ST. PAUL CRUSHED AGAIN.

An Error By Shannon Saves Them a Shut-Out.

SCORE SIX TO ONE FOR OMAHA.

A Very Interesting Game—Good Playing on Both Sides But The Visitors Too Weak For the Local Players.

Sunday's Game.

Between 3,500 and 4,000 people gathered at the park yesterday to witness the second game between the Omaha team and the ice harvesters from St. Paul, which, had it not been for an error on the part of Shannon in the last inning, would have been a complete shut out for the visitors. The following is a detailed account of the game:

First Inning—Burns, of the home team, flew out to Veach, Sowders hit safe to center but was put out at second by Riley after Annis had flew out to Pickett, and O'Connell hit safe to left who was left on base by Sowders out.

Murphy, of St. Paul, got first on a wild throw of Doran, stole second and third and was put out on a double play by Burns, who caught Carroll's fly and threw him out at the plate; Shafer got to first on a wild throw of Shannon and was left on second by Riley's out at first assisted by Doran.

Second Inning—Walsh went out at first by Morrissey, unassisted; Shannon was given a base on balls, but was left on first by Doran and Wilson going out on flys to Shafer.

Veach, of the visitors, went out from Lovett to first; Doran caught Morrissey's foul fly and threw Pickett out at first.

Third Inning—Lovett was hit by the pitcher, stole second and came in on a hit by Brown, who stole second and went out on a double play by Carroll and Pickett, the former holding Sowder's fly. Annis was hit by the ball and reached second by a wild throw of Kemmler, and came in on a hit by O'Connell who was left on second by Walsh flying out to Carroll.

Anderson, of St. Paul, went out on a foul to O'Connell, Kemmler fanned himself to death and Murphy went out at first by Doran's assist.

Fourth Inning—Shannon and Doran went out at first by Pickett, Wilson got first on Morrissey's error but was left by Lovett's out to Morrissey by Veach.

Carroll went out at first by Doran, Shafer made a safe hit but was left after reaching second by Riley fanning out and Veach's out at first by Lovett.

Fifth Inning—Burns went out at first, Sowder's got first by Pickett's failing to handle a grounder and reached second on the in, got third on Annis' out at first, and died there, O'Connell being thrown out at first by Shafer.

Morrissey found the ball and hit safe, but was put out on a double by Doran to Walsh to O'Connell, who put Pickett out. Anderson hit to Lovett, who threw him out at first.

Sixth Inning—Walsh hit safe to right and stole second, going to third on a muffed fly by Anderson, which sent Shannon to first. Doran hit safe and Walsh and Shannon scored. Doran and Wilson went out on a double by Shafer and Morrissey, and Lovett flew out to Veach on a pop up.

Kemmler pounded the wind, Murphy flew out to Walsh and Carroll struck out.

Seventh Inning—Burns went out on a foul tip, Sowders went out at first by Shafer, and Riley threw Annis out to Morrisey.

Shafer flew out to Walsh, Riley struck out, Veach made a hit, but was forced out at second by Morrissey.

Eighth Inning—O'Connell pasted the ball for two bags, reached third on Walsh's out at first and scored on Doran's out at first, Walsh going out at first by Pickett. Shannon got his base on balls stole second reached third on Doran's out and scored on Wilson's hit who was forced out at second.

Pickett reached first on Doran's error, but was put out at second by Lovett who cut him off while he was trying to steal a base. Anderson got first on O'Connell's muff went to third on Kemmler's two-bagger, but was left by Kemmler and Murphy going out on a double by Burns and Shannon.

Ninth Inning—Burns led with a two-bagger. Sowders got a base on balls, Annis ditto. O'Connell went out at first from short. Burns tried to steal third, but failed, and Walsh hit to Riley who threw him out.

St. Paul now had eight goose eggs to their credit with fair prospects of a shut-out. Carroll hit to left center got second on Shannon's error, who let the ball pass him. Carroll got third on the throw and scored on account of Doran interfering with him. Shafer went out to Annis. Riley went out at first by an assist from Doran. Veach went out from O'Connell to Lovett. Score—6 to 1.

The following is the complete score:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Burns, lf	5	0	2	1	2	2	0
Sowders, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Annis, cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
O'Connell, 1b	5	1	3	0	10	1	1
Walsh, ss	5	1	1	1	3	1	0
Shannon, 2b	2	2	0	1	2	1	2
Doran, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	5	2
Wilson c	4	0	1	0	6	0	0
Lovett, p	3	1	0	1	2	8	0
Totals	35	6	9	4	27	19	5

ST. PAUL.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Murphy, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Carroll, rf	4	1	1	0	2	1	0
Shafer, 2b	4	0	1	1	5	3	0
Riley, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	5	0
Veach, p	4	0	1	0	2	1	0
Morrisey, 1b	3	0	1	0	14	0	1
Pickett, ss	3	0	0	0	2	5	1
Anderson, lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kemmler, c	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
Totals	32	1	5	3	27	16	4

BY INNINGS.

