## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898.



"January 1, 1896-Perfectly lovely time totake too long) bring disgrace on the club day. No young men callers were allowed at the Advanced Young Woman's business by getting married. "No, it will be safer to stick to the

original membership-the six strong-willed, vigorous minded founders of the 'B. M. T. college, and it seemed so nice not to be compelled to smirk and smile and listen to a lot of silly compliments and speeches. I never fully realized before what a bore "The club stationery also came today, and the men are!

"Half a dozen of us girls got to talking the matter over tonight, and finally resolved to paddle our own canoes through life, and let the men do the same, so far as we are concerned. To make the resolution more binding we formed a club known as the 'Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance.' I suppose we ought to have called it the Sextuple Alliance, seeing there are six of us, but Lottle Burton said Triple Alliance sounded better and was just as binding, so we called it that. After we had the name settled on one of the girls said there was a triple alliance of some sort in Europe, and we might be infringing on their copyright, but none of use could remember exactly what it was about, or who got it up, so we decided to take the chances of there being a patent on it.

"I am president of the club-won't it look grand when it comes to be printed on the club stationery ?- 'Phyllis Potter, president of the Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance! -and the other members are Lottle Burton, Maud Spencer, Edith Wilson, Mabel Thurston and Belle Richardson. There are to be no dues or admission fee, except \$1 each | year. It was really inspiring to listen to the declarations of independence, now, for a suitable pip, with the monogram 'B.



**USE FOR STORE ROOM RELICS** asium suit, and can't get along without a man! It is strange how weak and depend-ent we women are getting all of a sudden! "Wrote 'Mrs. Maxwell'-that's her name

now-the usual scorching letter, and also sent a note to Lottie Burton, informing her that upon us two devoived the duty of up-holding the principles and the banner of the 'B. M. T. A.' and reminding her that eternal vigilance was the price of single-blessedness. "Lottle is a .decidedly independent and level-headed young woman, and I feel that she at least will not betray the cause. "Feb 15-

Of all glad words of tongue or pen, The gladdest are these: We must have men! "That is what I found in my mail this

A.' We are reasonably sure that they at morning, and the name signed to it was least will be faithful. Lottle Burton Englehart! She, too, has gone the way of all the others, it seems couldn't help feeling a glow of bachelor and I am left with half a dozen 'B. M. T. Potter, president,' in the daintiest of hands. Only thirteen fleeting months since script under the name of the club at the the 'Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance' was op of the letterheads and on the envelopes. organized, and today the president alone is "I immediately sat down and wrote a left to carry on the good work, and some-note to every friend I could think of-using how I feel that from now on I am going to the club paper, of course-just to impress have a rather lonesome time of it!

them with my new title. "That 'Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance' "The postman just called with a batch of letters, and among them was a valentine stationery is going to come handy, by the from Harold Draper. We used to be very way, in case a young man ever has the good friends a year or so ago, but we had a misguided audacity to propose to me. All love spat, and I sent him adrift and thought that will be necessary is to hand him one that ended it. But I see Harold hasn't forof those letter headings and he will see at gotten me, poor fellow! I suppose he has once that there is no hope for him. This suffered enough, and I really ought to take will be much simpler than writing or ex- pity on him! plaining matters to him verbally, besides being an easy way of letting him down. "June 22-Tomorrow is graduation day,

"There is no disgrace in giving up the ship when the crew have all deserted it; and even if there were, I've got as good an excuse as the others to wit: 'Twas love that made me do it! "But I'm glad I was the president of the

'Bachelor Maids,' so I don't have to send back my club pin, nor do any explaining or took upon ourselves at the beginning of the apologizing, except to myself. I'd hate awfully to attempt to palm off that same old excuse on the ex-members of the 'B. M. T. A.' after the mean letters I wrote them."

NO BEARINGS TO GET.

