ECHOES FROM THE ANTEROOM

Doings of the Week in Fraternal and Secret Society Circles.

THIRD ANNUAL SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

Iwenty-Five Members Receive High Degrees in the Order. The Program for the Week Closed by a Banquet Doings

of Other Organizations.

The third annual reunion of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the southern jurisdiction of the United States of America has just been brought to a close in this city. The ceremonies and festivities were ended at a late hour last night with a sumptuous banquet. The reunion was opened in Free Masons hall, Sixreenth and Capitol avenue, Wednesday morning, and almost hourly gatherings of the different bodies have been held there, on

each succeeding day. The reunion was for the Scottish Rite Masons of Nebraska, and was held for the purpose of conferring the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second upon all affiliated Master Masons who applied for the same. Ten of the degrees were conferred with the full ceremonies of the rite, which is beautiful and impressive. In conferring the thirty-first degree the new and handsome paraphernalia was used. The candidates numbered twenty-five, most of them taking all or most of the degrees. A number took the degree of the Lodge of Perfection, while others took the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix. A number of the other candidates added the Preceptory to the two pre-

degrees for the reunion of 1894. The program for each days work was as follows, and it is of especial interest to Masons:

viously mentioned, leaving the Consistory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19. 10 o'clock a. m. Mount Moriah Lodge of Per-ection opened in special session for work and usiness. 10:30 o'clock a. m.—Degree of secret master,

11 o'clock a.m.—Degree of perfect master, 5°.
2 o'clock p. m.—Degree of provost and judge,
7°. by special corps of officers.
6 o'clock p. m.—Supper was served in the parlors for members only.
7:30 o'clock p. m.—Degree of perfect Elu, 11°.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

2 o'clock p. m.—Semper Fidelis Chapter of Rose Croty convened in special session for the transaction of business and work.

4:30 o'clock p. m.—Degree of Knight of the East and West, 17°.

6:30 o'clock p. m.—Supper was served in the parfors for members.

7:30 o'clock p. m.—Degree of Knight Rose Croix, 18°. FRIDAY, APRIL 21.

10 o'clock a. m.—St. Andrew's preceptory opened in special session for business and work.
11 o'clock a. m. Degree of Prussian Knight,
21 o by a special corps of officers.
2 o'clock p. m. Work was resumed in the degrees from the 22 o to the 29 o'clock p. m.—Supper was served in the parlors for members only.
7:30 o'clock p. m.—Degree of Knight Kadosh,
30 o'clock p. m.—Degree of Knight Kadosh,

SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

2 o'clock p. m.—Occidental consistory con-vened in special conclave for the transaction of business.

3 o'clock p. m.—Degree of inspector inquisitor, 31°, by a special detail of officers.

6 o'clock p. m.—Supper in the parlors for
members only.

7 o'clock p. m.—Degree of master of the royal
secret. 32°.

9 o'clock p. m.—Banquet in the parlors.

One of the most notable and enjoyable fea One of the most notable and enjoyable fea-tures of the reunion was the musical pro-gram for the degrees. Joseph Barton was the chairman of the musical committee, and the choir participating was excellent. The program was as follows:

FIFTH DEGREE. The Buried Wheat Must Seem to Die FOURTEENTH DEGREE. . When Shall the Nations Ali Be Free

SEVENTEENTH DEGREE. .Thy Kingdom Come, Oh God EIGHTEENTH DEGREE. ... I Know That My Redeemer Liveth The Royal Craft, in Days of Old THIRTIETH DEGREE.

The Lord's Prayer
Saviour When in Dust to Thee
Nearer My God to Thee
Abide with Me
Lead Kindly Light Onward, Christian Soldier THURTY-SECOND DEGREE. ... A Vedic Hypen Chaunt

Doings in Masonic Circles. Thursday evening Omaha chapter of the Rose Croix of the obedience of the United States jurisdiction met in Scottish Rite hall in the Bee building and elected the followin the Bee building and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Clarence L. Chaffee, 32°, M. W. and P. M.; Edgar W. Burroughs, 32°, M. E. and P. K. S. W.; William L. Allison, 33°, M. E. and P. K. J. W.; Samuel M. Chapman, 33°, M. E. and P. K. O.; Adolph Meyer, 33°, R. and P. K. T.; Henry C. Barron, 33°, R. and P. K. S.; Wendell P. Coe, 33°, R. and P. K. H.; William J. Broatch, 33°, R. and P. K. M. of C.; Gustav A. Engle, 32°, R. and P. K. C. of G.; Louis G. Heybrook, 32°, R. and P. K. S.