Omaha	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0—6
St. Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Omaha, 4.

Bases on balls—Off Veach, 4.

Hit by ball—Lovett, Annis.

Two-base hits—Burns 1, O'Connell 1, Kemmler 1.

Struck out—By Lovett, 4.

Left on bases—Omaha 6, St. Paul 4.

Double plays—Carroll to Pickett, Shafer to Morrisey, Riley to Anderson to Morrisey, Burns to Wilson, Shannon to Walsh to O'Connell, Walsh to Shannon.

Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

Umpire—Bandle.

The Westerns Win a Game.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The third game of the series for the local championship between the Western and American association clubs resulted to-day in favor of the Western association by a score of 4 to 2. The game was a very good one, but the western team outplayed their opponents at every point, being credited with ten hits to the Americans five. Porter and Donahue composed the battery for the Americans and McCarthy and Wells for the Westerns.

Flashes From the Diamond.

Wilson caught in faultless style. He is a good one.

It should have been an uninterrupted row of goose eggs.

It was a great day for double plays—each side made three.

Again Frank Bandle had a difficult game to umpire, but he did it with rare judgment.

It was the largest audience ever upon the grounds, say anywhere between 3,500 and 4,000.

"Fatty" Kemmler managed to pound out a two-sacker, but he promises to never do it again.

Annis runs the bases with the dash and vim of a St. Louis Brown. Shannon, too, has a fine "move on him."

Burns' throw in to the plate from far left center, cutting off Reilly in the first inning, brought down the house.

Veach grew very tired toward the close of the struggle, and the local men hit about when and where they pleased.

Lovett shows himself to be a magnificent twirler, and besides he is a first-class general and keeps the enemy hugging the bases.

Shannon's reputation as a great captain is all deserved. He handles his men with a nicety and judgment that wins many a game.

Goodeye Shafer by his senseless kicking has gotten himself disliked by the patrons of the bleaching boards. They guyed him unmercifully.

Both Burns and O'Connell are keeping up their lick with the stick. Each made a two-bagger yesterday, and their singles were timely and effective.

Joe Walsh hit the ball hard every time, but generally into a fielder's hands. However, he made one cocking single, and accepted every chance offered. He was frequently applauded.

Doran covered himself with glory at third, some of his stops and throws being of the phenomenal order. Under the circumstances his two errors, excusable ones, both of them, can be well overlooked.

Doran's fall upon Carroll at third was a trifle off-color—games must be won fairly and squarely or they are robbed of more than half their interest. However, in justice to Doran, he disclaims any intention of impeding Carroll's way, he did not hold him purposely.

Fought to a Brutal Finish.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 15.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A brutal prize-fight took place near this city to-day between Jack Hirling, a local bitter, and James Bush, who claims to be the middle-weight champion of California. The fight has been eagerly looked forward to by Cheyenne sporting men for several weeks, and several hundred were present to witness the battle, which took place in Colorado, close to the Wyoming line. The fight was under the London prize-ring rules, with skin-tight gloves, and for a purse of $300. Bush, who weighed 145 pounds, was outmatched by the Cheyenne man, who weighed 157.

The first round opened with lively work, both men getting in heavy face blows. The Californian, however, was second best and came out of the round with a closed right eye, which he failed to open again throughout the fight.

In the second round both men fought with caution and both favored the tactics of the Mitchell and Sullivan fight. The round ended with a rush and fall, with the Cheyenne man on top.

In the third round Bush was severely slugged, and when it ended his face and body were covered with blood from a number of terrible blows, while the Cheyenne man was uninjured.

The remainder of the fight was a pitiable exhibition of how much pounding a man can endure. For six more rounds the Californian was unmercifully slugged and finally knocked out of time by being dashed to the ground with such terrific force that he lay as though killed, and his second threw up the sponge. It required half an hour's rigorous work to bring the defeated man to consciousness, and his physician states to-night that his injuries are extremely dangerous and may prove fatal.

A Ten-Round Mill.

