### A SYMPOSIUM OF SWEETNESS.

The Boundless Field of Enterprise Afforded by Beet Eugar.

HOW FARES THE NORTHWEST WORLD.

Precious Tones From the Treasure House of the Nation-An Instructive Summary of the Week's Events.

The success of two beet sugar factories in Nebraska stimulates similar industrial enterprises in adjoining states. The cultivation heets and their reduction to sugar afford so vast a field for enterprise that it is destined to become one of the greatest industries of the United States. According to the latest statistical reports over 2,800,000,000 pounds of sugar were imported into the United States during the fiscal year ending in 1890, which when refined were worth more than \$200,000,000. To produce this from beets would require 1,000,000 acres of land and 300 factories of a daily capacity of 350 tons each, costing \$95,000,000, and an annual expenditure of over \$200,000,000 for the purchase of beets and the cost of turning them into sugar. This large amount would be distributed annually among our industrial classes if the sugar were produced at home, instead of the money being sent as now to foreign countries to pay for foreign sugar and enrich foreign sugar planters. The California Fruit Grower computes an average yield of beets to be fitteen tons per scre, which at \$5 per ten would be worth \$75, and the cost of production and hauling would be \$46, leaving a net profit of \$29 yer acre, though this appears to include interest on the value of the land. The acre of beets produces about 3,000 pounds of sugar, which, including the government bounty of 2 cents per bound, will be worth \$150. A 300-ton factory would require 3,000 acres of land planted to beets to produce a season's supply. Computing the yield of an acre of wheat to be worth \$36.25, and of barley at \$25, the value of the best product of the land would be \$375,000 per year more than if used in the cultivation of the cereals. And if sufficient beets were raised in the United States to produce the amount of sugar that is now imported the value of the sugar produced from those beets would be \$117,000,000 more each year than that of the cereals that could be

Montana's Precious Stones. It is given out at headquarters in Helena that the property of the Montana Sapphire and Ruby company has been sold to an English syndicate. The price is not known. Public rumor places it at \$2,000,000. The stock of the company was placed in London some time ago and readily taken. The stockholders then came together and decided to purchase all property rights and interests of the company.

The sapphire and ruby fields are on both sides of the Missouri river from twelve to fourteen miles northeast of Helena, In 1889 the story was started that sapphires had been found in the old placer tailings in that locality and some of the citizens of Helena made a few locations of ground. No excitement was manifest and no development work was done. A rich man, Spratt, from Michigan, quietly secured several thou-sand acres of the ground where the precious stones were said to repose. His example was followed by others until every acre was said to have been bought up. Whatever stones have been taken out were washed out with a gold pan. The stones are found in "wash gravel." The drift or gravel is found in deposits called bars, the same evi-dently having been formed by glacial action, These pars are from a few acres to hundreds of acres in extent, and for the most part are found on high points and plateaus of the foothills bordering either bank of the river. The size of the stones varies from a minute chip to perfect stones of eighteen karats. A Helena banker has an emerald found in the placer tailings which is said to weigh in the rough sixteen and one-half karats.

An Acoustic Phenom. A dispatch to the Philadelphia Record re-

ports the discovery of an acoustic phenomenon at Minnekato, S. D., which, if verified by future experiments, may prove to be in accord with physical laws, if not the key to a rare discovery. On each side of a valley twelve miles in width stand two towering mountain peaks said to be "fully ten thous-and feet high." Two weeks ago a number of tourists, in two parties, ascended the peaks, with the intention of signaling to each other by heliograph. One of the party on the north mountain discovered by chance that at a certain spot the voices of the persons on the other mountain, who were engaged in ordinary speech, were plainly audible. There was only one place on each mountain where the voices could be heard, and it appeared to be a natural telephone. No shouting was necessary, and the words were perfectly distinct. This tale seems so inexplicable that many will be disposed to regard it with increduity. Still, it comes from a credible source; and it would be a rash judgment which should say that the laws of acoustics have been so definitely settled that further surprises in that field are Impossible. Prof. Young, the astronomer, has lately been discussing the possi-bility of communicating with the planet Mars by signaling. Perhaps it only remains to find out the secret of this Sauth Dagota nature the vibration of which might be perceptible throughout the universe.

P. or Lo as a Tra ler. The noble red man has had his wisdom teeth cut wide and deep by frequent contact with white sharpers. He is no longer a sponge to be squeezed at pleasure. On the contrary be has a clear idea as to his rights and knows how to make them yield "heap feed" and stiff prices before yielding. At a recent pow-wow at the Ross Fork agency in Idaho the Indians talked long and loud over a proposition to grant right of way through the reservation to an irrigation ditch coin-They feasted frequently at the company's expense, and when they signed the papers they had the big end of the bargain. They are to secure all the water they need for irrigation and an annual rental. The construction of the canal, which is now assured, will be of incalculable benefit to Pocatello and contiguous country.

