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THE first round of drinks has gone

down at St. Louis. The California dele-

gates just arrived. WILL the heart of the Chicago convention be in the Highlands? asks a contemporary. Probably it will, if Blaine is there, but its vote will have to

go to somebody else. No wonder Henry Villard denies that he is fitting out a German expedition to the south pole. That is not the kind of a magnet to draw Villard, so long as

the Northern Pacific attracts him. THE Mississippi river is again on a rampage in Illinois and Wisconsin. If the father of waters behaves in that style he will be taken in hand and severely spanked as an unruly, over-

grown boy. DURING Mr. Blgine's absence in Europe some fellow secretly entered his house at Augusta, Me., and overhauled his private papers. This smart trick to find anything of a compromising character has been nipped in the bud, and mud-slingers will now be obliged to nose around in other quarters.

WHEN Buffalo Bill was asked by a New York reporter about the best way to civilize the Indian, Colonel Cody said with pride: "The 'Wild West' show has been the most successful school for civilizing the Indians." It is a poor show man who does not crack up his own ring.

It is safe to say that Mayor Hewitt of New York city was the only official in the length and breadth of the northern states who did not take some part in the memorial observances. The mayor and the Grand Army have been at outs for some time, but it was generally supposed that Mr. Hewitt was too big a man to slight Decoration day on account of pique.

THE laying of the last rail in the Northern Pacific railroad tunnel through the Cascade mountains in Washington territory completes one of the greatest engineering feats of the present day. The tunnel itself was finished a few weeks ago after two years' work. Next to the Hoosac tunnel it is the longest tunnel in the United States, being almost two miles in length. The tunnel is of incalculable value to the people of Oregon and Washington territory, as it facilitates that intercourse which heretofore has been conducted with great difficulty.

CHICAGO among its other woes is just now passing through a crisis in which the saloon question plays a prominent part. The respectable people of that city, aided by the newspapers, are arrayed ngainst the saloon element, the aldermen and the politicians. A resolution was passed by the aldermen permitting saloons to be run in close proximity to school houses and churches. This action has aroused the indignation of the church people, who are pleading with Mayor Roche to veto the opnoxious ordinance. But the mayor is between the devil and the deep sea. If he ignores the appeal he is derelict in his duty, but if he vetoes the ordinance he imperils his chances for re-election. This would be an opportune time for the mayor to go a-fishing.

Ir is a matter of great moment to northern Nebruska that the Illinois Central has already taken initiatory steps toward extending its system through the tier of counties from Dakota to Sioux. Articles of incorporation were filed a day or two ago with the secretary of state at Lincoln for such a road, to be called the Nebraska & Western. As the Illinois Central has its western terminus at Sioux City there is but little doubt that the proposed line is to be built under the patronage of that rend. It is of course impossible to say when actual building operations will begin, but the indications point very strongly that the work will be pushed through at an early day. There is a rivalry between the Santa Fe, which is coming into Nebraska from Kausas, and the Illinois Central as to which road shall reach the Black Hills first. As yet the Santa Fe has not definitely outlined its policy, but it cannot fold its hands while the Illinois Central is pushing ahead to outstrip its rival in the

A Glance at the Field. Now that Mr. Blaine must be put wholly out of consideration as a possible candidate of the republican party for the presidency, there will be greater interest in looking over the field and estimating the chances of other men more or less likely to secure the nomination. Until Mr. Blaine's last letter there was no very great amount of satisfaction in doing this, owing to the overshadowing probability that he could have secured the nomination if he desired it. With this entirely and decisively brushed away, it is worth while to see how the other possible candidates stand and consider their pros-

The list of these candidate is not

so large as it was a month

or two ago. Several gentlemen who

candidates-ex-Governor Alger of Mich-

west and northwest, who will exert a

powerful influence in the convention,

while he is referred to in very friendly

terms in New York and New England.

