GETTING READY TO OPEN

Work on the Exposition Grounds Being Rushed at Top Speed.

VERY LITTLE REMAINS TO BE DONE

Main Buildings Are Now Receiving Their Exhibits and the Smaller Structures Are Being Hurried Ahead.

Increased activity is the watchword at the exposition grounds as the time approaches when the gates must be thrown open to the world and the great industrial exposition of the west stand on dress parade for the inspection of all comers. Great as has been the efforts in the last year to push the work of preparation, these efforts are now being redoubled. Large gangs of men are working in every portion of the spacious grounds, adding the finishing touches here and there to landscape work and to buildings, and this numerous army has recently been augmented by carpenters and decorators in the interior of the buildings, who are preparing the booths for the exhibitors.

Thousands of people visit the grounds every day to admire the beauty everywhere apparent. The few pleasant days just passed have been taken advantage of to the fullest extent and the portions of the grounds open to vehicles have been thronged with carriages of every description. The main court being closed to vehicles, people are compelled to go afoot, but this has proved no drawback, and a procession of people is constantly passing around the lagoon or through the buildings.

The water has been turned into the lagoon and the big basin is nearly full. The supply came from a four-inch pipe near the east end of the lagoon and the great volume flowing from this pipe was sufficient to fill it in a remarkably short time. The sheet piling about the lagoon has been hidden behind a coating of cement made to resemble a stone wall and the appearance of the lagoon is greatly improved thereby.

The paving of the broad walks between the lagoon and the buildings of the main court is being pushed with the greatest possible speed. The rainy weather of last week made it impossible to prosecute this work, but the time thus lost is being rapidly made up. The paving is completed west of Twentieth street and a start was made at the east end of the main court. This paving has reached the west ends of the Mines and Machinery buildings and there remains but a comparatively small amount to be completed.

Buildings Yet to Be Finished.

The only work of construction now in progress in the main court comprises the Arch of States, the east colonnades, the park colonnades and the Girls' and Boys' building. All of these are in an advanced stage and all will be completed within a very few days. The other buildings are completed and in all except the Art building the work of installing the exhibits has commenced. The big trusses for the bridges which are to span the lagoon at Twentieth street have arrived on the ground and the bridges will be completed in short order.

In the Agriculture building five exhibits are in course of preparation The Nebraska Exposition commission, Douglas county, the Rock Island railway, the Cotton Belt railway and the state of Montana are actively at work preparing their exhibits. All are erecting elaborate booths and preparing for displays which will be works of art.

In the Manufactures building the gallery is being elaborately decorated by the force preparing for the state educational exhibit. On the main floor booths are being erected for a number of exhibitors.

In the Mines building the states of Montana and Utah are the only ones to make their appearance. A large number of other states have sent notice that they are on the way with their exhibits and they will arrive during the coming week.

The Bluff tract is daily growing more beautiful. People who have not visited this portion of the grounds since last fall or during the winter are amazed at the change which has been wrought in its appearance. The trees of all sizes and varieties are taking on leaves and the grass sod which was sown about three weeks ago has covered the entire tract with a luxuriant carpet of rich green.

The Horticulture building is nearly completed and the great beauty of this handsome building is the source of many remarks on the part of visitors. The Iowa building is making remarkable headway. The main portion of the building has already reached the cornice line and it seems assured that the building will be completed by May 20, as provided in the contract for its construction. The Council Bluffs wigwam, close to the Iowa building, has reached the lower part of the second story.

Up on the north tract the Agricultural Implement and Transportation building and the Dairy and Apiary buildings are all in a state bordering very closely on completion.

From end to end of the Midway everything is activity. Every concessionaire is bending all his energies to complete his buildings on time and there is every prospect that all will succeed.

WORKING OUT THE PROGRAM.

Plans for the Educational Convention Being Matured.

Work on the program of the Transmississippi Educational convention that convenes on June 28 is progressing and that part which refers to the conference of colleges and secondary schools is as follows:

General Subject, Administration—Three twenty-minute papers: "Boards of Control: How to be Chosen and Tenure of Office; Revision of Present Methods of Election," Chancellor McDowell, University of Denver. "Localization of Authority in Internal Supervision and Management; Relation of Superintendent, President or Principal to Boards of Control and Also to Faculties; Responsibility of Corps of Instruction in General Direction of Schools," President R. H. Jesse, University of Missouri. "Administration as Effected by Public Opinion and Public Opinion as Effected by Wise Administration," President Charles Kendall Adams, University of Missouri. Discussion: President W. S. Chaplin, Washington University, St. Louis; President G. A. Gates, Iowa college; Prof. Henry C. King, Oberlin college.

