ANXIOUS TO BEGIN PRACTICE

Omaha's Eall' Players All Here and Ready to Get to Work.

APPEARANCE OF THE TEAM'S MEMBERS

If the Park is Not Dry by Tuesday the Boys Will Take Indoor Exercise-Manager Rowe Well Pleased with His Men.

All of the members of the Omaha base ball team have arrived with the exceptions of Vickery, Ivory, Sprague and Fitzgerald. Fielder Bon Gilks came in yesterday morning and was followed about noon by Shortstop Frank Sheibeck, who came from his home at Detroit. Later, Catcher Hayes, Fielder Kelly and Third Baseman Collopy came in from Boston. Hayes has never been so far west and he was greatly surprised to find Omaha such a metropolitan appearing city. He had been on the verge of accepting prevalent New England idea of warlike Indians and herds of buffalo in this vicinity, but that was dispelled by a glance at the town. The new ball players were anxious to see the city and spent the entire afternoon in riding over the street car lines.

Shortstop Frank Sheibeck, who will be remembered by local admirers of the national game for his brilliant playing with the Sioux City club last year, is, of course, no stranger here. "I am glad to be in Omaha," he said yesterday, "and I know that I will like the town and the people. No ball player who has ever played here has a word to say against the city or the people. And I am glad, too, to play under a man like Dave Rowe. He's a player himself and he knows just how to treat his men. I think we have a cracker-jack of a club, and I am anxious for us to get together and practice team work."

The new balt players are a gentlemanly appearing, well behaved lot of young fellows appearing, well denayed lot of young lettows and each is ambitious to shine in the Western league this season. There is not a "lusher" among them. Catcher Ed Hayes, who was so highly recommended by Umpire Gaffney, is a stocky young fellow with an intelligent face and magnificently developed shoulders and arms. He is one of the seven-days aweek backstops, as his record of seventy consecutive games with the Worcester club last year attests. Joe Kelly, the outfielder, who has received universal praise from east-ern base ball authorities, is a husky fellow and has all the physical requirements of a great batsman. It would not require a strong pair of eyes to tell that his ancestors came from the land of the shamrock, although he speaks with the accent of a Maine Yankee. Collopy is probably the smallest man in the team but he is very active and is said to eat up hot grounders around third base with "ghoulish glee." In appearance he resembles Shindle, and, in fact, it is said that he plays with all the dash and brilliancy of the famous National league third baseman

Manager Rowe was well pleased with the appearance of his men, and thinks all of them catable of excellent work. "I'm sure," said Dave, "that I've got a well behaved lot of fellows, and every one of 'em is dead anxious to do his best to win. From what i know of them I don't hesitate to say that Omaha will have the liveliest bail team it has had since the 1889 pennant winners." The rainstorm yesterday made the base ball park unit for practice today. If the nd does not dry by Tuesday the players will begin indoor practice.

Athletes at Stromsburg.

STROMSBURG, Nob., April 3 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-The Stromsburg Athletic club had a blowout Thursday at their rooms on Main street. B. S. Peck acted as master of ceremonies. First came boxing matches: First bout, three rounds, Hamilton, Shoemaker and Charles Rydberg; second bout, two rounds, Alfred Olson and Vic Wilson; third bout, three rounds, Ed Cushman and Gus Peterson. Standing Broad Jump: Cushman, Peter-

and Green-Green winning, nine feet and two inches. Kicking: Cushman, Olson and Scottushman winning, eight feet and one-half Standing High Jump: Green, Cushman

and Petersen-Green winning, four feet three Wrestling Match: Catch-as-catch-can. best two out of three, Ostbioom and Frank Shoemaker-Ostbloom scored first and sec-

Running High Jump: Cushman, Peterson, Green, Olson, F. Shoemaker and Scott-Cushinan winning, four feet nine inches.

Tug of War; "Do or Die," Al Westinus

captain; Alfred Olson, August Olson, Wes ley Wilson, Charles Kuago and Guy Green Creams, Ed Cushman, Frank Sheemaker, F. Turner, J. A. Ostbloom, Gus Peterson and Joe Netsell. The "Do or Dies" scored best two out of three.

The club has only been organized two

months and has a membership of thirty-six President Guy Green, who won several prizes at Crete and a large number at Hast ings; Victor Wilson, secretary: Joe Netsell Reddy Brennan Knocked Out.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., April 3 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The famous fight between Brennan and Ruso, the Montana Kid, came off last night. Excitement was intense. For the first four rounds, Brennan showed well, but began to fail in the fifth and sixth rounds, The Montana Kid knocked his man out at the end of the fifteenth round with a heavy right-handed plow under the ear. Thomas Painter of Evanston acted as referee and John Hartney and C. Maytin as timekeepers. Brennan was trained and backed by Link Pope of Streater, IiI., and the Montana by Tim Williams, champion of Utah. The Kid now wears the justly carned title of champion of Wyoming. The town is crowded with visitors.

