NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Pottawattamie County Delegates Go to the Congressional Convention.

SOME BOOMS THAT WENT WITH THEM

George F. Wright and Colonel D. B. Daily Energetically Aspiring to Wear Hon. Thomas Bowman's Official Shoes —Their Chances Considered.

At Atlantic today occurs the convention of republicans of the Ninth congressional district, at which a candidate for congressman will be chosen to fill the place now occupied by Hon. Thomas Bowman. A great deal of interest is felt in the city in the outcome of the convention, since Council Bluffs has two rival candidates for the position, both of them capable, both determined, but one at least to be disappointed. George F. Wright's friends claim to have about half of the Pottawattamie county delegation, while the other half is divided up among Colonel D. B. Daily and the other candidates. Daily has not weakened a particle since the county convention refused point blank to instruct the county delegation to vote and work for him in the district convention. Both he and Wright have been doing a great deal of quiet work on the under side, the effects of which cannot be foreseen until the engagement commences.

Wright's friends, however, are confident that their man will be the lucky individual if anyone from Council Bluffs is. There is a good deal of chronic jealousy in the eastern part of the county and in fact throughout the district to anything or any man who comes from Council Bluffs with a prayer for political preferment on his lips. This feeling has caused a number of booms to spring up in the other parts of the district. Among those prominently mentioned as candidates for the position are Judge Macy of Harlan and Judge Deemer of Red Oak of the district bench, H. J. Curtis of Atlantic and others.

One fact that is to be used for all it is worth by the friends of George F. Wright in securing him the nomination is that Judge J. E. F. McGee is beginning to be mentioned prominently in democratic circles as a candidate for the democratic nomination. "If McGee is going to be nominated," they say, "by the democrats the only thing for us to do is to put in a man from Council Bluffs to run against him, for he will poll such a vote here from both parties that unless we put up a popular man from the Bluffs against him it will be all day with us."

All the candidates have been working hard, and indications point to a spirited contest in the convention today. The following compose the Pottawattamie delegation, most of whom left over the Rock Island flyer last evening for Atlantic: C. G. Saunders, G. F. Smith, J. B. Driesbach, James Patterson, C. M. Hart, F. S. Thomas, John Lindt, G. A. Spaulding, H. V. Battey, G. M. Putnam, Alex Osler, Elmer Smith, Frank Shinn, Perry Kearney, G. L. Wilkinson, William B. Kilpack, E. C. Baldy, Charles Hanley, Paul Besley and L. E. Field. William Arnd, T. J. Evans, and Mayor Lawrence went to Atlantic last evening along with the Council Bluffs delegates.

Chautauqua Games.

They are more instructive, more entertaining than authors. Just the thing for the home, embracing history, literature, biography, art, science, geography. Call or send for circular. Home Entertainment Co., 12 Pearl street.

Chautauqua Trains.

Leave Council Bluffs from Rock Island depot at 6:10 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 10:27 a. m., 1:00 p. m., 1:50 p. m., 5:50 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

MORE OF THE SAME KIND.

Another Children's Musical Festival Held at the Chautauqua Grounds.

Yesterday was a "ditto" day at Chautauqua. The program of the previous day was repeated with variations. It was worth repeating. The audiences were larger and more enthusiastic even, despite the way the thermometer kept snuggling about the 100 marks. The 11 o'clock lecture was by Rev. J. W. Geiger as on the previous day. The afternoon was given over to another children's musical festival and in the evening there was another lecture by Prof. De Motte.

Altough the general outline of the program was the same as that on the previous day, there was much variety of detail. The morning lecture by Mr. Geiger was on a new topic, and full of brightness and freshness.

The children's musical festival was fully as pleasing in its choruses as the day before. Mrs. Nellie Bangs-Skelton at the piano, and Mr. Whitney Mockridge in the tenor solos, called forth enthusiasm as usual, while little Miss Portia Cernes was encored until even the benches looked tired.

It was surprising that there was not more parental pride shown in the two days of the children's festival. Many of the older folks did not put in an appearance at all, although members of their own family were acquitting themselves on the platform with honor. Corporations are declared heartless, but the great Rock Island showed more heart in this than many of the parents. It made up a splendid train to bring the little folks in and out, and spent $100 in wreathing it in bunting and flags. It was a gala train, indeed.

