NATURAL GAS IN ABUNDANCE

Nebraska City Rejoicing Over Her Recent Discovery.

THE SHAFT TO BE SUNK DEEPER.

Hog Cholera in Otoe County—North Nebraska Teachers' Meeting—Another Dakota Wonder—Wyoming Notes.

Nebraska City's Natural Gas.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 11.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The natural gas indications discovered near the Nebraska City packing house several days ago assures the future of the city. That there is gas there goes without saying and the next four months will demonstrate that it is in paying quantities. Indications of gas were found at a depth of 400 feet and increased in evidence as the digging progressed until at 500 feet it burned quite a steady flame when ignited. Mr. Joseph Burns of Lincoln, has the contract to sink the well 500 feet deeper and will begin work this week. He is confident of striking a paying quantity of natural gas and the investigations will be pushed to a satisfactory conclusion.

One of the largest and most important enterprises secured in the past four weeks is a branch of the Anheuser-Busch brewing company of St. Louis. A representative of the company a few days since purchased a large amount of the most valuable real estate in the city, and two days later work was begun on two mammoth structures, to be used as a refrigerator house and bottling establishment. The company will give employment to a large number of men. Adolph Busch, of the company, in his own behalf invested in some valuable property in the custom house square. A provision in the agreement for the transfer provides that an opera house to cost no less than $75,000 shall be erected upon the corner before the next season. Mr. Busch announces he will erect a four story 48x120 brick structure on the property in the spring, and Mr. F. Rottman, who owns the two lots adjoining, will also build a similar edifice, and over the two structures it is proposed to put the opera house. Many prominent citizens have offered liberal contributions towards making the new house the handsomest in the state, and at last Nebraska City is to have what has long been earnestly prayed for—an opera house.

Another enterprise is the organization of a Continuous brick kiln company with an Omaha gentleman at its head. A stock company with a capital of $25,000 is being formed.

Since news of our natural gas strike has gone abroad volumes of inquiring letters have been received by Colonel Schwind as to its probabilities. Others are still writing with a view of establishing manufacturing enterprises, and daily the outlook for next year grows brighter. There are now several eastern gentlemen in the city who intend to locate enterprises here in the spring. A Burlington, Ia., capitalist is here looking for good investment in some good manufacturing enterprise, and is willing to put considerable capital in some substantial business. A Columbus, Ohio, manufacturer of wind mills will erect a large factory here in the spring and help to swell Nebraska City's increasing business. A prominent manufacturer of hard wood goods is in the city, and wants to purchase 100x150 feet of ground on which to build a factory. Another gentleman, from Baltimore, Md., wants to secure a suitable location to build a warehouse for his sashes, window sills, blinds and doors, large enough to accommodate stock worth from $25,000 to $75,000. The manufacturing outlook, and evident interest of manufacturers taken in Nebraska City is due to the good work done by our board of trade—a body of business men, and every one a rustler. To its efforts can be traced the greater number of all recently established, and probable industries of one kind and another.

The Hutchison Packing and Provision company, which recently purchased the Trans-Missouri house for $100,000, after making several attempts to secure hogs sufficient to run the house to its full capacity and failing, have announced that the house would remain closed for the winter. The company wants 3,000 hogs daily, and unless they can be secured the house will remain closed indefinitely. The scarcity of hogs in this vicinity is due to the terrible ravages made by the cholera among the porkers of Otoe, Nemaha and Cass counties, where it is still prevalent, to the great loss of the farmers.

One of the greatest enterprises ever established in Nebraska City are the Beyschlag Cereal mills which have just been completed at a cost of $80,000. The works will commence operations to-morrow, and give employment to some thirty men. Starch, hominy, cracked corn, oat meal, cracked wheat and corn flour will be manufactured for which a steady market has already been secured in the east. The mills will be run to their full capacity, which is about 12,000 bushels of grain per day. The building is a mammoth four-story structure, and the mills are without question the largest of the kind in the west if not in the United States.

Items From Talmage.

TALMAGE, Neb., Dec. 11.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Hog cholera, which was reported in the BEE about three weeks ago as causing considerable loss to farmers in the vicinity of Talmage, is still raging and its borders are greatly extended. Carl Schultz, living south of town, has lost about sixty head. Some farmers north of here are extensive losers. The disease has broken out in several places in Nemaha county, and farmers near Auburn, Brock and Johnson are suffering great loss. Hog raising is one of the chief industries of this part of the state, and the rapid and fatal spread of this besom of destruction is a source of discouragement in many homes.

The Nemaha river is being bridged on the Otoe and Nemaha county line. A bridge has been badly needed there ever since the birth of this live little city. The new bridge will materially increase the trade of the town.