Saturday at New Orleans, NEW OHLEANS, La., April 3.-The first day of the spring meeting had cloudy weather and a fast track. The sport was good with the book losers, as two favorites and two heavily backed strong second choices won. The winning favorites were One Dime and American Lady.

First race, selling, five furlences: Morse won, Bee Swing second, Lucy Hill third won, Bee Swing second, Mass,
Time: 1:0534.
Second race, selling, five and one-half furtongs. One Dime won, Froite second, Miss
Francis third. Time: 1:19.
Third race, selling, six furlongs: Tom
Jones won, Powers second. Tudor third Fourth race, Pickwick club handicap, seven and one-half furiongs: American Lady won, Marmaduke second, Pat Conley third, Time:

Going at Guttenberg. GUTTENBERG, N. J., April 2.-The track

was dry and fast today. There was a large attendance:

First race, four and one-half furiongs: Mc-larthy won, Saxopix second, Miss Fox third, Fime: 56%.

Time: 76%.
Second race, six furiongs: Queen of Trumps won, Lady Pulsifer second, Alma T. third. Time: 1:15%.
Third race, six and one-half furiongs: Saunterer won, Badge second, Rancocasthird, Time: 1:26%.
Fourth race, one mile: Turk won, Rice second, Politim third, Time: 1:48%.
Fifth race, half a mile: Isabelle won, Pisa colt second, Harlequin third, Time: 50%.
Sixth race, one mile and a quarter, over five nurdles: West Moreland won, Futurity second, Fabian third, Time: 2:21%.

Must Fight or Flunk.

NEW YOUK, April 3 .- Amended articles of agreement between John L. Sullivan, James Corbett and the Olympic chub of New Or leans were signed last night. There is now no loop-bale for either of the heavyweights to avoid battling for the world's champion-abip and \$45,000 in money September 7.

Goes to Grand Island, GRAND ISLAND, Nob., April R .- | Special to Tun Bun. |-Billy Wilson of the Deadwood icam of 1891 has been secured to guard second base for Grand Island during the coming season. He arrived in the city yesterday and is ready for duty.

Wheetmen's Racing Board. New York, April 8 .- The National Racing

board of the League of American Wheelmen concluded its session here today. The national championable race meeting was awarded to Washington on July 17, 18 and 19. The principal change in the rules was a provision that official referees should be appointed at the option of the different divisions. The board also decided that every club throughout the country before bolding a meeting will have to early to it for sanction a meet will have to apply to it for sanction

Roadster Club Meeting. There will be a meeting of the Omaba Gentlemen's Roadster club at the Miliard hotel Menday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock p. m., sharp. A full attendance is requested p. m., sharp. A full attendance is requested as business of importance will come before the club. By order of R. Smith, president; G. D. Edwards, secretary.

Tips for Today. The prophet has recovered from the effects of the evelone, and here is part of what he saw in his dream

GUTTENBERA. Patrick-Index. 1. Patrick-Index.
2. Canteen—Anomaly.
3. Sanardo—Bolivar.
4. Innovation—Zenobia.
5. Rambier—John Hickey.
6. Inferno—Brussels. GLOUCESTER Shakespeare - Whitenose, Little-Little Madam Colt. Lilian-Raleigh. Garrison-Merry Duke. Casar-Sunday. Frank S-Bill Barnes.

PONCA'S MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

Indications of a Prosperous Year - Other Nebraska News Notes, PONCA, Neb., April 3 .- | Special to THE Bas. |-At a recent meeting of the city council the conds that had previously been issued to establish a system of water works were sold to the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, of Sioux City, Ia. The bonds, together with the interest to date, amounted to \$10, 5000. The proposition to establish an electric light plant was placed upon its second reading and will be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the council.

The above improvements, together with many business buildings and dwellings and a stylish Letheran church that are to be erected immediately, will add materially to the appearance and business of this enterprising city.

News Notes from Juniata. JUNIATA, Neb., April 3 .- | Special to THE Beg. |-The farmers are sowing small grain now. A larger acreage will be sown this spring than for several years. The ground is in the very finest condition, and prospects are very bright for a bountiful harvest.

The spring campaign is quite interesting at present. The fight of license or no license is arousing old time enthusiasm, and the vote

up for the city board and a host of enthusi-astic workers, while the utmost good feeling Charles Angell is home from Holdrege this

will be very close. Each party has good men

Miss Nettie Hayzlett of Kenesaw is visit ing her sister, Mrs. G. W. Bechelheimmer. C. R. Jones of Oakland, Cal , is the guest of George T. Brown this week. The Baptists give a pound social Friday night at Sanford Webster's for the benefit of Rev. Mr. Armstrong.
Misses Minnie and Annie Buzzeli went to

Chicago Monday, where Miss Annie will pass an examination for missionary to Unina, and Miss Minnie will continue in missionary work in this country nor health being to poor to return to China again.

