THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1897.



CUBA-March 25: General Ruis Rivera, successor to Macco in Pinar del Rio, and chief of staff, Colonel Bacellero, captured by Spanish forces under General Her-nandez Velasco at Cabazedas, in the Rio Hondo district. March 29: Dr. Joseph J. Rulz, convicted at Baltimore of filibustering, sentenced to jail for eighteen months and fined \$500; C. E. Crosby, Chicago Record correspondent, reported killed near Arroya Elanco by stray bullet while viewing engagement through field glasses. March 30: Consul General Lee notified his services will not be needed after April 15; General Gomez defeated in engagement at Macagua, province of Santa Clara. April 2: Rumor at Madrid that General Gomez is suing for peace.

GREECE-TURKEY-March 28: Ministers of powers confer and draw up collective notes to Greek and Turkish governments requesting recall of troops from frontier; Italian war ships in Suda bay fired upon Christians and in aid of Turkish garrison at Fort Iszidon, March 29: Hakki Pasha, Turkish commander at Tocat, where recent massacre occurred, dismissed and arrested on demand of representatives powers. March 30: Report of fighting on Turkish side of frontier of Macedonia, Turkish troops in command of German officer; Grocks repuised in attack of Fort Izzedin through intervention of foreign war ships. March 31: United States Minister Terrell at Constantinopie makes domand for recovery of stolen money and punish-ment of criminals who murdered and robbed Zussuf Sunan, engaged in distributing American relief funds at Saird, Asiatic Turkey; rumors at Athens Intimating Russia will not participate in blockade of Greek ports; insurgents at Suda bay fired on by British, Austrian and Russian war ships. April 1: Constantinople dispatch says Greeco has submitted proposal to buy Crete, but Porte declined separate registrations declaring Turkey in accord with European concert; three Greek vessels enroute to Crete with provisions captured by British war ship. April 2: Correspondent London Chronicle reports British outrages at Canes; Porte in reply to request of powers declares Greek troops must first be withdrawn before withdrawal of Turkish troops;

Insurgents firs on blockhouse at Bulsunaria occupied by international troops. OTHER LANDS-March 25: Sultan of Morocco prohibits annual pilgrimage of Moslems to Mecca, owing to prevalence of bubonic plague. March 29: Minister Mc-Kenna demands immediate release of Sallor Ramsay, arrested at Callao, Peru, and condemned to one year in jall, contrary to terms of treaty with the United States; lord mayor of Dublin presented petition in House of Commons praying for redress against state of financial relations between Great Britain and overtaxed Ireland. March 30: Bombay dispatch reports plague broken out among British troops at Caleba another victory over insurgents reported from Manila, in Philippine islands. March 31 President Kruger suspends his grandson, Eloff, from office for speech insulting Queen Victoria; bank at Weymouth, England, failed, Ilabilities 1500 000. April 1: Mexican congress opened by President Diaz. April 2: Peruvian court mitigates sentence of Ramsay, an American sailor, sentenced contrary to treaty rights; Austrian cabinet re-signs owing to inability to form a coalition majority; national troops defeated insurgents in Uruguny.

CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE-March 29: Senate resolution adopted appropriating \$250,000 for immediate use on Mississippi. March 20: Resolution introduced for establishment of a banking and currency commission, four members to be appointed by the president, two senators by the vice president and two congressmen by the speaker of the house, the comptroller of currency to be a member-the commission to report to congress on the first Monday of next December. March 31: Dingley tariff bill passed with provision making rates effective on all goods imported after April 1.

SENATE-March 20: Senator Allen delivers first tariff speech in senate this session, denouncing as unconstitutional all tariff for anything but incidental protection and revenue; James D. Elliott confirmed as attorney for district of South Dakota; pooling bill introduced by Foraker as an amendment to the interstate commerce act. March 31: Hoar's amendment to Anglo-American arbitration treaty adopted.

LEGISLATIVE.

