## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: MONDAY, MARCH, 17, 1890.

# THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELER

A Humorist Describes Hotel Comforts and a Novel Writing Table.

SMOOTH SCORING OF A POINT.

Death of Two Drammers-That High Five Challenge Accepted-The Omaha Cinb-Samples and Personals.

Burdette on Hotels.

Did you ever notice-of course you home in Sioux City. I can see some have-the attention paid to the art of big changes since I first came up here. making hotel rooms systemat cally un-Omaha boys were then few and far behomelike and uncomfortable? says Bob tween, especially in South Dakota and Bardette. I have been observing it for northwestern Iowa. Now you can find thirteen years. I suppose the object is them on nearly every train, and where to keep the guest out of his room as the houses stand by them and are much as possible so that he won't use willing to sell goods on a closer margin in order to open up new trade and give the boys a show, they are getting in the furniture, the soap and towels, the gas or the lamp. In the average country good orders and holding their trade. hotel-by that I mean a notel in a town notwithstanding poor railroad facili-ties. Omaha should get the Illinois of 5,000 or less-a guest has to keep up a constant struggle in order to occupy Contral his room at all. While he is at break-It would give an excellent outlet for heavy goods and a market fast a girl comes in, takes away all the for stock. The merchants along the line want it. They claim the Chicago linen and tosses the bed up into a volcanic bit of chaos, throws the pillows & Northwestern makes an extra charge on the lounge or sofn, if there be one, at Missouri Valley and California Junchangs the bolster on the one tion for freight on the Sioux City & Paor table, and takes away cific, and with another charge and chair transfer at Onawa for the Illinois Cennll the towels. There tral. They claim freight is higher and but one: I use the word "all' takes longer to get goods than from out of courtesy. The idea that any-body washes his hands or face at any The idea that any-Chicago, with Omaha only fifty to seventy-five miles away. Omaha can, time during the day, save immediately if she will brace up, with a very little after rising, seems never to occur to capital invested control this territory. some landlords, Unless you raise a row about it, after the towels (those towel) but she needs to realize the fact that if it is not soon done Sioux City, which is are (is) taken away during breakfast working like a beaver for good railroad hour, no more are (is) brought in until after supper. Of course you never use the soap in a cheap hotel, so the fact of facilities and getting them, will get in more and larger houses than they have now and will get such a hold on this its presence or absence does not worry territory that Omaha will have to husyou, unless you should want something tle to get her share of it. The merto sharpen your penknife on, and then chants and shippers appreciate Sioux a cake of cheap hotel soap rises to the situation. It beats an oil stone all to like the lack of push or interest in pieces. And in a hotel of what you may call the third, and often of the Omaha to reach this territory. Omaha, Yankton & South Dakota line second class, it is a part of the landis what is needed and would be a big lord's creed that no living man ever, thing for Omaha. Why not have it? ever, wants to write a letter in his own room. A table is no part of the furni-A Sentence Containing the Alphabet. ture. When it is it is either a good saddler with a gentle canter or a 'single footer'' with a gait like a Kena short paragraph relative to the shorttucky "sandsifter," and you have to est sentence in the English language hold it with your knees when you try to containing all the letters of the alphawrite. I have quit using them. I take bet. I would like to submit the followout a bureau drawer, turn it upside ing, says a writer in On the Road: down, push it back in place about two inches, and, defying the landlord, have a table it would break his heart to see. dozen quills.

But come to the first class hotels. Now and then you get a room with a drop light in it. You can then sit in your own room in the evening and read. But as a rule there is no drop The bureau and mirror are on light. one side of the room, heavy, rich, massive, no sparing of expense. Now it is just as easy to have the lone gas jet close to the mirror. Then one can shave, see the parting of his hair and dress. But no: either there is a bracket jet away over on the other side of the room, or a dim chandalier hanging so high that a man of my height has to stand on a chair to light it. And you might just as well try to read by the moon. And since the the moon. And smaller towns have got to using elec-tric lights I have had a time. The light in your room is a pear-shaped thing hanging on the end of a string from the center of the ceiling. I chase the beggarly thing all around the room some-

his statement, and showed the head-line, "\$250,000 Blaze!" times before I can get a grip on it to turn it on. When it is turned on it is "Oh," said the inquirer, "two

game resulted in a score of fifty-two to twenty-six in favor of "The Aagels of Commerce." The second lifty-two to Commerce." The second fifty-two to six "in the ring," in favor of said "angels." "We are the people." X. X. X. X.

The story is sad but true. The first

Omaha Must Hustle. SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 13 .- To the Editor of THE BEE .- I enclose you a few items which you can put in your Traveling Men's column, which may be of use to Omaha in her jobbing inter-

railroad in from Onawa.

City's efforts to get at them, but do not

Noticing in one of your recent issues

J. F. Grave, pack with my box six

The above sentence contains thirty-

A Query.

To the Editor of THE BEE: Will you

please answer through the columns of

THE BEE whether or not there is such

a place in Omaha as the Olympic the-

ater, or whether there ever was such a

A Cent's Worth.

I was walking by the Hotel Bucking-

ham the other evening, says a writer in

New York Truth, when my ear was

penetrated by hoarse shrick, "Extra!

extral full account of the fire down

"Let me see, boy, if you are telling

The lad held up his paper to verify

place in Omaha?-C. E. W., Omaha.

