HOW CROOK KILLED THE BEAR

Bruin Met the General and He Instantly Expired.

SOME OF HIS CHARACTERISTICS.

The Fourth Day of Foolishness on the Direct Tax Bill—Boss Stout and Paul Van Der Voort Secure a Contract.

Pleased With Crook's Promotion.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.

There was a good deal of comment in congressional and army circles to-day over the nomination of Brigadier General George Crook, yesterday, to be major general to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of General Terry. The nomination, as stated by BEE dispatches last night, gives very general satisfaction and senators say it will be confirmed without delay, probably on Tuesday next. The promotion of General Crook has brought out a good deal of comment upon him, and many stories of those who have served with him in the field and who are now in Washington. An officer who long served on his staff on the frontier says the general is one of the most striking and remarkable figures known in the military services of this country. He is generally regarded, both by army officers and the public, as the greatest of Indian fighters and managers His Indian policy is simple but positive. "Always govern Indiains with the strictest impartiality, never make them promises that cannot be fulfilled, never allow them to be idle when at peace, but make them work for their living, and when they want to fight whip them out of their mocasins," have been the rules that have governed him in his frontier service. He has seen thirty-six years service on the frontier, and it is said is thoroughly familiar with the country west of the Mississippi river, from British America many miles on the other side of the Mexican border. This knowledge he acquired by riding with his men over every part of the district of which he was in command. Army officers say he is the only general officer who has invariably done this. Instead of detailing an officer to go he goes himself. Consequently he becomes as familiar with his officers as he does with the enemy and their country. When not on a campaign he dresses neatly but not ostentatiously, but when he is on the trail he wears an old canvas suit, and his personal outfit has been estimated at various times by officers with him as ranging in value from 17 cents to $1.35. He always rides at the head of his column on a mule, with his rifle across his arm. It is claimed that he is acquainted with the personal characteristics of every officer about him, and knows the condition of every wagon and animal in his command.

A SOLDIER THAT NEVER TIRES.

He is about fifty-eight years of age, an even six feet in height, straight as an arrow and weighs always about 175 pounds. It is said by a number of officers who have served with him that in all of his many campaigns he has never been known to be even tired, although he invariably experienced the same hardships and privations as the officers with him, all of whom were sometimes physically gone to pieces. His extraordinary strength is of that sinewy, lithe character that enables him to stand almost any kind of service. He has always been a great hunter and fisherman. He has of late years lost his interest in deer hunting, but it is said of him that he will go a thousand miles for the chance of a shot at a bear, and when he goes he generally gets the bear. Once, several years ago, he was on a bear hunt in the Big Horn country with two or three gentlemen. They had tracked a bear into a big tule or cat tail swamp, and had just entered in pursuit, when the tules parted and a monstrous bear appeared and charged for General Crook, who was nearest to him. One of the gentlemen, in describing the incident, said: "The animal was not more than twenty-five feet from Crook, who stood still without moving a muscle. The outline of his figure and face stood against the background of the sky as clear as a cameo. The bear came rushing with jaws opened wide and in a moment more would have seized Crook. Just at the right instant his rifle was brought to his shoulder like a flash and a bullet sped straight into his open mouth, and went crashing through his head. The bear fell forward dead and General Crook was spattered with his blood. It was the most signal instance of iron nerve in the time of danger I ever saw," said the eye-witness.

He is a great fisherman and amateur ornithologist, and is said to be as well versed in natural history as many who make that study their business. When his friends thought that he might succeed General Terry, they wrote to him (Crook) to outline a plan of campaign and they would work for him. He replied that he thought the president would examine into the records before acting, and was satisfied to have his looked at. He then went hunting in the country south of Salt Lake, where he now is. He is said to be accessible on all occasions, and treats a private with the same consideration and courtesy as a major general. He will probably succeed General Terry in command of the Division of the Missouri, where there are many Indian problems still to be solved.

The promotion of Colonel Brooks to brigadier general will result in the following promotions: Lieutenant Colonel Edmund C. Mason, Fourth infantry, to colonel of the Third; Major Frederick Mears, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, to be lieutenant colonel of the Fourth; Captain Evan Miles, of the Twenty-first infantry, to be major of the Twenty-fifth, and First Lieutenant Joseph W. Duncan, of the Twenty-first infantry, to be captain of the same regiment.

FOUR DAYS OF FILLIBUSTERING.

