## FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Fire Broaks Out in the Saddlery Department of the Penitentiary.

ONLY SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS DAMAGE.

Capture of a Man Who is Charged With Swindling a Money Loaner-News About the State House.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 5 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-A fire broke out near the sewing machine in the saddlery department of the state penitentiary today and before the flames could be extinguished \$500 worth of damage was done. The prompt action of the convicts was all that saved the building from being consumed. The loss was fully covered by insurance in the San Francisco, the American Life of Philadelphia and the South British Insurance companies.

CAPTURED AT LAST. A year ago Dan Shoop went to Mr. L. C. Young a money loaner of this place, and with a very plausible story managed to secure aloan of several handred dollars on property owned by him and also on certain imaginary property. After securing the money it is alleged that Shoop sold his mortgaged goods and disappeared, forgetting to first leave his prospective address with the money leaner. Warrants charging Shoop with obtaining money under false pretenses with obtaining money under false pretensors
were sworn out by Young, but the officers
failed to find Shoop. The matter was put
into the hands of ex-Constable L. Beach, who
after several months' correspondence learned
that his man was in Arkansas. Requisition
papers were issued and Special Officer Youman of the Missouri Pacific was sent to that
state to bring the culprit back. He succeeded
in capturing him and this morning turned
him over to the Lincoln authorities.

PLUED WITH LIQUOR AND BUINED. Mary R. Titus is a pretty country girl of only fourteen years and is as innocent as a child of four. Her father lives on a farm near Saltillo and in order to have his daughter learn something more of the world than what she saw in her own household, Mr. Titus allowed her to go to the home of a friend named Denman, a farmer near Denton. Yesterday she got off the train here to change cars and while sitting in the depot a railroad man approached her and by pretend ing to be well acquainted with her family succeeded in getting her to go with him for a drink of lemonade. Instead of taking her to a restaurant he led her to a wine room, where he got her intoxicated and he in company with two pals took the helpless girl to a room where her ruin was accomplished. A fourth fellow, Charles Burns, was also let into the room and was captured this morning at the place by the police, who had got wind of the terrible affair. Two of the other fellows have also been cuight by the officers, but the police refuse to divulge their names until the other scoundrel is also run in. STATE HOUSENEWS.

The following moneyed institutions were incorporated today: State bank of Holdrege, capital stock, \$50,000. State bank of Arlington, capital stock, \$50,000. Midland State bank of Omaha, capital stock, \$100,000. The Way type writing company of Ord, capital stock, \$40,000.

Bead Cook, of Land Commissioner Steen's office, was badly burnt yesterday by the explosion of a large fire cracker in his face and is unable to attend to his duties today.

CLOTHING THIEVES. Thieves sneaked into John Nelson's room

and appropriated a silver watch and a blue cutaway coat and vest. LOVE LAUGHS AT LOCKSMITHS

The theme of the gossips today in Lincoln is the love scrape in which Mr. Samuel G. Owen and Mrs. Jennie T. Disch figured as the Remeo and Juliet. Mr. Owen is a heavyheaded man of wealth who will soon be sixty Needed has been a widower for three years, and over ten years ago his youngest child was married. He has of late become very much married. He has of late become very much smitten with Mrs. Jennie T. Disch, a plump and comely grass widow, who secured a divorce from her husband only twelve weeks ago. The relatives of the old man viewed first with consternation and then with indignation the infatuation of the aged lover, but he turned a deaf ear to their entreaties.

Owen is the proprietor of severe brick blocks in the city of Lincoln, of course his attentions were not odious to the divorced lady and she expressed a willingness to be-come the partner of the old man and share with him his loys and his handsome income from rents. Owen wished to be spliced at once and the lady consented. There is a law in the state of Nebraska that prevents a divorced person marrying inside of six months. But love laughs at laws as well as bars and the giddy couple hied away to I owa where a person can secure a divorce and be married again all in one day. The old man's heirs were determined that

The old man's heirs were determined that no healthy looking grass widow with the prospect of a long life before her should rob them of their inheritance and they watched the mysterious actions of the couple. Some how it was learned that the two were bound for Council Bluffs to become man and wife, and to prevent the union a telegram was sent to the county clerk of Pottawatamic county aduring him and tawatamie county adjuring him by all means not to grant a marriage license to the old man

as he was either drunk or crazy. When the silvery headed lover with his buxom tootsy wootsy appeared at the county clerk's office in Council Bluffs and asked smilingly for a marriage license he was fiatly refused. Expostulations and attempted bribes of hundreds of dollars were all in vain. The clerk refused to grant the license, giving as a on to soothe the old man's feelings the fact that there was no witness with them to establish their identity. The pair departed Serrowfully, but as they have not yet made Sheir appearance in Lincoln it is believed that they are seeking a state where too many questions are not asked candidates for matri-

### PURE IMPERTINENCE.

The New York Voice Wants More Information.