Oregon's Fish Industry.

The annual report of the Oregon fish commission furnishes interesting facts concerning one of the leading industries of the state. The run of salmon in the Columbia river for the season of 1891 was not as great as in 1890, nor has there been any noticeable in-crease due to artificial propagation, which has been carried on for four years. The total pack of salmon for the state was 277,90 cases, or 13,338,400 pounds, valued at \$1,378, 150. In addition \$583,060 worth of fresh fish was consumed locally or shipped east un-canned. Twenty-five hundred and ninety men are employed in the business, and \$239,-000 invested in canneries and machinery. The total value of fishing gear, boats and steamers 1s \$268,600.

A thorough exposure has been made of a new swindle of Walter J. Raymond, a real estate dealer at Dayton, O., who advertised California fruit land on reasonable terms. He has cheated many eastern people by seiling them land on the Mojava and Colorado deserts for \$75 per acre. This land is not worth 25 cents an acre, as no water can be brought on it. Recently he has begun to ad-vertise fruit lands in Santa Barbara county. Inquiry has shown that these lands are in the most rugged part of the Santa Yrez most rugged part of the Santa Yrez untains, and are so poor that the government refused to survey them; yet Raymo has sold many acres for \$100 an acre.

The Oil Fields.

The oil fields of Wyoming continue in a state of innocuous desuetude. A paucity of capital and a surplus of poverty-stricken holders have produced an imposing area of Inactivity. The former is slow in grasping the dormant fortunes of the petroleum fields. The latter will not let go without fair com-

pensation. As a result, no work of conquence is under way. Report has it that an eastern syndicate controlling 600 claims in the vicinity of Casper, has decided to sink two wells. One well will be located about eighteen miles well will be located about eighteen miles north of Casper, near the head of Salt creek, and the second will be bored on the south fork of Powder river. Operations will be commenced at once on this field. The syndicate expects to work two strings

of tools, and employ four gangs.

The Pennsylvania Oil company is at work on the Salt creek well and is pushing right along. So far as oil well drilling is concerned this season, operations in Wyoming have been confined to the Casper fields and this, together with the new company commencing active operations, is advancing the price of oil properties, and many who intended to let the assessment work on their claims go are now arranging to do the work.

Montana Mine Dividends. The Helcha Independent maintains that as

dividend payers the mines of Montana lead the country. During the month of November the amount of dividends paid by all the mining companies in the United States, which make public their profits, was \$1,516,-625. Montana properties paid about one fifth of this amount, or \$369,000. Since Janu ary 1, the mining companies of the country, whose profits are public property, have paid stockholders \$16,024,842 in the form of dividends. The Montana companies on the have paid one fourth of this amount, or \$4,059. 700. But even with this handsome showing the list is far from complete. The Anaconda company, some of the largest and best paying Butto mines, a number of properties in Jef-ferson and Meagher counties which are dividend payers, and many others are not enum-erated because their business is not made public.

Natural Gas.

The discovery of natural gas near Salt Lake City is an imposing certainty. Intimations of a valuable find have filtered through Zion during the past month. Decisive results were not achieved until last week when the six-inch well reached a depth of 550 feet and the pressure of escaping gas registered 150 pounds to the square inch.

The well is on the shore of the lake, about twenty miles from Salt Lake City, and arrangements are already under way to pipe it to the city. It is proposed to use it for illu-minating purposes as well as for fuel. The request for a tranchise to lay pipes and supply the public has been favorably considered

by the city council. Natural gas is destined to play an impor tant part in the upoutlding of the city, and it the supply proves adequate, it will doubt-less stimulate a boom of profitable propor-tions.

Nebraska.

Milford business men have organized s Board of Trade. Work has been begun on a new hotel at Wayne to cost \$18,000.

A camp of Sons of Veterans is soon to be nustered in at Stromsburg. Gothenburg's new Methodist church bas een dedicated free from debt.

The clothing store of M. L. Pierce at Byron was burglarized the other night and a quantity of clothing was stolen. Harrard people were treated to a mirage the other evening and saw the electric lights of Grand Island, thirty miles distant.

