#### BILL NYE AT HIS OLD HOME

The Humorist Returns to the Scenes of His Early Conquests.

BEGINNING OF A NOTABLE LITERARY CAREER

How Nye Was Married With 875 in His Inside Pocket-His Private Fortune-Communes With Friends of Long Ago.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Feb. 8 .- [Correspondence of THE BEE. ]-Bill Mye was welcomed by a packed house at Macanerhor hall last night, and convulsed the audience by his droll sayings. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest, as it signalized the homecoming of one of the Laramie "boys" who had achieved fame and fortune. Cowboys from the plains; aristocratic scions of noble English houses who are ranching here; pioneers of the palmy days of Laramie's infancy when the rope and revolver were a necessary part of every horseman's outfit; gray headed prospectors who never lose faith in striking it rich, though their sun is nearly set; all gathered to see the man whom they used to chum with in a rather patronizing way, and who read Nye's funny articles in the Boomerang with an air of apology not employing their time in the consideration of more serious things. They wanted to see what sort of a man this was whom the great outside world honored and made rich for the same qualities that they had considered weak and effeminate. The Nye of today had expanded. He had brushed against the bright minds of the great cities, and he sein'illated from the friction. Here was not the pard they had known in the 70's. He was still of them, yet beyond them. But they loyelly cheered him to the echo, grasped his hand with a grip of steel; and one of his old cronies, a famous broncho buster from Dirty Woman's Creek, insisted on his accepting a cayuse for old times' sake, and had the wanted to see what sort of a man this was Dirty Woman's Creek, insisted on his accepting a cayuse for old times' sake, and had the animal led around to the stage entrance. Then several aged mongrels were delivered to the hall janitor, in the hope that Nye's long-lost and much-lamented dog Entymology might be found among them. One brilliant moonlight night Entymology had started toward the Centennial valley, bearing a bouquet of tin cans and the blessings of the citizens. The dog has never returned, but his repossession is said to be Nye's chief aim in life. But to return to our mutton.

One day in the month of May, 1876, Judge Blain dropped in an Deacon J. H. Hayford, editor of the Laramie Sentinel. The judge spad in tow an awkward and dreamy-eyed goung man whom ne introduced as William

young man whom he introduced as William Nye, a young attorney who was seeking his fortune in the west and who was in great need of some position that would insure him three meals a day and a place in which to sleep. The judge thought that William might do some work on the Sentinel. The deacon saw no pressing demand for increasing the mertal pabulum of the readers of his might do some work on the Sentinel. The deacen saw no pressing demand for increasing the mental pabulum of the readers of his daily, but nevertheless he took the young tenderfoot under his fatherly care and told Nye that he could do whatevey his fancy dictated in return for his board and lodging. Nye in those days was in a contemplative mood, a nabit which still clings to him, and he contemplated with such success that he had little time for any great amount of reportorial work. He drifted about the town, was never known to be otherwise than good-humored, and made many friends, among whom was Colonel Bill Boot, an unique character still residing in Laramie, and who worked with Nye in originating many of the sketches which brought fame to the latter. Nye's first newspaper sketches which were furnished the Sentinel showed deep pathos, and it was not until later that he developed his humorous talent.

At Deacon Hayford's hospitable house William Nye met his fate. A pretty and vivacious music teacher, Miss Fannic Smith, was visiting Mrs. Hayford and Nye fell desperated the sentinel showed that he developed his humorous talent. Significantly in love with the young lady. Fortunately for him it was a mutual case of love at first sight, and on the 7th of March, 1877, Bishop Spalding performed the ceremony which made William the happiest man in Laramie, and established him as a useful citizen. The day was also the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hayford's marriage, and a

citizen. The day was also the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hayford's marriage, and a royal wedding was given the young couple at the Hayford residence. The available cash assets of Nye and his wife consisted of \$75. and on this sum they began a happy married life across which no shadow has ever ome. in 1884 several friends of Mr. Nye formed

