Doings of the Week in the City and State

GROWTH OF PYTHIAN ENDOWMENT RANK

Annual Report of the Head Officials of the Order-Plans of the Omaha Odd Fellows-A. O. U. W. Entertainment-Royal Arcanum Socials.

The Endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias of the World is in a most prospering condition and the future outlook is especially bright. The board of control has submitted a synopsis of the business of the Endowment rank, transacted during the last quarter, and showing the membership and endowment in force and the cash balances on December 31, 1892, from which the following summary is taken:

Balance cash on hand December \$124,153.54 The report concludes with the following Interesting statements to the members:

"The last quarter, completing the calendar year 1893, shows that the Endowment rank is still in the ascendancy. During the past three months thirty-three new sections have been organized, 1,044 members admitted, and certificates of endowment representing \$2,370,000. The adoption by the supreme lodge at

its last session of a new constitution for the rank, and the revision of the general laws by the board of control at its quarterly session held in October last and promulgated on November 1, reduces to a minimum the labors connected with the organization of sections and the requirements in the admis-sion of applicants.

sion of applicants.

"The usual strict medical examination has, by the adoption of the new form of application, been improved upon and the work in general has been very much simplified, the results thus far bearing evidence of greatly facilitating the dispatch of business. As the section officers, organizers and members are becoming familiarized with the new laws, abolishing the obligation and all ceremonics, a general expression of approval has resulted.

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"During the year 1892 the rank has grown steadily and satisfactorily. Two hundred and twenty sections have been established throughout the supreme jurisdiction. Of the applications presented nearly 5,000 were accepted as eligible risks and have been admitted to membership. The certificates issued to these members aggregate a total insurance of \$10,400,000.

"Eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars has been disbursed for death benefits. The receipts from interest earnings on average daily balances has been ings on average daily balances has been \$7,416.89. The beginning of the year 1893 shows nearly 1,600 sections in working order, with a membership of \$30,230, and \$04.800,000 endowment in force.

The indications all point to a successful d prosperous year for the Endowment ak. The board of control expresses the hope that the many faithful organizers and officers will during the present year labor with renewed energy and endeavor to bring to the knowledge of every Pythian knight the fact that within our own great order can be obtained a safe, sound and reliable protection for their dependents in sums of from \$1,000 to \$5.000 at a contraction of the safe. to \$5,000 at a cost considerably less than one-half that of regular life insurance, and on terms that place its benefits within the reach of all."

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

few evenings ago about twenty members of Omaha lodge No. 2 went out to Fremont to visit with the members of the lodge at that place. They were royally entertained by the Fremont Odd Fellows and the trip was a very pleasurable one and an occasion long to be remembered.

Last evening at Washington hall the members of Wasa lodge No. 183 gave a social entertainment and dance. The members of is lodge are famous as entertainers and they kept up their established excellent reputation last night. The event was given for the benefit of a sick brother, who will realize a good sum from the proceeds.

Odd Fellows hall, at Fourteenth and Dodge streets, was well filled last evening by a throng of people upon pleasure bent, and they had certainly sought out the proper place to gratify their desires in that regard. The occasion was one of those pleasant social entertainments given frequently by the Daughters of Rebekah, who are always royal entertainers, and they were at their best last night. The party was a pleasant one and en-joyed fully by all those whose good fortunes had directed them there.

Grand Master Weir of Lincoln has issued his quarterly letter to the subordinate lodges in his jurisdiction. The letter shows an ex-cellent state of affairs and the order is found to be in a very prosperous condition. The relief disbursed during the last year amounted to the magnificent sum of \$3,200,000. The grand master has figured out that this sum divided up shows that the average paid out monthly amounted to \$270,000, daily \$90,000 and hourly \$375. An order that is expending so large a sum of money for the relief of its members each year certainly has a commendable mission money for the relief of its members each year certainly has a commendable mission on this earth and it is filling it with great honor and ability. It must also be borne in mind that this sum represents only the amount paid in relief and does not include one cent of insurance paid. Grand Master Weir's letter is very encouraging in every respect and has greatly enthused the members of the order to greater deeds and more work.

