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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. to. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block. Wanted-A girl for general housework at 616 Bluff street.

if you want water in your yard or bouse go to Bixby's, 302 Merriam block, A marriage license was issued vesterday to derick Millman and Retta Burdin both of Omaha.

Rev. S. Alexander has recovered from his recent severe illness and will be able to fill

The work of repairing the washout under he Indian creek bridge on North Eighth street was commenced vesterday. Miss Sable Amy entertained a large num-

ber of her friends at a card party last even-ing at her residence on Fifth avenue. The Sunday school of the Congregational church had a picnic yesterday afternoon and evening at Fort Omaha. About 150 attended Today is the last day for the filing of peti

court at the coming term which opens Ser Cards are out announcing the marriage of John Chapman of New Mexico and Mrs. Ella Roth of this city, to take place early

next month. The democratic county convention will be held in this city on Friday, September 18, at 11 o'clock a. m. The preliminary caucuses will be held Tuesday evening, September 15

S. L. Saddier was arrested vesterday on a charge of peddling without a license. His stock in trade, consisting of eight boxes of cigars, was held as security and he was re-Justice Hammer performed a double wed

ding yesterday afterneon, the parties being James E. Vaughan of Perry, Ia., and Ella A. Hammack of Sedalia, Mo. and E. B. Sidner and Lizzie Proger both of Omaha. Ward Folsom entertained a party of his friends last evening at his residence at the

head of Winow avenue. An elegant suppe was served, and the guests departed at a late hour, after a very pleasant evening. The school board has secured the building at 3401 Wes Broadway for school purposes Its district will cover all that part of the city

lying west of Thirtioth street between the Union Pacific tracks and Broadway. Paul Giles, charged with committing an assault and battery on Lucy Edwards, took a change of venue yesterday afternoon from Justice Hammer to Justice Swearingen. The case was tried, and the defendant was dis-

An information was filed in the superior his name in Chinese characters, charging E Gliinsky with disturbing the peace. Gillinsky is one of Stein's tenants, and the infor mation is the result of a quarrel that arose the other day when Stein tried to collect some rent.

A gasoline stove exploded last evening about 7 o'clock at the residence of A. Marx First street at the head of Vine, and came near burning the house down. Fortunately water was handy, and in a few minutes the flames were extinguished. An alarm was sent in and the fire department was summoned, but before it arrived the fire was out The damage was almost nothing.

A tally-ho party came over from Omaha est evening and rode around the city, taking in the Grand hotel on the way. The follow-ing composed the party: Misses Schirmer, Ambrose, Eicher, Commond, Lillie Brenton, Aylesworth, Edith Converey, Funnie Wedge, Lena Chespro; Messrs. E. R. Cook, J. L. Rockwell, J. H. Fowler, Burt Fowler, Oliver Mordy, Jones, Fred Convey, F. M. Wallace, Burt Nason, Frank McConnell.

County Auditor Hendricks finished making out the tabulated ceport of the assessed val uation of the school districts, together with the amounts called for in each township for school purposes for the coming year. The total valuation of the property in the county is \$13,951,869, a little less than a third of which, or \$5,610,325 is in Kane township. The amounts called for in Kane township are, for teachers' fund, \$35,000; contingent \$25,000; for school house, \$10,000.

BE. J. Davis of Omaha was bauling the the Brown to the Baldwin block when a deputy marshal came along and arrested him for acting as a common carrier without a license. He gave bonds for his appearance in police court this morning and was re-leased. He went back to his work, and in about an hour he was again run in on the same charge. He again gave bonds, and will have a double-barreled hearing this morning

in police court. In police court yesterday morning James Morris and George Morton, who were ar rested on a complaint made by Dr. W. L. Patton, came up for a trial on the charge of suspicious characters, and were dis d. Thomas Buckner and George To liver, the two colored men who were arrested on suspicion of having stolen \$15 from Sultvan & Barton's saloon, were also discharged, there being nothing but circumstan tial evidence against them. Buckner says he will bring a suit against Sullivan & Barton for \$5,000 damages.

Manawa's Mineral Water.

The artesian well at Lake Manawa is attracting a good deal of attention and many remarkable cures are reported as having been made by the use of its waters. Last spring the well was sunk to a depth of 185 feet, and a handsome pavilion built around it. The well was originally sunk in 1886, when the hotel was being built. Its strong minera qualities were at once discovered and quantity of the water was sent to Prof August Bode of Milwaukee, with the following result:

Sulphate of iron, 6.9. Sulphate of magnesium, 4.5. Phosphate of magnesium, 3.8.

