CONTRACT FOR SUGAR BEETS

Hall County Raisers Take Measures to Protect Themselves.

ORGANIZE FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS

Adopt a Form of Contract Which They Will Immediately Submit to the Oxnards for Ratification.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The sugar beet raisers of this county had a rousing meeting at the city hall in this city yesterday afternoon, permanently organizing themselves into a beet growers' association, for their mutual protection and advancement, and adopted a contract which will be submitted to President Oxnard at once, and it is hoped will be adopted, to cover the growing of beets for the Oxnard company for the coming season.

Heretofore the beet growers have never had a voice in the formulation of the contract between the company and themselves covering the cultivation of the beet crop and the result has been that there has been dissatisfaction, more or less, every year. For the year just past, and in one or two other years, when the season was particularly favorable, the complaints have not been of a serious nature. However, it is known that, surrounding every factory in California and even that at Norfolk, there is a beet growers' association, and it was considered best that organization be effected here also. The only wonder is that such a step has not been taken years ago.

The severest complaint last year arose from the strict adherence to the contract by the factory in regard to the content of the beet. There are said to be instances without number in which the Oxnard company paid less than the contract price for beets—that is less than $4—when beets were found to contain a purity of over 80 per cent and a content of slightly less than 12 per cent, or vice versa, a purity of say 79 per cent and a content of over 12 per cent. The requirement of the contract was 80 per cent purity and 12 per cent sugar. The growers contend that in many instances the beets would in fact be equal to the required standard, but they were "docked" for the difference existing in one of the tests.

The company has already submitted its contract for the ensuing year, in which it is stipulated what reduction shall be made for beets coming below the standard requirement. The producers, however, felt that if beets falling below the contract standard were worth less, those ranging above the required standard would be worth comparatively more. The contract adopted by the association section by section, yesterday, therefore makes a straight price of $4 per ton for all beets that may be grown upon the acreage contracted for, regardless of contract, specifying, however, that diseased or worthless beets should not be included. It also regulates the delivery, specifying that the company has the right to order in as many beets as it may need before October 10, but that it must order in at least four tons per acre between the 10th of October and the 5th of November, etc. The entire crop must be delivered before the 20th day of February, 1899, and 25 cents extra per ton is to be paid by the factory for all beets sliced.

At the meeting yesterday there were over 150 beet raisers in attendance and 110 paid a small membership fee and became members of the association. Fred Raley is president and H. C. Giese secretary.

WITH THE SECRET SOCIETIES.

Installation of Officers the Order of the Day.

SIDNEY, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—A joint installation of officers of Sidney lodge, No. 196, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Degree of Honor lodge, No. 122, took place here last night. After this had been disposed of a banquet was served, at which a number of toasts were responded to, and the gathering did not disperse until after midnight.

SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Seward lodge, No. 66, Degree of Honor, at a public installation last evening installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. M. E. Shorey, P. C. H.; Miss Mary Emrich, C. H.; Mrs. A. V. Skillman, L. H.; Miss Agnes Pence, C. C.; Miss Alice Pence, T.; Miss Etta Stroyer, R.; T. F. Skessle, F.; Mrs. L. B. Ost, U.; Mrs. A. Kortge, I. W.; Mrs. C. E. Boyes, O. W.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Humboldt lodge, No. 5, Ancient Order of United Workmen, in connection with its auxiliary, Humboldt lodge, No. 79, Degree of Honor, installed officers for the coming year. The exercises were held at the Odd Fellows' hall and the newly installed Workmen officers are as follows: Master workman, E. A. Tucker; foreman, L. C. Williamson; overseer, J. J. Thompson; recorder, R. Barg; financier, W. H. Till; receiver, C. E. Nims; guide, F. M. Williamson; inside watchman, W. N. Higgins; outside watchman, B. F. King; trustee, George Riechers; medical examiners, Dr. J. R. Morris and Dr. L. B. Allen. The Degree officers are as follows: C. of H., Mrs. C. A. Willis; L. of H., Mrs. M. E. Cope; C. of C., Miss Cora Allen; R., E. S. Cope; F., W. H. Tice; R., Mrs. Sara Morburger; S. U., Mrs. Kate Dorland; I. W., Mrs. Anna Gravatte; O. W., Lincoln Williamson; T., Mrs. Margaret Scott; M. E., Dr. J. R. Morris. After the installation was over refreshments were served to those assembled.