Last night's lecture by Prof. DeMotte was another enthusiastic success for that prince of lecturers. There is no man on the Chautauqua platform who can so pleasingly bring science down to the comprehension of a boy. His description of the ocean, its steamships, the fire at sea, wrecks, the life-saving service, and numerous thrilling scenes were so really depicted that the audience cheered and cheered. Last night he spoke of "The Princes of the Realm of Tone," and by the aid of his eloquence, his scientific knowledge and his wonderful pictures, he made his hearers forget themselves in the world of magic into which he conducted them. Tonight is the last opportunity of hearing this genius of the stereopticon.

The program for today is: 6:30 a. m., morning prayer; 11 a. m., a morning musicale, Mrs. Nellie Bangs-Skelton and Mr. Whitney Mockridge; 2 p. m., music, assembly band; 2:30 p. m., lecture, Dr. George Elliott, subject, "The Passion Play;" 7 p. m., assembly chorus rehearsal; 8 p. m., music, assembly band; lecture, Prof. John B. DeMotte, subject, "The Harp of the Senses, or Between Soul and Soul." (illustrated with stereopticon.)

Chautauqua Meals.

Dining hall tickets will be sold for $5.00, good for 21 meals.

Mutilated by a Lawn Mower.

Clayton McDermitt, who, with his parents, is visiting his uncle, W. H. Ruffcorn and family, on Ridge street, met with a bad accident Monday night. He was playing with a lawn mower when his left hand in some way became entangled among the knives. One of his fingers was completely severed from the hand, and another was left hanging by a shred of flesh, the bone being cut through. The second finger was put back on again and there are hopes that it will be saved. The boy is 13 years of age, and lives at Cumberland, Ia.

The Jewel gasoline stove is the best in the world for safety, durability and economy, and the new Jewel is its equal. See them at Charles Swaine's, 737 Broadway.

International Cure association rooms are in annex to Grand hotel, 520 First avenue, Council Bluffs, Ia. For cure of alcohol and opium disease.

Fegley and His Mouth.

Ed S. Fegley, who is serving a nine months' term in the county jail for all but killing his wife, is having a hard time controlling his tongue, and as the day for his release draws near the severity of the attack seems to increase.

It will be remembered that some time ago he sent to his wife several letters in which he ordered her to throw vitriol in the eyes of County Attorney Organ and Sheriff Hazen, whom he blamed as the chief instruments in bringing about his conviction. In case his command was not complied with he swore by all the gods he had ever heard of that he would leave his wife and marry a colored woman. The letters were intercepted by the sheriff and never reached their intended destination. Since that time his mouth has kept in a chronic state of pernicious activity, and he has been trying to outdo himself in making bloodthirsty threats. A number of his neighbors have come in for their share of the general cussing that he has administered to mankind in general, and yesterday three of them appeared before Justice Swearingen for the purpose of swearing out informations against him so that he might be "nailed" as soon as he is released from his confinement.

They stated that they were afraid for their lives, as Fegley is known to be of a peculiarly vicious disposition, especially when he is loaded with whisky. J. H. Raney, who lives at 2313 Avenue E and works for the United States Express company, swore out an information charging Fegley with threatening to kill, and the other two stand ready to prefer a similar charge if it is found necessary to hold them.

THIS WEEK

At the Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

All wool challies, 48c.
Lansdowns, 87½c.
Lawns, 3c.
Light challies, 3c.
Medium and dark challies, 5c.
Wash silks, 12½c.
Taffeta cords, 12½c.
Chevalier cloth, 15c.
Honeycomb towels, 5c.
8c unbleached muslin, in remnants, 6c.
Ladies' ribbed vests, 5c.
Ladies' black silk mitts, 15c and 25c.
The finest black stocking for 25c in America.
Gents' grey shirts and drawers, 25c each.
500 dozen ladies' drawn work border handkerchiefs, two for 5c.
Straw hats at 12½c, 19c and 33c, just half price.
Adjustable window screens, 25c each. Only a few dozen left.

BOSTON STORE.
FOTHERINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO.,
Council Bluffs, Ia.

Minor Mention.

N Y. Plumbing Co.

Boston store for dry goods.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co.,

A marriage license has been issued to Daniel Franks and Alice Hoon, both of this city.

The Odd Fellows of Council Bluffs and Omaha will picnic at the Chautauqua next Friday.

The Dodge Light Guard will elect a second lieutenant next Monday evening to take the place of C. E. Woodbury, resigned.

John B. Highsmith and Miss Isabel Adkins were married Monday evening at the parsonage of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church. Rev. C. W. Brewer officiating.

William Matthews and a man named Hicks, two insane patients of St. Bernard's hospital, escaped from confinement Monday but were recaptured after a chase.

