THERE ARE NO IFS ABOUT IT

Captain Egbert Takes the Stand in the Fletcher Trial.

POSITIVE IN HIS STATEMENTS.

The Attempt of Defendant's Counsel to Break Down the Testimony of the Witness Proves Unavailing.

The Fletcher Court-Martial. If the proceedings of the court-martial at Fort Omaha, now sitting upon the case of Lt. Col. Ioshua Fletcher, were dull Wednesday afternoon, they were more so yesterday

Nearly the entire session was spent in the reading of the testimony given Wednesday, and, while the judge advocate read through the pages of the manuscript, many of the officers of the court devoted themselves to

the morning papers. The counsel for the defense was not present during the first hours of the session, and the interests of the accused were guarded by Captain Clapp. The defendant's counsel came in just as Captain Egbert, the first witness, was called. The latter was present at the interview at Colonel Fletcher's quarters on the 22d. Asked to give a statement of what was said by Colonel Fletcher at the time the witness said that, inasmuch as the colonel's manner under excitement was pe-culiarly halting, it would be difficult to give a verbatim report of what he had said. He (Fletcher) acknowledged that he had made accusations against his wife, and used the words "improper inter-course" in speaking of her and Captain Demosey. He knew this from the fact that the officer had said, "improper intercourse with my wife." The witness said his attention was particularly called to the words "with my wife," as he thought a gentleman would have said "Mrs. Fletcher" instead of

'my wife."
In his cross-examination, the counsel for the defense found that he had struck a tartar. The latter did not recollect any ifs about Colonel Fletcher's conversation. He did not think Colonel Fletcher had spoken on that occasion as a witness who had anything

During his talk the witness said Colonel Fletcher charged that certain relatives of his family, notably Mrs. McFarland, his wife's sister, Miss Miskey and his mother-in-law were responsible for much of the trouble ex-isting between himself and his wife. All efforts of defendant's counsel to shake the testimony of the witness were of no

Some of the officers of the post feel aggreeved at the charges of frivolity and gossiping that have been made against Mrs. McFarland by the friends of the accused. Captain Dempsey, Lieutenant Wright, Lieutenant Kinzie, Lieutenant Rowen, and others in conversation with a layer resolute. ens, in conversation with a BEE reporter, said that they knew these allegations to be entirely false and that from their acquaint-ance with Mrs. McFarland they knew her to be a lady in the truest sense of the word—

one to be honored and respected.

In the afternoon Lieutenant Wright was recalled and questioned as to his visit to Colonel Fletcher's quarters with Dr. Henderson at the time of the assault made by the doctor upon the coloner, and testified ctically to the same facts as did the Captain Mills was recalled to identify a

letter written by him in regard to the affair to the commanding officer of the department of the Platte. The letter stated that, at that time, eight days had elapsed since the alleged assault, and no report of it had been made by the commanding billon dorsement to this letter, made by Colonel

Fletcher, in which he stated that owing to nervous prostration and a desire to avoid scandal he had not reported the officer, but that he would now do so.
Lieutenant Chrisman was summoned, and testified that, on the morning of the 19th of

quarters by a rear door and leave the post to the westward. The court then adjourned Upon invitation, the office

martial, accompanied by the Misses Bache whose father, Major Bache, is a member of the board, visited Valentine's phonographic institute last night and enjoyed the wonders

THE NEW CITY HALL.

Contractors Will Soon be Called Upon to Make Bids. Last week the council passed a resolution

which was approved by the mayor, instructing the board of public works to remove the stone and other material on the city hall lots and to dispose or the same to the best possible advantage.

Acting on this resolution the board of public works has advertised for bids, to be opened on Monday next, for the removal of the foundation.

Fowler & Beindorf, the architects of the wity hall claim that the council has no right to remove the foundation in the manner proposed.

"It was one of the stipulations under which the call for plans and bids were made," said Mr. Beindorf, "that the were made," said Mr. Iselndori, "that the contractor of the new hall was to use as much of the material in the present foundation as is fit for use. We claim that the work of removing the material should be done under our supervision and that we have the use of all materials that we can find place the use of all materials that we can find place for under our plans."

for under our plans."

"How much of the material can you use?"
"Nearly all of the brick and stone. There is a large quantity of good footing and wall stone, enough, perhaps, to build the outside wall, that is as good as new for us. Then there are about a half million brick that we can use for ground work. We can safely estimate on securing \$10,000 worth of material from the present foundation. It will be from the present foundation. It will be worth nearly that for us, but if the city were to sell the material I doubt if they could get \$500 for it, the purchaser to remove

'One contractor came in here," said U. B. Balcombe, "and said he would take the foundation out if we would give him the material and \$300 for his trouble." Mr. Beindorff states that the work should be done by the contractor and the cost taken out of the \$350,000 city hall fund.

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"When will you advertise for bids?"