Illinois will spare no effort to secure his

nomination, and it is not doubted that

as soon as Indiana shall become con-

vinced that there is no chance for her

favorite son, the delegation will give its

unanimous support to her other son,

and pledge him an equally earnest and

enthusiastic republican support in that

state. So far as the republican press of

the country reflects the sentiment of

the party, there is no serious

objection anywhere to Gresham,

and measuring his chances with

those of the other possible candidates

we have referred to, they certainly ap-

pear at present to be the most promis-

We take it that one of the five distin-

guished republicans we have named

will be chosen as the standard-bearer of

the party this year, and as the situation

now appears the probabilities most

strongly favor Gresham and Alger. We

do not expect any surprises at the Chi-

cago convention. The controlling minds

of that body will, we think, be fully im-

pressed with the responsibility that

rests upon it to act with the utmost care

and deliberation, and not to yield to the

influence of impulse or passion. This,

at all events, is what the great body of

the party expects of it, and at no time

in the history of the party has there

been greater reason or necessity than

now exist for its representatives in

national convention to take counsel of

the wish of the rank and file and give

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enjoyed some prominence then have been dropped, having failed to develop public schools. anything more than a local interest and following. They may be heard of in the convention, but it will be a merely complimentary mention. Of those who remain in the list some have not shown any growth, if they have not had the misfortune to lose ground. As the situation is now presented, Senator Sherman will probably lead in the number of supporters in the national convention, but there is a very general opinion that he cannot hold the support after the first few ballots. Under existing conditions Ohio ought to be expected to do some very vigorous work for its distinguished citizen, and if the democrats should nominate Thurman for the vice presidency it would seem that that must help the chances of Sherman. But the fact is apparent that he has not been gaining, and that the popular interest for the Ohio man is less to-day than it was two months ago. It does not seem probable that it will experience any considerable revival between now and the meeting of the convention, the danger which the friends of Mr. Sherman have to fear being rather that it will diminish, by reason of the growof overthrowing culty vear the more strongly ing interest in other candidates. Mr. Allison has made even less progress than Mr. Sherman. His friends profess to believe that he will secure a great deal of the Blaine support as the natural legatee of that leader, but this is very far from assured. There are one or two others who could urge quite as good urges that such effort be made. a claim in this respect as the Iowa

statesman, and it is intimated that the MR. DEPEW is in a position to make last aspirant to enter the list of possible igan-is the man most likely to receive the largest share of the support of the Blaine element. Alger will be enthusiastically supported by his own state, he is very well thought of on the Pacific coast, and with the promise now held out of some eastern support he may make a much better showing in the convention than was thought possible when his name was first mentioned. He has a good military and political record, is personally very popular, and is a man of wealth, so that his pretensions as a possible candidate are by no means to be depreciated. General Harrison holds the Indiana delegation firmly in his grasp, but so far as appears that is all he has to go on. He has made no progress since his state endorsed him, and figures very little in the popular attention. The man who will undoubtedly rank second in the voting of the national convention at the outset is Judge ing if the situation so changed by the time of the meeting of the convention as to place him in the lead. His growth in popular interest and favor since he was made the candidate of Illinois has been very rapid and very solid. The discussion of his claims and his availability has been all to his advantage with the people, whatever the effect may have been upon the politicians. To can party. all appearances he is by far the strongest man with the republicans of the

BELVA LOCKWOOD has issued her first manifesto that is likely to inflame the breast of every Amazon in the country to follow under the banners of this new Boadicea. In a letter to her constituents she says: "Could I be commanderin-chief of the army and navy? Why not? I could sit in my elegantly furnished rooms like Grover Cleveland and dictate to that machine that we call the army, and that other machine that we call the navy; and if the recent speech of a noble lord is correct, with 100,000 men I could capture England and make my headquarters in London. Elizabeth of England and Isabella I. of Spain both commanded their armies in person." How is that for a foreign policy. She will lead the American army

THE heavy and unprecedented rain fall of the past two weeks in the extreme western counties of Nebraska and Colorado bears out the oft-repeated theory that with the breaking up of new land by settlers the area of the rain belt is extended. The great American desert of western Nebraska is no more. What was once barren stretches of sand now adds thousands of acres to the agricultural land of this state. This is a matter of congratulation to our people and especially to the inhabitants west of the 100th meridian. Every foot of soil reclaimed increases the wealth and prosperity of our people. The time is not far off when western Nebraska will blossom as a rose and her corn acreage will swell the total product of the state to mammoth proportions.

heed to it.