A new feature has been adopted by Triangle lodge of this city in connection with the third rank work, and her castle hall is crowded at each meeting by interested spectators. The new feature is simply a novelty, safely permissible and gives a spice and energy to the work.

November next will chronicle the silver anniversary of the establishment of the order in Nebraska. The event will be fittingly remembered and already there are in contemplation many celebrations of the glorious time when Pythianism was planted upon the fertile soil of this great state. Nebraska lodge No. 1 was the first estab-lished in Nebraska and its birthplace was in Omaha. It is now prospering, has a large and earnest membership and is accomplish-ing a great deal of good in the fraternal world.

Mrs. Hattle Robinson, supreme chief of Mrs. Hattle Robinson, supreme chief of the Pythian Sisters, has just closed negotia-tions with the proprietors of the hotel at 380 Bowen avenue, Chicago, where headquar-ters have been established for the Knights of Pythias during the World's fair. Mrs. R. Bobinsons ucceeded in effecting arrangements and during the fair the headquarters of the sisterhood will be established there. The supreme chiefs, enterprise is established. supreme chief's enterprise is certainly com-mendable and her action will give to the order an individuality much to be desired and afford the members from the different parts of the country opportunity to meet and become accounted

Towering Masonic Temples in Chicago, The power of syndicates accomplishes wonders, as is demonstrated by their labor in raising a mighty structure in the city of Chicago, that overtops all other achievements of man, under the title of a Masonic temple. Yet this massive and towering wonder of the world is not expansive enough in the eyes of another syndicate to encompass the faithful fellowers of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and in order that these sons of the desert shall have an abiding place, a site has been secured and a "mosque" is to be erected under the guise of a "temple" that shall rear its walls above all other temples now completed in the World's Fair

withal the above, another remains to be built, as the followers of the Sovereign Hierarchy of the northern jurisdiction, Ahrient and Accepted Scottish Rite, have as yet been obliged to remain within the narrow confines of their consistory in Monroe street, their pleasure will no doubt be attended to as soon as the Shrine syndi-

cate shall have raised their Babel temple to the extent of their approach to the symbol of the Shriners displayed in the heavens, above the clouds of the prairie lands of Illinois; yet perhaps they will await the close of the World's fair in order to secure that site to rear a Holy House of the Temple, that will overreach all "towers," and when completed the wonder of all succeeding ages will have been outdone, by the witnessing of sublime princes and sovereigns for life, "going up in a balloon."

Plattdeutscher Vereen. The Omaha vereen has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Henry Schroeder; vice president, Henry Rolffs; treasurer, C. F. Hamann; financial secretary, P. C. Schroeder; recording secretary, Peter Fehrs; librarian, Chris Boysen;

finance committee, Julius Peycke, Fred Staccker and Henry Anderson.

The finances of the lodge are in splendid condition, the financial secretary's report showing a balance of \$4,046.11 on hand February 1, 1893. The vereen pays in weekly benefits \$6 in cases of sickness, \$500 in case

benefits \$6 in cases of sickness, \$500 in case of death and \$50 for burial expenses.

The president of the central body is located in Kansas City and the treasurer and secretary in Omaha. Local versens are located in all cities in the United States. The next convention will be held in Chicago in June to which the Omaha versen will send ten delegates. At the present time the Omaha has a membership of 242, among whom are the following well known ditizens: Henry Bolin, Louis Heimrod, Fred Metz, John Baumer, J. P. Lund, William Segelize, Julius Peycke, Theodore Henck, Gustavus Bencke and other.