a stock company, purchased a newspaper outfit and placed him in editorial charge. Thus was the famous daily Laramie Boomerang ushered into existence. It has been claimed that the paper was named after a favorite mule of Nye's, but this is one of the margarage facilities. the numerous fascinating myths that Wil-The writer surmises that the new paper was named the Boomerang because Nye foresaw that the enterprise must inevitably react upon the enthusiastic promoters in such a limited field as Laramie then was. The Boomerang was a republican paper, and such was its political pull that Nye was

made a justice of the peace and also post-master of the lively little city. Through his writings in the Boomerang, Nye's talents be-came known to the outside world. He was extensively copied, and when a nervous affection made necessary a change of climate he resigned his various positions in Laramie and found lucrative employment in the east. How much money Bill Nye is worth no one knows, unless it is his wife, who looks after his investments. He has said to Lara-mic friends that when he had accumulated \$50,000 he should retire from public life and rest the remainder of his days. As, however, he is only about 43 years old, and his draw-ing powers are certainly not waning, it is probable that he will retire with not less than \$100,000.

Among the many mementoes left by Nye in Laramie is the following from an autograph album:

Go. little boomlet, go, Bearing each honored name; Till everywhere that you have went They're glad that you have came.

In concluding this short sketch of Nye's embryotic career in Laramic perhaps no bet-ter evidence of his humoristic tendency can be shown than in his replies to a series of forty printed questions found in an album unearthed at the residence of Judge Hey-ford, and which are denominated mental photographs. The answers are in Nye's well known and plain handwriting, signed Edgar Wilson Nye, and dated February, 1879. Here

What is your favorite color? Sorrel.

Wells & Neiman's. Chrismas tree. Object in nature? The trick mule in the

Hour in the day? From what I can learn I think sunrise is my favorite hou Season of the year? The strawberry and

cream season.

Perfume! Baked beans.

Gem! Acc of diamonds.

Style of beauty! The plump style.

Names, male and female! Smith.

Painters! Michael Angelo and Connard.

Musicians! The Bull Brother.

Musicians? The Bull Brothers: Ole and Sitting.
Piece of sculpture? The Greek slave going in awimming

Poet: John Franklyn Pierce.
Poetess! Sweet singer of Michigan.
Prose authors! Mark Twain and the com-

issioner of patents.
Character in romance? John Gilpin.
In history? G. Washington and his little Book to take up for an hour? My grocer's

What book (not religious) would you part with last! My pocketbook.

What epoch would you choose to have lived in! The sweet pretty soon.

Where would you like to live! On the top

What is your favorite amusement? The dreamy waltz.
Occupation! Dispensing justice at reduced

The underwriters are already distinguished for the success of their annual banquets and if this one does not outdo all that have preceded it, then the indications will have been misleading What trait of character do you most admire in man! Extreme truthfulness. In women? Warm feet.

Most detest in each? Procrastination.

A mild form of bowel complaint, popularly known as winter cholora, made its appearance recently at Faribault, Minn., and several other places. No apprehension need be felt from it, as a few doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoza Remedy will effect a cure in every case. For sale by all druggists. If not yourself, who would you rather bet What is your idea of happiness! Short space between meals. Of misery! An active and ambitious corn.

What is your bete noir! Don't know what druggists. Your dream! To become good instead of

Your favorite game? Freeze out for the

What is your and in man when I grow up.
Your motto? Never tell a lie.
GRORGE SCALES.

THE MISSION.

Explained by Dean Gardner-Lectures by Dr.

Butler. The mission to be held in Trinity cathedral

beginning February 23, is an enterprise of

considerable importance. It has been char-

acteristic of the Christian church to provide

these occasional seasons of special religious

effort. In much the same way as revivals

are brought about in art, literature, science,

or even business, revivals in religion are, or

ought to be, accomplished in any community.

Cause and effect are real factors in religion. The supernatural in religion

is only an accompaniment to natural pro-

is only an accompaniment to natural processes, just as in agriculture the wonder of
harvest comes after the soil has been prepared and the seed sown. Special and continued effort along the lines of moral and
spiritual endeavor must result in moral and
spiritual improvement. This is a revival—
this is what is sought for in a mission.