Sulphate of sodium, 3.6. Chloride of sodium, a trace.

Reaction-Slightly alkaline In a note accompanying the analysis rof. Bode says: "The mineral proper-Prof. Bode says: ties of the water are remarkable being almost identically the same as the

famous Waukesha springs. PELSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

T. C. Dawson returned yesterday from visit to Des Moines and Burlington Mrs. John Ainsworth of Omaha is in the city, the guest of Miss Lulu Rhodes at Madi

Miss Anna Bowman returned yesterday from a two months' visit with relatives at Wiscasset, Me. W. C. Estep returned Wednesday night

from Colorado, where he has been for the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. C. Bosen and son, George, have returned from Siloam Springs, Mo., where they spent a week.

W. W. Beidler left yesterday for Fort Morgan, Cal., where he was called by the an-Louncement of his brother's illness. Mrs. E. J. Abbott and her daughter, Mrs.

 F. Kelly, started yesterday for Des Moines, where they will visit relatives. Rev. Dr. Pheips has returned from his vacation visit to friends in Illinois, ecupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church

next Sunday as usual. Frank Nicoll, who has been with the Western Union Telegraph company for several years past, left yesterday for Chicago, where he will reside in the future.

Great Attractions at Manawa.

Saturday and Sunday. Extraordinary engagement of Texas Bill, the cowboy pranist and vocalist. Also Buckskin Bill, the renowned iron skulled man, possessor of a triple skull.

Pienie at Manhattan beach, Round trip tickets from Omaha, including boat ride, 50c; on sale at news stands at Millard and Murray hotels.

Pianos, organs, C. B. Music Co., 539 Broadwaye

Another Man Suffers Through the Influence of Fayette Addition.

ASSISTED A SWINDLE AND WAS BITTEN.

Justice Almost Poetic Overtakes Man Who Aided Frank H. Jerome in His Nefarious Operations.

Lafayette addition to the city of Council Bluffs is probably one of the worst sells that was perpetrated upon the public in the vicinity of this city and the victims are numbered by the score. The addition was platted about two years ago by Frank H. Jerome of Omaha, and from that time to this the sale of ots has been going on, the purchasers residing all over the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It has been represented to each of them that the property is very valuable, and the fact that it lies convenient to the cities of Council Bluffs and Omaha has been called attention to as an inducement to prospective purchasers. There is only one thing that tends to depreciate the value of the property, and that is that more than threefourths of it lies at the bottom of Lake Man awa and the Missouri river. The sellers lowever, have not been in the habit of re ferring to that fact in making their sales.

The land is practically worthless, but lots have sold all the way from \$50 to \$1,500 apiece, and every few days letters of inquiry are received from parties in the east, which shows how widely the company that platted the addition has carried on its operations.

Yesterday there was a new development in he deal which may serve to lighten the load of grief on the minds of those who have been taken in. It will be remembered that many of the deeds to the property were made out in the name of Fred M. Bender as grantee Just what connection he had with the affair was not known at the time the sales were made, but it became known yesterday when he appeared at the court house and made a number of inquiries as to the welfare of Lafayette addition. In a conversation which he held with one of the officials it leaked out that Bender was a partner of Jerome in the deal, and that he was to all intents and purposes as deep in the mire as the

He stated that a contract had been entered into between him and Jerome by which six-teen solid blocks were to be deeded him by Jerome for a fictitious consideration. Bender was then to make out deeds to the property, the names of the purchaser being left blank, n order that Jerome might fill them out as fast as he made the sales. In this way Jerome was apparently acting merely as an agent for Bender, and so a large share of the responsibility of the crooked business would be shifted off his shoulders. In consideration for thus making Bender into a cat's paw, Jerome sold to him, thirt chan it as he called it, one lot in each 'dirt cheap," as he called it, one lot in each block, making sixteen in all, for \$250. Bender claims he did not know just what sort of property he was buying, although the circumstances connected with the deal appear to be sadiy against him.

At any rate, the saie was consummated, and Bender, being unable to raise the necessary \$250 in cash, gave Jerome a mortgage for the amount on about \$500 worth of house-bold property. Time went by and he was unable to pay off the mortgage, and the consequence was that a day or two ago Jerome levied on the mortgaged property and took everything Bender had in the world, leaving him in just the shape in which the two part ners had expected to leave all their victims. Bender's mission at the court house yester day was to look over the records to find, i possible, some flaw in the deeds by which he could get out of his bad bargain, but it was of no use; the corners were all nailed down, and the only consolation he could find was that he could sympathize with some of the others who had been duped by the fraudulent transwho had been duped by the fraudulent trans-actions of himself and Jerome.