Ans .- Years ago, but not now.

four letters and ten words only.

OMAHA TRAVELINGMAN.

C. L. Fearon, the genial grocery man from Council Bluffs, circulated through some Iowa towns on the Wabash road ests in northeast Nebraska, South Dalast week. He reported several good kota and northwestern Iowa. I have ordersduring the week. been making this territory for an Charles R. Williams. who is well Omaha house for the past six years, known by nearly every commercial drummer in Nebraska, has taken his and during that time have made my

cers.

nissed by his friends.

old territory back in western Iowa. where he traveled two years ago, Charley is very popular, and his old trade in Iowa welcomes him back to the old stamping ground with a hearty hand-shake. P. R. Shepherd, who sells cigars for

Peregoy & Moore of Council Bluffs sold several fine orders in his line at Silver City, Ia., last Wednesday. He said to possess the most prepossessing noustache of anyone on the road. A. J. McDonald of the Consolidated Coffee company of Omaha, was accom-

panied by his little five-year-old daughter through eastern Iowa last week. He is corratting the orders by the score in the Hawkeye state. H. E. Heckman, that popular dry

goods salesman from St. Louis, Mo. embellished the register of the Line ville at Maryville, Mo., last Wednesday. Harry is well known to nearly every commercial man in the west, as he has made Nebraska for over eight years. He is now taking orders for spring delivery. E. S. Streeter of Peycke Bros.

Omaha, was cornering orders last week on his regular run and reports business somewhat better.

J. H. Sewell, the popular proprietor of the Commercial hotel at Burlington Junction, Mo., is one of the most accommodating landlords in the "Sleepy old commonwealth of Missouch." This is a junction point and travelers are always anxious to make this point, as everything is so homelike.

George Tracy travels for an Omaha clothing house in western Iowa and he was doing a good business last week. J. W. Porterfield, that prince of good fellows, is always on home to relate a

good story to his fellow travelers. He ravels for a drug house from Detroit, Mich. He sold several large bills in northern Missouri last week. C. H. Stuck is "stuck" on northern

Missouri and will hereafter make his headquarters at Maryville. He sells boots and shoes for a Chicago house. Dave Low, representing the Richardson Drug company of Omaha, has been

sick the past few days at Norfolk, but was well taken care of by his many friends. Major Suess, the genial represent-

ative of the Anheuser-Busch people, is out again after quite a serious attack of illness. A saloon is like a harbor-most of the

wrecks are to be found outside of the bar. Tom J. Blocker, representing the P. J. Sorg Tobacco company, Middletown, O., was seen up the Elkhorn the past week, and the way he was selling the

old reliable Spear Head was a caution. Tom is a great man in his line and quite a favorite with the boys. W. W. Lillie's smiling face was seen

up the Elkhorn the past week picking up an order every few days. Will says if he only had a time table he could make more towns.

The Daily Hotel Reporter of Chicago defines our late visitor, "La Grippe." a distinguished foreigner, sired by Russia, christened by France and damned

Land, Ore.; C. E. Thompson, Chicago; J. L. Whitcomby Chicago; A. H. Brockway, Boston; J. K. Story & Clark Organ company of Chi-cago, has taken charge of Nebraska for Iand, Ore.; C. E. Thompson, Chicago;
J. L. Whiteomb, Chicago; A.
H. Brockway, Boston; J. K.
Van Duzer, Albany, N. Y.;
F. C. Marshall, Pittsburg; A. A. Doug-lass, Mansfield, O.; J. E. Leaman, Co-lumbus, Pa.; C. N. Fogg, Lincoln;
George Krug, St. Eouis; J. B. Fulton, Des Moines; L. F. Richmond, Albia, Ia.;
J. E. Roper, Davenport, Ia.; C. F. Kehhis house and will hereafter make his headquarters at Lincoln. The captain has heretofore made his headquarters at Des Moines, and has been prominent in Iowa politics. He will be greatly Ben Craig, a well known Kentuckian, J. E. Roper, Davenport, In.; C. F. Ken-ler, Campbell, Neb.; William Jess, St. is at present on the road for E. G. Scud-der & Bro., of St. Louis, wholesale gro-

Paul, Minn.; C.F.Onkfield, Fort Madison A. W. Crans, Davenport; J. P. Cobb; Baltimore; M. A. Sallor, Sioux Falls; E. L. Tate, Glencos; H. Messmore, Boone, Ia.; F. A. Forris, DeWitt, N. Y.; C. F. Gaetzlar, Rock Island; F. Rouse, Peoria; J. D. Draper. Marion; William Boardman, New York W. L. Wann, Chicago; C. H. Brainard Green River; George D. Anderson Topeka; H. M. Hoon, Plankington; J. Horton, Chicago; W. H. McCreary, Chicago; E. G. Severance, Rockford, Ill.; F. J. Leonard, Newburyport; Mass.; N. Stanton, Chi cago; J. L. Millard, San Francisco port: F. A. Fingley, Portland, Ore.; G. Wilstack, Chicago; Fred Cook, St. Louis C. C. Phelps, Kansas City; L. R. Mayne, Salt Lake; R. G. Bloom, Chicago; H. R. Jackson, Birmingham, Ala.; D. Ryan, New York; W. H. Voris, Chicago; J. Oldfield, New York; James McLeod, Minneapolis; W. S. Helphrey, Baltimore. At the Merchants-N. K. Van Husen.