AINSWORTH, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Ainsworth lodge, Degree of Honor, was instituted Thursday evening by Mrs. Adelia Harding of Hebron, Neb., grand chief of honor of the jurisdiction of Nebraska, with thirty-nine charter members. The following officers were installed: Mrs. L. M. McAndrew, P. C. of H.; Mrs. I. L. Farman, C. of H.; Mrs. E. G. Carbitt, L. of H.; Mrs. E. A. DeWoody, C. of C.; A. W. Scattergood, recorder; Mrs. M. E. Scattergood, financier; R. S. Rising, receiver; Mrs. M. E. Finney, usher; Mrs. A. E. Clark, I. W.; Fred S. Finney, O. W.

BANCROFT, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Bancroft camp of Modern Woodmen held public installation of officers Saturday evening. After the installation an elegant luncheon was served by the Royal Neighbors, who had prepared a complete surprise. Supper was followed by games and music. The council-elect, L. B. Harrison, closed the entertainment by a few well chosen remarks.

Jumps Into a Well.

BASSETT, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Anna Husa, wife of Frank Husa, a rich Bohemian farmer, committed suicide today at 12 o'clock by jumping into a well and drowning before she was discovered and rescued. Family troubles were the cause. Her husband came home drunk last night and abused her. She left the house and went to a neighbor's, who returned with her and stayed there until Mrs. Husa had retired. This morning Mrs. Husa did not get up till about 11 o'clock, when she told a daughter she was going to do away with herself. She went about fifty yards in the field to a big well and, taking off her shoes, deliberately jumped in. She was about 50 years old and leaves a family of five children. An inquest will be held.

Columbus Notes.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Telephone company is making preparations to extend its line westward from this city in the early spring.

Company K, First regiment, Nebraska National guards, gave a ball at the armory last Friday evening. About thirty couples attended. The Columbus orchestra furnished the music.

A special session of the council was held last evening to consider the application of the Missouri Telephone company for a franchise to construct and operate a telephone exchange in this city. The question was argued and an adjournment finally taken until February 4. The point raised, was whether or not the foreign institution would have to incorporate under the laws of Nebraska before it could do business in this state.

The city council has drawn a warrant in favor of the chief of the fire department to be used to defray the expenses of the Columbus delegation to the sixteenth annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, to be held at Kearney this week. This city only has four delegates, but a party of about twenty will attend from here.

Hood's Pills

Should be in every family medicine chest and every traveller's grip. They are invaluable when the stomach is out of order; cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 25 cents.

SHELLED CORN FOR THE CUBANS.

Governor Holcomb Hears from the Relief Committee.

LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Holcomb has just received the following letter from Chairman Barton of the National Cuban Relief commission:

NEW YORK, Jan. 12, 1898.—To His Excellency, Governor Silas A. Holcomb, Lincoln, Neb.: Sir—Herewith we enclose copy of our telegram of yesterday in response to yours asking if shelled corn would be of use and what class of clothing is wanted in Cuba. We also enclose copy of cablegram just received by this committee from Consul General Lee, Havana, giving in detail all articles that are needed for relief. While he does not enumerate shelled corn, he includes corn meal as one of the first articles named and there can be no doubt that there are ample facilities in Havana for converting shelled corn into meal, and inasmuch as the former can probably be shipped with less liability to damage we think there should be no hesitancy in shipping as much shelled corn as you can raise for the purpose. We are advised by the Department of State that everything should be consigned to "United States Consul General, Havana, Cuba," and each article distinctly marked "Cuban relief." Shipments should be accompanied by statements showing the exact contents of every package, with its precise weight, such statement being required by the Spanish government. A duplicate of such statement should also be sent to this committee, in order that we may keep a record thereof and fully advise the consul general of all shipments. We enclose herewith printed matter which we trust may serve you and beg that you correspond with the committee freely pertaining to any matter in which we may be able to aid you and also give us prompt advices of the progress that we may give publicity to the same and thereby stimulate similar good work. Very truly yours,

STEPHEN B. BARTON, Chairman.

New Library for Shelton.

SHELTON, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A largely attended meeting of the women of Shelton was held yesterday for the purpose of completing a public library and reading room association. Mrs. George Meisurer was elected president, Mrs. H. J. Robbins treasurer, and Miss Mamie Stockwell secretary. Room and light have been guaranteed free. The village board voted a cash donation of $25 and an entertainment will be given Tuesday evening by home talent, assisted by Miss Lillian Pike of Denver, the proceeds going toward procuring books and buying furniture and carpets. This with what books are on hand now will give the town a very creditable library.

Live Stock Association.

KIMBALL, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Kimball County Live Stock association held its regular quarterly meeting here yesterday and transacted routine business. A reward of $5 was offered on gray wolves. The membership now includes nearly all the cattle and horse men in the county.

