## RESUME OF THE YEAR'S SPORT

A Brilliant Record of Events on Both Land and Water.

Fitz's Lack of Action\_Speculation on the Prospects of the Big Mill-The Man Who Stood Off Sullivan.

As I have observed in these columns during its progress, I now reiterate after its close, that the year 1896 was the greatest sporting epoch of the century. In all parts of the world have in and outdoor sports and pastimes flourished with unusual vigor, and much international excitement was infused into many of the struggles for supremacy, and at no time during the year was interest in such matters allowed to flag. There courts. have been many great performances and more record-breaking by both man and horse than was ever chronfeled in a similar period. Man has run, ridden, fought and has been a veritable plethora of fur, in and jumped better, and the horse reached within feather, and campers and tourists have had jumped better, and the horse reached within an infinitesimal fraction of the ideal standard of equine speed. That John R. Gentry paced a mile in 2:00% has been heralded to all quarters of the civilized globe, and this marvelous feat alone lifted the light harness racing campaign far above the mediocrity, and adding to this Robert J's 2:01½, Star Pointer's 2:02½, Joe Patchen's 2:03 and Frank Agan's 2:03½, makes a year of brilliant achievements likely to illuminate the corridor of time on through the century.

Among the thoroughbreds the racing season does not loom up with a magnitude commensurate with that of the other lines Henry of Navarre, Hastings, Handspring, Keenan, Requital and other aged and youthful jumpers would set the running turf But they all fell short of expectations, with the possible exception of the Belmont wonder, who won in the Suburban the one great and sensational race of the

While we have but little opportunity out here on the prairie to see any loating or rowing, all lovers of this popular pastine have kept in buch with the doings at more favored localities. Seven or eight years ago the Omaha and Council Bluffs Rowing as sociation furnished us with considerable sport in midsummer and fall, but of late years they have fallen into innocuous desuctude and a shell cutting the blue waters of Manawa today would probably be taken come abnormal creature of the deep. This association, I might add, is still in existence, but absolutely inactive. Of course the fact that there was no America's cup race had a decidedly deleterious effect upon aquatics, but even the lack of this grand world's feature came in nowise near of dis-couraging the sport, and there were quite as many boats in commission on both sides of the continent as ever. While the Dun-rayen snarl brought about a cessation of racing among the first-classers there was plenty of argument going on between the small fry and two international affairs that caused no little general interest. In both of these affairs, however, it is humiliating to record, the United States craft were clearly outsailed by their Canadlan relatives.

The oarsmen, however, made up for all discrepancies on the water, the amateurs being particularly in evidence. From the Decoration day regatta of the Harlem association, when the University of Pennsylvania crew triumphed over the famous Bohemians, down to the announcement a few weeks ago of Harvard's sweeping re-The Yale crew's failure to capture the historic Grand Challenge cup at the Henley regatta was the one blot and disappointment of the year. The intercollegiate fourrace at Poughkeepsie cut a big figure in the year's incidents, as the crew suspected, Cornell, carried off the quite a furore during their regatta at Saratoga, when young Ten Eyck, the scion of an old rowing family, made a name for himself. In the professional realm the one big event was the winning of the world's championship by the old St. Louis sculler. Jake Gaudaur, in England, from Stansbury, big Australian champion. I might add that the beating of the English four by Gaudaur's quartet at Halifax, August 1, was also a world's championship affair, and a very interesting one at that.

There has been but little indulgence in the Scottish game of golf in or about Omana, the Patricks, at Happy Hollow, running the only links, I believe, to be found hereabouts. But because this simple game has found but a modicum of favor with Omahans is no reason that it did not flourish elsewhere, for it did. In the effete cast it created quite a furore, and on the coast was also extensively played. In fact, the gam-bloomed out unexpectedly all over the with the exception of this intermediate district, and the year was a memo-rable one on this side of the wet for the organization of new clubs and the laying out

that is to be little wondered at, for cricket is a game and a popular one, old as the hills themselves, and in certain sections of the United States has from time immemorial almost been firmly entrenched. The past visit from the great Australian eleven, which we came within an ace of seeing here in Omaha, gave the old game a big boom, and the present year will likely see much more the sport on this side the pond than ever

But of all sports of the calendar no branch has enjoyed such exaggerated con-spiculty as that of athletics, here, abroad and everywhere. The revival of the Olymgames at Athens, Greece, of course was instrumental in giving athletics generally a remarkable impetus, and the effects of this wonderful tourney are to be felt through many decades. The plucky American athletes who traveled thousands o miles to meet the sturdy Greeks covered themselves with glory by making an almost clean sweep of all the events. They gobled up all the sprints, jumps, hurdles, discus throwing and revolver shooting, be sides a large number of less consequential events. Bernard J. Wefers has won about all the big races up to 300 yards run in this country, from the intercollegiate sprint championships at Manhattan field May down to his smashing the world's 300-yard