Friday evening, April 14, the members of Wisner lodge with visiting masons and their ladies enjoyed a banquet and social. evening was devoted to social enjoyment, cards and dancing, and the event was a very

pleasant one.

The grand interstate conclave of the order of the Mystic Shrine will be held in Sioux City Fraday, April 28. Nebraska will be well represented, a large number of the nobles from Tangier temple of this city, and Sesostris of Lincoln joining the pilgrimage.

The funeral of the late Hon. H. W. Parker, ope of the best known Masons in the west, occurred at Beatrice Wednesday. The de-ceased was also a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The funeral services were conducted by the Knights Templar and Odd Fellows. Members from lodges at Fairbury. Wymore, Lincoln and other places assisted in the ceremonies The ladies of Vesta chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, gave a poverty social Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Whitmarsh 8911 North Twenty-third street. The ladies were called dresses and the gentlemen were attired in their poorest. A spelling bee was also one of the features. The social was greatly enjoyed and the novelty of the entertainment was a pleasing diversion.

Ancient Order of United Workmen. At the last meeting of Exeter lodge two candidates were initiated. The lodge is prospering and a great interest in the welfare of the order is manifested by the mem-

Following is a list of the supreme officers of the order and their addresses: Past supreme master workman, J. W. Kinsley of Helena, Mont.; supreme master workman,
J. Edward Burtt of Boston, Mass.; supreme
foreman, Dr. D. H. Shields of Hannibal, Mo.; supreme overseer, Lewis L.
Troy of Chicago, Ill.; supreme recorder, M.
W. Sackett of Meadville, Pa.; supreme receiver, John J. Acker of Albany N. V. Specier, J. Specier, ceiver, John J Acker of Albany, N. Y.; su-preme guide, Joseph A. Eckstein of New Ulm, Minn.; supreme watchman, John Milne of Essex Center, Ontario, Can.; su-preme medical examiner, Dr. William C. Richardson of St. Louis, Mo.

Tuesday evening of this week a joint meeting of the six lodges of Omaha and two lodges of South Omaha will be held at Ancient Order United Workmen hall, South

The grand lodge of Nebraska convenes Lincoln Tuesday, May 9, and a large attend-ance is looked for. It is expected that about 500 delegates will be in attendance, of which Omaha and South Omaha will have twenty-

Kuights of Pythias.

Triangle lodge of this city is said to be one of the most perfect in degree work of the lodges in the state. The officers have mastered the new ritual, and its exemplification is said to be most beautiful and impressive.

A new lodge has been instituted at Bloomfield Neb., and is called Mount St. Elias, No.

members, and there var several more on the charter list waiting for the honors. The membership of the new lodge is made up of the best business and professional men in the town, and its future looks very bright.

Eighteen new lodges, with an increased membership of 1.299, is Tennessee's record for the past year.

In Juliana seven new lodges have been in-

for the past year.

In Indiana seven new lodges have been instituted s'nce the first of the year, increasing the total membership of the order in Hoosterdom to 31.325.

The next session of the grand lodge of Massachusetts will be held in Boston Feb-

Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Canton Fremont No. 4, Patriarchs Militant, at the last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, H. G. Breitenfeld; lieutenant, P. B. Cummings; ensign, W. J. Bullock; clerk, J. M. Snively; accountant, E. Schurman. The canton will celebrate the anniversary of the order Weinesday of this week.

Two hundred people, members of the local

lodge at Exeter and their friends, enjoyed a social and banque. Wednesday evening. April 12, given by that lodge. Toasts were responded to by J. F. Hommell, Rev. G. M. Jones, Rev. G. F. Walker and Mr. Cole. After the banquet the hours were whiled away in dancing.

The Omaha lodges are making great preparations for the celebration of the anniversary of the order and will commemorate the event in an appropriate and patriotic manner. The celebration will be held Wednesday evening of this week at Wash-Wednesday evening of this week at Washington hall. A program of musical and literary numbers has been prepared for the occasion. A supper will be served and those so inclined will be given an opportunity to enjoy themselves in dancing. The celebration will mark the seventy-fourth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America.

