ENGLISH HISTORICAL NOVEL

John Oliver Hobbes on the Times of Disraeli_Dr. Banks' Latest Sermone German Home Life Story_A French Novel News Notes.

The rather old title, "In the Depths of the First Degree," on a pretty volume bound in dull gray paper with yellow cloth trimmings, gives no indication whatever of its contents; and the sub-title of "A Romance of the Battle of Bull Run" doesn't tell much of the story within. In fact it is a story of Omaha, a story of crime and adventure and love, starting right here on the banks of the Missouri and ending here. There is a bud man in the story, in fact several of them, men of the kind tradition says were once common bereabouts, but really there was no need of locating the story in Omana other than the fact that Omaha is conspicuous on the map and the reader will never have to stop to inquire about the geography of the story and thus detract from its undoubted merits. Besides the bad men in the story there are several that are good and others that are simply plain business men. The heroine of the story, for there is one, is a sweet faced daughter of an Omeha banker. She attracts the love of one of the bad men, but marries a courtly gentleman from New England and in the end they live a long and happy life.

The story opens with the musings of a man who had started out badly and ended by being the one man of a band of robbers caught in a fearful crime. He turned state's evidence and got away. He came to Omaha be-fore the war and changed his name. His son was also of a criminal disposition, but the latter formed the acquaintance of a sharp trader over at the cross roads where Council Bluffs is now a city and began a checkered career. He fell in love with a beautiful Omaha girl and planned to win her, but was too late. Then he plotted to blow up with dynamite the house in which the wedding was to occur on the very night of the wedding, thus destroying the object of his love and his successful rival. That very night secession broke out and war was heralded to Omaha. The elder adventurer was seized with the notion that by going into the confederacy he would be able to begin life anew where his past misdeeds would never be known, and the couple dropped everything and went to Richmond. The scene changes and here is where the story becomes a ro-

The elder of the adventurers had come to Omaha when there was yet no city of any consequence here, and it was with unfeigned anger that he witnessed the encroschments of civilization. He foresaw the time when he would have to move on farther westward.
"If he were to remain in Omaha," is the
way he is represented as musing. "many
newcomers, ignorant of his true character,
would invade his residence and intrude on his attention with their undesirable presence. He would hear again the platitude of the fool He would hear again the platitude of the fool and the boasting of the vainglorious clown. He would be called planeer, trapper, squire or mossback, according to the temper of the crowd. The daily routine of society would again surround him with hypocritical show of virtue to cover the deformity of vice, its pretense of friendship exercised in behalf of self-interest, and its false love fleeing like a meteor that appears for an instant and is gone." But neither he nor his son moved on, and the city grew up about them while on, and the city grew up about them while they plotted wickedness. At one time the younger man was filled with great schemes on behalf of the dear people, and himself in particular. He even proposed to his father that they start a newspaper. Here are some of his reasons for believing it would be a

"Start a newspaper. There is money and money's worth in it, besides what I mentioned. The discontented classes will follow us to a man if we be sure and pander to their prejudices. Society is so much disturbed—that is, all classes of people—we may recommend the most extravagant schemes and get plenty of backing for them. I tell you, dad, our times are coming. Give growiers lets of plenty of backing for them. I tell you, dad, our times are coming. Give growlers lots of rope. Instead of leading, we shall follow. Play with men's ideas until they imagine they are capable of overturning the world. They will believe everything you tell them while under the influence of flattery, and will spend the last dollar in their possession to help the business, and never think we are to blame, whatever happens."

But the story becomes more interesting after the Battle of Bull Run, as old enemies and rivals meet in new relations and love plays a still more important part in

plays a still more important part in changing the fate of war. The confederacy fell and the scheme of the two adventurers went down with it. There is a great deal of delightful story-telling in this book. It is a real story and not ir any part sug-gests artificial planning. The plot is new and novel, and it is not faulty in any particular. The author is James Doran. Peter Paul Book Co., Buffalo, N. Y., \$1.50.

series of addresses delivered to young in the hall of the Young Men's Christian men in the hall of the Young Men's Christian association at Cleveland, O., ty Dr. Louis A. Banks has just been published under the title of "The Christian Gentleman." A great many readers have learned to look forward with interest to something from the pen of Dr. Banks, since from his study have come Dr. Banks, since from his study have come many readers have learned to look forward with interest to something from the pen of Dr. Banks, since from his study have come sermons and easays of rare merit. The addresses included in this volume were all listened to attentively by large audiences and received many compilments at the time. It was evident that they had in them messages which gave inspiration and courage to many young men in their efforts to tive Christian lives in the midst of the temptations in the modern cities, and in response to many requests that they be put in form for wide distribution the volume at hand was prepared. The addresses are brief, pointed and eminently practical, on such subjects as the following: "The Christian Gentleman in the Temple of the Human Body." "The Christian Gentleman in the Secret Chambers of His Imagination." "The Christian Gentleman as One of the World's Workers." "The Christian Gentleman in the Pursuit of Ideais," "The Christian Gentleman in His Relation to Women." "The Christian Gentleman in Prosperity." "The Christian Gentleman in Adversity," etc. The addresses shound in facidents and illustrations, and can not fail to prove helpful to all whose work brings them into contact with young men. Funk & Wagnalis Company, New York, 75 cents.

