Omaha Feb 2,'98

Advance Spring Showing

of the newest ideas and creations in the choicest novelties for this season's selling—we have made our selections from the markets of the world, and show you for the first time today an array of eye-entrancing, purse-preserving Dress Goods Novelties such as you've never expected to see shown in Omaha—We recommend early selections.

CORSETS.

Dr. Warner's No. 333 corset is designed from the most approved French pattern. We recommend it to all ladies of average figure desiring an extra long waist, full form, corset.

It is light in weight—soft and pliable to the wearer—made of fine jean body—sateen strips—boned busts—two side steels—trimmed with silk edge heavily boned with coraline.

Black or gray at $1.00 each.

Ferris good sense waists for children—in gray or tan color—at 25c each.

REAL FRENCH COTTON Our importation of these popular French Wash Goods continue to increase.

The effects are quite different from last season, not so large, but very stylish—different in designs—most of the designs are exclusive.

Grenadine in new weaves—the daintiest product of the French looms—in neat Dresden and plaid designs—price 50c.

French Mousseline de l'Inde—This dainty fabric—light in texture—is very suitable for ladies' wear in the early summer—special patterns—price 35c.

French Organdies—beautiful flowered designs—most fashionable for afternoon wear—price 35c per yard.

Real Irish Printed Dimities—price 25c.

Real Irish Linen Lawns—price 20c.

Real Plaid Scotch Swisses—price 45c.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS Men's Cardigan Jackets

75c, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.25 each.

Men's fancy trimmed muslin night shirts—in size 14—reduced from $1.00 and $1.50 each to 59c.

Men's wool mixed half hose only 10c a pair—reduced from 20c.

Men's woolen gloves and mittens—25c a pair—reduced from 50c.

MCALL'S BAZAR PATTERNS We are agents for these celebrated patterns.

They are known as the Best Fitting Most Stylish and Most Economical pattern made—If you have the opportunity to purchase the Best Patterns made at 10c or 15c each—why pay more.

INFANT'S UNDERWEAR Infant's fine silk and wool band with straps and tabs—50c each.

We have a very nice line of infants' white, mixed wool and cotton vests—extra good quality—25c each.

Children's Swiss Ribbed Underwear—in all wool and mixed wool and cotton—non-shrinkable—prices the lowest.

NEW LACES AND VEILINGS Are here—the ones you have been waiting for.

All those dainty little laces and insertings for handkerchief making. The plain footing in just that popular width—you known what it is—and of course all the other widths as well in both plain and dotted.

In Platte Val. and Pt de Paris laces for underwear, we have many pretty matched sets.

It would take too much space to mention every separate style of lace, but be sure we have all that is new and desirable.

Do not forget the cream cotton laces and cream all over lace.

HOSIERY.

Ladies' black cotton—out size—hose, with double soles, and absolutely fast black, 25c.

Ladies' black cotton hose—Hermsdorf dye—high spliced heel and double sole—18c, 3 pair 50c.

Children's black cotton ribbed Hose—in sizes 8½ to 9—15c pair.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

the petition designating asphalt as the material for paving Wirt street from Sherman avenue to Twenty-fourth street represented a majority of the front footage.

The annual reports of City Engineer Rosewater and the Board of Public Works were received and filed. Both reports contained very exhaustive reviews of the year, a thorough discussion of asphalt paving being a particularly notable feature of the engineer's report.

Comptroller Weatherg's statement of the result of his annual examination of the books of the gas company was filed.

CITY'S ASSESSED VALUATION.

Tax Commissioner Sackett reported the assessed valuation of the city as determined by the board of equalization as $32,049,593.

The tax commissioner was authorized by resolution to retain three clerks until May 1 to make up the 1898 tax list. They will draw $75 a month each.

The following contracts and bonds for furnishing municipal supplies during 1898 were approved: C. N. Deitz, lumber; Marsh & Smith, feed; C. W. Hull & Co., sand, sewer pipe, cement, etc.; South Omaha Ice and Coal company, ice.

The final ordinances for paving Twenty-fifth street from Cuming street to Indiana avenue, Twenty-sixth avenue from Half Howard street to St. Mary's avenue, Wirt street from Sherman avenue to Twenty-fourth street and Dodge street from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets were introduced and referred.

PORT ARTHUR ROUTE EXCURSION.