Coal and petroleum were struck while boring a well on the farm of William Perry, a few miles southwest of Talmage, at a depth of 130 feet.

Work is now suspended for the winter on the Missouri Pacific railroad which has been in course of construction during the last few months between Talmage and Crete. The grade has just been finished and track-laying will proceed in the early spring. The new road follows the south branch of the Little Nemaha river west for perhaps fifteen miles. Helena, Holden and Hendryx respectively will be the first three stations west of this place. Holden is near Mason's nurseries and eleven miles from Talmage. Osage precinct which is now some distance from market will, upon the completion of the new road, have railroad advantages near at hand.

North Nebraska Teachers.

SHELTON, Neb., Dec. 11.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The third annual meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers' association will be held at Blair from December 27 to 29, inclusive. Everything promises a very successful meeting. Teachers of Nebraska are cordially invited to be present. Receipts for railroad tickets at home station, which will entitle those in attendance at Blair to one and one-third rates on the main roads. Address all communications to H. A. Hull, Shelton, Neb., chairman of executive committee. Following is the programme:

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Music.
Address of Welcome.....
.....Rev. Alonzo Powers, Blair
President's Address.....
.....D. A. Cooper, Ainsworth
Music.
Social Hour.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION—9 O'CLOCK.

Primary Work—
Paper—"The Kindergarten as a Factor in Primary Work".....
.....Miss Amanda Olson, Tekamah
Discussion opened by J. A. Dowden,
.....North Bend
General discussion to follow.

10:30 O'CLOCK.

Paper—"Resolved that Our State Permits Children to Enter School at too Early an Age".....A. C. Ong, Creighton
Discussion opened by J. M. Emery,
.....Oakland
Discussion continued by J. O. McVey,
.....Arlington
General discussion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

High school work—
Paper—"Uniformity in High School Work".....R. B. Hughes, Schuyler
Discussion opened by J. L. Cramber,
.....Columbus
Discussion continued by B. F. Wharton,
.....Craig
General discussion.

4 O'CLOCK.

Business meeting.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Music.
Lecture—"Daniel Webster".....
Hon. W. E. Norris, judge 7th judicial Dis.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION—9 O'CLOCK.

County superintendent's work—
Paper—"The County Superintendency and Politics".....Charles Gates, Pierce
Discussion opened by E. A. Enright, Albion
Discussion continued by W. C. Dibble,
.....Dakota City
General discussion.

10:30 O'CLOCK.

Paper—"Can Our Country Schools be Graded?"...Dayton Ward, Daily Branch
Discussion opened by Chas. S. Covey, Stanton
Discussion continued by M. W. Claire,
.....Bazille Mills
General discussion.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Paper—"Manual Training—Its Place in Our Public Schools".....
.....P. W. Grenstead, Norfolk
Discussion opened by A. M. Bumann,
.....Omaha
Discussion continued by W. E. Fowler,
.....Scribner
General discussion.

3:30 O'CLOCK.

Paper—"What Attitude Shall We Assume on the Temperance Question?"
.....D. R. Bond, Blair
Discussion opened by W. H. Clemons, Ponca
Discussion continued by J. J. Taylor,
.....Broken Bow
General discussion.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Music.
Lecture—J. C. Gilchrist, A. M., president of Northern Iowa Normal school.

Illiberal Irishmen.

LINCOLN, Dec. 11.—At the regular meeting of the local branch of the Irish National league, President Fitzgerald made a speech deploring the slowness with which the wealthy Irishmen of America were responding to his recent appeal. Ireland was never in greater need, and he urged redoubled efforts. To help the anti-coercion roll of honor he handed in his own name for an additional $500.

Took a Big Tumble.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Jake Bauchman, of Lincoln, while working yesterday on the dome of the first ward brick school building, lost his fastening, fell and broke several of his ribs and was quite seriously hurt.

The Birth of Whitewood.

WHITEWOOD, Dak., Dec. 9.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—It was scarcely 10 o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday, December 8, that the multitude began to congregate, for general townsite, Agent P. Whitney, of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley system, had given notice that lots would be sold immediately upon the arrival of the passenger train from the east. At 1 o'clock Mr. Whitney appeared with his blue flats, and, followed by the anxious, rushing crowd, asked for bids. They came thick and fast at five jumps. The first lot offered was knocked down to William Selbie for the proposed Whitewood bank, together with the one adjoining. As fast as possible the lots were sold, until that entire block had been decided, at prices ranging from $100 to $300. Altogether, the sale was very successful, the townsite company realizing over $25,000, and transferring seventy-five lots. Many Deadwood men were among the purchasers, and some have stated their intention of erecting substantial buildings soon. The prospects for the new town are the brightest, because of its beautiful location, the energy of its merchants and the improvement of the railroad company, with the fact that here will be the terminus of the road for at least eighteen months, necessitating transfer of all traffic and mails during that period.