Few. indeed, of the books of last year have received the generous commendation of "The School for Saints." by John Oliver Hobbes. The book deserves all that has been said of it that is good. It is a political and social novel of the time of Disraeli, one of the most interesting times in all recent English history. It is a sympathic, human and intensely thrilling story, though to put it plainly there is too much of it for the story told. This abundance of material is what comes near to spoiling a great many excellent novels, and Mrs. Cragie is suffering from it in her latest works. But she has a story to tell that is of surpassing interest and she tells it, leaving nothing to be guessed at and no part of it Knomplete. The interior life of the hero has been viridly pictured an in the book mingled with the British and it is sometimes hard to distinguish between them. But Mrs. Cragie is witty and much given to the picturesque, and apothegms and bright sayings of all kinds spring up unsupercedly all through the pages. Some of the most striking of these apothegms culled

that men cannot achieve."
"If one wants independence, one must keep on the side of the angels!"
"When most people speak of the soul, they mean the five senses."

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"Wrap your soul in the linsey-wolsey of morality, and then you may order your hair-shirts lined with silk."
"You will become a Roman Catholic because you will find nowhere, out of Rome, poetry and the spirit of democracy and a reverence for authority all linked together

n one irrefragable chain." In "The School for Sakuta" the author

cimply demonstrates anew that ahe is en-titled to a permanent place among the actable authors of fiction of the present generation. Frederick A. Stokes company, New York. \$1.50. Charles F. Lu

A number of F. J. Stimson's pretty short body was contrary to all science. She was sure there could be some way of securing of the west. it. But the learned German professor who was stopping at the mountain inn assured her of the impossibility of such a recovery Then again he made computations and finally told her that in the course of five and forty years the great glacier would give up its dead and the body would come to the sucface. There was not much consolation in this, but such as there was Mrs. Knollys took it to heart. Five and forty years thereafter on aged woman appeared on the mountain again and a young scientist, the son of the old Ger-man professor. The latter was devoted to search for some sign that would prove that his father was correct in computations that had been denied by others. The woman was looking for the long hidden body of he who was ber husband when they were young. Both were successful and the funeral that took place was that of a youthful man whose oody had laid preserved in the glacier many years and the chief mourner was a bent woman who had been the bride of long ago. The other stories coupled with "Mrs. Knollys" in this book by Mr. Stimson are: "The Three Achievements of Eilen," "Our Consul at Carlsrube," "A First Love Letter." ""In e "A Daughter of Spain," and "Dyn-Garret," "A Daughter of Spain," and "Dyn-evor." Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50.

So long as readers will con volumes which are related stories of romance and adventure the scenes of which are laid in France there will be persons to write them. "At the Sign of the Silver Crescent" is a story by Helen Choate Prince that would be story by Helen Choate Prince that would be will publish serially in the Bazar, begin-a great deal better if the scene were laid in ning in January next. The title is "A Conis a clever and harmless French story. The "Sign of the Silver Crescent" is a sign on a modest hostelry near Ambolee, in the valley of the Oolre and within view of the old chateau which is the central scene of the story. There is a the central scene of the story. There is a the central scene of the story. chateau which is the central scene of the story. There is a bankcupt marquis in the story, there is a bankcapt marquis in the story and his handsome daughter is taken to Paris by a scheming female relative to be married off to a coarse man of great wealth who pours out his ill-gotten dollars to make the old chateau look like it did in the days of affluence. The usual result follows. The wife who received no love becomes gay in the wife who received no love bectains as society of others and the husband falls a prey to the designs of a widow. Plots follow with a view to divorce and separation. An of the husband's associates. Then there is a young Englishman in the story who helps them all out nobly. Houghton, Miffilm & Co.,

"Young Blood," by E. W. Hornung, is lively story of English life. It begins with a mysterious exappearance in London, the victim being a business man who has become involved and who is unable to clear himself involved and who is unable to clear himself of the suspicion of embezzlement or worse. He had had a good reputation, but a letter purporting to come from him after his departure convinces his wife that the charges against him are well founded. Then she learns that he is dead. An only son starts out to ferret the mystery, and beginning with his father's old business partner succeeds only in falling in love with his daughter. Then there is suspicion that the aforeraid only in falling in love with his daughter.

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businees partner is in fact gullty of having
had something to do with the disappearance.

Finally a fieudish plot is uncovered and the
probability seems to be that the missing man
was the victim of murder as well as an unwas the victim of murder as well as an un-just accusation. But the mirsing man turns up just as everything begins to look very black for the plotters whose treachery has been discovered. It is "Young Blood" that discloses the secret and makes all plain, and finally wins in the game of love. It is a story of dramatic power and interest. Charles Scribner's Sons. New York. \$1.25. With a short story entitled "An American Mother" as the title story Mary Lanman Un-

With a short story entitled "An American Mother" as the title story Mary Lanman Underwood has gathered into a volume her stories published in Scribner's, Harper's Bazar, New England Magazine. The Outlook, Fashions, the Home Maker, the Epoch and the Philosopher. All of these stories are quaint and cheerful stories of social life among common people and the majority of them are told with grace and refinement of language. The author is skillful in the use of a few words to convey a great deal of meaning and she always makes the most of her simple plots. The book is handsomely bound. Van Vechten & Ellis, Wausa, Wis. \$1.50.