"If our plans are approved by the council at the meeting Friday night, we will advertise at once for bids to be received on September 1. This will give the contractors four weeks to figure on the work. We will advertise in the local papers and in the mechanical and engineering papers in New York and Chicago. York and Chicago.
"Will you advertise for bids for the entire

structure or in part !" "We will probably call for bids first for the stone, brick, iron, recting and fire proof-ing, the contract to be awarded for building

ing, the contract to be awarded for building and enclosing the structure ready for the finishing. The plastering and finishing work will probably be awarded separately."

"Who of the local contractors will bid on the work, do you think!"

"Nearly all of them. I understand that Coots, Salisbury, Norcross Bros., Rice & Bassett, and Field & Johnson, will bid on the work. I am also informed that Hugh Murphy will put in a bid as the representa-

Murphy will put in a bid as the representa-tive of a syndicate of contractors. Incorporated.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent German Order of the True League has been duly incorporated. The trustees are: Fritz Seigel, August Schiebach and Rudolph Hartz. F. J. Freitag is secretary. Omaha will be headquarters for the order in Ne-brasks, and from this city minor lodges will be organized throughout the state. The pro-motion of social intercourse, German man-ners and morals, benevolence and mutual support in case of sickness are the avowed objects of the order.

An Absolute Cure.
The ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT the Order ALABIETINE OINTMENT is only put up in large two-ounce tin boxes, and is an absolute cure for old sores, burns, wounds, chapped hands, and all skin cruptions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles. Ask for the ORIGINAL ABIETINE OINTMENT. Sold by Goodman Drug company at \$5 cents per box—by meil \$6 cents. SIEVERS' DECEIVERS.

They Almost Rob Him of the Acoumulation of Years. Sheriff Coburn has been informed of the fact that there is a gang of very bold confidence men in Douglas county trying to work the farmers. Wednesday some of them almost succeeded in securing \$3,000 from Claus Sievers, a German farmer, living five

miles west of Omaha, on the Leavenworth Their scheme for catching susceptible individuals is a clever one. Two men operate it. In this instance the victim was caught on the pretense of buying his farm.

Last Tuesday the chief conspirator, medium-sized man of dark complexion, and well-dressed, stopped at Mr. Sievers' house and engaged him in conversation on the price of lands. After numerous inquiries and considerable display of interest, the stranger said his sister had drawn a great sum of money out of the Louisiana lottery and was exceedingly

anxious to invest it in a farm. "What would she be willing to pay!" inquired Stevers.

"Well, I think \$350 an acre if we could get a place as good and so near town as yours," was the ingenious reply.

This liberal offer made the soil-tiller's eyes fairly sparkle, and, without an instant's hos-

riation, Sievers exclaimed:
"You can have my farm for that."
Having thus laid the trap, the shark assured Mr. Sievers that they would undoubtedly succeed in making a trade, but, before anything further could be done, he must see his sister, and went away, but not before promising to return.

The farmer was overjoyed. Visions of

wealth and an easy time loomed up like air castles before him. The wife and family were regaled that night with glowing acwere regaled that night with glowing ac-counts of their prospects, and all reveled in anticipation of future pleasure, and returned thanks for the kindness of Providence in sending them such good fortune. Every member felt anxious until the chap, accom-panied by a wealthy sister, should again nake his appearance. Wednesday he returned, found Sievers in

the hay-field at work, and there greated him the hay-held at work, and there greeted him cordially. They talked business for half an hour or more. Finally, the alleged pur-chaser said he would like to go across the road and take a look at the other side of the

farm.
This was agreed to and both started. While crossing the road a man obth started. While crossing the road a man of light complexion, driving an elegant team of cream colored horses and fine buggy, drove up. He hailed them, asked several questions about directions to various points, talked of the veather, and finally explained his business The latter proved to be a trick consisting of a combination of numbers by the use of which the stranger said the simplest gillie could go against any brace game and easily

Mr. Sievers and his friend became absorbed at once. The stranger explained his invention, showed how easily it operated, what a sure thing it was and induced them by way of proof to try their hand.

This man, of course, was the farm-buyer's complice. Addressing himself to the foraccomplice. mer, he said: "Pull a number and if you catch on I will

He pulled, hit it right and got \$5.
"What d'd I tell you!" exclaimed the accomplice. "The scheme never fails."
Mr. Sievers was then asked to try his luck and complied. He took down the number "How much money does it require, queried the farm-buyer, "to successfully operate your patent?"
"Well, with \$3,000," replied the other, "we

make a fortune in less than six "Sorry I haven't got the money or you can bet I would go into it. My sister has plenty, but she is set on investing it in a farm, and I am now negotiating with this man to buy his farm for her."

By this time Sievers was ready to bite.

