THE PRESS CLUB BANQUETTED

Omaha Newspaper Men Royally Entertained at the Barker.

MUSIC, FLOWERS AND SPEECHES

A Fitting Celebration of the Third Anniversary of the Opening of this Popular Hotel.

Mr. Balch's Guests.

The dining hall of the Barker hotel was a bower of beauty last night.

It was the third anniversary of the opening of the hotel, and the proprietor celebrated the occasion with a banquet to the Press club. In this hostelry, also, the Press club was born, and the event was in a manner commemorative of that occasion, about two years ago.

The tables were laid in T shape, and Manager Balch did himself proud in their decoration. Hyacinths, calla lilies and luxuriant foliage plants flung to the atmosphere the fragrance of the June-time. A tasteful boutonniere at each plate reminded the occupant that he was an honored guest. The silver and ornamented glassware glittered and glowed under the light of the chandeliers and the ceiling rang with the laughter and merriment of the assembled guests. All adown the long tables winding here and there among the beautiful flowering plants was the trail of a delicate green vine. It was a scene from fairyland and the participants will not soon forget the impression produced when first ushered into the hall.

The menu card was a work of art. On a background of delicate pink and pale blue was the figure of a little, fat, winged cherub bearing aloft on a platter a huge boar's head, and from this platter, trailing between the words "Complimentary banquet to the Press club by F. A. Balch, Hotel Barker," in gold lettering, were the slender and graceful tendrils of a drooping vine. Inside was a list of delicacies to tempt the daintiest epicure, with the toasts and the list of honored guests, among whom were leading representatives of all the professions and businesses, lawyers, railroaders, capitalists, clergymen, politicians and the rest.

The service was perfect, the tables were beautiful, the viands were delicious, the flowers breathed sweet incense upon the air and the guests, each and all, felt that it was good to be there. The banquet tendered by Mr. Balch and the Hotel Barker to the press club will live long in the memory of every newspaper man present.

The service, in keeping with the other features of the grand occasion, was excellent. It was effected by a score of girls in uniform attire, who served the courses in a most acceptable manner. They were under the immediate supervision of James Balch, to whom, indeed, may be accorded the credit of supervising the spread, which, as may be seen by reference to the menu, was a reproduction of that of the Union league in Chicago on the 22d of last month.

During the serving of the banquet the Musical Union orchestra rendered a number of its choicest selections. In fact nothing was wanting to render the celebration a memorable one and the enjoyment of the guests most complete.

At 9:30 the guests took their seats, the chair at the head being occupied by the esteemed host, F. A. Balch. At the right sat Mayor R. C. Cushing, on his left Joseph Baker, and next to him George Baker, while the other seats were occupied by the following invited guests:

Dr. Geo. L. Miller, W. C. Gregory, E. A. O'Brien, E. C. Snyder, D. C. Dunbar, C. W. Cochran, R. A. Eaton, Silas Niles, Charles Cressey, T. N. Cotter, Fred Nye, Charles Cæsar, W. R. Goodall, Frank Atkinson, T. J. Fitzmorris, O. H. Rothacker, J. C. Wilcox, S. G. V. Griswold, Harry Hunter, Sands Woodbridge, F. B. Millar, W. T. Foster, M. B. Edwards, Al Fairbrother, W. R. Vaughn, C. J. Connors, R. C. Craven, N. P. Feil, J. B. Haynes, J. C. Crawford, John M. Tanner, J. E. Howard, E. C. Hardy, William Byrnes, W. G. Richardson, Charles Elgutter, Fred Walton, W. G. Percival, Charles Perrin, R. L. Metcalf, Walt Mason, H. L. Fowler, Frank Burkley, George B. Taschuck, G. M. Hitchcock, Mayor R. C. Cushing, N. M. Mann, George Barker, Prof. Homer Lewis, Jules Lombard, Adam Snyder, George Krug, D. W. Haynes, C. V. Gallagher, George W. Towle, John L. Webster, Pat Rooney, Robert Hunter, W. F. Bechel, Joseph Barker, W. F. Gurley, Judge George Shields, Orville M. Remington, Louis Hemrod, T. F. Boyd, George B. Eddy, John Ryder, J. H. Hulbert, J. F. Brien, Joseph Teahon, I. W. Miner.