NEBRASKA-HOUSE-March 29: Zimmerman of York, Wheeler of Furnas and Moran of Platte are appointed a committee to investigate state offices. March 30: Bills passed providing for appointment of receiver in cases where judgments are rendered or mortgaged property is liable to injury when such property is occupied as a homestead, and appropriating \$10,000-to defray expenses of investrating state offices and institutions. March 31: Bills passed abolishing deficiency jungments, extending powers of State Board of Transportation, requiring railroads to mow their right-of-way twice a year between 15th day of July and 15th day of August, and allowing pupils to attend schools in nearest district to residence, also concurred it, senate amendment to house bill prohibiting campaign contributions by corporations. April 1: Bills passed providing a system of uniform vouchers for disbursement of state funds, setting apart 240 acres of land in Lancaster county for use of hospital for insane, authorizing or-ganization of mutual hall insurance companies, enabling irrigation districts having no indebtedness to discontinue, appropriating \$25,000 to build an addition to Norfolk asylum, appropriating \$30,000 for additional wing to asylum at Hastings and providing for drawing and empanelling juries in trials of original actions in supreme court. April 2: Bills passed providing for a blanket ballot, prohibiting officers in cities and villages from accepting free gas or electric lights, water or transportation on street cars, providing for administration and government of state penitentiary, defining fraternal beneficiary societies and regulating same and providing that state and county funds shall not be deposited in banks in any case to exceed 30 per cent of the

capital stock of such bank. SENATE-March 29: Committee to investigate The Bee's charges enlarged by addition of Senators Talbot of Lancaster and Ransom of Douglas; bills passed for judicial reapportionment, defining and regulating fraternal beneficiary societies and providing against adulteration of food and for protection of game. March 30: Bill passed to prohibit corporations from contributing money or means to influence or control elections. March 31: Bills recommended for passage appropriating \$20,000 for a new dormitory for the State Normal school at Peru and regulating liability of employers for personal injuries received by employes in their service and preventing enforcement of contracts limiting or impairing such liability. April 1: Committee Investigating The Bee's charges relative to gambling bill sent in majority and minority reports, the latter, while exonerating members, showed that Louis J. Piatti, clerk of senate, had prepared and procured to be introduced senate file 331 and looked after it in judiciary committee and in engrossing committee, one Charles Bibbins having negotiated with

Was Self-Murder Prohibited by Divine Commandment? REASONS FOR THINKING IT WAS NOT

The Critics of Ingersoll's Position Not Invulnerable Themselves_ Some Blowholes in the Scriptural Armor.

SUTTON, Neb., April 2 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Having carefully read the attempted refutation of Robert G. Ingersoll on "Suicide," contained in your issues of March 14 and 21, it seems to me that the position of the colonel has not been seriously harmed. The extent of my interest in the matter is confined to the merits of the respective arguments for and against. With many the fact that that gentleman's name is attached to a proposition, either of religion or morals, secures for it an utter rejection as of doubtful tendency. Such a ourse may satisfy cramped and narrow minds, but not those who are willing to accord the proper honors to real merit, by homsoever won

In reviewing those articles, let us begin with the Noachic statute. This is the first reputed utterance by the Deity upon homi-cide of which we have any record, and is s follows:

"And surely your blood of your lives will require; at the hand of every beast will I equire it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man." Gen. ix-5, That portion of this part of the statute

which includes the brute creation in the penalty to be inflicted for the taking of human life, Dr. Clarke, in his commentary on the passage, says: "It is very obscure," and adopts a translation to elucidate the "obscure" meaning. Other theologians have lone the same, until we have as many readings as there are persons who disagree as to the correct rendering. Here, then, at the very threshold of our inquiry as to the meaning of the statute, we are confronted with a conceded "obscurity" in it. How re we to be assured of its meaning in its entirety, when we cannot be as to its parts? This ought to suggest the pro-priety of abstaining from dogmatic assertions respecting it, and to treat with re-spectful consideration those opinious diverse from our own, as they may be right Taken literally, this portion of the statute

would exclude the right of self-defaise, of defensive war, and judicial punishment by a civil magistrate in case of a violation. That such an intendment was contemplated, or that it is contained in the enactment, will not be contended for by any one. THE CRIME OF MURDER.