It is a sending of moral and spiritual help
to such as are prepared to re-

to such as are prepared to re-ceive it. Using the quaint lan-guage of the Old Testament, it is breaking up of fallow ground; it is the con-viction of sin; it is the awakening of man to

his true destiny; it is the fixing of character. It is of great importance to this community, whether Christian or not, that righteousness

should be established, and we call upon the community at large to welcome this united effort on the part of the Episcopal church in

this city, as a contribution toward the desired end.

It is expected that every possible human means will be utilized in making the mission attractive and inspiring.

Every one will be cordially welcomed by a committee on hospitality. A large force of ushers selected from various parts of the city will be in attendance. The singing will be led by a large chorus of men under the

Congregational Organ Fund Benefits.

of his popular lectures, one on Friday even-

and received the highest commendations of

are to be given at the church in the interest

of the organ fund.

Dr. Butler is the worthy successor of Rev.

Church Notices.

Mission services will be held today at the

Church of the Good Shepherd, Twentieth

and Ohio streets. Bishop Worthington will officiate in the moraing and Dr. Dougherty

of Browneli hall in the evening.

Rev. Frank Crane will deliver a discourse on "Abraham Lincoln" at the First Meth-

Dr. Gluck treats catarrh, Barker block.

MAN'S HUMANITY.

Review of the Work of the Charitable Or-

ganizations.

Rescue hall is visited by good, bad and

indifferent. Some come for the loaves and

fishes. Christ was followed by many of this

class, and it should not be considered strange

today if his servants who go to the needy

are followed by many for the same end. The kindness which the undeserving receive at the hands of Christians may open their hearts to receive the gospel of Jesus. Sev-eral instances of this kind have occurred the

past five weeks.

week ending Friday:

need of all such things.

for the work.

past five weeks.

One man in particular seemed to be a hopeless case. Nothing made any impression on him until twenty-one days had gone by. Then the light began to dawn upon him and he showed signs of turning toward God. He fully yielded himself to Christ and is now the company of the compa

ne of the most earnest and promising con-

verts in the meetings.

Men are not fed indiscriminately. This would pauperize many and encourage beg-

ging and crime. A fundamental principle governing the work at Rescue hall is that every person shall render a full equivalent for what he receives. Some do this by money, but the majority by labor. The past few weeks the managers have been unable to furnish work to all who applied for it and

furnish work to all who applied for it, and friends of the work have helped out by pur-chasing complimentary meal tickets, which

addition to this a large quantity of soup is made, so that more than 100 men per day the

past week have been relieved from hunger at a total cost of about 1 cent for each man.

Following is the report of the work for the

Many gifts of bedding, clothing, etc., have

been received. The names of the donors have been withheld from publication, according to the wishes of the majority. There is still

At the Wood Yard.

The Associated charity wood yard has

been in great trouble for a few weeks past.

The wood which had been ordered did not

come. A large number of married men

could to secure the wood and now have three or four carloads on the track that will

soon be placed in the yard. To meet this

emergency the association bought out one of the private wood yards of the city. This

was all worked up in a few days. It is the purpose to open other industrial lines and by another winter to be much better prepared

Insurance Men Will Dine.

The Omaha Underwriters' association is

making great preparations for the annual

banquet next week. A number of prominent speakers have already been engaged to de-liver the leading addresses of the occasion.

Winter Cholera.

Dr. Gluck treats catarrh, Barker block.

wanted temporary employment and forty sixty single men on a great many cold days wanted work to earn meals and lodgings. The managers of the yard have done all they

have relieved a great many hungry men.

Average number of men taking meals.

Average number of men taking soup.

Average number of men taking lo iging.

Total number lodgings for the week.

Total number meals.

Total number of soups.

Average attendance at noonday service.

Average attendance at evening service.