DULUTH, Minn., April 15.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—"Black" Frank and Billy Lynn fought a hard ten-round draw at Tower last night. Both men were terribly punished but the honors were even. Billy Lynn has challenged Charles Gleason for a fight, with or without gloves, for $500 a side, and Gleason accepts and has posted a forfeit. He stipulates a finish fight and skin gloves.

Hart Wins the Denver Walk.

DENVER, Colo., April 15.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Four thousand people witnessed the close of the six day's walk at Mammoth rink at midnight last night. As anticipated Hart won the race. The following is the score:

	Miles.	Laps.
Vint	448	3
Noremac	351	0
Hart	473	7
Strokle	288	4
Stanton	435	0
Messier (three days)	227	3
Nolan	473	0
Buchanan	130	7
Robinson	50	0
Huffman	384	7
Smith	441	10

A Brewery Burned.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 15.—The brewery of Philip Fresinius & Sons burned this morning. Loss, $150,000; insurance, $40,000.

Weather Indications.

For Iowa and Nebraska: Warmer, fair weather, followed by threatening weather, with rain, fresh to brisk south-easterly winds.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

The Chicago union bakers will go on a strike.

Reports of rich gold finds come from the fields of lower California.

Three workman were buried under a falling wall in the City of Mexico.

Howell won the first of the three bicycle races for the championship of the world.

Twenty members of the Chicago board of trade were suspended for violating the rules.

William Cameron, teller of the Union bank, Winnipeg, has skipped with $30,000 of the bank's cash.

Mrs. Eliza Thornburg, aged seventy-four and quite wealthy, died by the coal oil can process at Jefferson, Ky.

Licensed to Wed.

The following marriage licenses were issued Saturday by Judge Shields:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Paul A. Gregory, Valley, Neb	25
Virginia La Master, Valley, Neb	20
Albert Newman, Omaha	46
Barbara Rotschild, Omaha	37
Michael Kriegler, Omaha	34
Mary Trumway, Omaha	31
Charles Grouver, Omaha	21
Mary McCoy, Omaha	19
John Glandt, Millard, Neb	24
Dora M. Busse, Elkhorn, Neb	21
Vaclar Hulac, Omaha	26
Fanny Novak, Omaha	19

An Obscure Cave.

In the southern part of Missouri there is a cave equal in extent to the famous Mammoth cave of Kentucky. I visited the cave in 1863. It was discovered by a member of the Twenty-third Iowa infantry volunteers, who reported the fact of its discovery, and the colonel with five others went to investigate. We entered the cave at 6 o'clock p. m. well provided with candles for light. We tramped and tramped through lofty rooms hung with stalactites; through rooms so lofty that a bullet from a navy revolver failed to strike the roof. We crossed a stream of running water at least fifty feet wide and six to eight inches deep, and, in fact, spent twenty-two hours traveling in the cave without reaching any end except the one we entered at. It is in a part of country filled with rough and beautiful scenery, and but a few miles from the Iron Mountain railroad. I think it would make a fine summer resort, for the stream comes out from under the mountain, boiling up in a huge bowl, then flowing away to a fine fall of some thirty feet. Altogether it can be classed as one of the great natural wonders of the world.

An Insane Man Locked Up.

Henry Vehr, supposed to be insane, was found wandering mysteriously about the B. & M. depot for some time yesterday, and was finally taken in charge by Special Officer Melio, and taken to the central station. He stood for hours behind the bars bewailing the loss of his "clock" as he called his watch. The officers attempted for some time to talk with him, but could get no coherent replies. He is thought to be from Denver. He is a German, well dressed, is about five feet six inches in height, has fierce looking eyes, and a large reddish mustache.

What Colored Republicans Demand.

OMAHA, April 14.—To the Editor of the BEE: The colored folks want a representative as citizens, a part and parcel of the republican party. They now want a colored delegate from Douglas county sent to the national convention as faithful supporters of the republican party and as taxpayers. This much they demand of the republicans of this state. If taxation without representation is anything do something for us. If republicans are true friends to the colored people please show it by sending J. W. S. Banks as a delegate to the national republican convention. WILLIAM SCOTT.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

Beginning of the First Baptist Church at Grand Island.

MISSOURI PACIFIC MOVEMENTS.

They Are Creating a Great Deal of Excitement at Crete—Grant's Growth—A Gossipy Letter From Kearney.

A Corner Stone Laid.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 15.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The cornerstone of the First Baptist church was laid to-day with proper ceremonies. It was a delightful day, and a large number of people attended. The various denominations were represented by their pastors, and each wished success to the effort the Baptist people had made to erect for themselves such a beautiful church as they had laid the foundation for. Dr. Fitch, of Hastings, was present and made a very eloquent address. The Ladies' Musical society, assisted by the church choir, rendered some very appropriate music prepared for the occasion. The church when completed will be a structure the city may well be proud of. The cost is to be about $15,000, which has nearly all been raised by subscription.