A Non-Partisan Board. Elsewhere will be found a call for a meeting of citizens this evening to take action for placing before the people non-partisan candidates for the school board. Both of the political parties have determined to present for the suffrages of the people partisan candidates—one of the parties in the usual way, and the other by the extraordinary method of allowing an individual to name the candidates. The caucus will very likely do no better than the individual in the character of the selections, and the motive actuating both will be the same. The people must defeat both if they would save the public schools from inevitable injury.

The movement for a non-partisan school board is justified by every consideration affecting the interests and welfare of the public school system.

parties at every recurring election the effect must be demoralization and deterioration. No greater evil could befall the public schools than that they should become a foot ball of the politicians. To keep the system of public education free from all partisan action or political control is in the opinion of every wise and experienced friend of the system absolutely essential to its proper growth and the attainment of the highest efficiency and value. It cannot improve and advance under the influence of the devices and methods that belong to politics. The principle to be distinctly marked out and maintained is that under no circumstances shall politics have the least consideration in the administration of the affairs of the It is to put in effect these just views and essential principles that the meeting to nominate non-partisan candidates for the school board has been called.

Every fair-minded man must see that if

the schools are made a bone of

contention between the political

Every parent who desires that our schools shall not be drawn into the political machine, and the power and influence of the board be used for partisan purposes and the personal advantage of politicians, should attend the meeting on Friday evening. Mothers should interest themselves in it, having the right to be heard and to act. It should be a meeting whose numerical strength and earnestness of purpose will have a weight and influence which will be felt by the politicians. We know there is a very large sentiment in Omaha against a partisan school board, and if it can be brought together it cannot fail to make an impression. The failure of last year was largely due to an unfortunate apathy on the part of many citizens whose sympathies were wholly with the non-partisan movement. There should be no such mistake this year, for if there is the diffiinstructed politicians will be greatly increased. A united, firm and aggressive effort now by the friends of a nonpartisan board can, we feel confident, be successful, and every consideration affecting the welfare of our schools

the republican party some trouble, and if he is really so concerned for its future as he professes to be he will take himself out of that position before he goes to the national convention. There is no doubt he would like the presidential nomination, but he says he would not accept it if he should be of the opinion that his candidacy would lose the party votes. We unqualifiedly assure Mr. Depew that it would lose the party hundreds of thousands of votes and several now sure republican states. If that is not his opinion now, and evidently it is not, no effort should be spared to convince him, if that be possible, before he goes to Chicago. He claims that Blaine would have had four hundred and six votes in the convention. Does Mr. Depew hope to capture these votes, or will he attempt to do so? His nomination would be fatal to the republican party, perhaps a death blow, and while we can not suppose the representatives of the party capable of committing so grave a blunder, it would be reassuring to know that Mr. Depew's opinion had taken the right direction in advance of the convention. If he will do himself the honor to consult the views of western and northwestern delegates who do not wear the collar of the railroad corporations he will have no trouble in reaching the conclusion that of all men possible his nomination would be most disastrous to the republi-

in person. All hail Belva I!

THERE appears to be favorable promise that the movement for establishing a temporary market place will be successful. When this is accomplished and the benefits are clearly snown, it will become a comparatively easy matter to secure a permanent market house, with accommodations for every kind of produce and provisions. The attainment of this will mark the beginning of a material reduction in the cost of living in Omaha, particularly for the masses of the people.

THE serious illness of John Bright, the great commoner, calls forcibly to mind that another light in the world of politics is about to be extinguished. Among English statesman the name of John Bright stands second only to Gladstone, although his sense of justice has been lately blurred by opposing home rule.

Queen Elizabeth of Roumania is intensely musical, fond of danging and has written a bullet.

Kaiser Frederick said, in accepting honorary membership in the Academy of Legal Sciences, at Madrid: "The first task of the legislator is to procure equal right for all." Prince Alfred Bell, son of King Bell, of Cameroons, has learned the trades of locksmith, joiner, and ship-builder, and is now studying and working in the machine shops of the North German Lloyds at Bremer

naven.

The czar, according to Vanity Fair, is in sane and requires the constant services of guardian. The emperor of Brazil did not find time to

call upon the pope during his stay in Rome, a circumstance that gave rise to considerable Prince Ferdinand, in a speech at a banquet

in the hall of the Sobranje at Tirnova recently, said: "Here in this building I swore to lead Bulgaria to the goal marked out for her in history. I now repeal that eath."