Many wifts of bedding clothing color.

odist Episcopal church this evening.

FULL TRAIN OF FLOUR

beer.
Your distinguishing characteristics?
Truthfulness and wonderful beauty.
Of your better half! A strong repugnance to building fires.
What is the sublimest passion of which human nature is capable? The passion that actuates the maternal slipper.
What are the sweetest words in the A Leading Omaha Jobbing House Receives Its Fourth Special Train Load.

What are the sweetest words in the orld? The words printed on candy mot-PILLSBURY'S "BEST" HAS THE CALL The saddest words? Please remit. What is your aim in life? To be a great

The Gaily Bedecked Train Attracted Crowds Along the Line-An Advertisement for Omaha-The Enormous Consumption of This Brand.

Nearly a half million pounds, or enough to give every man, woman and child in Omaha a loaf of bread for ten days; such was the immense quantity of flour received yesterday by special train over the Rock Island road for D. M.

Learning that this train was coming a representative of THE BEE accompanied C. L. Coleman, from D. M. Steele & Co.'s and C. A. Hunter, contracting agent of the Rock Island, to Des Moines to meet it. The train was composed of fifteen cars containing a composed of fifteen cars composed of fifteen cars composed of fifteen cars containing a containing a containing a composed of fifteen cars containing a containing taining nine thousand sacks of the world famous "Pillsbury's Best," and at nearly every station on the way crowds of people who had heard of its coming were gathered to view the unusual sight. On each side of every car was stretched a white banner lettered in blue and red, 'A full train of

PILLSBURY'S BEST FLOUR for D. M. Steel & Co., Omaha, Neb." Advertising matter was distributed from the train at each station along

The train attracted as much attention. seemingly, as though it were freighted with gold, and well it might, for was not this the great sustainer of life which carried life and hope to starving Russia, and is not every American proud of the great Minneapolis mills, whose product is known and used in almost every part of the habitable globe?

A more precious commodity than flour does not exist, and that it is an absolute necessity where the king of metals is not is a statement that has become trite; and, judging from the demand for this particular brand, it seems to be more necessary to the housewives of this sec-tion than all the other brands of flour on the market the market. It is needless to say that to its proven

be led by a large chorus of men under the leadership of an accomplished musician. Lastly the preaching and instruction will be by a man of rare gifts and eloquence. Mr. Cropsy began his work in the historic parish of Old Trinity, New York, ministering chiefly among the people who worshiped at St. Paul'schurch, Broadway, From there he went to Rochester and built up one of the largest and most flourishing parishes in that prosperous city. We bespeak for our mission the interest and good wishes of all and the sympathy and prayers of all who "profess and call themselves Christians."

C. H. Garder. excellence and superiority is due the enormous demand for "Pillsbury's Best," which exists in Omaha and vicinity, but this fact is wisely supplemented by the enterprise and push of D. M. Steel & Co. in making it known to every one within the vast territory for which they Rev. S. Wright Butler, at the request of are exclusive agents.
This is the fourth special train of "Pillsbury's Best" which this firm has the ladies of the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, has consented to give two

received within the past year, exclusive of the other carload shipments received ing, February 17, and the other on Friday evening, March 3. These lectures are two of a series given by Dr. Butler in the cast, where they created unbounded enthusiasm almost daily during the year. The full extent of its flour trade may be gathered from the fact that this train load is only about a twenty days' supply.

D. M. Steele & Co. are wholesale The one to be first given is entitled "Life on the European Plan;" the other, "My Memories of Many Lands." Both lectures

grocers with whom trainload receipts are getting quite common, and it is not to be wondered at if their other commodities class with their flour.

Dr. Butler is the worthy successor of Rev. Willard Scott and is possessed of great eloquence, which, combined with a natural vein of humor and remarkable powers of description, renders him a most entertaining and instructive speaker. During Dr. Butler's brief residence in Omaha he has made hosts of friends outside of his church, who, as well as those of his own parish, will doubtless be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing these lectures. The "flour special" had the right of way yesterday over everything and arrived in the Bluffs shortly after 5 o'lock. After being photographed this morning it will be brought over near the Tenth street viaduct, where it will remain till Mon-day before being sent to D. M. Steele & Co.'s warerooms at Twelfth and Jones streets.