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tion, was given many patent medicines, and used various external applications, but they had no effect whatever. S. S. S. was finally given, EULEMA and it promptly reached the seat of

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THE DELIGHTS OF SIX DAYS' RACING

Base ball, the national game of this country, was also blessed with a most successful season, the big league gathering in shekels and glory by the cartoad. Here in Omaha our enjoyment was confined to amateurish attempts, and, while they were eatisfactory enough, they fell far short of the real thing, and a strenuous effort should, and most likely will be, made to restore the professional class in this city before opening of our Transmississippi year, Base ball never was on a sounder basis than at the present time, but exceeding care is necessary to maintain this happy condition. A pushing of the Rusie case in the courts might destroy the foundations of professional base ball. The capitalists increated in the aport are all making money. the players are abundantly awarded for their services, and the public is intensely interested in the championship races. What more could be desired? Better patch

Sports afield and at the trap were bounte-ously favored during the year just closed. In all the game regions of the country there such sport as has marked no similar period in a decade. At the trap there has been unprecedented activity not only at home, but in all parts of the land, and in England. France and Germany as well. Just now the Omaha sportsmen are almost incredibly alive to the beauties of this fine sport, and during the past fall months we have had more matches and more sweepstakes than was to be witnessed during the past four years com-bined. This is but one of the healthful signs of the times, and I hope no cloud will arise to blacken our prospects and dampen our en-

The boys who glory in chrysanthemum hair have likewise been right in the thick of the push. In fact, the foot ballists came pretty nearly taking sole possession of the commensurate with that of the other lines commensurate with that of the other lines of sport, and still it was far from proving a disappointment, and there were many really meritorious performances to engross the attention of the sport-loving world. In the early part of the season it was extended to the carry part of the season in the carry part of the season in the carry part of the season it was extended to the carry part of the season in the carry part of college team. Princeton's splendid victories over Harvard and Yale were star features. as has also been the playing of the Carlisle Injuns, and the devastating march of the glants from Butte. While the outlook all Omaha, lackaday, we are not peering forward through very rosy glasses. The Western Intercollegiate association knocking out our Thanksgiving championship game left us a little groggy. Lincoln will feast upon the plum next November.

Tennis had a great innings everywhere the gentle art right here having an unusually large following and furnishing some exceptionally fine sport. The state association was much in evidence, and its annual tournament was the success of its history. The prospects for 1897, locally, are very bright, as several new clubs will be idmitted to the association and some splen did new courts established in this city.

In Fistiana, despite its circumscribed rights and prerogatives, interest has been more marked than in times when it was but little hampered by mock humanitarians and the law. Of course the winning of heavyweight championship by Bob Fitzsim-mons, a middleweight, down in Mexico last Fobruary, stands out conspicuously as the premier event of the year. Peter Maher, who was presented with the title by Jim Corbett after he had put Steve O'Donnell to sleep with a single swat at one of the New York clubs, was the victim. Fitz's recent experience on the coast with the big man-of-warsman, Sharkey, whom he knocked out in the eighth round, but still lost the battle through the decision of a rascally referee was probably on a par with the knockout of Maher, so far as interest went. Following these in close connection comes Choynski'defeat by Maher, Kid Lavigue's remarkable form in her rowing policy, the season has been one continuous round of sensations. defeat by Maher, Kid Lavigue's remarkable victory over Dick Burge, the English crack. Corbett's miserable flasco with Sharkey, Plimmer's downfall before Pedlar Palmer Erne, the young Buffalonian

Since Bob Fitzsimmons' visit here a week ago I am hardly up to the task of defining with much precision just where I am at when young Ten Eyck, the scion of booze and otherwise deported himself in an unsatisfactory manner gives a some what suspicious tinge to the so-called coming big fight with Jim Corbett. I am not so cock sure as I might be that everybody onnected with the affair is on the level However, I do not wish to pose as a captious censor, and before indulging in further criticism I will wait and note the outcome f Fitz's visit to New York. I want though, by the followers the game, that I am prepared for any development and that the inauguration of another long and disgusting argumentative war by the two great pugilists through newspapers will surprise none. I hope the two men are in earnest, and that next March they will get together and once for all settle the question as to who is the bes

man.