Another day was frittered away in the house by the fillibusters against the direct tax bill. Oakes, of Alabama, showed unmistakable evidence of weakness on the part of his followers between 1 and 2 o'clock while undergoing a cross-examination by Mr. Reed, of Maine, who is one of the leaders of the measure's friends. Mr. Reed announced again that the friends of the measure were willing to grant all the time demanded by the opponent for debate in general, and also for the consideration of amendment, but that they proposed to act under the constitution of the United States, which provides that legislation shall be the work of the majority. He knew of nothing, either in the constitution or common parliamentary practice, which suggests to a three-fourths majority that it should knuckle to a one-fourth minority. He knows of no reason why over two hundred and fifty members should yield to the demands of sixty-three.

Mr. Oates, in reply, said that what himself and his followers desired to avoid was being placed in a position to vote on the main question, the passage of the bill. He did not propose to be cornered, and finally acknowledged flatly that the thing he was trying to avoid was the will of the majority. His failure to justify the work he and his men have been conducting for four days past elicited jeers of ridicule from the republican side of the house.

An hour later the house, by unanimous consent, took a recess until 11:45 a. m. on Monday. The members lingered in their seats for some time after the house took the recess and talked over the situation. The republicans without a dissenting voice, expressed the opinion that the enemies of the bill would yield early next week and allow the measure to pass. The frankness with which they acknowledged the weakness of their position made this result self-evident.

Mr. Reed was the center of a large circle of members and newspaper correspondents for some time after the recess, and entertained the crowd by serious and sarcastic observations upon the situation. "The question," said he, "is one upon which the republicans can well afford to fight all summer if necessary to achieve success. It is a mere matter of whether the states which failed to respond to the demand of the federal government when a direct tax was levied in support of the war for the union should be compelled to pay their quota into the treasury where it will be hoarded and remain useless, or whether these states which did pay in their direct tax shall be reimbursed and the money thrown into circulation where it is needed. We don't want any more surplus by compelling the states to pay this tax, because the surplus has already greatly injured the business of the country. We are sure to win. We have already won. It is now a mere matter of humiliation to the men who have been fighting the bill. We can't believe we ought to order that their noses should be rubbed in the dust of defeat, but believe that they should be permitted to wiggle out of the hole they are in a manner which will be best to their pride. There is such a thing as a conquered man not wanting his nose painted green. It is useless to talk about amendment to the bill by tacking on a reimbursement of the states which paid the cotton tax. It would be more sensible to compel the states to pay in their quota of the direct tax which they did not respond to, but these states are comparatively poor, and I would never think of making this demand and have no idea that any friend of this bill would entertain such a thought. But that the direct tax should be refunded to the states which paid there can be no question when we consider justice and judicious statesmanship."

"We are willing to allow you the direct tax when you pay us for our niggers," interrupted a newspaper correspondent.

"Well," said Mr. Reed, "there is no one over there on that side who has lost a nigger," pointing to the democratic side of the house. "None of those fellows lost niggers. The nigger lost them."

THE LADIES FORM A CYCLE CLUB.

A ladies bicycle club has been formed in this city, and although the organization is but a week old, it already comprises thirty active members. It is composed largely of artists and musicians. It is expected that the organization of this club will do much towards bringing the ladies bicycle into general use, as the tricycle, "the lumbering tricycle," has had its day. Said the president of the club to-day, "The new club answers all the requirements for ladies and all prejudice against it disappears at once, even from its most radical opponents, the instant they see it controlled by a graceful rider. It is difficult for a woman to be graceful on a tricycle. On a bicycle only the toe and heel are exposed, and the embarrassing awkwardness of the tricycle is entirely overcome. The riding costume will be a tight-fitting body of Norfolk jacket, full skirt, walking length, and riding hat and gloves. The ladies of the club will not appear on the streets except in riding costumes, and with the permission of their teacher, and will not ride in parade. The club will be kept strictly private, and a class of ladies will be elected to membership only when proposed by members, and then by a unanimous vote. Gentleman will be admitted only as honorary members. Some of the members of the club have already mastered the bicycle and others are learning. They are enthusiastic over the superior pleasures and advantages of the bicycle as compared with the tricycle."

PERSONAL.

Senator Paddock, after hard work, has succeeded in securing a pension for George Baders, of Nebraska City.

Mr. W. H. Paddock, of Massena Springs, N. Y., is spending a few days in the city, visiting his niece, Mrs. Annin.

Senator Manderson is in New York.

PAUL VANDERVOORT GETS A CONTRACT.