& charming tale of German home life is told in "Schwester Anna" by Felicia Buttz Clark. The reader is ushered into a quiet Clark. The reader is ushered into a quiet cerman home where love and confidence reign supreme and he becomes familiar with the coming and the going of the good wife and the honest children. It is a picture of contentment and peace worthy of contemplation. The men and the women are of real life and they breathe and move about. It is high art to make of such a simple story symmething of interest something that will something of interest—something that will take its place beside the more highly colored romances of the modern novelists, and this is what has been done in "Schwester Anna." Eaton & Mains, Cincinnati, 90 cents,

by Edward S. Ellis is especially notable for its fine illustrations, clearness of expression its fine illustrations, clearness of expression and fulness of statement. It is a graphic and complete record of every event of note, from the earliest visits of the Norsemen to the present time. The youth of America can hardly be impressed too strongly with the fact that their country is the home of the loftiest civilization and of the highest development of art, literature, science, invention, education and true progress and offers unlimited possibilities that are unknown elsewhere. These lessons are conveyed, in a pleasant manner, to the mind of the reader and, whether as a book of instruction for the pupil or private reading at home, will prove of value to all. Lee & Shepard, Boston. \$1.

To the many thousands who have read Laura E. Richards' "Melody" and "Marie" a new volume in the Captain January series will be welcome. It is "Rosin the Beau," in which the picturesque old violinist reappears together with the charming Marie of the story of that name. It is in the best vein of the author and is a story that will especially delignt the children. Estes & Lauriet, Boston. 50 cents.

"Whose Findeth a Wife" is a book of ex-traordinary deeds, hence the story can hardly be measured by the standard set for other stories. The Bible saying about finding a good thing is not fully proved by this story.

STORY OF LIFE IN OMAHA

by a critic from the body of the book follows:

"To be seriously mad is a fine thing; it shows that the gods have had something to say to you."

"A gadding wife would be the devil, and a pretty one is downright wear-and tear!"

"With licas and vitality there is little that men cannot achieve."

"With licas and vitality there is little that men cannot achieve." but it is altogether original in conception and cleanly in its nature. It is by William Le Queux. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago. \$1,

> A number of additions to the Eclectic English classics by the American Book com-pany will be appreciated by school teachers. These are books which cover a wide range, from Chaucer, Milton and Dryden down to the present time, and represent the best models of style in each period and school of writing. Among the recent ones are selections from Wordsworth's poems and from the poems of Lord Byron, Pope and Gray. All these books are printed on fine paper

Charles F. Lummis of Los Angeles and of Sunshine has formed a novel syndicate of Western writers to assist him in his work stories have been published in a volume with of producing an essentially western maga"Mre. Knollys," which story gives the title
to the book. Mrs. Knollys is a girl wife from and agrees to contribute to it. Among those England who hardly remembers enything who have joined this syndicate are Tacodore else than that she was first a baby, then the H. Hittell, Mary Hallock Foote, Margaret wife of Charles Knollys and then a widow. Collier Graham, whose "Stories of the Foot-The way of her widowhood is the theme of hills" gained so much praise; Ella Higginthe story. She and her husband were spending the honeymoon in the Alps and one day Charles walked out over a glader and slipped into a crevice which was a mile deep. He disappeared entirely from the face of the earth. Mrs. Knollys was desperate when she was told that the thought of recovering the was told that the thought of recovering the gine which will give the very life and color

> New books received:
> Tales of Unrest, by Joseph Conrad.
> Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, \$1.25.
> The Valley Path, by Will Allen Dromgoole. Estes & Lauriet, Boston, \$1.25.
> The Marbeau Cousins, by Harry Stillwell Edwards, Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, \$1.
> Jefferson's House, by Thomas Donaldson, Avil Printing Co., Philadelphia, \$1.25.
> The Meaning of Education, by Nicholas The Meaning of Education, by Nicholas Murray Butler. The Macmillan company, New York, \$1. Dreamers of the Ghetto, by Israel Zang-will. Harper & Bro., New York. \$1.50.

Literary Notes. The Jenness Miller Monthly and Woman's World has become simply the Gentlewoman. Justin McCarthy's "Modern England," which deals with England during the present century, is soon to be issued. The new Magazine, the South Dakotan, will be issued from Yankton about the 25th of the month. Doane Robinson, poet and editor, will be the guiding genius.

Captain A. T. Mahan is hard at work every morning in the British Admiralty of-fice, London, looking up data for his forthoming history of the war of 1812. The Harpers have decided upon a cheaper edition of Nansen's book, to be sold at about a quarter of the price of the volume

first issued. It ought to be popular. Prof. Brander Matthews has completed a novel of New York life, which the Harpers

number of short stories which are soon to been published under the title of "Folks from Dixie." He will also become editor of a magazine devoted to the literature of

The North American Review for April pub-lishes the third part of Sir William Howard Russell's "Recollections of the Civil War." The value of these papers increases with each installment, dealing vigorously as they do with the events and political passions and factions of that exciting period.