Hastings Nebraskan: The New York Voice, subsidized organ of the Nebraska prohibition party, which is terribly interested in seeing the prohibition amendment carry in this state, has mailed a circular letter to every gentleman in the city who signed the bankers and business men's circular recently circulated. In nine cases out of ten, to our personal knowledge, the letter was thrown into the waste basket by the recipients, they considering it a piece of cheeky impertinence for the foreign sheet to question or even want to know their motive or right to express their convictions on the question of prohibition. Mr. C. H. Dietrich, however, has taken the time to reply to the communication and as we have conversed with a majority of the signers of the Roggen circular his reply reflects the generally expressed sentiment of

all. The letter is as follows:

Hasrings, Neb., July 1.—To the Editor of
the Voice, New York City: In answer to
yours of the 25th inst., will say: I personally
witnessed the signing of nearly every firm
and individual on the Hastings list against
the prohibition amendment. It was signed
by themselves, and with a full knowledge of
what they were doing. The list represents what they were doing. The list represents fully to percent of the commercial interest of this city. It also represents the men who have contributed no less than 75 per cent of all the money used for public, charitable and religious purposes in Hastings. Many of these men are members and officers of our various religious denominations, and we are proud of their true christian as 4 moral characters. I know, either personally or by reputation, mearly all of the men who have signed the document in the other cities of the state, know that to them is largely due the building up of our commercial, religious and educational institutions to a point far above any other state in the union, considering ago and population. You cannot legislate brains

and population. You cannot legislate brains and will power into those who need them to resist unnatural desires and passions. Humanity can only be bettered by example, moral sussion and education, not by law, famaticism or racks of terture.

The religion of Turkey forbids the use of alcoholic stimulants. The Turks' desires and passions have taken another form, and we have the result. The study large-brained.

broad-gauged Germans have given us the greatest educators and educational institutions in the world.

High license, backed by a heavy bond with strict laws and severe punishments for of-fenses for violating the same naturally makes detectives out of the legitimate dealer, who complies with the law, to see to lit that no liquor is sold through any of the methods employed for obtaining the same in probabilition states. Without license all men who desure to use or sell liquor are equally interested in protecting each other in their violations of the law.

In conclusion I would suggest, that inas-much as you are working in the interest of God, home and morality, without any mercen-ary thought whatever, that you bereafter cmploy your time and talents advancing and edu-cating the unfortunate people of prohibition. Turkey, rather than endangering the pros-perity of a state that by wise and conserva-tive action, has accomplished more in a shorter time than any other state or nation, shorter time than any other state of ration, to build up a reputation religiously, educa-tionally, morally and financially. Personally, I am vice president of the Business Mea and Basker's association and

never have used intoxicating drinks or to-bacco; and there are many others in this as-sociation who are also total abstainers. Yours C. H. DEITRICH.

The Independent People's Call.

Lincoln, Neb., July 5,-[Special to fire Bee.]—The call for a people's independent state convention has been issued, as follows: state convention has been issued, as follows:
In pursuance of the duty devolving upon us
by the above appointment we hereby announce that a people's independent state convention will be held in Bohanan hall, Lincoln,
Neb. Theesday, July 23, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m.,
for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following state offices, viz.
Governor, Eleutenant-governor, secretary of
state, auditor of public accounts state treasurer, attorney general commissioner of public lands and buildings, superintendent of
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other business that may properly come before
the convention.

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All persons who accept the declaration of principies published and creulated by the people scommittee are hereby invited to participate in the selection of delegates to this people sconvention, regardless of pust political affiliations.

We also recommend that the people in the different precincts meet at their regular politing places to choose delegates to their county conventions on Thursday, July 3, at50 clock p.m. and that the delegates so their county conventions on Saturday, July 35, is the afternoon. We also recommend that all such county conventions appoint county committees for the conduct of the campalight.