It would certainly be dereliction on m part if I failed to assert that Fitzsimmons conduct while here was inexplicable. I have seen him fight four times, and have been about him more or less on all of these oc-casions, but never before did I see him Scot's golf and the Johnny Bull's cricket, the lim take a drink, except once, and that that is to be little wondered at former. But was a pony of brandy at his under the influence of that subtle distillawas a pony of brandy at his training quarters down in Jaurez the day his last fight with Maher was postponed for a week. But it was not Fitz's drinking that bothered me most while he was here, but his exhibi-tion of bag punching and sparring, which season at the wickets was an unusually while fair, was way below the standard while fair, was way below the standard successful one, both locally and in the of anything I had previously witnessed at the bag and extremely interesting section at the with the successful one, both locally and in the of anything I had previously witnessed at east and west, and extremely interceting his hands. His fumbling at the bag and his lack of speed in his bout with Hickey was a revelation. I have always seen him work so fast and so brilliantly that I must confess that I was startled. Still, this may have been, and probably was, owing to the 'load' he was carting around, and from no physical retrogression superinduced by natural causes. If Corbett and Bob do come together, who do I think will win, did you say? Well, if you did, you must excuse me, I've no think coming just now.

But as to the site of the big mill, I think I can come as near to it as any man in the country. Last week I gave my reasons for believing that the musty old city of Paso del ountry. Norte, across the Rio Grande from El Paso would draw the prize, and I believe so yet but if I am mistaken in this locality, City, Nev., will prove the lucky station Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, mated to me while here that Dan Stuart and the Nevada incoming legislature were upexceedingly amicable terms, and that th legalizing of glove contests at its comin ession need startle no one. If such a bil as this is made a law, then the burg out i the Sierras will indubitably gobble the fisti-persimmon. But as I will have some in side information within the course ouple of weeks I will dismiss the subject emporarily.

and the hero of the old Coliseum, and his trainer, the genial and generous Jack Kinnaman, returned from New York New Year's evening with pockets bulging with coin and in the best of spirits and health. Reading, it will be recalled, won third place in the recent big international wheel chas Madison Square garden, and his recital of the incidents of the great race is interesting indeed. You've all read of the experiences of a man up in a balloon, at the bottom of the ocean, and in other novel, trying and extreme situations. but probably never heard how he feels at the fag end of a six-day, twenty-four hours a day, bicycle race. For three days Ned said e felt as chipper as the first cock robin opring and to spin around the dizzy elips spring and to spin around the dizzy elipze was just like eating so much shortberry strawcake, but after that the band played a different tune. At times a thunderous roar filled his brain like that coming in from the sea at midnight during some fearful elementary strife, and the crowd of spectators would first assume the forms of Brobdignagian giants, then the shape of pigmles. Some times they had legs and arms as long

Ned Reading, the military bicycle racer

record at Travers Island in September, as telephone Wefers stands today without a peer among the "feet runners." In pole vaulting, shoulders no bigger than walnuts, at others the cranial top-pieces swelled up like gas tanks, while limbs and legs shrunk to weight throwing, jumping and hurdling the wooden toothpicks. Now the vast auditorium would blaze with blinding refulgence, then be plunged into a darkness as black as the events have been innumerable and wondrous the American and English standards all pottomiess pit. At times he would soar brough space with the gentle motion of a thistledown, again he would be crawling on hands and knees through vats of tar and mud, and over jagged rocks and cruel thorns Again he would experience all the delights of the lotus-eater's dream and then again

the torments of a man being burned at the stake. Just before the wind-up Ned asserted that he imagined that he was a big brass ball fastened to the end of a long steel spindle, and that he was being revolved through space at about the rate of the big fly wheel in the street rail-way power house. He couldn't see, hear, way power house. He couldn't as the cesta-feel, taste or think; then followed the cesta-cies of cuthanasia, then an absolute blank, cies of euthanasia, then an absolute blank. But suddenly some wondrous power brought grew bright, his hearing acute and his brain alive to the exciting scenes of the situation and he found himself pedaling away for the goal at about a fifteen-mile-an-hour clip. the goal at about a fitteen-mile-an-hour cip.
The gallant old racer has now fully recovered from all effects of the great trial, and
his manager, the genial Jack heretofore
mentioned, is fitting him for the big race up the Rusie affair without going into the Square garden is all that beat him out of this bonor at that race.

> athlete he is not the paragon of muscular development and activity I knew eleven years ago. Time has left its imprint on him as it has on all the rest of us. I will never forget the 29th of August, 1885, for it was on that day, at Chester park, Cincinnati, I saw McCaffrey stand off the mighty John L. for seven rounds. It was a memora-ble event, and while McCaffrey was beaten out of the decision, he gained more laurels by the fact that for the stipulated time he had defied the terrific onslaughts of John L. than he had by all his other performances combined. Sullivan was to knock Dom out in six rounds or lose the fight. But he lidn't do it nyther (I haven't got a cent) id he lose the fight. McCaffrey not staved the elx rounds, but one extra which one Billy Tate, a Toledo fireman and sport. At the end of the sixth round there was a riot, McCaffrey clamored for a continuance time the atmosphere of the old race grounds was decidedly sulphurous. Tate was frightened half out of his boots, and refused to give a decision, but two days later, when safe at home upon the murmuring Maumee, he proclaimed to the world, by telegraph, that Sullivan was the winner. McCaffrey will be in town for several days and has promised to give me his opinion for next Sunday's Bee of the fighters of the day.

