

THE CITY.

A slight blaze in the Hall block, corner of Sixteenth and Leavenworth, occasioned an alarm yesterday morning. The fire was in a partition between rooms occupied by Mrs. McCormick, and originated in the basement. It was extinguished before much damage was done.

H. D. McManus, the aged singer who has been working the south side residents for numbers of their houses, by representing that this was necessary before they would be given mail delivery service, was arraigned before Judge Hensley yesterday morning for obtaining money under false pretenses. He admitted that he was doing the work, but claimed that he was working in good faith, and named several other places where he had done similar work. He was ordered held until these places can be communicated with in order to determine the nature of his previous operations.

How to Break Up a Sore Cold. From the Virginia City, Mont., Madonian: When we find a medicine we know to possess genuine merit, we consider it a duty, and we take pleasure in telling the public what it is. Such a medicine we found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. By the use of this syrup we have relieved, in a few hours, severe colds, and have cured a cough, ten days, entirely broken them up as has several of our friends to whom we have recommended it. It is all it is represented to be by its manufacturers. If you have a cough and want to stop it, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will do the work. For sale by all druggists.

MORSES.

Special Cloak Sale. We have a few choice styles jackets, wraps, sealskin garments, etc., etc., left. Bear in mind that they are all new and that we are selling them for

33 PER CENT

or one-third discount from the already marked down prices.

THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO.

Don't Fool Yourself!

Notwithstanding all rumors to the contrary, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry's new steam heated palace sleeping cars, with electric light and every berth, still leave the Union depot, Omaha at 6:30 p. m. daily, arriving at Chicago at 9:30 a. m., in ample time to make all eastern connections. Ticket office, 1501 Farnam st. J. E. PHILLIPS, E. A. NASB, C. Pass. Agt. Gen. Agt.

MORTGAGE SHARPS AT WORK.

They Catch Rural Citizens with Worthless Real Estate Securities. Some smooth swindlers have been working a real estate scheme through the state, the result of which puts money in their purse and leaves their victims in possession of mortgages on practically worthless lots in a suburban addition to Omaha.

The swindlers' plan of operation is well calculated to catch the rural owner of grain and live stock which he is willing to transfer for an equity in apparently gilt-edged property in the metropolis. The swindlers start out with a mortgage for \$500 each on lots in "B. & M. Terrace" addition to Omaha. The mortgages are dated one or two years ago and have endorsements showing that the interest has been paid, the rate being 10 per cent. The swindlers represent the property as being in an excellent location and the value of the lots at \$1,500 at least. These mortgages are exchanged as cash equivalents for grain or live stock, which are promptly turned into cash at the nearest market.

Several local real estate dealers have had letters from country holders of these mortgages inquiring as to their value and the chances for turning them into cash at a slight discount. George J. Paul yesterday received a letter from George Gillipie at Culberson who says he has \$25,000 worth of the mortgages for which he traded all of the live stock he could spare from his farm. This is only a sample of the letters that are coming in daily from victims of the swindle in various parts of the state.

The property on which the mortgages are made lies in the swampy east of South Omaha and is practically worthless.

That beautiful glossy sheen, so much admired in the hair, can be secured by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. There is nothing better than this preparation for strengthening the scalp and keeping it free from dandruff and itching eruptions.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following parties: Name and address. Age. Harry Hale, Omaha, 27. Emma Hanson, Winona, Minn., 27. Miss Nico, Morristown, Ky., 23. Alice McKeaynids, Princeton, Ind., 19. George Freidel, Omaha, 20. Myrtle Bailey, Omaha, 24.

Gessler's Magie Headache Wafers. Cure all headaches in 30 minutes. At all druggists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The indications are that Joseph Murphy will play to the banner houses of the season, judging from the numerous inquiries that have been made at the box office window of the Boyd during the past two days. Yesterday an Irishman came from a place in Pottawattamie county, twelve miles east of Council Bluffs, to make sure of seats for himself and his mother and sisters for the opening of the season at the Boyd. The great Irish comedian, and when informed that they could not be obtained until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, he remarked, "Now, if I thought I couldn't get the best in the house, I'd stay right here till Wednesday morning." This Irishman, ever there, God forgive 'em, are stuck on Joe Murphy, and are all coming to see 'im and I want to beat 'em gettin' seats.

Mr. James J. Brady, acting manager of the Howard Athleteum, which appears at the Boyd during the first three nights of next week, is in the city.

