IN A HEALTHY CONDITION

Creditable Showing of the Omaha Building and Loan Association.

PROSPEROUS IN SPITE OF HARD TIMES

During Fifteen Years the Association Has Handled Three Quarters of a Million Dollars at a Profit of Ten Per Cent.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Omaha Loan and Building association was held in the rotunda of The Bee building last evening. The attendance of shareholders was unusually large, and a lively interest was manifested in the election of directors, the reports of officers and other proceedings.

Prior to the business meeting the election of four directors was held in the office of the association, the polls being opened at 5 o'clock and closing at 8 p. m. The directors whose terms expired were Edward A. Parmalee, T. J. Fitzmorris, W. C. Patterson and H. J. Penfold. They were reelected, receiving nearly all of the 510 votes cast.

In the absence of President Loomis, Vice President Bryson presided at the meeting of the shareholders, and G. M. Nattinger acted as secretary. The condition of the association, as shown by the reports of the officers, was decidedly flattering. Notwithstanding the severe business depression of last year, which was particularly injurious to financial institutions, the association made a marked gain in receipts, in loans and in the number of shareholders. The receipts from all sources were, in round numbers, $119,000. Of this sum $52,000 went to withdrawing shareholders, $33,000 to borrowers, $2,400 for expenses, and $14,000 profits. The assets of the association amount to $180,816, represented by stock and mortgage loans, cash items and real estate. A contingent fund of $2,179 is provided for losses.

LARGE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

Since the organization of the Omaha association nearly fifteen years ago it has handled $750,000, at a net profit of $76,000, which was divided among the shareholders. Shares to the number of 14,683 were issued, 9,004 withdrawn, leaving 5,780 shares in force at present, which are held by 923 members. The net gain for last year was 765 shares, a remarkable showing for such an extraordinary year as 1896.

A striking feature of the association's strength is the moderate cost of management, the expenses for last year being 2.06 per cent of the receipts. The dividends for the year amounted to 6½ per cent, which left a goodly balance of the profits to swell the reserve fund.

Vice President Bryson explained at length the business methods of the association, particularly the method of making loans. He showed that the loans made were only 38 per cent of the appraised value of the property.

Secretary Nattinger reviewed the inception and development of building and loan associations throughout the country.

BETTER TIMES COMING.

Director Fitzmorris read a paper detailing the history of the Omaha association, what it has accomplished, the aggregate of its transactions and the cost of management. In concluding he said: "The association has been tested in the crucible of hard times and the result is gratifying. I am one of those possessed of firm faith that we have reached bed rock in city and state, and that from now on the movements will be forward. Those of you who can recall the conditions that prevailed in Omaha and the west from 1872 to 1878 know that it furnishes a parallel for the depression of the past four years. We had the panic of 1873, the grasshopper plague of 1875, followed by the revival that began in 1877 and continued for twelve years. We had the panic of 1893, the drouth in 1894 and 1895, intensified by financial agitation last year. True the strain has been severe, to many disastrous, yet the recuperative power which manifested itself so gloriously twenty years ago abides in the country today and will again respond to the intelligent energies of men. We have our calamity howlers now as in the seventies. You find them on sunny corners, gloating over the misfortunes of their fellows and chortling with joy over the failure of a bank. They recall the story of the small boy who was remonstrated with for dragging a dog along the sidewalk. 'Say, mister,' replied the boy, 'this is an ornery pup. He ain't worth a durn only to sit on his tail all day and howl.' It is so with the calams. Let those who will rival the toads in the slough. The duty of live men is to leave yesterday in the grave and cheerfully greet tomorrow."

The meeting closed with a discussion of the advisability of abolishing initiations. It was referred to the directors for action.

Home Industry Successful.

The Burkley Printing company has been awarded a contract by the Cudahy Packing company for printing and furnishing twenty-five million soap wrappers for the different brands of Cudahy's soap now rapidly becoming so popular throughout the country. The award of this large contract to an Omaha institution, after competition with some of the largest establishments in Chicago, Cincinnati and elsewhere, is very gratifying to the advocates of the home industry movement, and adds an additional reason to those already existing for the patronage of Nebraska products by Nebraska people.

Floated Off to Jail.