General Subject, the Student in His Relation to Schedule Requirements—Four fifteen-minute papers: "Adolescence as Effecting the Amount of Work Demanded of Each Pupil," Dr. Arthur H. Daniels, University of Illinois. "Is Further Differentiation of Courses and Subjects Necessary in View of Varieties of Talent, Aptitude and Sex?" Dr. Arthur Allin, University of Colorado. "The Dominance of the Moral Ideal and Personal Culture in the Secondary School and College; the Elements of Unity and Simplicity in Courses of Study as Conducive to Thoroughness," Superintendent J. H. Van Sickle, Denver, Colo. Discussion: Principal Webster, East Side High school, Minneapolis.

General Subject, the Co-ordination of Secondary Schools Which are Independent of Any Relation to the College," Superintendent A. F. Nightingale, Chicago. "The Secondary School a Preparatory School," Dr. Henry White Callahan, University of Colorado. "Is the College Course Essential to University or Post-Graduate Works?" President Edward D. Eaton, Beloit college, Wisconsin. Discussion: Principal Irwen Leviston, Omaha High school; Principal L. E. Wolfe, Kansas City High school.

Teachers of Manual and Industrial Training—Arranged by Gilbert B. Morrison, manual training, High school, Kansas City, Mo. Opening remarks: "An Ideal Curriculum with Manual Training—For the Manual Training High School," Charles J. Ling, Manual Training High school, Denver, Colo.; "For the Normal School," Charles B. Richards, Pratt institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.; "For the Grammar Grades," O. P. Hood, State Agricultural college, Manhattan, Kan.; "Horticulture in Education," W. M. Beardshear, State Agricultural college, Ames, Ia.; J. C. Whittier, State university, Columbia, Mo.

The Correlation of Academic Studies with Manual Training and Drawing—"In the Manual Training High School," D. C. Russ Richards, State university, Lincoln, Neb.; "In the Normal School," X. Z. Snyder, State Normal school, Greeley, Colo.; "In the Grammar Schools," Alexander Hogg, Dallas, Tex.; "School Gardens," James A. Merrill, Manual Training High school, Kansas City, Mo.; H. C. Irish, Shaw's Gardens, St. Louis, Mo.

UNCLE SAM AS A PHILATELIST.

Stamp Collection that Will Make Many an Eye Dance for Joy.

A series of exhibits have been placed in position in the Government building, in the section devoted to the Postoffice department, which is well calculated to make stamp collectors happy, but a hope of equalling it would be well nigh useless. The exhibit referred to is a complete set of the postage stamps of the world. This includes every denomination ever issued by every country which uses postage stamps. There are thousands and thousands of these stamps, some of them almost priceless on account of their rarity. The manner in which the stamps are arranged appeals strongly to the artistic taste. Frames of uniform size, about 20x24 inches, are used and the stamps are arranged in these in a manner which would probably be regarded by the ardent collector as a useless formality. Water color drawings form the background on which the stamps are grouped. In many cases these drawings are sketches showing the transportation methods of the countries to which the stamps belong or are maps of the country. In other cases the drawings are designs of scroll work of handsome patterns.

The collection includes a complete set of the postage stamps issued by the United States, commencing with the year 1847, when postage stamps were first used in this country, and including every variety of stamp issued since that time. These are in full sheets as they come from the printing press. This collection will be augmented about June 15 by a full set of the Transmississippi Exposition stamps, the Postoffice department having notified Mr. Slack, curator of the Postoffice museum, that the stamps would be ready about that time.

Among the stamps of the United States is a frame of the same size as all the others which contains stamps the face value of which is $15,000. These are stamps which are never seen by the general public and are rarely seen by anyone outside of the postoffices of the big cities. They are the stamps used for newspapers and periodicals in payment of postage bills. The postage bills of the big newspapers amount to several hundred dollars per day, even at the low pound rate for which newspapers are carried. When a publisher pays his bill he is given a receipt for the amount, the receipt being torn from a stub which is a duplicate receipt. The stamps representing the amount of the bill are pasted on the stub by the postmaster and are cancelled, the stub book being retained in the office. The stamps used for this purpose are of special design, being much larger than the ordinary stamps. The face value of these stamps are $50 and $100, so that no great number are required to make a very large amount such as is contained in the frame referred to.