The sheep owners in Kimball county met yesterday and perfected an organization, to protect their interests. Thomas Wilkinson was elected president and H. H. Home secretary. One of the objects of the organization is to keep scabby sheep out of the county. Another meeting will be held soon to complete arrangements.

Burglars at Tilden.

TILDEN, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Burglars last night broke into T. T. McDonald's store at this place. About $200 worth of goods were stolen, including seven watches, chains, rings, clothing and shoes. This is the third loss Mr. McDonald has suffered from burglars in the last four years. One man who was found with stolen property belonging to the firm is now serving a six years' sentence in the state penitentiary, and it is expected the latest offender will soon be keeping him company.

Held for Trail.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Ralph Givens (colored), who was arrested yesterday on the charge of having broken into T. M. & J. W. Salisbury and J. N. Peole & Co.'s stores, had his preliminary trial today before County Judge Armour. He was found guilty and was remanded to jail to await the sitting of the district court.

To Speak at Denver.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—C. E. Adams, president of the Superior Cattle company and Denver Live Stock Commission company, is to be one of the prominent speakers at the National Live Stock Growers' association to be held in Denver on January 25, 26 and 27.

Revival at Cozad.

COZAD, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A series of union evangelistic revival meetings have been arranged for to commence next Monday evening. They are to be undenominational and will be conducted by A. J. Bell, a California evangelist, assisted by the local pastors.

Dropped Dead.

DUNCAN, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The aged mother of H. Boettcher, Union Pacific section foreman at Gardiner, dropped dead while eating supper with her daughter's family in Columbus at 8 o'clock last evening, supposedly of heart failure.

Officers Installed.

COZAD, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Lindsey post, Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief corps and Custer camp, Sons of Veterans, installed their newly elected officers last evening. The installation was public and was followed by a banquet.

Nebraska News Notes.

Work has commenced on the erection of a mill at Cortland.

A big circle wolf hunt is planned to take place in Stanton county January 20.

D. Blankmeyer of Pender has gone to the Argentine Republic to seek his fortune.

Wood River business men are making an effort to organize a company to build and operate a butter and cheese factory.

The Polanders around Neligh are preparing to devote a large acreage next season to the cultivation of beets for the Norfolk sugar factory.

Washington county is in good financial shape and its affairs have been economically managed. On January 6 there was $62,075.39 in cash and available resources. Of this amount $61,036.29 was in cash.

A new swindle is being worked in Nebraska. Parties advertise to send ten yards of the finest silk, any color, for $1. The victim who sends receives ten yards of fine silk thread, which is, of course, as much as is promised for the money.

Two young men, whose residence is unknown and who give the names of William and Bryan Armstrong, have been arrested at Elgin. They are charged with frightening the school children and the young woman teacher by flourishing a revolver and threatening to shoot them.

Receiver Watkins of the defunct National bank of Ponca, accompanied by Counselor Learned of Omaha and Judge Tibbles of Lincoln, are at Ponca to take testimony to be used in a case which was brought by the receiver to recover back a dividend which is claimed to have been wrongfully allowed and paid by the First National.

Millionaires on a Grand Jury.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 16.—One of the most notable grand juries ever drawn in the United States district court for the district of New Jersey is that which will be sworn in Tuesday at the opening term of court. The panel will include several millionaires, among them George J. Gould, an ex-United States senator, four mayors and several other persons of prominence.

Committee Receives Reports.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 16.—The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is holding its annual session here to receive reports and audit accounts. The net increase in membership during 1897 was 3,600 and thirty-seven new lodges were instituted. The officers report a steady demand for brotherhood men by the railroads.

HAWAII IS LOSING FRIENDS

Annexation Movement is Apparently Growing Weaker.

NEBRASKA SENATORS NOW IN OPPOSITION

Little Prospect of the Treaty Being Approved, and the Joint Resolution May Have the Same Fate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The debate on the Hawaiian treaty during the last week has brought prominently before the country conditions which the advocates of the measure have been loath to concede, and as it looks at the present moment the bottom is liable to fall out of the debate within a very few days. The annexationists are losing ground daily, they are losing heart at the same time, and they are becoming crabbed and somewhat soured over conditions as they at present exist. They are in hopes that should the measure fail of ratification in the senate that the legislative bill, which will in all probability be brought in, will receive a majority in both houses. In this, the wish is father to the thought, and there is no certainty that the house in its present feeling will adopt any measure looking to the annexation of the islands.