PROSPECTS OF RESCUE ARE GOOD Condition of Icebound Whalers is No

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Lieutenant D. H. Jarvis, in command of the expedition for the relief of the tee imprisoned whaling fleet in the Arctic, has made a report to the secretary of the treasury, dated Norton Sound, Alaska, January 3, 1898. Concerning the condition of the fleet, Lieutenant

Ing the condition of the fleet, Lieutenant Jarvis says:

Today on the ice I met G. F. Tilton, faird mate of the whaling steamer Belvidere, one of the vessels at Point Barrow, bound out by way of St. Michael, with mail and news of the positions and condition of the vessels north, for which this relief expedition was sent. On account of the situation I opened such mail as I supposed would give me information that might assist me in the purpose of the expedition. From all I can learn the following is the condition of the fleet: The steamer Orca was wrecked trying to get out September 2, 187, a total loss, near Seashore islands, and the same day, about four hours later, the steamer Jessie H. Freeman was wrecked also, about the same place. The Belvidere was nearly out, but turned back to save the crews of fine wrecked vessels, and was caught by the ice. There is a probability of its coming out all right. The schooner Roserio is just around Point Barrow to the west and there seems small chance for its safety. The steamer Newport and the Norwegian steamer Fearless are about fifty-five miles east of Point Barrow. The bark Wanderer was last seen about eighty-five miles east of Point Barrow. The bark Wanderer was last seen about eighty-five miles east of Point Barrow. The bark Wanderer was last seen about sixty miles west of Herschel island, and had not been heard of at Point Barrow when Mr. Tilton left on October 17, 1897. It seems probable that all the vessels east of Point Barrow would be crushed by the ice.

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The steamer Mary D. Ham is wintering at Herschel island, and it is probable that the crew of the Wanderer will make for h. The crews of the other vessels are all safe at Point Barrow, excepting some few who are camping on the shore near the ships to look out for them. The supply of provisions has been taken in charge and apportioned out to last until July next. It is not large, but will be sufficient to last, with the reindeer I will drive there. All the natives have been sent off to the interior to hunt, and I think can care for themseves. I hope to get the deer there by April, when the most of a shortage will be. The steamer Navarch, caught in the ice last summer, drifted in to the east of Point Barrow in September and seven men were taken from it, two others refusing to leave. There are in all about 394 men on the ships, including those from the Navarch and those on the Wanderer, and I should say transportation will be needed for about 250 when the ice opens.

The report shows that the members of the expedition are in good health and fairly good progress is being made in the journey north.

STATEMENT FROM MR. CORYELL. Official Version of the Fred 5. Kelley Shortage.

H. B. Coryell, state agent of the Phenix Insurance company, returned from Chicago yesterday and makes the following state-

ment: "That Fred S. Kelley, who has been acting as cashler in the Omaha office for the last three years, was discharged for neglect of duty and upon checking up his accounts there was found to be a shortage, the amount of which has not yet been fully determined.

"Lee L. Hamlin, who has been connected

"Lee L. Hamlin, who has been connected with the office for some time past, left the employ of the company about the same time upon his own volition for the purpose of accepting another position. In justice to Mr. Hamlin and other employes of the office I desire to state that they bad absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Kelley's misconduct or shortage in his accounts.

"The company is fully protected by a surety bond and will suffer no loss."

TAFT AND CARLAND COMING Guard mount, one drill either in the morning or evening and a dress parade each evening. The matter will be considered by President Wattles and laid before the ex-

Leaders in the World of Culture Will Assist Expenition Work.

REPRESENT ART AND LITERATURE

Mrs. Ford Reports Great Success the Result of Her Trip to Chicago to Confer on Congresses.

Arrangements for the Art congress and A. Joslyn. The committee organized by the Literature congress have reached an advanced stage as a direct result of the visit to Chicago of Mrs. Frances M. Ford stage as a charged with cago was to consult with Lorado Taft, chairto conduct the social features in connection
with the proper entertainment of distinman of the Art congress, and Hamlin Garland, chairman of the Literature congress.

The Art congress will be held during the last week in September. Monday will be devoted to architecture, interior decoration will be considered on Tuesday, ceramics on Weinesday, while painting and sculpture will occupy the remaining three days of the week. On the program will appear the names of Francis Brown and Mr. Clarkson. well known in the art world, and Mr. Taft will give his well known "clay talk," illustrating his remarks by modelling a bust in

clay.

The week following the Art congress will be devoted to the Literature congress. Mr. be devoted to the Literature congress. Mr. Garland is about to start for the Klondike, but says he will return in time to take charge of the congress. The program outlined by him is designed to show the evolution, the present spitus and the future of American literature, with especial attention to the western literary movement. Mr. Garland announces that he hopes to have on the program James Whitcomb Riley, Opic Reed, George W. Markham, Charles F. Lummis, Dr. Richard Burkon, Henry D. Fuller, Harriet Monroe and many other celebrities in the literary world.

ties in the literary world.

While in Chicago Mrs. Ford attended a meeting of a very exclusive club of literati and people "who have done something." The congress was later broached by Mr. Gariand, who outlined what is proposed to be done, and Mrs. Ford was subjected to a running fire of questions. She says that she pastage stamps, providing the exposition will was greatly surprised and gratified to witness the enthusiasm and interest displayed in the matter by the entire company. She modestly attributes this to the masterly manner in which Mr. Gariand laid the matter before his associates. All present expressed the most hearty approval of the idea and predicted a large measure of success of both congresses, promising to lend the mat-ter their substantial support and to attend the meetings.

Mrs. Ford says she has every reason to feel greatly encouraged by the success of her con-ference with all of these people, and she feels confident that these two congresses will be more than successful.