Following is the menu:

Blue Points, Half Shell.
Radishes. Celery.
Consommé Printaniere Royal.
St. Julien.
Fillet of Black Bass. Matelotte Sauce.
Sliced Cucumbers. Potatoes Duchese.
Croquettes of Sweetmeats, Mayonaise.
French Peas.
Tenderloin of Beef, Larded. Mushrooms.
Asparagus Tips.
Cammontillado Sherry.
Mayonaise of Chicken.
Surbet a la Marquis.
Boiled Quail on Toast.
Cresses.
Piper Heidsieck.
"Barker" Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Hard Crackers. Roquefort Cheese.
Coffee. Cigars.

After the cigars were lighted O. H. Rothacker rapped the guests to order and officiated as toastmaster in a witty and accomplished manner. After a few remarks of a humorous nature, explanatory of the purpose of the gathering, he proposed the toast "Omaha," and called upon Mayor R. C. Cushing for a response. The mayor apologized for his neglect to prepare himself, and in a most laughable manner alluded to the principal papers of the city by incorporating the names in a neat figure of speech. He then referred to the absurdity of attempting to quote statistics to a collection of gentlemen who were probably better posted on those same statistics than he himself was, and closed by complimenting the daily papers on their progress and activity.

Toastmaster Rothacker then proposed the toast "Mine Host," and referred to the many trials to which Landlord Balch had been subjected in his experience with the newspaper fraternity in a manner which brought forth peals of laughter. Hon. John L. Webster was called to respond to the sentiment, and he proceeded to speak of Mine Host Balch in a most complimentary manner as being a man of great energy and enterprise as shown by his conduct of the hotel, which had been considered a wild venture three years ago, but which had since proved the wisdom and foresight of its manager by becoming one of the principal institutions in that part of the city.

At the conclusion of Mr. Webster's remarks there were loud calls for Landlord Balch, to which he at last responded, stating that he had been told several days ago that he would be expected to make a speech and he had, therefore, prepared himself. He spoke as follows:

"In the scramble for the funds to keep even with the butcher and grocer and landlord I have not had very much chance to cultivate any literary taste. But at the same time there is, away down in my heart, a desire, a disposition to always try to help, to encourage, to aid any idea or ism that will help or improve mankind in general. To me it has seemed that the greatest lever to move public opinion is the public press. Believing this, I have ever, in my quiet way, tried to encourage the efforts of press workers, and I was glad when an opportunity was offered to lend all the assistance I could in the organization of the Omaha Press club. I think some of the most interesting gatherings of the club were here in this hotel, and it is because I wished to encourage you and give more life and development to the club that I have gathered you here tonight. I have tried to bring before you leaders of thought that go to make our social government, and while you are entertained I expect you to get instruction to help you to do your part to elevate humanity.

"As a hotelkeeper, while trying to properly entertain my guest in sleeping and eating, I probably come in contact with more of the phases of humanity than a person in any other occupation. The minister only comes in direct contact with a small element of society; the lawyer only a small element; the politician a one-sided element. The newspaper man meets more of these elements, while the hotelkeeper entertains and mingles with all these elements and must of necessity have a more enlarged view of the wants of society than the special enthusiast of the different branches that make up our social system, and I am philanthropical enough to assert that if the ministers of the different "isms," after their theological course, could put in one year in the management of an ordinary sized hotel, they would preach in an entirely different strain to their congregations, and to my mind have more influence and better success in moulding opinion for the bettering of mankind.

"In my three years' experience in coming in contact with the different types of society I have formed a more generous opinion of mankind than formerly, and believe there is some latent spark of Godliness even in the most depraved, and it is my religion to see the little good rather than proclaim the bad.

"It is my thought here tonight that this Press club, if so disposed, have it in their power to organize an effort that would have more influence in enlightening and improving the masses than any other body. Under the auspices of this Press club, say next fall, a series of public gatherings might be held where the different representative men of the city could give an address on their idea of improving and helping the masses, which would have great weight with their hearers. Let representative newspaper men have an evening, the merchant, the politician, the railroad man, the school teacher, and not least of all the hotel man. Such efforts, made by public spirited men, would do a great deal towards opening up the hearts of these fanatical, illiberal, selfish people who condemn every one who does not believe and think as they do.