Senator Thurston has outlined his position in the public prints and his refusal to follow the administration has brought republicans to a realization that the mere annexation of the islands is not the only thing that we must take into consideration. Senator Gear of Iowa, Senator Spooner of Wisconsin and Senator Hoar of Massachusetts have within the last day or two indicated to their friends that they can see no reason why they should support the measure, and thus daily the defection goes on.

Senator Allen outlined his position very early in the present session, and with Thurston in the opposition, Nebraska is solidly arrayed against annexation. The senators from Utah are wavering in the balance, and it would not surprise anyone to find them with the opposition to the measure when the vote is taken.

Senator Clark of Wyoming is a pronounced annexationist and sees no reason, as he said to The Bee man, for any abatement of his position. Senator Warren of the same state is on the fence and there are so many in the same position, it leads the disinterested observer to believe as above, that the opposition is growing stronger daily.

Strollers in and out of the Riggs house last week were somewhat surprised to see sitting in one corner of the lobby and unconcernedly puffing large rings of tobacco smoke into the air an old man who was a dead ringer for the president of the United States. There were excellent reasons why this little old man and President McKinley should look alike; they are what genealogists call double, twisted cousins. John Campbell lives in Warren, O., where he is the proprietor of the Campbell house, a home-like hostelry known to all the country round about, and a haven for theatrical companies visiting there. Mr. Campbell said, in speaking about his remarkable resemblance to the president: "Yes, William and I are double cousins. William's mother and my father were brother and sister, and my mother and his father were cousins. The resemblance between William and myself has gotten me into a lot of difficulty, and sometimes I regret that the resemblance is so marked. And to be absolutely correct, he looks like me more than I look like him, for I am thirteen years his senior. When I met William at his mother's funeral he asked me to come down and visit him at the White House, and I have decided to just run down and see how he looks in that place where so many of the illustrious men of the past made their home while in Washington."

There is considerable criticism of the manner in which John Russell Young, librarian of congress, is dispensing patronage in connection with the library. In reply to a resolution of Senator Thurston calling upon him to show the number of employes in that institution, their fitness for library work, and the states to which they are accredited, Mr. Young shows that fifteen states are unrepresented in the distribution. The summary is interesting, the classification by states being as follows: Alabama, 1; Arizona, 1; California, 1; District of Columbia, 16; Georgia, 2; Iowa, 4; Illinois, 7; Indiana, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Maine, 4; Missouri, 3; Massachusetts, 3; Maryland, 9; Michigan, 3; Minnesota, 1; Nevada, 1; New York, 12; New Jersey, 2; New Hampshire, 1; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 8; Oregon, 1; Pennsylvania, 8; Rhode Island, 2; South Dakota, 1; Texas, 1; Tennessee, 1; Virginia, 4; Vermont, 1; Wisconsin, 2; total, 104.

The states not represented are: Connecticut, Mississippi, Utah, Florida, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Arkansas, Colorado, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Kansas and Nebraska.

The reply of Librarian Young, having been called to Senator Thurston's attention, he has written a letter to the president in which he invites a perusal of the document, and very courteously asks whether the distribution of patronage is in keeping with a former conversation had with the president, wherein he said that the policy of the librarian would be to apportion the employes to all the states.

OLD PENSION CASE REAPPEARS.

Judge Long Asks to Have Reduction Set Aside.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The celebrated pension case of Judge Charles D. Long of Michigan has made its reappearance before the pension office in the shape of an application to Commissioner Evans to vacate the order reducing the judge's pension from $72 to $50 per month. The application was made by Fred A. Baker, who claimed that a pension granted was a vested right, and that Judge Long is entitled to the $72 per month within the meaning of the law.

TRANSFERS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Local Statistics from a Number of the Larger Cities.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16.—These figures have been secured by the American Land and Title Register, showing the total amount of real estate transfers of a number of the principal cities during the years 1896 and 1897:

Cities.	1896.	1897.
New York	$121,455,828	$ 94,284,061
Chicago	91,022,602	101,195,213
St. Louis	46,726,843	56,436,427
Minneapolis	8,452,867	7,838,345
Omaha	8,016,663	5,890,636
St. Paul	2,293,018	4,576,098
Portland	5,300,490	4,316,278
Duluth	4,503,841	3,060,112
Denver	8,896,789	9,107,599

The following table shows the total estimated cost of buildings for which permits were issued in a number of the principal western cities during the years 1896 and 1897:

Cities.	1896.	1897.
Chicago	$22,730,615	$21,777,230
St. Louis	10,304,908	9,471,640
Minneapolis	2,814,928	1,591,330
Omaha	2,402,591	1,468,776
St. Paul	1,753,962	1,424,274
Denver	1,595,872	1,205,300
Duluth	570,962	283,399
Kansas City	1,195,653	1,848,390

Cotton for Shipment to China.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 16.—Seven train loads, amounting to 4,750 bales, of Texas cotton, have arrived in Tacoma for shipment to China and Japan on the steamers of the Northern Pacific line. The cotton came by way of St. Louis and St. Paul. A great deal of this cotton is standing in cars on the track. Heavy shipments of cotton are arriving at all Pacific coast points having Oriental lines. An important phase of the movement arises in the question as to whether the cotton is subject to insurance while standing in the cars.