Questions and Answers.

OMARIA, Dec. 30 .- To the Sporting Edito of The Bee: Kindly answer the following question in The Sunday Bee and settle a ispute: A gun is fired automatically thirty niles from anyone or any living thing. here a report? Can there be a sound here is no ear to hear it? Both sides have left this to you to decide, and both admit that you have never heard a gun fired when not within thirty miles, so put it to is straight .- H. S. G.

Ans.-I have distinctly stated times innumerable in these columns that no attention my gun and listen.

OMAHA, Dec. 28.—16 the sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a bet made that Cook county, Illinois, would give McKin-Cook county, Illinois, would give McKin-ley a plurality of 50,000, please give the official figures?—A Subscriber, Ans.—Have no figures for Cook county at

hand, but in Chicago the figures are: Mc-Kinley, 198,749; Bryan, 142,296. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Jan. 1 .- To the Sport ing Editor of The Bee: Please state in next ought in the Corbett-Jackson contest before San Francisco club on the occasion o Corbett injuring his wrist?-Sport. Ans. -Sixty-one

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Dec. 26.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee; Will you cindly answer the following in your Sunday and oblige a subscriber. If two trees I hearing distance of all animal life hould fall together, would there be a olse?—Subscriber.
Ans.—How in the —— do I know? Look

p your ercyclopedia. SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 31 .- To the Sport ng Editor of The Bee: I saw an ad in your go about Neese Innes Sporting Manual. ent the money to him for it and got nook yet. I think it looks a little like I think he is like the referee in the Sharkey and Fitzsimmons fight. Please inswer in Sunday's Bee if he is alive.—A Subariber.

Ans.-If he happens to meet you he will make you think so. He has probably gone and blown your 10 cents for booze. Write him and send him 10 cents more and if that doesn't fetch the book come up and

OMAHA, Dec. 29 .- To the Sporting Editor The Bee: Will you kindly answer the ollowing question in Sunday's Bee Was Mr. Jim Corbett in the employblige: nent of a bank before taking up the vocaion of pugilism?-A Subscriber.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 30.—To the Sport-ng Editor of The Bee: Please give me the pedigree and record of Barney Kelley's celerated dog, Bismarck, in Sunday's Bee .-- . Ans.-Can't do it.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 29 .- To the sporting Editor of The Bee: Please pardon in antique question. A and B are two sides it high five. A has 51, B 46. B bids 13 and nakes it, but A makes the high. Isn't A out? Please state the rule and I'll paste i in my hat .- C. B. A.

OMAHA, Dec. 30.—To the Sporting Ed-tor of The Bee: To decide a wager please answer in Sunday's Bee the following ques A bets that the Mississippi river is the longest river in the world; B says tha the Missouri river is the longest .- Sub-

Ans .- The Missouri is the longest. OMAHA, Jan. 1 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please decide the fol-lowing in Sunday's Bee: Can a foreigner come to Nebraska direct from his native land, declare his intentions, reside in the state six months and be fully qualified to president of the United States? Ans.—Yes, and he can come here to Omaha

and get a city office without any papers, not even an old piece of wrapping paper. CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 29.—To the Sport-ng Editor of The Bee: A bets B that Mc-Kinley will carry Ohio by a larger maority than Bryan will Nebraska; according of the vote cast who wins? - James Austera. Ans.—Don't you get any papers up there i Chadron? McKinley got only about

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 27 .- To the Sport ing Editor of The Bee: Will you pleas decide the following bet and publish same in your paper, to-wit: A bets B that Me Kinley will carry Ohio by 50,000 plurality bets that he won't; who wins?-T. G.

Ans. -A. ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Dec. 26,-To th. Sporting Editor of The Bee: I have a card dot machine. A royal flush gets 100 cigars. This machine contains fifty-two playing cards and is played upon the same principal as poker. Please advise me by return mawhat consists of a royal flush, as a straigh flush in diamends was thrown today, from ace to ten spot, and there is some argumen regard to what a royal flush consists?-

Ans.-Ace, king, queen, jack and ten o OMAHA, Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Will you please state in next Sunday's Bee in what year and month the great bitz-zard was in Nebraska? A SUBSCRIBER. Ans .- It occurred January 12, 1888.

"A dozen on the shell," some celery and a pint of Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Cham-pagne is a lunch for the gods.