"I believe that by proper effort a series of weekly meetings of the above character could be inaugurated which would be attended by the public to its advantage, and the Press club would be also benefitted in thus starting a movement for the advancement of society.

"On my next anniversary, if I am fortunate enough to still be host, I hope to hear you report progress and I will do all in my power to aid you.

"If I can say any more, it is only to use your influence for good—for improving your neighbors. Try to see his good points, rather than his weak ones; try to discourage that low public taste that wants to hear all the mean things people do and none of the good.

"The millennium will be pretty near at hand when people never speak ill of each other, or never get in debt.

"Gentlemen, if fortune should favor this hotel enterprise you will have a chance to hear further from me in the future, as I like to entertain my friends and to help and encourage my fellow man, and I am very very thankful for the help and encouragement many of you have shown me. You can count on me as loyal to the Omaha Press club—loyal to the best interests of Omaha."

At the conclusion of Mr. Balch's remarks the applause was almost deafening.

Mr. W. C. Gregory, president of the Press club, was called on to respond to the toast, "The Press Club." Mr. Gregory gave a condensed account of the organization of the club and said the success of the club had been due as much to Mr. Balch's kind efforts as to any other active or honorary member. He thanked Mr. Balch for his suggestions of a method of making the club influential for good.

Rev. N. M. Mann was then called on to respond to the sentiment, "Church and State." His remarks were very timely and well chosen and were warmly applauded.

Judge Shields responded to "Law," prefacing his remarks by the announcement that it was his maiden effort in the after-dinner line.

In announcing the next toast, "The Press," Mr. Rothacker said it was one of the most b. c.—beastly chestnuts—particularly to members of the press, that was known. And yet, if Dr. George L. Miller, who was down for the response, was present it would prove a marked exception—beyond a particle of doubt. In the absence of Dr. Miller, the toastmaster said he would call upon his (Dr. Miller's) old managing editor, Mr. Frank R. Morrissay. The substitute began by paying a tribute to the gentleman whom he represented, and then drew forth divers pages of rhyme relative to newspapering, which he succeeded in making his humble and charitably disposed auditors listen to. It was good.

Mr. Homer Lewis, who was down to respond to "Education," was absent, and Mr. Rothacker said that his substitute, Major Howard, had studied education so long that he had forgotten all about it.

"Finance" brought out very few words and no real response from Mr. Joseph Barker, as the gentleman said his wife, he was sure, already becoming too anxious about him.

Mr. E. C. Snyder spoke on "The Drama," and closed with a bright peroration which won for him and his subject a strong round of applause.

Mr. Jules Lombard talked of the railroads from the text, "I will fight it out on this line, if it drives every railroad out of the state—Attorney General Leese," as per programme.

Mr. Remington, though not down on the toast card, was introduced as an old newspaper man and gave a short but excellent little talk.

The evening closed by Mr. E. A. O'Brien proposing a rousing vote of thanks of the press club to Mr. Balch for the suberb affair, and the proposition being heartily complied with, "Auld Lang Syne," led by Mr. Lombard, was then sung.

Rubber on Horses' Feet.

The protection of the horse's fore feet is a great problem, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A horse weighing 1,000 pounds, and going at a 3:30 gait, strikes a ton with each fore foot when he puts it down. If this figure is correct it doesn't take a practical horseman to see the folly of driving good stock on granite streets.

A shoe has recently been devised that may improve the situation a little. It consists of a rubber oval band a quarter of an inch thick, terminating at the ends in a heavy cork or a cushion. The general shape is that of a horseshoe, the rubber cushions representing the heel-corks. An iron-plate shoe goes with this, and the heel ends are shortened to give room for the rubber corks. The rubber shoe goes against the foot, and is nailed on with the iron shoe, the whole forming an iron-plate shoe with rubber heel-corks. The invention is destined to take the place of all other plate shoes for roadsters, especially as it is a cheaper shoe than one with metal corks, considering the difference in wear.

Curious Feat of the Wind.