The library commission to-day opened bids for furnishing stone for the cellar or basement of the congressional library building. The successful bidders were Nebraska men, represented by General Paul VanDerVoort. The bid of Stout, Hall & Bangs was for plan number one, which is a gross sum of $257,760. For plan number two $237,600, and plan number three at $1.25 and $1.52 per cubic foot for dimension stone, and $19 for ashlar (or faced) stone. It is understood that General Van Der Voort will represent Stout, Hall & Bangs in the delivery of the work, and that he will remain in Washington at least for several months yet. The bids he made were lower by several thousand dollars than the bid submitted by other men.

The firm of Stout, Hall & Bangs, is com-composed of W. H. B. Stout, of Lincoln, Neb., and Messrs. Hall and Bangs, granite quarrymen of Maine, who own the second largest granite quarries in New England. They have formed a company with W. H. B. Stout, of Lincoln, Neb., who puts in an equal amount of capital, and his stone working plant which is now on its way to Washington, where the company has leased yards at the wharf. The contract for stone requires 3,000 tons to be delivered, cut and faced, on the ground within 120 days after the acceptance of the contract. Mr. Hall furnished the granite for the First National bank of Omaha.

PERRY S. HEATH.

The Standard Oil Investigation.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The house committee on manufactures resumed the investigation of the oil trust to-day. David Kirk, of Bradford, Pa., a member of the Producers' association, said that the association was organized as a protection against the Standard oil trust. It had 2,000 members. After its formation it was found that a great deal of capital would be required to build new system, lines, etc. So negotiations were opened with the Standard and an agreement reached by which the Standard was to give the association the profits on 5,000,000 barrels if the association would agree to cut down the production 17,500 barrels per day and refrain from opening new wells. The first act of the association after this was to set aside the profits of 1,000,000 barrels for labor affected by the shut down. Then they went back to the Standard and squeezed another 1,000,000 barrels from it for the same purpose. There had been a daily average reduction of 25,000 barrels since the contract had been in force. The Standard, witness said, threw every passable obstacle in the way of competitors.

Representative Smith asked the witness if, when the association was formed, they thought they could by legislative enactment in Pennsylvania compel the Standard Oil company to carry oil to everybody.

Witness said: "Yes, we were suckers enough to think so. I certainly thought they should regulate a monster they have created."

Witness thought pipe lines should be owned by the state.

Pensions Granted Iowans.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Original invalid—William Tuttle, Chariton; James Hull, Bloomfield. Increase—William Neally, Bonaparte. Reissue and increase—Nathan L. Pierce, Centreville; James H. Beadle, Ellington. Reissue—Jacob Wasser, Linden. Original widows, etc.—Minors of John McPheeters, Des Moines; Laura C. Adams, former widow of Clark K. Never, Burlington. Mexican survivors—William F. Wilcoxsen, Genoa; Thomas C. White, Waverly. Mexican widows—Sarah, widow of Enoch Lucky, Lamon; Louisa M., widow of Richard Price, Clinton; Jennie G., widow of Charles A. Spencer, Bloomfield.

Pensions For Nebraskans.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Original invalid—Theodore H. Smith, Omaha; John Koops, Omaha. Original, widows, etc.—Sarah, mother of Wesley Pittman, Glencoe.

Sunday Saloon Closing.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The saloons will be closed again to-morrow. Mayor Kumpf this morning sent a written order to Chief of Police Speers instructing him to have the police strictly enforce the laws prohibiting the keeping open of dramshops on Sunday. If any saloon-keepers should be arrested tomorrow for keeping open they will be prosecuted under the Downing law, the penalty for a violation of which in addition to a fine is the revocation of the defendant's license.

The Death Record.

NEW YORK, April 7.—General Q. A. Gilmore died this morning in Brooklyn.

Sully's Heart is Broken.

Exhibiting last Monday at Liverpool, Sullivan occasioned a small riot. He appeared shorn of his mustachios, and the audience refused to recognize in him the ex-great man. Not until he had made several of his stock speeches would they be persuaded. The big fellow is broken-hearted. While the reason for his discomfiture is clear to sporting men, he knows better than anybody else that his defeat at Chantilly has cost him half his prestige and curtailed his money-making capacity two-thirds, and everybody is kicking the under dog.

BANKER M'KENZIE'S BILE.

It is Still Stirred Up Against Certain Grant Citizens.

ADDITIONAL ARRESTS MADE.

A Nebraska City Prisoner Attempts to Fire the Jail—Building a Telephone Line—Heavy Flood in Iowa.

More Arrests at Grant.

GRANT, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Further arrests were made to-day, in the persons of Robert Clark and E. J. Devinny, upon complaint made by Banker McKenzie, of riotous proceedings and assault upon his person on February 28.