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A number of lodges from Nebraska towns will join at South Sloux City and celebrate the seventy-fourth anniversary of the order Wednesday of this week. The following lodges, comprising the Seventeenth district, will participate: Dakota City, Wayne, Ponca, Coleridge, Hartington and Belden. Invitations have also been sent te Norfolk, Madison, Plainview and Lyons.

Railway Employes Association.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Railway Employes Fraternal Beneficial association was held on Wednesday evening, April 12, at the cozy hall in the Bee building. The large attendance and deep interest manifested in the promulgation to the order was astonishing, and it is safe to say that if

the enthusiasm continues it bids well for great success in the near future.

Among those present were: Messrs. Richmond Anderson, I. O. Rhodes, G. C. Smith, F. H. Williams, H. G. Brown, J. P. Deegan, W. Williams, and numerous others. During the evening Mr. Bernard Lancaster was initiated into the order.

Whisperings from the Ante-Rooms. The Elks of this city will go down to Lincoin within a short time and institute a lodge at the Capital City.

Four applications for membership and two initiations is the record of the last meeting of Exeter lodge, Modern Woodmen of Tuesday evening, May 2, the Elks benefit

will be given at Boyd's theater. Patti Rosa and her company will be the attraction. Great preparations are being made for the event, and it promises to be a great success, and one to be enjoyed.

The following are the new officers of Gar-field post, No. 80, of Red Cloud: P. C., S. B. Kizer; S. V., W. Street: J. V., F. N. Rich-ardson: chaplain, S. West; Q. M., H. E. Pond; A., O. C. Bell; O. D., A. H. Vander-bers O. C. B. Towner. berg; O. G., R. Turner.

Life Boat lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, has changed its place of meeting. The sessions are now held in the Continental block at Fifteenth and Douglas streets, instead of Twenty-fifth avenue and Cuming street, as formerly.

Cuming street, as formerly.
Yah-Nun-Dah-Sis tribe No. 2, Improved Order of Red Men, kindled its council fire Monday evening of last week in Red Men's hall in the Patterson block, and the new ritual of adoption was exemplified on two palefaces. A number of visiting chiefs enjoyed the hospitality within the wigwam.
Sunday of last week Court Nebraska, No. 216, Independent Order of Foresters, celebrated the unfurling of its new flag at Simanek's hall. They were assisted by the Simanek's hall. They were assisted by the members of the order from South Omaha. The street parade previous to the celebra

a great deal of attention. THE THEATERS.

Mr. Lewis Morrison in "Faust" will be the attraction at Boyd's theater tonight and two following nights. Goethe's tragic story has been celebrated in song, and the opera has been elaborately staged for de cades, but it remained for Mr. Morrison to present the story in dramatic form, with all the weird effects and accessories worthy of the work. Mr. Morrison makes of Mephisto a jolly, jovial devil, one calculated to enchain the souls of men in the glamour of forbidden

pleasures. The scenic effects are well brought out all through the play and vividly accentuate the situations. Notable are the duel scene, when Mephisto comes to the aid of Faust and the clashing steel produces a pale blue flame, giving a weird effect; the scene of the witches carnival on the Brocken, where the electric fluid plays an important part, ending in a shower of fire, and the closing scene, where the angel Marguerite is bearing the senseless form of Faust heavenward, marking Mephisto's final end.

A company of clever performers will appear in "A Breezy Time," at the Farnam Street theater for four nights, beginning with matinee today. The piece is a farce comedy, but it is said that it is a little more connected than most pieces of its kind. piece is separated into three acts, full of ac-tion rather than dialogue. Mr. E. B. Fitz, who plays the most important comedy part in the play, is enough to convulse an audience simply because of his personal appearauce. He is bovine, rotund, and as he bounces about the stage is not unsuggestive of a rubber ball. He has also merits as a comedian and a singer to make him ex-tremely popular. Miss Kathryn Webster, his co-star, is one of the brighest soubrettes now appearing in public. She has a beam-ing personality, and her piquant ways attract and retain the interest of the audience.
"A Breezy Time" is brim full of melodious nusic, and a great many scenes have been introduced that have no particular connec-tion with the play, but are sufficiently amusing to excuse the fact that they re-

Omaha's amusement public will welcome the appearance at the Boyd the last four the appearance at the Boyd the last four evenings of the week of the Bostonians, the representative exponents of comic opera in America today. This will be their last engagement in Omaha for at least three years, a fact the knowledge of which can only give added zest to the enjoyment of their admirable work at this time, while regret may supervene on their departure. The Bostonians have earned their grant success hy tonians have earned their great success by their abilities, musical and histrionic, and at this late day, and in Omana particularly, it is unnecessary to dilate on the perfection of their presentation of the class of opera they have made particularly their own. The bare announcement of their coming last week evoked hundreds of eager inquiries as to

dates and works to be presented.