Thomas Carroll, who was implicated in the row at a Main street saloon several days ago, was found not guilty and discharged yesterday by Justice Swearingen.

A small building at the corner of Avenue H and Ninth street caught fire yesterday shortly before noon and burned to the ground before the alarm was sent into the fire department. The damage was small.

H. J. Pullen and Miss Elizabeth Johnson were married last Tuesday at the residence of the bride in Hawarden, Ia. The groom has been for several years past engaged in the nursery business with his headquarters in Council Bluffs.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the county recorder yesterday by the Dakotas Mica and Gold Mining company. It has a stock of $30,000 and the incorporators are W. R. Vaughn, Walter R. Vaughn, jr., J. E. Pilcher, R. H. Pilcher, Jacob Sims, F. T. Seybert and Emmet Tinley.

The Iowa Mutual LiveStock Insurance association which was recently organized met Monday night and elected as its officers the following gentlemen: President, J. P. Greenshields; secretary, W. A. Joseph; treasurer, J. W. Kelly. The association was organized for the purpose of insuring live stock against death by disease or accident. By-laws were adopted and an adjournment was taken until Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A petition is being circulated by C. R. Hannan, H. H. Van Brunt and others asking the business men of the city to close up their stores on Friday in order that the employes may have a chance to hear the great tariff discussion at the Chautauqua. A large number of signatures has already been secured and it is to be circulated again today. The prospects are that this discussion will be heard by several thousand people from Council Bluffs, Omaha and the neighboring towns.

150 people in this city use gas stoves. The Gas Co. puts 'em in at cost.

Colfax ginger ale and mineral water sold at wholesale by Duquette & Co., manufacturing confectioners.

Chautauqua druggist, Geo. S. Davis

Personal Paragraphs.

Mrs. F. A. Sprague is visiting friends in Sandwich, Ill.

Henry C. Wells leaves today for a vacation trip in Michigan.

D. L. Ross, Cam Peterson and Bert Bolt have returned from a week's outing at Wall Lake.

Mrs. Amelia Bloomer is very ill, having been stricken with paralysis. Her friends are very anxious about her.

Superintendent H. W. Sawyer and County Superintendent J. K. Cooper are attending the teachers' institute at Avoca.

E. A. Spooner left last evening for Boston, where he will engage in his business. His family will follow him in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart and daughter, Miss Bessie, and Miss Eleanor Stewart left yesterday for a trip to Alaska.

E. W. Vosswinkle, who has been so ill of late, has been taken to his old home in Wisconsin, where it is hoped he will gain by the change.

Miss Julia Officer has returned from Chicago and will spend the summer with her parents in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Officer.

Trains leave Manawa daily at 8 and 10 a. m., 12 m., and 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:55 p. m. The 11:55 train will make connection with the last electric motor car for Omaha.

William Welch will have carryalls to leave the end of the motor line on Pierce street for Chautauqua at 25c for the round trip. Carriages 25c each way.

The Pitcher.

The career of the famous base ball pitcher, says the Boston Journal, is not unlike the public life of an opera tenor. There is sudden glory. For a season the man is in the sunlight of success. His photograph is in the show-window. His breakfast is described with pains by an interviewer. He is pointed at in the street. He receives perfumed notes. In the exercise of his calling he is applauded before he gives justification. At the zenith of his fame a necktie is named after him. But if he loses his cunning through nervousness or rheumatism his name is Sejanus, and the mob that once fawned is ready to tear him in pieces.

Crushed.

They had been watching for some time the stowing of freight into the capacious hull of a lake steamer, says the Detroit Free Press, when, rather unexpectedly, operations ceased and the boat pulled out.

"What's that boat going off for?" inquired the lady.

"Possibly," responded the man, abstractedly, "because its loaded."

The lady looked around for a dray pin to hit him with, but there was none, and the river flowed silently on.

MUST FILL ITS CONTRACT

Notice Served on the Ketcham Furniture Company to That Effect.

WHAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVED UPON

All Inferior Articles Must be Removed from the City Hall at Once—St. A. D. Balcombe Confirmed and Major Birkhauser Ordered Investigated.

When the members of the city council assembled in the chamber last night they observed that the Ketcham Furniture company's desks had been arranged in two rows about the room. Behind each desk was an upholstered chair. Into these chairs the members dropped and rested until President Davis rapped for order.

Mr. Edwards was the first man to catch the eye and ear of the president. He was up with a resolution providing for the distribution of the seats. It was to place the numbers from one to seventeen inclusive upon the desks with corresponding numbers in a hat. Then he proposed that each councilman each draw a number which would entitle him to the desk which bore the corresponding number. All of the members fell in with the scheme. Mr. Howell was the first man to look through the hat. He captured No. 9, which gave him a seat and desk in the first row and in the right center of the house.