Affairs at Kearney.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 14.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Although a little late in comparison with usual seasons farmers about here have about done seeding their small grain, the acreage of which in this county will be quite small as the farmers are running to corn largely, finding it more profitable and a sure crop. A large number of cattle were fed in this vicinity the past winter, and though the season has not been profitable to the average feeder, those here have lost no money although they have not made as much as they should. Most of the cattle from here have been marketed in Omaha at from $4 to $4.30, made their expenses very light, while they were receiving the top prices. The past few days have been warm and pleasant, making everyone feel like going to work in earnest.

Kearney has been considerably interested in the visit of General Wheaton and two or three other officers who were supposed to be here looking over the locality for a drill ground for the soldiers of the Department of the Platte. The matter was given in charge of Mr. Juan Boyle, who is reputed to have a very extensive acquaintance among the regarmy officers, and also enjoys the reputation of being an adept in the mixing of iced and fancy beverages taken for the stomach's sake. The two banquets given were very select and confined to those only who could appreciate the delights of a Washington cocktail. It had been given out, with a great deal of gusto, that Generals Crook and Morrow would be here, but these gentlemen failed to recognize the honors and wines which the immaculate Juan had so generously provided, through a citizens' subscription list, and hence the occasion lost some of its enthusiasm. The G. A. R. post here had arranged to give Generals Crook and Morrow a reception, and were much disappointed at their not coming.

Mr. Clarke, one of the leading hydraulic engineers at Minneapolis, has recently been investigating the capacity of our water power and has said that we have one of the finest powers in the west, especially now that the stone dredge is at work enlarging the canal to more than double its present capacity. Mr. Frank now offers to guarantee power at about one-half the cost of coal. Already two or three parties have concluded to locate factories here and part of the machinery is on the ground.

The recent school census shows Kearney to have a population of about ten thousand people, being an increase of about three thousand within three months. A large number of residence houses are now being built and several brick blocks will be started within the next thirty days, among which will be a new city hall costing about $20,000.

The county reunion of soldiers will be held on the 3d, 4th and 5th of July at some town in the county to be settled upon by the executive committee subject to bids which may be offered. This will be a gala day for the old soldiers of the county.

Political questions do not seem to interest the people yet. The exceptions are a few who at the proper time will be invited to give way to the choice of the people, who have shown on more than one occasion that no convention can force down their throats the willing tools of a trumped up convention. No republican club has yet been organized, nor is it necessary one should be, as, with proper candidates, the county will go republican. The general opinion is that Hon. G. W. E. Dorsey will succeed himself, and unless some blunders are made the delegation will be for him in the next convention.

Railroad Building at Crete.

CRETE, April 14.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The Missouri Pacific railroad company are pushing their connections to the utmost capacity of their working force. From all accounts gathered they have great difficulty in procuring men and teams to push forward their work. A train load of materials, consisting of rails, ties, etc., has arrived. Two hundred men will be put to work to push the work through to Talmage at the earliest possible moment. On account of the many buildings being erected and the number of men and teams employed it is almost impossible to procure help to accommodate the great demand that is being made.

Not in five years has Crete advanced so much as during the past eight months. Dwellinghouses have sprung up in every portion of the city, and the business streets are alive with men and teams digging and hauling dirt from the many cellars for the erection of business blocks. The large parochial brick school is just about finished, and a magnificent high school will soon be begun to be finished this summer, capable of accommodating 400 scholars, to cost $25,000.

Fifty thousand dollars is the amount to be spent for improving and beautifying the assembly grounds.

Business men are adopting the are system of electric lighting and doing everything in their power to make the city compare favorably with the larger cities so far as money, energy and push will do it. It is estimated that the total amount of taxable property added to the city's wealth will reach $150,000. Mechanics of all kinds are needed and there is not an unemployed man in the place. The Missouri Pacific railroad finds great difficulty in securing workmen enough in consequence of most all of the hitherto unemployed men being busily engaged on other work throughout the city. Thirty-four railroad men came in on the 11:55 last night. Thirty men with teams are busily at work in the west part of town grading and laying rails to connect the Missouri Pacific and B. & M. with the stock yards.

There is some talk of erecting a large hotel on East Thirteenth street by Joseph Muff, who recently retired from the Crete Brewing company.

Blue Hill Blossoms.