MADRID, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The arrest of Robert Clark and E. J. Devinny, of Grant, to-day, in addition to those mentioned yesterday for participating in the assault on Banker McKenzie, is but the commencement of a series of prosecutions. The people are thoroughly aroused and will have justice and a fair election at any price.

Tried to Fire the Jail.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—George Budd, the hog thief confined in the county jail, made a desperate attempt to escape last night by breaking into the corridor of the jail in some manner and then setting fire to the ceiling, but he was discovered in time to frustrate his schemes.

Will Build a Telephone Line.

JOHNSTON, Neb., April 7.—[Special to the BEE.]—The Overland Dispatch company is going to construct a telephone line from this place twenty miles north to Norden, Neb. The wire and instruments have been secured and the line is to be completed in fifteen days.

Gave a Banquet.

GRANT, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A banquet was given the republican club at the Commercial hotel tonight. Judge Bixlor, of North Platte, was present and delivered an address. The club promises to be one of the strongest and most harmonious club in the state. Perkins county is preeminently republican and will be found at the front in the coming campaign.

A Speech on the Tariff.

MADRID, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Hon. E. M. Day, of Ogallala, addressed the republican club of this place on the tariff question this evening. The protectionists are in the minority in this section.

Fatal Fire at Tekamah.

TEKAMAH, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Matt Hanson's house was discovered on fire at 2 o'clock last night. His five-year-old boy was burned to death. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were badly burned. The recovery of Mr. Hanson is doubtful. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary.

Something of a Chestnut.

PIERRE, Dak., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—John Robb, post trader at the Cheyenne agency, who was quoted a week ago as saying he witnessed the wedding of Chaska and Miss Cora Fellows, is hunting the scalp of the correspondent who made the report. He says he does not known the Indian Chaska, that no wedding has taken place, and that Miss Fellows is quietly teaching an Indian school at the agency.

Accidental Death of Two Farmers.

SCOTIA, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Reports from the eastern part of the county are that Andrew Byrne and Squire Murphy were both found dead on the morning of the 6th. Both had been in Brayton during the day of the 5th and both started home near night, one going east and the other west. Byrne was on a load of lumber which tipped over and he fell under it. Murphy fell out of his wagon into a mud hole with his face down. They had been drinking.

A Farmer Crushed to Death.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Last evening Andrew Burns, a farmer bachelor, forty-five years old, living four miles and a half east of town, left Brayton with a load of lumber and was found at 1 o'clock yesterday within half a mile of his house beneath his load of lumber, dead. It is supposed that he had taken a short cut home and in crossing a canyon his load slipped over and in such a way as to catch only his head, which was crushed out of resemblance.

Railroads Flooded in Iowa.

WATERLOO, Ia., April 7.—The Cedar river has been rising steadily all day and is now within a few inches within high water mark. Over twenty families have been forced to move from their homes by the advancing water. Barns, boathouses and everything not securely fastened were carried off. A number of washouts have occurred and trains on all roads are delayed or abandoned. The washouts on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern near Vinton, thirty miles south, and at Cedar Falls, seven miles north, compelled that road to abandon all trains for twenty-four hours. This afternoon a passenger train was pushed through to Cedar Falls and abandoned owing to the washouts beyond.

The Illinois Central has no wires north, poles having fallen and wires been lost by the current. The Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City bridge over the Wapsie was in imminent danger of going out for several hours this morning, but by great efforts it was saved.

Burial of the Wreck Victims.

CHICKASAW, Ia., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The remains of Christian Seaverson, John Duclose and Baby Heidecker, victims of the Wapsie disaster, were interred in the cemetery at New Hampton to-day. The remains of Willard Andrews were taken to his late home at Lamente, Wis., for burial. The funeral of J. W. Scagel will be held to-morrow at Mason City. He was insured in the Accident company for $2,000, and also carried $3,000 in the brotherhood. The injured are gaining slowly, and it is probable all will recover. No more victims have been found.

A Bit of Romance.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 7.—[Special to the BEE.]—Richard Wilson, a prominent merchant of Butte City, Mont., and Miss Lulu Ryan, late leading lady of Harry Montague's specialty combination, were married in this city to-day, and after a wedding tour through the east will make their home at Butte City.

While Mr. Wilson was seeing the sights of the metropolis in 1885, at the risk of his life he rescued Miss Ryan from drowning in the East river. His head was badly cut by the paddle of a stern wheel steamer, but the plucky western man succeeded in keeping the actress above water until assistance came from the excursion steamer from which she had fallen. Wilson was taken sick, and Miss Ryan nursed him through a long illness. The wedding to-day is the sequel.

Verdict of Not Guilty.