Wyoming Notes.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 10.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—A hunter named Carpenter was shot by a companion, in the Savory mountains, near Rawlins, last week. Carpenter had an elk skin over his horse which his companion took for an elk. Both horse and rider were instantly killed.

A heard of cattle belonging to the Anglo-American Cattle company, of which Harry Oelrichs is president, stampeded last week and thirty beeves went to death over the Hat Creek bank. There were 600 in the bunch.

Rev. J. F. Nugent, for many years stationed at Cheyenne, has been appointed to the parishes of Rock Springs and Green River.

The Beckwith syndicate, of Rock Springs, which has leased the Union Pacific coal mines at that place, is now negotiating for the lease of all the stone quaries of the Union Pacific.

Over ten thousand oil claims have been recorded in the Rattlesnake district, Carbon county, since its organization four years ago.

The rails of the Northwestern are still being laid and if good weather continues Casper will be reached before the work is stopped for the winter.

The Guernsey Coal company has been organized with a capital stock of $100,000. The mines are located in Albany county.

There is considerable excitement in Sweetwater county on account of the discovery of silver in the eastern end of Green mountain. The mines are reported to be of rare promise.

Work on the Crook City and Billings railway is being rapidly pushed. The completion of the line will give the Pig Horn basin a close railway communication with the outside world.

Hunters from the Green River mountains report a wolverine resurrection. These animals a few years ago were considered almost extinct, now the forests are full of them.

The first term of the Wyoming Territorial university at Laramie, has been very successful. There are sixty pupils in attendance, with a prospect of a much larger number after January 1.

Buffalo business men are holding meetings and gathering information relative to their county and city with a view to inducing a portion of the early spring emigration to their section of the country.

Laramie is on the boom. Glass making will be resumed in the new furnaces within thirty days; an artesian well is begun; the machinery for the four-story flouring mill is in; the new tannery is employing a large number of hands; the soda works have assured large proportions; the rolling mills are running to their full capacity; 250 men are employed in the machine and locomotive repair shops, and the $80,000 hotel is going up rapidly.

Lander is preparing for a $1,000 horse race. The race will be a quarter of a mile dash between Brown Jug and Red Jacket, native flyers.

Carnot Still Without a Cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Falliers went to the Elysee today and informed President Carnot that he had found it impossible to form a cabinet on a basis of concentration of the republican groups and had therefore abandoned the attempt. Lockray and several other statesmen, to whom Falliers made overtures, declined to take office. The president has charged Senator Tirard to try to form a cabinet.

Lockray has refused to join the cabinet under Tirard. At a meeting of the latter's colleagues it was decided that it would be impossible to form a ministry without the assistance of the radical left. Tirard will, therefore, abandon the task. The impression prevails here that Floquet will be summoned to form a cabinet.

To Argue the Habeas Corpus Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—L. C. Burr, of Lincoln, who arrived last night to appear in the supreme court in the habeas corpus case, will argue against the rule to show cause to-morrow when the case will come up for hearing. Mr. Lambertson will appear as counsel for petitioners.

Thinks the Republicans Will Win.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Ex-United States Senator Patterson, of South Carolina, who is in the city, thinks the republicans, because of Cleveland's message, can elect any republican in 1888, possibly Mr. Blaine. He admires Mr. Cleveland for his boldness, but says Pennsylvania, where the senator now lives, will give the republican candidate 150,000 majority.

SOME MORE PRIZES.

Prominent People Believed to Have Been Caught in Tally Sheet Frauds.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The action of the grand jury yesterday in the tally sheet forgery cases has created great excitement in political circles, and sundry democratic politicians are wondering where the lightning will strike next. The Montgomerys, who were arrested, have been released on bail and an officer has gone to Cincinnati after Blackburn. It is believed that besides these three, Allen O. Myers, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, Fred Horn, Algernon Granville, Fred Stuebe, and Thomas Cogan of the democratic central committee of 1885, have also drawn "prizes." Granville was the principal witness before the grand jury, and turned states evidence. He is an expert stenographer and, according to his own testimony, helped in the forgery. According to his evidence the tally sheets were removed from the safe of the County Clerk Joyce, taken to the Ohio penitentiary, where a portion of the work was accomplished by Blackburn, and afterwards completed by Granville at the residence of Montgomery. Horn was a guard at the penitentiary and allowed the party, consisting of the two Montgomerys, Blackburn, Granville, and, it is alleged, Myers, to pass within the walls into one of the cell rooms, where the early part of the job was accomplished. Stenbe was a night watchman at the county clerk's office and allowed the gang to go inside the office about midnight, generously showing them where to find the keys by which they could unlock the safe containing the tally sheets and R. R. Montgomery was a candidate for prosecuting attorney, and had an office with Hon. George S. Converse, ex-member of congress. C. R. Montgomery was a penitentiary physician, and had the run of the institution. The presence of Blackburn in the forgery work is easily accounted for. A certain Cincinnati editor was much interested in the legislative count, and the connection of both Myers and Blackburn can be directly traceable to this fact.