BLUE HILL, Neb., April 13.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Spring is upon us with its diversified aims and interests. The small grain crop is slowly but surely forming the warp and woof of the vernal carpet soon to garnish the fields, thereby prompting the hardy sons of toil to further exertions. New settlers in our city and country still give early promise of a mild species of an early Nebraska boom.

General C. H. Van Wyck, that staunch old gladiator of the political arena, was here on the evening of April 9, and after being introduced to a full house by Dr. Razee, proceeded in one of his characteristic philippics to arraign the railroads and other kindred monopolistic cormorants with such a stern and truthful array of facts concerning their rapacity and greed, as shown by their ever increasing disposition to reap where the people have sown. The address was a masterpiece, and was fully appreciated by our people, and after the expiration of two hours, adjourned amid prolonged applause for Senator Van Wyck.

Grant's Progress.

GRANT, Neb., April 12.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Grant to-day is enjoying one of the greatest booms of any town in Nebraska. There are twenty-five buildings now in course of erection, and there would be many more if the lumber could be got in fast enough to build with. There are four lumber yards, and they are not sufficient to keep up with the demand. There is still room for nearly all kinds of business enterprises. There are twenty business houses going up at the present time.

The prospects for a crop the coming season are good, and this in itself is encouraging everybody to invest all the surplus wealth they have.

A Farmer's Protest.

OMAHA, April 13.—To the Editor of the BEE: You organize boards of trade and other boards, advertise, spend piles of money "boom" Omaha and Nebraska, and yet leave the most important leverage lay quietly in the dust. If the Union Pacific railroad was trimmed down to a fair valuation and run on that basis, it would do more to populate this state than all the money spent by all the towns in Nebraska. All roads would have to be governed by rates on the Union Pacific. An occasional blow-out calling them "thieves," "swindlers," and a lot of other pet names is not what is wanted. But a long, steady, hard pull. An earnest protest against the extension of time asked. Every paper, and every man in the state, should ring out a warning to congress before it is too late, and not allow fifty years more of "legal stealing." Do the railroads own the papers? Editors, "printer's devil," and all, as well as every office-seeker in the state? If not, why let the greatest of all frauds perpetrated on the tillers of the soil along these roads? Won't we be proud, when in the fall we are told what an "intelligent" people we are? A dog would be killed for his want of sense if he would quietly submit to so flagrant an imposition as is being bound on the people paying tribute to this little "trust."

FARMER.

Hard Girls to Arrest.

Birdie Robinson and Emma Turner, two negresses of bad repute who are familiar figures in the police court, got drunk yesterday and became noisy and demonstrative on the street. They disregarded all injunctions of Officer Vanous to keep quiet, and he declared them under arrest. But when he attempted to take them to the patrol box a tussle ensued and the colored cyprians commenced to bite, scratch and pound the officer. One blow that Birdie let fly struck Vanous in the eye, encircling it with a dark ring and swelling it nearly shut. Hundreds of spectators gathered about the scene of combat, enjoying it hugely and encouraging the female bruisers with such remarks as, "Go it, Birdie," "First blood for Robinson," "Foul for the cop," etc. Vanous is a young man and as a matter of course rather gallant, and he was disposed to ward off the blows rather than return them. He was shortly reinforced by Officer Shields, who seized Birdie by her two wrists and jerked her away from Vanous. She commenced to spit in his face, but when the officer twisted her arms a time or two in his vice-like grasp, she desisted, as she has a profound respect for muscular men. Vigorous measures on the part of Vanous soon conquered the other Amazon, and the two were carted to the central police station.

If the liver and kidneys are sluggish and inactive, Hood's Sarsaparilla will rouse them to prompt and regular action. Take it now.

ANTICS OF MONKEYS.

A Queer Troupe of Well-Trained Artists.

New York Times: The trained monkeys known in Vienna as the "Brockmann Monkey Show," who are to make their bow to the New York public from the stage of the Star theater on April 23, will sail for this port from Hamburg, accompanied by their manager, trainers and personal attendants. These funny animals have a theater of their own in Vienna, and are as much a feature of the amusements of that city as any of the companies of human players. It is said by able and judicious critics that many an actor might profitably learn something of value to his art by observing these intelligent quadrupeds, and many curious and interesting stories are told of their antics on and off the stage. The monkeys all have their own proper names, in addition to the names of leading actors and actresses with which they may have been christened by some of their admirers. Among the leading artists of the troupe are Kullman, the elegant circus rider; the fat and lovesick Lottie; Anothy, who is a gentleman not to be joked with with impunity. Jack, the little dandy, and George the clown of the company, who can not crack old jokes on account of a lingual impediment, but who is said to create any amount of fun by his queer antics.