J. R. Love spent Sunday at his farm near Christiana, and it was there that the incident occurred during the high wind on Wednesday night, Feb. 12, says the Nashville American:

James J. Hodge is a tenant on Mr. Love's farm, and lives with his four children, one a grown-up daughter, in a little two-room farm house, 32x17 feet in size. He says that near midnight he heard the house creaking like it was about to fall to pieces, then there was a jar and all was still. The children cried out in alarm, and he jumped out of bed to find that the house had been lifted from its foundations by the wind, carried about five feet beyond them and deposited flat upon the ground.

The house was not injured and not an article in it was broken. A lamp that was placed on the mantel-piece was not thrown down.

The next day the neighbors gathered and raised the house and placed the foundation stones under it where it stood, and the family is still living there as heretofore.

The house is a well-built little structure, ceiled with pine planks.

Elephants' Teeth in Florida.

A gentleman arrived at Palatka Tuesday having in his possession a tooth weighing over six pounds, which was taken from the bed of Peace lake, in south Florida. It looked aged and its enamel was nearly gone from the wear of the water. Four weeks ago a similar tooth was discovered and sent to the Smithsonian institution. It weighed twenty-six pounds and the scientists of the institute pronounced it to be an extinct species of the elephant.

THE DOINGS IN THE BLUFFS.

Submitting the Arguments in the Helmick Murder Case.

PREPARING FOR FEDERAL COURT

A Normal School Needed in the Bluffs—Motor Trains Collide—The School Board Wrestles for a Quorum.

Closing the Helmick Case.

Yesterday the arguments began in the case of Rev. Mr. Helmick, charged with the killing of Palmer. County Attorney Organ opened with a mild-tempered address, delivered in a conversational manner. He reviewed the testimony clearly and sought to establish more firmly the claim of the prosecution, that Helmick was not justified in shooting Palmer. He claimed that Helmick must have recognized Palmer, even in the darkness, and that Helmick shot because of the ill-feeling between him and Palmer, and not because he was in peril, or was afraid of his life. He insisted that much had been dragged into the case, on the part of the defense, for the purpose of drawing away the attention of the jury from the real issue.

Attorney Sims made an earnest, strong argument for the defense. He picked up the claim of the county attorney that Helmick recognized Palmer. If this was the case, he urged, there was that much more reason for Helmick to shoot. Palmer had been long threatening Helmick, and here he was at the head of a gang of fellows, in possession of Helmick's own barn, at dead of night, and actually beginning an assault upon him. In this view of the case Helmick was fully justified in shooting. Mr. Sims then proceeded to take the other view, the theory held by the defense, that Helmick did not know who the men were that were thus attacking him. Mr. Sims was not only logical and clear in his statements, but was at times impassioned and eloquent. The address was masterly in many respects.

Attorney McCabe followed for the defense. He was listened to with intense interest. He has a way of calling things by what he deems to be their right names, is very sharp and vinegary, and thus makes it interesting for the crowd. The testimony was reviewed by him in detail, and the task was not completed when the hour for the day's adjournment was reached. Today will see the case go to the jury.

Don't forget, the finest, cleanest, best marmarket in the twin cities is Merchendorf's.

Gillette & Freeman, decorators, 28 Pearl.

The water runs when Bixby plumbs.

We have just received a large invoice of embroideries. They are the best bargains in the city. Culley's, 328 Broadway.

The Federal Court.

The March term of the United States court for the southern district of Iowa will open on the 21st inst. Justice Miller of the United States supreme court has issued an order for Judge Shiras of the northern Iowa district to attend this term, and he will be here to assist Judge Love. There is considerable business to be transacted at this term of court, as there are a dozen important cases on the trial docket. Among them are the Fairmount park case, the damage suit of Bergman vs the Wabash railway company, and the cattle case of Kissem vs Tinkan & Hall. The Bergman case was tried at the last term of court, but a new trial was granted. This case will occupy several days. The cattle case comes from Harrison county, and originated from a cattle drive which resulted in the spreading of Texas fever among herds in Harrison county.

There are about twenty cases to go before the grand jury, and a few parties now under indictment will be called before the court.

United States Marshal David B. Miller of Red Oak came in last evening to prepare for the opening of the term.

It is regarded as very doubtful whether or not the Fairmount park case will really be tried this term. Both parties profess to be in readiness, but it is generally believed that another continuance will not be distasteful to either of them.

Elegant Decorating.