Ancient Order of United Workmen. Not many weeks ago a number of the wives, daughters and sisters of the members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the Ancient Order of United Workmen living in North Omaha got together and organized a lodge of the Degree of Honor, the women's auxiliary of the workmen. From the organization of the lodge, which was given the name of North Omaha lodge No. 29, it has grown and prospered very rapidly. Particular attention has been paid to its social features, and several successful and enjoyable parties have been given. The last one of these parties was attended by nearly 500 people, and they all passed a very pleasant evening. Tugsday evening (Valen. pleasant evening. Tuesday evening (Valentine day) the lodge will give another party at Goodrich hall, Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets, and the ladies promise as successful an event as on former occasions.

Dancing will be the order of the evening.

Lanch will be served from 9 until 12 o'clock in the hell.

in the hall.

The Select Knights lodge No. 1 of Grand Island recently entertained with a lecture, ball and banquet. Hon. Charles Rief gave an illustrated talk on the Holy land that was very interesting.

Independent Order of Good Templars. Thursday evening, Life Boat lodge No. 150 installed the following officers: Chief templar, L. F. Fanton; vice chief templar, Miss Edith Ford; past chief templar, Charles Watts; chaplain, Miss Ferrine; secretary, E. Watts; chaplain, Miss Ferrine; secretary, E. R. Cook; recording secretary, Laura Fisher; financial secretary, Frankie Holland; treasurer, Paul McCulloch; marshal, C. B. Myres; deputy marshal, Rosa Dewey; guard, Theresa Schock; sentinel, Lee Forby; lodge deputy, F. L. Coombs. Thursday evening, February 2, the lodge gave a free entertainment and social at their hall. The committee on arrangements is highly complimented upon the excellence of the entertainment afforded.

Magic City lodge of South Omaha wil give a valentine party Monday evening, to which the public is invited. An interesting pro-gram is being prepared. The entertainment will be free, but a temperance jug will re-ceive contributions for the good of the cause. The party will be entertained at the Presby-terian church, corner J and Twenty-fifth

Order of the Eastern Star. The members of Vesta Chapter No. 6,

Order of the Eastern Star, at the solicitation of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Atkinson, made their annual visitation to their cheerful home, No. 2408 Cass street, Thursday evening. The evening was spent in social converse, cards, luncheon and around the punch bowl.

punch bowl.

Among the many who enjoyed the hospitalities of Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, the following were noticed as present: Messrs, and Mesdames Anderson, Batterton, Coon, Dailey, Dunham, Harris, Hascall, Jeffries, Newell, Rees, Steffenson, Todhunter, Walker and Westberg, Messames Rogers, Sayre, Whitmarsh and Wilson; Misses Anderson, A. Beccher, S. Beccher, Harris, H. Osgood, E. Osgood, Powell, Sayre, Dr. Mary Strong and Weilancer, and Messrs, Davis, Halligan, McKoon, Osgood, Pettis, Pinney, and Master Eddie Davis.

Union Pacific council will celebrate St. Valentine's day with a dancing party at New Metropolitan hall, Twenty-third and Harney streets, Tuesday evening of this week. This is the last party of the series before Lent and a most enjoyable time is anticipated, as there are no social events in the Gate City more pleasant than those of the Union more pleasant Pacific council.

IMPLETIES,

Yankee Blade: Our minister was learned and warm-hearted but somewhat erratic and absent-minded. He had a pony that had a great aversion to donkeys, and it was with the greatest difficulty that it could be got to

pass one of those animals on the road. One day when riding to Foafar he met near Quilkie an itnnerant earthenware merchant whose stock in trade was drawn by a donkey. The pony reared and backed and was only got past after a great struggle.

The minister, at the turn of the road a little farther on and before his mind was quite omposed, met the provost of Foafar.
"A fine day, provost," said the minister.
"Yes, fine day, Mr. Allan," replied the

"Do you think, provost, I'm likely to meet any more asses on this road?"
The provost used strong language in reply, though there was no cause for it.

