WATER CONNECTION NEEDED

Fire Hydrants the Great Requisite at the White City.

PROTECTION OF EXPOSITION BUILDINGS

Committee Formulates Plans Which Will Afford Ample Protection if Mains on the Ground Are Connected with Water Works.

With the progress that is being made in the erection of the buildings for the exposition the question of fire protection and insurance is becoming an important factor. A fire which would destroy or partially consume these buildings would be fatal to the exposition, as the time within which the gates must open would be too short to reconstruct them. In order to obviate this danger as much as possible every precaution is being observed on the grounds in the use of fires, etc., and a fire company with a chemical engine has been installed in the main court. Small fire extinguishers are placed in the buildings and the workmen have been instructed in their use. Other plans are under consideration and will be put in operation as fast as possible.

These matters have been arranged by a special committee appointed by the executive committee at the suggestion of Manager Kirkendall of the Department of Buildings and Grounds. This committee consists of Insurance Inspector Christian Hartman, Chief John Redell of the Omaha fire department and John H. Butler, city building inspector. In addition to what has already been done in the way of providing fire protection this committee has recommended still further steps to Manager Kirkendall and these will be laid before the executive committee at an early day.

"It is absolutely necessary that the exposition have water connection that will afford fire protection," said Mr. Hartman in speaking of the work of the committee. "The mains are in the ground and the hydrants are ready to make connections, but there is no water and it would be utterly useless to send a hose company to the grounds in case of fire. There is no hydrant near enough to the grounds to give any pressure if connection should be made with it. If water is secured and the plans laid out by the special committee are carried out, the exposition grounds will have first class fire protection and be provided with the best facilities for preventing fires known to modern times. These plans contemplate a complete system of fire patrol and a police and fire alarm system covering the grounds in such a way that every foot of ground and building will be under constant surveillance. The most necessary thing at this time, however, is that connection be made with the mains on the ground so as to afford sufficient pressure to give fire protection."

INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS.

Regarding the insurance question, Mr. Hartman said that the several contractors are required by their contracts to carry insurance to indemnify the exposition management in case of the burning of any of the buildings. The aim is to have a sufficient amount of insurance to cover the amounts paid the contractors on account of their contracts. Upon the acceptance of the buildings the exposition will place insurance on each to cover 80 per cent of the cost of the building. These policies will be continued in force until the close of the exposition and the disposal of the buildings. Each exhibitor will be required to carry his own insurance.

Mr. Hartman stated that the form of policy adopted for the use of the exposition and for exhibitors is the same as that used by the World's fair and at the expositions in Atlanta, San Francisco and Nashville. The method of insuring will be that used by the management of the World's fair. Mr. Hartman said this form was arranged by the best insurance men in the country and was based on the experience gained in that enterprise, hence no better model could be found anywhere.

CITY OFFICIALS' COUNSEL.

City Engineer Rosewater, Fire Chief Redell, City Attorney Connell and Councilmen Burmester, Stuht and Lobeck spent the greater part of yesterday afternoon in a thorough investigation of the water works question as connected with the exposition. President Wattles and W. N. Babcock, who were delegated to represent the Exposition association, could not be present on account of another engagement, but President Wattles stated his views to the city officials during the forenoon and Manager Kirkendall of the Department of Buildings and Grounds came in for a short time. The only thing the exposition people had to say was that they wanted water and they wanted it badly. They practically declared that they must have water in order to run the exposition, and that they could not get it themselves. They then urbanely dumped the responsibility on to the city officials, and intimated that it rested entirely with them whether the exposition should go grandly forward or come to an ignominious end, all on account of their inability to secure a water supply.

Left to themselves the officials present set to work to seek a way out of the difficulty. They drafted plans and made calculations and then talked some more, and invariably came around to one proposition. That was that if the council refused to grant the extension of the limit of purchase, as is demanded by the Omaha Water company, it would cost not less than $50,000 to supply water for the exposition.

Two propositions were considered. One was to compel the water company to put in hydrants and pay for all the water consumed at meter rates. If this was done, it was figured that fifty hydrants would be required which would entail a cost to the city of $3,000 a year for ten years. Then the hydrants which have been put in by the exposition company are not located on the curb lines, and this expenditure of $20,000 would have been wasted.

COST OF STUHT'S PLAN.

The proposition to supply the water from Cut-Off lake and the Missouri river was considered at length and the calculations showed that the cost of the plant would be about $55,000 in round numbers. The plan contemplated a pumping capacity of 500,000 gallons per day at Cut-Off lake and a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons a day at the grounds. The rest of the machinery was figured out as follows:

5,000 feet eight-inch pipe	$4,000
Pump, 500,000 gallons capacity	1,500
Boiler	500
3,000 feet pipe to lagoon	2,500
One pump and boiler	2,500
Two 2,000,000-gallon pumps at grounds	12,000
Boilers, 500 horse power	6,000
Total	$29,000

The cost of operation during the exposition was figured at $7,300. This plant would furnish water for fire protection, the lagoon and for sprinkling, but that used for drinking, cooking, etc., would have to be purchased of the water company at meter rates. This plan would also involve the sacrifice of the plant which has already been put in at the grounds to a considerable extent.