"Robin Hood," the universal favorite of their repertoire, will have three performances—Wednesday evening, Saturday mati nee and Saturday evening. A pleasingly patriotic principle of The Bostonians man-agement is to encourage native American talent. This led to the bringing out of De Koven and Smith's masterpiece. The presentation of two new operas, both by American composers, will make notable this engagethe Bostonians-"The Knicker by the authors of "Rooin Hood," nd "The Ogalalias," by Waller and Allison Thursday evening is "The Knickerbockers"

night. The work presents a picture of life in New Amsterdam (New York) during the governorship of Wilhelmus Kieft, com-monly called William the Testy, and the in-cidents are two love affairs and a skirmish between the Dutch and the Puritans of New England Governor William has a daugh

between the Dutch and the Puritans of New England. Governor William has a daughter. Katrina, loved by Miles Bradford, a Puritan sea captain. To visit his sweetheart Miles ventures into New Amsterdam, even in the face of danger. He aids a Puritan sympathizer to escape from a crowd of rabid Dutch sailors and thereby directs suspicion to himself. A warm friend of Miles, Hendrick Schemerhorn, son of the burgomaster, with his sweetheart, Priscilla a Puritan damsel, plans to send Miles away in a gown of Priscilla's. The governor's trumpoter overhears 150. The start was made with twenty-five | cilla's. The governor's trumpeter overhears

this plot and informs the governor, who, of course, arrests Priscilla, and she allows the error to go uncorrected. The second act introduces Priscilla in the attire of a British officer. Miles has taken service in the gov-ernor's bodyguard in order to be near Ka-trina, and he, with numerous swains, is made jealous of the handsome young English soldier. Priscilla, with whom all the girls fall in love. At last the approach of the Puritan army is announced and Priscilla is pressed into service to lead the Knickerpressed into service to lead the Knicker-bocker braves. The war is settled by an ar-bitration committee made up of the two pairs of lovers, and everything ends amicably. Friday evening "The Ogalallas" will be given. This is a purely American story. The scene of action is the southwestern frontier. Arthur Cambridge, a rich and adventurers young Bestonian, who has

adventurous young Bostonian, who has earned the name of "Captain Deadshot," is in command of a party of plainsmen escorting Prof. Andover of Boston and a party to Lone Star ranch. The professor, who has philanthropic views regarding the Indian, is taking his niece, Edith, her governess and a number of seminary young ladies on a geolo-

number of seminary young ladies on a geologizing and botanizing trip. Deadshot and Edith fall in love with each other at first sight, and on the heels of this interesting development hostile Indians, in company with Mexican renegades, swoop down on the party. Deadshot is taken prisoner by War Cloud of the Ogalalias and Cardenas, the Mexican bandit. Deadshot and the professor are doomed to death at the Sun Feast, and the girls are to be adopted into the tribe. There is a wealth of incident leading up to the arrival in the third act of the rescuing party of scouts, and the punishment of the Indians and bandits. War Cloud, however, is spared and bandits. War Cloud, however, is spared to wed Minneota, an Indian maiden, who has loved him devotedly. Deadsnot and Edith arrange their love affair, and the professor abandons his philanthropic Indian civilizing chemes and takes unto himself as helpmeet

Another pugilist turned actor will appear in Omaha this week, opening a three nights engagement at the Farnam Thursday evening. This is Jack McAuliffe. Speaking of his debut at Brooklyn some weeks ago in Duncan B Harrison's new play, "The King of the Turf," in which he will be seen here, the Brooklyn Press said: "He acted with discretion and judgment and was at all times natural. It surprised even his most sanguine admirers to witness the adaptability disadmirers to witness the adaptability dis-played by 'Our Jack' for his newly chosen profession. The play is a sensational racing drama, with a big fight scene, in which Me-Auliffe spars four hot rounds with James Nelson. The scene shows the interior of the Coney Island Athletic club and finishes with a reproduction of the Brooklyn handicap, in which McAuliffe rides the winning horse to victory. Four horses are used and the scene is very effective. The play is a good one, the scenery realistic and the speciaities ex-

The new faces in the Bijou stock company have strengthened it much, and as now organized it would be a credit to any theater. The public are good critics and the receipts of the house demonstrate that they appreciate the efforts of Manager Day to amuse them. This week, commencing tomorrow, another new play will be presented, a heroic Irish drama, "The Soggarth," the property of the veteran actor, Oliver Doud Byron, by whose permission it is presented. The leading characters will be portrayed by Miss Lisic Leigh and Mr. Ralph Cummings, and the company will be further augmented by two new faces. The scenes of "The Soggarth" are laid in the home of the shamrock

and are very elaborate.