The county officials are in favor of some-

thing being done to bring the parties who have been guilty of the fraud to justice. Every few days a new deed comes in for record in which the consideration named is far above the actual value of the land sold, and the result is that the victimized parties when they find out the true state of affairs steer clear of Council Bluffs real estate in the uture. It is probable that Lafayette addition has done more to damage the standing of Council Bluffs real estate in the eyes of foreign capitalists than any other calamity that has ever done business in the city.

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS.

The Great Seven-day Blanket Sale at the Boston Store Closing August 29. The great seven-day sale is now in progress at the Boston store. You will not during the winter have a chance to et blankets at such prices as these It's getting cool, so you better take advantage of this sale and buy your dankets now while you can get them at half price. Just glance over these

figures: 100 pair 10-4 gray blankets, 90c; worth

pair 10-4 gray blankets, \$1.10; 100 worth \$1.50. 100 pair gray blankets, extra heavy, \$1.25; worth \$1.75.

75 pair 10-4 gray blankets, extra super \$2.75; worth \$3.75. 50 pair 10-4 gray blankets, all wool, \$3,75; worth \$5,00.

WHITE BLANKETS. 11-4 extra large blankets, \$3.25, worth 125 pair 10-4 all wool, \$3.25, warranted. 125 pair 11-4 all wool, \$4.75, worth

125 pair 11-4 all wool, \$5.00, worth \$6.50 20 pair 12-4 California all wool, \$10.50, worth \$15.00.

RED ALL WOOL BLANKETS 10-4 all wool red, \$3.25, worth \$4.25, 10-4 all wool red, \$4.00, worth \$5.25. 11-4 all wool red, \$4.75, worth \$6.50. 12-4 all wool red, \$7.00, worth \$8.50, ALL OUR COMFORTERS AT COST DURING THIS SALE.

BOSTON STORE, FORTHERINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO.

Council Bluffs, Ia. He Needed a Lawyer.

James Kirley was arrested yesterday norning on a charge of disturbing the peace, the information being filed by Mrs. Cora Wilson. The arrest was the result of a fight which took place several days ago on South Tenth street near the Milwaukee freight dopot. Kirley's boy was driving some cattle, one of which, according to Mrs. Wilson's story, ran into her yard. She thereupon ran out and used a stick on the boy. Kirley went to his defence, and in doing so be laid himself liable to Mrs. Wilson's recomposite.

on's complaint. Shortly after the fight Kirley filed an in formation against Mrs. Wilson, charging her with assault and battery on the boy, whose name is Peter Johnston. He supposed that when he had made out the information he had done all his duty, and so he put the paper in his pocket and wanted for the arrest to nake itself. He was all ready to prove up his side of the case yesterday morning, when he found to his amazement that Mrs. Wilson was still running at large. He handed the much solled information to the clerk of the court and proceeded to wait until Mrs. Wilson should be brought in

Buy your furniture, carpets, stoves and household goods of Mandel & Klein, Council Bluffs. Prices very low; freight prepaid to your city.

Riprapping the River. A large gang of men has been put at work riprapping the river on the lows side north and west of Council Bluffs. Piles are being driven to hold the rock and willows in posttion. The work is being taken up at the point where it was left off two years ago,

and will be carried beyond the bed of the river. It will be taken up again where the leveestrikes the river and will be continued to a point opposite the water works pumping station. The sum of \$55,000 is on hand to be used in carrying on the work,

ROTHERING THE JUGGE.

Applicants for Appointment Under Him Begin to Come In.

Hon, J. S. Woolson of Mt. Pleasant was in the city yesterday, a guest of the Grand, Mr. Woolson is the newly appointed judge of the United States court, to which office he was appointed to take the place of Judge J. K. Love, lately deceased, and this is the first visit he has made to the city since his appointment. He was here for the purpose of looking over the ground preparatory to beginning operations next month. A large part of the day was occupied by him in receiving visitors who had learned of his ar

A Bez reporter called on him at his room. Judge Woolson is a very pleasant sort of man to talk with, except when the conversation turns to the subject of what changes he ex-pects to make with reference to the business of the court over which he presides. Under such circumstances he is inclined to be nonommittal. He will commence his judicia labors September 28, when he will hold a session of court in this city. The only officia who is appointed by the court is the clerk, who is at present H. K. Love of Des Moines. Judge Woolson stated that in all probability Mr. Love would resign in the near future and his place would be filled by some one whose political beliefs agree with those of the administration

The deputies in this city and Keokuk are appointed by the clerk, subject to the ap-proval of the court. Whether F. M. Hunter, the present deputy at this point, will resign or not the judge could not say positively. Candidates for the prospective vacancies are commencing to turn up even at this stage of the game. Colonel J. J. Steadman of this the clerkship, and he is backed by some very

influential recommendations.