T. E. Irvine, an evangelist from Niagara Falls, who has been holding services in a Baltimore church, refused to allow the women of the congregation to hold a church fair, saying that he would rather see the church used by a liquor saloon, and preached a victous sermon on the matter. When he had concluded Mrs. T. W. Lewis arose in her seet and publicly demanded a retraction. her seat and publicly demanded a retraction.
Instead of apologizing the preacher repeated
what he had said, remarking: "A devil,
backed by a number of other devils who are to take buck what I said about church fairs in the basement of the church. But I would sooner see them roasting in the flames of hell." Subsequently Mr. Irvine sought another pulpit.

Detroit Free Press: The pastor began by interrogating the little girl and before he knew it he was doing something in that line

"Ain't you a preacher?" she asked.

"Yes," he admitted, pointedly.
"Preachers are good, am't they?"
"They ought to be,"
"Are you!"
"I think so."

"I try to make myself and everybody bet-"Is that all?"
"Yes, and if I can do that I have done enough, and I am sure of my reward."
"What is that?"

"I'll go to heaven when I die." "Is heaven a good place?" 'Very, very good.

"Everybody goes there?"
"Yes, everybody."
"Well, what'll you do for a living when you go to heaven?"

New York Tribune: Two gentlemen, one of whom is a an ultra-conservative Presbyterian, were talking about the Briggs case the other day on an elevated train. In the course of the conversation the other gentle-man said to the Presbyterian: "But you surely don't expect to help the church by appealing the case to general assembly?" "I don't know about that," was the reply, "but at any rate we will keep old Briggs on the hop."

Little Boy-Mayn't I be a preacher when I row up! Mother—Of course you may, my pet, if you

want to
Little Boy—Yes, I do. I s'posa I've got to
go to church all my life anyhow, an' its a
good deal harder to sit still than to walk
around and holler."

## FOND CUPID'S DAY OF DAYS

When Swains Beguile the Lassies and Burden the Mail With Sighs.

THE VALENTINE INDUSTRY DECLINING

A Famous Fad of Other Days on the Wane -Origin of the Custom a Trifle Anclent-Details of a Valentine Luncheon,

Love knows no dwelling place or walls, The poet truly sings. In cottage or in patace halls Contentedly it springs.

Its home is on the mountain heath, Or in the valley's shade; The humble peasant's roof beneath The swallow's home is made. But I for feudal pomp am willed, For something grand and rare, And so my footish heart doth build A castle in the air.

St. Valentine was an Italian priest who suffered martyrdom in Rome in 270, or at Terni in 300, writes Florence Wilson in the February Ladies' Home Journal. Historians differ as to the date. Legend amplifies, by dwelling on the virtues of his life and the manner of his death, and tells how he was becaught before the Empage Claudius II who manner of his death, and tells how he was brought before the Emperor Claudius II.who asked why he did not cultivate his friend-ship by honoring his gods. As Valentine pleaded the cause of the one true God earnestly, Calphurnius, the priest, cried out that he was seducing the emperor, whereupon he was sent to Asterius to be judged. To him Valentine spoke of Christ, the light of the world, and Asterius said: "If He be the light of the world He will restore the light to my daughter, who has store the light to my daughter, who has been blind for two years." The maiden was brought, and after Valentine prayed and laid hands on her she received her sight. Then Asterius asked that he and his household might be baptized, whereat the em-peror, being enraged, caused all to be im-prisoned and Valentine to be beaten with clubs. He was beheaded a year later at Rome on February 14, 270.

History, having little to tell concerning the man, makes amends by dwelling at length on the ceremonies observed on this day. They trace the origin of these to the Roman Lupercalia, celebrated in February, at which one practice was to put the names of women in a box to be drawn by the men, each being bound to serve and honor the woman whose name he had drawn.

"Would you like to see my valentine?"
Julie started. "Aunt, you're joking. Who
on earth would send you a valentine?"
"No one, now, uear," and the tone was
unmistakably sad; "I never in all my life of
66 years got but one, and if you will bring
me a little mahogany box from my clothes
closet I'll show it to you being it's the day closet I'll show it to you, being it's the day

Julie obeyed. Miss Phœbe, diving into Julie obeyed. Miss Phœbe, diving into her deep pocket, produced a tiny key, then the lid flew back and the treasures, or life links with bygones, were revealed.