The drama being lengthy, only two specialty acts will precede it, introducing Loring and Leslie, a refined comedy sketch team, and Frank and Katie Potts, cultured musical artists. Manager Day has decided to reduce his prices, particulars of which will be found in

the Wonderland advertisement in this issue. Next Sunday Stetson's company of come dians will present again "The Crust of Society" at the Boyd. On the following evening (Monday, May 1) the performance will be for the benefit of the popular man-ager of the house, Mr. Thomas F. Boyd, and ager of the house, Mr. Inomas F. Boyd, and there shouldn't be a vacant seat in the theater on that occasion. Mr. Boyd merits the highest regard of the theater going people of Omaha as a manager invariably courteous and ever-watchful for the comfort and convenience of his patrons. His benefit should be a bumper one.

GARDENING.

Somerville Journal Gladys got some garden seeds,
Trusting little maid,
Picked them out with greatest care,
Talked about them everywhere,
Planted them with earnest prayer, And a little spade.

Then there came a fall of snow, And a solid freeze. Gladys, taken by surprise. Bravely dried her brimming eyes, Sent around for new supplie Warranted to please.

Hardly were they in the ground When a busy hen. Seeking sustenance, laid bare All the cause of so "such care; Gladys wished that she could swear,

And began again. What the next mishap will be, Gladys doesn't know.
But if patient labors pay.
She will make a fine display In her garden plot some day-It is doubtful, though

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.

Clean your mirrors with soft paper instead A lump of sugar saturated with vinegar

will cure hiccoughs. For a burn take sweet oil and limewater parts), mix and keep the burn well covered with it. Woollen aprons are recommended either to

cooks or other women who are constantly about a hot stove. If ink is spattered on woodwork it may be taken out by scouring with sand and water and a little ammonia; then rinse with soda

The fine Japanese cement is made by mixing rice with a sufficient quantity of cold water and then boiling gently, with constant

Draw the finger end or thumb end of an old kid glove over your cologne bottle cork, and so save much of the strength of the Hard water may be rendered soft by add

ing sodium bicarbonate (baking soda), a half teaspoonful to a gallou of water. The addition of salt, in about the same proportion, will render soft water hard. To prevent the hair from falling out

saturate the scalp twice a week with the following: Oue ounce of borax, one-half ounce of gum campbor, one quart rain water. Boil all together and bottle. When mattresses are stained take starch wet into a paste with cold water, spread this on the stains, first putting the mattress in the sun. In an hour or two rub this off, and if not clean repeat the process.

Tartaric acid will remove any and all fruit stains from the hands. Apply it to the stains, dampened a little so as to rub on easily, then wash in soap and water and the hands will be free from any stain. During the summer months light dresses,

especially children's garments, are very apt to be stained by grass; these grass stains are easily removed by alcohol. Put a little of the liquid in a saucer, moisten the stains with it, rub well and the green will disap-Broiled kidneys are delicious if cooked thoroughly with a little bacon for seasoning Cut them through lengthwise and lay on the

broiler with alternate slices of the bacon

Lay on a hot dish, sprinkle half of each with

minced parsley, pepper and celery salt, and press the other half on it. An excellent effect for wall and ceiling decoration was obtained recently by a clever fellow, who pasted cheap Nottingham lace over a plain-colored wall paper. The ma-terials, both the lace and the wall paper, were cheap, but when finished the wall had

most aesthetic appearance. Bricannia metal that needs cleaning should be rubbed first with a cloth satu-rated with sweet oil, then washed in warm suds and wiped dry with a very soft cloth To restore the polish make a paste of whit ing and water, cover the article with it and polish with a piece of chamois.

To prevent the fading of cut roses, those that are red or pink must be kept where the light is not very strong. Light is, however, beneficial to the color of yellow roses, and they, as well as white ones, may be placed in a strong light, providing it is not sunlight, without injury. When the flowers are placed in fresh water, which should be changed at least once a day, add a little sait and clip the ends of the stems.