He fell into the trap just as easy as rolling off a log, and agreed to furnish the \$3,000. Without waiting to change his working clothes, he got into the buggy with the stranger and came to town after the money. The villain took good care, however, not to drive him further than J. H. Millard's house, corner of Harney and Twenty-fourth streets. There Sievers got out, walked down to a bank and drew the money. It hap-pened that he wanted it in large bills, which the bank did not have just then, and while the cashier went out to get them for him, the banker asked Mr. Siever what had occurred to cause him to want so much cash at one time. He gave the game away and the banker saved him by opening his eyes to the fact that those

rere confidence men.

This revelation so completely amazed the old man that he broke down and started back home feeling very much ashamed of himself. When he reached Harney and I wenty-fourth street the villian was still there waiting for him.
"Did you get the money?" exclaimed the

"No, and you're a confidence sharp," answered Sievers. The fellow's disappointment made itself known in a voiley of terrible oaths, and the fact that he drove west as fast as he could, eaving his victim to walk home. The farm buyer was to have met them on their return at the Temperance saloon, near

West Side, but he was not seen about there during the day.

As soon as Sheriff Coburn heard of the affair he sent a deputy out to chase the vil-lains, but they succeeded in making their escape. It was discovered that they had ntended to slug Mr. Sievers and rob him.

MR. L. M. GEUBLLA, of Vicksburg, Miss., says that his system was poisoned with nico tine from the excessive use of tobacco in smoking civarettes. He could not sleep, hi appetite was gone, and he was in a bad fix generally. He took S. S. S., which drove out the poison and made a new man of him.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Albright Domestic Infelicity. Alfred Garneau with his wife forms part of the rural precinct of Albright, and Alfred, anxious to keep up the notoriety of the place for Sunday dog fights and domestic quarrels began regulating his household in genuine Cornish style, but the end of a red-hot bat-tle for supremacy resulted in Mrs. Garneau being the better man. After giving the pro-voking and aggressive Alfred a sound body beating, Mrs. Garneau gathered up her skirts, shook the Albright dust from her feet, and departed for unknown parts, leaving no trace of where she went.

Labor Day Arrangements. The Central Labor union met Wednesday evening and decided to hold a public mass meeting on the evening of Labor Day, Mon-day, September 2.

Notes About the City. Mrs. Fallon, wife of Officer John Fallon, Miss Frank Perry is ill with fever at her

nome in Albright.

Mrs. Charles Osburn, of Albright, is sick Hypolite Syensocke and Frances Kaubat. William Becksted has sold the Becksted hotel, Twenty-sixth and P street, to George K. Hench, of Beatrice, formerly of Pennsylvann. Mr. Hench will take possession of the hotel Friday..

The contracting firm of Don Condon & Co., has been changed in name to Nellis & Co., and has received a very large contract from the East Omaha Land company to grade and fill in the company's land. Miss Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, and Mr. Martin Eddy were mar-ried Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Twenty-fourth and O streets, Rev. Mr. L. H. Eddleblute officiating.

Personal. Charles F. Wilson of Denver, Col., is m Mrs. P. Carlin of Omaha, as visiting Mrs. J. C. Nichols. Miss Anua Bergner of Missouri, is the guest of Miss Jeannette H. Mulien. Mrs. Allstrom of Missouri Valley, Ia., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Kane. F. W. Tyler and R. E. Bragg, formerly of the Stockman, are visiting friends in the

city. Platt's Chlorides as a Disinfectant is recommended as just what every family needs.

SHOOTING AT THE RANGE,

The Last Day of Skirmish Firing at Bellevue.

TRAINING FOR ACTUAL SERVICE.

Owing to a Strong Wind the Scores Are Not as Good as Usual-Why the Soldiers Are Bidden Go and Shoot-Notes of the Range.

The Military Marksmen. Yesterday's skirmish firing at Bellevue completed the rifle competition in the Department of the Platte. The day was a beautiful one, clear and cool, and but for a strong "head wind" blowing across the range, would have been perfect. A breeze of the kind indicated has a tendency to depress the bullet, and in consequence the soldier usually fires low, but all things consid-

ered, good scores were made, It was 8 o'clock when the bugles rang out 'assembly," and in short order the sixtyfour men who were to finish their regular practice were in line. A few minutes later and all the silhouettes are in position and the first eight men, in command of Lieutenant Tyler, are

in line the usual distance apart. Bang, bang, go the rifles, and the firing has begun in good earnest. Clouds of dust behind the black paper images fly up, indicating the success of the marksmen. Now it is a single sho one hears; next a continuous crack, crack, crack, and then all in unison, as though a volley were being fired. A word of command and the bugle rings out its "Cease firing."
The line of men who are lying on their backs
are up and away on the "double time," until
the bugle sounds "Halt," "Commence " and thus it goes on until the day's

work is completed.