With delicate touch, as though handling priceless jewels, she put aside the rings of gray hair, tied with black ribbon, part of an elaborately carved tortoise shell comb, a set of brown side-puffs of hair, which told of a fashion of half a century ago, a bunch of flowers painted upon white velvet and a small bead reticule. At the bottom of all lay the cherished treasure.

"Here," said Miss Phœbe, reverently unfolding a circular piece of coarse writing

folding a circular piece of coarse writing paper, which was yellow with age and neatly scalloped around the edges, "Here is what I call a valentine." In each segment a pair of nondescript birds cut out with a penknife were repre-sented as billing, while a circle in the cen-ter, dyed with red ink. inclosed two clasped

hands and a heart pierced by an arrow. Above these was written in a bold, school-boy hand: The rose is red, the violet's blue, Sugar's sweet and so are you.

As the grass grows round the stump I swear you are my sugar lump. On the right, the pathetic couplet: My pen is bad, my ink is pale, But love for you shall never fail. And on the left:

Sare as a ring's without an end You are my dearest, best beloved friend.

You are my dearest, best beloved friend.

Have you noticed how of late years the custom of sending valentines to those we love, and to those we are supposed to love, has steadily declined! Why, when I was a young man, says Jerome K. Jerome, the shop windows were full of nothing but valentines for weeks before February 14, and the postoffice authorities used to send around circulars begging the public to post them early in January, so as to lessen the strain of delivery. Valentines were then quite an item in one's annual expenditure. I rememitem in one's annual expenditure. I remember buying two dozen once and getting a discount, and four men I knew used always to club together and buy a gross between them. You can get them at wholesale price

them. You can get them at wholesale price if you take a gross.

Nearly every other shop then sold valentines. Whenever a tradesman found an article lying about his premises that he did not know how else to get rid of, he put it in a fancy box and labeled it "useful valentine." If it was too big to go into a box, he tied a bit of colored ribbon round it instead. Braces and "suspenders" (whatever they may be) were especially popular, but handkerchiefs and stockings ran them very close. Then boots and hats and muffs were also re-Then boots and hats and muffs were also regarded as goods peculiarly suggestive of affection. Indeed, a girl of simple tastes might have cothed herself in nothing but valentines, and have looked very nice, and have been very warm and comfortable.

If you decide upon a valentine luncheon, let everything be rose-colored; let your decorations be of hearts, loveknots and horse-shoes, and let your guest cards and menus in their quoted allusions be redolent of the happiness which is the reason for your entertainment, and you have observed the necessary and important qualifications for success in your undertaking, writes Mrs. Hamilton Mott in the February Ladies' Journal. Purchase for the purpose—and you will find use for it if you entertain frequently—a heart-shaped adjustable table-top, which can be clamped to your dining-table, and will add much to the effect of your luncheon. If this be made of pine, or any unpolished wood, you will have to exert a little ingenuity in laying your table cloth of heavy white linen, so that the curves and indentations of the circumference will be smoothly covered. But if you are fortunate enough to have a polished surface, use only place doilies and a centerpiece of white, embroidered in bowknots and wild roses of pale pink. Have in the center have been very warm and comfortable. piece of white, embroidered in bowknots and wild roses of pale pink. Have in the center of the table a low heart-shaped basket of of the table a low heart-shaped basket of drooping La France roses, and at each place three long-stemmed buds of the same variety tied loosely together with wide pink satin ribbon, in which is fastened a pink enameled stick pin in the form of a heart, as a sou-venir. Pink caudles with paper shades in the form of roses, and pink fairy lamps in the same shape, cast a fairt rose-color give the same shape, cast a faint rose-color glow over the table. Small cut-glass dishes, con-taining olives, salted nuts, pink bonbons and taining olives, salted nuts, pmk bonbons and candy straws are placed about in profusion. At each place, in addition to the necessary silver, china and glass (if possible use rose-colored dishes), a horseshoe roll should rest on the folded embroidered napkin. A large heart of parchment paper, tinted in pink and lettered in gold, should serve the double purpose of guest card and menu at each place. Across the face of each let the name of the guest and the quotation: "Blest be Saint Valentyne, hys day!" with the year 1893, be done in gold lettering. Beneath this let a quotation peculiarly appropriate to each guest be placed.