The particular illustrious star of the Howard Athleteum, which was visible at the Boyd last night, is Paul Cinquevalli, whose juggling feats, as gracefully performed as they are difficult, certainly surpass those of any other juggler. He is Italian, not French, and he is of Polish birth, although at the present time a subject of William III. He owns a handsome theater in Berlin, devoted to what we call variety performances. In London they call him "the admirable Crichton of the music hall." Cinquevalli is not only a juggler, a man of remarkable strength and an acrobat, but a versatile musician. He has been actor in farcical comedies and speaks half a dozen languages. The salary Cinquevalli receives from Rich & Harris, the proprietors of the Howard Athleteum, is remarkably large, and will enable the great juggler to retire in a year or two.

P. O. Fisher's "Cold Day" company, greatly strengthened since their last visit here, will be at the Grand next Sunday evening, for one night only. They have one of the highest salaried dancers with any comedy company now playing in the west. Reserved seats will be \$1.00 and 50 cents.

NATIONAL FARMERS' ALLIANCE

The Eleventh Annual Convention Will Meet in This City Today.

TWO HUNDRED DELEGATES EXPECTED.

Most of the Business Will Be Transacted Behind Closed Doors—Objects of the Gathering—The Programme.

At 9 o'clock this morning the eleventh annual convention of the National Farmers Alliance will convene in this city, in the exchange room in the hotel of trade building. The names of the delegates are as follows: A. R. Jones, St. Paul, agent for the Street & Stable car company, formerly located in this city and made a vicious febrile.

The call provides for a two days' convention, but the chances are that it will continue through the week, as it is claimed that a vast amount of work is to be transacted. In the morning the convention will be called to order by the president, after which he will appoint the committee on credentials. While this committee is at work he will deliver his annual address. This will take up an hour of the morning session. The committee on credentials will report the names of delegates entitled to seats, after which the president will name the following committees: On resolutions, secret work, legislation, constitution and by-laws, and business organization. Miscellaneous business will be transacted until noon.

In the afternoon the order of business will be as follows: 2:15 p. m.—Report of national lecturer. 2:30 p. m.—Report of secretary and treasurer. 3:15 p. m.—Address by Milton George, "A Banking System Suggested to Take the Place of the Present System Which is Disappearing by the Payment of the Public Debt." 4 p. m.—Address by Hon. J. Burrows, "The Future of the Alliance."

7 p. m.—Address by D. H. Talbot. 7:45 p. m.—Address by N. B. Ashby. 8:30 p. m.—Address by Milton George, "Practical Reformers Want Everything and Get Nothing. Great Reforms Succeeded by Conservative Measures Radically Prosecuted."

The business for Wednesday is as follows: 8:30 a. m.—Report of committees and miscellaneous work. 11:00 a. m.—Address by Miss Eva McDonald, state lecturer Minnesota state alliance. 1:30 p. m.—Election of officers and miscellaneous business.

It was given out last night that most of the business will be transacted behind closed doors, though a press committee will be appointed to give such information as the members consider of a public nature. It is expected that nearly 200 delegates will be in attendance, representing the states of Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Oregon, Wisconsin, Indiana, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, North and South Dakota.

In speaking of the objects of the convention, a leading delegate said last night: "The objects of the national alliance are to unite the farmers for the promotion of their interests, socially, politically and financially; to secure a just representation of the agricultural interests of the country in the national congress and state legislatures; to demand the prohibition of alien cattle and land syndicates; to oppose all forms of monopoly, as being detrimental to the best interests of the public; to demand of our representatives in congress their votes and active influence in favor of the prompt passage of such laws as will protect live stock interests from contagious diseases; to demand that agricultural interests shall be represented by a cabinet officer, and to encourage the passage of state and national laws that will benefit the farmers and other men of the country."

It was evident last night that there is to be much in the air, as there are two contending factions, both of which want to run the machine. One wing wants to swing the alliance into line for the formation of a new political party and attempt to control the destinies of the country, while the other demands that politics shall not enter the deliberations and that nothing but matters of interest to the tiller man or shall be considered.

Among the officers and delegates who arrived last night are the following: Nebraska—J. H. Powers, Cornell; W. S. Hutchinson, Corral; W. H. Stowe, W. A. and Cheyenne; I. Hodges, Clay; W. G. Bradley, Nelson; J. L. Coppoe, Columbus; E. Beavers, Falls City; W. T. Crow, Saunders; D. Callahan, Paterson; J. D. Hatfield, Neligh; J. M. Devine, Leigh; C. F. McClure, Fremont; B. F. Pratt, Clark; Allen Root, Pawnee; J. E. Koyser, Haver; Q. A. Hill, Minden; William Foster, Salford; O. Hall, Greenwood; W. E. Palmer, Moorfield; J. F. Ladd, St. Paul.