Having accomplished this much, the committee was no nearer an understanding than before. It was decided that all the information that had been secured should be submitted to the council and then that body will be allowed to take whatever action it sees fit.

ROCK ISLAND ASKS FOR SPACE.

Preparing to Display Resources of Country Through Which It Runs.

John C. Bonnell, advertising agent for the Rock Island railroad, called at exposition headquarters with C. R. Rutherford, general agent of that road at Omaha, for the purpose of making arrangements for space in the Agricultural building for an exhibit showing the resources, in an agricultural way, of the territory along the lines of the Rock Island.

Mr. Bonnell wanted 8,000 feet of space set apart for the display to be made by his road and he was somewhat taken back when he was informed by Superintendent Hardt that it would be impossible to grant that much space to any exhibitor inside the main buildings. Mr. Hardt said that the greater part of the space in all the buildings had already been applied for, and the best that could be done would be to set apart a space 30x100 feet either on the main floor or in the gallery of the Agriculture building.

The Rock Island representative was doubtful if his road could make such an exhibit as it desired in this small space, less than half the amount applied for, and Mr. Hardt suggested that the only alternative would be for the railway company to erect a building of its own on the grounds and install its exhibit therein. Mr. Bonnell agreed to take this suggestion under consideration and requested that the 3,000 feet offered by the department be reserved for a few days until he could consult with the management of the road. He then started for Chicago to consult the officers of the Rock Island, promising to return in a few days and make known whether the road would install its exhibit in the Agriculture building or erect a building of its own on the grounds.

PLANING FOR MANY CONGRESSES.

Committee Corresponding with Workers in Many Fields.

Under instruction of the congress, the committee appointed by the executive committee of the Woman's Board of Managers to devise plans for the congresses which are desired during the exposition, Secretary Ford is in correspondence with a number of notables in different sections of the country with a view of obtaining their advice and, perhaps, their assistance and co-operation in the organization of congresses on different subjects. Among others, Mrs. Ford has written to Hamlin Garland to consult with him regarding a proposed congress of authors; H. H. Hart, secretary of the National Association of Charities and Corrections, has been asked to express his opinion regarding a congress relating to the work of that organization; Washington Gladden, the noted divine, has been asked regarding a congress of Christian activities; the officers of the National Public Health association have been requested to express their view on a congress on public health; the officers of the American Association for the Advancement of Science have been asked to express themselves regarding a congress of science and Prof. Frederick Starr has been asked his opinion regarding a congress of folk lore.

The congress committee has practically decided that a congress devoted to the discussion of the social side of farm life should form a feature of the proposed agricultural congress and the managers of that congress have been asked to set aside a day for that purpose.

Souvenirs in Silk.

It is more than probable that among the exhibits in the Manufactures building will be a number of silk looms in full operation weaving book marks. Judging from samples of the work of these machines and the description accompanying them, these book marks will be souvenirs of the most interesting kind. They will be about two inches in width and about six inches long, and each will contain a picture of one of the main exposition buildings. These pictures will be woven in the silk and the work is done by these machines with all the skill of an artist making a sketch in colors. They are works of art and will form most desirable mementoes of the exposition. The application for the installation of these looms comes from a New Jersey silk mill, Anderson Brothers, proprietors of the Barnett mills at Paterson, N. J., submitting the application through F. F. Ford, the New Jersey agent of the Department of Exhibits. The matter is being considered by the Departments of Exhibits and Concessions.

Notes of the Exposition.

The next meeting of the Woman's Board of Managers will be held January 18, instead of January 4, as provided by the rules, in order to afford the members of the board an opportunity of attending the ice carnival.

The executive committee of the Woman's Board of Managers has decided that in awarding the pictures to be distributed among the schools according to the amounts contributed to the Girls' and Boys' building the per capita contribution of the entire school shall be considered and not the per capita of any single room, where there is more than one room in a school.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky, in a personal letter to Manager Rosewater of the Department of Publicity and Promotion, says that he will incorporate in his annual message to the legislature a strong recommendation that action be taken early in the session providing for the appointment of a state commission to see that Kentucky is appropriately represented at the Transmississippi Exposition and that an appropriation be made to enable this commission to properly perform its work.

Manage Gold Hunting Syndicate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Mail and Express today says: "Mr. H. Maitland Kersey, the American agent for the White Star line, will probably leave for Europe on the American liner Lucania. His going is rather unexpected. It was stated today, not officially, however, that on Mr. Kersey's return to this country he will take charge of the big gold hunting syndicate in which the Canadian Pacific railroad, John W. Mackay, Ogden Mills, L. Z. Leiter and the duke of Teck are interested."