Among the candidates for the position of deputy clerk T. C. Dawson, the law partner of Attorney General J. Y. Stone, is in the front rank. He has recommendations from R. P. Clarkson of the State Regis.er, Chairman Mack of the state republican central committee and a number of other prominent politicians of the state of all parties. F. M. Hunter, the present in-combent, is a candidate for reappointment and W. M. McCreary has made application for the position. None of the appointments will be made at present, however, as Clerk Love is ill and no further steps will be taken until his recovery. Judge Woolson left for his nome in Mt. Pleasant last evening.

The Berean temple will give an entertainment at Hughes' hall on the evenings of August 27, 28 and 29. Admission 25 cents. Matinee Saturday. Admission 10 cents. Meals will be served at Brackett's old stand, 238 Broadway. Proceeds for the benefit of the Chris-tian Home. "The Fairies' Revel" and "Butterfly's Carnival," consist of forty-eight children, representing fairies, butterflies, frogs, gnomes, hunters, Prince Oberon and his guards; Moth, the Miller; Uglio, the ogre, Puck, the jester. Those donating refreshment will please send same to 238 B oadway.

That Manawa Feed. Council Bluffs, Ia., Aug. 27 .- To the Editor of THE BEE: As the Omaha picnickers are still kicking about their Manawa lunch, I wish to briefly correct some statements made by "Royal Arcanum" in yesterday's BEE. I know and can prove, when the time comes, that this Omaha party was furnished with the following: One hundred and fifty loaves bread, 4 hams, 8 pounds cheese, 38 pounds roast beef, 38 pounds tongue, 10 gallons ice cream, 11 cakes, \$4-worth of olives.

They managed to get away with nearly every bit of this, which is pretty good for sickers, who have not paid even one penny. In regard to crossing the lake, two smalle steamers carried the entire party over in forty minutes, and continued to make regular trips every twenty-five minutes until a half our after all the Omahans had left the When the party alighted from the Omaha

motor the Manawa train was only two blocks away, so that there was practically a close ion made and the awa on schedule time. I hope I shall have no further occasion to correct such gross misstatement of facts.

Removal sale. Bargains in shoes. L Kinnehan has removed from 323 Broadway to No. 11 Pearl street.

The C. M. & St. P. ticket office has been removed from 506 Broadway into the elegant new quarters in the new

Baldwin block, 5 Pearl street. Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl street, next to Grand hotel. Telephone

145. High grade work a specialty. Drs. Stewart & Patty, veterinary sur

geons, 45 Fourth street, Council Bluff

Death of Prof. Stevens A telegram was received in this city yes terday announcing the death of Prof. Arthur Stevens at Jacksonville, Ill., yesterday morning at 1:45 o'clock. He was formerly principal of the high school here, and had ircle of friends who will regret that the life that promised so much was cut off so early His wife, formerly Miss Nellie R. Hayes this city, was at his bedside when the end

Swanson music company, 335 Broad-

came.

New fall goods, finest line in the city ust received at Reiter's the tailor's, 310 Broadway.

Union Park races, Omaha and Council Bluffs, September 8-11, \$6,500; October 20-22, \$4,000. For programmes address Nat Brown, Merchants hotel, Omaha.

Suits made to order, and clothing cleaned, dved and repaired at half rates. Frank Peterson, 2311 South 9th street.

FASTEST RAILROAD TIME.

Over Ninety Miles an Hour Made on

a Pennsylvania Railroad. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 27 .- A mile in thirty-nine and four-fifth seconds, or at the rate of over ninety miles per hour, is the fastest run ever made by a railroad train. This unparalleled feat was accomplished on the Boundbrook railroad, between Neshaminy Falls and Langhorn, by engine No. 203, drawing two ordi coaches and President McLeod's private car "Reading," which is equal to two coaches in weight. The fastest five miles three minutes and twenty-six and four-fifth seconds.