Norfolk News Notes. NORFOLK, Neb., April 3 .- Special to THE Beg. !- The north Nebraska Teachers association closed the most interesting session in its history last evening. The next meet-

ing will be in Frement.
The oratorical contest occurred last evening. The first prize was awarded to Miss Irene Slayton of Ewing. Her subject was: "Present and Future of Our Country." The second prize was given to Mr. Ned C. Abbott of Fremont, subject: "The Jew of Faction." In the dramatic, Miss Leona Clengman of Ewing took first prize. Her subject was: "Billy's Rose," second, Miss Lattie Story of Fremont, subject: "The Blacksmith's Nara-tive," The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, D. O. Hiobard of Blair; oratorical president, B. W. Ashly of Wayne; vice president, J. B. Emery of Neligh; secretary, J. A. Hornberger of Nor-

Fire at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., April 3 .- | Special to THE BEE !- West Pointers were aroused from their slumbers at 2 o'clock this morning by the vigorous ringing of the fire bell, It proved to be a residence just vacated, on Main street, belonging to Ferdinand Koch. It was clearly of incendiary origin. But lit left of the building. There was small insurance on the structure. An enjoyable time was had at a party at

Friday evening, in honor of the Misses Bruner, who are home visiting from Lincoln. About twenty couples were present and a merry time was had in the various amuse. Refreshments was a feature of the evening.

Stanton County Litigation. STANTON, Neb., April 3 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Stanton county has just closed a very interesting term of court. The case of the state of Nebraska against Mayberry was tried and resulted in an acquittal and com-pleted vindication of Mr. Mayberry. The case of the First National bank against Carl Stranle was tried and the court directed a verdict for the plaintiff. This was a case of ce in commercial circles, as it in volved the question as to whether a party giving a chattel mortgage on a stock goods can, after a few days elapses, deny that the mertgage covers the same stock of The court held that as between the parties the mortgage was good.

Notes from Newman Grove. NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., April 3 .- | Special o THE BEE.] -J. M. Miller, a farmer living three miles north of this place, died very suddenly at 1:30 this morning, at the residence of J. O. Putman. A post mortem will be held today. Mr. Miller leaves a large family in reduced circumstances,

A ledge of the Modern Woodmen of Amer-

ica was organized at Lindsay, and an iritia-tion of the charter members took place Pri-day under the management of Dr. Falkner, department head consul of Lincoln. A large delegation of this place participated.

Building at Columbus. COLUMBUS, Neb., April 3. - | Special to THE BEE. |-- From the present outlook it appears that Columbus people will do considerable building this season. A large number of dwelling houses are being built, and many more are in contemplation and will undoubtedly be erected. Several business building put up, and there is much tulk o building an opera house, something the city needs very much. The prospects for good

Platte River Bridge Completed. FREMONT, Neb., April 3 .- | Special to THE BEE. |-The Platte river bridge, three spans of which were taken out by the ice a month ago, was yesterday completed for the cross-

AMUSEMENTS.

"Two Old Cronies" played to a packed louse at the Farnam Street theater last night and tickled the big audience immensely. Lane most farce variety shows it is full of singing, dancing, buriesque and all-around craziness, and it is put through with

a snap that never lags.

Miss Adah Deaves is a clever, hard-working comedionne, and carries a large share of the performance. Her part is a sort of a visible nightmare, and she fills it with fetching dash. A. H. Wilson and E. J. Hefferman are the two cronies, and as laugh provokers are great successes. Of course there is a skirt dance by the Dou sisters, who leave less to the imagination than other dancers, and Miss Fanny Bloodgood adds a novelty by turning a "cart wheel."

Meets at Saratoga. The annual convention of the American Railway Master Mechanics association with meet at Saratoga on June 20. The headquarters of the association will be in the Congress hotel. Members expecting to be present should apply for rooms early. Applications should be sent to H. S. Clements, Congress Hall, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dr. Birney,nose and throat Bas bidg

BUT IT FAILED TO RALLY

Predictions Concerning New York's Market Not Realized.

WHY WHEAT HAS STEADILY DECLINED

Though Thousands Were Starving for That Commodity Their Reduced Funds Compelled Them to Limit Their Purchases-Rigid Rules of Trade.

New York, April 3 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE, |-At the close of last week it was said the market was active in a way suggestive of further operations on the bear side, but that the increasing size of the short inter est would soon bring a rally. It must be confessed that the rally so far has failed to put in an appearance. The characteristic feature of the week's operation has been the failure of the market to raily after each successive assault on it. A reasonable inference is that the selling has succeeded in shaking out some long stock. It is doubtful, how ever, whether enough is coming out to per mit the covering of large lines of shorts outstanding new without causing a quick rise temporarily, though it may be, for the market is still narrow and wholly profes-

Money is abnormally easy. Bank mana gers complain of finding profitable employ-ment for their surplus funds. The bears were not daunted by this. The large operators gave out no bear points, but they went poldly at the market and sold it down; not broadly, however, but in sections, as it had been put up, and the brunt of the attack fell on a few stocks which, by their decline, caused the balance of the list to sag off. The confidence with which they attacked the market was probably inspired by the fact that it failed to respond any more to good

It Was Worked by Veterans.