List of Commercial Club Members Who Will Take the Trip.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the Port Arthur excursion will leave the depot of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company, corner of Eleventh and Nicholas streets. Excursionists will casemble at the rooms of the Commercial club and go in a body to the train at 9:30 o'clock. The following members of the club will compose the party:

C. F. Weller, J. S. Brady, C. H. Pickins, G. W. Lininger, Euclid Martin, F. E. Sanborn, A. W. Clark, Judge W. D. McHugh, George W. Towle, J. H. McDowell, C. H. Chisam, A. M. Clark, C. K. Urquhart, A. N. Kuhn, W. H. Hanchett, J. E. Utt, W. H. Taylor, Charles D. Thompson, Dr. J. P. Lord, L. D. Erion, T. C. Shelley, F. C. DeVol, K. C. Morehouse, James Stephenson, Charles L. Saunders, G. W. Carlack, George W. Tierney, R. C. Jordan, J. R. Snyder, M. T. Barlow, A. J. Vierling, W. B. Meikle, George E. Barker, L. T. Sunderland, Fred Metz, jr., Charles M. Yarl, W. F. Allen, George M. Nattinger, E. N. Clark, D. P. Rolfe, W. D. Mead, jr., W. A. DeBord, Albyn Frank, Herman Deishaus, E. W. Gunther, W. W. Coates, T. C. Havens, G. W. Garloch, Robert Dempster, G. F. Brucker, J. A. Buckstaff, R. C. Peters, E. M. Andreesen, H. J. Lee, E. G. McGilton, T. N. Noudain, J. H. Daniels, E. L. Dodder, jr., A. B. Somers, M. Wulci, H. K. Burket, W. N. Nason, B. S. Baker, J. B. Cowgill, M. Morks, H. E. Palmer, Herman Heyn, Ernest Peycke, J. W. Thomas, John T. Hopkins, John F. Dale, A. W. Bowman, J. M. Richards, J. B. Rahm.

CATLIN SAVES MOST OF HIS MONEY.

Footpads Hold Him Up and Only Get Four Dollars.

Charles F. Catlin, who boards at the Merriam, was held up at Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets about 12:30 this morning while on his way home by two men, who presented a revolver and demanded his money. He gave them $4, and said that was all he had. They took this and ran south. Mr. Catlin had a diamond shirt stud, a gold watch and chain and a large sum of money which the bandits failed to get.

Ketcham Will Fight Ends.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The legal fight over the Ketcham estate, which has been pending in the probate court since the will of John B. Ketcham was presented for probate some time ago, was settled today, so far as the courts are concerned. The order of the court provides for the dismissal of the appeal, with consent of all parties, which was taken from the order of the probate court admitting the will to probate and appointing Mrs. Ketcham executrix.

Hood's Pills

Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure biliousness, headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

INDICATES A HEAVY BUSINESS.

Bank Clearings for January Nearly Touch the High Water Mark.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Totals of bank clearings at leading cities for January, as reported to Bradstreet's, bear testimony to the immense volume of business, representing commercial, financial and speculative transactions, passing through the banks during the opening month of 1898. The total clearings at seventy-seven cities of the United States, a few eastern cities being estimated, owing to telegraphic interruption by the storm, aggregate $5,965,000,000, a slight gain, one half of 1 per cent over December, 1897; of 33 per cent over January, 1897; of 30 per cent over January, 1896. With the exception of the month of December, 1892, the top of the boom before the panic of 1893, the months just closed furnishes the largest total on record. Even as compared with December, 1892, the decrease is a trifling one, only about one-tenth of 1 per cent.

The feature of the clearings in January, was the almost unanimous nature of the increases, only four cities in the United States showing decreases as compared with a year ago. Gains at the large cities have been a feature of the month. At New York an increase of 42 per cent is shown as compared with a year ago; at Chicago 35 per cent; and at Boston, 13 per cent. Two of the four decreases shown are in the cotton manufacturing centers in New England.

Canadian bank clearings make an equally good showing, aggregating $112,447,290, an increase of 30 per cent as compared with last year.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY WINS.

City of Richmond Cannot Remove the Poles and Wires.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 1.—In the United States court of appeals Judge Simonton today handed down an opinion in the case of the City of Richmond against the Southern Bell Telephone company. The bill passing congress in 1886, declaring that the streets of a city are post roads of the United States, Judge Simonton holds that while the act specified only telegraph companies as entitled to its provisions, a telephone line is to all intents the same thing and therefore entitled to its privileges.

The Bell Telephone company's charter having expired, the city exercised its stipulated right to revoke it, but was enjoined from interfering with the company's poles and wires. The effect of the decision is to modify the injunction so as to prevent the city from driving the company from its streets, but the city is to retain its police power over it.

RELIEF FOR AN INNOCENT MAN.

Unjust Suspicion Driven Away by Arrest of Guilty Person.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 1.—Lucius L. Saunders passed through this city this morning in the custody of detectives. He is charged with having stolen from a safe in one of the express cars of the Gainesville, Jefferson & Southern railroad, $4,000 on January 16, 1897.