A German paper gives some interesting details of the life behind the scenes of this unique company of mimics. "As soon as the operation of dressing begins," says the writer, "the cunning little animal becomes restless. They shuffle to and fro on their high stools; they sneeze and blow and sniffle and make faces at the keepers and at each other. But woe to him who would dare laugh at their grimaces and their fooling. He would soon make acquaintance with their teeth and nails. The comical little fellows love to carry on all sorts of fun, but they won't allow anybody to laugh at them. For this reason they are attached with little chains to their stools as long as the dressing lasts. They like to play all sorts of tricks with the keepers who are dressing them. One of them amuses himself by tearing his brand-new trousers into shreds, and when he has fully succeeded in doing so, he gives vent to his delight by loud screams. Another takes pleasure in pulling off the vest which the keeper has had the greatest difficulty in buttoning on him, and grins at the unfortunate man with truly fiendish delight. A third absolutely refuses to put his tiny little hand into the sleeves, although the keeper holds the armhole in the most inviting manner before him. The little rascal pretends not to be able to find it, pushing his hands in every direction but the right one. If the keeper at last loses his patience and pushes the arm by force into the sleeve, the indignant artist feels insulted, and replies with a ringing slap on the keeper's face.

At last the operation of dressing has been performed. The little artists sit quietly on their stools, not a little proud of their gay costumes. They grin and wink at each other, and munch with great delight nuts and almonds and other delicacies, with which they are rewarded. Lottie is particularly vain of her pretty costume. With great complacency she pulls her pretty dress, arranges her coiffure, pushes her hat from one side to the other to see which is most becoming and keeps on a continual flirtation with the gentlemen of the company. Dainty little Jack, for whom these demonstrations of love are intended, seems to trouble himself very little about his coquettish mistress. He sits quietly in a corner enjoying the draughts from a small bottle of mild beer, of which he is particularly fond, taking very great care that not a drop of the precious liquor is spilled on his snowy white jacket and apron, which as cook is his professional costume. Jack is possessed of a most versatile talent. With equal skill and elegance he appears now as a cook, then as a coachman or a circus rider and athlete. Besides this, he has assumed for his own pleasure the function of picking up the various articles that lie scattered on the stage after the performance and conveying them swiftly behind the scenes.

A NEW PROHIBITORY POINT.

Civil and Criminal Actions Make Quite a Difference.

WHAT THE SALOONS DIDN'T DO.

The White Button Brigade to Congregate at Des Moines—The Capital City's Crack Ball Team—Ventilating University Charges.

Another Prohibition Decision.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 15.—[Special to the BEE.]—Judge Kavanagh's decision in the supreme court the past week in the case of the wholesale liquor dealers whose stock had been seized, raises a new point under the prohibitory law. These dealers were charged with violation of the law on the ground that their clerks or employes had on certain occasions sold liquor to minors or to persons who were habitual drunkards. The court held that while such facts, if proved, might subject the principal to liability in a civil action, it could not hold to responsibility to a criminal suit. In other words, that unless it could be shown that such sales were made by his orders, knowingly in violation of law, he was not responsible. The court held that a man's criminal responsibility was limited only by his own acts. He might be liable in a civil action for damages for anything which an agent of his did, but he could not be punished in a criminal suit and sent to prison because his clerk, acting without his orders or knowledge, should have violated the prohibitory law. The temperance people claim that this decision of Judge Kavanagh is in conflict with a recent decision of the supreme court. The court held in the case of a druggist that he or his agents must know when selling liquors that they were to be used for purposes allowed by law, or were to go to persons who were allowed by law to purchase. That decision held that it was no defense for a druggist to say that he did not know that a man who purchased liquor of him was an habitual drunkard, or that he was under twenty-one, or that he did not intend to use it for legitimate purposes. But those were cases in civil action and affected simply the dealer's responsibility as under the pharmacy law. They were not cases of criminal prosecution, and were not intended to subject the defendant to criminal punishment if found guilty. Judge Kavanagh's decision is plain, therefore, to be not in conflict with the supreme court, and to lay down a line of responsibility somewhat different from any that has heretofore been noted.

WHAT IT ESCAPED DOING.