Will Fight Each Other's Battles KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 27 .- The regular monthly meeting of the Transmissouri Freight association will be held next Tuesday. The call has been issued and bears many subjects of importance to be considered at the coming meeting. One of the most important subjects is the proposition that when complaints are made before the interstate commerce commission against one or more lines, the defense be made in the name of all companies in the association and managed by the chairman with the assistcall upon. In other words, although the law forbids pooling in any form and the commission is supposed to enforce the law, it is the proposition that the roads pool under the nose of the legal body and plead all cases, not as individual roads, but as lines combined

Instructions to Customs Officers, Washington, D.C., Aug. 27. - Assistant Secretary Crounse has issued a circular to customs officers that, in all cases of seizure of apirituous liquors on account of violations of cus-toms laws in states wherein local laws forbid

to fight each other's battles.

the public sale of spiritions liquors, col-lectors will hereafter healthe articles seized and report each case to the department.

AMUSEMENTS. "The Mikado," Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful comic opera, was welcomed last evening by a large addience at the Grand opera house, with a warmth and enthusiasm which betokened the presence of an old friend. It is too late now to speak of the merits of "The Mikado," for it has been in the repertoire of every Engligh opera compony since its premiere, and, like old wine, it grows more delicious with the years. Its humor is irresistible, its satire as keep as a Damascus blade, showing with no uncertain force the folly of a former craze for every

thing Japanese. From an artistic standpoint the opera was not up to the standard made by "The Bo-hemiam Girl," and it was only the pleasure experienced by the audience over the prouction of a great favorite that assisted materially in its fairly successful presentation The principals with one or two exceptions were painfully nervous and when the final curtain shut out the picture, the judgment was, that the opera had been badly cast in several particulars.

Miss Laura Clement, with a very English intonation, who was heralded as the original Yum Yum on this side the water, gave a regative interpretation to that most delightful of comic opera heroines. While she sings well, she lacks the humor of the role, which is so essential and which was a distinguishing feature of Geraldine Ulmar's performance.

Miss Lillian Swain made a wonderfully favorable impression as Pitti Sing. She has chic and beauty and sings the score as Omaha people have not heard it in years; in fact she made the distinct hit of the performance on the female side.

Mr. Charles Drow was mimitable in the low comedy part of Koko, a part with which

he has been identified for years. He is one of the few excellent comedians on the lyric stage, and while he now and then takes liber ties with the book, he never steps beyond the narrow bounds which divides comedy from buffoonery. Appreciating no doubt the rela-tive weakness of some of the members in the east, he gave a thoroughly pleasing perform-

good, his work being clean cut to a degree which cannot be said of Mr. H. T. Lester, in the role of Pish Fush. In fact it would to the advantage the opera, to have cut the part out, so far as Mr. Lester was concerned. Mr. John E. Brand, as Pooh-Bau, was as solemn as his combined dignities and titles warranted, yet he failed to bring to light the fine shading required to fittingly portray one of the strongest characters in the realm of opera; a character which requires a most humor, a delicious appreciation of Gilbert's satire and still in a self-satisfied manner the music which has been intrusted him. While Mr. Brand is a good musician, and conscientious to a degree, he is not in his best form in the character of Fooh Bah. Miss Tillie Dixon sang Kathasa in a mediocre manner,

showing a woeful lack of familiarity with the business of the part. The female chorus was excellent. The male chorus needs strengthening badly and when this is done, there is no reason why the Garrow company should not give a very enjoyable season of summer opera.

But the orchestra! Only the presence of

several policemen in the house pre-vented the principals from a personal encounter with the gentlemen in the band; even Mr. Henry Hallam, who sang the part of Nanki Poo very acceptably indeed, giving a finished portraiture of that light juvenile role, showed signs of an internal struggle when his solo was reached, while Mr. Drew decided to go it alone in expounding the things that would not be missed, inadvertainly forgetting to mention the band.

The Goldens gave "The Manager" for the first time this season at the Farnam Street theater last evening. The company belongs to towns of 10,000 in population and less, not to cities of 150,000 inhabitants. To use a phase of the racing stable, "they are out-It was a mistake to play the company in Omaha.