The balance of this statute is as follows: "Whose sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made he man." Gen. ix-6. Contained in this made he man." Gen. 18-6. Contained in this is: 1 An inhibition against the taking of human life by another; 2 the penalty, life for life; 3 the reason, "in the image of God made he man." The only act con em-plated here is that which constitutes the crime of muriler—the malicious killing of a human being. In proof, we note the fact, that the Jews so understood it, as shown by their criminal laws, and their practice under them, every degree of homicide under tha f murder, citles of refuge being provided by law, as a retreat for the slayer, and in which, the death could not be avenged. We have as a result of the foregoing, that the inhibition, the penalty, and the reason, only apply to, and are limited to the crime

I cannot perceive how this can

That the lesser degrees in homicide were t criminal under this statute-as we have ust stated-was well understood by the Jew ish nation, for in cases, first, in which the act was without hatred or enmity; or, secwas without motives of revenge; or I, where it happened through mistake third. or, fourth, through accident-or as it is called there being no criminal intent, there was no This very statute, as we have seen. rime

of murder.

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the public or great mass of mankind, for the reason that as a rule the ordinary mass of mankind opinions are of no consequence when we deal with scientific research. Dr. Gail, a great German scientist, and later medical writers call attention to certain facts which they investigated in regard to the question before us. They show us by demonstration and inevitable conclusions drawn therefrom that nine-tenths of all sui-cides are committed during a period of mental alienation. That when men have misfortune befall them, they brood over their misfor-tunes or troubles until a certain faculty of the brain becomes deraaged and diseased he public or great mass of mankind, for the truth in regard to all matters. The fact that

writer is mistaken, it was first produced in is said to have dressed them, as the vernacular of the day would put it, "to the this country in Boston in 1882, under the queen's taste." All the musical work is new composer's own direction, by the Handel and and it is promised that the hackneyed songs Haydn society.

and it is promised that the hackneyed songs which some way or another seem to get into the bill of everything sailing under the farce comedy flag have been carefully shied at, and in their place catchy original com-positions written expressly for the Ward & Vokes company have been substituted. The roster of the company is as follows: Charles Guyer, Tony Williams, Joe Kelly, Charles A. Mason, Cyrus Riddell, J. J. Fisher, Gil-bertie Learock Margaret Daly Vokes Lacy times lacking in depth. There are numbers that are the product of genius, but there are passages which are almost trivial. The part ertle Learock, Margaret Daly Vokes, Lucy Daly, Josie Sutherland, Pauline von Arnold, Martha Franklin, Neilie Daly, Sadie Whitcomb, Adelaide Prucilia. Hattie Bernard, Lotta Miranda, of the Evangelist is really representative of Jesus, and is but a name, as the speaker is Hattie Bernard, Lotta Mir Grace Archer, Alma Desmond, Belle always the Nazarene. Other composers have made him a character in their oratorios, and ney and Madge Christie. Mr. Charles Marks why Massenet should have evaded it one can is in charge of the entire musical bill. hardly say. The part of "Judas" is the most peculiar in the work. The composer's conbargain matinee will be given Wednesday. ception of his character seems to have been Another week of low prices is announced that he was from first to last evil minded, for Boyd's, commencing today. The attrac-tion will be the Payton Comedy company, hypocrit, treacherous and unscrupulous The music is like a snake winding itself about among many themes and harmonies,

him-also that witnesses for whom subpoenas had been issued had disappe bills passed taxing express companies 1 per cent of gross earnings from business done in state of Nebraska, taxing telephone companies one-half of 1 per cent on gross earn-ings and faxing telegraph companies 1 per cent on gross earnings. April 2: Bills passed providing for regulation of mutual insurance companies for insuring property in cities and villages, appropriating \$30,000 for wing of new building on campus of University of Nebraska, for school of mechanic arts, and placing management of In dustrial Home for Fallen Women at Milford under management of Board of Public Lands, officers to be appointed by the governor.