Gillette & Freeman, the practical decorators, are doing some artistic work at the new residence of Dr. M. H. Chamberlain, on Bluff street, that will secure them a great deal of well earned praise. The work is something entirely new, and this is the first ever done in residences in this city. The doctor's new cottage is just receiving the finishing touches, and the decorators are following closely behind the plasterers. The decorating alluded to consists of tinting the walls and ceiling instead of frescoing or papering. Each room has a combination of tints, each complementary to the others, and all blending into a mellow richness that has a very pleasing and artistic effect which will never tire the beholder. One of the pleasing effects is to soften and mellow the light without absorbing it.

The vestibule and hall is a combination of terra cottas, and prepares the visitor for the surprises of the interior. The ceiling of the parlor is a soft cream, the cove a light seal brown and the walls a rose tint. The trimmings are gold mouldings. The back parlor is a combination of buffs and browns, and the parlor bedroom blue and terra cottas. The sitting room is a beautiful combination of olives. The decorations in the dining room are a better preventative of dyspepsia than a French chef. The ceiling is a faint blue with grey cove and ecru walls. The bathroom is stone color and the kitchen bedroom is stone color and buff.

The only ornamentation on the walls and ceilings are carved mouldings, and the effect is strikingly rich and beautiful.

The same general style is followed in the upper rooms, but all the combinations are different tints. In the south room the combinations are cream color and old pink, the north room cream and tan and the west room cream and light shade of dull blue. The hall is light brown walls with pale buff ceiling.

The tinting is done on the plaster and highly finished. There are no pronounced colors, but everything is soft, mellow and rich, and characteristic of the fine artists who designed and executed the work, and will convince the public that while Messrs. Gillette & Freeman have the finest line of wall papers in the west to select from at their establishment, at 28 Pearl street, yet they are independent of the paper maker, and can gratify the most artistic taste.

A Motor Collision.

A collision between two motor trains occurred on the single track on the east approach to the bridge. A west bound train in charge of Conductor Purcell and Motorman Bragg ran by the meeting point, and in the dense fog collided with an east bound train in charge of Conductor Grady and Motorman Gannon. According to the rules, east bound trains have the right away on this strip of track. The collision was quite disastrous. The platforms of the motors were broken and several windows smashed. Fortunately none of the passengers were injured. Travel was delayed a very short time. Superintendent Reynolds states that the damage will not amount to more than $50. No action has as yet been taken in the matter, pending investigation, but it is understood that certain employes will be discharged.

Dr. H. S. West, porcelain crown and bridge work, No. 12 Pearl.

For sale, on account of sickness, J. Dickey's general merchandise stock, located on Broadway, Council Bluffs, will be sold at a discount for cash or trade for good unincumbered city or Omaha property. Address Duquette & Co., Council Bluffs.

Save 80 per cent on tombstones and monuments. Design sheet and price list free. L. Kelley, 203 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Better Schools.

Upon the intelligence of the people rests the prosperity and hope of the commonwealth. The training of the young in our public schools is to give character and will determine the purpose of that intelligence for good or evil. Alive to the value of preparing superior instructors by training schools, several enterprising towns in Iowa are putting forth their best efforts to secure the location of state normal schools, among them LeMars in northwestern Iowa, Algona and Oskaloosa. At present there is only one state normal school in the state, and that at Cedar Falls. There should be at least four normal schools in the state of Iowa. The increase in population, the superior normal institutions in other states, the progressive spirit of the age and the duty of Iowa to begin the front of educational progress, all demand immediate and vigorous efforts by Iowa citizens for better, and more advanced educational institutions in this state.

The western part of the state is entitled to the location of a normal school and no point will accommodate more deserving people nor be more accessible than Council Bluffs. The railroads centering here reach a large territory. Our bluffs are inviting and a healthful variety of landscape adds many attractions of wooded bluff and shady valley. Good water abounds, and the elements are always kind.

The time is ripe for successful action. If the people of Council Bluffs wish a normal school it is time to make their wishes known in the matter. Other places are awake and working.

What is Council Bluffs doing in the case for her own interests?

Save Life and Money.

The gasoline stove is more dangerous than the unloaded gun. Save life and property by using the C. B. Gas and Electric Light Co.'s gas stove.