In connection with these frames of stamps Curator Slack has several frames designed to show the methods in force in the transmission of mails before the days of postage stamps. These show letters, without envelopes, folded to make a rectangular packet with the address written on the outside. In the place where the postage stamp would be placed in this enlightened generation is noted the price of transmission. Where this was paid by the sender the fact was indicated by writing or stamping the word "Paid" near the figures indicating the charge. Where the word "paid" did not appear the addressee could only obtain possession of the missive by paying the charges. This custom obtained until 1847, when postage stamps were introduced, but the custom of folding the letter so as to form a compact packet prevailed until 1853, when envelopes were first introduced.

Meeting of New Englanders.

All persons of New England birth with their families are invited to be present at the first regular meeting of the society of New Englanders to be held in the Park commissioners rooms, city hall, this evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is expected and a pleasant evening's entertainment is guaranteed all attending.

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...AMUSEMENTS...

The Woodward Stock company yesterday added a fresh triumph to its already long list in a manner which only goes to prove that which has been said and re-said as to the company's general versatility. The piece—"What Happened to Smith"— is a new departure for the Woodward people, being the lightest of comedy, and going from first to last with a snap and zest quite unlike the melodrama, for instance, of last week. It is to be hoped, alike for the recreation of audience and performer, that "What Happened to Smith" may be succeeded now and again by other plays of like sort, since the experiment bids fair to be a great success. The piece abounds like all of its class, in innumerable distracting situations, all incident upon the production of amateur theatricals. Mr. Gregory Graysin, barrister-at-law, admirably played by Hal Davis, is at the root of all the trouble, and complications from which few living men could extricate themselves throng upon him, and like contagion, overwhelm all with whom he comes in contact, until the end. Mr. Carl Smith, as the unknown, but steadfast tragedian, John Phillip Macready Burbage, achieves another success in a part which he fills completely and artistically. The Isaac Parcher of Mr. Enos is evidence—if further evidence were needed—of this gentleman's genius in character parts. The little old clerk, in his agony of mind over the accident of which he is innocent, is a gem of acting. As Mumford Merry, one of the saddest victims of the general fate, Walter Green scores a genuine hit and shows his versatility, as does James Hestor in the part of Christopher Cute, of Scotland Yard; and Harry Long is good as Stokes, the office boy. As Mrs. Hawkes, the old woman whose life is a burden even to the "automatic coal lift," Gertrude Berkley does an excellent piece of character work, and Edith Pollock as Mrs. Gregory Graysin and Mrs. W. J. Higby as Mrs. Mumford Merry fill their parts in an attractive manner. Claudie Lucas makes the most of the small part of Mary, the servant.

The specialties for the week are Clifford and Huth in a sketch, and Musical Dale with bells and concertina. Performances as usual with regular matinees for the coming week.

Two performances of the bright comedy, "The Tarrytown Widow" were seen yesterday at Boyd's by good audiences, to which the play gave excellent satisfaction. Of the piece itself it may be said that it is scarcely up to the people who present it, the company containing many excellent and well known performers. Among them are Otis B. Thayer, Augustus Holbach, Ralph Dean, William Yerence, W. H. Muller, Eugene Sanger, Albert Wilson, Beatrice McKenzie, Laura Linden, Josepha Crowell, Lillian Leach, and others. Last night's performance closed the engagement of the company.

Late to bed and early to rise prepares a man for his home in the skies. Early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser.

TROUBLES OF THE POPULISTS

Legislative Investigating Committee at Outs with Attorney General.

HARD KICK ALSO ON ONE PER CENT LEVY

Not Exactly a Bed of Roses Waiting the State Officials Who Seek Renomination and Re-Election.

LINCOLN, May 8. — (Special.) — The chances are good that there will be a hot time at the meeting of the populist state committee at Omaha the first week in June. The warmth promises to arise from several fires which have been smouldering for some time and which seem now on the point of breaking out in livid flame.