FROM FOOT TO KNEE

Ohio Woman Suffered Great Agony From a Terrible Sore—Her Story of the Case, and Her Cure.

"For many years I was afflicted with a milk leg, and a few years ago it broke out in a sore and spread from my foot to my knee. I suffered great agony. It would burn and itch all the time and discharge a great deal. My health was good with the exception of this sore. I tried a great many kinds of salve, but some would irritate the sore so that I could hardly stand the pain. I could not go near the fire without suffering intensely. Someone sent me papers containing testimonials of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I told my husband I would like to try this medicine. He got me a bottle and I found it helped me. I kept on taking it until my limb was completely healed. I cannot praise Hood's Sarsaparilla enough for the great benefit it has been to me. It cleanses the blood of all impurities and leaves it rich and pure." MRS. ANNA E. EAKEN, Whittlesey, Ohio.

You can buy Hood's Sarsaparilla of all druggists. Be sure to get only Hood's.

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This ballot must be deposited within 3 days from date. Coupons may be mailed within two days to Carnival Dep't., Bee Office, Omaha.

SIGNS OF BETTER TIMES

Bankers Talk of the Condition of Local Trade.

BUSINESS IS BETTER IN ALL LINES

Deposits Show a Healthy Increase Over Last Year, While Debts Are Being Paid Much More Promptly.

The banks, alike with other business enterprises, have been benefited by the increased volume of trade due to the holiday season. Deposits, collections and other business transacted by the financial institutions of the city have increased in volume during the last fortnight from 25 to 30 per cent over last year.

"I think you may safely say," remarked Vice President Maul of the Commercial National bank, "that business has increased with us at least 20 per cent over last season. Collections are better, deposits are 30 per cent better and we have a great many more depositors upon our books than formerly. Prosperous times are indeed in evidence in Omaha."

Cashier Rector of the National Bank of Commerce said: "Our general business is much better than last year. Outside collections are coming in better and local merchants are paying their notes and drafts. This condition of affairs has been in existence for several months past. The Christmas trade among the local merchants and wholesalers has also counted for much."

Cashier Wood of the Merchants' National bank said: "We have no complaint to make if business continues as it has during the last six months. We are making more loans and people are paying them promptly when due. I think there is no question but that Omaha is in the midst of returned prosperous times."

President Millard of the Omaha National bank stated: "I have not figured the volume of increased business transacted by our bank, but it is considerably larger than last year at this time. The merchants tell me that they have an excellent business this holiday season, and judging from the deposits I should say this is true. Our bank is loaning more money than for several years past, and there is more confidence felt in business ventures in all lines than for many a long day."

Assistant Cashier Gates of the First National bank said: "Our deposits this year have been $1,000,000 over those of last year. Business is better in every line. The holiday trade of our customers, gauged by the volume of business transacted, is vastly better than last year. Collections are good, both locally and in the state."

Vice President Caldwell of the United States National bank stated: "There is no question but what the outlook in Omaha is bright from a financial and trade point of view. Our business has been on the increase for a year past and the holiday trade of our customers has largely added to it. Collections are excellent, and I think our annual report will show an increase of figures over those of the last four years. Collections, both local and foreign, are good and the bank is making more loans than for some time past."

President Yates of the Nebraska National bank concurred with the statements of the officials of the other banking firms. He said: "Things look well for the merchants and business men of Omaha. The banking room is frequented by almost double the number of patrons we have had during the last three years. Deposits are better, collections good and the holiday trade among our patrons has been reported to me in some instances as twice as good as last year."

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF EXTENSION.

Interstate Commerce Commission Issues a Letter to Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Interstate Commerce commission has issued a circular to the railroads promulgating the order extending for two years the time in which the railroads shall equip their cars and engines with automatic couplers and driving brakes as required by the act of March 2, 1893. The news of the order was contained in the Associated Press dispatches some weeks ago.

The commission, in its order, reviews the testimony given at the hearing accorded the railroad and labor representatives. The arguments advanced are not discussed. The commission, however, says:

"Some misunderstanding and confusion appears to have arisen in respect as to what carriers are subject to the provisions of this act. Some appear to understand that their amenability to this law is dependent upon their being subject to the act to regulate commerce. It will be seen by reference to the first section of the act in regard to safety appliances that it applies to any common carrier engaged in interstate commerce by railroad. Whatever ground may exist for question as to particular carriers being subject to the act to regulate commerce, it will be seen that their amenability to the act under consideration in no way depends upon the former. They are subject to this statute if they are engaged in interstate commerce by railroad."

In granting the order of extension the commission says:

"It is believed upon consideration of facts stated that sufficient cause exists for extension of the period referred to in conformity with section 7 of the act, and that the extension should be uniform to all the petitioners. It is also believed that an extension of two years is adequate. This will, of course, make it more difficult for some than others to get ready their equipment within that time, but there is no hardship in this for the reason that the former have not done all they might have done in the past, and as before indicated it is difficult to see how extension of the period can be made in some cases and not in others, or for one period in some cases and a different period in others, without practically punishing those who have been the most diligent, and putting a premium on the delinquencies of those who have been most tardy.