Joseph H. Austin, a pioneer of Cass county, died at his home in Union last week. He was a veteran of the late war and a prominent Odd Fellow. A farmer near Holmesville tried the ex-

periment of raising peanuts the past season and from a peck of seed he harvested seven bushels of goobers. A Columbus man dropped a tack in his ear,

but before it could do any damage an ac-commodating citizen removed the intruder with the aid of a pair of tongs. A. C. Williams, one of the county commissioners of Keya Paha county, has resigned and William Connell, commissioner-elect, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Ed O'Brien is fitting up a room at Elkhorn, where, in addition to a barber shop, he will run a laundry and conduct a restaurant in connection with a confectionery store. R. M. Goshorn of Santa Fe. formerly editor of the Wayne Herald, has been appointed cterk of United States and territorial courts of the First district of New Mexico, with a

The farmers around Madison have organized the Madison Grain and Live Stock com-pany with a capital of \$15,000. The plan is o commence building an elevator as soon as he material can be procured and have it the material can be procured and have it completed within thirty days, weather per-

Thirty head of horses on the Rankin ranch in Blaine county have died recently from some mysterious cause. The owners believed the animals were maliciously poi-soned, but a veterinarian who made a post mortem declared that some poisonous weed

caused the mortality. The Tecumseh Chieftain says that the newly elected judges of the First district, Babcock and Bush, are probably the tallest men on the Nebraska bench. Mr. Babcock measures 6 feet 5 inches, and Mr. Bush is nearly up to the same notch. The pench will have to be raised for them to get their

legs under. Lincoln hopes to be represented at the World's fair by a girl prodigy if all goes well. The young lady's name is Lena Shaffer. Although but 14 years old she has grown to a height of six feet; weighed, she tipped the scales at 199 pounds. Her father says that she will weigh 200 pounds today and is still Lena's parents have had growing. Lena's parents have had some very good offers to permit her to enter the musee circuit, but have declined, as they musee circuit, but have declined, as they wish her to continue in school. Mr. Shaffer says, nowever, that if she keeps on growing until her size justifies it he will take her to the World's fair.

Charlie Polen of Aurora is minus \$5 which a smooth swindler worked him for the other day. A stranger, with his arm in a sling, walked into Polen's store and asked the proprietor if he could let him have a \$5 bill for silver, as he wished to send it away by mail. Mr. Polen took out the bill and the stranger produced an envelope and requested Polen to put the bill in it and seal it up. This he did cheerfully and the stranger laid the silver on the counter and turned to go away, when Polen noticed that there was only \$4.75 and called the man's attention. The poor cripple was surprised and said he had no more, but that the person from whom he received the money had made a mistake and had not given him accords by 25 cents. He then took an experience enough by 25 cents. He then took an envelop out of his pocket and handed it to Mr. Polen out of his pocket and handed it to Mr. Polen, telling him to keep it until he could go and get the mistake corrected and return with the silver. After he had been gone a short time Polen concluded to open the envelope, only to find that it contained a blank slip of paper. It is supposed the stranger did not get the mistake corrected, as he has not returned and cannot be found.

lows. A \$6,000 creamery is being put in at Hum-

Fresh water pearls are said to be abundant at Iowa Falls. Rev. W. M. Evans has resigned the pasorate of the Grand sunction Presbyterian

Captain Shields, tho temperance revivalst, will soon commence a war on the Oskaloosa saloons.

Spencer people are talking of having a lodging house built in Chicago for use them during the World's fair. Mrs. Joseph Oliver eloped from Cherokee with Leonard Winters, taking her little child with her and leaving a husband behind.

Shellsburg voted to bond for an \$8,000 school house, and the citizens celebrated the victory with bonfires, brass bands and gun Jessie Jastrumskie of Niles, Floyd county,

was kicked by a young ruffian named Jordan and may die. She was working for the Jordan family.

The northeast quarter of Iowa exported last year 48,900,307 pounds of butter, as against 32,874,294 pounds for the other threequarters of the state. The Algona jail has a prisoner who is con-

fined for selling mortgaged property. He is a singer and has the rest of the prisoners well trained in singing Surday school hymns. Charles D. Arms of Sioux Rapids dropped

dead in an apopiectic fit while playing a game of billiards. He had caten a hearty supper half an hour before and was apparently in the best or health. John Mitchell of New Sharon started for a charivari Saturday night with a party of young men. They had a quantity of whisay along and invited him to drink, which he

did. He soon lost consciousness and whon a

physician was secured he was dead. An overdose of whisky, coupled with heart dis-ease, is supposed to have been the cause of

his death Charles Ritchie of Oskaloosa met with a painful accident. He was feeding a corn cutter and shucker when his four fingers were caught and chopped off inch by inch up to the third joint.

Charles Smith, the Dubuque man who left his wife and five children in poverty and ran away and married Sarah Olson, a pretty Swede girl, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for bigamy.