THE THEATERS.

One of the interesting dramatic events at

Boyd's theater this season will be the presentation of Augustus Pitou's company in "The Power of the Press," which opens a four nights engagement at that popular house tonight. The elaborate character of the production has attracted general attenthe production has attracted general attention, and the excellence of Manager Pitou's
company has served to enhance the good
work done by the authors in the principal
scenes in the play. There are six acts and
thirteen scenes. Among the many striking
effects are those shown in the scenes at the
Manhattan Athletic club house in New
York, the lobby of the Imperial hotel in
the same city, a shipyard with the crew at
work, and a vessel on the stocks; a com-

pletely equipped Wall atreet banking office, and an East viver wharf with a ship at anchor off the Battery. There are over thirty speaking characters in the play, all of which are said to be well taken by Mr. Pitou's excellent company. It is most gratifying to have the prominence given to the influence of the daffy press so heartly approved at each repetition of the lines touching upon the subject.

ng upon the subject. At the Farnam Street theater John F. Sheridan and his talefited company of comedians from England and Australia, with several well known American artists, will comeral well known American artists, will commence a week's engagement with today's matinee. Mr. Shordan is the only actor that has ever played or appeared in theatrical performances in all parts of the world. His name is popular in China, Japan, Asia, Egypt, Tasmania, New Zealand, Queensland, Africa, Australia, Germany, France, England and America. He returned to this country November last, after an absence of ten years and opened at the Bijou theater, New York, and the crowded houses he drew for seven weeks proved he was still popular in his native land.

Mr. Sheridan will be seen during this engagement in his world-famous character of

Mr. Sheridan will be seen during this engagement in his world-famous character of Mrs. O'Brien Esq., in "A Night on the Bristol," surrounded by a company of artists seldom seen in a farce comedy. The acknowledged queen of soubrettes, Miss Gracie Whiteford, will reappear at this engagement with the company, having been absent from the cast for several weeks through serious illness. Miss several weeks through serious illness. pany, having been absent from the cast for several weeks through serious illness; Miss Fannie Liddiard, an operatic prima donna, formerly of J. C. Williamson's Opera com-pany of Australia; Miss Belle Hartz, late of the Francis Witson Opera company; Miss May Levinge, who created such a furore in New York city in her Japanese dances; Mile, Blanche Silegrist, from the Cafe Ambara. New York city in her Japanese dances: Mile, Blanche Siegrist, from the Cafe Ambassa-deurs, Paris, the celebrated Parisian vocalist, dansense and soubrette: Miss Essic Clinton, the renowned commercial drummer impersonator; Mr. George Sinclair, the prince of baritones, Mr. Alfred James, Percy O'Brien and others. The feature of the entertainment is the kings of dracing and grotesque. Marion and Post who are known tegque, Marion and Post, who are known from Maine to California as being invincible in their line of business. Everything in music, dancing and specialties is entirely new and original and never seen before on the stage in this city. Mr. Sheridan will also be seen in several amusing specialties for which he is noted, and the performance promises to be the best seen at the Farnam this season. Usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees. Wednesday matinee, 25c any seat in the