Floating Off, a full fledged Indian from the Omaha reservation, arrived at the Webster street depot last night and immediately adjourned to a liquor bazaar nearby for the purpose of irrigating. The idea went through with a whoop, and Floating Off struck the trail up Fifteenth street in search of a few scalps. Unfortunately, however, he fell in with a bluecoat, who insisted upon Mr. Off taking a ride in the patrol wagon. He was locked up for being drunk and disorderly.

Pleasant Dancing Party.

The members of the Ladies of the Golden Circle Dancing club held an informal dance at Patterson hall last night. There were about eighty present and a most enjoyable evening was experienced by all. A program of eighteen dances, together with refreshments, formed the attractions of the affair. The committee on reception was Mrs. Elizabeth Metcalf, Mrs. Flora Lear and Mrs. Anna Shamal.

DIED.

GULDNER—Krestancy, February 2, 1897, aged 34 years, wife of Fred Guldner, at her late residence, 1322 South Fifth street. Funeral Thursday, February 4, 1897, at at 2 o'clock. Interment Prospect Hill cemetery.

FINLAYSON—Alexander, February 2, 1897, aged 48 years and 10 months. Was a brother of Duncan Finlayson and a resident of Omaha for 29 years. Funeral at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 4, 1897, from his late residence, 3308 California street, to Prospect Hill cemetery. Friends invited.

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Thursday's Astonishing Bargains.

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100 dozen ladies' kid gloves, regular $1.00 quality, go at 69c per pair.

100 dozen ladies' black cashmere gloves, our 25c quality, 9c per pair.

Ladies' corsets, perfect fitting, two side steels, silk embroidered, come in black or drab, worth $1.00, per pair, go on sale at 50c.

100 dozen men's pure linen handkerchiefs, initialed and hand embroidered, worth 25c each, go at 12½c.

A lot of children's ribbed waists, come in small sizes, regular 25c quality, sale price, 12½c.

SPECIAL SALE THURSDAY.

From 9:30 to 10:30.

Staple apron ginghams, 2c yard.

All day; warranted fast black sateen, 10c quality at 5c.

From 2:30 until 4 p. m.

Choice of best prints in the house, Simpson's, etc., 5c yard.

GRAND EMBROIDERY SALE.

Fine wide embroideries, 5c yard.

1 case elegant 25c embroideries 10c yard.

Plain cambric and nainsook embroideries 12½c yard.

Frank Rosewater's new book, Utopia, regular price 50c, sale price 10c.

100 yard sewing silk 2c spool.

Valentine sale Saturday.

HAYDEN BROS.

LOYAL LEGION MONTHLY MEETING.

Delegates Elected to the Congress to Be Held in Detroit.

The monthly meeting of the Loyal Legion was held at the Millard hotel last evening with quite a large gathering of the members. Lieutenant J. H. McClay of Lincoln acted as presiding officer. As soon as all were seated Major John B. Furay, as chairman of the committee appointed some time ago to draft fitting resolutions upon the election of Major T. S. Clarkson as commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., read the paper as submitted by the committee. Major Clarkson responded, thanking his comrades for their friendship and good will as expressed in the document.

The election of the delegates to the Quadrennial Congress of the Loyal Legion, which is slated to take place at Detroit, Mich., April 14, resulted in the selection of the following: Major C. W. Pierce, Lincoln; Captain W. L. Wilson, Nebraska City; Colonel J. E. Summers, Omaha. The alternates were Major T. S. Clarkson, Lieutenant J. H. McClay, and Captain F. B. Lawrence. The meeting of the body concluded with a lunch and impromptu speeches by those present.

HAYDEN BROS.

Sugar Down—25 Pounds Standard Granulated Sugar for $1.00.

Never before in a number of years has granulated sugar been so cheap. There is a great fight going on between the Arbuckle Coffee company and the sugar trust, which seems likely to end in sugar going very low. No doubt before many days sugar will be as low as 3c per pound, or 25 pounds for $1.00, if the war continues between them, which seems very certain from present conditions.

HAYDEN BROS.

Attention.

Members of Golden Link Rebekah Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., you are requested to meet at our hall, 14th and Dodge streets, Thursday, the 4th, at 1 o'clock sharp, to attend the funeral of our late Sister Stancy Guldner, from her late residence, 1322 South 5th street.

MAY MANSFIELD, N. G.,
SUE WEISBROAD, Secy.