It is a remarkable fact that during the last year ninety-one persons were killed on Iowa railroads who were neither employes nor passengers, while there were eighty-two om-ployes and only five passengers killed. An old man named Hilton found the renter of his farm at Livermore in bed at I o'clock

in the afternoon and got mad. In the end be threw a hatchet at him and is now under bonds to tell the grand jury how it John D. Gillet, the Ogden broker who failed in 1885, has arrived from Windsor, Ont., and is settling with his creditors, pay ing them 33% cents on the dollar. This has been accepted and criminal proceedings

against Gillet have been dismissed. Oliver Kennedy, a conductor on the Chi young man named Fitzpatrick of Dyers ville from his train because the young mar could not find his ticket until the train was Kennedy was arrested, tried at

Dyersville and sentenced to pay a fine A fellow giving the name of Daniel Arm-strong swindled the Epworth Organ company of Centerville out of \$435. He represented himself to be in the lumber and coal business at Green and carried a letter of introduction from his Methodist pastor. ught an organ and gave a forged \$500 draft in payment, receiving the change.

The report of the commandant of the soldiers' home at Marshalltown shows that during the four years the home has existed the average number belonging has been 379 but the number actually at the home has been less because many are away at different times on furloughs to visit friends, or, when South Dakota.

Bishop Marty's new residence at Sioux Falls cost \$30,000. A substantial Masonic temple has been

The Deadwood-Terra company paid \$50,000 n dividends this year. The Keystone mine is developing ore of

extraordinary richness. Machinery for the Rapid City Chlorinizaion works is on the way from Chicago. A bichloride factory is about to begin operations on refractory bums at Hot

prings. The snowfall on the ranges west of Pierre is said to be the heaviest in ten years, but tock is not suffering. Charles Dunn, a brakeman on the North-

western railroad, was killed near Water town by a switching engine. The Kilpatrick gang of Burlington graders has completed the spur to the Harney Peak tin mill and moved into Wvoming. Hank Lovett and his pard, chronic cattle

rustlers, were "scared to death" on Omaha plan near Custer City recently. Ten thousand sheep will be wintered at Ipswitch and vicinity. Immense sheds are peing built to afford shelter for the nocks. The Homestake mine has produced \$18,-000,000 on an investment of \$70,000, and divided \$4,780,750 among the fortunate stock-

Many families from Iowa and Illinois have to South Dakota within the last few weeks, and have purchased farms in Kings-

Deadwood revels in a lyceum in which the reat problems agitating the world are reduced to flinders by successive blasts of inellectual caloric.

It has been declared by physiological experts that small men grow larger when they go to Dakota. This, too, is in the face of the fact so many of them lose their better halves

Miss Luie McKee, a prominent young lady of Oelrichs, died suddenly on the 14th. She was to have been married during holidays. Death intervened and her wedding dress became her burial robe.

Wyoming. state university reports 100 students. A Laramic company proposes to search for oil in the vicinity of the city.

One hundred thousand young trout will be planted in state streams next May. Tie tourists are uncommonly troublesome to towns and trainmen in the west.

It is given out on good authority that the suspended Cheyenne National bank will pay depositors in full. A state reward of \$300 is offered for the arrest of the murderers of Tisdale and Jon the alleged cattle rustlers shot down in John-

J. J. Fein, owner of the Red Bird in the upper Laplata district, is said to have struck it rich. A genuine vein of gold-bearing quartz, three and a half feet wide, was uncovered, samples of which assayed \$300 to

Hon, William H. Wickham, ex-mayor of New York and manager of a company interested in Unita county coal mines, visited the property jast week. The property controlled by the company is said to be one of the largest coal fields in the United States. The coal, which is of good domestic quality, is in immense quantities, some of the veins being fully eighty feet thick. The veins have a pitch of 170 and can be worked very cheaply Development work is progressing steadily in the Gold Hill camp. A four-foot vein of solid quartz was uncovered in the Acme mine. The ore is high grade. After many vexatious delays the Downey stamp mill will begin operations this week. Another company has been formed to erect a stamp mil and work ore from the Acme. The vein of rich ore in Wyoming has widened out to thirty-two inches. Other claims are being worked vigorously, and confidence in the future of the district is as firm as the surrounding hills.

Montana.

Dan O'Leary, the once noted pedestrian, is Three Bears, a Cheyenne buck who did the continent with Buffaio Bill, has been con-victed of norse stealing in Heleaa.

The smoke nuisance has become intolerable in Butte. Determined efforts are being made to stop heap roasting by the smelters. At the Josephine, in the Barin district, the men have gone to drifting. They have ore that assays from \$1,700 to \$2,000 per ton.