The legislature has been gone long enough for the people to review its actions and to begin to put some estimate on the result. There seems to be a general feeling of relief throughout the state that the period of suspense and peril is past. When the work of the session is summed up it will be seen that after all the legislature did not do very much that was positively pernicious, but what it really did do that was bad was very little in comparison to what it threatened to do. Hardly one of the large business interests of the state did not feel that it was exposed to peculiar peril as long as the legislature was in session. One of the prominent insurance men of this city remarked, after the session had closed, that if the legislature had passed the bills affecting insurance companies that were proposed it would have closed every company in this city and made it absolutely impossible for them to do business in Iowa. What was true of the insurance companies was true of many other business interests. A great deal of harm was threatened, but comparatively little was done. The important measures that were passed were the railroad bill applying the principles of the inter-state commerce act, to state traffic; enlarging the powers of the commissioners so that they could fix rates and prevent discriminations; the law making the railroad commission elective; the law amending the pharmacy law, adding more stringent provisions as to the sale of liquors; the law prohibiting pools, trusts and other conspiracies to regulate the production of articles of common use—these are about all the laws of general importance. There were some hundreds of other laws made, but they were largely of local interest, the majority being legalizing acts. So, for a legislature that threatened to do a great deal of mischief by hasty and extreme legislation, the result is not nearly as bad as it might be.

A WHITE BUTTON CONVENTION.

A call has been issued for a state convention of republican clubs to be held in this city Wednesday, May 2. The work of organizing clubs has gone on very rapidly, and it is estimated that there are now between two and three hundred clubs in this state. It is hoped that by the time the convention meets there will be at least five hundred clubs in the state. The enthusiastic convention held by the Nebraska clubs will be an inspiration to the republicans of Iowa to equal them in good works. As this convention will be represented by five delegates from each club, it is expected that there will be a very large and enthusiastic meeting. Some of the best speakers in the state amoung the young republicans will be present, and the boys propose to have the liveliest and most inspiring convention ever held in Iowa.

THE BASE BALL OUTLOOK.

More interest is being taken in base ball this year than ever before. It is felt that the old team is much stronger than last year and is able to cope with any in the league. It is also conceded that the Western association is a good deal stronger and faster than the Northwestern league was last year. These facts conspire to increase popular interest in the game here in Des Moines and to make it seem probable that the marked success of the game last year will be repeated with larger attendance and enthusiasm this. As the team is now constituted it has no weak spots. Whitely, last year's center fielder, was released a few days ago, the management feeling that his services were not required and that he was hardly able to keep up with the company as the team is now constituted. The present outfield is one of the strongest, according to base ball cranks, of any in the country. Van Dyke in left field, Halliday in center, and Orator Shafer in right, make a strong combination for the outfield. The pitcher's box will be filled with Cushman, late of the Metropolitans, Wells, of last season's team, Smith, a winner from the Southern league, and Kennedy, of last year's team. McCullough will guard short in place of Davy Force, and will fill the position quite as ably. Joe Quinn, the Dunlap of the Western association, as eastern papers call him, will be the field captain, and take care of everything in the vicinity of second base. The team as a whole is considerably stronger in batting, and somewhat stronger in fielding, than it was last year. So, all things considered, it is in good shape for the season's work. The high water early last week flooded the park and spoiled the only exhibition games that were to have been played before the season opened. Consequently Des Moines will have to wait for the regular games before it will have a chance to see any sport at Athletic park. The team meanwhile is on a short tour playing with several clubs in the inter-state league and getting very valuable practice.

INVESTIGATING THE UNIVERSITY.

The committee appointed by the legislature to investigate the affairs of the state university is acively at work. So many reckless charges have been made against the management of the university during the last few years that great prejudice has been created against the school. A few discharged professors and some other personal enemies of the board of regents have been talking in a very uncharitable and very severe way of the managers of the university. It has been thought by the friends of the school that the best way to put a quietus upon all these charges was to have an official investigation, with a verdict that would be once for all a complete answer to the reckless slanders against the school. In the little investigation that the committee have already made they discover that a good deal of the expected evidence rests upon a sort of moral basis that is very intangible and substantial. They find that a good many of the charges are based upon what men think and not what they know. So it is going to be pretty difficult to meet face to face a square and direct issue between the complainants and those whom they accuse.

GOING SEVERAL HUNDRED STRONG.

An Allison brigade is being organized to go to Chicago and work for the nomination of Iowa's favorite son. It is proposed that the brigade shall wear a uniform of blue flannel suits, tall white hats, and be armed with the American's trusty companion, a stout stick. With bands of music, badges, flags, and streamers the Allison brigade, several hundred strong, propose to make a stir in Chicago so that every one shall know that the people of the prairies are thoroughly in earnest in their campaign.

Burned Up the Wagon.