In the first place there is a wide breach which is getting wider between the legislative investigating committee, of which Otto Mutz is the head, and several of the state officials. One big bone of contention of the committee lies with Attorney General Smyth. After all the pyrotechnics set off from time to time by the committee charging all sorts of shortages against various former republican officials, not one of them has resulted in successful prosecution. In fact, with one exception, none of them have been prosecuted at all. The committee has been camping on the attorney general's trail, constantly urging him to institute civil and criminal proceedings against the different people besmirched by its reports, but Mr. Smyth has as persistently refused to comply with their requests. According to Mr. Mutz, the democratic attorney general has gotten his back up because the committee has exposed Dahlman, the chairman of the democratic state committee, with one of his fictitious bills for mileage rendered while sheriff of Dawes county. Mr. Smyth, on the other hand, says that Mutz has unearthed nothing but suspicions and that there is no use prosecuting anybody until evidence is produced that will stand in a court of law. The one thing which both sides to the controversy admit is that the $10,000 appropriated by the legislature for the investigation has completely disappeared.

A second grievance which promises to be aired at the Omaha meeting is that of the office holders who are kicking on the 1 per cent dividend declared on their salaries by the populist state executive committee at its meeting here two weeks ago. This dividend was not declared except after an animated discussion and vigorous opposition to it from several quarters. Governor Holcomb, for example, opposed an assessment upon himself, his associates and his appointees, though for what reason has not been disclosed. The assessment was also opposed by Judge Neville and his friends, who object to paying money into the committee's treasury to be used by Chairman Edmisten in the furtherance of his own candidacy for the governorship nomination. The resolution deciding to hold up the populist plebiters for 1 per cent of their revenue was, however, finally pushed through by the piteous plea that the treasury was empty, bills unpaid and that without money the machine must stand still.

Upon the treasury situation of the committee some interesting information was secured from a well known populist who lives near Wahoo. It seems that in 1893, when Speaker Gaffin was elected chairman of the executive committee, George W. Blake, who is now treasurer, was the outgoing chairman of the state committee. It develops now that although Blake was supposed to have a comfortable cash surplus in his hands he could never be prevailed upon to make a settlement. This settlement has been pending a long time and was to have been made at the meeting here April 22 last, but failed to materialize. The kickers on the 1 per cent assessment say that if Blake were brought to time there would be no necessity of levying upon them. This is said to be also one of the reasons, along with others, why Blake was so unceremoniously dismissed recently from the post he had under the state exposition commission. The account with Blake is scheduled again for the committee meeting at Omaha and if not then fixed up the investigating committee has threatened to start a new investigation, this time into the accounts and operations of the populist state commitee.

In the interval populist ambition for office is no longer confined to a scramble over the governorship. To be sure, the state house gang is pushing Edmisten, the exposition commission is being worked for Neville and Douglas county is campaigning for Deaver for the place to be vacated by Governor Holcomb. But others are aiming at the offices lower down on the scale. Although Treasurer Meserve has not created any special antagonisms, it is just possible that Peter Ebberson of Howard county, who was a close competitor at the last state convention, may be found in the race. Superintendent Jackson seems likely to have an uncontested road, but Auditor Cornell is already on the defensive. The attacks upon Cornell from populist sources seem to be in the interest of Captain Obediah Hull of Harlan county, now a member of the legislature, who promises to come into the convention with a formidable following.

Against Land Commissioner Wolfe the advocates of a new deal are conjuring up George W. Leidigh of Otoe county, who has been holding down a berth as warden of the penitentiary and is supposed to be not averse to a promotion. Secretary of State Porter expects an antagonist in F. S. Mickey of Thayer county. Attorney General Smyth, too, is threatened with troubles of his own. Among those mentioned are W. F. Bryant of Hartington and Judge Robinson of Madison, the former by populists who want a straight populist ticket, the latter by opponents of Smyth who are yet willing to concede the place to the democrats. For lieutenant governor the race is as yet a free-for-all, though there are several people in the hands of their friends.

With all these clashing interests, it is no wonder that the committee meeting at Omaha, June 2, is being advertised as the first skirmish.

SOLDIERS HELP LINCOLN'S TRADE.

Retail Dealers at the Capital Profit by the Camp's Presence.

LINCOLN, May 8.—(Special.)—The merchants of Lincoln report a large increase of business as a result of the state troops being mobilized here. Those who are reaping the largest benefits are the clothing men. A great many of the militia boys came to camp without knowing what was necessary for camp life and have since been buying overcoats, blankets, underclothing and other articles from the Lincoln dealers. Others, especially those from the small country towns, are buying new suits to wear when they cast off their uniforms. The groceries for the camp are bought from the wholesale dealers on contract, but the influx of visitors to the city has had a stimulting effect on the trade of the retail grocers. The fruit men are doing a large business with the soldier boys. The hotels have doubled their transient business on account of the visitors that come in to see the boys and all lines of trade, from the postoffice stamp department clear down through the whole list, are feeling the good effects of an increased business.