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In addition to these congresses, Mrs. Ford has been advised of another meeting which will be worthy of the name of a congress. Mrs. Longstreth of Philadelphia, a woman with a national equitation in connection with women's clubs, has notified Mrs. Ford that a party of twenty delegates to the blennal meeting of the Nathual Federation of Woman's Clubs to be held in Denver in June been published under the title of "Folks from Dixie." He will also become editor of a magazine devoted to the literature of the colored people.

Canvassers are already soliciting subscriptions to the new autobiography of Frances E. Willard, which is almost ready for delivery. The book is entitled "The Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard" and is issued in behalf of the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Woman's Clubs to be held in Denver in June, will stop in Omaba en route to Denver, and will stop in Omaba en route to Denver and Surder of the will stop in Omaba en route to Denver, and will stop in Omaba en route to Denver and Surder of Surd ing has not been determined. TYPICAL OF THE COME PRONTIER.

Small sketches in clay have been de signed for statuary designed to be placed in the main court. These statues represent groups of a distinctively western type and they are intended to be placed on the large pedestals afforded by the inclined plane and

pedestals afforded by the inclined plane and grand staircase on the south side of the lagoon west of the Mines building and on the north side of the lagoon west of the Machinery building.

The groups are designed to represent the red man and the white man as both were known to the rolling prairies of the west twenty-five years ago. The first group represents a typical indian chief standing erect at the head of his "cayuse." The Indian is dressed in buckskin and feathered headdress extending to his heels, and holds in front of him a rife. The pony is standheaddress extending to his heels, and holds in front of him a rifle. The pony is standing with nose extended and across his back in thrown a dead elk. The second group represents a typical western cowboy. He, too, is dismounted and standing at the head of his broncho. He is dressed in the regulation cowboy garb with huge spurs, buckskin breechts, revolvers, etc. On the back of his broncho is a huge cowboy saddle with a rifle in the sling and the usual accountements of a cowboy strapped to the saddle.

These groups were modeled by R. W. Bock. a Chicago sculptor, who is now in Omaha making the statuary for some of the main exposition buildings. They will be submitted to the exposition management for approval, and, if adopted, will be mounted in position when the exposition opens.

HOTEL COMMITTEE WILL REPORT Plan Suggested by Manager Rose-water Receives Endorsement.

The Board of Directors of the exposition will hold an adjourned meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of receiving the report of the special committee appointed to consider the suggestion that the board take up the matter of securing additional first-class botel facilities for the crowd, which will throng Omaha during the

ditional first-class bodel facilities for the crowd, which will throat Omaha during the exposition.

The special committee has had several meetings and it is the ananimous opinion of the members that it is absolutely necessary to provide additional hotel accommodations, and the plan outlined by Manager Rosewater at the meeting of the board Tucsday of this week will be recommended to the board as a practical and desirable way out of the difficulty. The plan provides for the erection of a tamporary hotel building occupying the cotire block bounded by Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Dodge and Douglas streets, with accommodations for from 1,500 to 2,000 guests. The estimated cost of this hotel, including the furnishing, is about \$100,000 and the special committee has decided, after full consideration and conference with persons familiar with the hotel business that the plan is not only feasible and practical, but is a good investment.

A report to this effect will be made to the board and the committee will urge that the Board of Directors take such action as may seem advisable, either as a board or individually, to assist in carrying out the plan and providing the accommodations contemplated.

University Cadeta Coming. cut her claim down to the amount which she now sues.

University Codets Coming. Lieutenant John M. Stotsenburg, military instructor at the University of Nebraska instructor at the University of Nebraska, has submitted a proposition to President Wattles for the encompment at Omaha of the university oadet battellon during eight days, beginning Jans 1. According to this proposition the cases will camp on the old Fort Omaha reservation, shelter, water, wood, straw, etc., to be furnished by the exposition, together with admission to the grounds for the members of the battalion. On their part the casets prepose to participate in the parade on the opening day and to give the following exercises on the exposition grounds every day except Sundays:

ecutive committee. WOMEN WILL HELP ENTERTAIN.

Executive Committee of the New Bureau Organises.

the business before them. Those present were Mesdames G. W. Wattles, F. P. Kirkendall, G. M. Hitchcock, C. W. Lyman, J. L. Webster, Clement Chase, W. A. Redick, H. T. Clarke, J. B. Summers, Jr., and George

to Chicago of Mrs. Frances M. Ford, secretary of the Woman's Board of Managers of the entire number of fifty to constitute the exposition. Mrs. Ford's errand to Chiguished visitors to the exposition, providing receptions, dinners, etc.

The committee will hold another meeting

in the directors' room Saturday at 3 p. m., at which time the remaining forty mem-bers of the committee will be appointed.

Soirs of the Exposition. Colonel Bishop of Nebraska City, commanding the second regiment of infantry of the Nebraska National guard, is in the city conferring with the executive department of the exposition regarding the encampment at Omaha of his regiment some time during the

George H. Webster is negotiating with the Department of Concessions for the privilege of installing a Hawaiian village on the Midway. Mr. Webster proposes to install a complete village, with at least twenty-five natives of the "Pearl of the Pacific," and has produced evidence of substantial backing. A meeting of the Woman's Board of Managers of the Bureau of Education will be held at 10 a. m., tomorrow. The members of the board will report what they have done in furthering the work of the board since the last meeting, and the executive commit-

tee will submit a report of its doings since that meeting. The members of the Board of County Commissioners propose to work in harmony with the Department of Publicity and Promotion of the Transmississippi Exposition in the matter of advertising the great show. It is now proposed by the county commissioners to spend several hundred dollars in buying

DENY THAT THE AFFAIR IS A TRUST Retail Grocers Come Into Court with an Answer.