Queen Louise, of Sweeden, is threatened with a return of the cancerous trouble which nearly took her life a year ago.

Queen Natalie takes such pride in her black, glossy hair that rather than hide it she wears it in an old-fashioned waterfall hanging down her back,

Lord Stanley, of Preston, Lord Lansdowne's successor as governor general of Canada, leaves England on June 4, for the

Isabella, ex-queen of the Spaniards, when she appears abroad wears a costume very much the same as that of a nun.

The officers of the Bordeaux garrison lately gave Mme. Carnot a handsome fan, and the president has sent them in return three spiendid bronze groups which cost \$1,600.

The empress of Japan is taking lessons on the piano. The Mickado's fifty-seven physicians are giving him every attention.

The late Admiral Sir William Hewett was in 1862 one of the most successful blockade runners of the war. Sir William commanded the Lilian, a paddle-wheel steamer of un mense speed, and managed to clude the vigilance of the federal blockade squadron on several trips between Wilmington, N. C. and Nassua, N. P. The Lilian was, however, at length captured, and Hewett languished in a dungeon for many months.

Sir Provo Willis, the senior admiral of the British navy, is 100 years old.

The sultan, contrary to Turkish custom went into mourning with his whole court for

Emperor William. The Empress Eugenie will spend the summer at Osborne cottage, placed at her dis-

posal by Queen Victoria. A new plot against King Milan of Servia comes to light nearly every day. He should have sent his hostile wife a handsome spring

bonnet. Count Tolstoi is the title and name of two distinguished Russlans, and it is well to know that fact in view of suspicions of attempted violence to one of them The confusion between Count L. N. Tolstoi, the nov elist and philantrophist, and his cousm Count Tolstoi, the bigoted and narrow minded minister of education, is very com monly made. The name of Tolstoi is found more than once in the history of Russian lit-

erature.

The duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha has give the duke of Edinburg Rosenan castle, four miles north of Coburg, surrounded by fine forests and commanding charming views.

Lord Augustus Loftus, at one time the British ambassador at Vienna, presides over the bookkeeping department of Lady Loftus' millinery store. Lady Paget, formerly Miss Minnie Steven

daughter of Mrs. Paran Stevens, is one of the handsomest women in London, with a peculiarly graceful flyure, a fresh complex and an ability to manage spirited horses. Queen Olga of Greece is practical, dresse

plainly, and goes in for domestic economy etc., even making her own bonnets, it is said Dagnar of Russia, the princess of Wales' sister is said to be politically smart, though not intellectual otherwise. Like all her sis ters she is clever with her needle, as they had to make their own clothes before their father got to be king.

The Wise Young Man. St. Louis Republican,

It is the wise young man who purchased his summer suit before buying pools on his favorite horse. A favorite racer is sometimes a great calamity.

Out of Print for Some Time. A new edition of the president's order

against the pernicious activity of office-holders in politics is understood to be in preparation, the original issue being now out of print. Convicting Evidence. Chicago Herald.

A letter signed W. B. Tascott was found

in a beer bottle picked up on the lake shore near Waukegan. But the only evidence that the signature is genuine is the fact that the bottle contained no beer.

Will 1860 Repeat Itself in 1888? Hartford Courant (Rep.)

If Illinois sets about nominating General Gresham this summer as it set about nominating Abraham Lincoln that other summer and if four out of five other of the present central states rally to its support, General Gresham will be nominated. If he is nomi nated he will be elected.

She Started the Gresham Boom.

Chicago Tribune,
The latest addition to the stock of knowl edge pertaining to the origin of the Greshan boom is furnished by a worthy old lady living in Indiana, who claims that when the youth ful Walter Q, was only a few minutes old she said to his mother: "He's a fine boy Mrs. Gresham, and may be president yet.' This ought to end the controversy.

Hard Work and Plenty of It. New York Press (Rep.)
While the general outlook is favorable to

republican success, it is our duty-the duty of every republican - to realize that the fight will be a close and aonbtful one. Republic ans can win if they will. Hard work and thorough organization, with a full, fair and open discussion of the question of protection, re essential to success.