The field day sports of the University of Nebraska will come off next Saturday. One of the features of the day will be the throwing of the discus. There are a good number of entries in all the events.

The Red Ribbon society held what they advertised as an "indignation meeting" at Ancient Order of United Workmen hall this afternoon to protest against the sale of liquor on the grounds of the Transmississippi exposition.

The old soldier organizations of the city will join together in an outing at the Stratton home on North Twenty-seventh street next Tuesday afternoon.

John Hinkle, who was hurt in a runaway last week, died yesterday afternoon. The funeral was held this afternoon.

Brad Slaughter, manger of the Lincoln street railway, returned from Washington yesterday. Mr. Slaughter went to the national capital to see Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn about the mobilization of the state troops and is given credit with having furnished the argument that resulted in keeping the troops here at Lincoln. The Street Raitlway company is the principal beneficiary of the encampment here and its profits will run well up into the thousands before the troops are moved away.

Mortgage Record.

WYMORE, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—The following splendid showing is made by the Gage county mortgage record for the month of April, 1898: Number of farm mortgages filed, eighteen; amount, $33,485; number of farm mortgages released, forty-six; amount, $57,733; number of city and town mortgages filed, fourteen; amount, $6,620; number of city and town mortgages released, thirty; amount, $18,443.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Following is the record of Platte county mortgage indebtedness for the month of April, 1898: Farm mortgages filed, thirty-seven; amount $43,653.70; same released, thirty-one; amount, $33,334.70; town and city mortgages filed, twenty-two; amount, $9,750; same released, six; amount, $3,865; chattel mortgages filed, seventy-two; amount, $55,897; same released, thirty-nine; amount, $39,149.45; sheriff and other deeds in foreclosure, three.

Court at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Hon. I. L. Albert, one of the judges of this the Sixth district, will open the regular May term of the district court for Platte county here tomorrow. The docket contains 160 civil and seven criminal cases.

At the meeting of the city council last evening the old engine house which has stood for more than twenty years in Frankfort park was condemned and ordered to be torn down.

The frost of last week has caused no damage to speak of. There was, however, some corn which was planted several days ago which it is believed will have to be replanted. Only a very small per cent of the corn has been planted, however. Wheat, rye and oats are looking splendid and there is every indication of a large crop in this county for this season.

Holmes a Nebraska Man.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—The correspondent whose name is given as Holmes and who has not been heard of for several days after taking his life in his hands by entering Havana to get news for his paper, is supposed to be Archie Holmes, a brother of Mrs. Bagnell of this city. Archie spent a few years here in the early '90s, and was for a time employed on the Republican. For some time he has been at Pensacola, Fla., and he visited Havana last fall. His relatives here heard from him last about two months ago and he then said he expected to go to Cuba as a correspondent for a New York paper.

For a Maine Monument.

AINSWORTH, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—A large amount was subscribed by the citizens of Ainsworth toward a fund for a monument for the Maine martyrs and will be sent to the secretary of the national committee at once.

More stock cattle received this week from Sioux City to be fed here. Many carloads have been shipped to this point within the last month.

Since the recent three days' rain grass is far enough along that cattle can live without other feed and prospects for crops never were better.

Wool Clip Will Be Heavy.

KIMBALL, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Sheepmen report that the indications point to a decidedly heavy wool crop this season. All of the local sheepmen think their fleeces will weigh considerably heavier than last year. This is due to the favorable winter and generally healthy condition prevailing among the sheep, and is especially gratifying on account of the increase in the value of wool. Wool that brought from 8 to 10 cents last year is expected to bring from 15 to 20 cents this season.

Decatur's Anti-License Board.

DECATUR, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—The newly elected anti-license board took its oath of office last night and qualified. S. T. Young was appointed street commissioner and city marshal. The members who comprise the new board are: H. D. Byram, H. G. Langley, L. Jennewien, Dr. C. H. Gregg and Charles Kilboune. The saloon and billiard hall closed their doors several days ago. The board has determinedly said that it will keep bootlegging down at any cost.

Rush for The Bee.