OTHER STATES-March 30: Illinots senate passed house bill appropriating \$20,000 for Illinois exhibit at Tennessee Centennial exposition. April 1: Iowa house passed Cheshire amendment to revenue laws adopting the Indiana plan of assessing telegraph, telephone, express and sleeping car companies.

POLITICAL.

March 29: Anson B. Johnson of Colorado nominated as United States consul to Fuchal, China; David C. Fleming of Colorado, as register of land office at Sterling, Colo., and Theodore Beall of Colorado, as register at Leadville; joint caucus of populists of senate and house at Washington issue an address defining their attitude to ward tariff protection and the Dingley bill; Joseph Smith selected to succeed Clinton Furbish as director of the Three Bureaus of the Republics. March 31: Nominations confirmed of Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas to be fourth assistant postmaster general Henry Clay Evans of Tennessee to be commissioner of pensions. Thomas Ryan of Kansas to be first assistant secretary of interior and Frank W. Palmer public printer; Governor Holcomb issued reply to Senator Thurston on recount contentions Charlemagne Tower of Pennsylvania confirmed as minister plenipotentiary April 1: to Austria-Hungary and William S. Hallenberger of Pennsylvania as second assistant postmaster general, April 2: Mayor Broatch defeated at Omaha republican primaries and probabilities of a dark horse being nominated; democratic probabilities are for nomination of Senator Ed Howells and populists elected delegations opposing fusion

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

BANK FAILURES-April 1: Citizens' bank, Bowling Green, Mo., bank solvent and will reoper

MERCANTILE FAILURES-March 29: Butler, Crawford & Co., coffee and spice mills, Columbus, O., assets \$100,000, llabilities same; Whittingill Bros., Louisville, Ky., dry goods, liabilities \$50,000; the United Press association assigned at New York. March 31: The Charles Schmidt Toy and Notion company, St. Louis, assets \$37,500; iabilities \$55,000; Berlin & Montello Grapite company, Chicago, Habilities \$190,000, assets \$150,000.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES-March 28: Residence of Colonel Tyler, New London, Conn., loss \$300,000 Insurance \$75,000; entire block besides many scattered buildings and groups, at Norfolk, Va., leaving fifty families homeless, loss \$100,000. March 30: Planing mill of William Stokef, Altoona, Pa., loss \$50,000, insurance \$10,000. April 2: Maple Leaf hotel, Richmond, Mo., two boarders perished, loss \$3,000, covered.

FLOOD AND STORM-March 29 Break in main levee of Mississippi at Perthshire Miss. March 30: Two more breaks in Mississippi levees at Wayside, Miss., and opposite Arkansas City; twenty to fifty persons killed or fatally injured by cyclone at Chandler, Okl., about 150 badly injured, and property damage of \$500,000, but four buildings left standing in town of 1,500 population; storms at Florence, Kan., and Fort Worth, Tex., inflict considerable damage. March 31: Cyclone at Grady's, Ark., laid waste whole village, killing four colored women and injuring several; William Flick and family of three drowned in Cumberland river at Eddyville, Ky., moving from flooded homestead; four breaks in levees in Mississippi delta, 150 miles below Memphis; South Dakota rivers out of their banks. April 1: Washout on Milwaukee near Mitchell, S. D., also on Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road; 25,000,000 feet of lumber swept away at Minneapolis; tornado near Star City, Ark, several persons killed and much property destroyed; twelve or fifteen country dences destroyed by cyclone in southern part of Cleveland county, Arkansas. April 2: Over 1,000 families driven from homes in flats between St. Paul and Minneapolis; 700 to 1,000 families at Greenville, Miss., surrounded by water; widespread destruction inevitable in country south of the Perthshire break in levee on Mississippi; rivers in South Dakota still rising; large part of Indianola and Summerset, in Iowa, under water; another break in levee at Raceland, La.

