

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Another Very Quiet Day at the Capital City.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Report of the Condition of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Home - General and Personal Matters of Interest.

LINCOLN BUREAU OF THE OMAHA BEE.

This is another quiet day for Lincoln. Everybody who could get away seems to have gone, and the hotel corridors are almost deserted.

The people of Lincoln are rejoicing over the prospect of having fresh water. The workmen at the Antelope wells have succeeded in driving both a three-inch and a six-inch pipe about thirty feet into the salt rock.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the State Horticultural society will be held at the botanical rooms at the State university, commencing on the 15th.

The first session will be at 2 p. m., and the president's address will be first in order.

Next in order, appointing committee on display of fruit.

The balance of the day will be consumed in arranging the fruit, and social intercourse.

Wednesday - Call of the house and renewing membership.

Special order for 10 o'clock - The election of officers.

Report on rules and regulations by Messrs. Taylor, Mosher and Harris.

Report of standing committees.

Synonyms - J. H. Masters, H. Craig and J. M. Russell.

Metecology and its Relation to Horticulture - Prof. G. S. Swett.

Entomology - Conway G. McMillan.

Ornithology - Prof. Bruner and Brecken.

Geology - Prof. E. H. Benson.

Fruit - E. F. Stephens, J. G. Carpenter, Vegetable Culture - C. D. Lamb.

Ornamental Gardening - J. H. Radkinson.

Reading Papers for Fruit - E. H. Benson.

From the Cradle to the Grave - W. R. Harris.

Thursday - Reading of minutes.

Fall Planting, by E. H. Burgess.

The Catalpa, by Peter Young, jr.

Horticultural Notes in Foreign Lands - Prof. Henry.

Report of committee to the American Pomological meeting, by J. H. Masters.

Friday - Roll call and reading minutes of the previous day.

Business routine.

Question box and discussion.

Many other valuable papers will be read during the meeting.

Those attending the meeting should take receipt for railroad tickets, as reduced rates to return have been applied for.

All who are interested in fruit culture are invited to attend the meetings.

The visiting committee of the Nebraska soldiers' and sailors' home have just made a report of their recent session at Grand Island.

After their report, the committee on management and making a full inquiry into the management of the institution they report as follows:

No charges of mistreatment of any inmates or of insufficient food were filed with the board as required by the rules of the home, but rumors of mistreatment of inmates by the commandant, and of insufficient supply of food having been circulated in different portions of the home.

At the request of the commandant, decided to waive the formal presentation of charges, or complaints, and meet the inmates of the home in the reading room, and each inmate was asked to make any complaints or present any charges he desired.

After hearing all the statements and testimony offered, and reading of sundry affidavits, and duly considering the same, the members of the visiting and examining board decided by a unanimous vote that no ground existed for the alleged complaints of mistreatment of inmates of the home by the commandant, or of insufficient supply of food, but that the treatment of the inmates of the home has been good and that the table has been supplied with plenty of good food, and that the inmates are in sufficient variety and properly cooked.

The report is signed by J. W. Livingston, house, president; Mrs. Lena A. Bates, secretary; Messrs. Halen, W. H. Webster, and Ezra E. Howard, visiting and examining board Nebraska soldiers' and sailors' home.

THE CALL'S SLATE.

This morning's Call contains a list of chairmen of the important committees of the home.

The following are the chairmen by the paper. The "guesses" in one or two instances are almost certain to be verified.

Baker is given the chair. Crutzen, accounts and expenditures; McBride, finance, ways and means; Caldwell, public lands and buildings; Westover, printing; Brink, engraved bills; Hunter, constitutional amendments; Olmstead, railroads; Rhodes, claims; Dempster, rules; Smith, penitentiary.

PERSONALS.

H. B. Goodsell, G. W. Miner and W. B. Allen, of Omaha; J. H. Kestner, of Oxford, and S. J. Yarras, of Syracuse, are registered at the Windsor.

George Cross, of Fairbury, and George P. Koon, of Omaha, are Sunday guests at the Capital.