When the unexpected defeat of the free coinage bill brought no buying orders, nor the peaceful settlement of the Bering sea dispute, nor the large increase of earnings reported by some of the western roads it was plain to the keen eyes of the Wall street veterans that the buying power was temporarily exhausted; and this being the case the market was likely to yield if pressure were put upon it. It did so yield. No help came from the west where the decline in wheat has caused considerable demoralization and being enthusiastic bulls has converted most of the Chicago men into despondent bears. A small export of gold, insignificant in itself, further contributed a sentimental element to the depression. Then there was he bad effect of the further decline in the Richmond Terminal securities and the thick ening rumors accompanying it that there are almost hopeless dissensions among the holders of the securities which makes it exremely doubtful if the plan can be saved from failure.

Wherever the professionals discovered liquidation going on they made vigorous and repeated assaults on the stocks with the resuit of causing several prominent stocks in the late rise of the market to look sick in-

Time and time again the same thing has happened in Wall street and will again as often, but each time the thing appears in dif-ferent form and in different details, and the outsider is caught. Not infrequently it hap-pens, however, that some of the insiders who were a little late in getting out are

It is said that a bull pool, whose members had overstated their market, had been liquidated the past week. We hear no more about the vast comprehensive improvements which the new management is to make in the New England property. They are all laid away on the shelf, to be brought out again when the next bull movement is made in the street.

Those That Caught the Blow. New England, Reading and Sugar caught the full force of the blow. The contest for control in the former recently collected a good deal of stock in a few hands. the election was over the holders had little further use for it, and they unloaded. It was not likely that they would come in again start to points below where they had sold it. From being bulls their interests would naturally make them bears, and they would be willing to get the stock as low down as possible be fore recovering their lines.

Reading Fluctuated Wildly.

In respect to Reading, it has jumped up and down with extreme liveliness, and never was a legislative measure worked more thoranghly in the stock market than has peer the one in Governor Abbott's bands. governor has been more talked about in Wall street in the last ten days than any other individual in the country. The thing had become a joke and was getting wearrsome. Friday, just before the close, a dispatch was circulated on the board that the bill would positively not be signed, and that a special meeting of the leading directors had been called, as the stock had been dropping for The news was generally accepted as accu-

rate, but some one took advantage of it to buy in a considerable line of shorts around There was extensive covering and the price bounded up to 55 in short order, but did not hold there. The Reading people have been giving out for several days that they were not dependent upon the bill at all, as other arrangements had been made to perpetrate the combination, which is undoubtedly true. The corner stone of the combination is the concentration of the ownership of the stocks of the several companies. This con centrated ownership exists now.

Much Capital Required. It can be continued. It keeps more money locked up than the combination by leases would require, but that seems to be the only difference. While the roads in the north west continue to make large earnings, those in the southwest do not appear to be doing

The February statement of the Atchison makes a poor showing where the nominal in-crease in net is compact with the large increase in gross carnings. The increase business evidently costs as much to get it as it is worth. Much of this is charged to the radical action of the Kansas railroad commissioners, who are bent on making the railroads do business for next to nothing. Of course the Atchison suffers, and the slow but steady liquidation in the stock and in-come bonds indicates that holders are getting out. It would not be surprising if the in confe bonds soon went back to the price the started at after the road was reorganized, to which event they owe their creation. We hear some faint grumbling from the porthwest about the rate in connection with the low price at which wheat has fallen, but

as yet it is not serious. It Causes Surprise, That wheat should decline as it has, far below the price for the corresponding time last year, has been a great surprise and severe disappointment to the west. It will not be forgotten how, in the early part of the crop year, we were assured in the mos confident, not to say glowing terms, that this country would be able to sell its immerse surplus of grain to starving Europe at any prices we pleased to exact. Indeed the western producer was seriously exhorted to be merciful, to remember the suffering on the other side and to benevolently put als selling price at moderate figures. What would have happened to the Europeans if they had had to depend unon prices of wheat fixed by berevolence it is hard to imagine. Trade movements are not conducted on that basis. It is so ordered as between man and man in this world that in the long run prosperity shall be mutual and to impoverish the man you deal with is to deprive yourself of his trade,

Rules of Trade. If the buyer becomes poor the seller can-not sell him as much, or must sell the same quantity at a lower price. This is what we we had no hand in causing the crop failures we had no hand in causing the crop failures in Europe, but as a condition of them we have only been able to keep up our exports by constantly lowering the price at which the grain was sold. Had the powerty on the other side been less extreme than if has we would have sold a little less, but it would have probably been at a higher range of price. It is a sort of object lesson in the brothertood of man, for if it were not to a man's own advantage to promete the to a man's own advantage to promote the well being of his fellow man, society would resolve into chaos. In fact it never could

When the general situation improves on

the other side it will be better for the whole market and better also for the security market. It is the foreign selling which has pressed down the latter and may press it down further. For the moment, however, after such large professional selling as we have had, one needs to be careful in selecting the stocks to bear,

FOREIGN TINANCIAL REVIEW.