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

St. Joe Doesn't Know That She Is in It.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Mr. Elliott Marshall, formerly secretary of the Western league, whose resignation was presented at the last meeting in Kansas City, said to-day: "I have never been able to find out who it was represented St. Joseph at the league meeting in Kansas City. I got a letter from Dave Rowe, asking me to give the names of several citizens with money at their disposal who would be likely to organize a club in St. Joseph, and I immediately wrote to him, giving him the names of Mayor Doyle, Sheriff Andryano and others. Since that time I have heard nothing from them. So far as I can learn, none of these gentlemen were in Kansas City or were represented by proxy. The fact is, it will be impossible to organize the league without St. Joe is in it. No preparations have thus far been made to locate a club here, the only step which has been taken being that the city can have a club if she wants one."

Sheriff Andryano said the other day that he had received a letter from Dave Rowe asking him to be present at the league meeting, but that he was too busy to pay any attention to the letter. The action of the arbitration committee in recognizing the Western association, it is believed, will either cause the Western league project to be abandoned or else it will be necessary to act irrespective of the national agreement and refuse to become a party to it. As the matter now stands it will be impossible to locate a league club in Kansas City.

Again Reported to Have Fought.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—It is reported that Dempsey and Reagan fought on Long Island to-night, and that Reagan won on a foul in the nineteenth round. The report is not authoritative. Both men left for the fight 10 o'clock, but none knew the grounds.

ANOTHER FIGHT WITH VORCE.

The Colorado Outlaw Said to Have Killed a Deputy Sheriff.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Newton Vorce, the desperado who created such excitement at Deer Trail a few days ago by shooting Officer Cantley and then escaping from a posse of fifty men, has been located near Carona, about seventy-five miles east of here. A posse of deputy sheriffs left here yesterday to effect his arrest. To-night a telegram was received saying there had been a fight during which Deputy Guy Hollingsworth was killed. It is impossible to get further particulars to-night.

Republicans and the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Some of the republican members are talking about the general character of the bill which their party will likely introduce to substitute the one which will be proposed by the majority for the revocation of the tariff. Instead of reducing custom duties to the extent of seventy or eighty millions annually, and not touching the internal revenue, they believe that the free list should be enlarged to the extent of about $30,000,000 a year, and an equal amount taken from the tobacco tax and the tax upon domestic fruit distillation. In general terms this is likely to be the proportions of the measure which will be offered to supplant the administration bill. The republicans are confident that not only will they get the vote of the democrats who have heretofore followed Mr. Randall, but also a number of votes on the democratic side from Ohio and the southern states. The republicans are wonderfully in earnest in their belief that there should be free sugar instead of free wool, inasmuch as there are about six times as many wool-growers as sugar-producers, and we come so very much nearer producing all the wool needed in this country than we do to raising a sufficiency of sugar. The lines are expected to be drawn by the various members distinctly around their local interests than ever before.

River and Harbor Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—As intimated in these dispatches some days ago the men in congress who generally favor large appropriations for rivers and harbors are expecting to secure big plums at this session. Nearly everybody is frank to say that if an extraordinarily large river and harbor bill is passed the chances for a heavy reduction of the tariff will be diminished; yet, strange to say, the men who are setting up the pins for a heavy river and harbor appropriation bill are those who are talking the loudest about the most radical reduction of the tariff. This inconsistency will be remedied somewhere. There was such a general and bitter criticism of the president on account of the failure of the last river and harbor bill that the administration men are quite contented with the idea that should another one be passed it will receive the approval of the chief executive.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska—Warmer, fair weather, fresh to brisk winds, generally southerly to westerly.

For Iowa—Warmer, light to fresh southerly winds, increasing in force.

For Dakota—Warmer, fair weather, except in northern portion followed by local snows, light to fresh variable winds.

Salisbury's Check.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Bradlaugh will notify Lord Salisbury that immediately upon the reassembling of parliament he will move that a committee be appointed to inquire whether or not Lord Salisbury sent a check to assist the fair trade meeting in Trafalgar square in 1886.