Mr. Burdish drew No. 2 and got the seat in the first row, left center.

The drawing went on until all of the members had drawn seats and desks, and until all were happy, but just then a surprise was sprung upon the council.

Mr. Edwards, chairman of the committee on public property and buildings, was on hand with is resolution, the gist of which wrs published exclusively in THE BEE last Friday.

Knocked Out the Ketchams.

This was the resolution, and its adoption was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Munro and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Since the last meeting of the city council, the Ketcham Furniture company has placed in the council chamber certain desks and other fixtures; and,

Whereas, Said Ketcham Furniture company has placed in other offices of the city hall certain desks, tables, chairs and other fixtures; and,

Whereas, The chairs, desks and other fixtures and furniture placed in the council chamber, as well as a considerable portion of the chairs, tables, desks, fixtures and furniture placed in the other offices of the city hall by the said Ketcham Furniture company, are not in accordance with the plans and specifications and the contract under which said desks, chairs, tables, fixtures and furniture were to be furnished; therefore, be it

Resolved, That for and on behalf of the city of Omaha, the said mayor and council hereby refuse to accept said chairs, tables, desks, fixtures and furniture; and be it further

Resolved, That the said Ketcham Furniture company at once remove from said council chamber the chairs, desks, tables and other fixtures and furniture by it placed therein, and also remove such other desks, chairs, tables and other fixtures or furniture by it placed in any of said offices as are not fully up to and in accordance with said plans, specifications and contract; and be it further

Resolved, That upon an approval of this resolution, that a copy thereof be furnished by the city clerk to the said Ketcham Furniture company.

President Davis entreated the lobby to remain as quiet as possible. He said that something was wrong with the chamber and that it was impossible to hear the oratory of the councilmen unless the best of order was maintained.

The lobby became quiet and the regular order of business proceeded.

The mayor, in a pointed communication, suggested the early completion of the city hall. He said if the building was to be occupied before the close of the present century it would have to be occupied before the completion of the corridors. This was referred.

Mr. Tuttle held that it was a peculiar practice. He did not see how the council was going to order the furniture out of the building and at the same time order the rooms to be fitted for occupancy.

St. A. D. Balcombe's Appointment.

The committee to which was referred the appointment of St. A. D. Balcombe as a member of the Board of Public Works, vice Colonel Egbert, whose term of office has expired, reported that a careful investigation of the subject had been made, and that Mr. Balcombe had been found competent. Then the appointment was confirmed, Mr. Bruner alone voting "no."

Major Balcombe's bond in the sum of $10,000 was presented and approved.

Mr. Bechel moved that the vote by which the appointment of George Hurst as license inspector was rejected be reconsidered. The motion prevailed. The appointment was confirmed and Mr. Hurst's bond approved.

Mayor Bemis wrote that since handing the council the name of W. V. Morse to be a member of the library board, Mr. Morse had declined to serve. He therefore withdrew the name of Mr. Morse and named Frank L. Haller in place of William Wallace, whose term of office had expired. The appointment of Mr. Haller was promptly rejected.

Will Investigate Major Birkhauser.

Mr. Specht's resolution, referred to exclusively in THE BEE, regarding the investigation of the Board of Public Works, was adopted. The resolution is in this form:

Whereas, The Board of Public Works has delayed all public improvements, and as there is no prospect of public work being pushed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the president of the council appoint a committee of three to investigate the cause and make a report at the next meeting of this council.

President Davis appointed the following councilmen to look into the matter: Messrs. Specht, Howell and Munro.

In reporting upon park tracts City Attorney Connell said that on some of the lands the title was incomplete. In the matter of the Doll tract no abstact had been submitted. The deed to the Curtis tract was not satisfactory, in this, that it contained reservations of rendor's rights to open streets on the park land. With the Parker tract there was no proof of the heirship of those from whom the title would have to come. The Distin tract was in shape with the exception of some minor defects in the McCoy deed.

William Cleburne was confirmed as an inspector on paving. Mr. Tuttle insisted that there had been no work started, and for the life of him he could not see where, when or why inspectors were wanted.

When the contract with Gus Andreen for furnishing thirty-eight additional election booths came up for approval, Mr. Elsasser said that it was not the thing to do to let the contract without advertising and inviting competition.

Mr. Tuttle said it was simply carrying out the terms of the old contract entered into last fall.