Ingenuity of Detective Cox.

Chief of Detectives Cox on Tuesday arrested B. Berg on the charge of being a vagrant and a suspicious character, because Berg was trying to dispose of a watch. As Berg could not be prosecuted for vagrancy with such a valuable piece of property in his possession, the chief of detectives yesterday afternoon caused another complaint to be filed against Berg, charging him with peddling without a license. Berg says that he was trying to sell the watch to get enough money with which to purchase food and lodging

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. P. H. Salter of Norfolk is in Omaha.

D. Goldenberg of Fresno, Cal., is at the State.

Colonel John S. Hoover of Blue Hill is in the city.

W. F. Knapp and wife of Fullerton are in the city.

Ed A. Baugh, a merchant at Oakland, is in the city.

John Cryer of Portland, Ore., is registered at the Mercer.

Joseph Kuchers of Madison, Neb., is at the State hotel.

T. B. Quinn and wife of Gordon are stopping in the city.

Stanley Walls of Washington, Tex., is stopping at the Mercer.

Ex-Governor James W. Dawes of Crete is a visitor in the city.

Judge H. M. Grimes of North Platte was in the city yesterday.

George C. Strahan of O'Neill, Neb., is stopping at the Barker.

William Connor and wife of North Platte came to Omaha yesterday.

G. H. Wilson of Arlington, Neb., is in the city stopping at the Mercer.

J. L. McIntosh, a prominent lawyer and democrat at Sidney, is in the city.

Mrs. Benjamin Gallagher returned last evening from an extended western trip.

F. N. Hall, G. N. Monger and H. M. Giffin of Hastings are stopping at the Barker.

R. B. Miller has gone to New London, Ia., on a business trip of a few days' duration.

J. H. Poage and James Sullivan of St. Louis, Mo., are registered at the Barker.

W. L. Potts, advertising agent for the Paiges Dramatic company, is at the Barker.

G. W. Holdrege of the Burlington returned home last night from a short trip to Deadwood.

Mr. James Shackleford and Claude Konode are registered at the Auditorium in Chicago.

Morgan Grant, Howard Frost, Fred Cayou and J. P. Page of Decatur, Neb., are at the State hotel.

Tom Wilhelm, freight agent for the Rock Island, left last night for a short business trip into Iowa.

Mrs. E. B. Lancaster left last night for Templeton, Ia., where she will visit friends for a short period.

John H. McClay and Major Pierce of Lincoln were in Omaha last night attending the Loyal Legion banquet.

L. C. Pierce of the Western Envelope company returned to Omaha yesterday after a trip of ten days in the east.

C. M. Hill, the new manager of the Millard hotel, arrived from Denver yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his family.

Nebraskans at the hotels: James McMullar, Sidney; W. H. Carson, Ord; R. C. Outcalt, Lincoln; W. J. Miller, Hastings; R. Haney, Hastings; F. C. Foltz, Ewing; H. M. Rokjer, Clarks; R. W. Hazel, Douglas; W. A. Johnson, Wood River; J. J. Tulley, Ord; W. F. Neiman, Schuyler; A. G. Dole, Bartley; E. A. Cook, Lexington; B. T. Griffin, Tekamah.

RAILROADERS ON A STRIKE

Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Employes Quit Their Work.

TROUBLE OVER A DISCHARGED YARDMASTER

May Result in Closing the Anaconda Smelters and Mines, Throwing Several Thousand Men Out of Work.

ANACONDA, Mont., Feb. 3.—A strike was inaugurated yesterday on the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad by a recently organized union of the employes of the road under the title of a protective association. The cause of the strike was the discharge of Yardmaster J. W. Corrigan at Rocker, the company alleges, for insubordination, and the strikers assert it is to make way for a favorite of Superintendent McCabe. The association Monday night issued an ultimatum to Manager M. Donahoe that unless Corrigan was reinstated by Tuesday noon a strike would result. They were told that no man who left the employ of the company and refused to work when called upon would be allowed to resume work and that they might consider themselves by that refusal to be discharged. The men who quit are in all departments, switchmen and brakemen mainly. The engineers and firemen voted last evening to remain on duty and said they had no grievance. Passenger trains ran today on time and freight was hauled. Should the tie-up be a success probably 10,000 men in Montana would be thrown out of employment. The road hauls ore from the Anaconda mine in Butte to the smelters in this city. The coal mines at Belt, which employ 1,000 men, were ordered to suspend work for ten days, and preparations for filling the smelters were in progress, and the lumber department at Hamilton will also be closed. There are probably 6,000 men in the mines and smelters alone. The situation is very critical, but Manager Donahoe has advertised for men and stated last night that he thought he would be able to keep the road running.