Skirmish firing is a great dispenser of formality and army etiquette. The raw recruit, the soldier who by years of hardship has won two, perhaps three bars in his chevron, and the dainty grajuate of West work is completed. Point, all are equal in line until the practice is completed. Even though the latter wear in his shoulder strap the two bars of the company commander, or the silver leaf of the lieutenant colonel, he must submit to being followed by a vigilant corporal who, tab in hand, counts his shots to see that he does not fire more than his share at each halt. And it is often true that the recruit, if he be a good shot, is the superior of the man who has been educated at Uncle Sam's

academy. Skirmish firing is one of the most important lessons in the school of the soldier, be cause in actual warfare the skirmisher is the principal factor in the engagement. It is the skirmish line that is the battering ram that makes the first indentation in the enemy's fortress. Being few, and of necessity good shots, they constantly harass the foe, who in vain strives to shake them off. If he mass his troops in close columns the skir misher pour in upon him a merciless fire. It he be entrenched they send a rain of leaden hail over his breastworks, which has a ten-dency to keep his men well under cover, for the music of the hundred bullets surging overhead is anything but pleasant in time of war. Being few, he cannot hope to annihilate them with a volley, for they are scattered and each is expected to keep well under cover. His only hope is fighting fire with fire, and he sends out a skirmish line himself. Then Greek meets Greek, and the best marksmen win. It is Uncle Samuel's intention to have his soldiers so trained that when the foe is met in line of battle he can be beaten back, and when he is behind forti-fications he will be kept dodging. Hence skirmish firing on rifle ranges. Judging

any of these emergencies. Yesterday's records were not quite as good, taken as a whole, as on previous days, owing to the wind spoken of. As a matter of course, sights must be adjusted at each halt, and the amount allowed for windage at each distance must be changed. Then, too, the fear of missing the object aimed at pre-vents the soldier from filing at the recument figure, which counts the most points, and the result is much lower than on days when little or no air is stirring.

Appended is a showing of the standing in

competitors, the points made by the others not being at hand at the time at which this report closes. The department team comprises the first en men in the list, the eleventh and twelfth

being alternates. The team will remain at the range about a month and engage in athletic exercises, after which it will go to Wisconsin, where it will enter the division contest which is to be held during the encampment of the national guard of that state. It will be accompanied by the alternates who are expected to act in the event of the regular members becoming incapacitated through cident or other causes.

The team will be under the command of Captain Charles A. Coolidge, A company, Seventh infantry, who will accompany it on his trip. Lieutenant Goodin has won first place in

department team. In 1884 he was defeated for second place by only one point, but nine points were deducted for not firing with his belt, thus causing him to drop to tenth place. In 1885 he stood second on department

Last year he came to shoot at Bellevue, but so seriously injured his hand that he could not take part.

could not take part.

He won the skirmish medal in 1884 and stands No. 1 in the skirmish of this year.

Sergeant Saladin is a native of Switzer-land. He entered the army in December, 1881, obtained third place in the Department of Arizona team in 1886 and second place in 389. Both these men are remarkably fine shots.

The medals will be presented this after-noon at the range by General Brooke. The train will leave the B. & M. at 3:13, returning at 7 p. m. Friends of the officers and ladies are invited. The score for two days' firing at known distances and two days of skirmish work, together with the total of each member of the team, is as follows:

Competitors. J. A. Goodin, 2d Lt 7th...... 313 | 222 | 535 |
Aibert Saladin, 1st Serg I 8th | 335 | 182 | 517 |
John Corrie, priv band 17th... | 327 | 180 | 507 |
Gustave Ohrenberg, A 2d.... | 326 | 169 | 495 |
Edmund Gerber, Serg F 21st. | 312 | 181 | 493 |
L. B. Brack 2d Lt 16th | 326 | 326 | 402 | 403 | Gustave Ohrenberg, A 2d.... Edmund Gerber, Serg F 21st. B. B. Buck, 2d Lt 16th..... 184 498 166 489 Leonard Deitz, 1st Serg F 17th James W. Davis, Corp B 16th. William Evans, Corp G 16th. 166 484 205 482 James Brennan, 1st Serg I 2d 297 184 481 Charles Elwell, Serg C 2d ... 319 163 481 Richd N. Davidson, priv F 8th 319 163 481 The following shows the total of other

competitors:
C. H. Muir, 2d Lt 17th.
J. H. Adams, Serg I 16th.
J. Trich, Corp E 7th.
J. W. Meyer, Musician G 17th.
J. Davidson, Corp E 8th.
C. H. Cochran, 2d Lt 8th.
F. L. Palmer, 2d Lt 21st. L. Palmer, 2d Lt 21st
Atkins, Corp A 7th
W. Huber, 1st Serg F 16th B. Spencer, priv E 17th Frederickson, Corp E 2d J. Fredericzson, Corp E 2d 457
A. Scholle, Serg K 7th 458
C. H. Rierden, Corp G 8th 453
W. H. Johnston, jr., 2d Lt 16th 449
E. Flynn, priv K 17th 447
J. H. Mayhew, priv F 2d 446
C. M. Snell, Corp I 7th 444
O. F. McCord, priv F 2d 442

Random Shots.