THE SERVANT LAL EXODUS

Explanation Found for the Scarcity of Domestics in Omaha.

FLOCKING TO CHICAGO LIKE SHEEP

A Paper in That City Says the Kitchen Labor Market is Overstocked-What Will Become of the Girls?

For the past few months the scarcity of servant girls, good, bad or indifferent, has been remarked by the housewives of Omaha. A little inquiry revealed the fact that there has been an exodus of girls to Chicago, attracted by the wonderful things told them of the great white city in Jackson park. The Swedish and Danish ministers are reported to have declared in their pulpits that every girl should hasten to Chicago where good places at high wages awaited them. The newspapers of these languages have also advised the girls by all means to go to Chi-

Whether or not this hegira has been caused by any ban or quarantine or boycott upon Omaha could not be learned, but hundreds of the best ladies of the city will testify that it is next to impossible to employ a servant girl upon any conditions. The fact has also been established that servant girls are as thick in Chicago as June bugs around an arc lamp. Here is what a Chicago paper says

about it:
Servant girls are coming to town and that in numbers that will simply astonish the heads of families. The fair is bringing so many women to the city that some of them will be more than willing to get work, and the effect of their influx will be to depress the market to a very appreciable extent.

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"See these letters," said the manager of a West Madison street employment agency, indicating a bundle of correspondence that had accumulated on his table. "They are all from girls who have never worked for wages in their lives, but who have good homes. They want to come to Chicago, and each one of them tells me she knows of from three to ten other girls in like mind. "Some of them explain the fact that they can do sewing or embroidery as well as plain

and fancy cooking, and that they are 'accustomed to children.' They think they ought to have at least \$2 a week. In only a few cases have they asked me to get them places for as high as \$4."

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"What are we going to do for servant girls?" was asked the manager of a North Clark street intelligence office.

"What are we going to do for places for our servant girls—that is the question," replied the good woman, tipping back in her easy chair and fanning her comely face with a just road letter. "See this."

It was an application from a girl in Marshall. Mich. asking if the manager could get shall, Mich., asking if the manager could get her a place as laundress in a good family—

not too big a family -at Chicago, where she could get something in the way of wages and could at the same gime have her freedom

and could at the same sime have her freedom one day each week.

"She is the first one who has asked for more than half a day a week," said the manager. "Most of them want only half a day and seem to think if they have that regularly all through the fair they can see all there is to see."

The young woman explained that she was a "good washer and ichner," only that she a "good washer and iconer," only that she could not "do up men's collars and cuffs as

well as the steam laundry in Grand Rapids." She says she is 22 years old, that she is strong and willing to do, whatever there is for her and in the way the lady of the house desires. And all she usks is \$3 a week and one day off. There are scores of women who want to come to the city during the World's fair and who will work fer low wages and at any honest work if they can only have a portion of the time in which to visit the fair." "Will it lower the wages of those now in

the city!"
"Not the good girls now at work. But the kind that are forever changing from one place to another, and the kind that either don't know their business or will not do their duty, it will make every difference in the keep them out of work altogether till the fair is over." The reporter took a crosstown line and went over to State street.

"Is it a fact," he asked of an employment agent there, "that the servant girls are going to demand an increase of wages as soon as the fair opens?" "There was some talk of it," replied the woman, looking up from a letter that bore the postmark of Ripon, Wis. "But things seem rather cloudy for them now."

"Because there seems to be a flood of girls coming to the city from out of town who will work for even less wages than the regular girls are getting now.

One minister wrote me about a girl at Wheatland, Ia., who had applied for a place. He said she was a most excellent girl in every way, and he respected her for daring to pay her way in this honorable manner." The reporter hunted up an employment bureau near the corner of State and Madi-

"What is this story about servant girls going to raise wages to \$10 a week when the fair opens?" he asked of the gentle little indy in charge.
"Well, from the applications we are getting from out of the town, there doesn't

eem to be anything in it," said the young woman. "From whom out of town are you getting

"Oh, girls all over the country. Here is one clear from Omaha. This is the third letter I have had from her. She wants a place here in the city where she can work for something like \$3 a week and be per-mitted one day each week to go to the fair. She says if I can get places for them she can bring ten girls to the city by the middle of

May."
"Yes, I have heard of the promised invasion of servant girls, said the man manager of the oldest and strongest intelligence office in town. "I have talked it over with a good many other agents for the employment of female help and this is the server." ment of female help, and this is the con-clusion we have come to. The World's fair will bring lots of girls—hundreds of them to Chicago, just as it has brought and will bring workers in every other class. Some will come because they want to see the fair. Others will come because they believe the wages here will be better this summer than can be secured anywhere else. Many of them will be capable and experienced servants. Oh, yes, many will be girls who do not work out as a general thing. And taken altogether, the supply will doubtless be far in excess of the demand."