CLOSING UP NAVIGATION DEAL.

Stock Sold is Not Sufficient to Give Control of the Company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Members of the old Oregon Railroad & Navigation company said they knew an announcement had been made by the Berlin committee, but what that announcement was they did not know until they saw the above dispatch. They pointed out that $3,000,000 of stock mentioned therein had not been issued to the committee and that amount could not be sufficient to control the company. The company was doing business with the three transpacific companies, viz: The Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific and the Great Northern, and of course the management of the company realized that to remain in harmony with those three railroad corporations would be desirable. Members of the Northern Pacific syndicate said they did not know who were the purchasers of the large block of securities of that company held by the syndicate, which had been sold by J. P. Morgan. They expect to close up the whole business of the syndicate in two or three days. The members this morning received notice from the managers, calling upon them to turn in their pro rata share of 100,000 shares of Northern Pacific common and 5,000 shares of preferred stock.

Commenting on the foregoing the Evening Post says: "Capitalists identified with the Northern Pacific Railway company, members of the underwriting syndicate and reorganization committee as well as others connected with the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, frankly admitted today that a large block of stock of the last-named company had been purchased from German holders. They said that the stock so purchased, together with that the purchasers already held, give them (the new owners of the stock) control of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company and insure its being maintained as independent property, and operated in harmonious relations with the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and Union Pacific railroads. All the members of the $40,000,000 syndicate which underwrote the securities of the new Northern Pacific company heartily approve of the transactions. That syndicate is about to be closed up and the members now only await the account thereof from Mr. Morgan. A member of the syndicate said it has now everything in their hands, and thought they could sell $5,000,000 at good prices. The syndicate will net a profit of about 7 per cent on the investment.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A special cablegram from Frankfort-on-the-Main to the Evening Post says: The Berlin committee on Oregon Railway & Navigation 5 per cent bondholders today declares the sale of the Oregon Navigation company stock perfect, a large majority of the Oregon Railway & Navigation holders having accepted.

BETTER OFFER FOR UNION PACIFIC.

Parties Said to Be Ready to Raise the New York Syndicate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The house committee on Pacific railroads held a conference today with Attorney General Harmon on the Harrison bill for a commission to settle the Pacific railroad question. The attorney general urged that broader authority should be given his department to deal with the matter. The committee adjourned until Monday on the representation of Representative Hubbard of Missouri that parties stood ready to make the government a better offer for the Union Pacific than the one made by the New York syndicate.

Mr. Hubbard declined to say who these parties were, more than that they represent railroads with terminals at St. Louis and other central points, who desired to establish a through system. They would offer, he said, $55,000,000 in cash ($10,000,000 more than the offer of the New York syndicate), to clear the first mortgage and pay part of the government debt and would refund the remainder at 3 per cent.

The most important statement made by the attorney general was that the pending settlement with the Union Pacific would probably be effected before the adjournment of the summer term of the United States courts. He suggested certain changes in the Harrison bill, one of them that the commission be authorized to accept any offer to sell the government's interest and title to the Pacific railroads. Mr. Harrison has prepared an amendment to cover this point.

Mr. Harmon also said that no commission should be restricted by the establishment of minimum prices for settlements. He did not believe a mixed commission, composed partly of private citizens and partly of cabinet officers, was practical. He suggested that a commission should be empowered to employ expert accountants and railroad experts. The authority of the executive branch of the government to make a settlement under existing law, which is limited to foreclosure proceedings, he said, was inadequate and for this reason the establishment of a commission which would include the attorney general was desirable.