VINTON, Ia., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The trial of Buhman for the murder of Brown at Gladbrook came to an end to-night. The jury went out at 7 o'clock and returned at 11 with a verdict of not guilty.

Mr. Blaine Starting Homeward.

AUGUSTA, Me., April 7.—Letters received from Blaine state that the family will start for Paris in about two weeks and that, after spending a short time there they will make a trip through Norway and Sweden. They will arrive in this country in the last of June.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 7.—In the senate at the morning session the following bills passed: Appropriating $44,000 to the asylum for the feeble minded; appropriating $3,000 to the fish commission; authorizing the trustees of the Independence asylum to purchase 180 acres of land; appropriating $22,400 to the Anamosa penitentiary; bill passed appropriating $4,000 to the Benedict home at Des Moines.

At the afternoon session of the senate the following appropriation bills passed: Senate file 265, soldiers' home, $12,250; senate file 266, salaries of officers of the soldiers' home, $6,000; house file 53, college for the blind, $17,034; house file 446, girls' reform school, $17,250; house file 441, state normal school, $30,200; house file 626, Clarinda hospital, $102,000; house file 527, water mains at normal school, $7,100.

The senate railroad committee reported favorably the 2 cent passenger fare bill.

At the evening session the bill was passed to prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors under sixteen years of age.

House.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 7.—In the house at this morning's session resolutions were adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of two from the senate and three from the house to investigate the charges against the state university and report to Governor Larrabee.

The following appropriation bills passed: One thousand dollars to the agricultural college, $17,034 to the college for the blind, $55,000 for the hospital for the insane at Mount Pleasant, and $31,750 for the hospital for the insane at Independence.

The bill passed authorizing the trustees of the hospital for the insane at Independence to purchase 180 acres of land for $6,500.

The bill passed appropriating $17,800 for the institution for the deaf and dumb.

The concurrent resolution was adopted as sent from the senate fixing Tuesday, April 10, as the day of final adjournment. A motion was filed to reconsider.

At the afternoon session the following bills passed: Appropriating $102,000 to the Clarinda hospital; $44,000 to the institution for the feeble minded; $21,850 to the boys' industrial school at Eldora; $172,000 to the girls' industrial school at Mitchellville; $30,200 to the state normal school; $24,000 to the soldiers' orphans' home; $12,250 to the soldiers' home.

Bills were passed supplemental to the acts of the Twentieth general assembly relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors and the abatement of nuisances. The bill passed both houses to prevent the unlawful wearing of G. A. R. or Loyal Legion badges or emblems.

In the house at the evening session the following bills passed: Requiring insurance companies to print the same conditions and stipulations in applications as in policies; relating to the appointment of state veterinary surgeons.

Poverty and Suicide.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Han Stackrid and wife, Fanny, a handsome woman of twenty-one, took a dose of poison early this morning and died within an hour of each other. The husband was a Polish Jew. He had been out of work for some time, and the family were in destitute circumstances. They leave a small child.

Wrecked By a Washout.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt., April 7.—A train which left here last night at 11 o'clock over the Rutland railroad, was wrecked a mile above Rockingham station by a washout. The engineer and fireman were killed and many others badly bruised.

A Treacherous Freshet.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., April 7.—What may prove to be a treacherous freshet is reported at West Stockbridge. Several bridges and dams are already gone and the damage is extending.

A Fine Colt.

P. McEvoy, an Elkhorn ranchman, has imported from Kentucky one of the finest horses ever brought into this state. The animal is a two-year old bay colt from the stock farm of R. P. Pepper, of South Elkhorn, Ky. The colt's pedigree is no mean one. He was foaled in 1885; sired by Onnawa, (2:25¼); first dam, Biscy, by Almont, jr., (2:26, sire of Belle Hamlin, 2:13¾); second dam by Delmonico, sire of Darby, (2:16¾.) Onnawa has placed to his credit seven in the 2:30 list last summer. Among these is the phenominal three-year old, Houri, who gained a record of 2:19¾. He is the only stallion living or dead who has put four three-year old colts in the 2:30 list. Mr. McEvoy's colt, which he has christened Salaam, is valued at $5,000.

A Veritable Palace on Wheels.

One of the handsomest and most comfortable private cars said ever to have been made in this country, says the Buffalo Express, was turned out of the Wagner shops at East Buffalo, recently. The car was built for the use of Mr. William K. Vanderbilt and the other directors of the Lake Shore railroad. It was sent to New York on the train which left Buffalo at 6 p. m. It will be taken to Florida, for use by Mr. Vanderbilt on his return from his tour of the world.