A. Zabriskie, Sioux City; J. A. Buchanan, Chicago; E. D. Shoemaker, Kansas City; J. F. Renfro. New York I. S. Richardson, San Diego, Cal.: H. C. Perkins, H. A. Porkins, Leaven-worth; C. A. Brown, St. Paul; W. P. Boone, Iowa City; T. B. Ebry, Marrian Wis.; C. Hampton, Tillord, Dak.; J. L Millard and wife, San Francisco: O. L. Collins, St. Louis; Thomas Appletor and wife, Denver; T. S. Wilcox, Kasota, Minn.; V. M. Beebe, St. Joseph; C. Bradly, Atlantic, Ia.; V. D. Barn-

hill, Kansas City; C. C. Burn, Lincoln; J. M. Hamme, York Pa.; Mont Nelson, Gayville, Daka, E. Bignell, Lincoln Eugene Hildebrand, Chicago; J. C. Hopkins, Sioux City; M. C. Partridge and wife, Kansas City; B. Howard, Kansas City; James Heatove, Lincoln; A. Rothschild, Davenport; L Ginnain, Rawlins, Kan.; H. G. Moorehead, Chicago; L. C. Strasburger, New York; L. J. McLaughtin, Ottumwa, Ia.; E. F. Clayton, Chappell, Neb.; W. E. Page, Chicago; W. H. Williams, Ainsworth, Neb.; J. C. Martin, Mendota Ill.; George S. Foster, St. Louis; S. D. Young, Philadelphia: S. H. Roht, Ben Hayden, Omaha; F. D. Houlette, Lin coln; J. S. Creighton and wife, Creston; G. R. Wright, Sioux City; A. Greig Beatrice; E. E. Gerry and wife, Chi-Uke, Kaussen, N. Deming, N. Keokus, Keokus, cago; J. W. Duke, Kansas City; F. M Forthacre, Hueston, A. Hueston, Keekuk, W. Hell, Nora Springs, Ia. Ia. E. S. Seitz, Tiffin, O.; F. P. Thompson, Netawaka; Charles E. Bensen, Des Moines; J. L. Richards, Buchanan Mich.; C. M. Adams, Ogden, Utah; M. T. Cox, Dubuque; John Stevenson, La Venne, Ia.; G. T. Pennington, St. Paul A. Linton, St. Louis; J. P. Muchn, Chi-cage; C. H. Tate, Boston, Mass.; Ed Stenger, Hermasco; S. Stenger: Hermasco; M. Bosworth, Troy, N. Y.; R. W. Johnson, Omaha; Dr. Keller Hastings; R. M. Thompson, Sutton; P.

H. White, Red Oak; J. E. Crane, Chicago; F. T. Ranson, Nebraska City; L. Angene, Fostoria, Ö. At the Casey-R. C. Martin, Chicago; H. De Laurater, Jackson, Mich.; T. T.

Townsend, R. E. Townsend, Denver; F H. Stevens, Boston; W. L. Stevens Chicago; H. D. James, Columbus, O. Ed McCombs, Des Moines; J. W. Por terfield, Detroit; S. L. Russell, Lincoln; W.V. Spinning, Detroit; L. M. Stevens Des Moines; E. W. Dehlendorf, St. Louis P. P. Mackey, Chicago; J. F. Kratzer, Columbus, O.; F. M. Fitch, Seymour, Ind.; O. G. Walrath, Pittsburg, Pa G. W. Jones, Omaha; E. C. Lee, Mil waukee, E. B. Morian, Dunkirk, N. Y. B. Martin, Lincoln; Paul Beattle

M. Markley,

Rhodes,

Standart.

Moines:

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Newton

E. D. Hammond, Clinton, Ia.:

Lorelock, Charles A. Jones, A

rison, Henry Harrison, Abs Schener

Are Dahomey's Female Warriors Ever Put in Fear. FIERCE AS WILD TIGRESSES

Trained to Arms From Early Childhood, All Womanly Tastes Are Crushed Out of Them-A Curious Institution.

The Women Warriors of Dahomey About one hundred and sixty years ago the king of Dahomey, defeated in battle by a powerful enemy, fled to his capital before his pursuers. In sheer desperation he armed 2,000 of his palace women and sent them out to turn the fortunes of war or perish in the downfall of their master. Victory sided with the female legion; they routed the invaders, and their deeds of valor perpetuated Dahomey to this day. It is not known whether women ever bore arms for their king in Dahomey before, but it is certain that ever since old King Agaja's brilliant expedient of 1728 the most remarkable feature of the country has been its regiments of Amazons, and some of these celebrated female soldiers were found dead the other day among the 200 warriors of the king, the victims of French bullets, who were left on the battlefield in Porto Novo.