Bank of England Reserve Now Higher Than Ever Before. London, April 3 - Discount during the past week was quoted at 114 per cent for three months and 1% per cent for short. There was no demand. Money was ruther tighter during the closing days of March. Considerable amounts were borrowed from the Bank of England to meet quarterly requirements, but the demand ceased on Wednesday. This week's quarterly dividends will be paid out, adding to the plethora The Bang of England reserve is now higher than at any previous periods when the rate was 2 per cent, and a reduction to that figure s expected on Thursday. Fluctuations in silver were the teature for the week, which, for the price of the metal fell to 30d, became a fraction under 1s 3d and on the recovery of silver to 40 d. Rupee paper was quoted at 1s 31/d. Indian trade became demoralized under the rapid movements and the market for shares of Indian banks was thrown into a panicky condition. Shares of the char-tered mercantile bank of India, the par price

of which is 25d, have fallen to 113d.

The Kong Kong and Shanghai bank shares which were quoted last year at 70 were at one time offered at 37, although they afterward recovered to 44. The chartered India, Australia and Chili bank shares dropped 5 points, and other bank shares 3 points. Con-idence was somewhat restored after the rise in metal, but there still remained some un-easiness in trade. The Stock exchange de-partments generally suffered under the silver influence. The only exception to the downward tendency being in British railway securities. Owing to fine weather giving promise of increased traffic, there was a general gain of from ½ to 1 per cent in this department. Rupee paper rallied one-half of 1 per cent, with silver and consols advancing one-fourth of 1 per cent under government buying for the sinking fund. American railway securities were The lassitude of several weeks became marked the past week. Brokers were in despair and operators ceased to exchange

predictions of the time when a revival will Dealings were limited to a few cautious investments. The securities thrown on the market by the continous small flow of provincial selling orders were again absorbed by American buyers. Variations for the week in prices of American railway securities included the following decrease: Atchison, 34 per cent; Wabash preferred, Lake Shore and Eric ordinary, by per cent each; Atchison incomes and Union Pacific, 2 per cent each; Wabash de-bentures and Louisville & Nashville, 14 per ent each; Denver & Rio Grande preferred Central Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande common, Mexican Central, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, New York, Ontario & Western, New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio first mortgage, Norfolk & Western, 1 per cent each; Wisconsin Central, 2 per cent; St. Paul common, 1½ per cent; New York Central, 1½ per cent; Reading 1½ per cent; Canadians were weak. Grand runk second preference lost 3 per cent, and irand Trunk first and third preferences 5 per cent each. Mexican railway securities shared in the silver changes. At the close Saturday firsts and seconds both showed an advance of 1% per cent for the week. Among the miscellaneous sequrities, Eastmans & El-more copper each gained one-fourth of 1 per cent, and Rio Tintos, one-eighth of 1 per

Havana Market Review.

HAVANA, April 3.-In the sugar market the veek was one of small business; quiet prevailed. Molasses sugar, regular to good polarization, from \$2,327 to \$2.314 gold per quintal; muscovado, nossinal; centrifugal, 92 to 93 degrees polyrization, in hogsheads, bags and boxes, from \$2.65% to \$2.00%. Stocks in warehouses at Havana, 62 boxes, Stocks in warehouses at Havana, 62 boxes, 783,000 bags, 2,400 hogsheads. Exports during the week were six 50xes, 55,000 bags, 939 hogsheads of which 44,000 bars and all the hogsheads were to the United States. Bacon. 80 gold per cwt. Butter, superior American, \$30 gold per quintal. Flour, American, \$7.50 gold per barrel. Jerked beef, \$8.50 gold per quintal. Hams, American sugar cured, \$12 gold per quintal for northern, \$17 for southern. Lard in kegs, 88.50 gold per quintal Lumber nominal. White navy beans, \$4.50 gold per quintal. Chewing tobacco, \$20.50 rold per quintal. Shock and hoops quiet. reights quiet. Exchange quiet. Spanish gold from \$2.44 to \$2.4414.

On the Berlin Bourse. Berlin, April 3 .- On the bourse during the week business was fairly active. There was a strong demand for Russian securities on the reports of improved politico-commercial rela ions. Roubles rose three points and exchange on St. Petersburg advanced from o \$2.08. Mine and industrial securities were also well supported. Bochumes gained en points. The final quotations include Prussian 4s, 106.60; diets and bank, 115.80 Mexican 6s, 82.25; short exchange on Lon ; long exhauge on London, 20.3414 roubles, 205.50.