A number of the fair sex occupied the stand yesterday during the day's practice. Lieutenant Hutchinson, of the Ninth cavalry, refrained from shooting yesterday, owing to the circulation of the air.

Lieutenant Henderson, medical officer, abandoned the range and left the soldiers to their fate while he attended the court-martial. Quartermaster Wilkins will issue the last installment of hard tack this morning and will at once prepare for a trip to Fort Robin-

To-day witnesses the final wind-up at Bellevue. To-morrow camp will be broken, and the competitors will return to their respective posts. Grote Hutchinson will return to prohibition Kansas, and for another year will sleep at Fort Leavenworth, while Lieutenant Tyler will repair to the sand hills at Fort Duchesene, Utah.

RAILBOAD NEWS.

Stockyarus Switchmen. The switchmen in the employ of the South Omaha Stockyards company are up in arms and have made a demand that, if not complied with, it is said, will result in

Under a recent circular issued, taking effect yesterday, Walter H. Shropshire succeeded Charley Mack as yardmaster for the company. The appointment of Shropshire has not been met with a favorable support by the switchmen, who claim that the position should have been given to one of their num-ber. They held a meeting behind closed doors, with the above result.

Five Cent Trains

Joseph Millard says that as soon as the Council Bluffs and Omaha motor people can get ready for it, they will run a 5 cent train every morning and evening for the accomnodation of working people.
"It would be ridiculous, however," he con-

tinued, 'for us to think about reducing all fares to 5 cents. Those who ask it seem to lose sight of the fact that the cost of this enterprise is not confined to a line of surface road. Fully half of the \$1,000,000 invested is in the bridge, consequently it will take along time with fares at 10 cents to keep up ex-penses and get our money back."

Division Accounting Abolished. General Manager Kimbali, of the Union Pacific, has issued an order abolishing the accounting department in the office of all division superintendents.

Under the old system, the expenditures and receipts together with the amount of business handled on each division were prepartment. As a consequence, several clerks in each division department have been retired, the order having already gone into ef-

Railroad Notes. General Manager Burt, of the Elkhorn, has returned from Chicago. J. S. Tebbets, assistant general freight agent of the Union Pacific, has gone to Chicago.

Conductor Frank Hall of the Burlington, has returned to his post after a thirty days August 8 the congregation of the Kountze Memorial church will picnic at Waterloo park. A special train will be run on the Union Pacific.

General Passenger Agent Buchanan, of the Eikhorn, has returned from the west, and reports the outlook for a heavy crop yield to be most favorable.

The members of the Swedish Lutheran

church held a picnic at Waterloo Festerday. A special train was run on the Union Pacific to accommodate the excursionists. About three hundred people were on board. A special train will be run on the Union Pacific leaving here at 10 a.m., Sunday to Waterloo to accommodate the members of the order of Foresters who will give a grand picuic and entertainment on that date. The affair will be given under the auspices of the Foresters of South Omaha.

Conductor W. H. Jackson, one of the most popular men in the employ of the Union Pacific, and for a long time connected with resigned. He will give his tired brain a rest for the present, but states that he has by no means abandoned railroading.

Fred Armstrong Dead. Fred Armstrong, the Ware block night elevator boy, died of his injuries yesterday afternoon. His body will be sent to Wayne, Neb., this morning to be interred. W. A. Paxton, the owner of the Ware block, in which the fatal accident occurred, generously volunteered to defray all the expense incident upon the funeral.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diar-

Advice to Mothers.

noisy oratory.

After dinner the guests of the occasion asrhoea. 25c a bottle. THE VATICAN LIBRARY. One of the Most Interesting Sights

of the Eternal City. One of the most interesting sights in ne, says a letter from the Italian capital, is the vatican library. It is said to contain 23,580 manuscripts, a large proportion of which are oriental and ek. It practically dates from the beginning of the seventeenth century. when the most important collections were embodied in it. The visitor on first entering the vatican finds himself in a brightly, not to say gaudily painted room, on the floor of which, dotted at intervals, are brightly painted cup-boards. In these cupboards—safe, commodious, dry receptacles-the great mass of manuscripts which form the glory of the library are stored. Every here and there among the cupboar are various works of arts, gifts to different popes, and glass-covered cases and tables, such as are to be found in other libraries, contain such illumin-ated manuscripts and other treasures as

are best suited for exhibition. The cases and tables are carefully covered up with wooden shutters. Among the treasures in these cases are not only the famous Terence, several famous Virgils, the Palatine Virgils among them, and many other manus of the classics, but also the world-famous manuscript of the Greek bible, the well-known but little studied