There is no doubt that these women died fighting desperately. They are soldiers by profession, says the New York Sun. Other warriors may expect as the meed of victory presents of wives and the pleasures of domesticity. But there is no such agreeable variety in the life of the Amazons. No man may marry them unless the king himself chooses now and then to take a consort from his female army. Bound to a per-petual maidenhood, they know that a cruel death will be their punishment if they are found to violate the laws of chastity. Trained in a school where every womanly septiment is suppressed where they are taught that they are not weak, but strong, and that to know no fear is the crowning excellence they should strive for, no wonder they are unsexed and become unnaturally ferocious. It is a trite saying that women can fall lower than men. It is cortain they can do and dare as much in battle as men, especially in Dahomey. But it is not the policy of the king needlessly to expose his Amazon regiments when he has plenty of men to fight and be killed. In battle they surround and guard the monarch and are usually called into action only when the contest is very hot and close.

It has been the good fortune of two Englishmen, Skertchly and Burton, to study this unique feature of military life in Dahomey. Burton says that as soldiers the Amazons are very formid able enemies. They are armed with flintlocks and load and fire rapidly. Time and again they have shown the most desperate courage and reckless daring. Now and then, however, a great reverse has overtaken the Ama zons, as in 1851 and again in 1864, when they were terribly cut up by the Abbeokutans, and are said to have been killed by hundreds, as the relentless for chased them toward the capital. Skertchly, who lived nearly a year at the king's great town, reports that the Amazens delighted in nothing more than in polishing their gun barrels, which gleamed like silver in the sun. He formed, however, a very poor opinion of their marksmanship, and was ac-

THE BEER KEG WAS EMPTY. resemblance to the cowed and humble bearing of most negro women. Independent and favored as their position is in some respects, life is not exactly a percential picnic for the three An Incident Which is Agitating the Amazon regiments. If they are not drilling of dancing or fighting for the king, they are apt to be scattered far and wide on hunts for ivory, or in other ways adding to his majesty's revenues. Parties from the elephant regiment are sometimes away from the capital two years at a time chasing the elephant. If they do not have the drudgery of carrying the ivory, all the dangers of the chase are theirs, and on one melancholy occasion, a few years ago, twelve of them were killed in a day by a herd of un-

commonly ugly beasts. Many of the men of Dahomey, deep down in their heart, regard the Amazons as an unmitigated nuisance; and little wonder when in the streets of the capital, the poor fellows have to dodge under cover about once every twenty yards so that the uniformed ladies may have a wide

berth. These female soldiers are at once the unique feature and the great weakness of their country; for Dahomey is not so populous that it can afford to keep 4,000 5,000 women in its garrisons. In the natural order of things these women would be the mothers of twelve or fif teen thousand children, and children are the great need of Dahomey, for her population is decreasing. Not only are the additions these women make to the population most insignificant but the women captured in war, who usually in Africa become the wives of their captors, in Dahomey, for the most part, are merely the camp followers of the amazons and under the same restrictions. So, while the king regards

the amazons as the mainstay of his country, forming as they do fully one-half of the regular army of Dahomey, the institution is actually draining the kingdom of its population. The amazons also have a bad effect

upon the country because a large part of the best physical specimens womanhood are absorbed by the army instead of giving hardihood and vigor to the rising generation. Burton says he saw many young and good-looking women among the amazons, but to the jaundiced vision of Skertchly, who could never quite get over his long and monotonous experience of dodging these military females, they appeared

to be an uncommonly tough-looking crowd. We shall hear more of the king's musketeers if the present fight with France goes on. Clipped from Canada Presbyterian, under signature of C. Blackett Robinson, Propr. I was cured of oft recurring billious head

AT SPELLING SCHOOL.

### Taught the Boston Man the Wises Way to Spell.

aches by Burdock Blood Bitters,

We were sitting about the fire in the hotel, says a writer in the Detroit Free Press, when the Story Teller, referring to a yara published in a current paper

as to the rough usage of a man who "spelled down" a western country school, said: "That reminds me of a story." At this, of course, every one urged him to tell his tale, and he said:

"It was away back in the early sev enties. I was then traveling for a Bos-ton school book concern, and one night I brought up in a flourishing little town in eastern Tennessee. I had never been there before, but I soon made friends with the landlord of the hotel, and when I asked him as to possible means of amusement for the evening, he said Well, stranger, I can't say as there's much going on, but you might go to the

spellin' school. It seemed that there was a spelling match to be decided in the town, and I full of foolish confidence in my own

THE MATTER TO BE INVESTIGATED Amicable Settlement of a Complaint Which Had Been Filed Against the Railroads -Capital City News,

Prohibition People.

Prohibitionists Excited. LINCOLN, Neb., March 16 .- | Special to Tun BEE.]-The prohibition people are considerably worked up over a disturbance which occurred at the Domorest medal contest at Roca, a small town in this county. aboutt weive miles from Lincoln. Walle the exercises were in full blast some parties unknown threw a beer keg through the window of the Methodist church in which the meeting was held. The keg struck on the organ and bounded off on the floor without hitting anyone, but a Mr. Stein and the

lady organist were out about the face with the flying fragments of glass, but not seriously injured. A panic among the audience was prevented by the chairman requesting the choir to sing. No trace of the fellows who did the throwing could be found, but the services of a Lincoln detective have been secured. Parenthetically it may be remarked that the keg was empty.