A gold brick weighing 356 ounces and worth about \$6,000 has been received at th United States assay office in Helena. It is the product of a twenty-seven days' run from the Royal gold and silver mine in Deer Lodge county.

The North Home mine, near Radersburg has nine feet of ore that is considered first class. A shipment of twenty tons netted the owners \$1,000. The shaft is eighty feet deep. it promises to become the big mine of that

A fine collection of specimens, consisting of sparkling gems, nuggets of gold, dusky diamonds from the coal fields, granite blocks and sandstone trimmings, together with many beautiful taxidermic mountings showing Montana's wealth of resource in minerals and living things, is being collected by the

World's fair commissioners. The main lead of the Telluride quartz district, fifty miles southwest of Red Lodge, is eighty feet across and 9,000 linear feet of ore is located upon it. Twenty-seven assays from the lead averaged \$111 per ton. The largest vein of galena yet exposed is twenty-seven inches across and the entire eighty feet is cut by veins of quartz, copper, pyrites and galena.

The Butte and Boston company yesterday made the first payment of \$25,000 on the Monitor bond of \$400,000. The Monitor is the claim in which the large vein of copper ore was encountered last winter, and which proved to be the key note to the opening up and discovery of the large copper veins of the Ground Squirrel and other properties in the immediate vicinity.

The Baptists of Boise will build a \$10,000 There are eighty-five prisoners in the state

A baby weighing 1614 pounds was born at Wallace the other day. Boise City has a 16-year-old girl who is six feet two inches in height,

The state supreme court has annulled the work of the State Board of Equalization on the ground that it erred in fixing valuations

The Youth's Companion.

Among the Notable Features to be given in The Companion for 1892 are articles by

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monthly pay roll of \$65,000. The Poorman mine at Burke will soon have its electric light plant in operation. The plant is among the lergest in the world and when completed it will have cost the Poorman com pany in the neighborhood of \$50,000. It will effect a direct saving of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year in the matter of fuel, so at this rate it will not take them long to get their money back.

crease the Union Pacific's taxes by \$100,600.

itants. It is a railway junction town with a

Pocatello has a population of 3,500 inhab-

Nevada. Smelting works are being built at Love-

The Big Creek antimony mine is producing a large quantity of ore. The Comstock produced during November oultion valued at \$46,999. Cattle thieves are cultivating an imposing

necktie party in Long valley. Reno proposes to bloom as a health resort and will build a hotel to cost \$100,000. There is considerable excitement over the Cotton wood mines in Churchill county, and several of these mines are bonded and about sold. There is cobalt, nickel, copper, gold and silver, of which cobalt and nickel pre-dominate, and the interested ones expect

the camp to boom very soon. Thus far all goes well on all the ranches and stock ranges of Novada. Although it has been rather cold since the snow storm, there is plenty of feed. Therefore cattle are everywhere comfortable; not the least troubie or suffering anywhere. Large shipments of fat cattle are still being made to Cali-

Washington.

Tacoma capitalists are backing the steel works enterprise. Walla Walla bonds brought a handsome oremium in New York.

School land recently sold near Mount Vernan brought \$130 an acre. Black River coal, of which there is a vast quantity, proves to be excellent coking New Whatcom's city hall will cost \$39,719,

exclusive of the furnishing. Work upon it as begun. Twenty-five thousand acres of land have been selected in the Spokane district by the state authorities for the state normal school.

Oregon. Oregon farmers are agitating the cultivation of sugar beets. Valuation of property for taxation in the state of Oregon is about \$150,000,000. That of the state of Washington is about \$300,000,-

The citizens of the Dailes have raised a subsidy of \$20,000 to secure the removal of the woolen mills from Santa Rosa, Cal., to the Dalles. Grace G. Isaacs, who was injured in the

Lake Lahish wreck on the Oregon & California road, was awarded \$11,000 damages by Portland jury. Oregon had more rain during the months of October and November this year than during those months in any other year since

t became a state. The famous whaleback steamer Wetmore, which went round the Horn, was libeled on reaching Astoria on a claim for \$250,000 salvage, filed by Frank Upton, owner of the Zambesi, which towed the Wetmore into

California.