"Are not the servant gris now here suffi-ciently combined to compel a uniform scale "No, they are not combined at all. The are not the sort of material out of which combinations can be made. They will sim-ply demand higher wages, and will be dis-charged for their pains. Why, New York city alone will send 300 servant girls to Chi-cago this summer. Of course, they have been getting high wages—perhaps as high as our own girls here. But when they find there is not enough work for all of them what can they do? They will either have to go home worse off-than they came, or they will have to accept the reduced wages made by the large number of girls they find in the city. But the heaviest blow to the threatened strike for fiff a week will be this influx of girls of good family who want to see the fair, and who will take this means of

paying their way.

And that is the story all over town. threatened strike of the servant girls has been met by an inundation of better help than we hire now, which help will be satisfied with lower wages and less liberty than the regular domestic has been getting."

OUT OF THEORDINARY.

There are 6,000 intoxicants. Florida has a floating hotel. Maine leads neighboring states in inebri-

More powder was burned in making the Hoosac tunnel than in the war of the rebel-lion. A large coal mine uses almost as much. It takes a gallon of milk to make a pound of cheese. Canada and Denmark eat more butter and cheese than any other nations do. L. W. Palmer, a resident of London, has a room which is papered with 70,000 forged stamps. Mr. Palmer, who is probably the most widely known stamp collector in the

world, recently said that if the collection were genuine it would be worth \$5,000,000. The forgeries represent every known stamp. Members of Parliament, while addressing the House, must wear their hats, and many of the speeches seem to come through the

crowns thereof. The mother, grandfather, groat-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of a 6-months-old baby at Rural Retreat, Va., all live under the same roof.

The Victoria railroad bridge over the St. Lawrence at Montreal is two miles long and one of the engineering wonders of the world, and yet it cost only \$5,000,000.

Speaking of Georgia names, General E. Burd Grubb has named his infant son Thomas Sopwith Grubb. Sopwith Grubb is a mighty healthy name for a baby to have. a mighty healthy name for a baby to have.

Benjamin Franklin died in 1790 and the validity of his will has only just been established. What a warning against leaving one's good deeds to be done by other people instead of doing them one's self.

A novel set of shirt stude has been manufactured at Newcastle, England. The set consists of three studes connected by a strip of German silver. The center studentains

consists of three study connected by a strip of German silver. The center stud contains a watch three-sixteenths of an inch in diam-eter, which can be wound by turning the upper stud and set by turning the lower one. A story is told of Senator Vest's making a political speech in Sedalia, Mo., some time ago, when he was greatly embarrassed to see nearly every man in the house take out his watch at the same time. Later he was informed that at noon and 9 p. m. the nearest approach to a local time gun was fired, and that everybody, as a matter of course, consulted his watch at those hours to see if it was correct.

POINTS ON PROGRESS.

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Artificial diamonds are in the market. 'Typewriters aid the oculists' business.

A new freight car is double the ordinary We manufactured \$7,215,000,000 worth

Florida boasts a 150,000-acre peach orchard. Montana has an electrolytic copper re-

Vera Cruz has a sixty-three-mile street railway. Chair manufacture is a trade in which machinery has not superseded human skill. On the Arabian coast the pearl fishery produces annually a sum little short o

Brocks sixty feet long without a break are found quite frequently in the onyx quarries in Lower California.

Manufacturers of glass in Dresden produce some of their finest wares in furnaces with chambers and compartments instead of Under the regime of President Diaz Mex-

ico's annual exportations have increased \$50,000,000. The export of coffee has doupled in the last four years. Enough diamends to load two large coal trains and having a total weight of 50,000,000 carats and a valuation of \$350,000,000 have been taken out of the Cape diamond fields since their discovery in 1867.

A capital of \$52,000,000 is invested in the nursery interest in 172,000 acres of land. In all horticultural pursuits the entire capital is estimated at over \$1,000,000,000 by the census of the Agricultural department.