The following is a partial list of the attractions that will be at Boyd's theater during the next three months: Augustus Pitou's company in "The Power of the Press," Hanlon Bros." "Fantasma," Herrmann, the magician; Boston Howard Atheneum company, John Stetson's stock company in The magician; Boston Howard Athenaeum company, John Stetson's stock company in "The Crust of Society," "The Old Homestead," German Theater company of St. Louis in repertory of plays, Fanny Davenport, "Miss Heiyett' with Lottie Collins, Nordica Concert company, presenting the following artists of world-wide reputation: Mme. Nordica, Mme. Schalet, Sig. Campanini, Sig. Del Puente and Herr Fischer (coming March 1); Modjeska, Harry Lacy, Hanlon Bros. "Superba," McLean-Prescott company, E. H. Sothern in his new play, "Captain Lettarblair," Joseph Jefferson, Hopkins' Transoceanic Star Specially company, "Lost oceanic Star Specialty company, "Lost Paradise," "Tar and Tartar," Morrison in "Faust," The Bostonians, Effic Elisler, "The White Squadron," Nat Goodwin in "The Gilded Fool," "She Couldn't Marry Three," and so on.

Hanlon Bros.' famous spectacle, "Fantasma," will be presented at Boyd's theater for four nights beginning Thursday of this—week, with matinee Saturday. "Fantasma," belongs to a ince Saturday. "Fantasma," belongs to a school of pantomimic extravaganza which seemingly the far-famed Hanlon brothers are alone capable of turning out. They possess the secret of being able to entertain the youthful and adult patrons equally well, and the fact that spectacle is their theme does not, as in most cases, imply the wisdom of leaving the innocents at home, which is suggestive in things theatrical. All may see and enjoy a Hanlon performance with the absolute assurance that nothing will be attempted which will reflect upon the rules of propriety. The new "Fantasma" is said to offer now one of the most refreshing and amusing pantomimes yet devised. It is heralded as a new production, and as such it may be credited, for the Hanlons do not believe in promising that which they cannot fulfill. To enumerate the various tricks would be alenumerate the various tricks would be al

An unusual interest will attach to the lecture that Mr. George Konnan will deliver in the Boyd theater Thursday evening, February 23. His subject will be "Russian Political Exiles," and it will be profusely and carefully illustrated with the many rare views that he secured when in Siberia, the views being thrown on a large screen by calcium light by an experienced operator, while Mr. Kennan is proceeding with his lecture. Mr. Kennan is a wonderfully attractive word painter, but the presentation of these pictures taken from life will naturally intensify the interest that he has aroused in the courageous and humane work that he is en-An unusual interest will attach to the leccourageous and humane work that he is engaged in and will insure for him a larger audience than he has ever before had in this

CONNUBIALITIES.

The engagement is announced in New York of the young widow, Mrs. Hugh Dickey, to her late husband's cousin, Mr. Charles Dickey.

A wealthy young lady of Elgin, Ill., has eloped with a barber of that place. Her folks wouldn't mind it so much, but he's only a 5-cent shave artist. "Oh, this—this is so sudden, Mr. Smith-nrst!" "It was your beauty which led me to offer myself, Miss Browning. None but

the fair deserve the brave, you know." Sometimes a woman who has married a man with a full beard feels almost as if she had grounds for a divorce when he comes home some day with the beard shaved off. Twenty divorces in one day are good enough for Philadelphia. The Quaker City doesn't insert the clause "divorces made easy" in

the prospectuses which she sends out from At the marriage of Mahmud Pasha Reaz, governor of the Suez canal, to the daughter of the late Pasha Rassim, in Cairo, lately, the groom's father entertained the European guests at a feast that cost \$125,000.

That Chicago citizen who married five St. Joseph, Mo., women in as many weeks must be sequestered for life. A man capable of turning out a new Missouri grass widow every seven days is too dangerous to be at liberty.

It is said now that the marriage of Miss Flora Davis and Lord Terence Blackwood may possibly be solemnized in New York in April, although Lord Dufferin's large family connections are most anxious to have it take place on the other side,

The bride had just left the altar and the dear old grandma was kissing the fresh cheek of her blushing young descendant. "And now, my dear," whispered she of the white hair and time-worn face, "remember that life's cares must be life's pleasures. Among twenty-nine divorces granted at the January term of the supreme court in Bangor, Me., was one setting Fannie Mo-hawk free from Lola Mohawk, a Tarratine brave, who didn't treat her well. The squaw

was by far the best looking woman in the "John," she said, "there's nothing that I enjoy more than reading the last words of great men. I wonder what your last words will be?" "Mariah," he replied, "the last word is something that I never expect to have." And this was the first time on rec-ord that he got it.