On the Parls Bourse. Paris. April 3.-Early in the week prices on the bourse were unsteady and the market was depressed, partly owing to discounts but later a recovery set in and yesterday prices closed firm. There was a week's rise in 3 per cent rentes of 45 centimes and in Rio Tintos of 21₃ centimes, while credit foncier lost 13 francs. Panama canal shares were quoted at 15 centimes, the lowest ever recorded for this stock, which is now being simply an object of historic curiosity.

On the Frankfort Bourse. FRANKFORT, April 3 .- On the bourse dur ing the week prices were firm generally for Ing the week prices were firm generally for Russian and local speculative securities. Final quotations: Hungarian gold rentes, 92.90: Italian, 87.75; Portuguese, 37.50; Rus-sian, 93.50; Spanish, 58.80; Austrian silver rente, 70.50. Snort exchange on London

\$20.41. Private discount, 1%. Rustlers Escape. PHENIX, Ariz., April 3 .- A telegram to the sheriff's office announces the escape of three rustlers, Red Owen, Sandy McFarlan and as man named McKenzie, from the New Mexican authorities across the Arizona line Deputy Sheriff Baker from Grant county. New Mexico, is in pursuit.

BEATHER FORECAST.

OFFICE OF WEATHER BUREAU,

Омана, Аргіі 3. Another severa storm is central tonight over western Kantas and Nebraska. The storm area involves, the whole country from the Mississippi valler to the Rocky mountains. Generally many weather prevails over the entire weatern states, and in Wyoming, western Colorado and New Mexico it is snowing, with the democrature near the freezing point. Easterly to northeasterly winds prevail from the lakes to the moun-tains, while from likensas southward the winds are southerly, and the temperature nas risen decidedly a Kansas City reported a maximum of 78°; Concordia and Wishita, 80°, and Okiahoma 80°. The storm center will probably move eastward across the lower Missouri valley today and we can reasonably anticipate another very low barometer with a requiting inflow of high winds. The temperature last evening was 320 at some of the mountain stations and at

The April shower (at Omaha yesterday was something out of the ordinary. The rainfall for the twenty-four hours was about one and one-third juch, the greater portion of which occurred during the torrential downpour between 2:30 and 3 p.m. There is now in this one-third vicinity an excess of two and a quarter inchesover the normal precipitation since

Eastern Nebraska and Omaha and Vicinity-Stormy weather, probably warmer, with more rain, likely to turn to snow, fol lowed by high winds and colder weather during Monday and Monday night.

Washington, D. C., April 3.—For Mis-souri—Severe local storms; cooler Monday night and south gales.
For Iowa-Severe local storms; cast gales; cooler by Monday night.
For Nobrasia-Clearing in the eastern;

squar s were abiaze, and the wooden build-ings were devoured as if they were so much variable winds; severe local storms in the extreme east portion. For Kansas-Rain; severe local storms in e extreme east; variable winds; slightly

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LOST

New Orleans Suffers from Disastrous Conflagrations.

HARD AND DANGEROUS WORK OF FIREMEN

Many Bales of Cotton Go Up in Smoke in the Crescent City-Thrilling Scenes and Incidents in the Residence Portion.

New ORLEANS, La., April 3 .- One of the most destructive cotton fires on record broke out at 10:30 this morning among some cotton on the sidewalk in front of the fire proof press on North Front street. The parties who saw smoke among the bales, gave the alarm immediately, and a few minutes later the bells rang out "42." The department responded promptly, but the wind was so high and the cotton so dry that it burned like tissue paper. The flames rapidly increased, and in an incredible short time communicated to the press itself, and were working their way along the wood work of the roof. The firemen worked hard to arrest the progress of the flames, but their efforts were unavailing.

A repeated alarm brought more engines to the scene. Additional pipes were run out and extra streams of water pumped on the flames, but they had no effect whatever. The wood work cracked and fell to the ground, and the bright flames leaned upward from every part of the compress. Through the with it as it went, burning cotton and wood as if they were so much paper.

Turned in a General Atarm After three repeated alarms a general alarm brought all the engines in the city ex-cept two or three. The fire proof press had about 10,000 bales of cotton stored in it. This was entirely consumed. It would have been useless for the firemen to enter the press. On every side the flames made an impeactrable barrier.

The hoarse cries of the firemen rushing to

and fro giving orders, the frightened cries of women and bystanders, and the shrill whistlings of the engines, formed a picture never to be forgotten. The police were on the scene doing what-

ever was required of them, but their pres-ence was of little avail, as the crowd was very decorous, being compelled to remain at a great distance from the flames owing to the intense heat. In half an hour after the flames started the

fire proof press was totally consumed and the flames had communicated to the upper press. The destruction here was as great as at the other press. In a marvelously short time the flames had attacked the building from all sides, cutting their way through the wood work with wonderful rapidity. In this press was stored 50,000 bales of cotton, some of which was taken to a place of safety. major portion of the staple, however, was in flames and it was impossible to save it. fire ate its way along the rafters of the press and down through the woodwork into the cotton, which was stored beneath the sheds. It was only that cotton stored in the yard that was saved, Narrow Escape of Firemen.