C. B. steamdye works, 1013 Broadway

The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way.

It Hinges On a Quorum.

The school board made another ineffectual attempt to secure a quorum last evening. Only two of the members, Messrs. Hunter and Blaxsim, were present. Mr. Lawson would gladly have been there, but the result of Monday's election was too much for him, and Mr. Blaxsim said that he was "sick." He undoubtedly is, but his sickness is not of a dangerous kind. It seems that considerable scheming is going on among the members of the board. Messrs. Stewart, Schoentgen and Rain are anxious to postpone taking any action with reference to selecting a site, adopting plans, and awarding the contract for the new school building in the western part of the city until after the new members take their seats. On the other hand, Messrs. Hunter, Lawson and Blaxsim are apparently very anxious to rush this matter through at once. Just why they are so desirous of pushing it through before the new members come in is to be conjectured. It certainly would seem that inasmuch as the new building is to be erected under the supervision of the new board, it would be no more than courteous and right to allow them to have something to say about it. To say the least, there is something very mysterious in all this undue haste. However, there is no disposition on the part of the other members of the board to allow this scheme to be pushed through, whatever may be its object, and this accounts for the failure to secure a quorum. It may be set down as a settled fact that the present board will not find an opportunity to award the contracts which some of the members are so eager to get out of the way.

An attempt will undoubtedly be made every evening this week to secure a quorum, but whether or not it will be successful is yet to be determined. Mr. Hunter is very much out of patience over the way things are going, and declared last evening that if the other fellows kept on in this way they might be disappointed next Monday evening, when they want to get a quorum for the purpose of canvassing the vote. This, however, does not cause the "other fellows" much uneasiness, and they are perfectly satisfied with the outlook.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 537 Broadway.

S. B. Wadsworth & Co., 207 Pearl street, loan money for Lombard Inv. Co.

Desirable dwellings for rent at reduced prices by E. H. Sheafe & Co., rental agents, Broadway and Main st., up stairs.

The New Union Depot.

The stockholders of the union depot company will meet at the court house this evening for the purpose of arranging to turn over the depot site to the railroad companies. At the meeting with the railroad officials in Omaha three propositions were submitted, and the one adopted provides that the site shall be transferred to the railroads at actual cost, including condemnation and recording fees. The Northwestern and Milwaukee roads were not represented, but the former road announced its readiness to go into the scheme at a previous meeting and it was stated that the Milwaukee was now ready to go in with the other roads. The members of the executive committee of the Union depot company are quite jubilant over the outlook and are positive that the depot will now be built. The roads have agreed to begin work on the structure within ninety days after certain minor conditions are complied with. Everything looks hopeful, and the only loophole now left is that none of the agreements are to be binding if either of the unrepresented companies shall refuse to join in and ratify what has thus far been done.

S. M. Williamson sells the Standard and Domestic sewing machines. 106 Main st.

Dress Making.

Miss K. C. Holt has resumed her dress making business at her rooms in Merriam blk.

Personal Paragraphs.

Simon Eiseman returned last evening from a two weeks' visit in eastern cities.

S. Farnsworth has sufficiently recovered from his recent serious illness to be out again and was upon the streets yesterday for the first time in several weeks. He is preparing to leave the latter part of the week for an extended trip to Florida, Cuba and Mexico in the hope of regaining health and strength. He will probably be accompanied by William Moore.

Josiah Danforth has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., and will be absent for several weeks. He took the trip for the purpose of improving his health.

E. A. Troutman returned to Peoria, Ill., last evening. He was called home by the serious illness of his son with membranous croup. The little fellow is now much better.

William Tompkins of Macedonia is visiting the family of Theodore Bray on Washington avenue.

Dr. P. J. Montgomery left Tuesday evening for Chicago.

Mrs. Russ N. Whittlesey arrived in the city last evening from Chicago.

Harry Hoffmayr is seriously ill with hemorrhage of the lungs.

Henry A. Hersey of Chicago is the guest of Frank L. True.

The Leaders

of fine watches and jewelry in the city, and the place to buy the best goods at the lowest prices is the establishment without rivals, the most reliable firm of

C. B. Jacquemin & Co.

Special prices on ladies' muslin underwear all this week at Culley's, 328 Broadway.

Suitable Legs and Feet.

