

AMONG COMMERCIAL MEN.

Stories and News Notes of the Pulse Feelers of Trade.

A PIONEER TRAVELER TALKS.

J. Woods Smith Tells of the Pioneer Days in Nebraska—The Uniforms—Fair Day—A Drummer's Kindness—Notes.

Still One of the "Boys."

J. Woods Smith, who has the honor of being called the pioneer drummer of the Loop Valley, was seated in the office of the Millard hotel last Sunday, talking with some gentlemen. He is about six feet tall and weighs about 200 pounds. He is full faced, has a good-sized nose, bright eyes and a stiff beard.

Harrison and the "Boys."

When about a thousand drummers called to shake hands with General Harrison a few days ago at his home in Indiana he received them with a very pleasant little address. In eulogizing them he said: "I have traveled somewhat in the wake of the commercial men, and have observed that they have the habit of getting the best of everything wherever they go."

The Fair Day Uniform.

The arrangements in regard to the uniform to be worn on drummers' day during fair week seems to be such a combination that it is impossible for all the boys to understand what is to be worn.

A Day for Church.

The ladies of the Christian church of Hastings, Neb., will give a supper, musical and literary especially for commercial travelers and their ladies Saturday evening, September 1, in the commodious hall of Lincoln avenue and Fourth street.

Omaha's Great Day.

The arrangements for drummers' day are progressing so satisfactorily to everyone interested in the commercial work that a great day is already assured. The program is coming in elegant shape from the boys and they will all be in line.

Has Abandoned the Road.

T. C. Crandall, alias "Shorty," a well known western road traveler, has severed his connection with Blakes, Bruce & Co., and is now located at No. 310 South Fifteenth street as western manager of the Chicago Wax Starch company, and also as a broker. He sports diamonds as large as an egg and expects to be a millionaire in a year or so.

Good For the Butcher.

John O'Keef, city salesman for Armour & Cudahy Packing company, informs The Bee that all the wholesale and retail butchers will close their markets on "drummers' day" during the parade, and also take part in it as a body of cavalry. A meeting will be called to decide on a suitable uniform for the occasion.

Fair Day Notes.

Hastings sends word that she will turn out strong. Parade starts at 10:30 sharp from board of trade square. The trades display will be immense, over two miles long. Some of the boys already have their hats. They are beauties. Any light colored plaid, striped or spotted flannel shirt will do.

Lincoln boys to be drummers.

Robert Simons, of Lincoln, the xxxx man, will help swell the ranks. There will be 200 traveling men in the parade from Lincoln.

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