The announcement made in last evening's BEE that Mr. F. J. Sutcliffe had resigned the management of the Grand Opera house, was somewhat premature. While Mr. Sutcliffe will continue as manager, Mr. Camp. the business manager, will have the active work of the house in charge, Mr. Sutcliffe booking companies and looking after the executive

THEY MADE A GOOD FIGHT. Last Day's Proceedings of Patriotic

Sons of America. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 27,-At the con clusion of the reports of the various committees at the meeting of Patriotic Sons of

America today the question of admitting colored men was again indirectly trken up. The question came up under the guise of a resolution, offered by the Pennsylvania delegates, tnat a two-thirds vote should be necessary to amend the constitution. The western delegates, who have opposed, almost to a man, the admittance of colored members into the order, were taken by surprise at this sudden move of the eastern members, but they felt little alarm that it would be successful, knowing the same number of votes would be requisite as was required to amend the constitution so

as to admit colored members, The debate that followed the offering of the resolution was a long and hot one When the vote was finally taken the resolu tion was defeated by a vote of 56 to 36, thus settling in the negative for another year the question of the admittance of colored

When the Pennsylvania members found that they had been beaten on the colored question, they put into execution the threat that they had been holding out to the west-ern members, that is the power given them by their large representation in the camp to select the next place of meeting and to elect officers pledging themselves to the support of the proposed amendments. Lebanon, Pa. was selected as the next place of meeting.

and the third Tuesday of September as the Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: National president, Clarence E. Ruth of Pennsylvania.

National vice president, Joseph William of National master of the forms, T. M. J. Reed of Pennsylvania.

National secretary, Frederick Stees of Pennsylvania. National treasurer, John M. Hoffer of Pennsylvania. National chaplain, Rev. J. B. May of National assistant secretary, Clare M. Tay-

or of Pennsylvania, National conductor, P. C. Pess of Pennsyl vania. National inspector, J. C. Hughes of Penn-

sylvania. National guard, J. EcRoberts of Delaware. The report of the committee on ritual, in favor of adopting one degree instead of three, was agreed to. Several minor changes were also made in the ritual At the conclusion of the afternoon session the camp adfourned,

ON HIS DIGNITY.

Because He Was Caught Stealing a

Canadian Official is Hot. OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 27 .- At the public accounts committee rooms today a letter was read from Mr. Senecal, superintendent of the government printing bureau, accouncing his resignation and resenting the 'low spying of which he had been the victim."
R. L. Patterson, agent of the Miller &

Richards type foundry, admitted that he had given Mr. Senecal about \$5,000 in sums from \$10 to \$500, some of which had been paid R. H. Perroll, of Barber, Ellis & Co., paper manufacturers, said he gave Mr. Senecal about \$2,000 as commission demanded by him.

Another Asbestos Find. A prospector in the Big Horn mountain of Wyoming reports the discovery of an extensive asbestos ped near Buffalo. The Buffalo Echo pronounces the specimen brought to town one of fine quality, the vein from which it was taken being an inch thick on the aur number of places in central and northern Wyoming, and may be classed among the valuable resources of the state, and in time it will certainly be developed. It is now BAR TELEGRAPHERS.

Their Splendid Services Entitled to

Recognition. Chicago Inter-Ocean: From 1844 to 1891 is not very long, but it is the measures of time between the days in which the mail was the speedlest method of communicating with distant persons and those in which the men grumble if a message be not sent to an answer received from New York in something considerably less than an hour. There are two men now living who helped to lay Morse's first line between Washington and Baltimore. One of them is still at work on telegraphs; the Treasury Department has given the other a sanctuary in which, it is to be hoped, he may end his days in peace. The man who kept the govern-ment in Washington informed by wire of the doings of the Baltimore rioters in 1861 still is in the telegraphic service, and so is the man who handled the wire when Early's raiders were repulsed in front of Washington. No class of civilians did better service for the union during the war time than the tele-

graph operators, and not infrequently the boys with the wire were exposed to as great danger as the boys with the bayonets. For many years the great railway companies went among the telegraph operators in search of the best material from which to make heads of departments. In other branches of business or of science Carnegie and Edison bear witness to the value of the telegraph service as a training school. The convention of veteran telegraph perators recently in session at Washington Mr. Plumb's proposition for an organization of the operators who followed the armies and partock of their hardships and dangers, while conveying messages between the gov ernment and its defenders, was welcomed

The time may come when a telegraphic corps will be as needful a complement army as an engineering corps. It is quite possible that the services of the telegraphers ere as essential as those of the engineers during the war of the union. So it is not unnatural that the operators who served with the army should desire, as Mr. Plumb stated the case, "something to show to our children that we too, were in the service and did what we could for the government. disclaims for himself and his brethren of the wire any desire for "bounty, pension, or other kind of emolument," it would be a recognition of the patriotic service of the telegraphers if they were granted an honory place upon the rolls of the armies of

A Domestic Fire Brand. The advent of a baby with red hair in a Butte family promises to land the parents in the divorce court. The unhappy father searched his genealogical tree in vain for an explanation of the brindle hirsute, and the mother with equal zeal denied that her family were red headed. Whence came the color? There's the rub. The father tried to have the mother arrested for giving birth to a red haired baby. The mother attempted to secure the father's arrest for throwing crael insults and insinuations at her and the sunset kid. At last accounts it is apparent the baby musdye to prevent divorce proceedings.