ACCIDENTS-March 28: James Farrell gored to death and Martin Burns gashed by vicious bull on Northwestern road while being transferred to a branch running north; Union Pacific passenger train badly wrecked at Stromsburg, Neb., freight cars smashed and mail and express car damaged, but nobody seriously hurt March 29: Mangled remains of Elmer Anderson found on Milwaukee railroad track near Mystic, Ia.; six children drowned in attempt to ford Pole creek, in Nemaha county, Kansas. March 30: Two men killed and four seriously injured by explosion in water tunnel at Chicago. April 1: J. H. Flynn, mining editor of the Deadwood Times, fell from stops of his house, breaking his neck; H. Syderman killed by falling from a trestle at Rushville, Neb. April 2: Buildings of Shamokin Powder company at Shamokin, Pa., demolished by explosion, loss \$50,000, no lives lost; five persons drowned with steamer J. F. C. Griggs, sunk in Chatahoochie river at Columbia, Ga.

MURDERS-March 30: Joseph Emiskee stabbed to death with butcher knife in hand of Stephen Royce at Lawrenceburg, Kan., while quarreling under influence of liquor March 31: Bank robber Kellihan convicted of murder in first degree at Fairmoni Minn., jury recommending mercy. April 2: Four murderers of ex-Sheriff Frank Chaves hanged at Santa Fe; Black brothers executed at Lafayette. La.; William N. Sargent robbed and murdered at Seymour, Ia.; Deputy Sheriff J. V. Cunningham shot fatally wounded Joseph B. McMahon in a quarrel at Wichita, Kan.

SUICIDES-March 30: Charles A. Houghton, Corning, N. Y., principal owner Corn-ing Giass company, reputed worth \$500,000, shot and killed himself, his mind un-balanced after severe illness. April 1: Miss Lottle Merril of Denver, enroute to Lincoln to be married, took morphine. April 2: Joseph Treub, Dubuque, Ia., head of lead mining syndicate, had cancer of tongue,

MORTUARY.

March 28: Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, Baltimore, Md., writer of southern wat oetry; Judge Alexander M. Speer, Macon, Ga., formerly of the supreme bench of leorgia. March 29: Major George Q. White, U. S. A., St. Paul, Minn., originated lea of having Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday; General Peyton Wise, Richmond, Georgia Va., nephew of the late General Henry A. Wise, and chairman confederate re-union last year. March 30: Joel Eaton, Council Bluffs, Ia., aged 53, prominent citibuilt gas works in 1870. April 1; Mrs. Mary E. Furnas, Brownville, Neb., of ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas.

of an elastic elemen admitting of its adaptation to future possible needs and requirements. Originally intended the brain becomes deranged and disease and under a delusion they commit them selves to the act of self-destrution. I for and suited to and construed in the light of primitive social conditions, yet containing an element developing and expanding with do not say that this only happens in cases an advancing civilization. Just as the Jew ish theocracy gave place to a form of govof misfortune; the cases are varied. These philosophers demonstrated also that during ernment more congenial to human sentimen eriods of mania, monomania and melan and feeling, and the narrow and exclusive mosaic economy went down before a regime choly some part or parts of the human brain is deranged, while other parts do retain their active and proper functions. This is why in cases as above named that attending phyof grander proportions, nobler spirit, and loftier aim and purpose. Just as the authority of Moses lost itself in the greate icians advise a change of vocation, of scenes of thought and environments, so that the Jesus; and the rigor of the lay patient's attention is directed to divers

merged in the freedom of the gospel; and the pompous worship of the temple passed into the simpler one of the heart, with hannels until he recocers his mental fac ulties, or becomes rational again. either altar, priest or ritual. FACT AND THEORY.

NOT ABITRARY LEGISLATION.