"It is not to be understood by anything in the order herein made that the commission undertakes to relieve carriers of their duty under section 1 to so arrange and place cars equipped with train brakes that the speed of the train will be controlled by use of that appliance whenever possible."

PREPARING RELIEF EXPEDITION.

War Department is Rushing the Preliminary Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The preliminaries of the Klondike relief expeditions are being rapidly arranged by the War department. Lieutenant Devore and Dr. Jackson were busy this morning making final preparations for their trip to Lapland, and will start for New York tonight in order to sail on the Lucania tomorrow morning.

Secretary Alger has cabled to Mr. Kjellmann at Alton, Norway, to contract for 500 head of reindeer in advance of the arrival there of Dr. Jackson and Lieutenant Devore. This was done to save time, so that all will be ready for the final purchase and the shipment of the animals when Dr. Jackson arrives at Alton.

Lieutenants Preston and Ryan of the Ninth cavalry have been ordered to take charge of the pack trains which are to be gathered up from points in Wyoming, and convey them to Vancouver Barracks. Secretary Alger believes that these trains will be of great use in getting supplies through to the interior of Alaska. They will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible and without waiting for the arrival of the reindeer at Skagway or Taiya. It is hoped that by a proper use of the trains a large amount of food supplies can be gotten safely through White pass and placed in a camp to be established there, which will afterwards be used as the starting place for the reindeer trains. If this calculation proves to be well founded the reindeer will find a comfortable corral ready for them when they arrive in Alaska, and so can be used to great advantage.

There is a disposition just now on the part of officials who are arranging the plans of the expeditions to abandon the Dalton trail route, and instead to take the Lake Lindeman route. This would involve the use of the frozen river for a large part of the way, but this is believed to be feasible.

Captain Brainard, who is now in charge, has been telegraphed to remain at that place until advised of the results of the department's efforts to get food supplies through public advertisement. The subsistence department is now preparing a schedule of what is wanted and this will be put in the form of an advertisement and responses invited by telegraph from bidders. Thirty days, probably, will be the limit of time allowed for the completion of deliveries of the food.

APPEAL FOR AID FOR THE CUBANS.

Anything of Use to a Destitute People is Acceptable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The following appeal to the American people has been issued:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—By direction of the president the public is informed that, in deference to the earnest desire of the government to contribute by effective action toward the relief of the suffering people in the island of Cuba, arrangements have been perfected by which charitable contributions, in money or in kind, can be sent to the island by the benevolently disposed people of the United States.

Money, provisions, clothing, medicines and like articles of prime necessity can be forwarded to General Fitzhugh Lee, the consul general of the United States at Havana and all articles, now dutiable by law, so consigned, will be admitted into Cuba free of duty. The consul general has been instructed to receive the same and to co-operate with the local authorities and the charitable boards for the distribution of such relief among the destitute and needy people of Cuba.

The president is confident that the people of the United States, who have on many occasions in the past responded most generously to the cry for bread from peoples stricken by famine or sore calamity, and who have held no less generous action on the part of foreign communities when their own countrymen has suffered from fire and flood, will heed the appeal for aid that comes from the destitute at their own threshold, and, especially at this season of good will and rejoicing, give of their abundance to this humane end.

(Signed) JOHN SHERMAN.

The appeal was issued after consultation with Minister Dupuy de Lome. The Spanish minister called at the state department about noon today and conferred with Judge Day concerning the relief of reconcentrados on the island. He intimated the government would co-operate in any relief measures, and there was entire willingness that the supplies go direct to Consul General Lee instead of through the Spanish relief sources.

The negotiations have been proceeding for some time. The first active step in this direction was taken by the president on December 1 and was in the form of a request that the minister learn from his government whether the regular tariff duties would be remitted on relief supplies sent to Cuba. Minister de Lome soon afterward said Spain had consented to grant even more than had been requested, and the duties would be remitted not only on the articles which the president had referred to but on medicines, soap, salt and similar articles of prime necessity which might enter into the plan of relief. The only condition attached was that the supplies should go through the regular relief committees established at Havana, of which the bishop of Havana is the chairman. It was arranged also that supplies sent to the Spanish minister here would be forwarded to the authorities at Havana.

Since then there have been criticisms of the system adopted and reports have come from Havana that the reconcentrados were starving as a result of obstacles in the way of transmitting relief. The Spanish authorities state, however, that there has been no delay on their part and that since the arrangement was made no offer of supplies, medicines, etc., has been made. There is a general desire, however, to adopt a system by which the supplies will go direct to General Lee, and as a result of the Spanish minister's call today this will be the plan adopted in executing the relief measures under the call now issued.