We also recommend that the delegates chosen in the First congressional district constitute a congressional convention for that district to be convened immediately on the adjournment of the state convention.

No provies will be admitted. Delegates present will east the full vote of their county. The different counties will be entitled to delegates as follows, based upon the industrial organization is said counties, viz.

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The above call is accompanied by the following address:
Originally a call was issued by the alliance men of several counties for a distinctively alliance convention. This not being thought in accordance with the constitution, and it being feared that such a convention might disrupt the alliance, its promoters thought it best to withdraw their call, and a declaration of principles and a petition for a people's independent convention was sent out. It was expressly explained that this was not to be distinctively an alliance convention, and that its members were under no obligations to support it. This understanding averted the danger of disrupting the alliance, and at the same time resulted in the most unanimous uprising of the people that has ever taken place in the country.

It is probable that nearly or quite 25,000 names have already been signed to that declaration. The convention is called and will be held. While it is not distinctively an alliance convention, the

names have already been signed to that deciaration. The convention is called and will be held. While it is not distinctively an alliance convention, the principles of the declaration are alliance principles and the general public will hold the alliance responsible for the convention and its results. What seems to be our duty under these circumstances? It seems to be right that we should control what we will be held responsible for; that we should show that the 70.050 members of the alliance are the people; that we should see to it that that convention is composed of the best men in the state, that it selects a good ticket, made up of "pure and henorable men." and that the ticket is triumphantly elected.

The alliance has 70.000 members in Nebraska. A change of 15.000 votes will elect the people's ticket. Twenty thousand men have already pledged themselves to support such a ticket. There seems to be no doubt whatever about our duty. It is to stand by this movement, with all our strength and take possession of the government of this state in the name of the people and of pure government. While the state alliance is not a political party, its objects are political reform, and these cannot be accomplished without political action. We therefore carnestly recommend that every alliance man in Nebraska make it his special duty to attend the primaries and aid in selecting the ablest and most honest men to compose the county conventions which are recommended in this call can also consider any local matters which necessity requires.

We wish specially to invite your attention to the need of watching your senatorial districts. The control of a very small number of senators may give the corporate power control of the state senate, in which case all efforts for legislation in the interests of the farmers would be fullie. No man should receive your suffrages for senator who is not only above suspicion, but who is not already specifically pledged to support the measures we demand. The road of the candidates who will not pledge

armers should be made a rocky road. IOBN H. POWERS, President State Alliance. M. Thompson, Secretary State Alliance. Burnows, Chairman State Executive Com-

DECEIVED THE WIDOW.

How a Hero's Pension Disappeared

Through Sharp Practice. Mary Gagan of Valley, widow of John Gagan, a soldier in the war, who was granted a pension of \$2,246 recently for her husband's death in the nation's service, appealed to United States Attorney Baker for assistnnee in recovering the money from J. B. Moore of Elk City, whom she alleges, gained possession of the funds by false pretenses and fraud.

She says that bloore who did some correspondence for her with attorneys in Wash-

spendence for her with attorneys in Washington, presented a paper to her claiming that her signature was necessary to it in order to obtain the pension. She signed it and it, developed that the document was a power of attorney. Under this she says Moore drew her money. After a time he put in a statement showing various small items paid and then told her that he had purchased forty acres of valuable land for her, for which he claimed he paid \$1.000. Subsequent developments showed a \$1,000. Subsequent developments showed a mortgage of \$800 oe pthroperty and she claims a general misuse of her funds.

A Happy Engagement, The engagement of Mr. S. G. V. Griswold and Miss Gundle S. Coburn has been for-

mally announced. Mr. Griswold is a member of THE BEE staff, while his financee is the daughter of Mr, and Mrs. William Coburn of this city. Miss Coburn is one of the most beautiful and accomplished of Omaha's young ladies,

whose debut in society has been followed by the popularity which always attends such gifted young women.

Mr. Grisweld is one of the most versatile passions have taken another form, and we move the result. The sturdy, large-brained,

FIGHTING FOR THE KNIGHTS. Railroad Men After the Delegations

Bound for Milwaukee. Up to a late hour last night the railroad agents were still fighting to see which could secure the Pythian delegation going from Nebraska to Milwaukee. All day the wires were kept hot with messages to local representatives throughout the state, while between John Francis, Bob Ritchie, Fred Nash and Jim De Bevois the situation here developed many interesting features.