Poor "Little Phil."

Philadelphia Record.
Tens of thousands of Philadelphians who saw "Little Phil" ride at the head of the soldier boys on that breezy, bracing, sunny day during the constitutional centenary last September thought him robust enough to outlive the century. He sat on his horse splendidly, and bowed right and left many thousand times to many hundreds of thous ands of people. But thus it is! Down we go -big and little, great and small.

A Step Toward Pree Trade.

Philadelphia Record.
Objection is made to tariff reduction for he reason that "it is a step toward free trade." Any plan for the removal of burions from the texpayer is open to the same criticism. The opening of a new turnplike, the digging of a canal, the building of a railway, the removal of a bar at the harbor mouth,

the improvement of telegraphic facilities or the establishment of a commercial exchange, is a step toward free trade. Men are dependent beings, and whatever facilitates their intercourse adds to their happiness and

freedom.

How They Will Be Presented. Washington Special to Cincinnati Enquirer, The details of the two great national con ventions are being arranged. At St. Louis the renomination of Cleveland will be made by Daniel Lockwood, of New York. Lockwood has nominated Cleveland for every public office he has held-sheriff, mayor, governor and president of the United States. Three years ago there was almost a rupture between them. The president declined to provide a place Lockwood sought, but it was bridged over by giving him a United States attorneyship.

turbed, Ben Butterworth will present John Sherman's name. Butterworth is loval to the Ohio senator and anxiously desires his nomination. Ex-Congressman Lynch, of Mississippi, a colored delegate, will second the nomination. The claims of Gresham as a candidate will be presented by Leonard Swett, of Chicago. It was Mr. Swett who nominated Abraham Lincoln, the first successful candidate of the republican party. He is chosen for a like duty after the lapse of many years, not for the vigor with which he will invest the speech, but rather for the charm which attatched t his previous task and the good luck which followed. The Sherman-Harrison combine has started in to vigorously assail the Gresham movement. W. W. Dudley, of pension fame, declares that Illinois is not honestly for Gresham, but that ex-Congressman McNulta, whom Gresham made receiver of the Wabash railroad system, is the laboring our behind the boom, using the power of the corporation turned over to him to jog it along. "I will guarantee," said Dudley to-day, "to carry Indiana for Harrison if he is the nominee, and I will not go near the state." Blaine's name will not be formally presented at Chicago. It will break out as a conflagration, so to speak. Allison will probably be nominated by ex-Congressman Hepburn of Iowa, an

If the present arrangements be not dis-

passioned orator. Two of a Kind. Washington Critic. Is there anything so fair. On the land or in the air, As a sweet and pretty maid In a cool white dress arrayed? Eyes of color just to suit; Trim and tidy little boot: eeks as pink as sun-kissed sky, When the evening swallows fly; Golden curls, pinned with a star; Skin as white as lilies are. Is there anything so fair On the land or in the air Yes there is, and it is this: Such another charming Miss.

> STATE JOTTINGS. Nebraska.

The Superior Circle is a new paper from Nuckells county. Two professional hole-in-the-wall men from Sioux City filled up with budge in Covington and carved each other with razors. Nebraska City sports a home minstrel ompany, composed of colored boys of the own. They threaten to take the road. The Harlan County Press says that orders have been received to prepare for a general

DNext Saturday, June 2, the Ulysses and incoln base ball clubs will play a game of ball on the Ulysses grounds, commen

move on the B. & M. branch from Orleans to

The Centropolis World, published at .Centropolis, Banner county, is the latest venture in the newspaper field. It starts off in a town that has no postoffice. The main building for the B. & M. shops

be built at McCook, it is now authoritively stated, will be 1860x2750 feet with two wings in addition, and when completed will employ 18,000 men. There are at present employed in Lincoln

upon public and semi-public improvements, 1,000 workmen. The change which these workmen will make in the appearance of that city within a few weeks will be very Banner contains almost the whole of the

famous Pumpkin Seed valley and a large strip of rich table land bordering the valley on the south. It contains the most fertile oody of land in western Nebraska and already has a population of at least five thousand. The Lincoln Journal finds that "it has

been discovered that a number of dairy cows in Douglas county are afflicted with a disease which may be transmitted to people who consume their milk. This will prove a great shock in Omaha, where it is said customary to take milk on the side, instead of water or seltzer." A railroad committee, selected from the