NOTES FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Most of Nebraska's Statesmen Spend Christmas in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska colony in Washington will, to a large extent, spend the Christmas time in the city, with the exception of Senator Thurston and Judge Maxwell. Congressman Sutherland, who has been sick for some time, is convalescing and will be able to assume his labors in the lower house upon the convening of that body on January 5. Senator Allen expects his family early next week. Congressman Mercer had contemplated spending the Christmas holidays in Omaha, but owing to the sickness of his little child decided to forego the pleasures of renewing old acquaintances.

Senator Allen and Congressman Stark had an interview with the commissioner of the general land office today relative to the Otoe and Missouri lands of Gage county. They urged upon the commissioners the importance of sending a special agent there to investigate present conditions with a view to the settlement of existing differences between the government and settlers. Commissioner Herman was not at all satisfied and said that the land office was not the place to apply to for relief. The members then decided to take the matter up before the secretary of the interior.

It is understood that Senator Thurston had a candidate for the interstate commerce commission, but the rumored decision of the president to appoint Judge Paxson of Pennsylvania necessarily places his candidate out of running.

The only postmaster within the section covered by the Omaha Bee fell to Iowa today—F. R. Davidson, at Cornwell, Union county.

FREEDOM FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

Sylvestor Scovil to Visit the Camp of Gomez.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An official dispatch received here states that the Spanish authorities at Havana have granted permission to Sylvester Scovil to accompany Rafael Madrigal, the United States consulor agent at Sancti Spiritus, to the camp of the insurgent commander in chief, General Gomez. The trip of the consular agent is made for the purpose of closing up the estate of an American correspondent killed in Cuba, the assets having been in the hands of General Gomez for some time. Beyond this there is said to be no significance in this visit of the agent to the Cuban headquarters.

Scovil's mission, however, is one of observation. He is an American correspondent, and was arrested in Cuba about a year ago. His case attracted wide attention and was discussed in congress. The grant of passports to him for this mission to Gomez's camp is cited by the Spanish authorities as an instance of the freedom with which General Blanco permits correspondents to conduct their investigations. The fact that the American agent and Scovil proceed together will give the former an opportunity to serve in the observations, but there is no purpose on his part to do more than close up the estate. Madrigal is not an American, but is appointed because of his residence at Sancti Spiritus and by virtue of the appointment he carries with him the protection of the United States government.

CAVALRY HORSES FOR EUROPE.

Possible Market for the Surplus from This Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural department is displaying much interest in the encouragement of the exportation of horses for sale in European markets. He believes there is no good reason why the United States should not supply many of the horses used abroad and is impressed with the belief that we could breed in this country horses which could be serviceable for cavalry purposes.

The agents of the department in London and other places have been instructed to make reports on this subject, covering the general questions and the style of horses, the demand, price, etc. This information will be embodied in one of the bulletins soon to be issued. C. E. Stubbs, agent of several horse associations in this country, will leave for Europe in a few days to investigate the horse markets of Europe with special reference to cavalry horses and such data as he obtains of general interest to horse breeders who might be induced to embark in this new field of competition will be turned over to the department for publication.

Judgment Against Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Jeremiah L. Ryan, one of the survivors of the charge at Balaklava, was awarded $1,000 damages against the city of Chicago today. Ryan fractured his kneecap by a fall caused by a defective sidewalk.

SEND ATHLETES TO ENGLAND

Pennsylvania University to Take a Try in an International Contest.

CAMBRIDGE IS TO BE ITS OPPONENT

Details of the Affair Remain to Be Arranged—Pennsylvania Will Be Represented by Some Stars.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—Information of what will be the greatest athletic event of 1898 was given out today by Alvin C. Kraenzlein, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania and came to Milwaukee to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Kraenzlein gives out the information that the University of Pennsylvania will send a track team to England to meet Cambridge university in a dual track contest to be held in London next year. The two universities have been corresponding for some time and everything has been arranged except the details. Pennsylvania has never been represented in athletic contests in England before. The Pennsylvania team will be a strong one, made up from a number of prominent winners in the intercollegiate championship teams of this year.

The makeup of the Pennsylvania team will be as follows: Captain, James Winsor, broad jump; Tewkesbury and Caldwell, sprints; Hoffman, 440-yard dash; Grant, mile run; Lane, half mile run; Kraenzlein, hurdle and high and broad jump; Fellerman, mile walk; McCracken, throwing weights.

Kraenzlin was the star performer this year in hurdles and is holder of American championships and in the high and broad jumps Captain Winsor carried off the honors. Murphy will handle the team.

EDDIE BALD MAY HAVE TO RACE.

Michael's Manager Not Inclined to Let Him Off.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Eddie Bald of Buffalo may be forced to ride James Michael of Wales in their match at one mile on January 8 next. Bald has been ill at a Broadway hotel, but he is now on the mend, and within a few days he is expected to be out on his wheel again.