Mr. Elsasser said that in the old booths many things were lacking, and he did not want any more booths until Mr. Andreen had fulfilled his contract. The contract was approved, Mr. Elsasser refusing to vote.

Petitions and Protests.

The Courtland Beach association served notice upon the council, stating that it had completed its bridge over the arm of Cut-Off lake. That having been done, the association thought that it was entitled to the $1,500 appropriation by the city. The communication was referred.

The registrars, judges and clerks of election wrote that they were not satisfied with the pay allowed by the council. This was referred to a committee.

The committee on gas and electric lights was instructed to report next Tuesday night the reason why the ten electric lights around Hanscom park had not been located.

The Central Labor union, the Painters union and other kindred organizations protested against letting the contract for frescoing the council chamber to outside parties. They insisted that it should go to parties residing in the city.

The Omaha Merchants Express company protested against the passage of an ordinance by which it would have to pay a license on its teams employed in transferring goods. The company in its communication stated that it had seventy men employed in the transfer business and that the pay roll amounted to $5,500 per month. The communication will be considered in committee of the whole when the ordinance comes up for passage.

People in the Seventh ward protested against the town herd running over their possessions.

Bids Received and Asked.

There were two bids on art glass for the roof of the court in the city hall. The Omaha Art Glass company bid $2,000 and the Kennard Glass company $1,800. Both bids were referred.

There were three bids on the fresco work of the city hall. Henry Herckt bid $1,450, Henry Lehman $2,300, P. Pavesick $2,200 in oil or $1,900 in water colors. All of the bids were referred.

The comptroller was instructed to advertise for bids for carpeting the council chamber.

Mr. Howell of the committee on streets and alleys reported in favor of the settlement of the controversy relating to the opening of Twenty-seventh avenue from California to Burt street. The report was adopted, and the resolution in the case went along with it.

The city clerk was instructed to report to the council next Tuesday night the number of gas, gasolene and electric lights, and also the number of crosswalks located in the various wards of the city since the agreement on apportionment was entered into. This was brought about by some of the councilmen declaring that the ward councilmen had not toted fair and had secured more of these lights and crosswalks than they were entitled to under the old agreement.

The resolution ordering gas mains on Locust street from Sherman avenue to Eighteenth street was placed on file, for the reason that the grade had not been esaablished.

The ordinance ordering the grading of Twenty-second street from Poppleton avenue to the government corral was read twice and referred. Following this came an ordinance for the curbing and paving of the same street. This ordinance took the same course and the council expressed a desire to rush the work to an early completion.

There was an ordinance introduced which requires that in the future, when houses are erected upon street corners, the names of the intersecting streets shall be placed upon all such houses.

The council decided to hold a special meeting Friday evening, at which time it is proposed to take some steps looking to the advancement of the public work that has been contracted. The mayor has been requested to be present and give his views upon the subject.

OBSERVING THE LAW.

Railroads Generally Observing the Interstate Commerce Commission.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 12.—Messrs. Veasey, Clements and Medill of the Interstate Commerce commission have arrived to institute an investigation which will be commenced tomorrow. Over twenty traffic officials connected with roads that have been accused of giving discriminating rates, have been cited to appear before the commission, while a number of other people, including Chairman Blanchard of the Central Traffic association and Chairman Midgely of the Western Freight association, have been summoned as witnesses. Commissioner Veasey in an interview today said: "The public seems to have a wrong impression concerning the work of the Interstate Commerce commission. We investigate every charge made, but our investigations generally result in showing that four-fifths of the allegations are groundless. The railroads are observing the law more closely now than they are given credit for. All the roads cited to make a defense tomorrow have filed answers, which on their face appear to be good defenses and may turn out to be so. We shall, however, probe every charge to the bottom."

The report received here this afternoon from New York to the effect that the advisory board of the Western Traffic association had met without a quorum and adjourned till next October is regarded as significant. The general feeling was expressed by an official of one of the membership lines, who said: "This means that the Western Traffic association has proved a failure and some of its strongest members do not care to bother with it any longer. In the meantime the ruinous reduction in Colorado rates will go into effect and the revenues of the roads will be cut down to the extent of millions of dollars. As a matter of fact, very little attempt has been made of late to enforce the provisions of the presidents' agreement, and in my opinion there would be no hesitation in disbanding the association, if it were not for the effect it would have on the stock market."

The report from Louisville that the Illinois Central contemplates buying the Newport News & Mississippi Valley cannot be verified here.

Obstructed by the Burlington.

