Grand Commander Gorman on the Ohio

Split. REPUDIATES THE GRAND LODGE.

The Pythian Supreme Chancellor Rebukes Proselytors-Consolidation in the National Union-Considering a New Ritual.

The following circular from the office of the sovereign grand commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite, United States jurisdiction, dated September 7, 1891, is self-explanatory:

To All Brethren of Our Obedience: Whereas, It has come to my knowledge that Master Masons who were affiliated with lodges working under warrants issued by the most worshipful grand lodge of the state of Ohio, have so far forgotten their duty and obliga-tions to their grand lodge and their duty and obligations as Master Masons as to have raised the standard of revolution in that state, and to have organized and caused to be incorporated under the law of the state of Ohio, a so-called "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" in opposition to the regular grand lodge of Ohio, and Whereas, Said so-called opposition grand lodge has not been and cannot be acknowledged the acceptance of the grand lodge of Free.

edged by any of the grand lodges of Free-masons in the United States of America, and Whereas, Any Master Mason desiring to become a member of, or retain membership in any of the bodies subordinate to the supreme council sovereign grand inspectors general of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite for the United States of America, their terri-tories and dependencies, must be a member in good and regular standing of a lodge of Master Masons working under the jurisdic-tion of a regular grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons acknowledged as such by all the grand lodges in the United States of

Therefore, Inasmuch as the before mentioned so-called opposition grand lodge is not so acknowledged, this is to admonish and warn all trethren of our obedience against becoming members of any lodge acknowledging said so-called opposition grand lodge, or in any way participating with them, or in aiding or abetting its organization, existence or continuance, or with any subordinance lodge or organization acting under its author ity, and all subordinate bodies of our obedi the and all subordinate bodies of our obedi-ence are positively forbidden to receive any member of the so-called opposition grand lodge or any of its subordinate bodies into any of the bodies of our obedience under any dreumstance whatever. Courteously and fraternally. John J. Gorman, 33°, Grand Commander.

John G. Barker, 33°, Grand Secretary General.

National Union.

The two Omaha councils of the National Union were consolidated Tuesday evening last under the guidance of Senate Deputy W. E. Findlay. The new council retained the name of the younger of the two namely, Omaha No. 449. The new body elected offi-cers as follows: President, Joseph F. Barcers as follows: President, Joseph F. Barton; vice president, A. P. Connor; ex-president, W. E. Findiey; speaker, C. Hardy; secretary, E. P. Mullen; financial secretary, R. J. Spoerri; treasurer, C. S. Potter; chaplain, E. M. Stannard; usher, W. B. Jacobs; sergeant-at-arms, E. L. Sooy, doorkeeper, T. O. Putnam; trustees, Dr. R. M. Stone, E. M. Stannard, H. M. Kauffman. Dr. Stone was chosen as medical examiner. chosen as medical examiner.

The new council has about eighty members in good standing. The consolidation will be celebrated in due and ample form about October 1, by a banquet.

A. O. U. W.

At the last session of the supreme lodge a new ritual was offered to that body for adoption. It was discussed at great length by the supreme lodge and was laid over until the next session with the understanding that the representatives from each jurisdiction should take it under consideration in the meantime. The two Nebraska representatives from Omaha, Messrs. Carr and Patten, decided to call a mass meeting of all the lodges in this vicinity for the purpose of discussing the proposed ritual and making such suggestions as might occur to the members. Accordingly a mass meeting of lodges in this city, South Omaha and Council Bluffs was held Thurs-day night at the lodge room in the Barker block. The attendance was not as large as was expected but the meeting was an interesting one, and the new ritual was presented to those present for their consideration.

K P. The supreme chancellor has issued a circu far containing the following pertinent sug-gestion: "The supreme chancellor has decided that members of the order shall not so light friends to become members of the order. The custom of soliciting has been greatly abused, and the supreme chancellor is very desirous that the practice should stop. It often happens that a party having been forced into the order by the continuous drumming of his friends turns out a very poor member and ends ir being suspended. When a candidate asks admission to the order it should be by his own free will and accord."