Michael and his manager, David Schaefer, have just arrived in this city, and when informed that the friends of Bald had called off the match with the Welchman Schaefer showed real indignation. "There must be two parties to that agreement," he said, "and unless Bald can show a doctor's certificate that he is unfit for racing on January 8 we will hold him to his contract. In the event of his neither having such a certificate or coming to the scratch for the race we will forward a copy of our contract to Chairman Mott of the racing board and let him deal with the case."

Schaefer pointed out that Bald has a fortnight within which to recover his speed. Michael, he said, had a nasty fall in Saratoga on Wednesday, and as a result had trouble with his stomach all day, but on that account would not withdraw from his match with Chase.

OLD FOOT BALL PLAYER IS KILLED.

Run Down by an Engine and Frightfully Mangled.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 24.—Marshall Newell, the well known Harvard foot ball player, for the last year employed in this city as assistant division superintendent of the Boston & Albany railroad, was instantly killed in the freight yards here tonight at 6:20 o'clock.

How the accident occurred is not known, but it is supposed he was walking along the tracks toward the office, with his coat collar turned up to protect himself from the severe wind, when he was struck by a switch engine or a yard engine. He was horribly bruised and mangled and it was with some difficulty that his features could be recognized. The body had remained unnoticed for over an hour before found by two trainmen.

Mr. Newell was born in Great Barrington, the son of Samuel Newell, a prominent lawyer of that town. Young Newell was unusually athletic and in his younger days was the greatest foot ball tackle the world ever produced. He was graduated from Harvard college in 1894. He leaves a mother, a sister and two brothers.

MICHAEL'S FRIENDS ARE ALARMED.

Fear the Outcome of the Big Race Tonight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Followers of cycle racing believe that Jimmy Michael who has hitherto been well night invincible, will ride one of the hardest contests of his life tomorrow night at Madison Square garden, where he is scheduled to meet Arthur A. Chase, England's middle distance champion, in a thirty-mile event. Chase has trained conscientiously and is naturally an easy rider, covering distances which make Michael's friends fearful.

Chase, when he first saw the track today, declined to ride, claiming the banking was too steep, but he was later persuaded to reconsider the matter, and after wheeling several laps at a hot gait was well satisfied with the course. Michael also tried the course during the day. Both men have exercised great care in selecting pace makers. Eduord Taylore, the French champion, who will race Michael New Year's night, is one of those who think Chase will win tomorrow night.

Events on the Running Tracks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Weather clear, track fast at Oakland today. Results:

First race, nine-sixteenths of a mile: Lord Marmion won, Good Friend second, Albino third. Time: 0:55.

Second race, one mile: Cappy won, Lucky Star second, Mollie R third. Time: 1:41.

Third race, one mile: Polisa won, Imp Devil's Dream second, Bernardillo third. Time: 1:40¾.

Fourth race, special, mile and a half: Buckwa won, Judge Denny second, Grady third. Time: 2:32¼.

Fifth race, mile and an eighth: Salvado won, Argentina second, Don Clarencio third. Time: 1:52¾.

Sixth race, seven furlongs: May W won, The Roman second, Paul Griggs third. Time: 1:26¼.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—A slow, drizzling rain made the track slow and sloppy at the end. The attendance was fair and there was a moderate amount of betting. Results:

First race, six furlongs: Al Lone won, Sauterne second, Bill Arnett third. Time: 1:18¾.

Second race, six furlongs: Chiffon won, Dazzle second, Wilson third. Time: 1:19¾.

Third race, six and one-half furlongs: Harry Duke won, Sligo second, J. A. Grey third. Time: 1:35¼.

Fourth race, one mile: Ila won, Cherry Leaf second, Elkin third. Time: 1:48.

Fifth race, mile and a sixteenth: Jane won, La Moore second, Floridas third. Time: 1:57¼.

Barry Will Quit Fighting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—In a letter received today from Jimmy Barry, who recently defeated Walter Croot in England, Croot dying in a short time after the fight, Barry announces that he will fight no more. The letter was written before Barry was released from custody and he says no matter what the result of the court proceedings would be, he would never engage in another ring contest.

Two New Records on Lakeland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—E. W. Purser's bay gelding, Buckwa, by Buckwa-Wewa, lowered the world's race record for a mile and a half at the Lakeland track this afternoon, winning under a pull by six lengths in 2:32¼. The former record for the distance was by Lamplighter. Buckwa carried 103 pounds and was ridden by Mr. Martin.

Mason & Co.'s 3-year-old chestnut colt, Savado, by Salvador-Oranesta, established a new record for a mile and an eighth, traversing the distance in 1:52¾. He carried 107 pounds and was ridden by W. Taylor.

Two Boston Players Sign.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The first two players of the regular Boston team to sign contracts are Pitcher Klobedanz and Catcher Bergen, whose contracts were received by President Soden today.

AMUSEMENTS.