Ferry's Assailant Unrepentant.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Ferry has received thousands of cards and letters, and the senators and deputies of all parties have called at his residence and signed the register. Auberton when examined by the judge of instruction declared he was sorry he had not killed Ferry and expresses the hope that others would be more successful. Aubertin is the author of various pamphlets and inventor of several machines, the failure of which has reduced him to poverty and brought on occasional attacks of insane exaltation of mind. The Radical's organ declares that the man is a crank. The Journal de Debats and Republican Francaise charge "the demagogue press" with exciting Aubertin and demand a new press law to modify the act of 1881. Aubertin promises to reveal the names of his accomplices on Tuesday if the gang does not attempt to assassinate some members of the Rouvier cabinet before that day.

The News in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Dec 11.—In Plymouth church, Brooklyn, this morning, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott read the following cablegram:

To Prof Rossiter W. Raymond: Charles Albert Berry greets Plymouth, appreciates its confidence, reciprocates its affection, prays for its prosperity, but cannot accept the pastorate. Home claims are inexorable, duty here commands.

The announcement was an unforseen blow and much comment followed.

The Burlington at Cheyenne.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 11.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The first freight trains on the newly built Cheyenne & Burlington road will run to-morrow. The formal celebration of the opening of the road, which was to have taken place to-morrow, is postponed until January 3, when regular passenger service will be commenced.

Robbed His Employer and Skipped.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Ernest H. Adams has disappeared, having robbed his employer, Matthew Byrnes, of over $10,000, Adams made collections and pocketed the proceeds while Byrnes was in Europe.

Annual Convention of Elks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The annual convention of the grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks opened here today.

Stole a Keg of Molasses.

Dick Grandon was arrested yesterday by Officer McCarty on the charge of petty larceny. About a week ago Dick was caught stealing a keg of molasses from the store of John Beal, on the corner of Tenth and Dodge streets. The stolen property was taken from him and returned to the store, and nothing said about it. Last night again another keg was stolen, and there being strong suspicions that Dick was again the guilty party, he was arrested on the first offense.

MR. BUTLER'S GAS BILL.

It Grows in His Absence Until He is Frightened.

Seattle Post Intelligence; A number of friends of Henry Butler have been enjoying a good deal of fun at the old gentleman's expense of late. It seems that Mr. Butler left his room at 5 o'clock in the morning a few weeks since to catch the up-sound steamer for Portland and in his haste forgot to turn off his gas, which was burning brightly. Some of his friends saw the light in his room the next evening and thinking that burglars might be going through Mr. Butler's drawers, went up, only to find the room locked and bolted, just as it had been left. The fact that he had forgotten to turn off the gas in his haste to catch the steamer, dawned upon them all at once, and they determined to let it burn until he came back, even if he remained away for two months. About the time he got ready to sail from Portland for San Francisco, Mr. McDougald telegraphed him, "Your gas is still burning."

"Why the devil don't you turn it out?" was the reply received from Mr. Butler.

When the news flashed over the wires that the Portland steamer had reached San Francisco Fred Allen sent his absent friend the following message: "Dear Butler: Your gas is still burning, just as you left it. Penfield says he charges double rates when consumers keep their lights burning night and day."

This message was marked "collect," and the messenger who handed it to Mr. Butler remarked: "Dollar and a quarter, please."

Mr. Butler paid the bill and then opened the message, only to find that those horrid friends of his in Seattle were still carrying out that practical joke.

In his despair he rushed to the telegraph office and sent the following message: "Ed L. Terry: Turn out my gas."

The next day he received from his friend Terry the following message: "Have lost my pass key and can't get in. The gas is still burning."

This was too much for the old gentleman, and his first idea was to come home at once and turn it off himself, but just as he was getting ready to leave Mr. Yesler reached the city. When the two met Mr. Yesler said: "Why, hello! Butler, what are you all packed for?"

"I'm going home to turn off my gas," said Mr. Butler. "At the rate it's burning the gas company will own half my property if I stay much longer."

Mr. Yesler persuaded him that gas was very cheap in Seattle, and that the more a customer consumes the cheaper the rate is in proportion, and that if he should consume 100,000 feet during the month he was absent the rate when he got home would be $2.25 per thousand, instead of $3.50 per thousand, the rate charged small consumers. This arrangement, while it was consoling to a certain extent, did not dissuade Mr. Butler from his desire to get home.

"Let her burn," said Mr. Yesler, "and go to southern California with Maddocks and myself, and when we get home I'll get Penfield to cut the bill down as much as possible, and I'll stand one-half the expense."

Mr. Butler considered this a generous offer, and as he was very anxious to visit Los Angeles and other booming towns south of San Francisco, concluded to "let her burn."

Messrs. Butler and Yesler arrived home last night. The gas was still burning when Mr. Butler reached his room. He turned it out, and drawing a candle from his pocket, lighted it and exclaimed: "Revenge is sweet. If Penfield takes advantage of my absence to get a lien on my property, now, henceforth and forever, I will eschew gas and illuminate my premises instead with tallow dips!"