If Any Man Ever Reaches the North Pole He Will Be Lost. If any one really got to the pole, says the Nautical Magazine, he would, in common parlance, be utterly "at sea," simply bc-cause at the pole there is no possibility of ascertaining one's whereabouts. A person arriving there would find an altogether different world before him. Like a blind man he would grope about and vainly endeavor to get back whence he came. This by no means enviable situation is calculated to destroy the illusions which he may have cherished when starting on his polar  $\epsilon x$ . pedition. His completely changed situation would be accounted for by the fact that when stationed at the pole the direction of the north would be found to coincide with the line of the zenith-that is to say, the point exactly above us. The opposite point, viz., the nadir, would coincide with the direction to the south. The longitudinal circles, and hence also the meridian of the locality,

would coincide with the horizon. Hence an astronomical determination of the locality, according to latitude and longitude, is precluded. The same may be said as regards determining one's bearings in any direction. The compass, too, will fail there, because its horizontal intensity is so slight as to pre-clude the possibility of its action. The only criterion for judging that one has arrived at the pole is that the observed latitude of the sun, after having been corrected to altitude abbve the true horizon, is found to coincide with the value of the declination

of the sun for the day in question. Moreover, in those regions there is scarcely a day on which dense fogs do not prevail, and 60 or more degrees (C.) of cold, such as mostly exist there; will enhance the difficulties of observation to such an extent that it can only be a question of approximate estimates. Such conditions are by no means enviable, and are scarcely calculated to induce us to long for them with all our hearts.

Ancient Melodeons Converted Into Modern Tes Tables.

REJOICE YE THAT POSSESS

Plans and Specifications for Utilising the Disearded :Musical Instruments of Thirty or More Years Ago.

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In many homes there rest in corners, "plano case" rosewood-veneered melodeons, made about thirty years ago. The plano or organ has usurped their honored sphere, and they are retained, like old pensioners, because of the good they have done, and of the home memories that cling to them. Rejoice if you possess such a piece, and at once restone it to a central place in the home, not as a melodeon, but as a tea table.

Remove the entire contents-keys, keyboard, reeds, bellows, etc. The wood is the only thing you will need in the reconstruction. Remove the lyre. If you object to the small hinges on top of the table, remove them. Have the two parts planed carefully and put together, glueing or screwing small pieces of wood on the under side.

The hinges are left on in the illustrated plece. The dollies cover them, and they are not in the way. By all means leave the ivory knobs alone. The fall-board (figure 1) is used for the drawer front. The wellkilned boards that support the bellows may be utilized for the remainder of the drawer. Leave the lock as it is. The drawer may be one large compartment, or subdivided

into several. The illustration shows two divisions, one large for linens, one small for teas. The solid brass handles were purchased at a

brass factory for 30 cents each. Now take the keyboard, reverse it and place it on the back of the instrument about two and one-half inches from the edge. (Figure 2.) Some instruments have above the keys a

fretwork backed by colored cloth. Remove the cloth and place this above the inverted keyboard. (Figure 3.) Take the music rack observe the pattern closely and decide how much is suitable to place on top of the back for a final finish. A carpenter will saw i as you desire. A little of the lower part of the rack was used on this table. (Figure 4.) Below the keys on every instrument is a long strip of rosewood, about three inches wide. Fasten this at the back of the inverted keyboard as a support for the saucers. (Figure 5.) Remove the pins from the rosewood sockets in which the rack has played, glue these at the ends of the large opening about one and a half inches in front of the saucer support. Get a small brasss rod, have it cut a trifle shorter than the space and slip it into the sockets. This prevents the saucers from sliding forward. Screw twelve brass hooks into the top board at equal distances. If the lyre is of wood, divide it so that each half will serve as a support and finish to the back. (Figure 6.) If it is of iron, divide the remainder of the