Elected Officers. STARKVILLE, Miss., Aug. 27.—The business of the state alliance today has been the general routine business of the order, receiving and adopting reports of officers and the election of state officers, which are as follows: J. H. Jamieson of Noxubee, president. W. Kerrin of Holmes, vice president, W. L. Dorden of Jefferson, treasurer.

G. T. Smithson of Leake, secretary Frank Burkitt, lecturer, and J. C. Guins, assistant lecturer. The following persons were elected dele-gates to the National alliance: Frank Bur-kitt, Major Ethel Barkskale, Copeland and W. H. Gibbs

A New Mountain Town. The new city of Kalispell, Mont., located on the route of the Great Northern railroad, in the Flathead reservation, just opened to settlement, seems to be a go-aheau place. Three hundred thousand dollars worth of town lots were sold the first thirty days after platting. The Kalispell Graphic, a well printed, well edited newspaper, informs us of the organization of a board of trade with forty-two members, the opening of the First National bank, of two fine hotels, and reports a hum of business everywhere. The

railroad will reach the city in October. GENIUS AND THE SCRAWL.

The Latter Rarely an Indication of

the Former. "Because you write a bad hand do not therefore mistake yourself for a genius and do not fancy that bad penmanship is a sure sign of genius." This was written once by a seasoned editor to a slapdash correspondent, whose easy writing made very bad reading to editors, printers and proofreaders, and who undertook to justify his scrawls by quoting in evidence the very bad hand that Horace Greeley wrote. True it is that Greeley's penmanship was atrociously bad—so was Reverdy John-But the world tolerated the son's. almost illegible chirography of those eminent worthies. Editor Greeley and Lawyer and Statesman Johnson, because they were unable to do that kind of work any better-not because of genius and we have the evidence of Mark Twain in his "Innocents Abroad" that Christopher Columbus could not pen as good looking a letter as any ordinary scholar in an American primary school Their penmanship, however, was bad, not because they were geniuses, but because they couldn't help it. Bad handwriting is not an unerring sign of ingenu, ity of any kind, and, contrarywise the fact of being a genius does not necessarily involve handwriting so hard that it nearly sets editor and printer to decipher it, so hard that it crazy would provoke these patient and long suffering public servants into the use of that would be much more language pointed than polished if they ever gave

No person but one who cannot write a egible hand is at all excusable for sending to another handwriting that is difficult to read. Whenever such writing is sent by man or woman who is able to do better, the sending of it is in the nature of an affront to the recipient, except in the instance where the scrawl is caused by lack of time. It is, first of all, an intimation that the writer has no consideration for either the loss of time to which he puts the receiver of the scrawling and scrambling letter, or to his or her discomfort. It is a general intimation that this writing, shabby as it is, "is good enough for you." In the next place the sending of such a letter puts difficulty in the way of the writer's own purpose, whatever it may be. If the letter goes to a busy person, almost continuously occupied with urgent affairs, it is almost certain to encounter delay. It is at once laid aside to wait a more convenient opportunity for plodding through its hard hieroglyphics, or it is put away in a pigeon hole or a drawer for the leisure hour that may be a week or a month in coming. Once off the track, such a letter is not only delayed, but the object of the writer may be totally defeated. The purpose of the letter or any written communication is to convey in formation, to make something known, or to explain something to the recipient of the written paper, and therefore the writer should endeavor to write in a way that will plainly effectuate that purpose, and especially not in that may hinder or possibly defeat it. When you next sit down to write re-

way to such profane infirmities.

Habitually oad penmanship is rarely welcome in a newspaper office, and nineen times in twenty is most unwelcome. We are speaking now of that description of bad penmanship that is difficult to read because of carelessness in "scribbling" writer or because of too much "flourish" by the ornamental commercial college graduate. The plain hand of the ordinary unprofessional pen-

man is always preferable and rarely fails to get prompt consideration.

He Pressed the Button. The transformation wrought in the members of the local Four Hundred, says the San Francisco Examiner, by a few months' sojourn in "Yerrup" erally so striking that it is no wonder the teller of one of our banks refused to cash a check presented by the son of one of its directors the day after his return from a hasty trip "across the pond, ver knaw. "Your face is somewhat familiar,"

said the teller, reflectively, "but I'll have to insist on your being identified. The other morning a couple of drum mers got into the bay-bound overland at Sacramento and noticed a very "globe-trotting" looking individual in the next compartment, with "siders, bobtail check suit, inch-sole shoes, etc. Winking at the other passengers, one of them tapped the tourist on the shoulder and affably said:

"Just from London, I suppose?" "Just," responded the other. "Seen any buffalo coming over?" "No buffalo.