## AMUSEMENTS.

been a quiet and not over profitable time at the Omaha theaters: At Boyd's, one of drama, but theater-goers hereabouts have not in time past shown themselves so very unfriendly to stage tanks. There are some theatrical tanks, on the contrary, for whom they have shown a marked predilection. One of these has just been exhibiting at the Creighton, and need not be more particularly designated. Those who have seen her say that she is at present not so much of a tank as formerly, and that her reduced propor-tions and ameliorated vocal powers indicate a less heroic capacity for cocktalls dramatic and otherwise, than was evident in her aforetime. However this may be, bust ness was good at the Creighton during her engagement, a fact upon which that house is to be congratulated, although as much he is sure to win. A bad cold contracted during the third night's going at Madison

A "turn" not down in any program was ac-Dominick McCaffrey, once a prominent complished unwillingly and with many candidate for the heavyweight champion- blushes by W. J. Burgers of the Creighton candidate for the heavyweight championship of the world, is in Omaha. He is
spending the winter with his brother, who is
a large ranch owner up semewhere in Holt
county, but came down here to renew the
acquaintanceships of years agone. While Dom
is still a splendid specimen of the American
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ship, done under a hat, so to speak, would suffice these benefactors, who must have a public presentation to do justice to every-thing and everybody concerned. The most serious problem was how to induce Mr. Bur gors, whose natural modesty in tenfold aug-mented while his moustache is still in a nasent state, to expose himself to the embar assment of a stage performance. The aid of the company then showing at

e house was enlisted. During the progress the play, word was sent in urgent haste to the box office that the chorus had laid in a keg of beer from Mr. Dowling a bazaar, and that perdition in all its direst forms was being raised. The presence of Mr. Bur-gess upon the stage was urgently demanded o quell the incipient riot. So he was lured to his doom. He unconsciously took the center of the stage and was listening to sundry complaints poured late his ears by conspiring members of the company, when pop! Up went the curtain, disclosing the over the country glows in warmest colors of the contest, and Sullivan was blasphemous situation to a very large and highly delighted for another season of great sport, here in and ugly. Revolvers were drawn and for a matine audience. His awful predicament be came momentarily more apparent to the bushful manager, who made a precipitate rush for the right upper entrance. He was intercepted by a stalwart comedian before he had entirely disappeared from view, and a spirited tussle ensued, amid fervent ac clamations from the front of the The comedian worked his man skillfully down center again, and having got him well into the glare of the footlights and still holding him fast to guard against another bolt, he made a facetious presentation speech and postowed the silverware upon its new possessor. Mr. Burgess has never laid claim to oratorical powers, and upon this occasion he says—and indeed there is evidence in support of it-that his tongue clave to the oof of his mouth and his vocal chords well-nigh refused their office. Prompted by a member of the company, however, he mag-nanimously wished the audience a happy New Year, and the event was closed.

Edgar L. Davenport, who was last seen ere as the manly and altogether decent American in "Thoroughbred" a couple of months ago, is no small poet, as well as would be paid to any query, save these months ago, is no small poet, as well as pertaining to sport and henceforth you a very excellent actor. He will go starring must refer all scientific problems to the next year, and it is possible that his muse isnitor. As to your question, I take a walk may carry him on yet loftler flights. Meanout thirty miles this afternoon, shoot off my gun and listen.

OMAHA. Dec. 28.—To the Sporting Editor stills, fresh in mind.

TODAY.

A game of craps,
And luck—who knows?
A flash of steel,
And lifeblood flows.

A burst of applause— A "star" is made. A find of gold— A city is laid.

Life is flitting, death is near; A world of sighs, perhaps a tear, Rich and poor, weak or brave, All are judged beyond the grave.

The unprecedented success of the first pres entation and the numberless requests that have been made to have a repetition of "The Christmas Mystery Play" at St. Philomena's, have induced those concerned to repeat it on Twelfth night, Wednesday, January 16. Twelfth night- or as it is commonly called. 'Little Christmas.' has been from time imnemorial devoted in the old countries to dramatic amusements. Hence, there are many dramas produced for the first time on this night, the best known of which is Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

That this repetition of the mystery play will be an unqualified success is a fore-gone conclusion. Those who did not witness it at Christmas, ought not to miss this last opportunity. The admission price is changed. No tickets have been issued.

An interesting experiment is to be tried in New York by the Standard, which is t publish a daily edition devoted exclusively to theatrical and sporting matters. In ad ition to covering local affairs the paper will publish letters, by telegraph and mail, from special representatives in all the cities of America. The corps of correspondents is now being organized by Leander Richardson, formerly editor of the Dramatic News, and now with the Standard.

Coming Events.