STANTON, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—The papers containing Commodore Dewey's official report reached here last night and in twenty minutes after their arrival every Bee was sold and even inferior news sheets were in great demand. The city is wild with rejoicing.

Visiting the Soldiers.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Nearly 350 people went to Lincoln this morning via special train on the B & M to visit the soldier boys at Camp Saunders. Between here and Lincoln enough more were taken on to swell the crowd to nearly 500.

Lyons Teachers Elected.

LYONS, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board last evening the following teachers were appointed to teach in the Lyons public schools for the coming year: R. V. Garrett of Fremont, principal; Miss Florence Wiltse, Lyons, intermediate; D. B. Rusco, Lyons, grammar department; Miss Alma Libbey, Lyons, primary; Miss Gertrude Simpson, Laurel, second primary.

Thief Arrested.

TEKAMAH, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Sheriff Langford arrived here last night with Howard King, who has been wanted here for hog stealing, but skipped out about a week ago and was arrested in Sioux City.

Burglars at Aurora.

AURORA, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Another daring burglary was perpetrated here last night or early this morning. The dry goods store of Peterson Bros. was entered, the burglar or burglars making an entrance through a rear window to the store building. The burglars took from $400 to $500 worth of goods, some of the finest in the store. Bloodhounds are on their trail.

Tramp Loses an Arm.

SIDNEY, Neb., May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night a tramp named Bert Manson, aged 20 years, of San Francisco tried to board a westbound freight train at Potter, eighteen miles west of here. He fell between the bumpers, lacerating his left arm so badly that it was necessary to amputate the member at the elbow joint.

Surprises for Bootleggers.

DECATUR, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—The deputy United States marshal has subpoenaed over 200 witnesses in this section of the country to appear before the federal court at Omaha. Some interesting surprises in the shape of bootlegging cases will be exploded.

Mangled by a Car.

BLAIR, Neb., May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Wheeler Brown, an employe on a grading job on the St. Paul road, was thrown from a handcar this morning, two cars passing over him, breaking his ankle and otherwise severely injuring him.

Nebraska News Notes.

The Dakota City Eagle has started in on volume twenty-three.

The Lexington Pioneer has branched out with a daily edition.

McCook boasts there is more building in progress there than in any city of its size in the state.

Some boys at Covington were playing at naval warfare with mimic boats, when 8-year-old George Ammerman was drowned in the Missouri river.

County Treasurer Searle of Keith reports that the people are paying their taxes in a lively manner just at present and it keeps him pretty busy writing receipts.

Hartington citizens have arranged to secure Sunday papers the same day they are published by having them conveyed from Wakefield by boys on wheels or horses.

Two Eustis young men came uninvited to a wedding and on leaving took an overcoat belonging to one of the guests. They were arrested and now languish in jail.

The two Winside saloons are now out on a strike, the town board having raised the license fee by $25, and the saloonkeepers say they will not pay this additional sum.

While out hunting Will Rose of Fairmont had the misfortune to shoot the horse he was driving in such a manner that it had to be killed. The accident was caused by the premature discharge of a gun.

Ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas of Brownville met with quite a painful accident while pruning a fruit tree. He had the misfortune to strike his arm with the pruning-hook. No serious results are contemplated.

Mortgages filed and released in the county clerk's office of Dixon county during April: Farm mortgages filed, $41,840; released, $25,290.57; city mortgages filed, $3,000; released, $1,000; chatel mortgages filed, $45,584.91; released, $73,577.71.

The Howe postoffice was again broken into Tuesday night. Only about 20 cents in stamps and a few copper cents were secured. The burglars first broke into C. G. Wood's blacksmith shop and secured tools with which they forced an entrance through the front door of the postoffice.

Captain H. H. Prouty of Kimball tendered his services some time ago to the governor of Vermont, his former home, to serve in the volunteer troops from that state under the president's call. Mr. Prouty has received a reply from the executive accepting his services and if he chooses to go with the Green Mountain boys a position equal in rank to the one held by him at the close of the civil war would be given him.

University of Nebraska Notes.

Dean Bessey will address the High school at North Platte on May 19.

Out of a total of about 1,600 men encamped in the national guard the University of Nebraska is represented by over sixty.

The university ball team has been playing famous ball. Its fourteen-inning game with Kansas resulting in a tie score of 9 to 9, is unparalled in western college ball.