STATE HOUSE BITS. Senator Sutherland of Tekamah has dismissed the complaint filed some months ago against the railroads running into South Omana. He charged that the rate of \$2 a car from Omaha to South Omaha was unjust. The matter has been amicably settled. Jameson Bros, of Stella, owners of a corn meal plant, have filed a complaint with the board of transportation against the Missouri Pacific, claiming that they are being discriminated against. They allege that the discrimination amounts to 5 cents per hun-dred between Stella and St. Louis, and 11 cents between Stella and Boston, and also that the wheat millers are given the same rate as they get, while the value of flour is four times greater than that of corn meal As the matter is interstate, it will be laid bcfore the commissioners on their visit here Tuesday.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

Herman Waltemade has shied his castor in the ring for the republican nomination of alderman from the Third. This ward will probably see the prettiest fight of all. Waltemade represents the liquor interests, Har-greaves the business men, Burns the laboring men, while Griffith and Graham are dark horses.

George Cranor, the bad man from the west, who attempted to snuff out Theodore Varner's life light, has been bound over to district court in the sum of \$500. He could not secure bondsmen and now reposes in the county jail.

C. A. Atkinson delivered an interesting address to young men at the association par lors yesterday afternoon.

Rev. F. S. Stein preached at St. Paul M. E. church last night on "Legalized Crime."

It was a genuine prohibition speech. A call has been issued by Chairman Tal-bot for a neeting of all the ward committeemen of the republicans at room 45, Burr block, Wednesday evening. This will be the first gun of the city campaign. The offices to be filled are police judge, cemetery trustee, three members of the school board, one councilman from each of the wards ex-Two bond propositions, one for \$100,000 intersection paying and one for \$20,000 sewer extension, will be submitted. The city attorney has decided that voters who registered last fall need not do so for this elec

The probabilities are that Lincoln will not have over thirty-four saloons this year. The march of improvement has driven a half dozen or more out of their old haunts, while the threatened occupation tax has deterred some from entering. Mr. Mendelssohn, the Omaha architect

whose plans have been adopted by the new hotel company, abnounces that contracts for preliminary work will be let March 28, and promises to have the building ready for occupancy January 1 next. The building will ability, attended and submitted to the 125 feet on Ninth street and 134 on either six or seven stories in height, and will cost \$200,000. The hotel will be fireproof, with 175 or 200 guest chambers. A big delegation of the Lancoln lodge of Hibernians will go down to Tec morrow morning to attend the St. Patrick's day celebration.

about a two-candle power and you neither read nor dress nor sit still and think by it. The hotel bedroom is exclusively a bedroom. It's good to sleep in and nothing else. If there was any economy in making it uncomfortable inconvenient, I wouldn't kick. But any man who has ever traveled knows that the landlord often goes to great expense of money and trouble to arrange his bedroom to the greatest inconvenience of the guest who may have an insane notion that he would like to read and write in his own room.

#### The Club in Omaha.

The directors of the Omaha Traveling Men's club held a meeting at Darrow & Logan's last Friday afternoon. A committee was appointed to get estimates as to furnishings for the chub rooms and report at the next meeting of the directors. Neatness and elegance are to be distinguishing features of the club room appointments. No business house will be approached in any way, shape or form for a contribution of furniture or anything else in the way of furnishings. The club can and will set up in housekeeping out of its own pocket-and thus will all the members feel the more perfectly satisfied. - It has been about decided upon to take the suite of five or six rooms on the fifth floor of the board of trade building, the officers of that institution having guaranteed elevator service at night.

#### Knew His Business.

If a drummer for a certain Cleveland grocery house meets a certain drummer for a Pittsburg concern, of the same denomination, it is extremely probable that a sharp broadax will be utilized by the party of the first part. "I have heard of gall," said he. "I have read of it, I've seen exhibitions of it, but never until yesterday did I realize what it really was. I was engaged with one of your leading grocers from whom 1 expected to receive an order. While I was taking to him in came that little dude who travels for Blank & Co. of Pittsburg. He waltred in with his pretty little Spanish walk, says 'howdy' me and asks if I will excuse Mr. Groceryman for just a minute as he is in an awful hurry. Well, he dan't have his grip or any samples with him so of course I said certainly He takes mister man over to a corner buzzes him for five minutes, comes back, says 'tra la la' to me and flutters When the merchant came back mut. showed him an article that I though would hit him big. 'Why,' says he. 'I just gave Blank & Co.'s man an order for twenty gross of that.' I had let that little Monongahela monkey skip in and take that order right under my nose. But nover mind, there will be an atrocious murder committed some fine day and Blank & Co. will bx hustling for a new man.

#### Accepted the Challenge.

CRETE, Neb., March 13 .- To the Editor of the Commercial Columns of THE BEE: Having noticed in a recent issue of THE BEE a challenge from the accomplished daughters of the landlord of the Midland hotel, Shickley, Neb. to any two "Knights of the Grlp" for a series of high-five. A very popular grocery man accompanied by a tobacco man, after a sufficient amount of insisting (on the part of the ladies) were in-duced to try a series of three games.

and fifty thousand? Is that all? can dred Well, I guess I don't want the paper. "Ah, what's de matter wid you," answered the newsboy; "do yer want ter burn up de city o' New York for a cent.

the truth," said a passer by.

town-extra!"

Samples.

Will Hedden, that amiable gentleman from south of Mason and Dixon's line, is again circling in this vicinity. Jack Marshall has just finished another long and very successful trip, and

floated forth again. C. K. Coleman, D. V. Farwell & Co.'s

popular salesman, tarried in Omaha a few hours last Friday. Charley reports that spring trade is opening up in good shape.