Now, having seen that nearly all self-de-This enactment is not a piece of arbitrary egislation, arrogating to itself undue imstruction is the effect of mental alienation struction is the effect of mental alienation or a partial derangement of the mind, and not of a same, deliberate, premeditated act, what becomes of the theory that all sui-cide is certainly a crime? By the word crime we designate an act which is pun-ished by law on behalf of the state—an act or assuming a false dignity, or ealous of its authority; rather, as claiming a divine paternity, should we expect it to susceptible of a construction in accord with the logic of improved social conditions. On the same principle that the strict conor omission which is injurious to the pub-lic. All legal jurisprudence on this subject struction of another statute, relating to the origin of the civil authority, yielded to a more liberal one of human rights as the holds that insane persons cannot commit ing right from wrong. How far this docsource of such authority. Likewise, under the statute we are considering, consideratrine can be applied to persons committing tions of sympathy, of mercy and of humanity isrand that, in a case of human physical suffering, in which relief can alone be found suicide is still in controversy, but we do know that something is radically wrong with a man who will destroy himself. This in death, that so desirable a boon should be hastened by human agency. In such case, the physician should find his warrant in the authority of law. has brought us to Colonel Ingersoll's doc-trine, that it is no crime to commit suicide, for nine-tenths who do commit suicide are authority of law. We perform the same kindly office for the domestic animal in like mentally unbalanced and commit the act under a montal delusion. We also see that Mr. Ingersoll is not the father of this idea or doctrine. The opinion of the clergy and onditions, why not for the human? human less an object of pity than the brute? Is the human less an object of pity than the brute? And how, pray, in the case supposed, is re-ligion honored in prolonged suffering, when it can afford instant relief? The quetsion of public as regards the future hereafter has little or no importance in this case. Whether our soul is a thin transparent fluid popular sentiment against it is of no con-sideration. Majorities in politics are right enough, not in morals. Besides, whatever which escapdes at death and ascends to heaven, or whether we lie dormant until the 'Angel Gabriel" shall blow his golden or silprogress the race has made in social condi-tions has been achieved by binorities. It is ver trumpet is wholly immaterial. Nor does life hereafter or punishment hereafter make suicide a crime or vice versa. X-Rays evimatter to be decided at the bar of en dently still holds to the old ideas that it is ightened reason and a sound conscience. If, then, under such conditions, the act of necessary to preach hell fire and eternal necessary to preach hell fire and eternal damnation to prevent people from self-de-struction. The philosopher goes at it in a different way. He finds or ascertains the cause and then studies and applies a rein-edy; I will leave it to my readers to what they think is the most proper course. X-Rays and Mr. Bord will have to žeoncede that no religing ar nearly code as matter how severe the physician would be justifiable, who can say that occasions may not aries in which the individual in respect to his own life may apply the speady remedy without in-curring the odium of committing the crime of a felo de se. The affirmant of such a proposition can make a better showing for his side of the case than to many at first sight is apparent. L. P. CROUCH. religion or penal code, no matter how severe punishment they inflicted, had the effect of sight is apparent.

AS VIEWED BY SCIENCE. human family.

Mental Derangement Responsible for Suicide. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., April 2 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I take it for granted that the publication of The Bee is not for the purpose to propagate any particular religious ideas of any particular sect, and in that thought I present here a few remarks upon the article in Sunday's Bee, March 14, signed by him or her, X-Rays.

It is very interesting to read the common otions and opinions that are abroad on he soul of man. But few men really know the meaning of the word. By the word soul the Greeks, according to the usage of Thales, designated the vital principle in general therefore, they spoke of the soul of plants. the soul of animals, the human soul. Thus we use the word soul for that which we are conscious of being life within us. During the rise of Christianity the theologians and metaphysicians of a great number used the word soul as meaning a spirit or hav-ing a property they called spirit or hav-people of the present will have the idea that the soul of man is a thin transparent fluid capable of escaping from the body at

death. It is my intention to deal with the question at bar from a scientific stand-point as near as practicable, but it is necessary to explain a little as we proceed. I am convinced that theologians and meta-physicians of the past have wholly ignored by sections of the past have wholly ignored the only method by which we can penetrate the secrets of nature—that is by material investigation—and therefore, I shall concern myself as little as possible of their system and opinions. I shall also pay little attention to the common or received opinions of A CO. CO. CO. CO. CO. CO. CO. CO. CO. Daly, Josie