Starting with a matinee today and continuing for a week. Boyd's theater will have an unusual offering not only in Lumiere's Cinematographe, which has for the past week created quite a talk, but in presenting the only twin stars in the world since the days of the Webb brothers in English provinces, the Messrs. Willard and William Newell, who will appear in twin plays, such as "The Corsican Brothers," Lyons Mail ' "The Operator," etc.

George Manderback, manager of the com pany, has surrounded the Messrs. Newell with what is said to be a competent company and promises to produce the plays during the week's stay in this city in a manner which will demand recognition by theater-goers. The beautiful romantic drama, "The Corsican Brothers." is the bill announced for both performances today and also for Monday and Tuesday nights The Kansas City Journal says of the performance December 25: "In every respec as fine a performance as Mr. Mantell's Corsican, and in some better on accoun of the close resemblance of the brothers who are as like as two peas." On Wednes-day matinee and night the French drama, "The Clemenceau Case," will be given and on Thursday and Friday the celebrated romantic twin play, "The Lyons Mail." to be followed Saturday matinee and night by the comedy drama; "The Operator," a production said to be full of realistic scenic and mechanical effects and bubbling over with catchy comedy and specialties.

As an extra feature, Pepi Mahler Manderback has been enhaged by the management and will appear at each performance n a selection of popular airs and yodel songs There are great things yet in view-hings to talk about in wonderment, to think of with unalloyed joy, and miere cinematographe is one of the best as it is the newest of these sensations This marvelous invention, a fin de siecle triumph of scientific photography combined with electrical skill, which will be exhibited at every performance, has enraptured the audiences wherever it has been seen. The reatures in the scenes are life size and every action is accurately shown, making in almost perfect moving picture. The folowing views, among others, have been se-lected for exhibition during the week: 'Russian Emperor and Empress and Presi-lent of Franco," "Spanish Guard Mount-ng at Madrid," "French Cuirasslers" Sham "March of the Ninety-sixth French ofantry," "Spanish Artiflery Evolutions."
"Festivities at Buda Pesth," "Gardner and
he Had Boy," "Ostriches." "Russian Cance" "Baby's Repast" and "Sword Exmilitary views announced, showing phases and features of military life in some of the armies of Europe, will give one an ex

Whatever the past week may have brought cellent idea of their makeup. With this forth in other spheres of activity, it has double attraction a successful engagement for that great event and give it some careful is anticipated.

the strongest melodramas ever brought hore, played by a generally able and well-balanced company, has showed to inexplicably bad in its second season, and which will be the That "the play's the thing" is clearly business all the week. True, it was a tank attraction at the Creighton for four nights, commencing Thursday, January 7, and con-cluding with two performances on Sunday, The man who created the stage version of this delightful Miscouri story has passed away, but organizations, her their center city. audiences to alternate laughter and tears. It has been proven that this truest and best of American plays depends upon no one man for its interest and success. Frank Mayo's creation in this play was greater than his own great personality.
It is hard to describe "Pudd'nhead Wil-

son." It is like no other play, it is a simple, sweet story, told by men and women who do not seem to be acting at all, but who reach right out and lay hold on the hearts of their audience, holding their love value to pay for it. Otherwis and attention until the final fall of the his stock and having nothing curtain, and you carry from the theater must retire from business. You seem to hear the buzz of the bees, and the butterfly flits lazily through the soft southern air. You enter into the spirit of the story, and industriously help those upon the stage in unraveling the mysteries which are only mysteries to them. For you know all about it when the prologue is over. You have laughed and you have cried, and you leave the theater with that kindly, satisfied feeling that makes the whole world kin. You goshome glad that you live in the same dear, delightful world in which such folks live as they who have told you the story of

"Pudd thead Wilson."

The company is almost identical with that of last year. Theodore Hamilton, a sterling old actor, plays the title role, and Emily Rigl, one of the best emotional actresses in America, is the new Roxy. Other wise the cast is unchanged.

That charming play, "Alabama," by Au-ustus Thomas, will be the attraction at the Boyd theater for six nights and three matiners, commencing January 10.

After all, the old, old story, that all of us have heard and that all of us tell some time in our life, is the best. War, strife, misery, crime, all engage our attention, warms our blood, but love—honest, noble, eloquent love—moves the very soul as nothing else can. And that is the theme of "Alabama." The author of this sweet story has contributed to the stage a fragrant flower, which will not be permitted to wither. He bas set before his countrymen a vision of all that is ennobling refining and chastening in human nature. The vision is so natural remains with us long after we have lef the playhouse. It is so postle and so purify ing that we are better for having seen it When an artist can create something that calls to life the noblest and most unselfish impulses of mankind he has benefited man-Augustus Thomas has done this i

The excellence of the Clement Bainbridge company is too well established to need com-ment. It includes Mr. Bainbridge, for whom Augustus Thomas wrote the part of Captain Davenport; Fred Mower, Harry M. Allen, L. P. Hicks, W. M. Wadsworth, Robert Conness, F. W. Kensil, Francis Nelson, and the Misses Ethel Living, Helen Weathersby, Florence Crosby and Kate Dooling.