The Omaha Retail Grocers' association has throwing the lead upon Woolmar and secome into the legal fight of Shaw & Fell riously crushing him. Woolmar is 19 years against the Omaha Produce exchange and of age.
has filed affidavits denying that it is a trust | Elizabeth M. Pertle wants \$15,000 from the has filed affidavits denying that it is a trust or that it keeps, prepared or maintains or that it keeps, prepared or maintains juries sustained by being thrown in a car blacklists, as was alleged by members of by the sudden starting of a train near the Produce exchange when the case of Shaw Humphrey. The sult comes from the Platte Fell against the organization was on trial county district court. pefore the court.

In the affidavits filed by the members of the Retail Grocers' association it is alleged that the organization works principally along social lines and for the amusement of

Cox Asks a New Trial.

way & Bridge company is being argued.

Cox was a passenger on the Council Bluffs agreeable to both parties in the sult, alline and when near the postoffice in Council though a Fremont man was first named by Bluffs, rignalled the conductor to stop the train. The conductor paid no attention and Cox signalled again, this time pulling the bell cord. After this, the conductor of the train, the motorman and a number of other street railway employes, knocked Cox off the train and pounded him after he was ejected. In the scuffe, Cox sustained a broken ankle. He sued for \$20,000 and the case went to trial at the present term of court. The proof showed that the railway men were the aggressors, but notwithstanding this, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

After hearing the arguments Judge Dick-After hearing the arguments Judge Dick-inson took the case under advisement.

Part of a Divorce Suit.

Betton Wattenberg has instituted suit against her husband, Abraham Wattenberg, the purpose being to prevent him from re-

Contempt Case Awaits Decision.

The contempt case before Judge Fawcett, wherein Warren M. Fleck and numerous other garbage men are charged with having violated an order of court and hauled gar-bage without a license, has been closed and a decision will be handed down today. a decision will be handed down today.

The case against the garbage haulers is being prosecuted in the name of the state, but the real party in interest is Alexander MacDonald, who has the garbage contract with the city, the terms of which he contends, prevents other parties from hauling garbage unless his permission is first secured.

She Fell in a Coal Hole Ruby Denson, by her next friend, Rena Denson, has sued the City of Omaha in an action to recover the sum of \$1,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that last November che was walking along North Thirteenth street and fell through a coal hole in the sidewalk, thereby injuring one of her legs. She avers that the hole was not protected by a red light and that around it there was no grating as provided for by ordinance. Originally the plaintiff asked for \$5,000, but cut her claim down to the amount for

Sues an Insurance Order. Harmonia Anderson has sued the sovereign camp of the Woodmen of the World in an action to recover the sum of \$3,000, which she alleges is due and uroaid. She alleges that her husband, James W. D. Andergen, joined the Woodmen of the World in 1593 and died in 1894. He carried a policy of \$3,906, on which all dues and assessments were paid. The company has refused to pay the claim.

Simmermon Loses His Suit. A jury in the county court has returned verdict in the case of Charles R. Simmermon against the Benson Block company, finding for the defendant. Some months ago the plaintiff was riding in the elevator in the Withnell block and was injured. He sued the owner of the block for \$1,000 damages, alleging carelessness upon the

part of the conductor of the car. Upon the trial witnesses testified that the accident was due to the carelessness of the plaintiff.

Asks to See Hamilton's Books. Jane Hotchkies has filed a petition in the office of the clerk of the probate court, asking that she be allowed to examine the Bureau Organises.

The women constituting the newly appointed executive committee of the Bureau of Entertairment met in the directors' room at exposition headquarters and organized for

Grable Defends Himself. In the attachment proceedings brought by John B. Smith against Francis C. Grable, the defendant has filed his affidavit, in which

he alleges that at no time has he attempted to cover up or conceal his property for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, or for the purpose of delaying them in the collection of debts which he may have incurred.

MATTERS IN FEDERAL COURT Judge Munger's Time Fully Occupied with Legal Business

After arguments which extended over a day and a half the case in the federal court in which the constitutionality of the insurance laws passed by the last legislature is being attacked has been finally submitted to the court. Judge Munger announced that it might be some time before he rendered a decision in view of the importance of the

From a question propounded by the court to Attorney General Smyth, the fate of the case rests considerably upon the question of validity of that portion of the laws which gives State Auditor Cornell the power to cite insurance company representatives be-fore him, to make an investigation as to whether or not they are in a pool and to revoke their licenses to do business if he finds that they are. The insurance com-panies contend that this provision delegates to the state auditor a judicial power which properly belongs to the courts even if the right of appeal to a court is allowed.

Judge Munger asked the attorney gen-eral if an insurance company's license were revoked by the state auditor as a result of his investigation its business would not be irreparably injured pending the appeal. The attorney general insisted that such would not be the case, for although the law does not so specify the surreme court could be asked to immediately supersede the auditor.