AMUSEMENTS. Careto and a second sec

The theaters made what may be termed a bluff at keeping Lent last week. At least, although they might not base their conduct on that ground, they made it possible, by

offering either very few or not very attractive "attractions," for their customary patwhich played a successful engagement at the Fifteenth Street theater some years rons to stay at home with a willing mind and to pay due attention to plous observago. Mr. Payton has been before the public ances. One thing the present season has as a star for twelve years. He has supportunquestionably done for Omaha theater-goers ing him a conscientious company, and feels confident of its ability to please. The drawing card at the matince and evening which has been accomplished in like degree by no other season within a memory of ordiperformances today will be the three-act comedy, "A Regular Fix," and in which pary length. It has familiarized them with the varying characteristics of a vast number of so-called repertory companies of the cheaper sort, has opened their eyes to the it is claimed the company appears to good advantage. The play is a neat comedy on swarming hosts of actors and actresses travthe order of "Charley's Aunt" and eling about the country without other cele-brity than that gained by the generally de-Friend from India." The repertoire for the week will be selected with the intention spised methods of barnstorming, and has of giving plays that have not been seen convinced them that genuine merit often-times lies in these unpretentious companies. here, or at least at any recent time. change of bill will be announced in these hidden like the rose that is born to blush columns. resembles that of other cities outside New

The Woodward Theater company, which York in that it is generally averse to mIking its own investigations in the theatrical field has played in Omaha several tin unvarying success, will return to the Creighand will as a rule stay strictly away from entertainments which it knows little of, the ton for a ten-night run, opening Thursday, April 8, presenting during the coming enwhile pouring out its treasures freely upon gagement a number of new plays, as well as introducing several novel specialties. The some poor cheap thing which comes bearing the easily obtained stamp of New York's apcompany includes a number of new faces, as proval. By reason of this tendency, Omaha has deprived itself of some of the keenest artistic pleasures of the season, and has well as those who became favorites during former engagements. The usual matinees will be given. The sale of seats will open subjected itself with an eagerness which it will doubtless repeat on similar occasions in future, to the infliction of such meretricious tomorrow morning. Captain G. W. Smith, the popular W. displays as those of Lole Fuller and Cissy Fitzgeraid. The latter-named young person W. medicine man and his entertainers are at the Hotel Delione. They will commence has already served as a peg to hang more than one sermon upon. Her well advertised their big free street shows tomorrow night. April 5, at corner of Sixteenth and Capitol kicking did not compare in vigor with that of her audience after her single appearan venue. They extend from the sublime to the ridicuin Omaha. And the entertainment furnished lous. Nothing said or done to displease the refined or cultered. These shows are dif-ferent from all others, strictly up to date by her companions in "The Foundling" has been surpassed, both in point of cleanliness and artistic merit, by half a dozen of the and absolutely free. the

cheap repertory companies at which finger of ignorant scorn has been pointed. That rare old man, John Woodard, whose

fine abilities, albeit buried under the small part of a negro servant in "For Fair Vir-ginia." were yet sufficiently apparent to the discriminating mind, is one of the oldest eradicating crime in any form from the PURELY SPECUEATIVE.

ture, and if we commit suicide we mete out to ourselves the extreme penalty of nature's

Now, to conclude, I desire to say to Mr. Bord that I have no more use for the doc-trines of Ingersoll than he has, but only for

the truth they contain. Ingersoll is doing great work by breaking down superstition

laws.

actors, as regards both age and length of service, now on the American stage. Only Couldock. Jefferson and Stoddart, of living