Today and Sunday the entertainment provided at the Creighton theater will be in the nature of high-class vaudeville, a company of the best specialty performers in Chicago having been organized by Colonel Hopkins, the vaudeville impressario of that city, especially for this engagement. Most of the members of the company are well and favorably known in Omaha, and would unquestionably be attractive features in any presentation of high class vaudeville. Others less familiar, but equally meritorious, are certain to establish themselves firmly in the favor of local amusement seekers.

Mary Norman, who heads the list, would lead almost any company in which she might find herself. Her "turn" is a monologue, which is variously described by the best Chicago critics as "bright and artistic," "delightful," "original and finished," "unique, graceful and delicate," "wonderfully versatile," "genuinely refined" and the like. "Signor Liberati, the cornetist, has a worldwide fame as a master of his instrument. John Gilbert is pleasantly remembered in Omaha for his clever and amusing work in "Sinbad," "Ali Baba" and others of the Henderson spectacles. Fannie Bloodgood is a popular soubrette. The little curtain raiser, "Edithe's Burglar," has always been liked here, and is said to be acceptably presented by Cooper and Woodthorpe, assisted by little Emily Cooper. Octavio, the wire-walker, the Sankey brothers, acrobats, and Keating and Godwin, in blackface comedy, complete a company which for variety and excellence is seldom surpassed on the vaudeville stage.

A special holiday matinee will be given today and the performance will be repeated tonight and twice (matinee and evening) tomorrow.

"At Piney Ridge," David Higgins' interesting romance, is described as a play of intense idealism, a powerful drama of life in the sunny south, based on fact, natural and real, and of realism that is simple and great in its simplicity. It claims to be a picture of life in eastern Tennessee, of its granite hills and beautiful valleys, and of the honest, rugged nature of its people. Some critics have termed "At Piney Ridge" a dramatic germ, so clearly cut and so beautifully delicate are its interpretations. The story is a simple and familiar one and fairly independent of stage device and melodramatic features. Its merit and strength will be found in the artistic treatment given its characters. It is full of human interest and careful delineations will strike a popular chord. It will appeal to all classes of theater-goers with its sunshine, pathos and humor. "At Piney Ridge" will have its first presentation in this city at the Creighton Monday, December 27. Its enactment will be in the hands of the cast who created the various characters and who ably assisted in making its long stay at the American Theater, New York, last winter, a noteworthy dramatic event.

The seat sale for the forthcoming illustrated lecture of the Klondike traveler and newspaper correspondent, Ogden Bennett, at Boyd's Monday night, is now progressing. The interest in the Klondike is augmented by the personal story of the man who has "been there," and the beautiful LaRoche pictures form an investiture not easily duplicated. It is a foregone conclusion that the theater will contain a large audience of interested people and proposed visitors to the land of gold.

Phoebe Couzins to Resume Lecturing.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Miss Phoebe Couzins, the woman suffrage advocate, has almost recovered from her recent illness. She is to take the lecture platform again and is preparing lectures on Cuba and Hawaii. She says she believes Cuba's belligerency should be recognized but is opposed to the annexing of Hawaii.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county judge:

Name and Address.	Age.
Paul Getzschmann, Omaha	44
Bertha Festner, Omaha	31
Albert W. Foster, Kansas City, Kan	35
Louise J. Cameron, Kansas City, Mo	30

Put Altgeld's Picture with the Rest.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24.—A large oil painting of John P. Altgeld was hung today in the reception room of the state house among the portraits of other governors of Illinois.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

F. C. Wells of San Francisco is at the Millard.

C. B. Morer of Chicago is registered at the Millard.

Jack H. Frost of Dallas, Tex., is at the Millard.

D. S. Garrison, Sioux City, is registered at the Barker.

Governor Holcomb came up from Lincoln this morning.

G. Arnold of Pittsburg, Pa., is registered at the Millard.

Governor Silas A. Holcomb is spending Christmas in Omaha.

C. A. Simons and Y. W. Mann are Denver arrivals at the Barker.

Judge W. C. Ives and Mrs. Ives will spend the holidays with friends in Chicago.

Among the morning arrivals from the west was Eugene Moore, late state auditor.

Ed J. Brown of Quincy, Ill., is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. J. Benson.

M. A. Housen and wife, Kearney, Neb., and W. J. Biles and wife, Hastings, are registered at the Barker.

A. C. Van Sant and Miss Elizabeth Van Sant left last night to spend Christmas with relatives at St. Paul, Minn.

N. B. Washington, janitor at the court house, was married last night. The bride was Miss Mamie L. Jewell.

Commissioner J. E. Utt of the Commercial club last night left the city for his old home in White Cloud, Kan., to spend Christmas. He will return on Monday.

John S. Hoover, Blue Hill; D. W. Burke, Bancroft; Miss Clara Smith, McCook, and J. K. Scharman, North Platte, are prominent state arrivals at the Barker.