COAL ROADS REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Divide the Traffic So as to Prevent Disastrous Cutting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The special committee of the Ohio Soft Coal Traffic association has agreed upon the following percentages: Hocking Valley, 28.19; Toledo & Ohio Central, 16.40; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 13.44; Cleveland, Loraine & Wheeling, 12.97; Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking, 12; Baltimore & Ohio, 10; Walhonding Valley, 7. The Columbus Sandusky & Hocking gains 2 per cent from last year, having receded from its original demand of 5, but it has the right to carry 1½ per cent additional if it can do so by means within the regulations. The Baltimore & Ohio gains 2 per cent and the Pennsylvania ½. The agreement if adopted by the executive committee of the association is to last one year.

Essays on Timely Topics.

The February issue of "The Corn Belt," the agricultural monthly of the Burlington road, contains two leading articles of especial interest to Nebraskans. The first paper is by George P. Bemis of this city, and is on "The Great State of Nebraska." The second is by J. W. Edwards of Orleans, Neb., and is entitled "The Dunkards in Nebraska." It gives a good account of the movement of this religious sect to this state and the prospect for a further movement, in which the Burlington is largely interested.

TEACHERS AGAINST THE SCALPERS.

Urge Congressmen to Support the Bill Before the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Representative Sherman, author of the anti-scalping bill, has received the following letter:

"ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1897.—Hon. James B. Sherman, House of Representatives, Washington: Dear Sir—I would be glad to have you favor a bill now before congress, recommended by the Interstate Commerce commission, to protect the public as well as the railroads in suppressing ticket scalping. In behalf of the National Educational association, the largest educational body in the world, of which I have the honor to be president, I urge you to assist Mr. B. D. Caldwell, chairman of the Western Passenger association, in his efforts to present this measure. For many years the National Educational association has been able to obtain from the various trunk line associations favorable rates to its annual meetings, which are attended by many thousands of the teachers of this country. Our principal difficulty has been to prevent ticket scalping, and in spite of all our efforts in connection with the officers of the passenger association, we have had much trouble in this direction. If this trouble could be removed, the passenger associations would never hesitate to give the teachers of the national association as favorable rates as are given to any other organization. If you can find it consistent to give your support to this measure, I believe you will be doing a valuable service to the teachers of the nation and will prevent a cause of much injustice and irregularity.

"CHARLES R. SKINNER,
President N. E. A."

No Report on Anti-Scalper Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The anti-scalper bill was under consideration of the senate committee on interstate commerce today, but action was deferred until the next meeting, when it is understood the bill will finally be disposed of. There was no vote on any test question connected with the bill today, but the tenor of the discussion indicated that a majority of the committee would be favorable to it, with amendments in phraseology.

Figuring on Southern Business.

F. V. Peterson, northwestern passenger and immigration agent of the Georgia & Alabama railway, is in the city making arrangements with the Union Pacific and the Burlington roads for representation of his road on tickets of the two western roads. It is considered likely that his mission will prove successful. Mr. Peterson reports a vigorous passenger movement to Fitzgerald, Ga., the southern resort of old soldiers.

Arrange to Purchase the Bonds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Atchison directors held their regular monthly meeting today and announced the completion of the negotiations for the purchase of $16,000,000 first mortgage bonds of the Atlantic & Pacific, recently authorized. The common stock is now being issued in exchange for the reorganization certificates.

Thompson Succeeds Roberts.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania railroad this morning Frank Thompson was elected president to succeed the late George B. Roberts. The meeting was called for the purpose of choosing Roberts' successor only and no other business was transacted.

No Change in the Management.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 3.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the K. C., M. & B. railroad resulted in the election of the entire old board of directors, with the exception of Edward S. Washburn, who was chosen to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of C. H. Nettleton.

Railway Notes and Personals.

Assistant General Manager Loomis of the B. & M. has returned from a pleasant hunting trip to San Antonio, Tex.

Commercial Agent Entrekin of the Wabash is recovering from an attack of the grip and is again able to be at his office.

The offices of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city have been heavily draped in black out of respect to the memory of President Roberts, deceased.

The Santa Fe has just presented a handsome gold watch and chain to its retiring general passenger agent, George T. Nicholson, who has accepted a similar position with the 'Frisco road.

The weather reports of the Omaha roads yesterday showed that cooler temperature and clearing weather prevailed throughout the eastern and central portions of Nebraska and Kansas. West of Sidney it was raining yesterday, and in Wyoming and Idaho there was snow.

The two Pullman sleepers that were damaged by a wreck on the Union Pacific at Tie Siding, Wyo., last week have been brought into the local shops of the Union Pacific for repairs. It is estimated that it will cost $1,000 a car to put them in as good condition as they were before the accident occurred.