Today's arrivals at Omaha are as follows: C. H. Berkey, Grand Rapids, Mich.; D. H. Hatch, New York; C. D. Jacobs, St. Paul; G. N. Wright, Des Moines; J. H. Thompson, Fox, Edinburg, Neb.; O. J. Stewart, Kansas City; S. D. Wadsworth, Council Bluffs; C. S. Hull, Auburn, Neb.; Mrs. F. L. Fuller, Paris, Neb.; Mrs. J. A. Brown, Paris, Neb.; J. W. Rickard, Kansas City; Bert Couch, Omaha; L. W. Newcomb, Rochester; John Sears, Jr., Edgar, Neb.; Frank Kitch, Omaha; William Hall, Fremont; S. Brown, Pottawattamie; L. Marion, St. Louis; F. L. Cook, Palmer, Kan.; J. E. Stuffer, Grand Island; D. Williams, Beatrice; H. H. McKallin, Council Bluffs; R. N. Price, Kansas City; W. S. Bentley, Council Bluffs; D. L. Sims, St. Joe; C. Nier, Omaha; F. L. Wilcox, Cincinnati; W. E. Maynard, Dayton, Neb.; H. S. Kolia, Palmyra; A. J. Coulee, Beatrice; D. Morgan, A. W. Winnie, Friendship, N. J.; J. W. Wadsworth, Chicago; T. N. Ashton, Omaha; E. P. Rogers, Chicago; J. N. Hickman, Beatrice; James Moore, Cleveland; Mrs. E. D. Neve, Miss Laura Hillman, Milford, Neb.; E. G. Thompson, Omaha; J. A. Cooper, Mendota; F. B. Hooker, Chicago; L. R. Laird, Council Bluffs and George H. Powers, Beatrice.

The following parties are guests at the Tremont:

E. E. Artberger, Imperial, Neb.; S. V. Dennis, Harrore; R. M. Maxwell, S. W. Mrs. B. Vamorie, York; J. C. McCutcheon, York, Neb.; John Baty and wife, Quincy, Ill.; W. H. Rogers and wife, Fremont, Neb.; J. H. H. Adams, Neb.; I. O. Wisner, Adams, Neb.; E. A. Head and wife, Kansas City, Mo.; E. W. Head, Kansas City, Mo.; O. G. Evans, Toledo, O.; Dan Southernland, Adams, Mo.; McIntosh, city; John Logan, city; H. L. Lander, Omaha; R. H. Lland, Omaha; M. C. Bradley, Beatrice; W. L. Moss, Chicago; J. R. Forbes, Peru, Ill.

Ex-Governor Butler, of Pawnee county, is here, preparing to declare war on the railroad commission when the legislative session opens.

Clemens C. Chase, editor of the Omaha Excelsior, is visiting friends in this city.

J. E. Eyer, traveling passenger agent of the B. & M., paid a flying visit to this city yesterday.

LINCOLN NEWS AND NOTES.

Articles of incorporation of the Lincoln Ice company, with Thomas Cochran, presi-

IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.

Milwaukee Will Make a Strong Race For the Pennant.

FIRST CLASS MEN SIGNED.

National League Fessenden Says Some Good Things of the Western Association - Credit For Sacrifice Hits.

Among the Sports.

Milwaukee has signed its full quota of men, and is well equipped for the season of '89. The following are the names of the men signed: Hayes, first base; Klusman, second; Sutton, third; Lohs, McAlister and Mastrey, fielders; Welsh, short; Wells, Shenkel, Griffith and Winkelman, pitchers; and Schindler, Fuller, Wells and Crossley, catchers.

On paper this outfit looks like a champion team, but in actual play, however, are separate and distinct affairs. The Milwaukee aggregation, though it is certainly splendidly prepared for the season, individually the team is a fine one, and after comparing their roster of players with the probable lineup of the other teams, it is a patent fact that they will be hard to head off. The pennant, though, is a long way off, and it may be possible that all this talent will be far short of what is expected of them.

Fessenden Says.

In discoursing upon the Western Association, National League Fessenden says: "The association abounds in some excellent players, who are good enough for any club. Duryea and Earle, the battery secured from this league by the Cincinnati, are probably a splendid pair, that are going to make their mark. Holliday, who is going to the same club, is admitted to be one of the very best fielders in the country. He is a wonderful fielder, base runner, batsman, Nagle, of Omaha, is a very fine catcher. He supported Lovett and held him well. Pickett, of St. Paul, is a short stop fit to move in any position. Then there are two splendid players in Long, of Kansas City, and Hanrahan, of the Chicago. Had it not been for the right of reservation, which allows the clubs to dispose of some of their players, there would have been severe financial loss along the line. Big prices were realized in more than one instance for more than one club from an assessment."