The regular monthly entertainment of Triune lodge occurs Tuesday evening and a good programme has been arranged for the occasion. All members of Triune are expected to be present, and members of the order generally are invited.

1, O, O, F. In view of the liberal railroad rates that have been established it is expected that 50,000 Odd Fellows will assemble at St. Louis next week. The chief attraction will of course, be the military display by the Patriarchs Militant at the fair grounds and the parade in the afternoon of September 21. The session of the sovereign grand lodge will be an important one, and not the least exciting event of the meeting will be the election of grand sire. I. C. Campbell of Canada, is in line for promotion, but it is un-derstood there will be some opposition.

The Elks. The first constitution of the order is a relie and a curiosity. It is a small, black book, 214x3 inches, and contains twelve pages. Of the fifteen original memoers only two are alive and memoers of the order at present. Charles Vivian, who was elected to the first office, but never filled it, was the son of an English clergyman. He is the father of the "social sessions." He died in Leadville, Coi., in 1880, and in 1889 Allen O. Myers visited that piace on behalf of Boston lodge and alded by members of Denver lodge and William r'. Bechel of Omaha lodge, the remains were taken up and sent to Boston, where Boston lodge gave them an honored place in its beautiful grounds. fifteen original memoers only two are

its beautiful grounds. W. O. W. Alpha camp No. 1 of this city, has made all arrangements to give a social entertainment Thursday, September 24, at their hall. A very nice programme has been arranged including a little social hop. Al

sovereigns and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Wine! Drink Cook's Extra Dry Wine! Pure juice naturally fermented. Wine! Of forty years record. Try it.

CONNUBIALITIES. The latest marriage engagement rumored by cable is that of Onida to ex-King Milan. The engagement of Miss Louise Bayard, daughter of ex-Secretary of State Bayard, and Dr. Frank Angell of New York is an-

Dr. Paul Thorndike, who is engaged to marry Miss Rachel Sherman, youngest daughter of the late General William T. berman, is about 28 years old,

The wedding of Mrs. Charles F. Livermore and Baron Raymond Selliere of Paris will be an event in the near future. It will be colebrated in St. Mary's Catholic church at New

Lady Otivia Taylour, who is soon to be-come the bride of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, is considered one of the most beau-tiful women in London society. Her features are fine and regular and her figure is tall and slight. Her bair is light, almost golden, and she has a curlous "white feather" a mongher tresses. It is not indicative of her character. however, for she is a lady of very high

A Texas man advertised for a wife. He

received numerous answers, and finally set his affections on a New York girl who sent her photograph, and the two were engaged to be married. Then Mr. Texas was invited to go east, which he did. He had never traveled so far before, and he fell in with thieves at the end of the journey and was robbed and beaten. The girl saw him but would have nothing to do with him, saying that a man who couldn't take care of himself couldn't take care of her. ECHOES FROM THE ANTE ROOM

The wedding of Mary Louisa Robinson and Franklin Gaylord in New York, was characterized by pretty originalities. Instead of the regular wedding march the Hungarian band played the Hungarian wedding march, and the music was as delicious to the west as the sale. to the ear as the wedding supper to the pal-ate. The bride's father and mother, the Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, and the groom and his brother, General Gaylord and Mrs. Gaylord entered and took their places in the rose wreathed chancel, temporarily provided in the drawing room, then bridesmaids came from the further end of the spacious dining room holding white ribbous to form an aisle through which the bride and maid of honor came, behind whom the bridemaids filed, as

RELIGIOUS.

Rome has twenty-five Protestant The American Bible society holds in trust the sum of \$373,796.56. The income is to be

used for general benevolent and missionary purposes. Since 1880 the population of Vermont has decreased 2 per cent, but the membership in

the churches has in the meantime increased nearly 5 per cent. The Churchman announces that Bishop Talbot (Episcopal) of Wyoming territory has declined his recent election as bishop of the diocese of Georgia.