The supreme court affirms the constitutionality of the state irrigation law. Sacramento valley farmers are up in arms gainst a revival of bydraulic mining. Potatoes are still a drug in the San Francisco market, 600 sacks of a prime article having been sold Tuesday at 25 cents

By a decision of the state supreme court. all proceeding had regarding the boodlers in San Francisco has been annulled because of irregularity. A car load of families numbering thirty-

ix persons, brought by the Southern Pacific colonization agencies, arrived at Dos Palos from Nebraska, on the 9th. The olive crop of Southern California is

now nearly gathered, and thousands of gailons of the fruit is now being picked, ground and pressed into oil. The universal report from all this region is that the clive is larger than ever gathered in California, and is 25 per cent larger than

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SENATOR COLQUITT OF GEORGIA. Rumor That He is About to Retire

from the Senate. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.-The Journal announces the probability of Senator Colquitt's retirement from the senate because he cannot stand the rigor of Washington weather. The senator suffered intensely at Washington during the last two winters and was forced to spend much of last winter away from his duties. During the summer months ie went to southern California. He returned to Washington a month ago only to find him-self under the necessity of an immediate re-turn south. Senator Colquitr is disposed when he retires to help Speaker Crisp 1uto he senate, and in this his friends agree with im, but they feel that it would be better he speaker's fame to serve out his term and then go to the senate. Pressure is being brought to bear on Senator Colquitt, there-fore, to remain in the senate until he has

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Richmond Terminal Affairs. New York, Dec. 20 .- It was rumored oday that Chairman Qicott of the Richmond Terminal stockholders' committee had dended to appoint Henry Rudge of the firm of Hallgarten & Co., Jacob L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., W. L. Martens of Van Hoffman & Co., and George F. Baser, president of the First National bank, as his associates on the ommittee, out no formal announcement was made. It was stated by members of the opposition that the committee would be announced on Monday. General Thomas said that a special meeting of the stockhold-ers would be held in January.

25c for a box of Becham Pills worth a

Conger Denies the Story. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20. -A. L. Conger, epublican national committeeman from Ohio, this morning denied the story sent out

issued. from Minneapolis to the effect that the national committee would select a presiden-tial candidate, and that the convention would A. C. U. W. Legion No. I, Select Knights, Ancient have nothing to do with the nomination. Dewitt's Little Early Risers, best pills

ECHOES FROM THE ANTEROOM

Doings of the Week in the Secret Sociaties of Omaha.

ST. ANDREW'S PRECEPTORY INSTALLATION

Knights of Kadosh Publicly Entertain Their Friends-Election of Officers in the Various City and State Lodges.

An event of more than usual moment marked the constitution of St. Andrews preceptory, No. 1, Council of Kadosh, at Masoric temple Monday evening. The preceptory had previously been working under a special dispensation granted by the sovereign grand council, but with the granting of the new charter came the time for duly constituting the preceptory and the installation of officers. The installation, which was conducted by Deputy Grand Inspector General Cleburne, 332, was public, and was wit nessed by several scores of deeply interested spectators. The ceremonies were very im-pressive, and the rich uniforms of the sir knights, and the floral decorations added to the beauty of the scene. Rt. Rev. George Worthington, bishop of this diocese, and a 32° mason, acted as primate, filling the position most acceptably. Trinity cathodral choir, consisting of Mrs. J. W. Cotton, soprano; Mrs. Frances Moeller, contraito; J. W. Wilkins, tenor, and Jules Lumbard, bass, rendered the chants and hymns, some of which were in Latin. The following were the officers installed, who will advance the interests of the precep-

tory for the next three years: Thomas D. Crane, 32°, preceptor; Lewis M. Rheem, 32°, first sub-preceptor; William Cleburne, 33°, second sub-preceptor; Joseph R. Stafford, 32°, chancellor; Meiville W. Stone, 32°, orator; Michael O. Maul, 32°, Stone, 32°, orator; Michael O. Maul, 32°, almoner; James B. Bruner, 32°, recorder; Gustave Anderson, 32°, treasurer; Charles S. Huntington, 33°, marshal of ceremonies; Edgar Allen, 32°, turcopilier; Fred J. Borthwick, 32°, draper; James Gilbert, 32°, first deacon; Joseph F. Barton, 32°, second deacon; John J. Mercer, 32°, bearer of the beauseant; Samuel M. Christensen, 32°, bearer of the second standard; 32°, bearer of the second standard; John T. Clarke, 32°, bearer of the third standard: Michael Coady, 327, lieutenant of the guard; Henry Newell, 327, sentinel. The social features of the evening were none less interesting than the ceremonial for at the conclusion of the installation the sir knights and their guests gathered about a huge bowl of claret punch before adjourning to the reception parlors, where tables had

been arranged and an elaborate banquet was All of the Scottish Rite bodies in the city have been flourishing since last March, when at their first annual reunion a class of twenty-five was given the degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty-second inclusive at a three days' session. It aroused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm, and there are now good prospects of having another large class for the next annual reunion, which will be held next Feb-