Much rivalry exists among contracting freight agents over the securing of these special trains, and Mr. Hunter deserves credit for having secured this Dr. Duryea will preach this morning the final sermon in his series of discourses on retribution. His subject will be "Dives and train for the Rock Island.

Dr. Gluck treats catarrh, Barker

#### FRATERNAL HONORS.

Omaha Guards' Reception to Their Lincoln

The Omaha guards gave a reception and ball in honor of their guests, the Lincoln Light infantry, last night, and it proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given under the auspices of the Omaha

The guests arrived at 6:40 p. m., and were met at the depot by a detachment of the guards who escorted them to the Murray hotel, where the entire command put up. By half past 8 the armory of the guards

was crowded to its utmost capacity by inwas crowded to its utmost capacity by invited guests, fully 200 couple being present
As a sort of preface to the evening's entertainment the Omaha guards, under command of Lieutenant Mulford, gave an exhibition drill. The new tactics were used, and the movements showed that the command had been well drilled. The guards were loudly applauded for their excellent work.

Then the Lincoln Light infantry, commanded by Captain Campbell, eccupied the

manded by Captain Campbell, occupied the floor for a short time and drilled in a man-ner which surprised a great many of the Omaha people.

The visiting gentlemen wore a neat undress uniform, the blouse being similar to

the new one ordered for officers of the regu-lar army, and they all looked like perfect soldiers. As for the guards, they were at-tired in full dress uniforms with white belts and white cross belts. Dancing commenced shortly after 9 o'clock and it was long after taps had sounded at Fort Omaha when the last notes of the

fourth extra dance died away and the guests sought their quarters at the Murray. The armory was tastefully decorated for the occasion and everything possible done by the guards to make their guests feel perfeetly at home, and judging from the words of praise from the visitors the guardsmen evidently succeeded beyond their expecta-

Everyone of the young ladies present wore becoming costumes, and as a rule they had more dances on their cards than they could go through with in a week. The Lincoln Light infantry roster reads as follows: Captain Campbell, Lieutenant Wilson, Sergeants Gascoirgnound Bostrom. Corporals Harrison, Covert, McLain, Meyer; Privates Ferguson, Patton, O'Shea, Victor, Kind, Cohen, Cosgrave, Livering-house, Winger, Evans, Heffley, Jeckel, Small, Butler, Clark, Wood, Plummer, Johnson,

Moore, Camp.

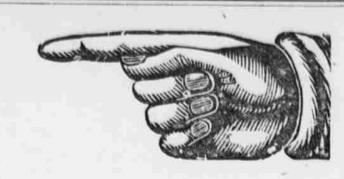
Among the guests present were the following: Captain Kellar, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Pickering, U. S. A., and wife; Misses Lizzie and Annie Whitman, Dickinson, Hobbs, Bowie, Norton, Willis, Chandler, Turner, Jones, Wedge, Hall, Holiday, Fowler, Miss Keating of Portland, Miss Wickham of Council Bluffs, Miss Morrison of Fort Madison, Ia., Miss Parton and Miss Kimball of Denver, and Colonel and Mrs. Mulford, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick, Hon. George W. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Chase. Moore, Camp.

His Faith WellFounded. Bisegli, O., Nov. 29, 1892.—I desire to say that I have great faith in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of threat and lung troubles; also for croup.—E. W. McCollum. There is good reason why Mr. McCollum should have confidence in this remedy. It will cure a severe cold in less time the It will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment. There is nothing that will loosen and relieve a cold so quickly. It will not only cure croup, but if used as soon as the first symptoms appear it will prevent the attack. 50-cent bottles for sale by all denoglets.

To Help the Aged.