Cardinal Manning is credited with having given this text to Bisnop Patterson for a temperance serion: "And they that bare the bier stood still." The Congregationalists are about to establish a large educational institution at Olym-

pia, Wash. Something over \$50,000 has been given away by one man, and others stand ready to assist as soon as the move is fully inder way. News has been received of the death of Dr. Brunnow at Heidelberg, Germany, on the 20th of last month. Dr. Brunnow was the first director of the observatory of the University of Michigan and the husband of

President Tappan's daughter. The bulk of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth S. ewton, who was killed on board the steamship Saale while en route to Europe in June and which is valued at \$200,000, goes by her will to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopai church or its sole use forever.

The Central Union church (an American institution) at Honoiulu, Hawaii, has 500 nembers and as many in its Sunday school, ts new church edifice now building will cost \$120,000. The plate collections amounts to over \$5,000 per year and in addition to this over \$20,000 is contributed for various educational and mission purposes.

According to Russian sources the total oppulation of Russia is 103,912,642. Of these, 5,541,644 are adherents of the Orthodox church. Of the others, 11,000,000 are Pascolnites or "Sectarians"—i. e., Stundites, etc.; 7,646,073 are Roman Catholics; 5,104,200 are Protestants (nearly all Lutherans): 2,620,000 are Jews, and 2,000,000 are Mohammedans and heathens.

The present strength of German Methodism in America and Europe is represented by some 72,000 members and probationers, with 700 traveling preachers and ten annual and two mission conferences. Its member-ship in this country extends from Boston to San Francisco and from Duluth to San Antonia, and holds some \$4,500,000 of church

The beardless priest is so only as a matter of custom. There is no edict upon the sub-ject. All the popes from Adrian VI, to Inno-cent XII, and all the clergymen from the cardinals to the voung clerics, including Ignatus Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, Francis de Sales, Vincent de Paul, the Cardinals Bellarmine and Richelieu, were bearded dignitaries of the church. Custom rules the priest as fashion does the woman.

The Boston Congregationalist, with a view of getting accurate information as to the Sunday church attendance, took a census of church-goers in 11 words of that city on August 16. There were 22 churches or missions which were closed, and 74 in which services were held. Of these 61 were Prot-The results of the census were tabulated as follows: Attendance A. M.

Protestant..... 9,543 12,033 21,576 5,772 49,311 Total...... 53,160 17,909 71,069 The population of the wards examined was

EDUCATIONAL.

The state normal school at Ellensourgh, Wash., was dedicated Tuesday last. The school year openec in New city with a rast army of boys and girls, estimated at 140,000. Three thousand children are deprived of

ducation in Philade phia by reason of inadequate quarters. The London School Board are educating 20,866 more scholars now than they were three years ago.

The University of Michigan has deternined to add women professors and lecturers to its faculty. Kev. William O. Thompson was inaugurated president of Miami university at Oxford, O., last Tuesday.

A pretty and practical idea is the opening of a millinery school in the City of Churches, which is proving a great attraction to the

Third Assistant Secretary of State Moore, appointed by Cleveland, has resigned his Washington office in order to become pro-fessor of international law in the Columbian

law school. The number of students in German universities during the past summer was 28,625, of whom the evangelical students of theology were 4,273-mere by far than in any other single line of study.

The aunouncement that 15,000 students have joined the class of 1894 to pursue a three-years' course under the Chantauquan system is one of the most suggestive current events in the progress of education.

The scholastic year of the Catholic university, of Washington, will begin on the 22nd iest. During the current year a faculty of philosophy and sciences will be crganized, for which an additional building will be appointed.

For the last ten years an army of small children has been knocking at the doors of New York City school houses, an army which at first numbered 30,000, and last year had been reduced to 15,000, and by next year will probably be wiped out entirely.

The vacancy in the chair of mathematics in the Rochester university, caused by the resignation of Prof. Olds, has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Arthur L. Baker, of the Stevens school of technology. Dr. Baker was graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute in 1873. nic institute in 1873.