Iowa—August Post, Moulton; J. B. Furrows, Garwin; N. Malen, Osceola; George T. Ashby, John Shaver, Red Oak. Minnesota—J. J. Furlong, Austin; Miss Eva McDonald, Minneapolis. Missouri—George D. Fallerton, Skidmore.

The delegates who have arrived are a fine looking lot of gentlemen, and in every respect will compare favorably with the men who attend conventions and other national gatherings. The president, John H. Powers, is a fine looking man of fifty-nine years. His hair and beard is snowy white, giving him a kind and fatherly appearance. His home is at Cornell, Hitchcock county, where he is engaged with the assistance of five boys, tills the greater portion of 320 acres of fertile Nebraska soil. Mr. Powers is a native of Illinois, though this state has been his home for more than seventeen years. He is a very speaker, and as he has figured in politics to some extent, he is known in nearly every county in the state. A man who does not know Mr. Powers would take him for a retired business man.

August Post, the secretary, was born at Plano, Ill., August 28, 1855. He removed to Iowa in 1880 and has been a farmer all his life. He is now in the service of his time to breeding Clydesdale horses, Holstein cattle and Poland China hogs. He owns a fine farm near his home town, where he has a pleasant home and a family consisting of a wife, two sons and one daughter. He is a charter member of the Iowa State Alliance, a member of the board of education of Moulton, besides being an elder and trustee in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Post is a fine looking man, wears a Prince Albert coat, long Dandry trousers and would readily be taken for a countryman. He is a fluent speaker and a successful organizer.

N. B. Ashby, lecturer of the national association, lives in Des Moines, but owns a fine farm a few miles from the city limits, where he raises an abundance of corn, fine horses, cattle and hogs. He is about thirty-five years of age, and has the appearance of being a prosperous business man.

J. B. Furrow, president of the Iowa alliance, lives at Garwin, where he has a farm of eighty acres. He is fifty-seven years of age and is the father of three boys and four girls. He was born in Ohio and educated in the common school, where he received a practical education. He removed to Iowa in 1862, and by his industry has become wealthy. Mr. Furrow is a small sized man, with clear blue eyes and iron-gray beard. He is a ready talker and is thoroughly posted on alliance matters.

Miss Eva McDonald, the state lecturer of the Minnesota alliance, is a slight little brunette lady, scarcely out of her teens. She was raised and educated in Minneapolis and has been interested in alliance work for several years.

Officer Haze's Wild Ride. Mounted Patrolman Andrew Haze had an experience Sunday night that he will not soon forget. He was breaking in a fresh horse and had not made calculation upon the necessity of holding a very fiery and hard mouthed animal, but had a common "curb" bit on with a strap under the chin. At the fourth and Vinton the horse took fright at something and started for the central station at Fifteenth and Jackson. There was no time lost in making the trip. The animal is a swift runner and the way Officer Haze was pulled through the atmosphere down Sixteenth and

across the viaduct would cause the historic ride of Paul Revere to dwindle into a school-boy tale. Seeing that he could not stop the beast, Haze decided to run him into a bank on Jones street. Just east of Sixteenth street horse and man were piled in a promiscuous heap inside of the sidewalk against the high bank, but luckily neither one received serious injury. Officer Haze regained his feet first and became master of the situation by seizing the fractious animal by the bits and lastly by running the hitch strap around under his jaw, securing a "cinch" on the animal's mouth.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

Throw the Old Lady Out. Antoine Byank of Albright was arrested on the charge of throwing Mrs. Mary Butella out of the hotel on a street, and beating her.

Fight to a Fin's. Barney Taylor of this city and Frank McGee of Omaha have signed articles and put up \$20 forfeit for a fight with small gloves in Germania hall on Friday evening, February 6. Taylor appears in the ring once before in this city and made a vicious febrile.

Notes About this City. Mrs. M. M. Parker is listed among the sick. A son has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. John Kissella, Third ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Kobay, Twentieth and M streets, are the parents of a new city baby. The South Omaha gun club will hold a meeting this week to elect officers for the year.

William Schmeling, sr., is in a critical condition and hopes for his recovery are almost given up. The net receipts for the merchants' carnival given by the ladies of the Methodist congregation was \$15.11.

The high-five club will meet at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Martin this evening to play the third series of games. A. R. Jones of St. Paul, agent for the Street & Stable car company, formerly located in this city, is back at the Exchange visiting friends.