It required but a very short time, with the high wind that was blowing, to destroy this press. The walls were soon tottering, entangering the lives of the firemen. Several of them had narrow (scapes, and now and then a thrill of horror would run through the crowd, as they believed some one in dan-ger or saw a wall totter and fall. The sight was an awe-inspiring one. For at least two blocks a sheet of flame shot upward. The smoke and sparks from the fire

was blowing down into the streets and choiced and singed the spectators. Suddenly a small flame was seen to leap skyward from a corner of the Independence press. In a second almost the whole place was ablaze. In the yard were stored 10,000 bates of cot At length four rows of charred walls was all that stood to remind one that a large build-ing had once occupied the site. The place was gutted and its contents, about 20,000 There was no chance to save any portion of

the cotion, as the work of destruction was very rapid. For some time the men worked on these flames, and when it became appar ent that none of the bales of cotton could be saved, they devoted their attention to surrounding structures. Water was showered through windows and doorways, and everything was thoroughly wet. This probably averted a number of conflagrations, as sparks were falling in all directions.

Fell With a Deafening Crash. The walls of the different burned presses fell within a short time of each other. In each case there was a sudden trembling, which caused the walls to fall precipitately a heavy sutging, and then a deafening crash that could be heard squares away, and the treets were strewn with bricks and other material.

The district burned over is bounded by Peters, Front, Thalia and Robin streets, and the presses destroyed are as follows: proof, Penrose Brothers, managers; South Front street, southwest corner of Robin; Shippers, Boyd & Herrick, proprietors; South Peters street, between Henderson and reaching Independence common yard, South Peters street; Orleans cotton press, South Peters, between Thatia and Terpsichore.
For three blocks around the burning

resses, the residents moved out their furni ure for fear that the fire would spread to their homes. Men, women and children were running about with furniture or other property which they wished to save. In their flight they would often abandon their parcels in the street, where a number of fire thieves, who are generally in attendance on these occasions, got in their work.
While the firemen were working on the

Fireproof press, at the corner of Terpsichore and Peters, the walls suddenly shock and in an instant came tumbling down, and to the horror of the already excited growd, three men were seen falling under them. Willing hands were soon working on the ruins and shortly the unfortunate men were taken out, crying with pain. They were taken in an ambulance to the hospital, where taken in an ambulance to the hospital, where their injuries were dressed. They all be-longed to No. 13. They are: Captain Al-fred Dupree, Lieutenant Shaw and Pipeman Moracaux. Dupree was slightly injured, but

The total amount of cotton burned, as near as be ascertained, is estimated at 89,000 bales. held by factors and commission merchants and covered by their own policies. Much of this cotton will be sent to the pickerles and saved, so that the total loss will probably not exceed \$30 per bate, making the total on cotton between \$2,000,000 and \$2,125,000. The ioss on presses and sheds is estimated at \$150,000. It is thought the fire started from divarette which some person threw among the cotton.

Another Fire Breaks Out. While the cotton press fire was raging an alarm was sent in for a fire in the residence portion of the city. It was bounded by Laurel, Annunciation, Second and Third streets. At the time the fire department, police and a majority of residents of the burning districts were at the cotton press fire. A gale was blowing and the flames were fanned in all directions. The chief sent several engines to the scene,

work a dozen houseswere in flames. Alarms were sent and every engine on both sides of the river were summoned to the scene. The heat was intense, and for this reason it was almost impossible to get near the burning buildings, the wind in many instances blow ing the flames across the street The poople living in the square bounded by Laurel, Magazine, Second and Third

but before they could get down to active

streets, became alarmed at the charging flames. At first they picked up valuables, but as the fire spread they were frightened and rushed out. Houses were disminited of their contents and carried their contents and carried away. House after house went down and the efforts of the firemen scemed of no avail. Crowds gathered from far and near and men and boys pitched in and assisted in re-moving furniture. The flames spread in every direction owing to the varying winds. Sweeping across Laurel street with frightful rapidity they attacked the square bounded by Laurel, Third and Magazine. Four

Stayed the March of Destruction Magazine street stayed the march of the ctive element westward and acted as

barrier on the south. Every building in the squares mentioned except destroyed, Most of the houses were small, but some very handsome houses on Magazine street were destroyed. Hun-dreds of people have been left homeless by the fire, and in many cases. Nothing will be saved from the burning buildings. The scene presented was one of desolation, nothing remains of the mony handsome pullarings in the four squares, but tall gaunt looking chimneys, like huge spectral forms standing guard over the blackened ruins.

The losses by the fire are estimated at \$250,000. It is believed that the buildings were mostly insured.

CAME WITH A GUSH.

April Starts the Water Works with an Old Fashioned Detuge.