D. F. Stout returned from a successful trip from western Nebraska and Colorado last week.

The Southern Traveler, published at Union Point, Ga., prints a column of Omaha Traveling Men's club news, taken from THE BEE of a week ago. The Traveler is a breezy, thorough going eight-paged weekly by Mr. J. R. Watts. THE BEE will add that the Omaha Traveling Men's club now has 175 members and is a hummer.

A druggist in Texas got mad and had a man arrested for calling him a thief the customer asked him: 'What is you robject in charging such a price? A Grand Island society belle sends in

the following beautiful little verse on the male belle of the ball:

He annees divinely. Sings sweet accord, Paints like a Raphiel And gets drunk as a lord.

There is two feet of snow on Marshall Pass, four feet at Crested Butte, six feet at Red Mountain and we can't tell

how much in Silverton until next summer; but the boys are making the territory just the same, and are blowing holes through the snow with their mellow voices and low prices. The Rio Grande and the class of traveling men who cover that territory never say fail, but all keep right on gettin' there.

Grant L. Davis, a commercial trav eler, met his death at Auburn, N. Y. one night last week, and the circumstarces attending the accident make it particularly sad. Davis took the train on the Southern Central at Weedsport for Auburn. The train was on time. and, in accordance with orders, stopped on the bridge where the railroad crosses the Owasco outlet, between West and Clark streets. This stop is made by every train to await a signal that there is no danger in crossing the Now York Central tracks, only a few rods distant. The stop was brief and ns the signal was given the train started. Evidently with the idea that the train had made its stop for Auburn, Davis, who occupied a sent with a friend in the smoking car, arose, grabbed his bags and left the car. He stepped off on the west side into the creek, which is twenty feet below.

Will H. Hearn, representing Gebbie & Co. of Philadelphia, made northern Missouri last week. He solis only what is new, novel and artistic from the Quaker city.

W. C. Gilbert travels for Swartchild Co. of Chicago. He sold jewelers, findings and optical goods through northern Missouri last week.

Mo.,

C. S. Seeber, representing the Stewart Bros, of St. Joe, was battling with the natives at Burlington Junction, last Friday and succeeded in securing several very valuable orders. Captain M. C. Christy, with the

by all Americans. M. Conlong, salesman for Keline & Felt of Council Bluffs, made towns along cinnati; the Chicago & Northwestern this week taking numerous orders.

Abbie Hobbs, with the Consolidated Coffee company, proved a character the past week at Missouri Valley, Logan, Woodbine, Dunlap und Dennison, taking the scalps of numerous customers.

Earl Gleason, with the grocery house of Groneweg & Schrontgen, Council Bluffs, worked his trade along the line of the Chicago & Northwestern the past week. Earl has his trade down pat. C. E. Wilkins, the Iowa rustler for

Peycke Brothers company of Omaha, sold some good orders this week along Escapaba. the line of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. Charley visits 100 towns in western Iowa every thirty days.

Omaha houses will, ere long, monop olize the jobbing trade of western Iowa. At the 1 otels.

At the Windsor-L. Schwartz, Mil-waukee; I. D. Deifubnugh, Freeport, Ill.; H. Lehman, Chicago; Ed. Oswald, Wood River; R. R. Kuby, San Francisco, Cal.; S. Osthenur, Chicago; R. E. Townrem, Ohio City; S. T. Townrum, Ohio City; O. H. White, Lincoln W. McLaughlin, Milford; A. A. Doug-las, Mansheld, O.; W. T. Canada, Omaha; T. L. Oswald, Wood River; H. A. Dorner, Cozad: Charles H. Sawyer; San Francisco; A. Bowman, Gresham; E. Jones, Philadelphia; M. L. Burnett, Fairmont; D. A. Campbell Hillsdale; F. B. Compton, Waverly, Pa. E. M. Wherry, North Platte; C. E. Salterfield, Endicott; Robert Cohn, Chicago; G. W. Gill, Chicago; J. T. Yerkes St. Joe, Mo.; A. Gillespie, Chicago; J R. Montgomery, Los Augeles; J. E.

Byers, Chicago: Milton Doris, Fremont S. A. Cox, Freeport; J. W. Doris, Chicago; M. Goodwan Famley, Chicago; W. Brown, Beoria, Ill.; Simon Zanan sky, Chicago; F. C. Wood, Omaha. At the Paston-John L. Zeidler, St Joseph: James Schmaltz, Chicage: Wal lace Sherman, New York; W. N. Lovit. Kansas City; Alfred Day, Stenbenville:

H. H. Robinson, Kimball, G. G. San born, Philadelphia; Charles Meredith, Chicago; Fred R. Luce, Grand Rapids lames Lee, Raudolph, N. Y.; Robert Hood, Chadron; S. Van Horo, Call fornia; George M. Ball, Philadel-phia; J. N. Scott, Atlantic; George Von Schroeder, St. Louis: A. E. Chotey, Marica, O.; Charles F. Bond, Beaver Falls; John H. Drake, Aberdeen, Dak.; S. C. Lippelman Aberdeen, Dak.; J. H. Fietcher, Aber deen, Dak.; L. Jacoby, Des Moines; J. P. Saulpaugh, New York; W. H. Kit patrick, Beatrice; J. D. Kilpatrick, Beatrice; F. C. Fisher, Wood River; H. Alsop, Chicago; George Mitchell, Casper; . B. Johnston, Chicago; M. Bosworth, Topeka; H. Hofferksmp, St. Louis; Elmer E. Ustick, Chicago; A. M. E. Sterns, Blodgett, Kansas City; W. Leavenworth; D. Weite, Buffalo; J. C. Gavitt, New York; J. R. Gillen, Davenport; George B. Kerlin, Storm Lake; W. B. Jones, Codar Rapids; S. O. Brooks, Detroit; J. Connolly, Grafton; R. S. Towne, Kansas City; C. Cusper. B. C. Robbins, New York; Dan Morgan Cincinnati: John H. White, Salt Lak lity; A. Mather, Chadron; P. M. Kerst, St. Paul; R. E. Lindsay, Davenport; O. J. Hatch, Littleton; S. N. Burreli, St.

Louis; S. S. Hadley, Cedar Rapids, John Keith, North Platte. At the Barker-T. B. Ferguson, St. Joseph, Mo.; Daniel Rufer, Red Oak, Ia.; M. Johnson, Chicago; J. J. Dolan, Atlantic, Ia.; E. M. McAdams, Port-

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tuaily so ungallant as to say that if the Chicago; J. J. Jones, Chicago, F. Standart, Detroit; J. M. Lusk, Cinhit a haystack it would probably be purely accidental.

Des The flower of the fair sex of Dahomey De is likely to get into the army as well as Moines; E. J. Belford, New York; nearly all the strong-minded women, the viragos, the unfaithful wives and J. A Cummings, Des Moines; E. B. Knight the unfortunate females who, judged by Ancoln; J. V. Studley, St. Louis; J. L. the standards of the country are who'ly Torticiti, Galesburg, Ill.; E. W. Dehlunattractive and undesirable as a part indoff, St. Louis; George Clark, C. M. of the household furniture. Before a Davis, N. Hirsch, B. T. Hill, Chicago man can wed he must send the lady of M. C. Johnson, Boston; W. E. Tower New York; S. M. Hartigan, N. Lippett his choice to the king, who, if it pleases him, drafts her into the army without W. E. Hall, J. A. Bliss, J. E. Jenkins any regard for the feelings of the de-Chicago: George Mellard, Burlington. spoiled bridegroom. The army is a Ia.; C. Wommelsdorff, Omaha; W. E. convenient receptacle for women whose Cook, Blue Rock, Ark.; C. M. Paris. husbands, for one reason or an other. Cedar Rapids, Ia.; J. H. Brotherton, desire to get rid of them. It is a curi ous fact that while an Amozon can never At the Murray-R. V. Simms, H. H wed, married women who enter one of Shaw, P. W. Britton, C. K. Coleman the regiments are allowed to maintain W. G. Pennington, August Rohe, L. T. Kirsch, E. G. Patridge, F. P. Kendall S. Saelsy, A. W. Pullen, George M. relations with their husbands; but all their female children are Amazons from birth, and the only future before them is the celibate life of the soldier.

Clark, I. Eisler, George A. Hill, M. Whenever the amazons are on pa Willner, M. K. Sherwood, Chicago rade a show corps is seen, composed of Ed Butler, L. H. Day, Morris Hahn, E. Baruch, John P. Gill, P. H. Good little girls ten or lifteen years of age, who march with toy weapons, dance rich, M. Stonehill, L. Powell, Sam Harand sing, and live with the warriors. but do not go on campaigns with them New York; S. Bierman, August Beiling, J. M. Bates, E. T. Lyon, R. E. until they are strong enough to handle fintiock. They are the amazons of Govener, S. Schaffer, J. A. Hamilton. the future, undergoing a process of H. E. Hackman, J. W. Sanders, St hardening discipline, brutalizing alike Louis: G. V. Featherly, Detroit; M. Lonenthal, Rocnester, N. Y.; A. J. to mind and feelings, which shall fit them to take their places among the Taylor, Rock Island; C. C. Hoefer fierce women fighters of Dahomey. Strange lives these women lead. In

Kansas City; O. Latham, Indianapolis H. W. Anderson, Boston; W. J. Stone. the streets of the capital and on the Kansas City; John Kinkaid, Burky highways of the kingdom they are Col.; C. McCrave, Cleveland; S. A more isolated from the other sex than Winkler, Milwaukee; S. Stin, Chester any nun. The man who dares to keep the road when a squad of amazons ap At the Millard-G. T. McComb proachs pays for his temerity with his Pittsburg, Pa.; C. Houay, Chicago; S. G. Hutchinson, St. Joseph, Mo.; A. B. life. The well-known tinkle of the amazon bell makes proclamation to all Wengaa, Kansas City; F. H. Howe, Des the male creation that it is high time Moines; E. H. Faucett, Kansas City; V. A. Schneider, jr., New Orleans; J. Giefry, Buffalo, N. Y.; G. C. Hewitt, to skurry down the byways or ingloriously retreat to avoid meeting the king's warriors. Skertchiy says it made his blood boil to be com-Aspen, Col.; C. F. Conn, New York; W. W. Brige, North Platte; M. J. Stern, Chicago; S. L. Rand, New York; Lewis pelled to slink out of view like a thief whenever he heard that odious bell . Hart, New York; R. I. Millar, New and the proudest moment of his life was York: H. Kaufman, Peoria: Lee Coodell when he was able boldly to face these Chicago; P. A. McAllister, Milwaukee. astonished damsels, and thrust befor H. E. Beileau, Chicago; F. T. Bag-gerly, Chicago; Ray Doúson, St. Louis; W. O. Everett, Mitwaukee; their eyes the king's lion stick, which showed that he had as good a right to his majesty's highway as any Amazon F. C. Brantigan, Chicago; George H. and could even stare her out of counte Ferris, St. Louis; E. J. Goodrich, New York; T. M. Brintnall, William E. nance if it afforded him amusement. Of course, on public occasions, when Patterson, Kansas Gity; W. G. Dennis the Amazons are out for exhibition pur Rochester; C. Hellay, Chicago; Charles poses, all the world may look at them; but at other times it behooves the lords of creation, from the crown prince to the humblest slave, to take to the woods if they see these mighty beings approaching.