Mr. W. C. Ross, manager of the Wyoming Mercantile company of Rock Springs, Wyo., is in town for a few days. Mr. Ross was formerly connected with the First National bank of Omaha.

At the Millard: L. H. Fouche, St. Louis; C. L. Smith, Lansing, Mich.; William Collins, Wahoo, Neb.; C. M. Jenkins, San Francisco; G. E. Johnson, Chadron, Neb.; G. E. Barber, Lincoln; L. O. Hibben, Marshalltown; John H. Taylor, Crawford.

Nebraskans at the hotels: G. T. Jones, Fairfield; Mrs. Helen Walthers, Aurora; W. E. Claflin, J. W. Andrews, C. Hollenbeck, Henry Tarpin, Fremont; William Steadman and R. M. Faddis, Pass; J. Oleson, Ashland; H. E. Gaper, Sidney; E. G. Parker, Harlan; C. H. Edee and G. W. Collins, Pawnee; A. Parmelee, Beatrice; G. E. Barber and D. J. Sinclair, Lincoln; W. C. May and G. M. Lefland, Lexington; W. Collins, Wahoo; J. S. Kennedy and Miss Kennedy, Nebraska City; J. R. Mason and wife, Central City; W. J. Scott, Kearney.

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WARNING PROSPECTIVE SEALERS

Collectors of Customs Informed of the New Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Howell has instructed the collectors of customs at San Francisco and at Port Townsend, Wash., to notify all persons in their respective districts contemplating engaging in pelagic sealing of the passage of the bill prohibiting sealing in the Pacific ocean north of the thirty-fifth degree north latitude, under a penalty of forfeiture and a fine of $2,000 and imprisonment for not longer than six months.

No Change in Mrs. Booth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ballington Booth, who is ill in this city, passed a fairly comfortable night, but there was no apparent change in her condition this morning and she is still in a critical state.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Master Elmer Umsted, Thomas J. Kelly's little musical protege, will sing the offertory solo in the First Methodist church Christmas musical program Sunday evening.

Savannah Reed, charged with the larceny of $70 from a farmer named Charles Milliken, was yesterday bound over to the district court by Judge Gordon, in bonds of $200.

There will be a teachers' examination at the Central school in the southeast room on the second floor on December 28, 29 and 30. The teachers' examination committee will preside.

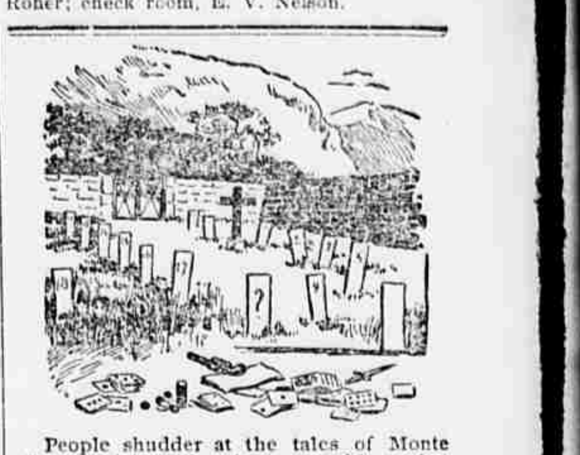
Henry Lichenberg, one of the vags who regularly lodge at the police station, was arrested yesterday afternoon for stealing a cap and a pair of shoes from a fellow sleeper. The theft was committed several days ago.

The case of Maud Raymond, charged with the larceny of $22.50 worth of furs from the store of John Urbanczyk, came up for a hearing before Judge Gordon yesterday at 2 o'clock, but was continued on motion of the prosecution until Monday at 2 o'clock.

John Schultz and William Roth were arrested this afternoon by Special Officer Keysor while trying to make away with two pairs of trousers from the store of W. R. Bennett & Co. The men were charged with petty larceny. The clothing was recovered.

A crate of wild ducks weighing over 200 pounds was missed from the store of Riddell & Co., 1015 Howard street, and the loss was reported to the police. About an hour later John Dellbridge was arrested with the ducks in his possession and was locked up at the station.

The elevator conductors are making great preparations for their ball tonight. The committees in charge are: Master of ceremonies, Ambrose Ellington; floor committee, J. H. Turney, R. H. Deverell, George Heard; door committee, Fred Sullivan, C. F. Roher; check room, E. V. Nelson.



People shudder at the tales of Monte Carlo suicides, but look on with perfect equanimity while friends and loved ones commit just as certain suicide by neglecting their health. Trifling disorders of the digestion persistently neglected lead to impurity of the blood, the tissues of the body are imperfectly nourished, and emaciation and debility follow. In the case of that dread disease, consumption, imperfectly nourished tissue is built up in the lungs, forming a suitable soil for the germs of that deadly disease. One-seventh of all the deaths each year are due to consumption. This fearful death rate could be easily avoided if the proper remedy was resorted to.

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