The arrest of Saunders is the vindication of A. L. Butts, jr., of Milledgeville, Ga., around whom suspicion has gathered since the theft was committed. The saddest part of the affair is the fact that Butt's mother, when she heard of the suspicion that was felt of her son, brooded over the matter until her reason was dethroned and she is now in an insane asylum.

Saunders was caught in Cincinnati, O. He will be taken to Monroe, Ga., where he will be tried. It is said the evidence is very strong against him.

Shoot and Cut Over an Office.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 1.—A desperate encounter occurred on the streets of Opelika today between W. J. Siddell, clerk of the circuit court, and D. F. Carden, a prominent business man of that place. The contest over the Opelika postoffice led up to the difficulty. Siddell attacked Carden with a pocket knife, wounding him badly in the head. Carden then drew a 48-caliber revolver and fired four shots, one of which penetrated Siddell's back, completely paralyzing him. Siddell will die. Carden is in jail. Both are among the leading citizens of east Alabama and the tragedy may lead to further bloodshed, as both have many friends who are aroused over the affair.

Murderer Gets Speedy Justice.

BRAMWELL, W. Va., Feb. 1.—William Bailey, a desperate negro who less than a month ago was released from the state penitentiary after serving three years for involuntary manslaughter, was lynched last midnight by a posse of coal miners who work in the Flat Top fields near here. Bailey, during last evening, shot and instantly killed Harry Draper, a well known citizen.

OLD POP ANSON GOES OUT

Veteran of the Diamond Will Not Manage Chicago's Team.

PRESIDENT HART ANNOUNCES THE FACT

Says the Directors of the Club Govern Their Action by the Tone of the Press and Public Comment.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—President Hart of the Chicago base ball club broke the long spell of silence which he has hitherto maintained about the Anson case and tonight spoke freely about the disposition of the matter. What he said merely confirmed most of the gossip that has been printed about the affair during the last two months, at least so far as the club's policy was concerned.

Mr. Hart said that the directors of the club had decided to be guided in a great measure in the disposal of this case by public opinion. The press and public take it for granted that A. C. Anson would not be manager of the Chicago club the coming season, and the directors, desiring to cater to the public, determined not to renew his engagement when his contract expired. This was the policy pursued.

A new manager has not been selected, nor will one be for a few days. Tom Burns, whom 999 people out of 1,000 pick as Anson's successor, Hart says, is fully competent to discharge the duties should he be selected for the place.

President Hart had only kind words to say for Captain Anson and was unstinted in his praise of him as a first-class sportsman, the like of which would be hard to find.

"This case," said the Chicago president today, "is one which has practically been left to the public and the press to settle. The stockholders have endeavored to be guided solely by these factors in the disposition of the matter. These two factors seem to take it for granted that Anson would not be with the club another season, and accordingly the directors have decided not to renew the contract with Mr. Anson, which has just terminated."

Anson himself would say nothing about his retirement.

GERMAN WHEELMAN IS TOO STRONG.

Lehr Defeats Butler in Two Straight Heats at Bellaire.

BELLAIRE, Fla., Feb. 1.—The international bicycle races, which were pulled off this afternoon at this place, were largely attended, notwithstanding the heavy northwester which prevailed and prevented fast time and made it too cool for comfort. The program was arranged in this order:

One mile, open, professional—First heat, Al Newhouse, Buffalo, won; Karl Kaser, Switzerland, second; Lamberjack, Paris, third. Time: 2:41 2-5. Second heat, Charles Wells, San Francisco, won; Al Weinig, Buffalo, second; Jean Gougolz, Paris, third. Time: 2:51 3-5. Third heat, Al Newhouse won, Karl Kaser second, Lamberjack third. Time: 2:25.

Mile heat, matched race, between August Lehr, champion of Germany, and Nat Butler of Boston.

When Lehr came to Bellaire six weeks ago he challenged any American rider for $1,000 and was promptly taken up by Walter Sanger. Later events prevented Sanger's coming and Nat Butler, the second taker of Lehr's challenge, came to meet him.

In the first heat Lehr paced Butler the entire final lap, overcoming Butler's home stretch sprint and defeating him by two lengths. Time: 2:59 2-5.

The second heat of the race was much the same, except that Butler let himself out in an earlier sprint, coming abreast of Lehr when near the finish, but the doughty German has great endurance and he crossed the tape a length ahead, winning the match.

The German flag was raised on the flagstaff in his honor.

One mile, handicap, professional—W. L. Huffstetler, Florida (100 yards), won; Jean Gougolz (scratch), second; Al Newhouse (20 yards), third; Charles Wells (80 yards), fourth. Time: 2:14 2-5.