Chess Match Arranged.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The second match for the United States chess championship between Harry N. Pillsbury of New York and Jackson W. Showalter of Georgetown, Ky., is practically arranged, the only detail undecided being the location of the place where the games will be played. The terms of the match are the same as in the first contest at the Hamilton club, Brooklyn, last February, the stakes to be $1,000 a side and the first winner of seven games to take the money and title.

WAGE CUT TAKES EFFECT TODAY.

Reduction Will Affect Twenty Thousand Operatives.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 16.—The cut down in the cotton mills throughout the state will go into effect tomorrow, the only exceptions being one or two small factories whose owners for reasons of their own, have not yet decided to cut wages, and a few in which, owing to their paying monthly or for similar reasons, it is not convenient to make the reduction until later.

The reduction will affect to a greater or lesser degree the earnings of nearly 20,000 operatives in this state and those of Knight & Goddard, in Massachusetts. Between ten and fifteen thousand more employed in Connecticut mills, controlled by Providence agents, will be affected also. As the aggregate earnings of this army of operatives will approximate $9,000,000 annually, the loss in wages and purchasing power in consequence of the reduction to operatives and business men in the communities in which they spend their money will be nearly a round million, if the cut averages, as expected, about 10 per cent.

JUMPS FROM THE MASONIC TEMPLE.

Frightful Leap to Death by a Despondent Bookkeeper.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Alfred C. Greeleaf, a bookkeeper, committed suicide yesterday by jumping from the sixteenth floor of the Masonic temple. Greeleaf had been out of employment for some time and becoming despondent decided to make way with himself. His first attempt was made in the Chamber of Commerce building, where he was caught in the act of jumping over the railing from the twelfth floor to the rotunda, and ejected from the building. He then went to the Masonic temple, ascended to the sixteenth floor, climbed upon the railing and jumped off into the rotunda. His body struck a marble landing on the third floor, shattered a slab two inches thick and landed on the balcony of the second floor. The body was reduced to a mere pulp. Greeleaf's fall was witnessed by scores of people in the rotunda.

HYMENEAL.

Perry-Draper.

LAGRANGE, Wyo., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Miss Belle Draper of Harrisburgh, Neb., and Mr. Nelson S. Perry of this place were married Wednesday at the residence of John B. Culver, Rev. Mr. Hill performing the marriage ceremony. A large number of the friends of the bride and groom attended the wedding. An elegant wedding supper was served and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Fires of a Day.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Kitty Mills' two-story house on the south side was damaged by fire early this morning to the extent of $600. The fire originated by the upsetting of a lamp. Fully insured.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this morning destroyed Watters & Dennis' flour and feed store and Dickinson's paper box factory. Estimated loss, $16,000.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 16.—Two thoughtless boys caused great mischief by applying a match to a spray of coal oil issuing from a small aperture in the Standard Oil company's pipe line from Sisterville and Mannington to Morgantown. The pressure at that point was strong. Soon the burning spray melted the lead in the joints of the pipe, which was six inches in diameter. Fifty acres of forest and field were soon ablaze. Two small bridges and two barns were burned. All the oil in ten miles of six-inch pipe, nearly 2,000 barrels, was consumed.

Farewell to a Pastor.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Friday night a farewell reception was tendered Rev. John R. Jones, the retiring pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, by members of the church and citizens. Coe I. Crawford, for the congregation, presented Mr. Jones a solid gold hunting case watch. Rev. Jones will depart for Los Angeles, Cal., in a few days to assume the pastorate of a Presbyterian church.

Kilpatrick post, No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, and Kilpatrick Women's Relief Corps, No. 2, publicly installed officers Friday night.

Miss Nancy Enright was found dead in bed at the home of her sister in the south part of the city Friday morning.