A couple of big demage suits have bee removed from district courts to the federal court. One is from this district and is brought by Clarence Woolmar against the Omaha & Grant Smelting works. The plaintiff is suing for \$21,000 as compensation for alleged permanent injuries sustained on November 13, 1897, while in the employ the company. On that day he was pushing a car of lead ore upon an elevator when the latter suddenly arose, overturning the car,

Foreclosure proceedings have been begun

in the federal court by the Citizens' National bank of Lyons against the Kearney Milling and Elevator company. Mortgage on the property was given to secure notes aggregating \$5,000. Application is also made for the its members. It is further alleged that instead of blacklisting customers the association holds a picule each year and upon property pending the result of the cult, as it is alleged it is being allowed to fall into enjoyable time.

George Burke of South Omaha has been ap-In Judge Dickinson's court a motion for a new trial in the case of William W. Cox against the Omaha and Council Bluffs Rail-

The present epecial term of the federal court will be adjourned next Saturday at noon. Judge Munger is scheduled to open the regular term at Hastings the following Monday.

UNCLE SAM'S BOYS IN BROWN Old Blue and Brass Buttons Disap

When the army goes to Cuba the "boys in blue" will be boys in brown. This is the result of a long inquiry into the matter of securing a new service uniform from ter of securing a new service uniform from
the army of the United States. It has been
quite recently decided to adopt a suit of
brown canvas of a color very near that of
dead grass. The object is to recure a uniform that will be less conspicuous and not
so easy to discern from a distance. General Miles has approved the new uniform,
and the first regiments to enter actual
hostilities will be equipped with it. The
uniform will not be so pretty as the one
to be discarded. The dress coat will be a
little longer and the fatigue blouse a little the purpose being to prevent him from removing his property outside the jurisdiction of the courts of this state. In her petition, the plaintiff alleges a marriage that took place in 1884. She says that until January 1, 1898, Abraham Wattenberg was a good and kind husband. About that cate, she says that his demeanor toward her and the children changed and he became cross and ugly. He sent her away and refused to allow her to return to the home. The plaintiff asks that she be allowed \$50 per month during the pendency of the suit and an additional sum of \$150 to be used in employing an attorney.

Midland State Bank Affairs.

The Midland bank affairs have been up before Judge Scott again and he has insued an order, directing the receiver, J. W. Thomas, to kestitute suit against the stock-

Thomas, to institute suit against the stockholders of the concern.

The debts of the Midland bank aggregate \$57,169.52, and the assets, aside from the capital stock, are practically nothing. The criminal prosecution against the officers of the Midland State bank, wherein they are charged with receiving deposits after the bank became insolvent, will come on for trial before Judge Slabaugh at the May term of the district court.

mission by gaudy uniform or showy trapplings.

Army officers are pleased over the prospect and believe that good results will follow. Lieutenant Perry, aide to General Coppinger, commanding officer of the Department of the Missouri, said: "There are several reasons why a change in the color of the army uniform or showy trapplings. are good targets for sharpshooters and expert gunners. If the men were clad in uniforms of brown the wearing apparel would be so near the colors of nature that it would be next to impossible to see a line of men any great distance."

Relief for Colonel Marshall.

Major George E. Pond, who was on duty at Chicago as assistant quartermaster in the Department of the Lakes, has been transferred to the Department of the Missouri, to serve as chief quariermaster, re-lieving Colonel Marshall, who is in ill-health. Major Pond has reported for duty. Major George E. Pond was born in Con-necticut and enlisted in Company K. Twennecticut and enlisted in Company K. Twenty-first Concecticut volunteer infantry, in December, 1863, and was honorably discharged on June 7, 1865. He was appointed a cadet at the West Point Military academy in July, 1868, and graduated in 1872. Immediately after graduating he was commissioned second lieutenant of the Eighth cavalry. In Jamary, 1881, he was promoted to first lieutenant and on October 13, 1883, was appointed captain and assistant quartermaster. Lieutenant Colonel Marshall has been ordered to remain at the heafquarters here and settle up his accounts. It is thought and settle up his accounts. It is thought that on account of his physical condition he will go on sick leave for a time before being

Boy Badly Hurt.
A son of Samuel C. Baxter of 3115 Lindsay A son of Samuel C. Baxter of 315 Lindsay avenue yesterday evening fell from a wagon under the wheels, which passed over his body. His right leg and left arm were fractured and crushed, and when those who came to his assistance picked him up he was unconscious. The boy was carried home and a physician attended to his injuries. It is questionable whether he will recover. ecover.

Convention Still in Deadle HORTON, Kan., April 14.—The republican congressional convention for the First Kansag district continues in deadlock and adjourned until this morning, when 3d bailots had been taken and not a single delegate had changed his vote, the last bailot being the same as the first taken on Monday.

Another Turn Taken in the Historie Asphalt Difficulty.

COUNCILMEN SEEK TO AVOID SUIT

Change In Sentiment as Regards the Claims of the Paving Company for Repairs Under Old

Contracts.