In the way of books for reference and use the university library contains 33,000 volumes, the state library at the capitol 31,000 volumes and the Lincoln City library 10,000 volumes.

The annual college of law bulletin, which is a part of the catalogue for 1898, is just from the press. It shows forty-three seniors and fifty-nine juniors. Of the latter, two are women.

The summer session of the University of Nebraska opens on June 6 and continues until July 16. Regular university work will be offered in eighteen departments and special work in at least six more.

Monday morning's farewell chapel meeting for the university soldiers enlisted at Camp Saunders was the largest chapel meeting of the year. The brief talk by Chancellor MacLean and the short addresses of Regent Morrill and Dean Edgren, both of whom were union soldiers during the war, were enthusiastically received.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Milton Powell left last night for Chicago.

Ben Rosenthal and Ralph Dean of New York are at the Barker.

H. W. Marshall and wife of Arlington, Neb., are registered at the Barker.

Hon. Robert S. Oberfelder of Sidney, president of the Nebraska Fish commission, is in the city.

C. B. Fisher, manager, and the Omaha Base Ball club returned from their northern trip yesterday and are located at the Barker.

John McBride of New York City, Alex Moore of Philadelphia, J. W. Haas of Wymore, O. F. Foster of Atlantic and F. S. Lewis of Lincoln are commercial men stopping at the Barker.

G. Lote Silver and wife, Frederick W. Thompson, Hubert K. Clark and wife, Zula Ellsworth and child, Wilson Day, wife and child and Hugh MacKaye of Nashville, Tenn., are stopping at the Barker.

Nebraskans at the hotels: C. G. Barers and wife, Albion; Walter D. Baldwin, Baldwin; E. D. Gould, Fullerton; J. E. Miller, Fort Crook; Ed T. Ross, S. W. Chestrut, Gordon; W. A. H. Dunn, J. C. Knotts, Lincoln; Ren Huke, Grand Island; H. M. Sinclair, Kearney; W. A. Hampton, C. A. Newberry, Alliance; W. C. Weitzel, Newman Grove.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

General Sanno, the new inspector general for the Department of the Missouri, has reported at army headquarters and is ready to enter upon the discharge of his duties.

While attempting to jump on a wagon yesterday Charles Ritz, a lad of 18, residing at Thirteenth and Pacific, met with a very painful accident. He was walking along Thirteenth street, between Howard and Jackson, when a wagon passed and as he started to run for it a large dog ran between his legs and he was thrown violently to the ground. He was unable to walk for quite awhile, but finally he recovered sufficiently to board a car. He was badly skinned up and his hip hurt.

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MONTAIGNE AND HIS MOTTO

Jean de Kolty Presents the French Thinker as a Type Americans Might Follow.

In a lecture before the department of philosophy of the Woman's club last week Mr. Jean de Kolty presented the philosophy of Montaigne as a type of thought which it would be to the advantage of Americans to make their own. "The favorite motto of Montaigne," said the speaker, "was, 'what do I know?' He used to draw a pair of scales over his name with this device between, and what could more expressively show us his entire philosophy at a glance. We love extremes, eternally seeking the absolute, blind to the fact that they are our worst enemies, because they destroy our mental balance. So when Montaigne counsels us not to become excited or to allow ourselves to be carried away by sentiments, emotions, enthusiasm, who shall say that he is in the wrong?

"For the apple woman her stand is the entire world. And what her apple stand is to her our wives, our homes, our acquaintances, our dresses, our horses, our glory or our dinner is to us. Yes, if you were to lose a father or a brother you would be quite sure that no one in the whole wide world can possibly be so unfortunate as yourself. But if you stop to think that some 100,000 people die every day and that each has a dozen relatives to mourn him you will at once preceive the insignificance of your grief and consequently its utter uselessness. This is quite happily, even if somewhat vulgarly, expressed in a recent popular parody. We must not lose sight of the fact that we 'are not the only pebble on the beach.' But, says Montaigne, this does not mean that you are so very small either. It simply means that everything is relative in this funny world. So do not boast or attempt to soar in the skies. Just take the place which you found all ready for you when you were born into the world and make the most of its opportunities.

"But know how to keep the balance. Save yourself the folly of trading your peace of mind for wealth or position, for they are not worth the price you pay. The very push and pluck and go-ahead which all your great men set before the American youth as the supreme doctrine of their conduct through life's journey are your national malady, worse than war and pestilence, the chief source of your lack of happiness and contentment. Forever on the qui-vive, eternally driven by the merciless lash of ambition, cringing, servile, slave or tyrant, according to the expediency of the case, the man of politics or of affairs never stops in his mad race after wealth or power until the grim hand of death overtakes him when he drops by the wayside, leaving all his gold and power behind."