Washington City in Omaha" is the title of an exhibition to be given at the Lininger gallery next Friday evening for the benefit of the Nebraska Home for the Aged. It will be a lecture by Chaplain Diffenbacher, illustrated by 150 stereopticon pictures. Congressman Bryan, writing of Mr. Diffenbacher's lecture delivered in Washington,

says: The chaplain is a ready speaker, and his explanations and comments gave effect to the views presented. Those who feel an in-



The insurance companies have ordered a still deeper cut and from now on the slaughter on the balance of the clothing will be terrific at the

# MISFIT CLOTHING PARLORS

## 1309 Farnam Street.

Fire never touched the overcoats, suits and furnishing goods--only smoke ---only water--while much of the clothing escaped altogether, and is sound as a dollar, but goes with the rest. The following list gives an idea of this weeks' slaughter:

## OVERCOATS.

\$25.00	OVE	ERCO	ATS	now	\$1	2.00
\$20.00	OVE	ERCO	ATS	now	\$	9.75
\$16.00	OVE	ERCC	ATS	now	\$	7.50
\$14.00	OVE	ERCO	ATS	now	s	6.00
\$12,00	OVI	ERCC	ATS	now	\$	4.50

#### SUITS. PANTS. \$30.00 SUITS now 10.00 PANTS now \$15.00 SUITS now \$25.00 \$12.00 PANTS now \$20,00 SUITS now \$ 9.50 PANTS now SUITS now \$18.00 \$ 8.00 6.00 PANTS now \$15.00 SUITS now 5.00 \$ 6.00 PANTS now \$14.00 SUITS now 3.50 PANTS now

REMEMBER NUMBER AND PLACE.

PROMPT ATTENTION.

MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE

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MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

CALL EARLY AND GET FIRST SELECTIONS

Open from 8 A. M. Until 10 P. M.

terest (as all must), in the beauties of the National capital city, and in those illustri-ous personages whose lives are so inter-woven with our country's history, will find that the chaplain's collection has been made

that the chaplain's collection has been made with rare judgment, and that his mivestigations enable him to impart a great deal of valuable information."

This entertainment is for a deserving institution, and is worthy a liberal patronage. Tickets are on sale at Max Meyer's, Thompson & Belden's the Bell store at Dodge and Fifteenth streets, Smith's drug store at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets and the gallery. gallery.

#### JUST A SAMPLE.

Forty-Eight Cans of Milk Sent from Sweden. Mr. M. Melhus, a farmer and dairy-

man living four miles northwest the city, has gone into the business of handling condensed milk, but he is not anxious to let his neighbors know of the fact on account of the peculiar circumstances under which he finds nimself possessed of a stock of lacteal goods from Europe. Some time ago Mr. Melhus wrote to his native town in Sweden for a sample of condensed milk, as he thought of establishing a similar business here in Omaha and believed the process he had seen in successful operation in Sweden was better than anything he had

found in this country.

He wrote to two different firms engaged in the creamery and condensed milk business and waited patiently for the arrival of the sample. He expected nothing more than a small can from each, but was surprised esterday to receive notice from the customs office that a case of condensed milk had arrived addressed to him. One of the firms to which he wrote sent him a case of forty-eight cans of its goods, and he now looks for about the same quantity from the other firm. It is a very fine quality of milk, but the size of the bill is the worst feature of the joke.

#### OMAHA WANTS THEM.

Mayor Bemis Asks for the Grand Army Encampment.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Omaha will seek to have the next annual encampment of the veterans held in this city, and are already moving in the matter. The state encampment will meet in Fremont Wednesday and Thursday, and the delegates from this city will bear Mayor Bemis:

with them the following invitation from General Caleb. J. Dilworth, Department Commander Grand Army of the Republic: Dear Sir—In the name of the city of Omaha I extend a cordial greeting to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Nebraska and invite the state encampment to hold its next session in our city. I assure the members in advance that the city of Omaha will extend a hearty welcome to the brave men who so nobly de-fended our glorious flag in the hour of peril, and we will be more than glad to have them with us. The city shall be theirs, and nothing shall be left undone which could add

aught to their enjoyment. Hoping that the encampment will fix upon Omaha as the place f or holding the next annual encampment, I remain, yours respectfully, George P. Bems, Mayor.