The body of the car is sixty-nine feet long. The windows are of double plate glass, something new, and are especially designed for cold-weather traveling. The windows in the parlor of the car are 3x4 feet, and those in the observation room are 4x5 feet and 3x4 feet, there being two of the latter size. Six-wheeled trucks are used, with thirty-six-inch paper wheels and axles, made especially for safety and durability.

In one end of the car is the observation room, finished in quarter-sawed antique oak, elaborately carved and handsomely finished. The interior finish throughout the car is a mixture of Louis XIV. and Renaissance styles. Next to the observation room are four sleeping rooms, two finished in San Domingo mahogany and two in antique oak. In two of the rooms are stationary beds and one berth which, when closed, appears to be only a large plate-glass mirror; also a bureau, wash-stand and other conveniences. In each of the other rooms is the usual section.

The parlor in the central portion of the car is fourteen feet long and is finished in mahogany, the carving being very elaborate. At one end of the room is a large sideboard. The lower portion is of solid panels, and above the customary large shelf are small cupboards, the doors of which are small mirrors of double plate glass in Persian brass frames. At the opposite end of the parlor are two small cabins with doors of beveled plate glass, which are lined with blue silk, producing a pleasing effect. Under the cabinets are two sofa beds, adjoining the parlar are a lavatory, porter's berth, the heater room, and in the end the butler's pantry and buffet, the latter being supplied with every household convenience.

The ceilings are elegantly decorated. That of the parlor is a dark gray, studed with gilded stars and bordered with light shades of blue and old gold. The upholstery throughout is one of blue frieze of the finest grades. The window shades are of silk tapestry and the drapery is of heavy figured, light blue silk. Wilton carpets of subdued colors match the decorations and draperies, and the trimmings are of Persian brass.

Under the center of the car is a large refrigerator with ice boxes at each end and other small ice boxes variously arranged, and in which Superintendent Bissell declares can be stowed provisions enough to last during a trip to San Francisco. The car, though not as expensive as a few others in the country, is declared to be as elegant, and is one which will no doubt reflect great credit to the Buffalo shops of the Wagner company.

FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON.

Omaha's Ball Team Shows Itself to Be a Hummer.

THE SCORE STANDS 18 TO 1.

Only One Error Made By the Local Players—Burdick and Cooney Prove a Formidable Battery—Big Attendance.

Dubuque Entirely Outmatched.

The base-ball season of 1888 was opened in a most auspicious manner at the ball park yesterday afternoon by the Omahas and the Dubuques. A beautiful spring day, fine grounds and a faultless game, so far as the local team was concerned, well repaid the ten or twelve hundred enthusiasts who were on hand.

The crowd was very demonstrative, but impartial in the bestowal of its applause. While the visitors showed up lamentably weak in fielding, batting and base running, the home team created the very best impression, playing with a vim and and faultless accuracy that wins ball. Burdick and Cooney make a formidable battery, and while the former evidently did not let himself out, he made a splendid record, striking out nine men. There isn't much doubt about Burdick's being strong in the box. He has great speed and fine balls, and besides fields his position admirably. He is not afraid to leave the box, and backs up every position when there is a chance for a wild throw. He is a thoroughly earnest player, and a fairly good runner. Cooney supported him in great shape, catching throughout the entire game with but a single error, made when it looked as if it was next to impossible for the Dubuques to score a run. It was in the ninth inning. Bishop hit out to Burdick, but Lear was given his base by being hit by a pitched ball. Tredway then came to the bat and fanned the air three times in succession, but in his over-confidence Cooney missed the third strike, but recovered the ball in time to have extinguished the runner at first, but he threw low, striking Tredway in the back, and he reached the base in safety. Gandolfe then scored a two-bagger to left, and Tredway came home, Lear having been put out in an attempt to steal third. Gandolfe, however, was put out on his hit, having run over second and being caught by Burns' unerring throw in. When it is recorded that this was the only error on the part of the Omahas nothing more need be said in commendation of their magnificent playing. They worked like machinery, clear, smooth and in perfect harmony. O'Connell and Burns led at the bat, the former getting two two-baggers and two singles and the latter two two-baggers and one single. The error column of the Dubuques is a sufficient reason for refraining from elaborate mention of their playing. They evidently lack practice, but are an earnest, hard working set of young fellows, and before the season ends will probably put up a very creditable game. The only double play of the game was made by Gandolfe and Glenalvin, Burns and Annis being put out neatly in the first inning.