Tough on the Sheriffs.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—From this until the close of the fiscal year South Dakota sheriffs will have to advance the expenses of taking prisoners to the penitentiary and wait for a deficiency appropriation in the next legislature to reimburse them. The appropriation of $1,500 allowed for this purpose by the last legislature is exhausted and bills for over $300 are already held up for lack of funds. The same thing will probably occur again next year. The attention of the appropriation committee was called to the amount of the appropriation, but it refused to increase it, with the results above mentioned.

To Increase Mine Capacity.

GLENROCK, Wyo., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The capacity of the mines of the Deer Creek Coal company at this place is to be greatly increased during the present season. A new shaft will be sunk about a quarter of a mile east of the one now used, and a large field of coal heretofore untouched will be opened up, making room for the employment of several hundred miners. There is a continued increasing demand for the coal, and an effort will be made to supply the demand.

PARTED COMPANY WITH CURRENCY.

Experiences of Two Wayfarers in the Burnt District.

W. M. Beck came to town yesterday and fell in with a company of five colored women. He accompanied them to 222 North Twelfth street where some parlor theatricals were engaged in. Beck contributed 50 cents to a beer and entertainment fund, exposing in so doing a roll of bills amounting to $26. When Beck returned to his hotel he observed that the roll had been tampered with and a $10 bill removed. Complaint was made and Goldie Williams, Ella Rollin, Essie Allen, Sadie Rush and Tressie Lewis were arrested to give account.

Ada Young and Annie Nelson were arrested on a similar charge for the robbery of W. J. Yancey in an alley near Eleventh and Davenport streets Saturday night. Yancey says they met him on the street about 11 o'clock and invited him to take a promenade through the alley. Before they arrived at the next street Yancey claims he was robbed of $55.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

Survivors of the Late War Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Pensions have been issued as follows:

Issue of December 30:

Nebraska: Original—Lewis D. Harris, Omaha, $8. Reissue—Special, January 5, James R. Carter, Madison, $17.

Iowa: Original—Harrison Smith, Arlington, $6; John N. Gallup, Jefferson, $10; Henry Frank, Renwick, $6; James C. Duncan, Davenport, $6.

Issue of December 31:

Iowa: Original—James P. Chilton, Anthon, $6; James H. Gray (deceased), Washington, $12. Additional—Benjamin B. Fraser, Des Moines, $8 to $12. Original widows, etc.—Mary E. Weber, Burlington, $8; Martha A. Gray, Washington, $8.

Colorado: Original—General M. Copeland, Leadville, $6.

North Dakota: Original—Alonzo Deitz, Northwood, $6.

In Good Financial Condition.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 16.—The convention of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International union is getting down to business and the committees are completing their work. The total membership is reported at 56,336, of whom but 31,630 are employed. For beneficial purposes $280,515 had been expended and there is $83,356 in the treasury. The establishment of a national home for indigent members is favored.

Fatal Shooting Affray.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 16.—At a dance on the Falls plantation in Mississippi county last night a shooting affray took place between the three sons of Armistead Phillips on one side and the three sons of Wright Ray on the other. Two men were killed and two fatally wounded, the casualties being equally divided.

M'COY ISSUES A CHALLENGE

Calls Time on Both Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

DECLARES THAT HE CAN WHIP THEM BOTH

Says He Will Fight No One Else and Posts One Thousand Dollars to Back His Words.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—"Kid" McCoy has issued the following challenge:

"To Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Corbett: Gentlemen—You have declined to contest with me for the middleweight championship of the world. You have offered many reasons and excuses for your refusal, but your principal reason has been that you would not or could not get down to my weight. I am therefore compelled to waive the question of weight and go to your weight. I therefore hereby challenge either or both of you to a finish boxing contest for the heavyweight championship of the world, details and arrangements to be made hereafter.

"I fully realize the possible stand you both may take in answer to this challenge. I know it will be your policy to evade it in every way, to cast aspersions and even attempt to ridicule my defi. I know you will tell me to fight other men and gain a reputation, etc. But your possible evasions are discounted not alone by me, but by the entire public, who fully realize the fact that I am the only living boxer who is entitled to the credit of being able to gain a victory over either or both of you.

"I know I can beat either of you or both of you. I am not going to fight any other man or men but you, and no amount of evasion or excuse that either of you can offer will deter me from my determination to pursue you until I achieve my object and win the heavyweight championship of the world.

"I am not going to indulge in any blackguardism or billingsgate. The public is disgusted with those methods and they are not and never were mine. I give you credit for all that either of you has accomplished, but I know I am your master as a fighter, and my challenge is sincere.

"As a further evidence of my sincerity I have deposited a check for $1,000 in the hands of Samuel Austin, and I stand ready to post an additional $1,000 upon either or both of you signifying your acceptance."