Two-mile, lap race, professional—Karl Kaser, 15 points; Al Weinig, 11; Nat Butler, 8; Gougolz and Newman tied on 5 points. In this race Kaser finished four final laps far in the lead.

Earl Kiser of Dayton, O., gave an exhibition half-mile, paced by the English tandem, Wheelock and Fulford. Time: 0:57 4-5.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS.

Jockey Sheppard Falls and Has Two Ribs Broken.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Flop and Rushfields were the only winning favorites today. Percy F ran away three miles in his preliminary, and was scratched. Swordsman fell soon after the start in the fourth race, but was not hurt. Sheppard, who rode him, had two ribs broken. The weather was clear and cool and the track good. Results:

First race, six furlongs: Wiggins won, Octave second, Aunt Maggie third. Time: 1:16.

Second race, 2-year-olds, half mile: Pat Garrat won, The Diver second, Silin Wood third. Time: 0:51.

Third race, selling, one mile: Anger won, Sister Stella second, Evanatus third. Time: 1:44¼.

Fourth race, selling, seven and one-half furlongs: Viscount won, What Next second, Robert Bonner third. Time: 1:28.

Fifth race, selling, one and one-sixteenth mile: Flop won, Masterpiece second, Jim Conway third. Time: 1:53.

Sixth race, selling, seven and one-half furlongs: Rushfields won, John Sullivan second, Jack Hayes third. Time: 1:39.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Weather clear; track fast at Ingleside today. Results:

First race, maidens, six furlongs, purse: Muscalado won, Nyhah second, Forest Guard third. Time: 1:18¾.

Second race, allowances, five furlongs: Montgomery won, Briar Sweet second, Caesarian third. Time: 1:01¼.

Third race purse, six furlongs: Bow and Arrow won, Roche second, Roulette Wheel third. Time: 1:17¾.

Fourth race, selling, one mile: Dr. Bernays won, The Dipper second, Mistleton third. Time: 1:44¼.

Fifth race, selling, one and one-eighth miles: Can't Dance won, Fashion Plate second, Lena third. Time: 1:56½.

Sixth race allowances, one mile: Ostler Joe won, Buck Massie second, Libertine third. Time: 1:42½.

ABELL SELLS SOME OF HIS STOCK.

Charles Ebbets Will Hereafter Control the Brooklyn Club.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—It was definitely settled yesterday that E. A. Abell will remain in the Brooklyn Base Ball club, but instead of holding a majority of the stock he will be a minority holder. The option which Charles Ebbets held on Mr. Abell's stock expired yesterday and the interested parties held a meeting to discuss the matter. Abell was willing to grant an extension of thirty days, but told President Ebbetts that he was averse to dropping all interest in base ball.

A second conference was held in the afternoon and arrangements were made whereby President Ebbets handed over to Mr. Abell sufficient cash for enough of the latter's stock to give the new president control of the club.

Scholars Will Play Chess.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The young chess experts of five schools in the New York Interscholastic Athletic association will meet for championships of the association at the LaSalle institute tomorrow afternoon. The schools entered are: Columbia Grammar, Cutler, Sachs De LaSalle institute and Hamilton institute. The pairing for the first round will be: Briggs (H. I.) against Bell (C.), Matteson (H. I.) against Boyce (C.), Lynch (De LaS.) against Arnstein (S.), Worcheimer (S.) against Lotaine (De LaS.).

Englishmen Are Playing Better.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Feb. 1.—At the close of play today the Englishmen in the second innings of the match with the Australian cricketers had scored 254 runs for seven wickets down. In their first innings they were all out for 174 runs. The Australians made 323 runs in their first innings.

Baldwin Wants His Money.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 1.—Mark Baldwin, the base ball player, issued an execution today against Chris Von der Ahe for $2,525. This is the amount of the verdict Baldwin recovered for being illegally arrested in St. Louis. A caplas writ was also issued upon the execution.

Bonner Knocks Out Burley.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 1.—Tonight, in the arena of the Metropolitan Athletic club, occurred one of the most exciting contests yet pulled off by the local club. It was billed as a twenty-round contest, but only thirteen were required. The principals were Jack Bonner of Philadelphia and Nick Burley, the California heavyweight, who met at 160 pounds. The men boxed savagely and in the thirteenth round Bonner barely escaped a knockout, being on the floor nine seconds. Burley's wicked swing that would have ended matters was escaped by the Philadelphian by the narrowest shaves. Bonner then recovered himself in a wonderful manner and succeeded in knocking out Burley only a minute after he was almost extinguished himself.

SKATING RACES ON THE LAGOON.