S. P. Richardson, an attorney of Gallatin, Mo., is in the city looking after some interests in real estate and visiting his old friend, C. M. Hunt. M. P. Bull of Chicago, one of the largest commission men in the west, is in the city, the guest of Assistant Cashier C. M. Hunt of the Nebraska savings and exchange bank.

General Brooke's Return. Yesterday afternoon General Brooke arrived over the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road from the seat of the late Sioux war at Pine Ridge. He was accompanied by his aides, Lieutenants Roe and Truitt; Major Benham, inspector of rifle practice of the department of the Platte, and Colonel Dallas P. Bacho, medical inspector of the same department.

The party was met at the depot by Colonel M. Sheridan, adjutant general of the department; Major Bell, chief commissary of subsistence; Major Hughes, chief quartermaster; Captain Ayres, chief ordnance officer, and a number of other gentlemen. The general was congratulated on the successful manner in which he had conducted the campaign and of the hearty appearance which he presented after having undergone the rigors and exertions of the campaign.

His staff was also congratulated, after which the party took ambulances which were left waiting and were driven to their respective homes. This morning the general and his staff will be found as usual at their quarters in The Bee building.

"Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them"—of bottles of Salvation Oil the greatest cure on earth for pain. Price only 25 cents. Mothers should never fail to keep Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup convenient in order to relieve their little ones of coughs speedily and surely. 25 cents.

The President of Harvard. President Elliott of Harvard college will make a trip through the west during next month and will stop a few days in Omaha. The Harvard club, composed of graduates of Harvard college who reside in Omaha, will probably entertain Dr. Elliott at dinner.

The club is composed of the following gentlemen: J. E. Condon, Albert Swartzlander, John Lothrop, Arthur Smith, M. W. Richards, J. H. McIntosh, Charles Elgerton, H. P. Hodges, Will Moore, Dr. Stephens, S. S. Hall, C. F. Wells, W. H. Baldwin, W. S. Robinson, F. A. Logan, C. T. Brainard, W. H. De France and W. S. Poppieton.

Unexpectedly Dissolved.

VIENNA, Jan. 26.—The lower house of reichsrath has been dissolved by an unexpected decree Premier Von Taaffe desires a new conservative majority in the house, having abandoned dependence on the Bohemian Slav members, whom he considers unreliable.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. T. Clark of York is at the Merchants. H. H. Taylor of Chicago is at the Murray. W. H. Mallory of Chicago is at the Paxton. John I. Pugh of New York is at the Millard.

J. E. Stauffer of Grand Island is at the Casey. F. H. Brown of Denver was at the Paxton last night. A. G. Arnold of Columbus was at the Casey last night.

C. H. Elmore of Beatrice is in the city, at the Casey. H. M. Chase of Wakefield is registered at the Casey. J. A. Barris of Lincoln is registered at the Merchants.

J. R. King of Chicago is in the city, at the Merchants. C. W. Riner of Cheyenne is in the city, at the Paxton. A. B. Charde of Oakland is registered at the Paxton.

J. A. Lane of New York was at the Murray last night. C. D. Gould of Aspen, Colo., is registered at the Millard. T. H. Thrall of Columbus, O., is in the city at the Murray.

E. B. Prior of St. Louis was at the Millard last night. Hon. T. H. Benton of Lincoln was at the Millard last night. Charles A. Burde of Lincoln was at the Merchants last night.

George L. Woolsey of Nebraska City is registered at the Murray. J. X. Brands, manager of the Sioux City News, is in the city at the Millard. R. L. Willard, general agent of the Railroad Officials and Employes Accident association of Indianapolis, Ind., is at the Millard.

John W. Breen, who went to the Plasterers' international convention as a delegate from the Omaha union, and while there was elected first vice president, has returned and is now sick at his residence, 1712 Capitol avenue.

The Shah of Persia

Though advanced in years, has hair of rare hue. Gray hairs are strictly prohibited in his dominions, and hence the large shipments to that country of Ayer's Hair Vigor, by the use of which the Shah's subjects save not only their hair but their heads. Ayer's Hair Vigor restores the natural color of the hair. It should be on every toilet-table.

Some time ago my hair began to fade and fall out so badly that I thought I should be bald; but the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor has restored the original color and made my hair strong, abundant, and healthy. It does not fall out any more. —Addie Shaffer, 340 Race st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

"My hair (which had partly turned gray) was restored to its youthful color and beauty by the use of a few bottles of Ayer's Hair Vigor. I shall continue to use it, as there is no better dressing for the hair." —Gaido Gapp, Georgiana, Ala.

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