NEW YORK, July 12.—A quorum of the memoers of the advisory board of the Western Traffic association assembled for their regular quarterly meeting at the Windsor hotel this morning. The entire "Gould faction" was absent. The board adjourned at noon, having been in session not over an hour. The following statement was then given out:

"An adjournment was taken without any business having been transacted. It was ordered that the next regular meeting of the board in October should be held in New York.

"The adjournment was had because of the conditional representation of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which presented a quorum for the transaction of business. The Burlington company sent to the meeting a resolution of its board of directors demanding that the agreement be so changed as to provide that the decisions of the commission should not be binding upon any member unless approved by a four-fifths vote of the advisory board. The Burlington company accompanied this demand by a threat to withdraw from the meeting unless it were complied with, and such withdrawal would leave the meeting without a quorum.

"The board was unwilling to consider any demand made in such manner and terms and as the withdrawal of the Burlington representation would prevent the consideration of other business, the board determined upon adjournment in the hope that the Burlington would consider further the unreasonableness of its request."

After the adjournment Mr. Hughitt of the Chicago & Northwestern said that the absence of Gould, Sage and Clark was not looked upon by the members as expressive of dissatisfaction or an attempt to cripple the board. It was said that Mr. Sage sent a note to the meeting saying that he would attend the afternoon session of the board.

Gambling in Rome Centuries Ago.

So intense was the love of the Roman for games of hazard, writes Prof. Rodolpo Lanciana in the North American Review, that whenever I have excavated the pavement of a portico, of a basilica, of a bath, or any flat surface accessible to the public, I have always found gaming tables engraved or scratched on the marble or stone slabs, for the amusement of idle men, always ready to cheat each other out of their money. The evidence of this fact is to be found in the Forum, in the Basilica Julia, in the corridors of the Coliseum, on the steps of the temple of Venus and Rome, in the square in front of the Portico of the Twelve Gods, and even in the house of the Vestals after its secularization in 393. Gaming tables are especially abundant in barracks, such as those of the seventh battalion of vigiles near by S. Critogono, and of the police at Ostia and Porto, and of the Roman encampment near Guise in the Department of the Aisne. Sometimes, when the camp was moved from place to place, or else from Italy to the frontier of the empire, the men wouldn't hesitate to carry the heavy tables with their luggage. Two of pure Roman make, have been discovered at Rusicade, in Numidia, and at Ain-Kebira in Mauretania. Naturally enough they could not be wanting in the Praetorian camp, and in the taverns patronized by its turbulent garrison, where the time was spent in revelling and gambling and in riots ending in fights and bloodshed.

A Risky Business.

Siftings: Daughter—I believe I'll make Charley an angel cake. Mother—What! Before you are married? Why, child, you are crazy. How do you know but what he may eat some of it? If your father had eaten some of my cake before we were married you would have been compelled to seek a different parent.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

Senator Voorhees Wants a Bill to That Effect Prepared.

PEFFER MAKES A PERSONAL EXPLANATION

He Voted for a Measure He Did Not Intend To—Work of the House—Both Sides Preparing for the Silver Fight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—The anti-option bill appeared to have made a large advance today when the senate on a party yea and nay vote of 33 to 15 decided that it should be taken up and made the unfinished business, displacing from that advantageous position the silk culture bill. But immediately thereafter the senate voted to proceed to the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill, and that action had the parliamentary effect of depriving the anti option bill of its rank and precedence and it fell back once more to the position on the calendar from which it can again emerge only by an affirmative vote of the senate.

The discussion of Mr. Quay's amendment, making the Sunday closing of the World's fair at Chicago a condition precedent for the appropriation of $5,000,000 in its aid (in the shape of 10,000,000 souvenir half dollars), was resumed and was not concluded when the senate adjourned.

Compulsory Arbitration.

Mr. Voorhees of Indiana offered a resolution declaring that all controversies between employers and their employes should be settled by compulsory arbitration, and instructing the committee on education and labor to inquire into the expediency and propriety of preparing and reporting to the senate a bill making provisions for a commission of labor, in accordance with the special message and recommendations of President Cleveland, dated April 22, 1888.

The resolution was, at the request of Mr. Hale, laid over until tomorrow, as Mr. Hale desired to see whether arbitration was not provided for in the act of October 1, 1888.

Mr. Dolph, from the committee on foreign relations, reported a bill amendatory of the last Chinese exclusion act—the amendment being to strike out the words "one creditable white witness," and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "one creditable witness, not a Chinese person, or person of Chinese descent."