Codex-Vaticanus. This famous manuscript has hitherto been so jealously guarded that even professed scholars have found it diffic cult to obtain more than a passing glimpse of it. More liberal counsels have now, however, come to prevail One other treasure also to be found in the same case is the palimpsest copy, discovered by Cardinal Mal, of Cicero's oration, "De Republica." The most interesting fragment is the complete success with which the ancient underlying writing has been recovered. It is hardly possible to believe that the clear, well-defined letters before you have been covered up with other writings

for perhaps 1,000 years. The great hall which forms the main building of the library terminates in a series of corridors of enormous length. On the floor of these are arranged the various presents given to the present pope last year on the attainment of his ubilee. All along the wall are vases filled with countless and almost inesti-mable treasure. In one is a collection of articls gathered from the catacombs and early Christian tombs; in another a collectiod of chalices and patens and other early church plates; after this a wonderful series of specimens of the early Florentine painters, from Cima-bue downward, arranged chronologically; opposite these again is a small collection of the most lovely paintings, some of them early Christian paintings from the catacombs; others heathen works found from time to time in the

neighborhood of Rome. There is another series of most interesting rooms—the Borgia rooms, as they are called, built for Alexander VI. These rooms are now devoted to printed books, which, as in an ordinary library, are here arranged on shelves along the The ceilings are most beautifully painted by Pinturicchio. The pictures seem singularly beautiful, particularly the series representing scenes from the Savior's life

A Complicated Case.

A justice of Logan township, Blair county, Pennsylvania, has a perplexing A blacksmith built a wagon for another citizen, painting it brown, and refusing to change it to green. In the night the citizen entered the shop and gave the vehicle a coat of paris green. Early next morning the blacksmith's cow, spying the verdurous tint, licked it off and died. The blacksmith now wants damages for his cow.

WINE AND WATER RESERVOIRS

Set Flowing at Florence by the American Waterworks Company.

THE NEW PUMP HOUSE OPEN

Enthusiastic Children of Fifty, With Aqua Pura Inspiration in Pic-Nio Recreation at the Festive Board.

Wine and Water. The new waterworks were formally opened vesterday, in the presence of 400 of the fore-

nost citizens of Omaha. A train of five coaches bearing the guests left the Webster street depot at 10 o'clock, arriving at Florence a half hour later.

Dismounting from the train the party strung out in a long straggling column and passed in succession each of the great reservoirs. The first, that which lay farthest from the pumping station, was only half filled. Its neighbor to the right, next the river, was empty. Along on its sloping sides mud lay deep, deposited there by the water. Men with hose were washing it down toward the center from where it flowed away through a auge pipe to the river.

The next basin was also empty, but it had been recently cleaned for the occasion. All were struck with the immensity of the undertaking, and the engineering skill dis-

played in the whole.

The other basins were filled with water, and in each in turn the fluid assumed a more familiar appearance.
President Underwood, who piloted the party past the basins down onto the break water and cribs up near the pumping station and finally to that building and through each of its many interesting departments, ex-plained clearly the working of all the big pipes, the working of the massive pumps and

Architect George L. Fisher, of Mendels sohn. Fisher & Lawrie, was there and justly proud of his work, which won the eye at first sight. It is handsome, clean cut, well pro portioned, exactly and perfectly fitted for its purpose, and entirely free from the ginger-pread excrescences which mar many really

free descreesences which mar many really fine buildings.

In style it is Roman-French, of which the most perfect examples are found in the old towns of southern France.

The inspection completed the party assembled in the main pumping room to near the brief speeches that had been announced.

President Underwood welcomed the citizens of Omaha to the place in the name of this company, and assured them they should

his company, and assured them they should be furnished good water, plenty of it and for all purposes. The company had planned for a new, a greater Omaha, but when yet greater improvements were needed they would be forthcoming. The response was by Hon. Michael Lee, president of the council. He made a very neat telling speech, praising

the enterprise and generosity of the water-works company, and promising that the city would show its appreciation thereof in a sub stantial manner,
Much enthusiastic hand clapping was indulged in when the speaker said that the company would not only supply water for the normal needs of the city, but also for the

grand system of purks which the city is soon In the basement of the pumping station were spread tables for 300 guests. To these the party adjourned immediately after the speech-making, and partook of a very nice lunch, composed chiefly of Pomery sec. Wine flowed, etc., etc., and the flow of soul and speech was correspondingly free. Speeches were made by I. S. Hascall, Mr. Kierstead and others. Jolly old boys with a tinge of wine on the brain yelled vociferous-ly for Hascall to talk "louder, louder," and that gentleman hitched his voice up notch by notch, until his face was red, without satisfying the desire of these jolly citizens for

sembled in the engine rooms and spent a half hour in what might be termed a retrospection of the Holley engine.

All at once there was a rush for the northwest corner of the building, and the voice of Hon. W. J. Connell was heard above the hum of the massive wheels and rasping of the belts. "Before we take the train," said the congressman, "it is befitting that we in some manner make recognition of the courtesy extended to us by the company and express formal commendation of their enter-prise—the enterprise that has so materially advanced us." The congressman dwelt at length upon what the visitors had seen in the way of mechanical achievement during

the inspection of the works and the effect it would have upon the city.