Enter for Brooklyn Handicap.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Following are the entries for the Brooklyn Jockey club's handicap of $10,000 to be run at the spring meeting, one mile and a quarter: Algol, 4; Ben Brush, 5; Ben Eder, 5; Ben Holliday, 5; Box, 4; Bundha, Byron McClelland, 5; Caldron, 4; Don d'Oro, 4; Sir Catlett, 4; Dr. Sheppard, 4; Great Bend, 3; Hand Ball, 3; Howard Mann, 5; Isidore, 4; Lake Shore, aged; Lohman, aged; Loki, 5; Lou Bramble, 4; Macy, 4; Meadow Thorp, 4; Merry Prince, 5; Michael III, 3; Mohican, 3; Ogden, 4; On Deck, 4; Ornament, 4; Our Johnny, 4; Plaudit, 3; Premier, 5; Previous, 3; Royal Stag (imp.), 5; St. Bartholomew, 4; Schiller, 5; Semper Eeo, 5; Sensational, 3; Sly Fox, 3; Typhoon, II, 4; Tilo, 4; Traverser, 3; Ulysses, 5; Winged Foot, 5.

Cyclists Go South.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—There will be a great emigration of cyclists to the south tomorrow. The cream of the foreign and American racing talent will sail for Florida and there will be merry times on the new third-of-a-mile track at Bellair. August Lehr, the German champion, has been in Bellair for some time and in the party will be Gougoltz, Lamberjack and Taylore, the Frenchmen; Fulford and Wheelock, the Englishmen, and all the available American stars.

Nearly a Thousand Entries.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The nominations for the Coney Island Jockey club stakes for 1898 were announced today. One hundred and ten different stables are represented in the nominations for the stakes that closed on January 1 and the total number of entries for the eighteen events is 975, as compared with 899 last year. The Flight, September, Flatbush and Great Eastern stakes will have a supplementary closing on July 18.

Warning to Catholic Knights.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A special to the Record from Anderson, Ind., says: Indiana uniform rank, Catholic Knights of America commanderies, today received official instructions from Commander-in-Chief Kadeski, in which he warns the officers against recognizing J. W. Nordham of Vincennes as commander in chief, holding that the gathering in Mobile last week, at which Nordham was elected, was irregular and illegal. It is thought the matter will be taken into court or the pope will be asked to interfere. The order now numbers nearly 20,000 uniformed members and is the recognized military body of the Catholic church in America.

Minnesota Bank Robber Captured.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 16.—Samuel Copeland, the daring Minnesota bank robber, who escaped from the officers while being taken to the penitentiary, is again in the clutches of the law. He was captured some days ago at Big Springs, Tex., and spent today in jail here. He was brought here by Deputy Warden Lemon of the Stillwater (Minn.) penitentiary and tonight the officer is on his way to that city with his prisoner.

Another Death from Scurvy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Another of the scurvy-stricken crew of the bark Pactolus died today. He was James O'Neil and he died at the Hudson street hospital. The first death was that of a Japanese sailor. Seven of the crew are at the Marine hospital on Staten island, suffering from scurvy, but are said to not be in a serious condition. Still another four are at Gouvernor hospital with the same disease.

Origin of a Word.

Very few persons are probably aware of the origin of the word "deadhead," which is so frequently used in connection with theatrical representations. It is stated to be as follows: Many years ago, in the time of turnpikes, the principal avenue of a town passed close to the entrance of a road leading to the cemetery. As this cemetery had been laid out some time previous to the construction of the road it was arranged that all funeral processions should be allowed to pass along the latter free of toll. One day as a well known physician who was driving along the road stopped to pay his toll he observed to the keeper, "Considering the benevolent character of our profession I think you ought to let us pass free of charge." "No, no, doctor," said the gatekeeper, "we can't afford that; you send too many deadheads through as it is." The story traveled around the country and the word "deadhead" was eventually applied to those who obtained free admission to the theater.

An Occult Evening.

Palmistry, even in its unoccult phases, will serve to make your evening a great success. Invite some very witty woman from among your guests to become the enchantress. Dress her appropriately in dark robes and seat her by the dining room fireplace, where burns a wood fire. The lights are, of course, turned low, and she stirs meditatively in a huge caldron—your preserving kettle it is, by the way. Each guest kneels upon a hassock at her feet, spreads his or her palm upon the enchantress' knee and hears his or her past, present and future, which will be sure to be very laughable in the hands of your witty friend.

The Duel.

Detroit Journal: "Lay on!"

"Draw! We shall see who weds the fair Lady Constance!"