Every creature has the kind of legs and feet best suited to it. Birds living in marshes have long, slender legs like stilts and some of them are called "stilt birds," say the Detroit Free Press. The huge body of the elephant stands upon four thick pillars, the stag has supports of a lighter and nimbler quality. Animals that get some of their living in the water, as beavers, otters, swans, ducks and geese, are born with paddles on their feet. The mole, again, is born with spades on his forelegs, so that he may dig his way through the ground, and the camel has his feet carefully padded and his legs of sufficient length to lift his head high above the sand waves so that his eyes may be protected from glare and dust.

A weak back, with a weary aching lameness over the hips, is a sign of diseased kidneys. Use the best kidney curative known, which is Burdock Blood Bitters.

MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.

Thatcher coal, 114 Main street.

Spring goods, Reiter, tailor, 310 B'way.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl

The Main street cars now run until 11 p. m.

The G. A. R. will attend the Broadway church next Sunday evening in a body.

Electric power has at last supplanted the horse cars on the Sixteenth street branch between avenue A and the transfer.

The assault and battery case against James Books, in Justice Barnett's court, has been continued until next Saturday.

The funeral of Mrs. Caroline Lamb took place at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her late residence, and was very largely attended.

During the past month there were 3,850 visitors at the library and 2,752 books were taken by regular patrons. Over 300 volumes were added to the list.

The Consolidated Tank Line company took out a building permit yesterday morning for a $3,000 brick warehouse to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

The store room at 17 Pearl street, recently occupied by Pusey & Smith, is being refitted and will be occupied as a wholesale fruit house by Mr. Ross of Omaha.

The election bribery cases against Mitchell and Criss have again been continued. This is the fourth continuance, and it begins to look as if the cases would be dismissed.

The plat of Madison park has been filed with the county recorder. The tract lies between Fairmount avenue and Madison street and Fletcher and Palmer avenues.

Good Templars lodge, No. 415, will give a social next Friday evening at the Berean Baptist chapel, corner Third avenue and Seventeenth street. Everybody cordially invited.

A local democrat was making some political prognostications, and among other things announced it as his firm belief that Cleveland would be nominated by "proclamation" in 1892.

The board of trade has appointed a soliciting committee to aid the Dakota sufferers. The committee is composed of Messrs. F. A. Conover, Judge-elect McGee and Rev. T. J. Mackay.

The city council was billed for a short entertainment at the city building last evening, but as the greater part of the company failed to make connections, City Clerk Farrell cancelled the engagement.

Alfred M. Hayden and Sarah Sherwood were united in marriage Tuesday evening. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Madison street, Rev. T. J. Mackay officiating.

Chief Walters has just finished his annual report, covering the year from March 1, 1889, to March 1, 1890. During that time the department responded to 107 calls. The loss by fire amounted to $155,000 and the insurance to $191,000.

On Friday night Overton lodge will hold a sociable, the proceeds of which will go to the relief of the family of a worthy man whose home has been lost through the power of the drink habit. All friends of sobriety are invited to attend.

Mayor Patterson of Creston was in the city yesterday, the guest of Mayor Rohrer. The latter is preparing his last message to the city council, and is looking up data for the same. Yesterday morning he was engaged in looking up church affairs, claiming more churches had been erected and organized the past two years than under any previous administration.

The revival meetings at the First Baptist church this week under the direction of Rev. Mr. Patterson are awakening a great deal of interest. Large audiences are in attendance nightly. There will be no meeting on Saturday evening, but a children's meeting will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at which it is desired to have as large an attendance as possible.

A case of destitution is reported at the home of Mrs. McCullough on Sixth avenue. The woman is sick, and it is stated that the county physician has several times refused to call. The neighbors are assisting the family. The woman is a sister of one of the aldermen-elect, and has other relatives in the city, but she states that she is receiving no assistance from them.

A week ago Mrs. Shannon arrived from Glenwood and escorted her daughter Lona home. In this city she was known as Mable Clifford and figured as prosecuting witness in a case of assault preferred against Belle Clover. At the time of her departure she said she would return when the case was called, but failing to do so the case was dismissed by Justice Barnett.