He then introduced the following resolu-Resolved, That we, as citizens of Omaha. on behalf of ourselves and the great city of the great west, do extend to the American Waterworks company our most sincere thanks for the invitations given us to be pres ent on this momentous occasion. And be it

Resolved, That, having finished the settling basin, power house and magnificent Holly en-gine, we extend our congratulations to the W. W. company and the citizens of Omaha over the successful completion of an enter-prise which shows such a commendable confidence in our city; and
Resolved, That we extend our thanks to
the W. W. company for the splendid collation served to us and for the courtesy and

attention we have ever received individually and collectively. Mr. Connell was followed by Mr. Kierstad, of the board of public works.
"Some people," said he, "are laboring under the impression that the company has under the impression that the company has been building extravagantly, but they have not. They have builded for a city of a million and a half of people, and inasmuch as they have done so, why should not the people of Omaha have a like confidence in their city and build for the future—expend money these people have expended." Mr. George Barker, president of the Omaha Bank of Commerce, was called upon and responded by complimenting the Water Works company most highly upon its achievement. He was followed by Colonel Chase and Isaac Hascall, who entered into a discussion as to whether the Mississippi or the Missey, when the Mississippi or the Missey.

as to whether the Mississippi or the Missouri river should be termed the "Father of Waters." The contest ended in a draw.

This ended the speech making and then the company withdrew in detachments, and sauntered about the plcturesque little village until train time. Many climbed the tower, and looked wonderingly up at the beams from which a love-lorn young man hanged himself only a few weeks ago.

Others wandered up the river for a little Others wandered up the river for a little

At 2:30 the train left, and bore away up wards of four hundred well pleased people. Dozens came out in carriages and returned at the r leisure.

G. A. H.

Grand Reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Nebraska at Kearney, August 12 to 17, 1889. The committee have secured for location, the spacious grounds overlooking Lake Kearney, and the programme, consisting of sham battles, dress parades, artillery drills and duels, and magnificent display of fireworks, will be the most attractive ever offered. For this occasion the Union Pacific, "The Overland Route," will sell tickets from all points on its lines in Nebraska at a rate of one fare for the round trip. Don't fail to attend. For other infor mation apply to your nearest ticket agent, or E. L. LOMAX, agent, or E. L. LOMAX, Gen'l Pass. Agt., Omaha, Neb.

The Union Pacific railway was worsted before Judge Wade yesterday. Complaints against four of the river bottom squatters were heard. Three were postponed to the 5th, and one was tried. This was the case of Mrs. C. L. Bower. The plaintiff's attorney failed to prove that the defendant either took or kept the land, as the complaint alleged forcibly, and the verdict was against the company for cost of suit. Twenty of these cases will be tried before Justice Wade on the 5th unst.

The Squatters' Cases.

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on the 5th inst.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BLUFFS.

He Didn't Get Them After All. "I've got em, I've got em," yelled a coatless and hatless individual vesterday morning, as he rushed up to Chief Walters, of the fire department, who was standing near the

corner of Main and Broadway. "I guess you have, and no mistake," marked the chief, sotto voce, as he carefully backed away from the excited and wildeyed stranger.

"I've got the fellows who stole my \$100, and the folks are watching 'em in the weeds by the Northwestern depot. Come and ar-

rest 'em." The chief then understood the cause of the fellows seeming lunacy, but he was not in the arresting business, although be wore brass buttons, so he summoned Officer Thomas, who was across the street, and in a very short space of time "Shorty" was flying down Broadway with the speed of a race

The stranger was Charles Holtz, the accommodating individual who recently sub-mitted to being confidenced twice in one day in the wicked city of Omaha. Holtz had prepared to start for his home in the central part of the state, but stopped over for a day in the Bluffs to see if he could not find the swindlers who got his cash. He ran upon them at the Northwestern depot. They saw him as soon as he did them and started on a run for the weeds. Holtz yelled "Police!" "Help!" which served to accelerate the speed of the crocks as well as to attract the attention of a number of citi-zens. The crowd surrounded the weed patch, where the crowd surrounded the weed patch, where the crooks sought refuge, and Hoitz hastened for an officer. When Officer Thomas arrived at the spot the place was still surrounded, but the birds had flown. One of them came up Indian creek and was followed in behind the Metropolitan hotel, where the officer caught sight of him. officer caught sight of him.

Thomas endeavored to overhaul his man,

but the latter scaled a high board fence, passed through Belle Clover's place and out upon North Eighth street, making his escape, while the officer was searching the premises. The Omaha authorities have been notified and a close watch is being kept for the fellows. Holtz will wait a while longer in hopes of apprehending the crooks and also of re-covering some of his lost simpleons.