After Mr. Butler had retired for the night, and was dreaming of California, a quartet of his musical friends tendered him a delightful serenade, the principal song rendered being that which commences, "Let your lower lights be burning."

They were followed down stairs by a bootjack and an old shoe after the first verse had been sung.

Mr. Butler swears vengeance on those practical jokers, and vows he will get even if it takes all winter.

Franklin's Bequest.

Electrical World: In 1890 will end the term of 100 years during which the cities of Boston and Philadelphia have enjoyed the revenue from a bequest of $5,000 made by Benjamin Franklin. The money was to be loaned out to young married artificers, and the trust has been executed, although the lapse of the century requires a new disposition of the funds. It is significant that while in Boston the $5,000 has grown to nearly $328,000, in Philadelphia the $5,0000 has become only $70,000, and in both cases the amount is less than Franklin estimated it should be. But as the natural philosophers of Franklin's day generally fell short of the sage in ingenuity, so too the successive boards of trustees have been far from equal to him in business ability. It is interesting to note, however, that the two funds still exist, and that part of the Boston reserve goes in the purchase of a public recreation ground to be known as Franklin Park.

NOBILITY IN DISGUISE.

A German-Italian Count Who Was Loaded to the Muzzle.

Among the numerous human curiosities who from time to time find a temporary retreat in the police stations, is Admus H. Louis, who was arrested by Officer Vanous last evening for begging and then growing violent because he was refused, at the home Wenzel Kubec, 1241 South Fourteenth street. Louis claims to be a German-Italian, but neither of these nations will probably ever fight for the priority of claim on him. He is one of those peculiar, short, stubby-bearded, weazened-faced mortals that Dickens loved to portray, and his dress was even more peculiar than his face. When Jailer Ormsby submitted him to the usual ordeal of being searched before incarceration, it was discovered that he had on five pairs of pants, three vests, three coats, three hats (two being found in his pockets), three shirts—two of them woolen and one of uncertain hue and texture. At this point the officer ceased his explorations. In the prisoner's pockets were found a variety of articles unknown outside of a junk shop. He had a pair of minstrel bones, several harmonicas, Salvation army, G. A. R. and four or five other kind of badges, British and Irish flags, fish hooks, photographs, darning needles, can openers, scissors, books, and an endless variety of other articles, among which were a number of packages carefully tied up. It took nearly a quarter of an hour to go through all his pockets, and a vast amount of amusement was afforded the officers who witnessed the scene. He claims that he has noble blood in his veins and was once wealthy, but was ostracised from his home and country for political reasons. Now the son of a hundred earls is a homeless beggar. On his person was found a number of the following, which eclipses any of Citizen Train's psychos:

NOTICE.

Hard of hearing and a poor man. Do you like music? I will play if you want to hear any music. I play the mouth harp in cornet band. I have no friends, so help me. No father, no mother, no brothers, no sisters, no home; sickly, poor, all alone. Please help him, he plays for money. No place like home.

The conservatory of music. The public says the bearer is an Italian-German harp player. This geographical circumstance will be of advantage to help him. The bearer is disabled by deafness. He was a drummer in the camps, late was ending camp drilling, and has relatives who served in the late war. He is an excellent harpist in solo (improvisator), and may be worthy of a trial in the amusement of the vets. THE BEARER.

History begins a new volume. With the entering year, it brings among others never to be forgotten, circumstances and events, fresh triumphs of his music, health and joy, music. Strew flowers in its pathway of time, old year full of days.

The first of all equestrines queen, empress of museum; good faith is truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in honor, proved and true to the pledge.

Greatest living orator, the manifest genius of free thought; the proper study of mankind, joy, he speaks its choicest hope, he voices its great superior talent of this association has at the present time of this great convention of music.

Compete with him, he plays grand sensation celebrated stanzas for music. He will visit the country and deal with good hearts full of humors in sweetness of tone far surpass any others in this country. Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

THE BARBERS.

Delegate Miller Tells of the National Convention.

Mr. Philip Miller, the Omaha delegate to the barber's convention at Buffalo, has just returned and reports the successful organization of a national union. Judging from the accounts in the Buffalo papers, Mr. Miller took a most prominent part in the convention, and deserves the honor awarded him of being made first vice president of the national union. Fifty-four cities were represented in the convention. The deliberations lasted three days. The first day were spent in effecting the temporary organization and appointing committees to draft a constitution, by-laws, rules, etc. Finding the barber's trade in a deplorable condition at Buffalo, the delegates resolved to hold a mass meeting the first evening, which resulted in the organization of a barber's union in Buffalo, backed by the sworn support of all the leading proprietors. The second and third days were spent in debating and adopting the constitution and by-laws.