The preceptory now has a membership of 120, and as its jurisdiction extends over the entire state, it numbers among its members many of the most prominent men in the state, some of whom stand high in politics. There are Lodges of Perfection at Lincoln and Fremont, but this is the only preceptory in Ne-braska. As it is a uniformed body, and most elegantly uniformed at that, it is drilling faithfully, and will soon be ready to make showing in public in keeping with its high

A. F. & A. M. The following officers have been elected by Hastings Chapter No. 21 for the ensuing year: W. M. Cline, H. P.; W. S. McKinney, king: A. R. Vansickle, scribe; S. E. Howard, secretary; G. H. Pratt, treasurer; W. H. Marshall, C. of H.; E. Petteys, P. S.; D. M. McElhinney, R. H. C.; J. W. Harris, D. M. McElhinney, R. H. C.; J. W. Harris, third veil; C. Alexander, second veil; L. H. Partridge, first veil; F. J. Benedict, senti-

The Grand chapter of Nebraska, R. A. M., elected the following officers Monday evening at Columbus: John B. Dinsmore, Sutton, G. H. P.; R. E. French, Kearney, D. G. M.; A. W. Crites, Chadron, G. K.; F. E. G. M.; A. W. Crites, Chadron, G. K.; F. E. Bullard, North Platte, G. S.; H. G. Clark, Omaha, grand treasurer; William R. Bowen, Omaha, grand secretary; William T. Whitmarsh, South Omaha, grand chaptain; C. J. Phelps, Schuyler, G. C. H.; C. C. Rittenhouse, Hastings, G. P. S.; R. H. Henry, Columbus, G. R. A. C.; J. J. Mercer, Omaha, G. M., 3d V.; James Dinsmore, Clay Center, G. M. 2d V. George Whitman, Clay Center, , 2d V.; George Whitman, Clay Center, 1st V.; John N. Vandyke and Wil liam B. McArthur, stewards; Jacob A. King, sentinel. The order of high priest was conferred upon eighteen candidates. The chapter closed Thursday afternoon. About sixty visiting masons were in the city. The next convocation will be held at

Geneva. Holyoke lodge No. 81, A. F. & A. M., a their annual election elected officers as fol-lows: R. E. Webster, W. M.; F. M. Smith, S. W.; C. B. Timberlake, J. W.; W. C. Robinson, secretary; J. W. Waite, treas urer; H. Sutherland, S. D.; J. M. Cullis, J D.: John Wash, tyler. The lodge is in : flourishing condition, with a mombership of sixty, and rapidly increasing.

Livingstone chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, of Beatrice, at its annual convoca-Masons, of Deatrice, at its annual convoca-tion elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: High priest, B. H. Begole; king, F. W. Cole; scribe, J. T. Armstrong; freas-urer, S. W. Wadsworth; secretary, Burt King; sentine, D. G. Fiske. Installation will occur on December 24.

The Black Cross degree was conferred

upon Hon, A. A. Kearney by Damascus com-mandery of Norfolk.

Orient chaper, Royal Arch Masons, of Columbus elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Most eminent high priest, A. L. Bixby; most eminent king, C. B. Stillman; most eminent scribe, J. E. North; treasurer, C. A. Speice; secretary, J. R. Meager. The installation of officers will occur Friday evening, December 25. I. O. O. F.

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Plattsmouth are arranging for a triple installation of the officers of lodge No. 146, encampment No. 31 and the Daughters of Rebekah lodge, to be held January 5. The committee which has the matter in hand are as yet undecided whether the general public will be admitted to the ceremony or whether invitations only will be

Order of United Workmen, of Grand Island held an unusually interesting meeting

Wednesday evening, initiating one new member, receiving a number of new applica-tions and electing officers for the ensuing year, after which a canquet was spread and a rare social time enjoyed by the comrades present, the attendance being much larger than usual. The following are the newly elected officers: Commander, Robert Geddes; vice commander, Roger Ryan; lieuten-aut commander, J. C. Hayes; standard bearer, Charles Heusinger; recorder, George C. Roys; treasurer, Martin V. Powers; re-cording treasurer, F. P. Boyden; officer of guard, F. Swartzel; guard, John H. Waters; sentinel, Samuel F. Kent; past commander, A. Cosh; trustee, W. R. McAllister; medical examiners, Drs. J. B. Hawk and John Jack-

son. Installation will take place on the first Tuesday in January. The Elsie lodge reports a membership of about thirty, and is only three mouths oid. Elected Officers.