There was a gleam of steel in the air, the clash of weapons and Vladimir lay mortally wounded.

"Forgive me!" cried the dying man, rancor giving way to pity in that supreme moment. "Would that I might live in thy place!"

As for Raoul, he wept, being deeply moved by the generosity of his fallen foe; but not to be outdone, he protested that he was rightly the one to suffer.

Conclusive Evidence.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Why is it," asked the strange in the little interior town, "that you all refer to her as the most perfect lady in this part of the country?"

"Huh," replied the native, as if astonished at the question, "if you could just see the way she handles a horsewhip once you'd never ask such a fool question as that."

THE STAGE KISS.

It Had to Be Given Even at the Risk of Bloodshed.

It was a home talent show and we sat patiently waiting for the unexpected to happen, relates the Chicago Record. The unexpected always happens with a home talent show, and an inner mountain village is not proof against this long accepted stage fact. We strangers from the unregenerate east, who were there in the mountains for our healths' sake, felt assured, therefore, of an experience before the night should be over.

"It was 'The Mikado' which was to be presented, tattered and torn by its transit from first-class theaters in the east to the town hall of Teton City. We had heard Nanki-Poo as he had sung about being a thing of shreds and patches, and we had heard Ko-Ko's announcement of his theories and ideas, and were getting along fairly well in our listening when the kissing song was reached. Then Red Pete Barker, who was singing Nanki Poo, advanced to the footlights.

"Ladies and gentlemen," the tenor singer began, "this is a mighty poor place in the show to interrupt the proceedings to make a speech, but as certain things are about to happen, I think it is only fair that you be put on. I have heard that Holy Moses Perkins, who is known and generally hailed and greeted as the eventual husband of Miss Betty Hoyler, who is taking the part of Yum Yum has announced to all concerned that if I followed out the directions of the book of this play and insist on kissing the lady there will be five different kinds of trouble. I hereby announce that I am going to begin kissing the young lady in about three minutes and shall keep right on kissing her through the whole blamed song, and I further announce that I shall do that kissing in full view of the audience. Moreover it may be of interest to you to know that I have secreted in these long and flowing robes two first-rate six-shooters right ready for business. I am also armed with fact that Holy Moses Perkins is sitting in seat No. 167, which is in plain view from the stage. As the scene which is about to be presented is a cross between a delicious love song and a homicide, and as I shall caress the young woman with one eye on her beautious charms and the other on seat No. 167, I hope you will overlook any little shortcomings in the affair. I hate to mention such low, coarse things, but the gun which I shall use first is a self-cocker and has been recently oiled. Thanking you for your kind attention, the show will now go on.

We listened to the rendition of the kiss-kiss song with great interest, especially those who were in range of seat No. 167. Nothing happened, however, Mr. Perkins remaining statuesquely mute. But when the applause continued on its demand for an encore, Mr. Barker appeared once more at the stage front:

"Thank you," he said, "for this vindication, but if you want some more of it I am compelled to say you can't have it. I respect Mr. Perkins' claims on the premises. Thank you one and all, and especially Mr. Perkins, who has this night sacrificed his feelings for the advancement of art. The show will now proceed."

We then leaned back and listened respectfully while Pooh-Bah told about his troubles and his expectations.

SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD.

How a Bilious Man Gave Up His Two Cups of Breakfast Coffee.

An East End man was advised some time ago not to drink coffee, relates the Cleveland Plain Dealer. His doctor told him it helped to make his liver torpid and his liver was doing its best to render life miserable for himself and all the rest of the family.

But, no, he couldn't give up his two cups at breakfast time. He couldn't make the sacrifice. Nothing could take the place of the delicious Java and Mocha mixed that he had learned to love.

One day his wife suggested in a mild way that he might be just as well satisfied with one of the brands of imitation coffee. He almost frothed at the mouth.

"That infernal stuff!" he cried. "Not much. The very first gulp would settle me. I'd like to see anybody to try fool me with a counterfeit of that sort."

He did't notice that his wife quietly smiled. But, strange to say, from that time on he grew better. His bilious tendency was greatly lessened. He felt like a new man.

One day he met the doctor.

"Hello, doc," he cried. "I'm getting better in spite of you."

"Given up coffee, have you?" queried the smiling doctor.

"Given up coffee? Not much. Coffee's all right."

A few weeks later he met the man from whom he orders his groceries.

"Hullo," quoth the grocer, "how well you are looking."

"Yes," said the convalescent, "I'm feeling a great deal better."

"By the way," said the grocer, "you seem to like that substitute I've been sending you."

"What substitute?"

"Why, that substitute for coffee