A. Robinson Proves His Title to the State Championship.

Although extra preparations were made by Manager C. T. Butler, having in charge the lagoon at the exposition grounds for the races last night, the crowd which turned out was not as large as it should have been. A force of half a dozen men flooded the ice at various times during the day and the surface was the best thus far secured this season. The contest for the state skating championship should have been called at 8 o'clock, but for various reasons it was postponed for an hour. Out in the center of the mirror a post was erected surmounted by an electric light and here the first feature of the program, the apple eating contest, was given. After affording the spectators much amusement, Carl Born succeeded in devouring more than his share of the fruit and was awarded the prize. The second event was the mile race for the championship of the state over a triangular course. There were about a dozen entries. The men got away pretty well in a bunch, but the best material soon forged ahead and kept this position until the finish. A. Robinson went over the line first, thus proving a clear title to the silver cup offered as a trophy. Guy Thomas was a close second, with J. L. Millhouse third. The last two men secured season tickets as their portion of the prizes.

The third event was a half-mile contest between Guy Thomas and Ben Evans for the local championship. It proved a very pretty and a very close contest throughout, Thomas won by an arm's length. It was expected that a toboggan race would be given, but owing to the snow storm accompanied by the high wind, which came up late in the evening this was postponed until tonight. The regular Wednesday night masquerade will be held on the lagoon this evening.

Ottumwa Raising the Money.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Feb. 1.—At a meeting tonight for the purpose of securing a Western Base Ball association franchise for this city a fund of $1,000 was raised and a committee was appointed to solicit the remaining $2,000, which it is said will be secured tomorrow.

Watching Barry and Leon.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Louis M. Houseman today offered a purse of $1,250 for Jimmy Barry and Casper Leon to spar in this city in the near future. Thomen are to go eight rounds at 116 pounds. It is believed that both will accept the purse.

SAYS HE CAN PRODUCE THE WOMAN.

Jacob Luthardt Thinks He Knows the Whereabouts of Mrs. Luetgert.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—A man giving his name as Jacob Luthardt called at the central police station this afternoon and announced himself as entirely prepared to accept the $20,000 reward which Police Inspector Michael Schaack has offered for the production of Louisa Luetgert alive. The man said he had seen Mrs. Luetgert within forty-eight hours and could produce her within the same space of time. He was shown 300 pictures and from among them selected that of Mrs. Leutgert without trouble.

He was given a letter to Inspector Schaack and that official not only agreed to make good the $20,000, he had originally offered, but promised to give Luthardt $500 additional for every day that was saved in the trial by the production of Mrs. Luetgert. "The trial will last about one week longer, and will cost the state about $3,000 more," said the inspector. "You bring the woman into court and I will personally pay you $23,000. I will also guarantee that you get a total sum of $25,000, and I know others will put up a little besides my $23,000. Now bring her in."

Luthardt sat still a moment, and with the remark, "Well, I must be going," he left the station.

Chief of Police Kipley's private secretary says the man is insane. He says he has called at the chief's office several times for an interview with the chief. Each time he refused to state his business, but said he had very important business to transact with the chief.

EXPRESS MESSENGERS ARRESTED.

Have Been Engaged in Robberies for Three Years.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—A special to the Republic from San Antonio, Tex., says:

By the arrest of H. M. Zeekins and T. B. McCabe, two Pacific Express company messengers here, one of the most gigantic and systematically conducted railroad robberies of recent years has been revealed. The line of operations extended from St. Louis to San Antonio and covered a period of three years.

At a boarding house were found a large quantity of wearing apparel, jewelry and other articles of value missing from trunks of passengers between St. Louis and San Antonio.

McCabe broke down and made a confession. The plan was to break open trunks by means of skeleton keys and take one or two articles of value. Other arrests will follow.

RETURNS THE STOLEN DIAMONDS.

Receives a Reward and Will Not Be Prosecuted.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Mrs. W. I. Kilpatrick, the daughter of Denman Thompson the actor, has recovered the $3,000 worth of diamonds which she lost at the Hotel Walton Wednesday last. Joseph Cleary, a waiter, is under arrest for the theft of the precious stones and the police are now looking for an acquaintance of Cleary, who took the diamonds to Baltimore last night and received $500 from Mr. Kilpatrick, the reward he had offered for their return.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—Denman Thompson said tonight that Mrs. Kilpatrick's diamonds have been returned and the reward paid. There will be no prosecution.

THEIR CONFESSION IS EXTORTED.

Prisoners Charged with Criminal Assault Are Dismissed.

LAMAR, Mo., Feb. 1.—The case against William Simpson and William Kaderly, charged with a brutal assault upon Mrs. Jacob Resh in November last, was thrown out of court here today after the state had presented its case. Practically the only evidence against the prisoners was the uncorroborated confession extorted from them by a mob which strung them up to a tree. It developed, too, that the Resh family was involved in a bitter neighborhood row with the prisoners and others, and that on three previous occasions Mrs. Resh had charged neighbors with criminal assault.