Mr. Bord is perfectly borrect in stating that the hereafter is purely speculative and problematical, and thus it will always re-main, as no one is able to unfold what is beyond the grave. All the labor spent upon American actors, can look back upon so long a period of public appearances. Mr. Woodlong beyond the grave. All the labor spent upon the idea of a hereafter and beatific vision is so much labor thrown away. Just think how much good would have been accom-plished if the labors of those men, who discussed from the fortreemth to sixteenth century such questions as to how many angels could occupy the point of a needle one and the same time, had applied their labors to natural phenomenon. If the act of self-destruction is a crime, and I believe it is if committed by a per-son in the full use of all his mental facul-ties, then it is a crime here on this earth ard has been on the stage fifty-seven years. Forty-eight years ago he passed through what is now Omaha on his way across the plains, employing the primitive means of transportation then in vogue. He has supported in his time nearly every star of promi-nence, and has been a valued member of many of the great stock companies. As may be imagined, he is a mine of information on matters pertaining to the stage, and when he can be induced to talk—which is but rarely, unless he is assured that what he says will not be printed—the story of his ties, then it is a crime here on this earth and in the community where the act is comreminiscences is most interesting. Despite his advanced age, he is well preserved and vigorous, although a fall experienced just and soloists, in which works by Tschaikowmitted. Of course, there is no method by which we can punish a culprit who has taken his own life, for death ends it all as before his arrival here somewhat impaired his usual activity. He is looking forward to The conductors are Mr. G. Couture and Mr. Emil Mollenhauer. The soloists are Mme. Magnus-Bastelle, Mrs. Frances Dunton Wood, Miss Josephine Jacoby, Mr. Barron far as we are concerned. The laws of na-ture are immutable, we cannot break them. We may violate them for a while and then she metes out our purishment. Death is the dimit of the punishment inflicted by naa long visit in Omaha during the coming summer with his son, W. J. Woodard of the Creighton theater.

Coming Events.

concerts are given by the Montreal Phil-harmonic society under the patronage of his Ward & Vokes and a large supporting company will commence an engagement of

excellency, the governor general of Canada our nights, with a matinee at the Creigh-"Arminius" is a secular oratorio, or dra-matic cantata. It is founded upon the story "A Run on the Bank," their old ton today. "A Run on the Bank," their old skit, has influenced them to retain it for of the conflicts between the Germans and Romans, in which Arminius took part, and one more season. Unusual care has been paid to costuming and scenic detail, the "Percy and Harold Bank" of the second is composed for chorus, orchestra and three soloists: Siegmund, tenor; a priestess, conand prejudice, long established and deeply rooted, hawing and blazing the way for the scientific research that must follow. He is a forerunner of what is to come after. Press reports cannot be relied on for the exact

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A special feature of the performance

ight and a number of other fine views

MUSIC.

The city of Montreal, Canada, has under-

taken a great musical festival to be given

next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The

works to be presented are "Arminius," by

Max Bruch, "Mary Magdalen," by Massenet,

"The Ninth Symphony," Beethoven, and the

opera "Tannhauser," by Wagner. At a

matinee on Thursday afternoon there will

be a miscellaneous program for orchestra

sky, MacDowell, St. Saens, Virdi, Schubert Meyer Ahlmund, Dubois and Liszt occur.

Berthold-who was here with Mme. Nordics -Mr. Conrad Behrens, and the writer. The

the magniscope.

always false and unexpected. The "Ninth Symphony" is in four parts or grand divisions. The first three are for orchestra, chorus and soloists. It is con-sidered to be the greatest symphony ever written, and it has been said that in its composition Beethoven, having exhausted the resources of the orchestra, was compelled to call in voices to fully express the wonderful musical inspiration which filled his soul and "My demanded, as it were, a revelation. The symphony was begun in November, 1823, and in February, 1824, it was completed. It was first performed at Vienna, May 7, 1824, under the direction of the composer. The At this time Beethoven was deaf, and at the conclusion of the symphony, stood absorbed in thought unmindful of the applause of the enthusiastic audience until one of the singers, by signs, aroused his attention that he should at least turn s with and look at the reception he was receiving. The audience at the same time seemed to comprehend his terrible affliction and gave him a storm of applause which bade fair not to end. Beethoven never heard the sounds of his great symphony except as its music vibrated through his soul. His ears were closed to its wondrous tones, but out of that great heart they flowed like a message from that beyond whence we came and

whither we are going. The opera "Tannhauser" is too well known to need any extended comment. Its over-ture is one of the three greatest ever com-posed. Its story is from the exhaustless realm of German legend. Its music was a step forward in the world's history. At its first performance in Dresden it was con-demand: today be able condemand it dis demned; today he who condemns it dis-graces himself and advertises his ignorance. The principal solo parts are: Elizabeth, soprano; Verus, soprano; Tannhauser, ter Wolfram, baritone, and Landgrave, bass. tenor;

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