There is change in sentiment of the council regarding the street repair claims of the Barber Aspbalt company. Instead of employing J. M. Woolworth as special counsel to fight the suit, the council is inclined to settle on the \$60,000 basis recently proposed by the company. The matter was further considered at an executive meeting of most of the councilmen yesterday afternoon and a majority voted to settle the claim if it could be don without conflict with the charter provision that provides that no administration shall pay a claim that has been adversely reported on by a previous administration until after it has been adjudicated in the courts. In this case the councilmen agree that the proposed settlement is a very favorable one for the city and if it were not for the legal obstacle it would probably be agreed to unanimously. It is now pro-posed to make an effort to submit the matter to the United States court in some man-ner that will permit the court to issue an order instructing the city to pay the amount agreed on and thus avoid conflict with the charter. Just how this is to be accom-plished the councilimen cannot say, but the city attorney thinks it can be done and he will be given a chance.

Cleaning the City Hall.

The occupants of the various offices in the city hall are experiencing all the inconveniences of spring housecleaning. The painters are at work on the walls of the corridors and offices and the carpets are corrupts and omces and the carpets are torn up and the furniture piled in indis-criminate confusion. The filler coat has been put on the bulk of the interior, but there are two coats more to be added. The city has made no arrangements for paint-ing the fifth floor and unless the Board of Education takes the matter up that floor will be left in very unfavorable contrast to the remainder of the building.

Bond Buyer Defends Omaha. A recent issue of the Bond Buyer con-

tains an editorial relative to the recent fiasco in the sale of the \$300,000 refunding bon's that is very favorable to Omaha. The publication takes the position that it would be absurd for brokers to regard the difficulty as in any way unfavorable to the financial standing of the city. It contends that it was merely another instance of un-scrupulous bidding, and adds that the facts are so well known that the occurrence should not in any degree affect the standing of the bonds.

Plumbing Inspector is Needed. The delay on the part of the mayor and council to agree on a plumbing incpector is being rather sharply criticised by some people who require the services of that official. A number of calls are received every day for an inspector, and there is a considerable amount of work going on that requires attention from the authorities. An-other appointment will be made next Tues-day night, but unless the executive and legislative branches get together in the meantime there is no prospect that the ap-pointee will be confirmed.

Mortality Statistics.

wenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday: Births-John Thomsan, 2218 North Twenty-seventh street, boy; A. V. Turpen, 2120 North Twenty-seventh, boy; Henry Kos-mann, 1212 South Sixth, boy; Henry Kas-2307 Jackson, boy. Deaths-Richard Moore, 49, 1424 Pierce,

pneumonia, St. Mary's cemetery. City Hall Notes.

The clerks in the city clerk's office are etill kept busy issueing dog tags. Over 2,200 tags have been issued to date, or nearly as many as the total of 1897. President Tukey of the Board of Park Commissioners has announced that he will not be a candidate for reappointment. His

term expires in May and this leaves the field clear for other aspirante. The five-ton roller recently ordered by the Board of Public Works has arrived and will be put to work on the streets at once.
One of the first purposes to which it will
be put will be to roll the Florence bicycle
path and the wheelmen are promised a per-

fect track in a few days. Kelly's "dustless" street sweeper was tried on Farnam street yesterday. It is the first pick-up sweeper that has been used by the city authorities and judging by its perform-ance it will be returned with thanks. The owners of the "Cyclone" sweeper will put one of their machines on the street without cost to the city in a couple of days.

ANNIE NELSON IN MORE TROUBLE Released on Bond Just in Time to

Rob Another Stranger. Annie Nelson, the notorious mulatto thief, is persistent in her raids upon the pockets of uninitiated strangers. Wednesday afternoon she was held for trial in the district court on a charge of larceny from the person. Her bond was fixed at \$500 and Scott Jackson, a negro teamster who resides at 2568½ Leevenworth street, became surety for her appearance. She was released from

About 10:30 o'clock she was again locked about 10:30 o clock she was again locked up on complaint of Parney Boesen of Beatrice, Neb. He came to Omaha with a roll of money and went out to see the town. Just how he came in the company of the Nelson woman be doesn't remember, but he met her at the corner of Eighteenth and Dodge streets. She told him she was employed as a domestic less than the corner of Eighteenth and Dodge streets. told him she was employed as a domestic in "a house on the hill," and thither they wended their way. At the corner of Twentieth streets they sat on a flight of steps, and it was there the woman relieved her victim of \$60 that he thought was well planted in an inside pocket. After she got the money she made an excuse to get away and disapshe made an excuse to get away and disap-peared. Then Bossen discovered that he had been robbed and reported the affair to the police. When the woman left her victim for some reason ahe left on the stere a feather bea and her hat, both of which the police captured before they went for the woman, and are holding as evidence against her. At the time they arrested the Nelson woman they also took into custody Will Nel-son, who claims to be her husband. The son, who claims to be her husband. The information filed with City Prosecutor Miller against the Nelson woman charges her with larceny from the person.

DISCUSS STREET ILLUMINATION.

Retailers' Bureau Meets with City

The meeting of the Retailers' bureau of the Commercial club yesterday, was given over to the discussion of illuminating the streets during the exposition. City Electrician Schurig was present and made suggestions as to the best way to perform the work. The plan as now formulated is to have twelve iron arches along Douglas, Sixteenth and Farnam streets and to illuminate these arches with incandescent lights. The bureau arrived at no decision in the matter and will discuss it further before anything is done. The following members of the bureau were in attendance upon today's meeting: President Dumont, Secretary Chase, Hardy, Penfold, Thompson, Hospa, Bennett and Kuha.