A fashionable wedding in San Francisco last week was that of Miss Alice Cooper and Thomas L. Dillon. The bride's great-grandfather was Ignacio Vallejo, who came to California in 1761, and her great-grandmother was of the Lugo family, one of the most distinguished of Spain. The bridegreom is the son of a well known pioneer.

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In accordance with a Roumanian custom the weddings of thirty-two peasant couples, representing the thirty-two districts of Roumania, were celebrated on the 5th inst in the presence of Prince Ferdinand and his bride. After the marriage ceremonies the couples drove in thirty-two carriages, decorated with flowers, to the royal palace, where a wedding dinner was served. King Charles gave a purse filled with gold to every couple and Crown Prince Ferdinand clicked glasses with every bridegroom before drinking with him. The crown prince and his bride were him. The crown prince and his bride were received with enthusiasm by the street crowds when they drove from the church to

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Men's natural gray undershirts that were \$1.50 Full regular made white wool undershirts that were \$2.50,

large sizes only \$ Men's merino undershirts that were \$1.25,

An odd lot of undershirts and drawers, were \$2.50 to \$3.50, now each. \$1.50

All our \$2.75 silk mufflers, now \$1.98

Corsets---Clearing them out at less than half price.

All of Dr. Brown's self 50c French woven coutille, War-75c adjustable corsets go at 50c ner's feather bone, sold for

\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, \$1.25 is the price of such imported goods as the C. B. and R. D. make, in satin, coutille and French satine, value \$2.50 to

Corset Waists---

\$1.00 for the celebrated Equipoise ladies' waists that are usually \$1.75 to \$2.25.

Mrs. Ferris' waists worth 75c, now 39c

Dress Goods (First Floor,)

25c After stock taking we find 250 pieces of Dress Goods, this pre-50c sent season's make, in desirable styles, but suitable for wear all the year round. Some of them are valued at a third more, some a half more and some are less than

Dress Remnants---

The great annual occasion which all keen, knowing women expectantly look forward to

IT MEANS-The accumulation (some short pieces) of a season's business, suitable for SKIRTS AND WRAPPERS,

WAISTS, CHILDREN'S DRESSES, ETC. It's a very nice assortment of remnants-

House Furnishings BASEMENT Everything for the house is here, covering an acre

of space. We have just received a special imper cent off portation from Haviland & Co, embracing all the choice white Marseilles china silverware for table and decorative purposes.

Special bargain in sterling silver sets, worth \$15 \$7.98

Shoes---(2nd floor.)

TABI.E NO. 2.

TABLE NO. 3.

Ladies' French dongola hand turned button opera \$3.25

\$2 regular price \$2.50 for ladies' bright dongola common sense toe, butt. shoe. \$2.75 for all the ladies' patent tip, opera toe, hand turn button shoes that sell

button shoes that sell regular for \$3.50.

per cent off

black onyx

Hosiery and Underwear -- (3 whirlwind bargains) TABLE NO. 1.

Anything there 12½C

Anything there 5c Including ladies' fast black hose, children's and infants' cotton hose also children's wool hose, goods worth from 19c to 25c. Comprising ladies' merino vests.

and wool hose, and hoods, children's white, colored and scarlet vests and the best quality C. & G. hose, misses' merino underwear, boys' bicycle hose, etc., ranging

in value from 35c to \$1.00. Consisting of ladies' fine merino Anything there 25c and colored jersey ribbed vests, I. & R. Morley's colored cotton hose, Morley's make of children's drawers, boys' natural wool

drawers, etc., values 50c to \$1.35 The Morse Dry Goods Co