A State League Proposed.

The Grand Island, Lincoln, Hastings and Fremont baseball lovers are desirous of organizing a state league. They have written to J. J. Harden upon the feasibility of such an enterprise, and Mr. Harden thinks that it would be a go. He is quite right, too, as there is but little doubt but that such a project could be made a money-making one.

The rivalry between these cities would be much more intense than that which exists in the western association, and the clubs would be attracted to see the games. Omaha, however, would be the least desirable city to include in the circuit, owing to the western association team here, by careful management, it could be made a success.

The Best New Rule.

Next season the batter will receive credit for a sacrifice hit. The rule is a tried and true, and is the best of all those recently made, and is a long stride forward in the interests of scientific baseball. A player who will sacrifice himself to help a fellow player advance a base, or bring a runner home, deserves as much as the man who makes a base hit. The sacrifice column will take the place of that set aside for stolen bases, and a player will receive a credit mark therein every time he advances a man, save on a base hit. Stolen bases will be relegated to the category of batting errors.

The Western association race for the pennant the coming season promises to be a hotly contested one.

At Hungler, pitcher, and Tony Heilman, catcher, of Cincinnati, battery, have been signed by Sioux City.

Manager Rowe, of the Denver club, has already made exhibition dates with the Kansas City Americans for last season.

Orator George Shafer says the Des Moines club will not last two months, as there is nothing but wind to back it.

Steve Hagan, by all odds the best umpire in the Western association of last season, died at his home in Chicago on the 25th inst.

Burdock, the old Boston second baseman, would be a good catch for some of the Western association clubs. He is still unsigned.

Sam Moffatt will play in Grand Island again next season. They are stuck on him down here, and give him 200 big iron dollars a month.

The probabilities are that there will be a grand exodus of base ball talent to Australia next year. The game has caught on big in the Antipodes.

Billy Anna is working at his trade - shoe-making - at Stoneham, Mass., in a recent Chicago correspondence says: "There is hope and hope to be with you in Omaha next season."

Minneapolis is evincing much energy. So far, the city has secured the best pitcher, the best fielder, and the best catcher, Darympole, Hingie, Turner, Dugdale and Sprague.

The Western association is out of date in one respect, and that is in the guarantee system. No other association in the country is run under this plan. It has been thoroughly eradicated.

The Western association schedule meeting will be held in St. Joe in the latter part of February, and the spring meeting in Omaha, which is the most important thing will be called about March 1.

An old ball player observed to the writer the other day: "Omaha has secured a good man for first base next season, and as good a batter as Pat Feenan, just as fine a fielder, and a better base runner."

Two Western association players had perished yesterday at Hart & Kilgallon's hand ball court to witness the final games of a match for \$100 between Kilgallon and Kirby on one side, and Leary and Byrnes on the other.

The winners of the first two out of three games were to be the victors and receive the stakes, twenty-one being the score.

In the best game of the series, Kilgallon made 21 to their opponents 12. In the second game Leary and Byrnes 21 to the others 12. This was a very exciting contest, both sides showing some fine play. It became too dark to continue longer, consequently the match was postponed until next Sunday at 5 o'clock.

Questions and Answers.

Will you please inform me who is the champion bicycle rider of the world - J. T. W., Lincoln.

Ans. - That is a difficult question to answer, for there are a dozen riders who hold championship medals for different distances on different kinds of wheels. Taking a mile as a standard, W. A. Howe, of Lynn, Mass., is the world's champion. He covered that distance in 2:29.45.

How old is Hamann, the oarsman, and how long has O'Connor been a professional sculler - Macanua, Council Bluffs.

Ans. - Hamann was born in 1855. O'Connor has been in the professional ranks three years.

Would you consider 10 to 15 seconds for 100 yards good time for an amateur sprinter? What is the best practice for a sprinter? - R. T. Ross.

Ans. - Yes, very good time. 2 Sprinting. Can you give me the address of Elmer Cleveland? - An Old Friend.

Ans. - Pittsburgh.

As I am a constant reader of The Bee, please answer the following to decide a bet made at South Omaha. Did Mitchell come to time at Madison Square Garden when Sullivan knocked him through the ropes? - John J. Kelly.

Ans. - This was in the fight where Mitchell knocked Sullivan down in the first round. In the second John L. went at him with the in-

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