Philadelphia Record: The living model of the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Anna M. Williams, began her annual duties yesterday morning on the lifth floor of the Girl's Normai school, at Seventeenth and Spring Gar-den streets, where she was busily engaged in teaching the graduates of class "A" in kin-

dergarten practice. The annual report of the school superin-The annual report of the school superintendent of San Francisco contains some curious figures. It appears that the number of youths in the city between the ages of 5 and 17 and entitled by law to education at the public expense is 62,456, an increase of about 1,300 over 1890; but the total average attendance at the public schools in 1891 was only 31,809. One half of the children who might be attending school to not do so and might be attending school do not do so. And equally curious to state, the number of pupils now attending school is less by 374 than it was in 1885, when the population of the city was much less than it was the city was much less than it is.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Koerner, the German poet, will be celebrated in New York, September 23, and preparations are being made on a great scale. Few men did more than poor Koerner to advance the cause of German independence. He died the death of a hero on the field of battle when only twenty-two years old. His famous song, "Du Schwert an Meiner Linken," remains one of the most popular compositions in German literature. Its lines have inspired many a young officer to deeds positions in German literature. Its lines have inspired many a young officer to deeds

HAS A PULL WITH PLUVIUS.

A Senator from Chevenne Talks About Melbourne, the Rain Maker.

HIS OPERATIONS ALL OUT OF SIGHT.

Pittsburg Looking for Smoke Consumers-Strategic Value of the Canadian Pacific-California and Palmer.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 16 .- [Special to Tax Ben. j- As a rain mechanic Mr. Frank Melbourne, late of Canton, O., and now of Cheyenne, is literally out of sight. State Senator Keibris of that town, who is at the Palmer, is authority for this statement:

"I witnessed his first experiment," said the senator to a reporter for the Times, "and although I bave no more idea than you have as to how it was done, I know that it rained just when he said it would, although only a few hours before the shewer the sky was perfectly clear and the local signal service man said there was no rain in sight anywhere. Melbourne came to Chevenne on the invitation of several prominent citizens, who got up a purse for the purpose. On the day of the experiment I witnessed there were present peside myself a committee of three. consisting of President Gilchrist of the Melrose National bank, ex-Governor Baxter and Perry Oregon, the big cattle man. Up till noon the sky was almost cloudless. Then it began to drizzle and by 1 clock it was pouring down. I had taken an or clock it was pouring down. I had taken an umbrelia along, more as a joke than anything else, but I was very glad to put it up when Melbourne's shower began to operate. Then the sky cleared again and Melbourne said: "In an hour and a half gentlemen, I'll give you another shower," and sure enough about 2:30 it began to pour down beavier then it did before. When this was over we asked the signal service man how much rain had fallen, and he said an eighth of an inch.

"All this while Melbourne was shut up in the loft of a barn in the suburbs where the experiment took place. All we saw of him was when he stuck his head out of a window occasionally and announced the inundations. What necromantic arts he employs I haven't the remotest idea, but I know that as a weather prophet he beats anything I ever een or heard of."

Pittsburg Wants No More Smoke. It would hardly occur to the average citien, perhaps, that Chicago is a place to which man would come to learn how to get rid of the smoke nuisance. Yet that is precisely the mission of Mr. T. E. Sumner of Pittsburg, who is registered at the Richelieu. He represents a number of large iron makers and other manufacturers of the erstwhile Smoky City, and is examining the patent smoke con-sumer which Cardinal Bemis employs in his furnaces, and expresses himself as very much pleased with it. Several smoke consumers are now being used in Pittsburg, but none of them quite combine the degree of cheapness and utility desired. Since the natural gas began to weaken.'

said Mr. Sumner," the manufacturers have been casting about for some means of doing business without returning to the old order of things. Some are using a gas made by the injection of Ohio petroleum into superheated steam with considerable success. This gas can be made at about 10 cents per 1,000 and produces a more intense heat than coal. It requires quite an extensive plant for its manufacture, however. The older factories which were not built with a view to its use, still employ coal. During the past five years of pure atmosphere a very strong sentiment has grown up against a return to the old condition of things which made Pittsburg a by-word for uncleanness, and an ordinance com-pelling the use of smoke consumers whereever smoke producing fuel is used, has been introduced in the councils of Pittsburg and Allegheny City, which will in all probability be passed and rigidly enforced. Natural gas is still used for private dwelling and costs 20 cents per 1,000 net."