The fair warriors of Dahomey have no menial drudgery to dull the fine edge Women capof their martial spirits. tured in war, and not a few females too of their own people, are cooks and water carriers and beasts of burden for the Amazon regiments. She is indeed lucky soldier whom the king promote to the most sacred precincts of the palace; for she becomes one of the Leopard wives, and has privileges not conceded to the rest of the royal household. Perhaps, however, she has yearn ings now and then for the old life, when she shouldered a musket. dressed in a uniform of variegated colors, including jacket, skirt, cross straps and leather ammunition bag, and swaggered along the road while all the gentlemen of the kingdom scampered for dear life. Burton says the training of the Amazon begets in them a bold, free manner, and a swagger in their gait which has no and Douglas.

process of "choosing sides." It never occurred to me that there could possibly be any feeling either between sides or between individuals as to the

result. The building in which the contest occurred was a tumble-down frame and log structure, the lines of which outside suggested an iminent collapse and within which a great fire in the stack chimmey at the end cast the only light upon the barc benches save that which was given from the two candles burning upon the desk of the schoolmaster which was mounted upon a low and

rough rostrum. When I reached the building it was reasonably well filled. Great strapping youths in jeans or homespun offset the girls-many of them very pretty, in homespun or calico. The only man in building except myself, who wore a white shirt and store clothes" was the lanky schoolmaster, six feet and a couple of inches tall at least, and grace-

ful as a 10 months old calf. Mind, 1 never knew how serious matter "spelling down" is, and when, they asked me to go in, I simply went in, sure that there could be no danger that any of the rustic crowd could spell me down. The work began, and boys

and girls, right and left, sat down on words of three syllables. Soon there were only twenty of the original forty contestants; then only fifteen; then only ten, at last only five The words grew harder and harder.

saw obvious signs of discontent. The girls did not like to be spelled down or the boys to have the girls defeated. The words grew still harder. One two, three of the five spellers fell by the wayside and at last only two of us stood-the prettiest girl in the house and L. At last the schoolmaster called out to me "hippopotamus." WHS B

easy as falling from a log until I felt a hot breath at my ear, and a voice hissed: "Spell it with one 'p,' mister druggists. 'nless you wanter get licked. Tha

thar's my girl; spell her down if you dare. I spelled it with one "p" and sat

down.

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grieved and frightened by her tones and the seeds thus sown of love and gentleness or of harshness and impa tience, are sure to bear fruit in his later development, and exert a strong influ ence in mellowing his future character and preparing it to centend the botter with the roughness of the world.

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Dr. A. G. Warner, one of the best known political economists of the west, will speak at the Chautauqua meeting Tuesday night on "City Taxes."

Detective Plunkett of Chicago is in the city for the purpose of presenting a regulsi-tion for a Chicago woman who is now in

Omaha. J. W. Cutright, for the past year city editor of the Evening Call, will assume the duties of Omaha correspondent of the Lincoln Journal on the 25th inst.

Colonel Harry Hotchkiss was the unanimous choice for venerable consul of the new Modern Woodmen lodge.

Two children of James Tyler and a son of J. Y. Lansing are down with scarlet fever, and the houses have been quarantined by the board of health.

C. W. Johnson alias James Ritchey was arrested last evening on the charge of steal-ing a horse from L. K. Holmes, but was soon afterwards released, as he proved to be the wrong man. Colonel Ritchey was inquiring for the whereabouts of a lawyer today, avowing his intention of bringing suit for damages

The aid of the police was asked and given last evening in securing the return to her relatives of Betty Hall, who had left her cousin's home because they desired her to marry a Nebraska City man named James Botts, who has been paying the girl attention. Botts is a widower with two children, and Miss Betty is in an interesting condition. All the parties are colored.

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cago; T. R. Howard, Louisville; Will ham N. Ketcheum, Chicago; W. S laytor, St. Joseph; P. H. Cadwalader F. D. Babcock, Chicago; J. S. Glibbs Binghampton, N. Y.; Ban Bergfield New York; O. L. Goodwin, Boston; Plattosburg, Chicago; Thomas M. Beil, Philadelphia; E. L. Strong, H. G. Alcos, G. E. Harris, P. W. Smith, New York; D. B. McDohald, Detroit; G. Correll, Waltham, Mass.; H. M. Tailman, Providence, R. I.