That circular issued by W. L. Dayton, brigadler general of the order, stating that lassmuch as the committee on transportation had failed to secure a better rate than one fare for the round trip, himself and staff would go over the Bur-lington, and inviting all knights to join them, created quite a breezy sensution in certain circles. It roused the ire of Captain Heywood and made Ritchie very sngry. The latter has been claiming all along that his line, the Northwestern, was selected several weeks ago as the official route, and Hey-wood, who is a member of the committee,

backed him up.

Francis and Nash, however, refused to grant Mr. Ritchie's road any such distinction and sailed in to get whatever proportion of the business they could. De Bevoise felt and acted the same way. He said nothing

and acted the same way. He said nothing but sawed wood.

Heywood declared that Dayton had no authority, no right to issue such a circular. He, too, is a member of the committee. He said: "As our last meeting we took a vote and decided to go on the Northwestern, and the Second regiment, composed of Omaha lodges, has also arranged to go that way." "Dayton did this," declared another gentleman, because he has an annual pass on the Burlington, and is in the employ of that corporation." "There is a great deal of interesting inside history to the whole deal, but whether or not

history to the whole deal, but whether or not it will ever-come out is the question. Yes-terlay morning the Rock Island had secured teriay morning the Rock Island had secured Lincoln division, but before 3 o'clock lost it again. In the meantime the Northwestern perfected arrangements to furnish a special train, which will carry both the Lincoln and Omaha delegations. However, Nebraska's representatives will not go as a body. Same have purchased their tickets over the Burlington, some over the Milwaukee, and a goodly number over the Rock Island. number over the Rock Island.

George W. Shepperd, an attorney of Bloomington, Neb., is taking treatment for his cataerh with Dr. Birney, the

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A. A. Egbert has brought suit against A. C. Griffin for \$1,200 on a note.

Rev. Dr Robert R. Meredith of Brooklyn, N. Y., will preach in the St. Mary's avenue Congregational church this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Dr. Meredith is one of the strongest and most elequent men of the denomination. There will be no evening service. Sunday school at noon.

The Misses Lulu and Minnie Hornberger will give a "Wish Bone party" in honor of their guests, the Misses Davenport and Moore of Kansas City, on Thursday evening, First Congregational church, Nineteenth

First Congregational church. Nineteenth and Davenport streets, Dr. J. T. Duryea, pastor, residence 2402 Cass street. Sunday morning services at 10:30, immediately followed by Sanday school. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Prayor and praise meetings Wednesday evening at 7:45. All are welcome.

move to Omaha and begin work this week, The Ladies' Ald society will give a lawn octable at the residence of Mr. C. J. Canan, 2814 Hamilton street, next Thursday evenng. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Arrangements are being made to have a

"Demorest Medal" contest Tuesday evening by members of the Sabbath school. Dean Gardner will preach in the cathedral this morning at 11 o'clock on "Citizenship." This evening at 7:45 on "Showing Your Colors.

Chaplain Nave will occupy the pulpit of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Kountze Place, Sunday morning, preaching on 'The Relation of the Pulpit to the Standing

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

S. P. Morse returned yesterday from New

D. W. Haynes of the Boyd management, left for the east last evening.
E. H. Heyman of Heyman & Deiches, re-

Mrs. J. A. Robinson is visiting friends in hicago. She will return about August 1. Mrs. Fred H. Martin of Los Aug des, Cal. s visiting her mother, Mrs. John Reed, 1811 Hugo Brandies leaves Monday evening to

in the Knights of Pythias encampment at Milwaukee. W. F. Bechel, D. W. Haynes, Edward Larkin, Dr. H. W. Hyde, and several other members of Omaha ledge, No. 39, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, left for Cleveland yesterday afternoon to attend the annual re-union and grand lodge which convenes there

on Tuesday. Mr. J. J. Donnelly, jr., manager of the American District Telegraph company, leaves today for a four weeks' trip to the Pacific He will be accompanied by his wife and his wife's mother-in-law, Mrs. Lawson. Mr. Donnelly's attention to the arduous details of his office for some time past entitles him to a rest, and his enjoyment of the same will be appreciated by all his friends.

Building Permits. Permits to build were issued as folows by the superintendent of buildings yes-

1.650

Four permits aggregating ...... A Very Swell Burglar.