Allege Fraud in the Sale.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—A bill has been filed in the superior court by the Novelty Iron company of Canton, O., against the American Boiler company of Chicago asking that the latter company be restrained from dissipating its assets. The bill charges that the American Boiler company, of which the Novelty Iron company is a creditor, was deliberately wrecked. Recently the assets of the American Boiler company, which the bill avers were worth $150,000, were sold for $78,631 to the Kellogg, Mackay & Cameron company, composed of old employes of the boiler company. The Kellogg, Mackay & Cameron company has begun business as the successor of the old American Boiler company and the court is asked to decree the transaction void.

Increase Their Employes' Wages.

ASHLAND, Wis., Feb. 1.—The Carnegie-Oliver Mining company, operating four of the largest iron mines on the Gogebic range and employing 1,500 men, today announced an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all their employes. From expressions of other mine owners, it is probable an increase in wages will shortly be made by other companies.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Feb. 1.

At New York—Arrived—Kensington, from Antwerp. Sailed—Nomadic, for Liverpool.

At Naples—Sailed—Scindia, for New York.

At Baltimore—Sailed—Scotia, for Hamburg.

At Philadelphia—Arrived—Pennland, from Liverpool.

At Lizard—Passed—St. Louis, from New York for Southampton.

SIX LIVES LOST IN FIRE

Flames Cause Calamity in a New York Town.

BIG HOTEL AT GLOVERSVILLE BURNS

Many Other Guests Have Narrow Escapes—House Was Crowded at the Time of the Fire.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The Alvord house, one of Gloversville's old landmarks, as well as the largest hotel in Fulton county, was burned today. At 7 o'clock this morning the Alvord was a handsome four-story structure. An hour later it was a mass of ruins. The building burned with almost incredible rapidity and spectators shuddered at the thought that some of the many inmates would be unable to escape from the fiery furnace. At this season the business is unusually large and it is understood that nearly every room in the building was occupied. The fire started on the ground floor and shot up through the upper stories with lightning-like speed, the broad stairs and hallways furnishing great flues which carried the flames upward.

Almost immediately after the flames were discovered the alarm was sounded through the house and there was a wild scramble on the part of the guests to escape from the building with their personal property, but many were forced to flee without saving anything. A few of the guests made their escape by the stairways, but the smoke soon cut off this retreat. The next resort of the imprisoned people was the windows. As their terror-stricken faces appeared the great crowd below watched breathlessly, hoping against hope that all would be saved.

The guests who were thus entrapped did not long hesitate to take the risk of jumping, though some were rescued from their perilous position by the firemen. Others leaped from the windows, several being more or less injured. Findlay Morrow, a traveling salesman for an Albany house, clad only in shirt and trousers, jumped from a window, landing safely in the snow. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Strauss of this city, finding no escape by way of the halls, stopped out of the window and onto the narrow ledge or cornice, where they stood ten or fifteen minutes awaiting the rescuers. With the aid of a ladder the firemen brought them safely to the ground. Mrs. Strauss lost her jewelry and wardrobe, valued at $1,000. L. G. Lambert, a Chicago glove buyer, jumped from a second-story window and broke his right arm, besides receiving internal injuries.

LIST OF THE DEAD.

The dead are:

HENRY C. DAY, Gloversville.

R. C. KIMBALL, wife and daughter, Indianapolis.

CHARLES C. RUPERT, bell boy.

BENJAMIN F. STRICKLAND, contractor and builder, who resided at the Alvord hotel.

Henry C. Day was one of the most prominent business men of Gloversville.

Among the seriously injured are:

William Maloney, traveling man, residence unknown, sprained ankle.

B. M. Ross, traveling man, Rochester, N. Y., badly crushed.

Proprietor Davis says that two traveling men arrived late last night, but their names are not known, as the hotel register and office books were destroyed.

The total loss on building, furniture and property of guests will probably amount to $100,000; partially insured. The fire started near the laundry, but from what cause is not known.

The firemen searched all day in the ruins for the remains of the victims, but their efforts were unrewarded. Electric lights have been strung over the ruins and a large force will continue the search all night.

The two traveling men reported missing were accounted for late tonight, leaving six known victims.

Dr. J. D. Davis of Westfield, N. Y., jumped from the third story. He struck the wires opposite the second story and was thrown to the ground, but was not seriously hurt.

J. H. Barry of Troy jumped from the third story and was only slightly injured.

Elwood DeLong, a fireman, was seriously frozen.