The attraction at the Creighton theater next Tuesday, January 5, will possess more than ordinary interest to theater-goers. Omaha talent will be in the ascendant, and some of it already bears the foreign stamp

"The Players," the recently formed dranutic company composed of the members of the Creighton theater dramatic school, will present "Mile. Loti" and "The Bella." The first named is a one-act comedy from the French, dramatized by Guy B. Short. This has been arranged especially for Miss Nina Marshall, who plays the title role. One of the surprises and successes of last season was Frank Lea Short's presentation

of "The Bells," and he has consented to produce it again. Mr. Short will appear as Matthias the Burgomaster, and the remainder of the cast has been revised and improved

The casts are as follows: MLLE. LOTI.

THE BELLS.

Matthias, the burgomaster

Frank Lea Short

Christian, quartermaster of gendarmes.

Frederick Somers

Hans.

John McKeon

Walter

Ed S. Thompson

President of court.

Clerk of court.

Edgar Johnson

Notary.

Frank Lehmer

Mesmerist.

Herbert Bohannon

Catherine, wife of burgomaster. James Pond
.....Margaret Scannell Gendarmes, peasants, etc.

The Chicago University Glee and Mando-lin club, which will be heard in an elaborate musical program at the Creighton tomorrow night, is at present on its first western tour, and it is said has succeeded in thoroughly winning the appreciation and approbation of its auditors. The membership of the club, which numbers thirty-five includes a number of well-known college musicians, who, it is promised, will presen consisting of choic a superior program, consisting vocal and instrumental numbers.

Frederick Warde and his excellent company of players will be the attraction at the Creighton for three nights, commenc-ing Monday, January 11, when this favorte legitimate actor will be seen in a rep ertory of those plays with which he has

Mesmerism and its mysteries will be dealt with by Prof. John Reynolds during his oming week's engagement at Creighton hall, commencing tomorrow night. Mr. Reynolds, it is said, introduces the amusing as well as the practical uses of this science, making his seances interesting as an entertainment in addition to illustrating the practical advantages to be derived from it. Since a former visit to this city, Prof. Reynolds has, i s said, won new recognition for his re searches in this comparatively unknown field, having received a degree conferred by one of the great English universities.

Manager George Mitchell of the Nebrask Music hall has made up a carefully arranged program for the coming week at his popular place of amusement. His list of attractions is headed by Daisy Wate, late of Proctor's Fleasure Palace, New York, and includes Effie Norris in her latest song; the Pecks in omedy sketches, Ford West, comedian and er; Newman and Waldron, May Cam-in ballads, Lillian Cody, said to be the champion trick rifle and revolver shot America; Dot West and Ruby Knight in

BOY RUN DOWN BY A MOTOR CAR. Got in Between Two Cars and Could Not Dodge Both.

William Peterson, one of the American Disrict Telegraph boys, was riding on his bicycle across the motor tracks at Tenth and Howard streets last night when he go tangled up between two motors coming from opposite directions. The motor in charge of Motorman Graddy struck the boy and knocked him to the pavement. however, was stopped before it had passed over his body, and several people who were witnesses to the accident picked him up and turned in a call for the patrol wagon being taken to the station it was found that beyond a couple of cuts on the scalp and a gash on the bridge of the nose Petercon had escaped serious injury. He was later taken to his home, at 2429 South FortyMUSIC.

As the time approaches for the formulation of plans for the actual operation of the Transmissispil Exposition it seems wise to once more take up the subject of music consideration. As has been said before, that will be Omaha's opportunity to impress it upon the people of surrounding cities and towns that here is their center, here the place to send their children for a musical education, here the natural focus of all th inusical interest and energy of 500 mile square, here one of the stopping places be-tween New York and San Francisco for the greatest artists and the greatest musical organizations, here indeed their metropolis, business men place upon the market

these things which they do not need for their own maintenance, and which they wish, directly or indirectly, to exchange for those which they do need. They wish to sell that which they have that they may but that which they have not. In most lines of business when a man sells a certain thing he is obliged to part with it. If he wishes to keep on in his business he must replace it; he must buy more, and must part with something of value to pay for it. Otherwise he sells out his stock and having nothing more to sell grateful remembrances of them that enhearts as old friends. During the action of times he may sell out, he still retains it all the play you are taken bodily to the banks of the Mississippi river; you are lulled by the mighty flow of the "Father of Waters," and you become part of the sleepy, easygoing, yet delightful. life as fived in the Mississippi river village in ante-bellum days.