Strategic Value of the Canadian. According to Dr. Osborne, a prominent citnent is getting very much interested in the Canadian Pacific as a means of transporta-tion in case of war. "The experiment of sending mails to England via the Canadian Pacific railway,' said he, 'in which all records have been broken by a twenty-two day trip between Yokahama and Queenstown, is to be followed by another. A body of Brit-ish troops is to be sent from India to England by this route and the road is making prepara-tions to push them across the country at a very rapid gate. The disturbance over the Dardanelles incident has lent additional in-terest, in the mind of the imperial government, to the strategic advantages of this great transcontinental line. Of course if a collision should occur between England and Russia the Suez canal would be one of the first points of attack, and if it should fall into the hands of the enemy or be rendered useless by dynamite the queen's forces would have the Canadian Pacific to fell back upon.

California Democrats for Palmer. Commissioner McDondaid of California thinks that the democrats of his state will give a big boost to Senator Palmer's presidential boom. "I am heartily in favor of a western man," said Mr. McDonnid, "and I on't know of any man who would suit me so well as Senator Palmer. I have talked with a good many other democrats and fing that the Palmer sentiment is attaining very respectable proportions in our state. Cleveland is very unpopular, not only on account of his position on the silver question but because he persistently turned the cold shoulder to us during his administration. He always seemed to consider that we were outsiders.

A Great Year for Montana. Charles S. Warron of Butte, a large mine

owner and a member of the republican na-tional commission, says the shutting down of the great copper mine at Anaconda has resulted in great activity in prospecting and much new and rich ore has been discovered. "Montana was never so prosperous as it is today," said he, "and Butte is the livliest town in the country outside of Chicago. A milhon a month is paid out there now in wages alone. This has been a phenomenal year for cattle and Montana will not import have from Nebraska and Loren. hay from Nebraska and Iowa as she usually does. There will be sent out of the state this year \$10,000,000 worth of cattle, \$6,000,000 orth of wool and \$50,000,000 worth of metals ncluding copper.'

Keeping an Eye on the Mormons. William J. Fennemore, a prominent mer-chant who was in the city yesterday on his way east, says that the professed disbandon-ment of the people's party has produced little or no effect upon the attitude of the liberals. "There are a good many democrats and a good many republicans in Utah," said he, "and in the course of time they will no doubt form separate parties, but the time has not ome yet. The manifeste of the leaders of the church in regard to the people's party was received with suspicion and largely from the very fact that it was apparently implicitly obeyed. Men who had been voting together and fighting together for years suddenly announced their intention of voting the straight democratic or the straight republican ticket, as the case might be, and ostensibly went heart and soul into the republican and democratic parties. Everyone with a little bit of ex-perience and common sense knows that men's political opinions don't undergo such men's political opinions don't undergo such radical changes in a night. This is the view the liberais take of it, and they will keep together for a good while yet. The chief value of the manifesto is that it gives the younger element among the Mormons an excuse for affiliating with the progressive element in the community represented by the liberals, and they are taking advantage of it. When the old-timers among the Mormons pass away and the generation now growing up takes hold of affairs, party lines will probably be formed as in other parts of the union, but until then necessity will keep the liberals together, irrespective of belief on national issues.

To Avoid Summer Ailments. Drink Soteriaa Ginger Ale-Excelsion

England's Future King. A correspondent of the Chicago News thus describes the appearance at the Dublin horse show of a prospective English king:

A good deal of excitement was occasioned

by the arrival unexpectedly of the duke of Clarence, son of the prince of Wales and future king of England. Prince "Collars and Cuffs," as he is casted, is undoubtedly the chief of London's dates, and the ladies were

chief of London's daties, and the indies were all on the tiptoe of expection to see him. He has taken over to kestand a wardrobe of appalling dimensions, and all were curious to note how he would tagn out under such depressing atmospheric sonditions.

