

OLD SOLDIERS ARE HERE

Reunion of Nebraska Veterans Opened in This City Yesterday.

FULL LIST OF THOSE WHO ARE PRESENT

Yesterday Devoted to Reception and Exchange of Greetings—Program for Today and This Evening—The Oldest and the Youngest.

The Nebraska Soldiers association is holding its fifth reunion at the Mercer hotel. There is a good attendance. The old soldiers were cordially welcomed at the depots yesterday and had a "comrade" sociable at the hotel last evening.

Major Egan spread a collation which was evidently enjoyed by the veterans. The balance of the evening was spent in a general handshaking and recital of reminiscences.

The association will be called to order at 10 a. m. today. Ex-Governor Saunders will deliver the address of welcome to which the president of the association will respond. Routine business will follow. In the evening the veterans will form in line and march from the hotel to Germania hall, Harmon street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, where a campfire will be held, to which all Grand Army men, members of the Women's Relief corps, sons of veterans and all old soldiers and their families are cordially invited.

Last evening Dr. Stone took a census of the Nebraska soldiers present at the reunion, and it was found that their average age was over 57. Curtis Hartman is the youngest man, being 73. Dr. Brown of Nebraska City is the oldest, being 73.

All old soldiers in Omaha, irrespective of the date from which they went to the front in 1861, are doing all in their power to make their Nebraska comrades have a good time while in the city.

The following are in attendance at the reunion: Major Paddock, Major Pearson, C. Burnester, Chris Hartman, A. B. Rhoades, Dr. Mercer, Major Egan, Lyman Richardson, W. S. Slaughter, W. J. T. Smith, T. J. M. Merzen, J. Edwards, H. B. Meyers, H. Laing, S. Winkelman, M. Hansen, A. Burnester, George Armstrong, H. P. Jensen, W. P. Snowdon, Omaha; George Abney, Elk Creek; John Chapman, Persia, Ia.; John Q. Goss, Bellevue; Barney Tunney, Gilmore; James S. Phobus, Deaver, Neb.; L. Shipley, Florence; J. J. Shaw, Adams; P. Jensen, Blair; H. C. McJannet, Plattsmouth; T. M. Carter, Glenwood, Ia.; J. M. Searcy, Tipton; P. L. Johnson, Okamoa; J. G. Knight, Lexington; F. Mintura, Springfield; T. J. Majors, Peru; N. D. Butler, Grand Island; W. C. McFarland, Grand Island; J. H. H. Pappillon, N. Platte; W. C. Pappillon, John Morgan, Council Bluffs; L. N. Woods, Violet; A. N. Yost, Council Bluffs; W. M. Kent, South Auburn; J. L. Behm, Villisca; J. A. Bowen, Nebraska City; H. A. Koenig, Grand Island; James Kitt, Pleasant Dale; E. A. Stopher, Elmwood; W. E. Majors, Peru.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA.

Arrests for Month of January—Candidates for Police Judge—Other News.

Arrests during the month of January were as follows: Incontinency, 1; suspicious characters, 8; prostitution, 15; drunkenness, 15; to keep the peace, 2; murder, 1; carrying concealed weapons, 1; drunk and disorderly, 7; fugitive from justice, 1; forgery, 1; stealing coal, 2; veterinary, 1; assault and battery, 3; disturbing religious meetings, 1; trespass, 1; petit larceny, 3; resisting an officer, 1; concealing stolen property, 1; running a gambling house, 1; obtaining money under false pretenses, 1; robbery, 2; making a total of seventy-five arrests.

Rhody Roy's Racket.

Captain Austin's report to Chief Mitchell yesterday morning relates that a gang of youths from the suburbs surrounded up the lower end of the city during the night. At a bawdy house on Twenty-seventh street Annie King was struck and knocked down by a fellow named Rhody Roy. From this house the gang proceeded on up to the corner of Twenty-sixth and N streets, where they took Lee's lunch wagon they ordered what they wanted to eat and refused to pay anything for it. Lee knew his police whistle and Captain Austin and Officer Arga, bright arrested Roy and Barney Taylor. Roy was fined \$3 and costs and Taylor was discharged.

Royal Arcanum Officers Installed.

Deputy Supreme Regent Brick and Deputy Supreme Gudge Dyball met with the Royal Arcanum lodge at Knights of Pythias hall Tuesday night and installed the following newly elected officers: J. C. Carley, regent; V. T. Price, past regent; D. S. Starrock, vice regent; Prof. A. A. Monroe, orator; R. C. Young, chaplain; C. M. Rich, secretary; Dr. E. L. Sigrens, collector; Dennis Alberty, treasurer; W. D. Cannon, guide; E. H. Koster, warden; J. W. Martin, trustee.

Candidates Gate.

The number of candidates for the police judgeship are on the increase. In the list are Judge Fowler, Judge Levy, Judge Hedges, Mr. Hatcher, Mr. Morey, Mr. Green and Mr. Beckett. It matters but little who the respective managers are, there will be a number of men run independent of convention nominations.

W. G. Sloan, Thomas Hoeter and W. B. Whelan are the principal men spoken of for the city treasurership.

Magic City Notes.

The charity concert takes place at Bauer's hall next Friday night. The new fire escapes have been received and will be placed on the Reed hotel at once. There are now thirty-five families being regularly provided for by the Associated Charities.

Mrs. Rudiger will be given a hearing in the district court on the charge of murder about the 1st of March.

James Donohoe was called to Iowa City yesterday in response to a telegram announcing the death of his father.

Mrs. C. J. Collins has filed considerably more than her return from Colorado, and her condition at the present time is said to be very critical.

The Drive Whist club has postponed its regular meeting until Friday evening of next week, when the club will meet at the residence of J. M. Tanner.

Annie Potae, the young girl charged with larceny, was yesterday released from the county jail, her father furnishing a bond of \$300 for her appearance at the next term of the district court.

Detective Thomas arrested a man named Eden yesterday for driving his wife out of the house with a butcher knife. Mrs. Eden refused to appear against her husband, and the fellow was discharged.

A cobweb social will be held in the Christian church and paragonage on K street Thursday evening, February 1. An excellent program has been arranged and tickets will be provided. A small admission fee will be charged.

Persons who wish to get the World's fair portfolio must use the coupons from the paper. It is but a moment's work and will inconvenience no one. Take the coupons to Mr. Stott's book store on N street and get the beautiful portfolio.

Next Friday night is the last dance the Ideal club will give before Lent. This club also elects officers twice during the season and will resume on the 18th of January. Consequently the next party is the last to be given under the present management.

When Mr. Tucker of the street car company was in South Omaha yesterday Mike O'Heary asked him to put on a charity car between Omaha and this city. The merchants say they would like to have the people spend what few dollars they have in Omaha and are not clamoring for any one to give the people a free ride out of town.

"Sunflower" Operetta. The exact nature of the "Sunflower" operetta, which is to be given this evening at the residence of Henry W. Yates, has been kept something of a secret in order to make it the

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