"They are a little scarce this season for a fact-but you'll find plenty around 'Frisco. Whole droves of 'em come into town every night to get away from the idians.

"Do, ch?" said the check-suit man, much interested. "No end of 'em. Better always take your rifle with you when you go down to

the postoffice in the morning.
"Had, eh?" "You'll find a good many grizzly bears in the suburbs, too. Now, I suppose you carry your revolvers in your hip pockets -old style. Just take a tip from me and keep 'em in your outside coat pockets. It's quicker. Think so?"

"it's the only way. The boys down below are shootin' pretty rapid just Why there was a row started in now. the Palace hotel dining room the other evening and the head waiter and twenty six guests were killed in 2:18. Timed it myself. Broke the record. "Great heavens!"

"Fact. The only way to do when the shooting begins is to shoot the man on each side of you right through your pockets and then duck under the table. "Gracious!

"But don't be uneasy. I'll put you on to the ropes. Just let me have your card and I'll call round to the hotel some night and show you the town. "Tnanks awfully," and the tourist handed the drummer his card, on which

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the latter read:

There was a long, painful silence after this, during which the drummer looked thoughtfully out of the window. Finally the check-coat man turned round and

remarked: "Well-how about this?" And with a long, sad sigh the drummer reached over and pressed the but-

A Newspaper "Bull." I met a newspaper man the other evening-Mr. Choate of the World staffwho received his early journalistic training in Texas, writes a correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. This has

been a sort of a Texas week in New York, many prominent citizens of the Lone Star State being here on business, among others the popular "Bud" Connor, now serving his third term as mayor of Dallas. They have all been more or less reminiscent, but the best story I heard from any of them was an experience Mr. Choate, now a New Yorker by adoption, related, touching on his own career at Dallas several years age. He was at the time a proof reader on the Dallas Commercial, and he lost his job through the carelessness of the foreman in marking two sets of "P" copy and hanging it on the hook at the same The mistake resulted in about the funniest newspaper "bull" that I have heard of, by reason of the fact that the separate takes of the different copy fitted together without a break. Tom Ochiltree, the red-headed ex-congress-man and famous disciple of the science of hyperbole, made a speech at the opera house on the evening in question, and on the afternoon of the same day a mad dog had been killed in the streats. Perhaps fate recognized an affinity between Ochiltree and a mad dog. At any rate the first "take" of the Ochiltree report and any rate the the second "take" of the mad dog item

got mixed, and this is the way two paragraphs appeared in the paper the next morning "Hon. Thomas P. Ochiltree lectured at the opera house last night to an audience that was inclined to be indulgent. Before the hour set for the lecture the familiar figure of the eloquent Texan was prominent on the stage, where h sat talking to Colonel —. Promptly at 8 o'clock the colonel arose and in a few appropriate remarks introduced the

speaker of the evening, who bowed and advanced to the front of the stage. "With his tail tucked between hi legs he began to howl, to snarl and to snap at everything in sight. He frothed at the mouth, he slobbered and he pouted. His long and ugly tongue hung out nearly a foot over his left jaw-bone It was black and heavy. A citizen recognizing that in such a condition he was r menace to life, fished out a Colt's revolver from his hip pocket and drew a bead on him. A sharp, whip-like report rang out and a pistol ball pene-trated the brute's left eye. He gave an agonizing yelp, fell over on his left side

Mail Distribution on Cars. John Caldwell of South Bend, Ind. who died last week, is said to have been the originator of the idea of distributing

and expired.

mail in the postal cars to facilitate de livery along the route. The Indianapolis Journal says that Mr. Caldwell, after the war, was already in the railway mail service through the influence of Schuyler Colfax. One day he was making a trip on the Wabash road when the string around a bundle of letters made up "Toledo, for Indianapolis," broke, scattering the letters on the floor. As he gathered up the letters he noticed that several of them were intended for towns along the road, and through which they would pass enroute to Indianapolis. It then occurred to him that clerks could distribute these letters on the train. At the earliest opportunity he laid his idea before the

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superintendent, and his plans were

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quired the judge. No. ssh. "Can't you get one?"

"Don't you want me to appoint one to defend you?" "No, sah. I jes' tho't I'd leab de case to de ignance ob de co't,"

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