can be prepared.

Local Sporting Gossip.

Penrose & Hardin lost somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000 pigeons in the fair ground blaze of Friday afternoon last.

Messrs. Frank Parmelee, of this city, and J. R. Stice, of New Haven, Conn., are shooting geese up at Willow Bend on the Plattee.

Jack Sneed, or the Topekas, will winter in this city.

Dr. Carver wants to arrange for an exhibition shoot for this city on Thanksgiving day. There were at least a half dozen as good shots here at the tournament this week as Carver, and one or two who can beat him easy.

Ed Rothery has lost one of his valuable Albright homing birds—the famous cock. He injudiciously ventured to let the birds out for an airing one day recently, with the above result. The cock, a handsome checker, went right up into the air to the height of several hundred feet, circled about a few minutes to get his bearings, then sailed off to the east like a shot. Rothery telegraphed to Patterson, of New York, whence the birds came, but nothing has been heard of the missing pigeon.

Some of the Omaha ball directors are talking of securing Gus Smetz of the Cincinnatis for their next season's manager. They couldn't touch Smetz with a ten foot pole.

Ex-Manager Dan O'Leary is looking for a berth. Why wouldn't he make a good man for the local team. If it wasn't for the flaming schooner Dan would rank as the finest manager in the land—and he's "swored off," as Rip said.

The Omaha Gun club annual hunt comes off on next Thursday, and the Lefever hunt Saturday.

The fair ground blaze broke up the shooting tournament Friday afternoon just as a hundred live bird race for $100 a side between J. R. Stiece, of New Haven, and C. W. Budd, of Des Moines, the champion pigeon shot of the country, was about to open.

The competition for the middle weight championship of the state, for a gold badge offered by Richard K. Fox, of the New York Police Gazette, has been fixed for the second week in November. There are seven entries for the trophy so far.

Two gentlemen from Nebraska City bagged 212 geese up on the Platte on Tuesday and Wednesday last.

Cutoff lake was black with redheads and springtails two or three mornings this week.

Fred Cunningham, the sprinter, has gone to Kansas City. His benefit was too much for him.

Mr. Charles Murray has gone up the Platte for a few days among the geese and sandhills.

The officers of the new Western league are Sam Morton, of Chicago, president, secretary and treasurer; and Sherman, of Des Moines, Thompson, of St. Paul, Hart, of Milwaukee, and Menges, of Kansas City, directors. Spaulding and Morton, of Chicago, will own the Chicago club, and Von Der Ahe and Charlie Comiskey, of St. Louis, the club of that city, and they will play the new association from "soda to hock" for all there is in it. Von Der Ahe dictated that he must have Lincoln's place, and so Lincoln was cruelly dumped.

All of the clubs of the new Western league have signed the most of their players, with the exception of Omaha. As yet she hasn't promulgated a single contract, and the chances are that the aggregation engaged in the spring will embrace all the exploded phenomenals to be gathered in from the outlying country districts.

The Penrose and Hardin shooting tournament of the past week cannot be styled a "howling success." The excessively frigid weather of the opening day undoubtedly cooled the ardor of foreign shooters, and they failed to show up in the number expected. The different events, however, were closely contested and very interesting, and the scores were uniformly good. The management worked hard to make the tourney a success, and are not to be blamed for the untoward result.

The Omaha Gun club banquet will be held at the Millard next Saturday evening and will be a brilliant affair.

The entries for the middle-weight boxing medal are John Kellett, Billy Cranston, Jimmy Higgins, Homer Kirk, Frank Bradburn, brother of the celebrated Bill Bradburn, of Chicago, and Jimmy Lindsay. The entries close Monday evening.

There will be a special meeting of the Omaha Gun club Monday evening at Penrose & Hardin's sporting goods headquarters.

The Black Star is in Cincinnati and matched for a ten-round fight with Jimmy Welsh, the big Covington blacksmith. The mill comes off November 15.

Penrose and Petty shoot a telegraphic match next Monday, 25 blue rocks each, for a purse of $50, with A. Swicket and A. N. Williams, of Towanda, Kan. The money is posted with the Chicago Field.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Arrived—The Bohemia from Hamburg.

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