To Run or Not to Run. Mayor Rohrer issued the following order

vesterday: EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL BLUFFS. Ia., August 1.—To O. M. Lucas, chief of police; F. H. Guanella, city marshal. Dear Sirs: I notice by the daily papers that a fox hunt or chase is advertised to take place in this city on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Please notify the parties having the mat-ter in charge that such an entertainment will not be permitted in this city on Sunday; and in the event they violate the order or the law, arrest all parties who take part or assist in the same. Yours respectfully, M. F. Rohnen, Mayor.

M. F. Robber, Mayor.

Alderman Lacy, in speaking of the order last evening, stated that there was no ordinance against fox thasing on Sunday, but there was against Sunday base ball, and intimated that it would keep the "hoodium" wagon pretty busy to haul a crowd of 10,000 people. He even offered to bet heavy odds that all the policemen in the city couldn't catch the fox and hounds after they once got

It is quite possible that there will be neither foxes nor wolves on hand this morning. A very large fox was brought over from Omaha yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock and placed in a box stall at the park with the wolves. About 9 o'clock and placed in a box stall at the park with the wolves. About 9 o'clock certain gentlemen took the notion to visit him, and he was found digging for dear life and liberty. Another hour's work would have set him free, as he was headed for open air. He was caught and placed in a box, but it's dollars to dimes he doesn't stay there. stay there.
What effect the mayor's order will have is nard to determine. It may result in chang-

be put off much longer. Tobe Broderick, the manager of the affair, is also in for fun, and intimates that the fox's days are numbered. District Court Adjourns Judge Carson opened court yesterday, in the absence of Judge Deemer, for the purpose of making arrangements for the rendering of decisions during vacation. Unless the

rendered during vacation are void, and for

this reason it was necessary to get the 'con-

ing the date to Saturday, but, at any rate, the chase will come off, for Tom McDermott says he is spoiling for a run, and it can not

now held under advisement by the court, that decisions should be rendered after the final adjournment of the term.

final adjournment of the term.

This matter was easily arranged, and the court then took up the case of Peter Hartelle, charged with contempt in violating a liquor injunction. The court stated that there was not the slightest doubt but that Bartelle had repeatedly broken over the line, and was not disposed to keep within the restrictions placed upon him by the court. A fine of \$600 and costs was then inflicted. This is the third heavy fine inflicted upon budge. is the third heavy fine inflicted upon budge dispensors during this term, the three aggregating \$1,800.

After attending to several matters of minor importance, the May term of the district court adjourned sine die. Judgo Deemer has several cases under advisement, and decisions will be handed down at such time before the next term convenes, on August 27, as he

Identifying a Floater's Remains. The remains of W. C. Sturdevaut, of Jefferson, In., which were found in the river below this city a few weeks ago and interred in Fairview cometery, have been exhumed for the purpose of positively identifying them, in order to secure the life insurance of the deceased. Among the papers found on the body were several receipts given by the Southwestern Iowa Mutual Benefit association, dated a short time before the deceased disappeared. Relatives have demanded the insurance, but the association has failed to turn over the amount

due.

A physician from Jefferson and Coroner Waterman took up the remains, and identified the body. A broken tooth and also a broken collar bone, which had been reset so broken collar bone, which had been reset so as to form an angle, and other marks proved the remains to be those of Mr. devant. In case the association now fails to hand over the life insurance, a suit will

Report of the City Auditor. The following is the report of City Auditor Hammer for July of warrants drawn on the treasury:

TOTAL AMOUNT DRAWN. City engineer.

Printing and supplies.

Gas and street lights.

City marshal's department. Miscellaneous Election.
Public building..... Library
Special grading
Intersections paving..... Total\$7,828.07

Republican Primaries. The republican primaries of Kane township for the selection of delegates to the republican county convention, which meets in Council Bluffs on the 8th day of August, 1889, will be held on Saturday evening, August 3, at 7:30 o'clock, at the following First ward—At the office of John Hamme and select seven delegates.

Second ward-At the city building and select eleven delegates.
Third ward—At the office of E. S. Barnett, Esq., and select eight delegates.
Fourth ward—At the county court house and select thirteen delegates,

By order of the committee.
WILLIAM ARND, Chairman. Personal Paragraphs. Miss Clara Barnett is visiting friends in

H. C. Hemenway has gone east for a short visit with friends. Mrs. J. J. Bradshaw has gone to Neola and Plattsmouth on a short visit. Mrs. Dr. West left Wednesday evening for visit with friends in Dubuque.

J. J. McManus is home from an extended visit in the castern part of the state. Mrs. Lee, who has been visiting the family of C. A. Lacey, has returned to her home in Keokuk. I. R. Beery, of Minneapolis, and formerly

resident of this city, is in the city visiting old friends. John F. Huntington and daughter, Miss

of R. H. Huntington R. T. Strong and wife, of Orange City, are and family on South Sixth street.

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