At the Dublin house show the baggy English riding breeches are worn of all who desire to be fashionable or "hersey," but to a stranger the wearers look almost ludicrous in these inflated nether garments ballooned out under short jackets and then stuffed into the under short jackets and then stuffed into the tightest of leggings or hunting boots.

The Irish viceroy, Lord Zetland, came incognite in a close carriage with an escort of two mounted policemen. The ford-lieutenant

wore a low hat, breeches and leggings, but they were almost concealed beneath the long waterproof which enveloped him. The coming king, however, was evidently determined to rise to the occasion, and he appeared attired in the most gorgeous apparel. He wore a small round hat of the most approved dude pattern. His snowy collar was of such dimensions that how he managed to move his neck was a mystery. The ampie folds of a large blue spotted butterfly necktle appeared prominently outside his tightly buttoned overcoat—a loud yellow cloth garment of the most approved English pattern. His hugh baggy looking breeches were of a large glaring check material and stuffed into yellow gaiters. On his hands were a pair of canary-colored kid gloves, and he carried lightly between his fingers a light, dapper little cane. Altogether he presented a spect-acle not soon to be forgotten.

SOME LEADING WOMEN.

Grace Greenwood emphatically decies the report that she is blind, and says that she can still read her title clear to more good forune than has ever yet come her way. Lily Irene Jackson, "lady manager" of the Columbian exposition for West Virginia, tooled a party of fair officials out to Jackson Chicago, in a gorgeous tally-no the

Miss Charlotte Higgins, who carried off the honors at the entrance examinations to the University of London, is a Scotch girl 20 years old. More than 1,000 students passed he examinations Miss Marion Foster, a niece of Secretary

Coster, is endeavoring to put in her histori-cal picture for the world's fair at Chicago ubjects for every state in the union. She known as the "little invalid ertist." Miss Leale, the Guernsey lady who won he prize at the National Rifle association at Bisley the other day, has been successful in obtaining another one at the Jersey National Rifle association's three days' meeting, which

took place last week. The sauthor of "The Leavenworth Case, ra Anna Katherine Green, is now Mrs. Charles Robits and the mother of two children. She wrote her detective story to get a hearing for her poems. She is still known, however, as "the author of 'The Leaven-worth Case,'"

Mrs. Annie Besant is the feminine Chaun-cey Depew of after-dinner oratory in Eng-land. Her voice is clear and melodious, and her mental grasp of the subject under discussion is remarkable. Her great speech at Winchester hall in her own defense before the chief justice of England won the admira-

tion of the queen's attorney general. Nine young western heiresses, says the New York Telegram, have made their advent into New York to attend fashionable boarding schools. Now that a relative from the Pacific slope of the social potentate of the 400 is at the head of one of the fashionable chools, many daughters of the west are coming on to be properly "finished."

Mrs. J. Sloan Fassett, wife of the republican candidate for governor of New York, is an attractive woman. She is highly magnetic and wins friends with an ease that is wonderful. She does not look an hour older than her 32 years, and it amazes a stranger to be told that she is the mother of six children. Mrs. Fassett was Jeinie Crocker, daughter of the California millionaire. She is worth several millions of dollars in her own right. Her home in Elmira is a charming one.

Millard Fillmore's sister, Mrs. Julia F. Harris, who died lately in San Francisco thus addresses her son in her will: "I shall be no less your mother on the spirit side of life than now. My love will bring me near you to suggest, impress and encourage you in the fulfilment of every honest obligation and duty, and I rely on you to reward my fondest expectations by a mithful discharge of all the trusts I have put in your hands." Mrs. Har-

The Boston "Farmers' Almanack" for 1836 thus describes the farmer's girl of that day: "Give me one of your ruddy farmer's daughters, who thinks more of the yellow harvest's abundance than of the spring osies-a good, buxom country lass, who knows how to boil a potato and can tell a mealy chenango from a blue nose; one that can make good brown bread and is never afraid to be seen in the dough. Our genuine farmer girl is modest, but has no affectation. She affects not to be delighted with the effluvium of a marigoid nor to be disgusted at the sight of a cow. She can make butter as well as eat it. She can ride a trotting pony without being strapped on: and, though she never cut a pigeon-wing or whirled in the mazyoti on, yet she can leap a fence like a foxbound and dance good old 'Rural Felicity

FAME AND FORTUNE'S FAVORITES.

to a charm."