#### KICKING BANK.

Objects to an Increased Assessment of its Stock. The National Bank of Commerce does not

propose to abide by the decision of the Board of County Commissioners in assessing its stock, and in order two ascertain by what right the board acted aminjunction has been granted by Judge Irvine, which will be argued next Saturday morning. In the meantime the county treasurer is restrained from collecting the tax.

In its petition the bank alleges that the assessor of the Fourth ward listed the bank property at \$59,343, but that while sitting as a board of equalization the commissioners raised the assessment to the sum of \$80. 464.29. The bank claims that in doing this the commissioners acted without authority and assessed an amount which was ex-

Delaware's Whipping Post. NEWCASTLE, Del., Feb. 11.-This morning

in the jail yard four colored men each received 100 lashes for larceny. William Dorsey, colored, for highway robbery stood one hour in the pillory and received fifty lashes.

James F. Forman, also colored, stood one hour in the pillory for threatening to kill his wife, and will serve three years in jail.

Thomas Kennedy, the only white victim, received 100 lashes.

City Council Made Big Reductions in the Tax Levy.

CUT IT DOWN ABOUT THIRTEEN PER CENT

Two Mills Taken from the General Fund—One Each from Sinking, Hydrant and Park Funds-Saving Nearly \$125,000.

The veto power exercised by Mayor Bemis on the general levy ordinance which was passed by the council Tuesday evening has borne excellent fruit and saved to the taxpayers of the city nearly \$125,000 in taxes. The council met yesterday afternoon to discuss the levy and agree upon the number of mills required for each fund. Mayor Bemis, Treasurer Bolln and Comptroller Olsen had been invited to attend the session, and they were present. All of the councilmen but McAndrews were present.

They got right down to business, and the general fund was taken up. The first item was that of the mayor's office. Mayor Bemis said that he thought the office could get along with \$4,000, which was \$1,000 less than the committee had estimated. Last year the expenditures amounted to \$3,289.60.

The sums allotted to the treasurer and the comptroller were slightly increased over last year, and both of these officials said the amounts were as low as they could possibly be made. The clerk was given nearly \$2,000 more than last year because of additional help that will be required to furnish the councilmen with copies of general ordinances likely to be introduced. Mr. Groves asked for \$9,500 and got \$9,000.

The amount for the council was placed at \$16,000, a decrease of \$570 from the amount of last year. This went through without a murmur from any of them. The engineering department was allowed \$25,000, as against

\$24.507.41 last year.

When the amount intended for the Board of Public Works and the street comissioner was mentioned there was a show of opposition. The amount was \$39,180 against \$41,-974 last year. Mr. Munro contended that the sum was excessive, as there would not be near the amount of street repair work this year as last, but the other members looked at it differently, and the amount was allowed. Some Big Cuts.

The Board of Health asked for \$18,000 and

received \$10,000. Last year the board spent \$11,243.90. Mr. Howell and Mr. McLearie advised the appropriation of the sum requested and urged the threatened visitation of cholera. Mayor Bemis thought that the board could get along with \$10,000, and in case of an emergency sufficient funds could be transferred from the general fund. Mr. Munro, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Specht argued that if cholors ar, ived then would be the time to provide additional funds. Mr. Connell thought the legal department ould pull through the year with \$0,500, being

\$500 less than the committee had recom mended, and that sum was voted. An effort was made to reduce the sum for the building and plumbing department \$500, but it failed, and \$12,500 was appropriated.