Messrs. Scott of the Union Pacific, Fred Francis of the B. & M., and Storck of the Elkhorn have gone to Chicago to attend the quarterly meeting of the western rate clerks. The transmissouri westbound rate sheet and the Nebraska rate sheet will be the subjects of special consideration for the Omaha rate clerks.

General Passenger Agent H. C. Townsend of the Missouri Pacific announces, with the approval of Vice President Warner, that C. A. Pratt has been appointed manager of eating houses on the Missouri Pacific railway, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway and branch lines, with headquarters at Little Rock; appointment effective February 1.

The reduced rates on grain, which were made by the eastern roads some time since with the object of stimulating traffic in grain eastbound from Chicago, failed to bring about the condition desired. The eastbound shipments from Chicago last week were 69,539 tons, against 71,497 for the preceding week and 79,262 for the corresponding week of last year.

The report that J. J. Hill of the Great Northern is to have an important voice in the affairs of the Northern Pacific road is again going the rounds. This time the story is that Mr. Hill has secured or will secure sufficient of the securities of the Northern Pacific to prevent all chance of war between it and the Great Northern by his influence, although it is said he will not have any controlling interest in the Northern Pacific.

DISCUSSED A BUSINESS PROBLEM.

Department Stores the Subject of a Very Spirited Debate.

The Business Men's Fraternity held an open meeting last night in its lodge room in the Bee building, which was attended by nearly 100 business men. The attraction of the evening was a discussion of the department store problem, and as this is a question which has attracted a great deal of attention lately there was an interest to know what would be said on the subject. The issue was submitted in the form of a joint discussion, with Dr. A. L. Merriam, T. W. Blackburn, Dr. S. Towne and W. R. Bennett defending the department store, and L. V. Morse, T. J. Beard and George F. Munro attacking it.

The debate was very spirited, and the department store came in for a general condemnation on the part of some of the speakers. It was charged with being the bane of the business community, and a monopoly of the worst kind. The friends of the store said it was difficult to tell which were and which were not department stores. It was a question of how many departments should be allowed to one business. They said the department was the governor by which prices were equalized to the consumer, and that it was an institution demanded by the spirit of the times.

The arguments were greeted with enthusiastic applause, and the interest was absorbing from the opening of the debate till the meeting adjourned. As no vote was taken after the debate it is not known what the sentiment of the meeting was toward the subject of the discussion at the close.

Leave to Colonel Andrews.

Colonel Andrews of the Twelfth infantry, stationed at Fort Niobrara, has been granted a thirty-day leave of absence that he may attend the funeral of his mother, who died a day or two ago.

DEAN-DANDY.

Lieutenant James T. Dean, Fourteenth infantry, U. S. A., and Miss Mary Charlotte Dandy, daughter of General and Mrs. George B. Dandy, were married at half past seven last evening at Trinity Cathedral. Right Rev. George Worthington, D. D., Episcopal bishop of Nebraska, officiating.

Admission to the cathedral was strictly by card, and such was the desire to obtain favorable places that long before the hour for the ceremony the seats, and especially those along the center aisle, were generally taken. A military wedding is always a brilliant affair, the uniforms of the officers and the glitter of gilt and brass-work lending them a picturesqueness and charm which is wanting to similar ceremonial in civil life. The occasion of last night was no exception. The church was profusely decorated with the American colors, while the regimental flag of the Fourteenth balanced the stars and stripes in the chancel. The altar showed a few white roses, and a beautiful display of palms hedged in the pulpit and the reading desk. The ushers went deftly about their duties, their swords and accoutrements clanking as they showed guests to their seats.