Georgia's tribute to the memory of Editor Grady, a prouze monument, will be unveiled at Atlanta, October 21. L. Clarke Davis, the managing editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, has taken high rank as a writer of short stories.

Cartain Hawley Smart, the celebrated writer of sporting novels, is an old soldier who won his spurs in the Crimea.

Russell Sage carries sixty-four curious coins for luck, one of the most precious is a penny that he found in his boyhood. He would not part with these coins for a (raiiway) prince's ransom. William B. McCreery, United States consul

at Valparaiso, Chill, is a Michigan man who served with credit during the civil war. He was one of the few who succeeded in escaping from Libby prison. Dom Pedro, the ex-emperor of Brazil has not left his rooms at Vichy for some weeks. The chronic heart disease from which he suffers is now complicated by a state of profound melancholy from which it is impos-

sible to arouse him. The energetic young man who enabled the New York Herald to score one of the biggest "beats" known in the newspaper world, by means of his capital story of the result of the Chilian insurrection, is a Mr. Wolff, who is a reporter on the staff of a newspaper in San

A. M. Keiley, whom President Cleveland appointed as American representative in the Egyptian international court, after Rome and Vienna declined to reverve him as Amer-ican minister, is at home in Virginia Just now, lecturing of the land of the pyramids for charitable supposed. for charitable purposes.

Robert T. S. Lowell, a brother of the late James Russell Lowell, and himself a writer of high rank (best knowy, perhaps, by his "New Priest in Conception Bay"), is still living at the age of 75 years. He is confined to his home in Schenectady by illness, how-ever, a fact that explains his absence from his brother's funeral,

James Whitcomb Riley seems to have made a most agrecable impression wherever he went in London. He was the especial protege of the aristocratic Savage club, whose members feted him for meeks. Henry Irving introduced the poet inpreseveral of the most fashionable London drawing rooms, where he delighted the guests by reciting some of of his poems.

One of the historic characters of the west is General P. J. Connor of Sait Lake. He is now a retiring and rather soft-spoken old gentleman, yet in the early sixtles there was no more flery and impetuous commander in the country. In those days, when Indians were hostile and Mormous rebellious, he comnanded the district of the plains and was a brave and valiant leader.

William R. Hoarst, the owner of the fast yacht Vamoose and of the San Francisco Exyacht Vamoose and of the San Francisco Ex-taminer, is very much like his father, Sena-tor George Hearst. He is tall, about 25 years of age, has big blue eyes and a light mustache. He is a very retiring man and not an easy man to approach, but when known is a very gental companion. He is very fond of a fast yacht and races just for glory. He never bets a cent.

Do you know that any old sore or cut can be absolutely cured by the intelligent use of Haller's Barbed Wire Liniment. Be merciful to your horse and try it.

OMAHA MEN WERE SHUT OUT

Very Peculiar Methods of Awarding Contracts for Doing State Work.

MR. MOSHER CAPTURED HIS SHARE OF IT.

In This Case a Low Lump Bid Was Rejected for Piece Contracts at a Much Greater

Some of the state officers have adopted vays of their own for handling the public and and letting public contracts.