Mr. Allison, seeing that the bill was going to lead to debate, objected to its consideration, and called up the sundry civil appropriation bill, the pending question being Mr. Quay's amendment requiring the Columbian exposition at Chicago to be closed on Sunday. There was considerable debate on the amendment, after which the subject was laid aside.

Peffer Explains His Vote.

Mr. Peffer made a personal explanation. He said that he had voted last Saturday in favor of the amendment to pay to the widows of chief justices and justices of the supreme court a year's salary of their husbands. But hardly had the vote been announced when he became satisfied, in his own mind, that he had made a mistake. He now desired to state so in the presence of the senate and of the country.

The senate then adjourned.

In the House.

The house today agreed to the conference report on the District of Columbia appropriation bill. That was all that it accomplished in the way of legislation with the exception of the passage of a right of way bill. For the first time this session, a special order reported and passed at the instance of the rules committee went for naught, for when the first measure on the docket of the committee that was lucky enough to get the rule appeared, being the joint resolution, relative to the election of senators by a popular vote, the republicans allowed it to be discussed all day and then, by filibustering, practically defeated its further progress.

The conference report on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, as agreed to, appropriates $90,000 to meet the expenses of the Grand Army of the Republic encampment in Washington—the appropriation to be paid entirely out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

A recess was taken until 8 o'clock, the evening session to be devoted to private pension bills. Nothing, however, was done.

PREPARING FOR THE STRUGGLE.

Enemies and Friends of Silver Gathering up Their Forces.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—There was a lining up of the opposition forces on the silver bill this afternoon, and much preparation for the battle that is expected tomorrow, when an effort is to be made to bring the senate silver bill before the house for action.

The anti-silver men make the best show of real confidence. The republicans and the democrats opposed to the passage of the silver bill will unite in voting against the adoption of the rule making the bill the special order for tomorrow. Mr. Reed says they will defeat the rule.

Mr. Gary says a short time will be allowed for debate before the previous question is ordered on the adoption of the special rule, so that certain democrats who have heretofore favored free silver coinage can explain why they do not believe the rule should not now be adopted and why they vote against.

Mr. Tracy's friends say they will be able to defeat the rule by a majority of twenty. Every effort is being made to have the full anti-silver vote present. The free coinage men are likewise striving to poll their full strength tomorrow. Privately they admit the bill is in a very critical condition, but they hope to succeed, and intend to do their best, and then if the rule is defeated they will abandon the fight.

Seized for Smuggling.

The Treasury department was today informed by Special Agent Mulkey at Astoria, Ore., of the seizure of the steamship Wilmington, plying between Victoria, B. C., and Portland, Ore., for smuggling, and the capture of ninety-two cans of opium valued at $5,000. The captain and crew of the vessel were arrested and will be tried for smuggling. This is one of the most important seizures ever made by the custom officers.

Guarding Against the Cholera.

The surgeon general of the Marine hospital service has ordered that all vessels arriving from cholera infected districts must be thoroughly disinfected.

Campbell Calls a Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—Chairman Campbell of the republican national committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the executive committee in New York next Saturday.

THE BEE'S RUSSIAN LETTERS.

THE BEE will begin the publication in July a series of travel letters from Russia by Mr. Frank G. Carpenter. These letters will give the best view of Russia and its institutions that have yet been presented to the people of the United States. Mr. Carpenter has carried with him the best of letters of introduction from the cabinet ministers at Washington to the noted officials of Russia and from the heads of the secret service of the Treasury department to the chiefs of police, and the probability is that everything in the country will be thrown open to him. Armed with a camera he will travel for thousands of miles through some of the most interesting regions of the czar, will visit the famine districts, sail down the Volga and will probably spend some time at Nizni Novgorod where the famous Russian fair is held, and where $100,000,000 change hands every year. St. Petersburg and Moscow will be visited and the life of the people will be described. After some months in Russia Mr. Carpenter will visit other parts of the continent, devoting himself to the writing up of such subjects and men as are especially interesting to American readers and sparing neither time, money, labor nor influence to get the best of foreign information for us. It is safe to predict that this series of letters will be interesting in the extreme and they will surpass if any thing the writer's travel matter in the past as will be remembered that he has traveled more widely perhaps and more successfully than any other correspondent in the United States. Four years ago he made a year's tour around the world, during which he had long interviews with the king of Korea, Li Hung Chang, the viceroy of China, the king of Greece, the khedive of Egypt, the sultan of Jahore, and other famed oriental potentates, and last year he spent the spring in Mexico and had a long interview with President Diaz in the National palace and gave an entirely new view of the country and its people. Mr. Carpenter's letters are practical, common sense letters. He believes in describing things as they are and he knows just what the people want to read and is able to tell it in an interesting way. He believes that the letters he will send us from Russia will be the best he has ever written and he says that he has no doubt but that he will be able to get through some of the least known parts of this most interesting land. He is at this writing in Russia and is probably making his way today among the starving peasants of the Volga.