Andrew Watson of Toronto, Ont., jumped from the fourth floor to a shed and was only slightly hurt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 1.—E. C. Kimball of this city, who with his wife and daughter, is reported to have lost his life in a burning hotel at Gloversville, N. Y., was well known in local business circles. He was a member of the Columbia club and the New England society. Mrs. Kimball and daughter were expected at their home in the Blacherne in a few days. Both were identified with the charity work here and it is understood that Miss Kimball was engaged to marry a young man in the northern part of Indiana. Mr. Kimball was a traveling agent for a glove concern at Gloversville.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of Mrs. Lucy I. Wahem in West Beatrice was destroyed by fire last night. She had gone east on a visit and had closed the house, but left her household goods in the building. The loss is over $1,000, with insurance of $350. The fire was evidently of incendiary origin.

NEWTON, Mass., Feb. 1.—The residence of C. E. Travelly was burned today, the family barely escaping with their lives. The building was valued at $55,000 and the furniture and art treasures at $40,000, all a total loss.

CLINTON, Ont., Feb. 1.—The Doherty organ factory, with all its contents, was burned today. Loss, $80,000; insurance, $35,000.

NAUGATUCK, Conn., Feb. 1.—A fire which broke out in the fourth story of the reclaiming plant of the United States Rubber company shortly after 10 o'clock tonight, practically destroyed the entire plant, entailing a loss of more than $700,000, partly covered by insurance. The building was of brick, four stories high, seventy-five feet wide and 400 feet long. It was the largest reclaiming plant in the country and was considered practically fireproof.

Judgment for a Million and a Half.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 1.—A decree was entered in the federal court today in the consolidated cases of the State Trust company and the Electric Corporation against the La Follette Coal and Iron company. The amount is for over $1,600,000. The Electric corporation and the American Loan and Trust company are the principal creditors.

Will Build a Big Oil Ship.

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 1.—Roche's shipyard in this city today concluded a contract to build for the Standard Oil company the largest tank steamship ever constructed in this country. The ship will be 364 feet in length, forty-eight feet beam and twenty-three feet deep, and will be built to carry oil in bulk.

Reorganizing Woolen Mill Company.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 1.—The organization of the New Albany Woolen Mills company has been completed with the election of W. D. Grant of Louisville as president. The plant will begin operation at once with nearly 500 employes. The property originally cost $500,000 and was recently purchased at sheriff's sale.

Snow Plow Runs Into a Caboose.

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 1.—A Detroit & Mackinac snow plow, loaded with men, ran into a caboose in the yards at North Bay City today. Four men, Sylvester Loeffler, Morris Elster, James Ruel and Edward Cook, all of East Tawas, were jammed in the wreck. All were badly hurt, Ruel may die.

Ship's Officer is Missing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Second Officer Tobias Torresen of the steamer Vigilancia was missing when that vessel reached quarantine today from Tampico and Havana. It is believed that he was carried overboard from the bridge during the storm that prevailed last night.

Ships Supplies to Cuba.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—The Grocers' and Importers' exchange today made its third and final shipment of provisions to the poor of Cuba. This shipment makes an aggregate of 130,000 pounds of food supplies sent to Cuba by the exchange in the last three weeks.

GROUND HOG MAY SAFELY APPEAR.

Chances Are that He'll Not See His Shadow Today.

This being the day set apart for the ground hog to turn in his winter's slumber and appear on earth for the good or evil of mankind, a demonstration was started at the weather office just before midnight last night for the assurance of a favorable horoscope. Judging by the norther which set in at that hour, the hibernating animal will have little chance of viewing his shadow. Early this morning there was a prospect for an even gray light upon the earth that will gradually accustom the hog to the upper world and sunny weather.

Just before 11 p. m. yesterday the change came and in a few minutes the air was full of driven snowflakes. The wind sprang from a gentle breeze to a gale of twenty miles an hour. It pelted the belated pedestrian with a shower of melting snowflakes, laying in stores in the recesses of sleeves and coat collars.

The temperature alone failed to sustain the dignity of a blizzard. It remained in position of mild severity and relied upon the north wind for its effect. At intervals it dissolved the snow into a fine species of sleet-rain, an admixture no less unpleasant to the traveler. Toward morning the weather grew colder and promised to become a factor in the storm. The snow continued to fall during the night, though not of a coarseness to make a corresponding measurement on the gauge.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DINNER

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ter made in her 725 creameries in 1896 sold for only about half enough to pay the consumers' price for the Hawaiian sugar imported last year. In Nebraska the exhibit would be still worse. All the grain raised in Nebraska in 1896, corn alone excepted, and all her hay crop, hardly equaled in value what the west pays for the sugar it consumed in one year. Yet over 5,000,000 acres of land were devoted to these crops in 1896.