Minden board of trade has recently investi-gated rumors concerning the Santa Fe road building into Nebraska, from Topeka, Kan. The committee found that the Santa Fe railrond had completed their line as far as Concordia, Kan., last year, and were ready to locate their route towards the Black Hills that Red Cloud had already secured the road as far as that city and the line to be determined was that from Red Cloud towards the northwest. The San Fe system is one of the greatest systems of roads in the United States, controlling and operating upwards of 7,000 miles of lines, penetrating all the southern states and territories west of the Mississippi river, including California, and the great International railway to the city of Mexico, and accordingly the southwestern counties in the state are fighting hard to se-

Iowa. Measles have struck Anita in a malignant

Boat riding by moonlight is the pastime of the young people at Iowa Falls. Musactine painters and carpenters say they

ere never busier than now. The colored people of Creston have arranged for a camp-meeting on the fair grounds at that place some time in June. The board of supervisors of Humbolds

county pays a bounty of 3 cents on striped 5 cents on gray, and 10 cents on pocket goph Colonel E. J. Woods, of Anamosa, succeeds as next in command, Colonel Milo Smith, of Clinton, as commander of the Eastern Iowa

Veterans' association for the year 18:8. The revival meetings at Ida Grove, con ducted by the evangelist Garlock closed. Abut one hundred and fifty sinner have donned the sackcloth and ashes. A call has been issued from miners at Os kaloosa for a state convention of miners to be held at Hebernian nall, at Des Moines, June 29 next, for the purpose of settling

prices of mining coal throughout the A man named Bill Shutt died at the Dallas county farm on May 27. He came from Illi-nois and was a ditcher. He left some money and a good watch. If any inquiries are made send to Levi Schafer, Dallas Center, Dallas county, Iowa.

There is a dispute over the reward of \$50 offered by Dr. Baldwin, of Ruthven, for the finding of the body of his brother that was found in the river at Des Moines recently One man claims all of the reward and four others are trying for a share. The merits of the case are being tried in court.

The Masonic Grand lodge of Iowa will convene in its forty-lifth annual communication in Cedar Rapids Tuesday, June 5, at 10 a. m. The custodians of the work will hold a thre days' school of instruction prior to the convening of the Grand lodge. The senior custodian, Past Grand Master George B. Van Saun, of Cedar Falls, assisted by Past Grand Master Charles T. Granger, of Waukon, will have charge of the school of instruction.

A meeting of the general managers of the Northwestern Traffic association was held at Chairman Bjanchard's office in Chicago Tuesday to take acition on a proposition to reduce rates on dressed beef from Chicago to the seaboard. It resulted in—nothing. All the seaboard. were unanimous in the expression that rates must be reduced, but were unwilling to commit themselves as to the extent of the reduction so the matter stands and in al obabilities each line will make rates to suit hemselves.

It is very singular that roads from Missouri river points to Chicago never have any difficulty of this kind.

MR. SAMPSON OF OMAHA. its First Rendition Proves a Glitter-

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ing Success. A very large and brilliant assemblage of the very best of Omaha society gathered at Boyd's opera house last evening to listen to the first rendition of the comic opera, "Mr. Sampson of Omaha." For the past few weeks local dramatic circles have cagerly awaited the opportunity of listening to this much talked of affair, and they by reason of the continuous reference made by the city press have anticipated a rare musical treat. They were not disappointed. The frequent and prolonged applause bestowed could not be misconstrued. The opera was a great

success. The libretto in some minor points could be improved, but then what similar work could not! The musical portion, however, was as nearly perfect as could be, and reflects great credit upon the arrangers. The situations depicted are humorous in the extreme, and in every individual case brought the house down. The work of the company was excellent and deserves especial mention. Mrs. Martin Cahn as Margaret had a spiendid opportunity