At the meeting of Court Eclipse No. 167, Independent Order of Foresters of Omaha, held last Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the term beginning January 1, 1892; F. L. Weaver, | nief ranger; S. M. Martinovitch, vice chief ranger: J. E. Gustus, recording secretary; William M. Giller, financial secretary; Charles Rosewater, treasurer; George Steinhard, S. W.; David Tong, J. W.; Joe Mezzetti, S. B.; W. F. Bradley, J. B.; Dr. Charles Rosewater,

medical examiner. Maple Camp No. 945, Modern Woodmen of America, have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: W. A. Saunders, venerable consul; C. A. Grimes, worthy advisor; N. P. Swanson, excellent banker; P. C. Schroeder, clerk; Walter Walker, escort; H. A. Jones, watchman; H. B. Smith, sentry; H. P. Savage, manager; J. P. Lord, C. D.

H. F. Savage, manager; J. P. Lord, C. D. Sprague, camp physicians.

The Omaha Association of Stationary Engineers elected the following officers last night: J. A. Welgenbach, president; C. S. Mullen, vice president; James Anderson, treasurer; C. A. Palmer, financial secretary; W. B. Austin, corresponding secretary; W. H. Bridges, recording secretary; Glen Deyo, conductor; Henry Defthles, doorkeeper. Natural President Powell has made the followtional President Powell has made the following appointments for Nebraska: State deputy, T. J. Collins, Omana; deputy Second district of Nebraska, W. B. Austin, Omaha, The Omaha Turnverein held its annual meeting last Monday evening, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. R. S. Lucke; vice president R. Rosenzweig; recording secretary, Otto Lentz; corresponding secretary, E. Schurig; first turnward, Fred Fruehauf, second turnward, G. Blattert; cashier, Gus Doyle, assistant cashier, W. Schultze; treasurer, Theodore Becker; librarian, W. Bloedel; zeugward, Dr. D. Jensen; assistant zeug-ward, H. Windheim; chairman of school board, R. Stein; delegates for the Turners'

convention held at Plattsmouth, January 10, 1892, Theodore Becker, H. Hofmeister, Fred Fruchauf, G. Blattert, E. Schurig.

G. A. R. Robert Anderson post, No. 32, of York, will be officered as follows for 1892: Nathan Johnson, commander; J. A. Osborn, S. V. C.; J. T. Allen, J. V. C.; L. R. Roy, chaplain; James Leffler, O. of D.; Dr. Davis, surgeon: W. Wirat, O. of G.; F. J. Davis and George Rossiter, delegates to the state

encampment, At the annual election of officers of the Women's Relief Corps of Madison the following were elected: Mrs. Blanche Allen, president; Mrs. William Pattersan, S. V. Mrs. A. R. Frazer, J. V.; Mrs. J. L. Grant, treasurer; Mrs. Ed Jacobs, conductor; Mrs. Dr. Hutchinson, chaplain; Mrs. G. B. Groff, guard. Delegate to department convention Columbus, Mrs. S. J. Arnett; alternate

Mrs. Mary Jones.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the meeting of the Beaver City Women's Relief Corps: President Mrs. M. A. Freas: senior vice, Mrs. H. F. Merwin; junior vice, Mrs. B. F. Maple; chaplain, Mrs. L. Kinsman; conductor, Mrs. William Munsell; inside guard, Miss Lucy

Rowley.

alternate.

I. O. of W. A. The newly organized lodge of the Improved Order of Workmen of America, at Lincoln, has elected the following officers: Noble grand, John Currie; senior marshal, G. R. Knowles; junior guardian, H. H. Grimes; junior marshal, W. H. Jones; outer guard, H. H. Jones; medical director, H. M. Casebeer. The charter is open for membership and the remaining officers will be chosen later on. This new order is interested in the erection of the proposed Labor palace.

A. & A. S. R. Omaha council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, elected the following officers Monday evening: James Gilbert, thrice illustrious master; M. Coady, deputy illustrious master: Joseph Barton, principal conductor of the work; Gustave Anderson, treas-urer; James D. Bruner, recorder; Charles Pickering, captain of the guard; George H. Peterson, conductor of the coun-cil; Henry Stabrie, steward; Henry Neweil sentinel.

E. K. Wells camp, No. 72, Sons of Veterans, of South Omaha, have elected officers as follows: Captain, Fred Griffith; first lieutenant, Thomas Mullenburg; second lieutenant, F. Ettor; camp council, Elmer H. H. L. Kelly and H. S. McDougail, r. Dougail was elected as delegate to the di-vision encampment, with H. L. Kelly as

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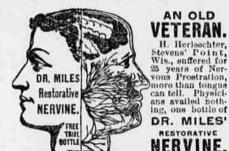
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