The car of an itinerant photographer, located of late on the corner of Thirteenth and Williams streets, was dicovered last evening to be in flames. The wood of the car was so thoroughly seasoned that it burned like tinder and was nearly in ashes before the firemen arrived. Nothing was saved, but the loss will not reach $300. A lighted cigar stub is thought to have been the cause of the blaze.

COMMON CARRIERS.

Sad Experience on Exasperating Railroads.

I hate to speak lightly of a common carrier or a corporation, not knowing how soon I may be a common carrier or a corporation myself, but it does seem to me that here in New York, where we have every advantage of schools and churches and newspapers, with or without pictures—newspapers in the morning, newspapers at noon and ever and anon till the next day; there, where you can buy almost anything that heart can wish, from a porpoise-hide shoe-lace or a violet bouquet to an alderman, that the baggage express might be more reliable. If it cannot get our baggage from point to point on time, let it so state. As it is now, lovers are forever separated, husbands and wives glare at each other across the breakfast table and weep in their omelet. Men order their baggage sent to Courtlandt street ferry by 5 o'clock, and it gets to Desbrosses street ferry at 5:30. They depend on their goods getting down from the Sartoga train to the Hoffman house in time for their wives and themselves to dress for an evenihg party, and miss it all because money cannot buy time even if it could buy clothes. If, gentle reader, you have been a woman and looked with wet and anxious eyes for a sneaky, swayback horse, with a blue democrat wagon to bring the trunk, which held the whole summer's triumph in his bosom; waited till the lonesome shadows dame down and blotted out you hopes of a happy evening with your friends, you know what it is to feel bitterly, without even the luxury granted to sinful man of expressing pourself relative to the baggage express in a way that would make the windows rattle and the wall paper roll together as a scroll.

I am not giving away to any imagination in talking about this matter, neither am I relying on my own experience, but I am trying feebly to express what the corporations fail to express. I believe it to be largely the fault of reckless and irresponsible drivers, who never feel stimulated to drive fast unless there happens to be an old woman on the track. And so it often happens that wedding parties, business engagements, dinners and everything else have to suffer. It is not a matter of money. It is a matter of honor. And the man who has walked the floor two hours in simi-dress, with a toothbrush in one hand and an anathema in the other, while a mile away an audience stamped upon the floor and pounded on the arms of the seats and mobbed the manager because the speaker, in full dress, had not appeared, can state more fully than I can what the general opinion is.

An Instance Where Sheer Laziness Brought a Fortune.

Nez Perce (Idaho) News: About three years ago Frank Martin sold the Horn silver mine at Era for $55,000. By his drinking and gambling he has reduced this to about $1,000, and his wife now petitions the probate court to have a guardian appointed for him.—Idaho Register.

To read the above paragraph one would naturally say that there was nothing in it; that it was a common every-day occurrence. But read this: Three years ago Frank Martin was as worthless and lazy a vagabond as could well be produced—one of those who never missed a meal or paid a cent. He resided at a place called Era, in Alturas county, in this this territory, had no occupation, and sponged his living from his brother, who had a small ranch and kept the postoffice by the roadside. One day his brother's wife requested Frank to cut her some wood. He refused, whereupon she beat him out of the house with a rolling-pin and forbade him to enter her doors again. Sad and dejected at the condition of affairs, Frank walked up a hill in the rear of his once happy home, until within a short distance of its summit, when he sat down upon a flat rock, at the same time stretching out his legs and bracing his feet against a small boulder in front of him. He had not been there long when the boulder under his feet gave way and went rolling down the hill. Frand raised himself and listlessly followed after the rolling stone—and just here we will digress and say that his then experience exploded the old aphorism that a "rolling stone gathers no moss"—and picking it up, was surprised at its weight and general appearance. He showed the stone to some miners soon after, and they pronounced it horn silver ore of the richest character. Thereupon Frank prospected the place and soon found a ledge which paid big from the start, so that in less than a month after opening the mine Mr. Frank Martin's check was worth its face from $3,000 to $5,000. He had hosts of warm friends—indeed his friends were red-hot—reaching from Houston on the north to Blackfoot in the center and Hailey and Salt Lake in the east.

One evening, after delivering a shipment of his ore to the reduction works at Hailey, Mr. Martin dropped into a restaurant and ordered a square meal. He was promptly served by a comely waiter girl, and, being in a somewhat hilarious mood, challenged the girl to marry him then and there. She accepted his proffer, a justice of the peace was sent for and the twain were made one. About six months after this he sold his name for the sum above stated, and, naturally enough, the transition from extreme indigence to much wealth unshipped what little intellect he had.

Moral: Wealth is a blessing to some, but a curse to others.

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