of displaying her wonderful musical and dra-matic talent, and the manner in which she acquitted herself was simply superb. Mrs. Cahn is gifted with a splendid voice, and has cultivated this talent to the highest degree, and her efforts were satisfactory in the ex-treme. While she last night sang in her wondrously sweet voice "Oh let me sing days of old," the vast audience sat in t seats spellbound. As the last sweet notes died away a momentary hush fell over the assembly, which a few seconds later turned into a perfect storm of applause, which continued until the fair musician responded. At the conclusion of the song she was presented with an elegant floral derepresenting a harp and eral baskets of very handsome flowers. Mrs. H. D. Estabrook as Teresa the young woman who is desperately in love with the King is a vocalist of no mean merit and richly merited the frequent and hearty plause bestowed upon her. Her efforts were warmly appreciated, especially the dramatic ability which she displayed, and the floral tributes bestowed upon her by her many admirers were numerous and beautiful. While the construction of the piece did not admit of Miss Bertha Bayliss figuring as extensively as could be desired she too was a great favorite and performed her part with that perfect facility displayed only by artists of the first water. Nat Brigham as Mr. Sampson is stupendous and represents the average Omahan abroad to a dot. With possibly one slight exception he is a trifle slow for a lover. But no doubt he will improve in this respect as it is the only point which needs cuttivating. Nat is a singer and his rendition of the selections assigned him were more than pleasing. Mr. Young as the King made an ideal monarch, especially so when the position in which he is placed (over head and ears in debt) is considered. Mr. Estabrook makes an excellent prime minister, while Charles A. Deuel as the public executioner kept the audience in a roar of laughter by his oudities. The chorus was especially good and did excel-lent work. The entire performance passed off without a single hitch tending to show with what painstaking care their instructors

have trained them. Such is Mr. Sampson of Omaha from a local standpoint. While as previously stated the opera is a success throughout with one or two minor exceptions, and while the company presenting it were up to a high standard of excellence and ability it must be remembered that it was an audience of Omahans before which it was presented last night. In this city Mr. Sampson of Omaha will draw possibly four nights at a time two or three times a year with the introduction of some new features each successive time.

But the idea of taking it on the road in its present form and un-der its present title is out of the question, Mr. Sampson of Omaha will please an Omaha audience, while in Kansas City it would in all probability be regarded as a nuisance, not because it pos sesses no merit; not because the people pre-senting it are not first-class in every respect, but for the reason that it would be regarded as a mere scheme to advertise Omaha. While such an object is commendable, the company would doubtless be compelled to write home for return tickets. Perhaps if the title were made more general and the construction changed slightly it would become popular, but in its present guise "Mr. Sampson of Omaha" is for Omaha people alone.

THE KNIGHTS' DRILL. Omaha Division Wins the Tournament by Three Points.

The competitive drill, announced to take place at the ball ground Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, between Omaha division No. 12 and Black Eagle division No. 17. Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, was witnessed by about two hundred friends of the competing companies. The drill was over an hour late in beginning, owing to the fact that the judges were engaged in the memorial exercises. Each division appeared in the drill with sixteen men. Black Eagle lost the toss and drilled first. They were commanded by Captain Crap and Lieutenants Ware an Merriam, Mr. D. F. Corte and T. E. Wood were the right and left guides. Omaha division was commanded by Captain Hayward and Lieutenants Plasner and Horning. Sir Knights Davis and H. W. Miller acted as right and left guides. Forty-six movements were executed in all by each company and they were so nearly matched in their work that even the judges themselves could not but wonder at the closeness of the score. The score was made on the scale of 10, and footed up 983 points for the Omaha division, while Black Eagle division had 980 points to their credit. The members of Black Eagle division feel that the defeat is a very slight one as yesterday was the first time they had ever drilled out doors, while their competitors were comparatively old men on the ground. The judges on the occa sion were Adjutant Kiuzie and Lieutenant Wright of the Second infantry, and Colonel Hotchkiss of the governor's staff. Seven other members of the governor's staff as well as the regimental and division officers of the competing companies were present to witness the drill.

ART IN OMAHA.

Preliminary Steps Taken For Forming an Association. The call for a meeting to form an art association drew a dozen interested persons to Meyer's music hall yesterday afternoon.