Last winter the legislature appropriated the sum of \$19,000 for improving the grounds about the State university building at Lincoln. Of this sum it was contemplated that the grounds would be graded down, a sidewalk laid and some driveways built. Shortly after the appropriation was made, the Board of Regents declared in favor of the improvements. Last July Superintendent Chowin prepared the plans and specifications for grading down the east side of the campus laying a stone walk on the south and west sides, another walk from the south line of the campus to the building, a driveway from the north, with a fence around the whole. The specifications provided that the contractor should furnish all work and material required to complete the entire job to the entire satis-faction of the superintendent and the whole to be performed under his directions.
The grading was to be done in the usual nanner, but the driveway was to have been filled with large broken stone to the depth of six inches, thoroughly rolled. After that there was to have been a coat of broken stone and gravel six inches in thickness, crushed

into place, presenting a perfectly smooth roadway, with the crown six inches above The sidewalks were to have been of dressed tone, three inches in thickness.

It was upon these specifications that the Board of Regents invited bids. Knowing that the board had invited bids on the entire job, J. W. Furnas & Son of this city, submitted the following, and paid no more attention to the matter until a few days before the award was made:

Board of Regents. University of Nebraska-Jentlemen: We will do the work contemplated In plans and specifications furnished us, for grading, sodding, curbing, making driveway and laying sidewalks at the University of Ne-braska, city of Lincoln, state of Nebraska, to-

wit:

Proposition No. 1—Using Glifilian natural flag stone from old quarry, as per sample marked No. 1, for \$7,800.00.

Proposition No. 2—Using Glifilian natural flag from new quarry, as per sample marked No. 2, for \$3,150.00.

Proposition No. 3—Using Cleveland (Bereal sandstone, as per sample No. 3, for \$0,080.00.

This proposition includes the grading of all sides of the grounds as shown by plans and specifications. On the east side, where the street is not paved, we have figured on an established grade as given by the engineer of the city of Lincoln.

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If three or four inches of sand for a bed for walk was considered sufficient and the joints trimmed and grouted as is common in all first class work, it would lessen our proposition in each case \$150. The stone to be used for curb will be the same quality as sample marked No.2. The stone used in drive-way will be Platte River line stone.

We will construct a drive-way using 4-inch Gliffilian flag stone, laid on a gool bed of sand, all joints closely fitted and grouted with cement composed of one part Portland cement and two parts clean sharp sand. No stone used smaller than is designated in specification for walks; dimensions and plan the same as shown on the plans for the same price as the one contemplated in plans and specifications. We will furnish a guarantee bond that this work will remain in perfect condition for one

July 10, Messrs, Furnas & Son received a letter from D. C. Mosher of Lincoln, who wrote as follows: "Since we figured on the university work, I find a little less cut on the east side and taking all in consideration, think we can figure safely on 10,000 yards at 16 cents. Make your figures on that basis and \$30) for solding, and consider this as a proposition between us."

Not having head are scalar statements. Not having had any dealings with Mosher,

no attention was paid to his communication the Messrs. Furnas learned that they stood no show of getting any of the contract. Not-withstanding the fact that the board had asked for bids for doing the whole of the work contractors were on hand with bids for the work that suited them best. Contractor Buckstaff had a bid for a brick covered driveway, something that was not mentioned in the specifications and to him the contract was awarded at \$2,500, while if constructed according to specifications it would have cost but \$1,800.

Mosner bid on the sidewalk, the grading and sodding. He was let out on the sidewalk, but got the balance, the grading and sodding at \$2,570. The Baudera stone people, who have a resident agent at Lincoln, who is a brother-inlaw of the county judge, bid \$4,025 on rough Bandera stone, and had no trouble about walking away with that portion of the con-

The peculiar thing about the whole transaction was that the Omaha men were the only contractors who bid on the work in a lump. To them it looked as though it was a nut up scheme, not only to freeze them out but to get a nice little slice of state money to divide up among Lincoln contractors. The figures bear out the statement. Taking the brick in the driveway, at the usual price, \$1.65 per yard, the 1,110 yards would have cost \$1,821, but it was given to Buckstoff at

The city of Lincoln contracts for the laying of Bandera sandstone at 18 cents per square foot, but in this sidewalk the state paid for it at the rate of 23% cents, and the rought article at that. Figuring out the grading, under Furnas' bid, it would have cost the state \$1,970 while with the contract made with Mosher it cost \$600 more. People not only here, but in Lincoln, will ask the regents to explain this act.

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