Considerable time was spent is discussing whether the national union should identify itself with the Knights of Labor or the American Federation of Trade. The latter organization was finally chosen. Every local assembly of the barbers' union is to settle its own affairs, and is in no way amenable to the national union except in paying the expenses of the annual convention. The union is opposed to lockouts and boycotts, and is in favor of settling all differences by arbitration. No national officer is to receive a salary. Steps were taken to establish reading rooms for barbers in the various cities.

In the numbering of the different unions, the Omaha assembly will be known as No. 3. It was decided to hold the next convention at Detroit, the first Monday of next December.

Let Him In.

Rev. A. W. Lamar preached yesterday morning in the First Baptist church from Matthew, 8: 15 and 15: "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto them."

Mark 1: 29 says that the house of Peter and Andrew was in Bethsaida. Matthew here tells us that their home was in Capernaum. Of course Matthew does not mean to say that Capernaum was their birthplace or that they had lived very long in Capernaum. We find that they do not conflict with each other, as a great many people think they do. Young man, in this age of skepticism and a thousand other things, don't be in a hurry to think there is an error there, for in less than a week, perhaps, you will find that you were mistaken, and the thing is all right, and that you were wrong. I have been along that road. Nearly every man who ever thought any for himself is sure to pass through a period of skepticism, and that is one of the great mercies of entering the service of Jesus in youth, for I tell you, my friends, I have an abiding conviction, a great, mighty, impulsive heart to believe that if a man once enters into Jesus Christ, it does not matter how outward circumstances turn him away momentarily, that heart will come back to Jesus as the eye seeks the light.

So Matthew does not contradict Mark, but, incidentally, we find out this fact in the history, that they did live at Bethsaida when Jesus began his ministry, but finding that the Lord selected Capernaum as a kind of headquarters, big-hearted Peter moved up to Capernaum to accommodate his Lord. And it was just like him, and there are many men listening to me this morning who would do the same thing.

"And when Jesus had entered the house of Simon Peter, Oh, if the centurion could have stood in the doorway and looked in, what a revelation it would have been to him that he could not measure the dignity of Jesus Christ by any of his soldierly ideas of dignity, by any of his Roman training in dignity. What a revelation it would have been to him that he who could speak a word and heal his servant at a distance; that he who could pile the mountains one on the other and scatter the stars of the heavens in great handfuls, that he who could cast out devils and scatter diseases; that he who could heal the blind and raise the dead; that this great worker in miracles should take more pleasure in going under the humble roof and sitting down to the plain table and eating their plain fare, entering into their joys, into their griefs, into their disapointments, into their heartaches; that this great, dignified, glorious, divine redeemer should more rejoice in that than in creating worlds. I see what a revelation it would have been to him on the question of dignity; how all his conceptions and ideas of dignity would have been knocked to pieces.

You remember when Jesus said: "I will come and heal him," when the centurion came to ask him that his servant might be healed. Do you remember how embarrassed this soldier was? He said in astonishment: "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof." It seemed to him letting down the dignity of the great teacher. He could not contemplate for a moment that he should come under his poor roof and become familiar with the things of his home. I wot the Roman officer had a big salary and lived in a big house on a pretty street, but the son of God delighted to get under the humble roof.

How mischievously and falsely we do interpret the dignity of Jesus Christ, and how our false interpretations of Him keep us a cold distance from Him. It does not seem to enter the minds of a great many of you that the Lord is waiting, is anxious, is willing, would delight to come under your humble roof if you would only invite Him, if you would just let Him come. It is only when I take hold of such words as grace, pity, sympathy, love and charity in Jesus Christ that I begin to understand how glorious He is to the heart that is hungering for Him, and how willing He is to come into the home that wants His presence.

He has now come into the house as he would come into your house, if you wanted him. Nay, would not he come a great deal nearer than that? Would not he come into your heart, if you would let him?

After Jesus Christ went to heaven he was so anxious that I should not misunderstand how he felt towards me that he took pains to send a message back, and it was this: "Behold I stand at the door and knock." The very God of Gods pleading at human hearts and asking an entrance. You ought to go to hell if you don't let him in; you deserve it. Thou hast the power to smite God in the face. Thou hast the power to pain him with every heart beat. Remember thou art almost God. The Lord can become acceptable to thy heart when thou dost consent to have him enter thy house and thy home.