Nebraska is the banner corn state of the world next to Iowa. In 1896 she raised on some 7,000,000 acres nearly 250,000,000 bushels of corn, worth $38,000,000. But this vast crop—upon which her prosperity so largely depends—was worth only one and a half times what western consumers would pay for Hawaiian sugar in a single year.

Nebraska's oat crop is grown on almost 2,000,000 acres, and in 1896 was worth almost $4,000,000, but it must be sixfold that value to equal what consumers pay for Hawaiian sugar. Nebraska's wheat crop must be doubled to equal in value what consumers pay for Hawaiian sugar.

The cost of producing sugar in Hawaii is 1 cent and a half to less than 2 cents per pound. Refining at Pacific coast refineries costs less than 1 cent and a half per pound. The present freight rate from Honolulu to Missouri river points is about three-fourths of a cent per pound. This makes the cost to the producer 2¾ to 3¾ cents per pound for refined sugar delivered in Nebraska or Iowa. It is believed that 3 cents would fairly represent the average cost of Sandwich island refined sugar laid down in Nebraska or Iowa.

OXNARDS HAVE NOT DONE IT.

Dr. Wiley says beet sugar can be made in the central west at a cost of 4 cents per pound. The Oxnards say they have not yet produced sugar from their factories at Norfolk and Grand Island at 4 cents per pound, though I should judge that the past season's successful campaign may come close to it when the figures are all made up. Certainly, however, a new factory starting in Nebraska this fall or next could hardly expect to produce sugar in its first few seasons for less than 4 cents per pound, and pay $4 per ton for beets. In other words, Hawaiian sugar can undersell Nebraska and Iowa sugar 1 cent per pound. If necessary to do so to secure the market. This explains why it is that capital hesitates to build additional factories in Nebraska. If this sugar can undersell ours, why has it not done so before, and will it not do so in the future? Here is the answer: Prior to January 1, 1898, the Hawaiian sugar trust sold most of its product to the American sugar refinery or the domestic sugar trust. Comparatively little sugar having been produced in the west and a large part of Hawaii's product going around the cape to the trust's New York refineries, what Hawaiian sugar which was imported at the Pacific coast ports could be sold without cutting prices although during the last year or two cutting has been resorted to in an effort to discourage beet sugar development in California and Utah.

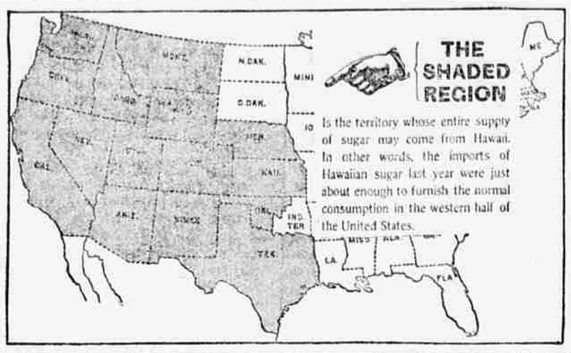
But the American sugar trust, realizing that this domestic beet sugar industry was destined to create a disturbing factor that might necessitate a complete rearrangement of its trade, refused to renew its contract with the Hawaiian trust. The latter has secured refineries on the Pacific coast and proposes to push its sugar throughout the west at any cost. It can well afford to sell at cost for two years, or even at a loss, to kill the beet sugar industry.

The interests of the American Sugar trust would be immensely benefitted by annexation, as it could control the importation of foreign sugar much more readily than it can control many independent domestic beet sugar factories and refineries. Indeed, the trust is in danger of losing its supremacy through the new departure in the sugar industry. The trust is equipped with refineries on the coast simply to handle raw sugar, but modern methods and machinery make it possible for the American beet sugar factory or the Louisana cane sugar house to produce not only raw sugar but also to refine it for the market.

EFFORTS OF THE TRUST.

The American Sugar trust has for years been able to so influence tariff legislation that up to 1897 the tariffs on sugar were cleverly designed to encourage the importation of raw sugar to be refined at the trust's refineries on our coasts, without regard to the development of our domestic industry of producing sugar from beets and cane grown on American farms by American farmers. The trust thought it again had accomplished its purpose last summer when it induced the senate finance committee to change the sugar schedule as it came from the house, where it was framed in the interest of our domestic sugar producers, to a form in which it would mainly benefit the refiners of imported raw sugar. But the farmers, the beet growers of the north and west and the cane growers of the south frustrated this little game and induced the senate to so frame the sugar schedule of the Dingley bill as to give domestic sugar producers a fair show against their foreign competitors.

A circular of the Department of Agriculture approved by Secretary Wilson July 19, 1897, is devoted to the Hawaiian commerce from 1887 to 1897. The whole tenor of the report shows how unfairly Hawaiian trade discriminates against American agriculture.



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