For election expenses the committee had recommended \$15,000. Mr. Hascall wanted it increased to \$20,000. He anticipated that at least one special election would have to be held if the charter amendments pass the legislature, as he understood it was the intention to vote bonds to purchase an electri-light plant and erect a new jail. The Jail. The amount was finally placed at \$11,000. The police department was allowed the limit of \$100,000 without any contest and the

same sum was given the fire department. In addition the commissioners had requested \$25,000 for two new steamers and other appliances for the fire department. This sum was to be provided for in the general fund and later be transferred to the depart The treasurer's report showed that there was on hand \$26,000, which represents the 10 per cent reserve that has never been trans-ferred to the comptroller. This sum can be used this year. Mr. Hartman was present, and he urged the appropriation of the \$25,000. The water tower, which cost \$4,500, is not to be paid for until this year and it was purchased with that understanding. The two steamers were absolutely necessary, and he knew of nothing that could be done that would benefit the city more. Mayor Bemis said that the recent

THEY HEEDED THE WARNING fires had demonstrated the fact that the fire department was injured by the insufficient department was injured by the insufficient water pressure. The water company was not furnishing the pressure called for in its contract, and he believed that if it was necessary to purchase the steamers that the sum thus expended should be deducted from the \$70,000 due the company. The request for the extra \$25,000 was denied.

Following is the result of the discussion,

	compared with tast year:	
ĺ	General Fund.	
	Mayor	0 \$ 3,289, 0 20,000, 0 10,000, 0 7,358, 0 16,570, 0 900, 0 41,974, 0 11,248,
	Building and plumbing de- partment 12,50   Boiler inspector 2,10   Gas inspector 1,87   License Inspector 1,45   Superintendent city hall 11,70   Election expenses 11,00	0 2,337, 5 1,746, 4 1,411, 0 5,000, 0 15,031,
	Hospitals	0 5,000. 360. 0 1,858. 0 5,407. 0 2,241. 0 4,674. 0 2,553.

Then an effort was made to agree upon the sum in the general fund to be included as miscellaneous. It was a flat failure. Mr. Hascall concluded that the levy should be placed at 12 mills. A flood of discussion was immediately turned loose. An amendment was made to make the levy 11 mills. Mr. Elsasser said it was unnecessary to exceed 10 mills and he moved another amendment to that effect. At present there is 4,0 alauce on hand of \$74,000, and with the amounts received in fees from the different departments and the 10-mill levy the total amount realized would be \$286,000. The um in the general fund to be included as amount realized would be \$286,000. The amendments were defeated, and the motion to make the levy for the general fund 12 mills (a cut of 2 mills) was carried by the following vote: Yeas—Specht, Bechel, McLearle, Steele, Parker, Wheeler, Prince, Hascall—9; nays—Munro, Howell, Thomas, Saunders, Bruner, Elsasser, Jacobson, Edwards—8.

wards 8 wards—8.

The sinking fund levy in the vetoed ordinance called for 8 mills. Treasurer Bolin thought that the city could get along with 7 mills, and a majority of the councilmen took his word for it, although Wheeler and Steel vigorously opposed reducing the amount. After a spirited contest the water hydrant

After a spirited contest the water hydrant rent fund was cut down from 4½ mills to 3½. The school levy came in for a very lengthy discussion. The original proposition was to make the levy 3 mills and the Board of Education had asked for 3½ mills. President Fowell and Mr. Babcock of the board were present and urged the council to make the proposed levy and not reduce the amount. Mr. Munro and Mr. Elasser thought that I mill was plenty, and suggested that the board paid altogether too large salaries. Comptroller Olsen said that he had ascer tained that it cost the taxpayers of Omaha tained that it cost the taxpayers of Omaha one-fourth more per pupil than it did in other cities of the same size. The proposition to reduce the levy to 1 mill was de-feated, and it was placed at 3 mills. The park fund was reduced 1 mill, the members holding that the parks are a lux-ury. The levy was placed at 2 mills. Upon recommendation of Mr. Connell the evy of the judgment fund was cut from 114

to 1 mill.

When the total was ascertained it was found that instead of a levy of 50% mills the council had agreed to 44 mills, a reduction of 61/2 mills as compared with the o vetoed by the mayor. Following is The Levy by Funds.

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