J. S. Baldwin, alias C. A. Lilly, escaped from the Louisiana penitentiary and was probably drowned. Baldwin was a social leader in western Louisiana. He made love to young girls and burglarized their houses later on, says a New Orleans dispatch to the Chicago Tribune. He was finally chased out of New Orleans, went to Fayette-ville, Ark., cracked a crib while doing the society act, was sent up for four years, jumped from a train and escaped, turned up again in New Orleans, was caught while burglarizing a tailorshop, twice nearly dug his way out of prison.

and never came to the surface. Editor E. H. Purcell of Verdigree, Neb., is highly pleased with Dr. Birney' new electric treatment of catarrh.

was then sent on a boat to work with

other convicts on the Vita crevasse,

broke his chains, jumped into the river

DIED. POWELL-July 4 at 9 p. m. Clement W Powell, of paralysis of the heart. Funeral service at 5 p. m. at the Trinity cathedral, Dean Gardiner officiating.

## nestly congratulate him upon his good for-

THE OFFICE OFTEN WENT BEGGING.

A Reminiscence of the Struggle for Supremacy Between Omaha and the Bluffs-A Lottery's Aid.

If any one would study human nature in Omaha, would take a look or gesture for a foundation and thereon weave-in fancy, tragedy, comedy or farce-stories of love and hate, joy and sorrow, bright anticipations and bitter disappointments, he should station himself near the delivery window of the Omaha postoffice.

They are common place faces that are found there waiting, and one might almost think that they never changed, though they are coming and going from morning till night. coming and going from morning till night.

Few of them are business people—business people have boxes and the free delivery. Few of them have homes, for homes have streets and numbers. They are the "floating population," a few from the country, a few from the grading camps, a few from the great houses where they are only known by their nicknames, and would not receive their mail if it were delivered, and many are strangers.

It is not hard to guess their stories. There is the young man who cams west to find fame and fortune and has contributed all his money is the young man who came west to find fame and fortune and has contributed all his money to a cheap beardier house. The anxious look in his eyes tells the story. He wants a remittance. The pale faced woman whose eyes devour the pile of letters so apparently carelessly shuffled over by the delivery clerk and at the shake of his head turns away with a look of despair in her eyes has been deserted by her husband and is hoping against hope for word of his whereabouts.

They are mostly aching hearts which come to the delivery window and though the delivery clerk sees many faces brighten at the receipt of the longed for missive it is oftener that he sees waves of disappointment and starting tears. Anxious lovers, husbands and wives, fathers and methers, sisters and brothers stand there waiting only to be disappointed.

appointed.

in a greater or less degree the postoffice is a center of interest everywhere, in crowded city or rival hamlet.

city or rural hamlet.

The Omaha office has been through all stages within the memory of many people yet living in the city. It has occupied a corner of "the store" when that institution with its miscellaneous stock of catables, drinkables and wearables was the solitary place of business in the village. There the pipesmoking gossipers were wont to congregate and tak ever the coming village election, the lat-est lynching becomes the prospects of some day becoming a town and having an actual railroad running through the place and other topics of interest to the planeers.

topics of interest to the planeers.

The story of postmaster Jones and his but is familiar to most Omahans. The mail in those days, away back in '54, when there were only a few shantles and tents to mark the site of the future metropolis, came across the ferry when and how it could. The first man at the landing stowed the few letters in the crown of his hat and dealt them out as he happened to meet the owners. A. D. Janes happened to meet the owners. A. D. Jones who oftenest undertook the task came gradually to be considered a sort of perambulating ally to be considered a sort of perambulating postoffice and his tail stovepipe was the receptacle for all the messages of love and encouragement from distant eastern friends destined for the little community.

The town had grown a little before the end of the year and the postoffice became stationary. David Lindley was the deputy and at that time was building the first hotel on the corner of Thirtceith and Harney after.

the corner of Thirteenth and Harney, after-ward known as the Douglas house. He had out in the street a sharty of rough boards for the storage of tools, lime and other arti-cles used in the building. Here he located the postoffice, using as axe box divided into four compartments. When the hotel was finished the axe box was nailed up in one of the rooms and everybody helped himself.
A Mormonnamed Frank who had left Flor-

once on account of an Indian scare, next acted as deputy for Lindley. He was located at a frame bourding souse on the corner of Eleventh and Harney, and kept the letters in a bushel basket. People were all supposed to be honest in those days and the citizens Prayer and praise meetings Wednesday byening at 7:45. All are welcome.

