

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

Harrison Said to Favor Corporal Tanner for That Position. THOUGHT TO BE AN ELDORADO. Lower California Supposed to Contain Rich Gold Mines—Suggested That the United States Buy It.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE.

Up till a late hour today the New York politicians in Washington were unable to determine for what they could learn whether the president had finally made up his mind to appoint a New York man at all as commissioner of pensions. Some were of the opinion that he would select Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn, others that Major Poole, of Syracuse, would have the lead, who still would be selected by the president.

General Vandenberg, who last session introduced a bill for the acquisition of Lower California, said today: "Lower California is exciting considerable interest on account of the gold mines which are to be found in that region. If the stories that are told of the recent finds prove to be even partially true, a tidal wave of immigration will flood that country from the United States which will overwhelm all opposition to American occupation, come from what quarter it may."

It is one of the ambitions of a regular army officer to obtain promotion in his career. There are already in the United States, upwards of a hundred applicants for the vacancies that will be created in the regular army by the retirement of Adjutant General Drum on the 28th of May. The position will be that of an assistant adjutant general.

There has always been a rivalry between the graduates of the military academy and those officers appointed to the army from the volunteers or from civil life, especially in the matter of staff appointments, and neither side has been slow to claim an undue preference in the matter of staff appointments.

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George Howard does not know when he's well off. He was run in as a vagrant, but released and ordered to leave town. Yesterday he presented his card to Judge Heron, and got thirty days, with the last five on bread and water. In answer to his appeal the judge admitted him two hours to skip his water and give him two bottles of A. P. He skipped.

LIKE ANY OTHER THING. The Bases Close as Usual But for Longer Time.

"Sure, we can get so drunk to-night that we'll know nothing about it at all, till this Monday," said an anti-Sunday-closing orator last night, as he leaned up against the bar, looking around for some one with enough money to pay for his getting drunk.

"I've been wanting a Sunday off for a long time, and it just fits my clothes," murmured a bartender, not loud enough for the reporter to hear him, as he handed up the reporter, "What is it?" and put the usual glass before him. "I'm going across the bridge to Council Bluffs and give a chance to double my money or go broke."

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The Boston Stars will give two of their musical entertainments at Boyd's opera house on next Monday and Tuesday evenings. This company is composed of artists who have won wide distinction in their art. They have been organized three years, and appear annually in the greatest musical centers in the country.

The following will be the programme for Monday night: 1. Piano—"Grand Waltz".....Hendel. 2. Cornet.....Knapik. 3. Reading—"Chariot Race".....Ben Hur. 4. Reading—"The Story of the Olden Times".....Wallace. 5. Piano—"Sogno d'Amore".....Gregh. 6. Piano—"The Honorable".....King. 7. Reading—"The Story of the Olden Times".....Taylor. 8. Cornet.....Pagani. 9. Soprano.....English. 10. Final—"Hymn on the Battlefield".....Nella F. Brown.

Mr. B. B. Young will give a concert at Meyer's hall next Thursday evening, for which a highly classical programme has been arranged. A concert for the benefit of Knox church will be given at the same hall on next Friday and Saturday nights, at Washington hall, corner of First and Broadway streets.

The Gorham spectacular minstrel will be at the Grand Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings. For a number of years they have been the corner stone of Haverly's minstrelsy. They were clever, original and with a tendency to be made in the most original and made for their great reputation and placed them in the front rank of minstrel performers.

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WESTERN LEAGUE GAMES.

A Schedule Finally Agreed Upon by the Convention. THE SPALDING BALL ADOPTED. Rowe and Lord the Disturbing Factors and Their Kicking Propensities Indulged In to the Last.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Western Base Ball League to-day adopted the Spalding Ball. Two more schedules reported by the committee were rejected during the day, and it was not until after 10 o'clock to-night that the schedule was finally adopted.

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THE UNITED STATES.

Ex-President Cleveland's Response to a Toast at St. Patrick Banquet. NEW YORK, March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Ex-President Grover Cleveland made his first appearance as a private citizen in New York this evening at the 10th anniversary dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, at Delmonico's.

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O'NEILL PEOPLE ARE HAPPY.

Because of the Passage of the Anti-Division Bill. SIOUX COUNTY IS JUBILANT. The Passage of the Herd Law Bill Being Celebrated By Anvil Firing and Illuminations.

Holt Happy In Sports. O'NEILL, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The news reached here this afternoon that Governor Thayer had signed house bill 199, commonly called the anti-division bill, and the city is full of enthusiasm.

UNADILLA'S BONANZA. UNADILLA, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Unadilla Mining company has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Foolish Misses. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—George Mazoe, an old farmer from Iowa, was in the city to-day searching for a runaway daughter, aged sixteen, who he had not seen for several weeks ago.

Organizing a Chamber of Commerce. KEARNEY, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The representative business men of Kearney had a meeting this evening to organize a chamber of commerce, which will include members of the old board of trade and all others interested in the welfare of the city.

Burglary at Norfolk. NORFOLK, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John E. O'Neil's store was broken into last night and jewelry, silk handkerchiefs and other articles amounting, as nearly as can be estimated, to \$300, were taken.

Charged With Stealing Shoes. NORFOLK, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A number of men employed by the Fremont & Missouri Valley were brought before Judge Boebe to-day charged with stealing a case of shoes and a half-barrel of brandy.

Must Not Do It Again. COLEMAN, Neb., March 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—James True, a man about forty years of age, was arrested, brought before Judge Cowdry and fined for beating his wife to-day.

LATE SPORTING NEWS.

Much Enthusiasm at the Coliseum Last Night. There was a great crowd at the Coliseum last night—probably in the neighborhood of 5,000.

Next came little Willie Knapp, and Major Jack Kastman and Signor Moran in a five mile wheel race, Knapp giving his opponents a handicap of six laps.

Following this came the Rambler's club race for the Coliseum medal race, distance one mile and a half, and a hand race for the little lady, attended as she was, in her natty and becoming costume, was greeted by the crowd.

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MAHONEY WANTS A COAT.

Whitewash Seemingly the Material He Would Like. A FARICAL INQUIRY PROBABLE. Mr. Meyers Receives a Little Reminder That He Is Too Slow to Suit Douglas County.

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