It wanted one minute to the appointed hour when Major Crowder and Lieutenant Perry, two of the ushers, stretched down the main aisle the long tri-colored ribbons which were to mark the pathway of the bridal procession. At precisely half past 7 the organ, under the touch of Prof. Butler, gave out the opening chords of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," the wedding party entered and passed up the aisle to the chancel. First walked the ushers, two and two, Major Crowder and Lieutenant Perry, Lieutenant Gregg, Eighteenth infantry, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, and Lieutenant Paxton, Tenth cavalry, from Fort Custer. Then followed the bridesmaids, also in pairs, Miss Kountze with Miss Palmer, and Miss Turner of Chicago with Miss Bessie Yates. The bridesmaids were uniformly dressed in white mull over green silk, elaborately trimmed in lace, with green satin ribbon sashes. They carried ferns and white carnations. The maid of honor, Miss Flora Webster, becomingly attired in pink watered silk, with a fall of iridescent lace around the low cut bodice, and carrying pink carnations, walked alone immediately behind the bridesmaids and just ahead of the bride, who was escorted by her father, and who was radiantly lovely in a heavy white satin gown, with pearl trimming and tulle veil fastened with a diamond star. Her bouquet was of white narcissus.

Members of the bridal party who had occupied the seats specially enclosed with ribbons were: Mrs. George B. Dandy, Mr. George B. Dandy, jr., General and Mrs. Brooke, General Coppinger, Colonel Patterson, Lieutenant Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates, Miss Yates, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Webster, Captain and Mrs. Palmer, General and Mrs. Manderson, Mr. Herman Kountze and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze.

The groom and his best man, Lieutenant A. G. C. Quay, Third cavalry, now stationed at Jefferson barracks, met the party at the chancel, and the beautiful marriage service of the Episcopal church was solemnly and impressively performed by Bishop Worthington.

A reception followed the ceremony at the residence of General and Mrs. Dandy, which was handsomely decorated in the national colors and red and white carnations. The presents were many and handsome, including among them a beautiful vase from ex-President and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison. Lieutenant and Mrs. Dean took an evening train for Kansas City, whence they will proceed at once to St. Paul, remaining there during the few remaining weeks of Lieutenant Dean's present detail, at the expiration of which they will make their home at his new station at Vancouver barracks.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

A two-story brick and stone business block is being erected at Twentieth and Lake streets.

P. H. Cook has been granted a permit to build a frame residence at 2202 Burdette street. It will cost $1,500.

Invitations are out for a Kensington which is to be given at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Mrs. W. A. Paxton, sr., at her residence, 206 South Twenty-fifth avenue.

The jury in the case of Edna Ewing, charged with cutting Lillie Williams with intent to kill, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of assault with intent to wound.

Miss Hattie Getzschmann has been appointed to a position as typewriter in the office of the clerk of the district court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Georgia Goddard.

Paul Newman, the engineer at the Union hotel, was fined $5 and costs yesterday for operating a boiler without a license. In the defense constitutionality of the ordinance was attacked.

A special venire for fifty jurymen was issued yesterday, returnable forthwith. There are only forty-eight men on the regular panel, not sufficient to provide juries for the four jury courts now in operation.

Another motion to confirm the sale of the Creighton theater building has been filed. This motion is filed by the attorney for Messrs. Reed and Kirkendall, and also asks that the sale as shown by the master's report be confirmed.

Mrs. D. W. Merrow, assisted by her pupils, gave a delightful piano recital at her home on North Nineteenth avenue Tuesday night. Only parents and friends of the pupils were invited. After the musical part of the program had been completed lunch was served.

The city employes are anxious to have the levy ordinance passed. As the comptroller has refused to draw any warrants against the various funds until after the ordinance is passed they will not be able to draw their January salaries until the levy is made.

The funeral of Joe Collins, the man murdered last Saturday night, occurred this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of the family, near Fifteenth and Mason streets. The services were held at St. Philomena's cathedral. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Frank Butler, the negro who assaulted his female chum, Bertha Jordan, Tuesday night, was yesterday fined $25 and costs by Judge Gordon for the offense. Frank had 13 cents in his pocket, and as this number of pennies was undoubtedly unlucky, he went to the county jail to serve out the fine.

The school houses in McArdle precinct were entered between the hour school closed Friday night and Saturday morning and a lot of books taken from both school houses. An organ was stolen from one of the houses, there being evidence to show that the instrument was removed by way of the window. There is no clew to the thieves.

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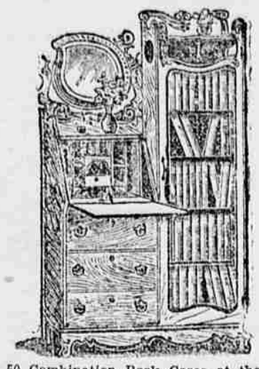

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