You seem to bear the busy of the bear and over again. It is easily seen, therefore, that of all lines of business that may help to build up a city there is no other that affords so large a profit as the traffic in information, and it is equally easily seen that it is greatly to the advantage of a city to encourage such a business and to foster it. One thousand music pupils paying on an average of from \$7 to \$25 a week for lessons and living expenses would afford a source of revenue to Omaha which would do much to dispel the gloom that has been en-shrouding all kinds of business in-terests for the last few years. It should be one of the missions of the Transmississippi Exposition to make such an impression upon the thousands of strangers who will visit it that they will and their sons and daughters here to study If the exposition is to be a sort of spasm

to be followed by lethargy its advantage to the city remains undomonstrated. But if i can be so managed as to place this city in the closest relationship with its neighbor it will be worth all it costs. Music is good thing to sell. Many wish to possess and a few of the many go to New York and even to Europe that they may obtain a quality to their satisfaction. Some of these pass through Omaha. It were better for Omaha if it were well for them to stop here. Omaha must build up its musical resources and be-come able to put upon the market all the advantages for a complete musical education, and simultaneously emphasize the far that this has been done, and that here i the place to stay, to hear and to enjoy th best that the act affords. Much is to be done before the exposition opens, and much very much may be done by it it its musical department is properly managed. The development of Omaha's own musical

resources is of the utmest importance to the efficacy of the musical department of the exposition. This can be done only by the people of Omaha, and to do it they will exposition. need to support worthy local musical enter-prises. Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Taber gave an organ recital at the First Congregational church. There were about 50 men and women in the audience, and their close attention to his playing betokene their interest and satisfaction. A collection was taken to defray the expense to the church of heat, light, etc., and to renunerate Mr. Taber for his work. een dollars and eighty-eight cents was the amount received. In the basket there wer one half-dollar, six quarters and thirteen connies. The remainder was in dimes and nickels. If there were 500 people in the audience the average contribution was le than 3 cents for each person. The program performed should have sold tickets at 50 cents even in these hard times, and there was just one person who really paid for what he received. Six paid half price the rest got in on a pass of their own make, or gave as they would give to a beggar Mr. Taber said he should give no mor recitals, and who can wonder at it? Th development of the musical resources of this city cannot be forwarded by 3-cen contributions. If the appreciation of music is to be judged by that standard it is not worth while. On that hasis the exposition of Omaha's musical tasts would hardly help to make this city a musical center.

Speaking of the Central Music hall program, which was given February 14 by the Glee and Mandolin club of the University of Chicago, the Time-Herald says: "Tacprogram was opened by Lacome's Estudienting, 'We Are the Gay, Happy Students The Glee club then rendered Dr. Jenks 'Vegetable Compound,' which elicited hearty ncores. R. B. Davidson and Eugene Field's Little Boy Blue,' and followed with a car thal song, the chorus of which was rendered from the wings, and took the house by store The Mandelin club then gave Tomaso's 'Frances Gavette.' The rollicking football ong was given, and ended in a characteruntil Davidson came to the front and told how happy he had been since he joined

The University of Chicago Glee and Mandolin club will appear at the Creighton theater tomorrow (Monday) evening.

A number of friends and admirers of Clarence Eddy, the organist, have arranged for an organ recital by that artist at the First ingregational church on Monday evening January 11.

The Woman's club has shown itself appreciative of Mr. Taber's worth and has arranged with him to give a concert tamorrow afternoon at the First Congregational church. The Woman's club's appreciation s very often the kind which enjoys to the utmost a performance that costs it nothing and that fact is the greatest weakness of its musical department. An institution com-prising 500 of the most intelligent women of this city could be a power for the healthy development of musical enterprises, and for the encouragement of bome musicians by making their music productive. Free certs do very little good to anybody. Pe appreciate things according to their cost rather than according to their worth. The following is the program:

PART I Fantasie on Themes from "Faust" Nocturne from "Midsummer Night's
Dream" Mendelssohn
Air du Dauphin Rosekel
Song-Patria (My Native Land) Matter
Mrs. A. P. Ely,
Funeral March Guilman PART II. Gullman

Barcarolle Sterndale Bennett Scierzo Pastoral Gregh Seng-Love Godard March from "Rienzi". HOMER MOORE.

Facts About Beet Sugar Industry. The proceedings of the third general con-cention of the Nebraska Beet Sugar assoation, held at Grand Island, November -18, have been published in pamphiet arm and are being distributed by Secre-ary Nason of this city. The pamphlet ontains all of the addresses delivered at he convention, together with much in ormation upon the subject of beet cui

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