"April showers bring May flowers," possibly in some instances, but showers like Omaha has been treated to so far this month rather tend toward drowning the budding plants and sprouting grass than cultivating their growth. Saturday was a perfect day and the sun went down behind the western hills bright and clear. Sunday, when the hour of sunrise should have arrived, a misty, drizzling rain was falling, which continued almost without interruption until about noon.

Then the clouds which had been drifting aimlessly about gathered in force directly overhead, and the first intimation of a hard storm was a great streak of white-forked south. A dull rumbling followed the flash, and there came a clap of thunder, which sounded like the report of half a dozen hundred ton guns, and which fairly shock the earth, opened the storm which will hover over Eastern Nebraska and Omaha for a day or two to come.

The rain came down in sheets for about an

hour and then settled back into the old drigzle of the morning. An inch and a third of water feil, and for a time the streets and gutters were running torrents. On the same day one year ago only one-hundredth of an inch of water fell, but on April 3, 1890, there was a similar storm, during which something over an inch of water came down in about the same length of time. During the preliminary storm in the morn-ing lightning struck the corner of the roof

of the Castellar street school building, set-ting it on fire. The fire department was notified and the members of the hose companies, which responded, formed a bucket brigade and soon had the flames extinguished with only a slight loss. Lightning also struck the house accupied by Alexander McKenzie, 2215 Capitol ave-

nue, while the family was at dinner. A small fire was started by this stre'e, but was extinguished withe : calling upon the fire A telegraph pole at the corner of Twenty-eighth and Woolworth streets was complete-ly shattered by a belt of lightning and the

vires broken and scattered. The great volume of water was too much for many of the smaller storm sewers, and quite a number of cave-ins were reported Any number of catch pasins were stopped up, flooding the streets and crossings.

An eight-inch water pipe on South Thirty-third street, between Mason and Marcy streets, broke about 6:30 o'clock last evenng, causing considerable damage. The earth below the main was washed away for a dis tance of several feet, which caused the heavy pipe to fail and brenk. There is a good sized hole in the ground above the leak, which will taken a dozen or more wagon loads of dirt to fill. The water company was notified and turned off the water on third street between Leavenworth street and Woolworth avenue. The turning off of the main shut seven hydrants in that vicinity. The occupants of the shaoties on the east iver bottoms from Howard street south suffered to some extent, but more from mud

than from water.
Among the settlements along the Union Pacific tracks the mud was all the way from ix inches to a foot in depth, and made eling in that locality rather inconvenient. High temperatures were reported all over the storm belt in the south and west, but the government weather officials promise colder weather with snow for today and tonight.

As Enstern Capitalists See It. In a letter to M. A. Upton, Mr. A. O. Putnam, vice president of the Fredonia National bank, Fredonia, N. Y., says: "I think the outlook for Omaha would be very flattering if the city and railroads would harmonize and work together. It is a shame that the Tenth street depot is allowed to remain in the condition it is now in. I do not quite understand why there are not more rail roads running into Omaha and a better feeling existing than at present."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Bruce McCulloch of the South Omaha Stockman left last night for Cheyenne, Wyo., to attend the Wyoming cattle growers'

G. W. Huist, a lumber dealer of Rapid City, and a brother-in-law of Dr. S. D. Mercer, is visiting the latter at his home Fortieth and Cumings streets. Mr. Hulst said last night that the tin mines at Hill City had been completed and that the man-ufacture of tin would be begun in June.

Released "Poor Jonathan," The affair between the Conrela Opera com pany and Lawyer F. L. Weaver has been compromised and the costumes released. The company will play at Lincoln tonight.

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A SLUGGISH STREAM.

It Gets Foul and Poisonous Unless it is Kept Constantly Flowing. At this serson of the year people feel more

or less weak, run down, wearled and der ressed. It has been commonly supposed that it is due to impurities of the blood, and that only by purifying the blood can good health be secure d Is this true? Let us see. The blood gets impure because it is singuish. How does a stream get impure with green scum and poisons on the top? Simply because it doesn't run. A running stream is not impura, but a stagment or sluggish stream always is. If, therefore you would keep your blood pure, keep it moving, keep it throbbing. The moment it begins to be sluggish, it will begin to be lingure, and you will feel the effects in tired, weak feelings, depressed emotions, and a thousand and one troubles which cleays follow. The proper way to keep the blood stirring is by the use of a pure stimulant, in moderation. Stimulate it gently, and it will keep in constant, healthy motion, and good health will follow. There is but one way in which this can be done, and that is by the use of the purest and best stimulant you can find, purforably whiskey, and there is but one absolutely pure, medicinal whiskey known to the world, and that is Duffy's Pure Matt. Scientists admit this, the doctors all confirmit. It is more generally used to-day than any other whiskey which the world has ever seen, and it is popular only through its mer t. Do not let any druggist or grocer deceive you by saying they have something "just as good" "something they can recommend," etc. When any dealer says this, he has an interested motive, which usually is, to sell you something cheap and inferior on which he can make more money. Do not be so deceived. or sluggish stream always is. If, therefore

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