The pastorelect, Rev. S. M. Ware, will nove to Omaha and begin work this week, preaching next Sabbath.

Came around occasionally and sorted over the basketful of letters and papers, taking what belonged to them. A. D. Jones was still the move to Omaha and begin work this week, or came around occasionally and sorted over the basketful of letters and papers, taking what belonged to them. A. D. Jones was still the organization of the empty bonor he resigned

in favor of Mr. Lindley. Lindled didn't want the position and refused the gift and the Morson Frank relactantly sacrificed himself. In 1886 Frank sold out his business to W. W. Wyman and the postoffice went with it. Mr. Wyman built 2 room on the end of Frank's house and put in the first regular set of letter boxes, and it is here that the history of the Omaha postofice as a settled institution begins. In the course of a year or so Mr. Wyman moved the postoffice to his own building, one of the first bricks on the northwest corner of Thirteenth and Douglas, where the office became an annex to a printing establishment, and where it re-mained until some time in 1864. The Wyman building has recently been replaced by a

three-story brick block. George R. Smith next got the office, which by this time began to carry a salary with it. Smith took it to Fourteenth and Farnam and ran it in connection with a drug store, Smith's successor was Joel T. Griffin, who,

when the mail sacks were idle, used them to carry his grain from firm to market.

When Casper E. Yest came into the posi-tion he moved the office over to the building now occupied by the Simpson carriage factory, and here it remained till the government building was completed. Council Bluff's and Omaha were running an

even race in those days. Both wanted a gov-ernment building and strained every nerve to There were mass meetings, caucuses, petitions, exhibits and trips to Weshington without end. Everybody who had any influence with anybody put in his our. During all the scheming the Pates lottery was doing a land office business. Letters were pouring into the office by the cart load, and when the final tug came and the amount of mail handled settled the question of post-

office or no postoffice the Pates lottery was the most potent factor. The men who have held the position in the are advertising. Am I right? new building are Tom Hall, Charles E. Coutant and the present incumbent.

BROATCH'S PARLOR.

It is Established Temporarily In the Paxton Hotel Cafe. The members of the Twenty-eight club made a desperate attempt yesterday morning

convention for Broatch. Upon the arrival of the country delegates to attend the meeting of the county convention they were met by some member of the club, and if found to be all right, escorted to

to lay the wires to control the Douglas county

the Paxton hotel. At 11 o'clock W. J. Broatch, Paul Vander voort, J. T. Clarke, Jim Allen and Joseph Redman invited the delegates to the hotel cufe, where a short session was held, at which Broatch assured the delegates that if he could secure Douglas county he was sure of the nomination for governor. Paul Vandervoort then informed the meet-ing that he had advices from a large number of the counties in the interior of the state, and that they were all solid for Broatch.

pense and the meeting adjourned.

In the hotel rotunda Jim Allen was heard to say: "While only a few of the county delegates were in attendance, we have enough "fixed" so that Broatch has a sure thing on Douglas county. I have been in every precinct, and when I say that we will nominate Broatch, I know what I am talking about. The people have been sleep-ing, but by taking them unawares, we have en able to put up our pins in great shape.

Dinner was then taken at Mr. Broatch's ex-



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what you ask for THE OMAHA BEE and

That's exactly what he said, the very

words. He said, too, that it was accepted as

Why, no, and I don't believe it's so either.

Hold on, hold on! Just tell me me in one

So. Well, I certainly don't want an ency-

clopedia that will not tell me anything about the greatmen of the world until after

hey are dead, Why, it's just exactly while

they are alive that I want to know about them most. But see here. What you say

doesn't hold togeth r. Why in't thereany

thing said about General Grant, Hewas

deadlong before the last edition of the en-cyclopodia Britannica was rublished

Gue s you've trav lied off the record just a

Why of course he dil. He sail it was only

Dear me, what a world this is, to be sure.

anlistiers anything else the matter with

What a question. Why, I being an Ameri-

an, I want the most detailed information

All I am ever likely to want to know about

an English town or county is its location,

population, manufacturesor other products

I see, I see. We need an American zed edi

and, by jiminy! That's the very thing you

and a few generalities of that kind.

about matters of American interest, of course

inth bit, my friend.

Why, of course I do

word if it says anything about anybody.

General Grant was as well known in Eng-

the standard work of reference by all English-speaking scholars, and in every English

your Encyclopedia together.

and American library.