Appended will be found the score:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Burns, lf	6	0	3	2	1	2	0
Annis, cf	6	1	0	1	1	1	0
Sowders, rf	6	3	0	1	0	1	0
O'Connell, 1b	6	4	5	2	11	1	0
Miller, ss	6	2	1	1	1	4	0
Shannon, 2b	6	4	2	2	2	3	0
Doran, 3b	6	2	1	0	2	2	0
Cooney, c	6	1	3	1	9	5	1
Burdick, p	5	1	1	0	0	8	0
Totals	53	18	16	10	27	27	1

DUBUQUE.

Lear, ss	4	0	0	1	1	2	2
Tredway, lf	4	1	1	0	2	1	2
Gandolfe, 1b	4	0	1	0	10	1	1
Schneider, c	3	0	1	0	4	4	2
McQuade, rf	3	0	0	0	2	2	0
Keas, cf	3	0	0	0	2	1	1
Glenalvin, 2b	3	0	0	0	3	5	4
Bishop, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	1	3
Sharp, p	3	0	1	0	1	2	1
Totals	30	1	4	1	27	19	16

Omaha	1	2	6	2	0	0	3	0	4—18
Dubuque	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

Earned runs—Omaha, 8; Dubuque, 0. Two-base hits—O'Connell, 2; Burns, 2; Cooney, 1. Base on balls—Off Sharp, 3; off Burdick, 1. Wild pitches—Sharp 1. Passed balls—Schneider, 5; Cooney, 2. Time of game 2 hours. Umpire—Mr. McLaughlin.

Anxious to Meet Mitchell.

NEW YORK, April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A reporter visited Jack Dempsey at his residence in Williamsburg yesterday to hear what he had to say in regard to meeting Charley Mitchell, since it is said Mitchell will again come to these shores. Dempsey's attention having been called to the statement of Pony Moore that Dempsey's challenge to Mitchell had not arrived yet, he said with a disdainful smile: "That's all bosh. I never sent a challenge. If Mitchell wants to fight he knows where to find me. My money is always ready, and he need not fear we will not give him a square stand-up fight, and, furthermore, the quicker Mitchell puts in an appearance the better it will suit me, as it will be the happiest moment of my life when I meet him in a twenty-four-foot ring, London prize ring rules, and I want it distinctly understood that the battle must be to a finish, for from $5,000 to $20,000 a side. I will have nothing to do with Mitchell in a four, eight or ten-round glove contest. I don't call that fighting, although it may do for a show. I don't see my way clear as yet. I have challenged Mitchell often when he was in this country without receiving any reply, excepting that I was not in his class. Now, I am making money and doing a good business and would like to be let alone and take care of my mother, wife and child, but Charley Mitchell has aggravated me so much that I would just like to meet him in the ring, if it is only for fun, and I don't mean to be a 'blower,' but will do as I say."

Chicago 4, Kansas City 3.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The Chicago and Kansas City Western association clubs played before an immense audience here to-day. The game was close and intensely exciting up till the last half of the ninth inning, when Chicago scratched a run on an error by the third baseman which gave them the game. The score stood 4 to 3 in favor of Chicago. They play again Monday. The American association play their first game to-morrow.

Conley Beats Clow.

ASHLAND, Wis., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A large audience crowded the Ashland theater this evening to witness the six-round contest between John P. Clow, weight 167 pounds, and Mike Conley, 190 pounds. After a few preliminary set-tos between other pugilistic lights, the affair of the evening was ushered in. Clow was seconded by Pat Foley, of Denver, and Dan Needham went behind Conley. Paddy McDonald was chosen referee. Frank Hayes and Charles Eldridge were time-keepers. A wrangle arose over the size of the gloves, Conley finally putting on four-ounce mitts and Clow two-ounce.

First Round—Clow led with his right on Conley's neck and let his left heavy on Conley's face. Conley got in a light right on Clow's breast. Considerable clinching in this round.

Second Round—Clow got in a right on Conley's face, closing the right eye slightly. Conly sent Clow to the floor with a heavy right. Conley had much the best of the round. First blood for Conley.

Third Round — Clinching and wrestling. Conley got Clow over the ropes, chasing him around and throwing him over the ropes and pounding him repeatedly while in a helpless state. Clow was practically done for in this round.

Fourth Round—Conley led, landing heavily on Clow, who was very groggy. There was considerable wrangling and disputing, but Conley punished Clow all through the round.

Fifth Round—There was disputing about time and Conley finally said, "I claim the fight. Why don't he come out and fight" The referee awarded the fight to Conley. Clow was totally used up, being unused to Conley's wrestling and clinching.

The Ross-Gibbs Mill Postponed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 7.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Owing to a misunderstanding about where the mill was to take place the Ross-Gibbs fight has been postponed until next week.