Now when he entered Peter's house, he found trouble there. Did the Lord ever enter any heart or home that he did not find trouble? I will take an average man and woman here this morning and an average home and I will go into that home and I will guarantee that behind the door I will find a skeleton. Am I not right? Where will you find a home in which there is not an empty cradle or vacant chair? Where will you find it? Take the best off people in this church or city, or take the best home, and when Jesus Christ comes and looks into that he sees a skeleton behind the door. Here was a chosen disciple and apostle; his home was not exempt from trouble, and the fact of my being the Lord's servant does not exempt me from trouble. He promises that "through much tribulation" you must enter the kingdom of heaven, but here you are allowing trouble to wreck your hopes and paralyze your love because into your life as God's servant come some shadows mingled with the sunlight. Did the Lord tell you that your were to have singing birds and gladsome hours always? You surely did not read his message, "Through much tribulations you must enter the the kingdom of heaven." You notice that whenever God wants to prepare his people for great service he brings them up through great tribulation. I have wondered sometimes why my life should have been so varied and checkered. I have wondered sometimes why I had to bury my children so suddenly and unexpectedly, and had to say, "Ah, who can be a preacher to broken hearts that has not had a broken heart. And that is one of the reasons why the preacher who has not got a wife is not fit to be the pastor of a church. He does not know anything about the lights and shadows, thrills and crosses of that kind of life. What a blessing trouble is in the home. There is a lazy, impulsive boy in that family. How trouble in the family softens him down and maybe the head of that family has got to take up that little sick child in his arms to quiet it. Don't you know it is trouble that makes us all turn instinctively to the supernatural. Poor George Eliot! Sometimes when I have read her books I have sat down and closed my eyes and said, "Poor George Elliot, if you had ever held a dead babe to your bosom, you would have wanted something better than the philosophy of Herbert Spencer."

In Their New Church.

The basement of the First Congregational church is finished, and yesterday the society moved into their new home, services being held both in the morning and evening. Before many weeks the entire church will be finished, and will be a great contrast to the old tabernacle just vacated.

South Omaha News.

R. B. Deathrichs and W. G. Hackett, of Broken Bow, brought in a train load of hogs yesterday.

Warner A. Root, of Beatrice, has been assigned a position on the Hoof and Horn, and reported for duty yesterday. He registered at the Exchange hotel.

Alex. Garrow, of the West Lincoln stock yards, is a guest of Mayor Savage.

Receipts were light at the stock yards yesterday, as shippers are profiting by the warning given by the BEE, and are only sending in first class stock.

George Weisner, of Shelton, registered at the Exchange yesterday.

The ladies' waiting room at the depot was opened to the public yesterday for the first time.

The Union Pacific has no flagman at the crossing where the accident occurred Saturday, as it is looked upon as a cross road, and not a thoroughfare. The contractors for their own protection, appointed one of their men to warn off approaching teams when trains came in sight, and the company claims that if he failed to signal properly they are not responsible.

One solitary drunk was in the lock-up yesterday morning, and as the place was too cold to keep him in, Marshal Rice allowed him to go on his own recognizance.

There was a well attended meeting of the A. O. H. No. 3 at the Knights of Labor hall yesterday afternoon, but private business only was transacted.

Yesterday afternoon the First Presbyterian church was formally dedicated, the Rev. W. W. Harsha, D. D., preaching the opening sermon.

Grading contractors are taking advantage of the present fine weather to complete their contracts, and yesterday, though Sunday, there was a full force at work on the streets.

Some of the Twentieth street property owners complain that the county commissioners are raising the roadway four feet above grade for their own special improvement.

George Wilson, a well known resident of South Omaha, died suddenly yesterday morning from hemorrhage of the lungs.

Yesterday afternoon the Rev. Father Jeannette celebrated mass at the Catholic church for the repose of the soul of William Riley, who died at St. Joseph's hospital a few days ago. The mass was chanted at the request of Division No. 3 A. O. H. of which the deceased was a member.

Owing to the supply of tags becoming exhausted the South Omaha dogs have their reprieve extended another week, and Marshal Rice will not go gunning until further notice.

Personal Paragraphs.

J. J. Gallagly, of Chapman, Neb., is at the Millard.

C. E. Cody, of Chapman, Neb., is at the Millard.

Mrs. R. Westcott, Chicago, is registered at the Millard.

G. H. Barrett, of Dunlap, Ia., was in the city yesterday.

William A. Jamieson, of North Platte, Neb., is at the Millard.

Charles E. Baker, of Beatrice, Neb., took dinner at the Millard yesterday.

The "Big Four," comprising Jake B. Smith, Bloomington, Ill.; Charles McMahon, Lincoln, Neb.; Frank L. Taylor, Marshalltown, and J. W. Pickering, Boston, Mass., are at the Millard.

The Crown Prince Still Improving.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The Tagblatt says it has authority for the statement that recent medical examinations have proved that the healing process is progressing favorably in the crown prince's throat.

A Rhinoceros Table.

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