

## LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS

Fathers and Daughters of New England Dine and Talk of Old Times.

## LICQUOR TRIBUTE TO THE PURITANS

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## Family Reunions.

W. G. Keeler and family, living at Twenty-third and J streets, were taken seriously ill yesterday and displayed every evidence of having been poisoned. Dr. White was called and soon had the members of the family feeling better. Mrs. Keeler especially was very ill and had to be hospitalized, while her husband and son passed to the hospital. The children, all of whom were most ingeniously described as furnishing "beauty and power and feeling for the artist who works and the artist who will work tomorrow."

**OLD CUSTOMS.** Mrs. McCourt of Albany has reported to the police that some one entered the stable on her premises Saturday night and cut off 150 harness into little pieces. Mrs. McCourt suspects a certain neighbor with whom she had a little trouble last summer, but he was arrested by her attorney to keep her from being implicated. The police were so slow in answering the summons that Mrs. McCourt was compelled to appeal to the mayor. An order was then issued for the chief to investigate the matter at once.

**Old Setters' Meeting Postponed.** At the celebration here July 4 last an Old Setters' association composed of the early settlers of Sarpy and Douglas counties, was organized with John Q. Geesee of Bellevue as president. It was decided at this meeting to meet again on December 24 at some place selected upon by the presiding officer. The date of the date set being the day before Christmas. President Geesee is a local settler, who is now in our schools. To others, who were reported intended for his birthday jewels—the church bells—was the benediction pronounced by Rev. Frank A. Warchild and "when they had sung a hymn they were out."

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chines and a station placed at Gilmore. The experiment was quite successful. The new device not only picks up a pouch but at the same time delivers one to the crane or the mail car. It is greatly improved work. The trials are going on at a rate of speed as sixty miles per hour. About eighty cars of the Union Pacific will be fitted with the new mail catcher.

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Wants Modern Woodmen of America to Make Headquarters There.

## ANOTHER PHASE OF THE LONG CONTEST

Attorney Johnson Puts in an Afternoon Examining J. C. Root—Outline of the Testimony Which He Delivered.

The city council met last night with all members present except Vincent, Chairman Kelly of the special committee appointed to investigate the bids for any printing plant last August, reported that taking last year's record as a basis the bid of the Daily Sun would be the lowest than that of the Tribune. Kelly wanted to know if the Tribune was to be given preference because it had been given preference in the past. Mr. Kelly asked the major expressing his opinion while he occupied the chair, and said that he wanted the report adopted to vindicate the committee. The major declared that he had no objection to the report.

Bartow of the special committee in charge of the scheme to have the water rates reduced reported that he had conferred with the officers of the water works and the insurance had been given them to the effect that the water rates should be reduced without any expense to the community.

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