George W. Lininger was asked to preside and gave an informal talk, heartily favoring the project and giving some account of his experiences and observations among artists abroad. In the course of his remarks Mr. Lininger said he intended that Omaha should have a picture gallery some of these days with an art union in connection with it. He volunteered the freedom of his private gal-lery to the members of the proposed association, and generously promised art teachers permission to bring their pupils with them. After a general discussion a committee was appointed to make a personal canvass of all the artists of the city and urge them to be present at another meeting and join in forming the organization. The committee is com-posed of Mr. C. D. Kent, Misses Mumaugh, Willmasser, Murray and Rueder, who are empowered to call the adjourned meeting.

He Denies It. The following letter while badly mixed as

to the statement printed in Tuz BEE, is permitted to appear intact, for what it is worth: OMAHA, May St .- To the Editor of THE BEE: I see in your issue of the 25th instant, an anonymous communication accusing Joe Southard of having received \$500 as a bribe from me for granting my license, which I denounce as a villainous falsehood. I never paid Joe Southard or any other party a cent or ever offered to do so. Two weeks ago my petition for a license was rejected, through gross misrepresentations and fraud, stating that I intendend running around house etc. And I will say right here, that I will stake my reputation as a gentleman, against any broken down railroad conductor pelitical bum in North Omaha, and if my record does not show brighter at the end of the year than that of my competitor, I will step down and out. And in regard to the citizens of this neighborgood being wild with indignation, that also is a falsehood. Nine tenths of the community are jubilant over the result and men so expressed themselves. As regards the re-

monstrance the majority claim to have signed it through misropresentation, and were they to start mother they would no get signers enough to make a corporal's

As to the license committee; they were induced to make an investigation and found matters misrepresented, so reconsidered their former action and granted my license. They performed their duty and no more, and they have the respect of the majority of the citi-zens of the Fifth ward for doing so, notwithstanding those two old grannies who yesterday morning. MARTIN ALBERS

THE STRIKE IS OFF. Bricklayers Will Go to Work at \$4.50 For Nine Hours.

The bricklayers' strike is at an end, the union men yesterday giving up the battle after a prolonged struggle and agreeing to accept the terms of the Contractors' association, \$4.50 a day, a day's work to consist of nine hours. This protracted dispute was brought to a final settlement chain of circumstances, the bricklayers finally agreeing to abide by the scale adopted by the association and other requirements already made public. Those of the union who have been idle for so many months will immediately take up their trowels and begin work in earnest. With-nell Bros., who have all along been favorable to the union during the late trouble, will give work to a large number of additional men at once, and it is inferred that plenty of employment will be forthcoming for the re

A Non-Partisan School Board. To the citizens of Omaha: We, the under signed citizens of Omaha, desirous of elevat ing the standard of our public school system upon a plane that will remove our school management from all connection with polit ics, and relieve members of the board of education from the obligations imposed upon party candidates, hereby call upon all citizens who desire to co-operate with us in the election of a non-partisan school board, to meet at the board of trade rooms, Friday, June 1, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of plac ing in nomination eight candidates for membership on the board of education.

P. Boyer, Adolph Meyer, W. H. Bennison, John L. McCague, G. M. Hitchcock, B. F. Lankton. n Rogers, J. T. Kinsler, B. Newman, D. M. Carter,

O. H. Curtis,

E. Rosewater, W. L. McCague R. I. Mattice, M. D., A. S. Stiger; Robert Purvis. F. C. Gaemon, David Jamieson Frank Murphy, W. H. S. Hughes,

A. J. Hanscom.

J. Hurd Thompson, and others. Broken Arm and Sprained Ankle. Sergeant Matza narrowly escaped

doing the gallant savior Wednesday evening, As it was he nobly picked up the fragments scattered along Poppleton street by a runaway horse. The first article spilled out of the buggy was a young man named John Goodlett. He lay stunned and motionless, but on being carried into a saloon promptly revived, to insist that he was not drunk, and had not been in the carriage. A short distance beyond Miss Mamie Sams was thrown out. She was carried into a drug store, and a physician called, who dis covered that one arm was broken. Farther on Miss Jessie Goodlett was picked up with a sprained ankle, Notwithstanding his pro-test, Goodlett was longed in the central station and given an opportunity to reflect upon the follies and the vicissitudes of life.

The new freight tariff on the Union Pacific between Missouri river points and points in Kansas, Nebraska and Montana as published in THE BEE some two weeks since took effect vesterday.

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