Teemer Wins Easily.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 7.—Teemer, McKay and Hamm rowed a sculling race on the St. Johns river this afternoon during a thunder and rain storm. The course was three miles. Teemer had a walkover. Time—23:10½.

The Amateur Athletic Club.

The Omaha Athletic club have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: P. J. Kirby, president; George Beard, vice president; Ed Washburn, secretary, and George Kendall, treasurer. The club is in a flourishing condition and has a membership of about thirty, and among its members are some of the best athletes in the west. The boys are already taking exercise on the path and will give a field meeting about the 1st of June. On this occasion about fifteen events will be contested for, mostly all handicaps. Entries are open to all western athletes. The club will probably send representatives to either the Chicago or St. Louis spring tourneys, and there is little doubt but what they will make a good showing.

Flashes From the Diamond.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight has been started.

The list of exhibition games appears in another part of this column.

Base-running will be a feature of the Omaha's playing this season.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock sharp this afternoon.

Viau, the northwestern wonder, will be a favorite with the Cincinnati public. He is kind of a worker that takes well in the Queen City.

Pete Browning started his glorious base ball career for a pittance of $20 per month. Now the gladiator pulls $150 cases every two weeks.

It is now leaked out that Chicago got $4,000 from Pittsburg for McCormick. He was dear at that price, but nevertheless he pitched $4,000 worth of ball against the White Stockings at a time when every defeat counted heavily against Anson's crowd. —Sporting Life. There is a decidedly fishy odor about the $4,000 part of the above item. Spaulding offered to sell McCormick, to the absolute knowledge of the writer, to the Cincinnati management for $750. It is not reasonable to suppose that men of the Nimick and Phillips make-up are chumps enough to pay $3,250 more than Spalding's price. McCormick cost the Pittsburg team about $750, and not a penny more.

Manager Hart says the Milwaukees will not finish worse than second.

Two weeks from Saturday next and the championship opens.

Cassian is the youngest man in the local team.

Minneapolis opens the season here.

A game will be arranged for one day this week in which the sixteen players under contract with Omaha will take part. The opposing pitchers will be Flynn and Burdick.

Any number of Oskosh people will go over to Milwaukee to see the Omaha team when it goes there.

Hanlon has not yet signed with the Detroits. He'll get there in time, however, they never fail.

The Western association championship season opens Saturday, April the 28th, the American association on Wednesday, the 18th and the National League on Friday the 28th.

On Decoration Day, May 30, Omaha plays two games in Des Moines. Goin' over?

There will be sixty-three championship games upon the home grounds.

Frank Bandle is still disengaged.

Krehmeyer, Bader and Genins are showing up in fine shape with the Denvers.

The Western league schedule committee meets at Wichita to-day.

The Omahas play in St. Paul and Minneapolis on the 18, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25 of this month.

Jack Messett will be seen behind the bat in one of next week's exhibition games.

Mannager Selee on every occasion possible impresses the directors with the fact that they can set a wholesome example by taking their wives, daughters and sweethearts, as the case may be, to see the games. The ladies are to be handsomely cared for at the grounds this season.

Al Swift, of last season's Omahas, is playing second for the Zanesville, Ohio, state league club.

It is the general verdict of the Omaha players that they are stronger this year than they were at Oshkosh last year.

W. S. Collver, who signed to play short for Will Bryans Hutchinson, Kansas, team, died one week after receiving his advance money.

All the new men like Joe Walsh's preliminary work. They pronounce him a "four-time winner.

Jack Healy and his grin are to be seen again upon the local diamond this season. Welcome back, Jack.

Kilroy, the black headed pitcher of the Baltimore club, only wants $3,500 salary and an additional $10 for every game he wins. Two years ago he was working for $8 a week and was happy.

Pugilistic Pointers.

The "Black Star" is on a starring knock-out tour through Illinois and Indiana.

Jere Dunn, the famous sporting man, says that he is ready at any time to match Dempsey to fight Mitchell or Kilrain for any amount up to $10,000, London prize ring rules.

John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell are both giving exhibitions throughout England. Sullivan's hand seems to be on the mend, and it his intention to return to America in April. Mitchell and Kilrain will return soon after.

The latest is the proposed meeting between Jake Kilrain and Jack Ashton. They met some time ago in Ridgewood park, and Kilrain won. Ashton, who has been boxing and traveling with Sullivan, has taken on weight and is much improved, and if they meet on their return to America it certainly should be a good mill.

Patsey Cardiff, the well known western fighter, has been keeping very quiet since his meeting with Sullivan when