#### ANSWERS.

It is a very simply matter. THEOMAHA DAILY BEE has arranged with the publishers of the Americanized Encyclopædia Eritannica to take the whole edition of that work for this section off What is this new scheme of THE OMAHA their hands, thus securing a remarkably low price as well as singu-BSE, about which folks are talking: offering larly easy terms. THE OMAHA BEE proposes to give the whole to give some standard work or other, with a subscription to the paper for a year, at some advantage of the transaction to its subscribers, and is therefore offerabsurdly low figure for the two? ing to deliver THE OMAHABEE daily at any residence in the city for an entire year, and to give the subscriber a set of the Americanized Encyclopædia Britannica besides, allfor the small sum of Thirty Dollars, payable in monthly installments of \$2.50 a month.

> Just so. But you see, in these days of steam and electricity, and labor-saving machinery, a great deal can be done for eight cents a day, especially when twenty or thirty thousand people club their money and each puts his eight cents into a common stock.

> You can be thankful that you didn't accept his offer. If you'd done so and seen the Americanized edition afterward you would have felt like kicking yourself. I suppose your canvassing friend told you that the Encyclopædia Brkannica was simply the most complete work of its kind ever published.

> So it is; he was right enough so far. It's a monumental work and cost more than a million dollars to get it up. But there are spots on the sun, you know, and there are detects even in the Encyclopædia Britannica. Did he mention to you that you might look for Ulysses S. Grant in it and not find a word about him?

> Of course he was; or pretty nearly so. But the Encyclopædia Britannica doesn't mention him for all that. And it doesn't say a word about Sherman either, nor about Sheridan, nor Hancock, nor Blaine, nor Cleveland, nor Harrison, nor Harriet Beecher Stowe, nor Julia Ward Howe, nor Elizabeth Stewart Phelps, nor Charles Stewart Parnell, nor Bismarck, nor Jeff Davis, nor-

> Oh, yes, indeed. It contains some of the most magnificent biographies that ever were written. Macaulay's life of Dr. Johnson for example. But, you see, what they called "the plan of the work" excluded all mention of living characters. They wanted to see how a man would turn out first before they made room for his life in their

> Ha! Ha! Excuse me, but I can't help laughing. I suppose your canvasser told you his encyclopædia was a brand new bco ,

> Only published by HIS publishers he meant. But if he had spoken the truth about the matter he would have told you that the first volume of the latest edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica was issued fifteen years ago, and the greater part was compiled at that gate. So you see they didn't get General Grant in it after all.

> That depends on the kind of book you want. Let me ask you a question or two. You live here in the United States, don't you?

> Yes, I thought so. Now tell me, about which do you want the most detailed information, an American city or an English town? An American state or an English county? The battle of Gettysburg or the Eattle of Waterloo?

> Just so. But, you see, the Encyclopædia Britannica wasn't compiled for the use of men like you. It was put together to be used by Englishmen in England, And, you see, they want the exact opposite of what you do, and the Encyclopædia Britannica, very propa erly, gives it to them. It fills pages with the account of some insignificant English borough or county that you may never want to know anything about whatever, and gives half a dozen lines to some state or city here that you want the fullest particulars of, but about which an Englishman cares just nothing at all.

> Right as a trivet, whatever that may be; I never saw one that I know of. But you're just exactly right, all the same. It's the AMER-ICANIZED Encyclopædia Britannica that we propose to put in every home in the West. The long-winded articles on petty British subjects have been cut down to the same length that would have been given them had they been French or German subjects, and the articles on matters of American interest have been all rewritten and treated just as exhaustively as they would have been in the original work had they been specially interesting to Englishmen.

The only wonder is that nobody iclea: thought of it before. And I suppose there's a biography of General Grant in your edition?

I see, I see. Why, it's a perfectly splendid

Any other improvement? This is getting

Upon my word, I'm glad I told that canasser to call again. If I hadn't met you I should have been finely stuck. Oh, by the way, how large a work is this of yours?

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Why, you see, I hate to wait a year to get the books complete. Can't I pay for them a little sooner and get them quicker in that

That settles it. Here's my first installment. I'm a subscriber to THE OMAHA BEE from

this moment.

I shall not fail to do so, and I guess I know at least a dozen who will be only too glad to get such a chance as you are ofering. But 1 won't detain you any longer. Good day.

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