S. E. Parker, Sharon, Wis., writes—"I have tried De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve for itching piles and it always stops them in two minutes. I consider De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve the greatest pile cure on the market."

DOES NOT WANT THE OFFICE

Mrs. Andrews Not a Candidate for President of Women's Club.

OMAHA, May 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has been called to a report of the proceedings of the Women's club published in your paper May 3.

As to the existence of factions, which Webster defines to be "cliques, cabals," in the club, and the correctness of the report from the beginning to the end, I have only to say that I am willing to leave it to the unbiased judgment of the members. One clause, however, which concerns me personally, I beg leave to correct, reads as follows: "Those who were booming the candidacy of Mrs. Andrews were quite sure that Mrs. Harford was not eligible to re-election."

I confess that I do not know how to characterize that statement. As the writer wears a mask the most charitable construction I can put upon it is that she must have been laboring under some strange hallucination or was possessed by an evil genius for misinterpretation.

It was well known to the club that Mrs. Andrews long ago had announced that she could not be a candidate for the office of president for this year and in regard to the factions in the club, I wish to assure every member thereof, that I would never enter a factional contest for any office therein. I trust I hold the obligation, the high and holy purpose of our organization too near my heart for that. Honor, womanhood, friendship and love are all too sacred to be offered up on the unholy altar of factional strife.

The whole discussion centered upon the legal construction of the constitution in relation to the eligibility of Mrs. Harford for a third term as president.

Many of the most gifted women of the club, among whom were some of Mrs. Harford's warmest friends, were and are opposed to violating the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the club, or lowering its high and honored standard for personal or factional ends. It was only desired that the question be decided upon its real merits, namely: according to right, the established law, grounded upon the clearest principles of reason and common sense.

MARY G. ANDREWS.

MELBA'S COMPANY IN A PANIC

William Armstrong Tells a Story of a Late Event in a San Francisco Theater.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. William Armstrong arrived in Omaha from California, where he has been giving a series of lectures in the principal cities. He was in San Francisco at the time of the fire which caused such a panic in the theater where Mme. Melba was giving a concert and was a witness of the panic which attended that disaster. It appears that the only person connected with the company who kept his head was the kettle drummer, who remained at his instrument and played the rhythm of a march in order to regulate the progress of the people as they left the theater. Mme. Melba was in a state of excitement bordering on hysteria and had to be almost carried from the stage.

Mr. Armstrong will lecture this evening at the First Congregational church upon "Modern British Composers" and will give a description of the characters and daily lives of those who are at the top of the musical ladder in England. Among these are Sullivan, Mackenzie, Cowen, Lucas, Goring Thomas, Randegger, Tosti and Parry. Mr. Armstrong will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Cahn, Miss Laura Van Kuran, Miss Helene Wyman and Homer Moore. A fine program of English music has been prepared.

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Preparing for Confirmation.

Preparations are being made at the All Saints' church for the confirmation services to be held there next Sunday when a class of about twenty, mostly adults, will be confirmed. The class would ordinarily have been entered some time ago, but has been delayed by the illness of Bishop Worthington. The work of completing its fitness has been performed by Rev. T. J. Mackay and lectures for the final preparation of the class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this week. The address and exercises of the confirmation ceremony will be in charge of Bishop G. M. Williams of the diocese of Marquette, Mich., and the services will be without morning prayer.

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Rain in Nebraska.

TEKAMAH, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—This vicinity was visited the fore part of this week by one of the finest rains it has received for over a year. This will put the ground here in fine condition.

DIED.

NILES—A. G., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. O. Van Orman, age 77 years. Funeral from Calvary Baptist church, Twenty-sixth and Seward streets, Monday, May 9, at 2 p. m.

HICKS—Mrs. Mary, aged 30 years. Funeral Monday, May 9, at 8:30 and from the family residence, 2357 South 29th street, to St. Peter's church, 27th and Leavenworth streets, at 9:30 a. m. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

RUSHLEAU—Wm., aged 37 years. Funeral Wednesday, May 11, 2 p. m., from late residence, 1616 Oak st. Interment at Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends invited.

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