Like Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley has been having a lively time over the school election. One of the most prominent participants declared as his reason for being so active that he was determined there should be less mathematics taught in the schools, and more arithmetic. If he had been a candidate here before the citizens' ticket had become so popular here he would have stood a good chance of being himself elected a school director.

Francis Murphy, the noted temperance lecturer, left last evening over the Northwestern for Logan, where he was to deliver a lecture. It was stated that he had cancelled his engagement owing to ill-health, but he finally determined to go. Mr. Murphy has not recovered from his recent sickness, and will not speak again until he begins his Grand Island engagement. He will rest with Omaha friends until Saturday, when he goes to Grand Island.

A fair sample of the work of some of the chattel mortgage sharks was witnessed in the southern part of the city Tuesday afternoon. A colored woman, who supports herself by washing for the neighbors, was away from home at work, when the house was broken open and all the furniture taken away at the instigation of the agent who had charge of the property. It was alleged that the woman was owing for two weeks' rent, and the furniture was ruthlessly taken. The unfortunate woman was compelled to sleep on the bare floor. When the neighbors ascertained the facts yesterday morning there was a lively hum of indignation in that locality.

Jed Bethers, whose arrest was noted in yesterday's BEE, was taken before Justice Hendricks yesterday morning for trial. He is accused of stabbing E. J. McHattie, as the result of an altercation in the gallery of the opera house at the presentation of "Our Irish Visitors," by Murray and Murphy on the evening of February 3. A warrant was issued for Bethers' arrest, but he left the city and was not captured until Tuesday night, when he visited his home under cover of darkness. Owing to sickness in McHattie's family, the prosecuting family was unable to be present, and the case was continued until Friday. Bethers was held in the sum of $500, which he could not furnish, and was sent to the county jail to await trial.

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How the Mississippi Was Made.

As a possible theory of the origin of the Mississippi river, among the many that have at different times been brought forward by noted scientists, the most recent is the suggestion that its erosion was accomplished by means of a mighty cataract, which began far down the river, near its original mouth, and by gradual retrogressing dug out the valley-like gorge. Says the St. Louis Republic, that this theory is tenable, may be inferred from the high, wall-like bluffs—features so characteristic in the upper part of its course. A wearing away of a monster cataract would, of course, necessarily leave high bluff walls on either side, which are well-known features of "the father of meandering streams." It would seem, according to this theory, that St. Anthony falls constitute the remnant of what was once the most stupendous cataract in the world. It is estimated that it must have taken 400,000 years to carve out the mighty ditch.

Butter Shows in Denmark.

Denmark has organized a new system of state butter shows. The scheme includes a continuous butter show at the expense of the state during several months in each year, where fresh samples of butter will be received every fourteen days, the judges' decision to be given on the butter as received and its condition at the end of fourteen days. The samples are to be sent immediately on the receipt of a letter or telegram, so that the dairyman will not be able to make a special cask for exhibition, and the samples are to be repeated as often as required. Competing dairies must send in a return of the feeding and system generally followed on the farm, with special reference to the week during which the samples are sent in. At present the number of dairies entered is 360. Nine judges have been selected and these act in groups of three each, each group recording an independent opinion on each sample, which is checked by those of the other two groups. Each group will consist of two butter merchants and one dairy expert. The exhibitors are paid the usual market rate for their exhibits. The shows will be held at intervals of a fortnight during eight months of the year.

One Cause of Agricultural Depression

There are no more free lands fit for general agriculture. In June, 1880, the government still had 17,800,000 acres of arable land, writes Prof. James Willis Gleed in the March Forum. In June, 1883, only 5,000,000 acres remained; and this has long since become private property. It is clear that, in a general way, land fit for agriculture can no longer be had from the general government. It seems to the writer that the prostration of the farming industry, and the low price of the older farm lands everywhere in the United States, are partly due to the fact that they have been competing, in a sense, with the practically free arable lands of the public domain. This competition has now ceased, and it appears reasonable to anticipate a substantial rise in the value of agricultural lands everywhere, and especially in the western states. This will be one substantial protection to western farm loans, whether they were wisely or unwisely made in the first instance.

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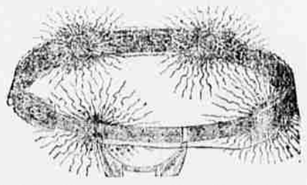

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