The Brooks Locomotive works of Dun-kirk, N. Y., have turned out a twelve-wheeled engine which weighs 240,000 pounds. The engine will be sent to the World's fair, where it will be mounted on the pedestal in front of the railway terminal. In the manufacture of knives the division of labor has been carried to such an extent that one knife is handled by seventy differ-ent artisans from the moment the blade is

forged until the instrument is finished and smoothly wrapped up for market. The anthracite coal basins of Pennsylvania cover an area of 475 square miles, in the northeastern part of the state, on the headwaters of the Schuylkill and Lehigh rivers and extending over to the waters of the north branch of the Susquehanna.

A bequest of a Scotchman named Proudfoot, who died recently at Natal, provided \$20,000 for the laborers of Moffat, Scotland. By the concerted action of the beneficiaries.

By the concerted action of the beneficiaries, some eighty in number, the money is to be used in establishing a public institution for sick and aged poor persons and in the maintenance of a pension fund.

An immense wooden pulley, claimed by the nakers to be the largest in the world, has just been made in Columbus, Ind., and is to be exhibited at the Chicago fair. It is eighteen feet in diameter, and has a face surface of four feet. One hundred pounds of glue, two and one-half kegs of nails and 2,800 pieces of wood were used in its compo

All parties in New York state rejoice over the passage by the legislature of the Bar-nard road bill, which is expected to open the way to an improved system of country roads. It authorizes county supervisors to employ a county engineer to have charge of the highways, and also authorizes the counties to issue bonds to meet the expense of such improvements as may be made.

It is probable that the construction of a great canal from St. Paul to Duluth will be begun before the end of the summer. It is the intention of its projectors to build a canal large enough to allow boats loading at Buffalo to bring their cargo unbroken to docks on the Mississippi in St. Paul. Among the gentlemen interested in the enterprise are representative citizens of Chicago, Duluth and the Twin Cities.

During the nine months ended March 81 893, the total exports of crude and refined petroleum amounted to 582,115,612 gallons— 51,807,394 gallons more than the total amount of the same exports in the nine months ended March 31, 1892. The value of the ex-ports of petroleum in the last nine months was \$31,169,752, or \$2,520,373 less than the value of the much smaller quantity of ex-ports of the same period of the previous

DRIFT FROM THE TIDE. It must make some people feel mighty good to think that \$1 loaned for 100 years at 24 per cent compound interest will amount to \$2,551,799,404.

We are accustomed to think of metals as incombustible, but the contrary is the case.
With the exception of the so-called noble metals—gold, silver, platinum and a few others—all metals burn, or absorb oxygen when heated sufficiently in the air. An Oregon girl in applying for a govern-

ment job states that she is 24 years old and weighs 472 pounds. We hope she will not be appointed. She undoubtedly would fill any office to which she might be appointed, but she already holds a fat position. The Daughters of the Revolution, who are gathering trinkets and metals of every kind to be melted into a great Columbian liberty bell, have received a link of a gold chain worn by President Lincoln at the time of his

assussination. It was furnished by his son, ex-Minister Robert T. Lincolu. Helen M. Gougar, who is lecturing in Iowa ostensibly in behalf of liberty from the bondage of strong drink, the price agreed upon beforehand, declares that Lincoln was a trimmer and a time server, entitled to no credit for the emancipation proclamation. Helen blazes up that way occasionally.

Under the new law of South Carolina there will be but forty-six saloons in the state and they will be owned and run by the state. The smallness of the number in a community where the average of thirst ranges so high will unquestionably have a tendency to the introduction of the most improved rapid transit throughout the state for the distance between drinks will be long and wearisome

The supreme court of Louisiana has just cendered a decision of great interest to all clubmen. It declares that the Boston and the Pickwick clubs of New Orleans, two of the most exclusive clubs in the city, must take out a regular bar room license if they wish to sell liquor to their members. As such a license is \$1,000 a year, and as the number of clubs in the city that sell liquor is about 100, the city will derive a handsome revenue from this source.

The great European expositions have awarded the premium to Cook's Extra Dry Imperial Champagne for boquet.

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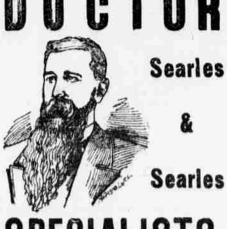
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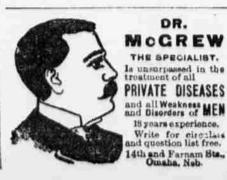
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