FACTS ABOUT OMAHA.

Omaha has five public parks.

Omaha has sixty-five miles of paved streets.

Omaha has ninety-two miles of sewers.

There are sixty public schools, employing 268 teachers.

There are twenty-two church and private schools, employing 152 teachers.

The school census shows over 30,956 children of school age.

Omaha is a city of churches, having 115 houses of religious worship.

There are sixty-five hotels.

There are thirteen trunk lines of railway, covering 38,233 miles of road operated from Omaha. One hundred and thirty passenger trains arrive daily.

Omaha has the largest smelter in the world.

Omaha has the largest linseed oil works in the United States.

Omaha is the third largest packing center in the world. Last year the stock receipts were: Cattle, 2,538,793; hogs, 7,169,865; sheep, 783,895.

Omaha has the largest distillery in the world and three of the largest breweries in the United States.

Omaha has the largest white lead works in the world.

Aside from the packing houses Omaha has 160 manufacturing enterprises with a combined capital of $8,938,000. Last year their products amounted to $33,000,000.

The principal shops of the Union Pacific railway are located in Omaha. They cover fifty acres of ground and represent an outlay of $2,500,000. They furnish employment to 1,200 skilled mechanics and 200 day laborers.

There are 207 jobbing houses, with a capital of $14,116,000. During 1891 their sales amounted to $50,211,700.

During the year 1891 the real estate transfers amounted to $15,920,821.

The actual real estate valuation is $250,000,000, while the assessment for taxation is based on a one-tenth valuation.

Omaha has twenty banks, of which nine are national, eight savings and three are state banks.

During 1891 the clearings were $221,128,805.

The postoffice receipts for the year were $264,588.29. This department gave employment to forty-six clerks and sixty-six carriers.

Omaha has one of the most complete water works systems in the world. The plant cost $7,000,000 and has 170 miles of mains. The pumping capacity is 85,000,000 gallons daily.

There are ninety-five miles of street railway, mainly electric. The system employs 600 men and operates 275 cars. The monthly pay roll is $40,000.

Population in 1850	1,861
Population in 1870	16,083
Population in 1880	30,518
Population in 1885	60,853
Population in 1890	140,452

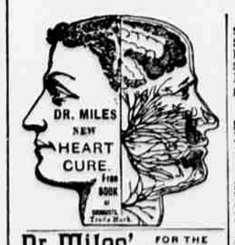
Hurrah for Siam!

The Siamese nobility are awakening to the benefits which will accrue to their sons from the advantages of a good European education, declares the Siam Free Press, and almost every year a number of the rising generation leave the shores of this country for the various colleges of England, France and Germany. It is astonishing that the Siamese, who have taken so readily and rapidly to silk hose, billiards and wine, should remain impassive to the music of western Europe, and the more so as the Siamese would rapidly become proficient with little time and attention. The piano, organ or harmonium have not yet made their way among the Siamese the reason we can scarcely account for, as there are few of the lighter or more airy products of civilization that have not been absorbed by the so-called French of the east.

The intricacies of chess have been mastered, billiards have no longer a charm, even dog-cart driving is beginning to pall on the young scions of Siamese nobility who are every day becoming more blase. Let us have music and they have ever a solace at hand, a friend, a monitor to lift them beyond the paltry, mean considerations of every-day life and make them purer, happier, and better men.

Neil Bryant Still Alive.

Seated with some friends at Chamberlin's last night was a man once famous in the minstrel profession, now a clerk in a government department, says the Washington Post. The rising generation may not know much about the Bryant brothers, but thirty years ago they were at the zenith of popularity, and played to crowded houses in all the big cities. There were Jerry Neil, and Dan, and it was the second referred to in the opening lines, Jerry and Dan having long since taken passage in the boat belonging to old Charon. It was interesting to hear genial Neil Bryant recount stories of those earlier days of minstrelsy. "In our company, said he, "was Dan Emmett, who, while with us, composed 'Dixie,' that tune dear to the southern heart. He is still alive, though quite an old man now, and when I last heard of him he was fiddling in Chicago."



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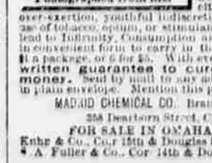

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