music rack and use instead. In regard to the finish of the table. If much injured, it must be repolished. Before this is done (a very expensive proceed-Picture Moldings. 902-906 Jackson St. ing) wash with a soft sponge, in lukewarm water, the entire instrument, and polish with J. C. RICHARDSON, Prest. Mirrors, Frames, Backing and Artists' Materials. equal parts of olive oil and turpentine. This may brighten it sufficiently. Casters are O. F. WELLER, V. Prest. unnecessary. The table is very light to move, and is as high as comfort permits. BOOTS-SHOES-RUBBERS, The Mercer The tea chair should not be low. A hand-Chemical Co. some plano stool is not amiss. The expense A merican Hand of making over the melodeon cannot be accurately given, as carpenters' prices vary in Sewed Shoe Co M'f're Standard Pharmeceutical Propara tions. Special Formulae Prepared to Order. Bend for Catalogue. different localities.' With the exception of the drawer, the work may be done at home by a strong arm directed by judgment. There Laboratory, 1118 Howard St., Omaha. M'frs Jobbers of Foot Wear are some variations in these old pieces, and E. Bruce & Co. |ler's Eagle Gin WESTERN AGENTS FOR the owner must depend upon herself to de-velop the latent populibilities of her own The Joseph Banigan Rubber Co. But these are not the only things which possession. are likely to make a sojourn at the pole a H. Sprague & Co., never-ending torment. Worse than all the rest, one cannot count the passing hours Druggists and Stationers. SILENT PALACE OF THE DEAD. East India Bitters "Queen Bee" Specialties, Cigars, Wines and Brandles, there; in other words, there is no criterion Mackay's Beautiful Mausoleum i New York Cemetery. The John W. Moday mausoleum, which for determining the time of day. During Golden dheaf Pure Rys and Bourbon Whiskey **Rubbers and Mackintoshes.** Corner 10th and Harney Streets Willow Springs Distillery, Iler & Co., 111 period of six months the sun will neither crowns Ocean Hill, "Greenwood cemetery, was finished last week, reports the New rise nor set, but during the whole of the 1107 Howard St., OMAHA **ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.** horizon. As the earth revolves around its York Herald. The mehitect and constructor ohn Boekhoff, A/estern Electrical axis in twenty-four hours, the sun appardelivered the keys thereof to Mr. Mackay, P. Kirkendall & Co ently describes, during the same interval, a thereby completing mariy three years de-voted exclusively to: the edifice. circuit of 360 degrees around the sky, being Company visible at an altitude equal to the declina-WHOLESALE The structure is in form a Greek crucition whenever declination is of the same form, treated in the renaissance school of Bools, Shoes and Rubbers Electrical Supplies. Wines, Liquors and Cigars. name as the pole at which the observer is architecture of the fifteenth century. The exterior is of white Maine granite, sur-Electric Mining Bells and Gas Lighting The numerous attempts hitherto made to 41 -415 8. 18th Street. Salesrooms 1102-1106-1106 Harney Street. mounted with a massive cross of Calvary G. W. JOHNSTON, Mgr. 1510 Howard St. and adorned with four groups of statuary bronze, heroic size, symbolizing Religion consoling Grief; Faith pointing to Heaven; reach the pole have, as a matter of course LUMBER A/olf Electrical been by water-that is to say, by ships and T. Lindsey, hicago Lumber Oo. Supply Co 2110 WHOLEBALE Annual Bales over 6,000 000 Boxes CHAMS WHOLESALE AND RETAIL RUBBER GOODS WHOLESALE ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES LUMBER ... 100 Farman St. 1 Owner of Chief Brand Mackintoshe FRUIT-PRODUCE. FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS W.V. Morse Co. such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach. Giddiness, Fulness after meals. 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Hope and Peace. These groups were mod-eled and cast in Europe. The entrance doors are of statuary bronze, leading to the

restibule, at the opening of which are two nassive and richly wrought and chased bronze grilled work gates, executed by John Williams

The vestibule .opens into an exquisitely decorated and appointed chapel, the prin-cipal feature in which is an altar composed of rare marbles and onyx, with a reredos in which is inset a Madonna and Child in white marble. This work of art is several centuries old and was procured in Italy by

Mrs. Mackay. The interior plan of construc-tion of the chapel is based upon the eight pointed cross of Malta, which symbolizes the eight beatitudes. This symbolism has been carried by insetting in the chapel walls eight stained glass windows, portraying the beatitudes. These works of art were made in Munich by the most eminent artists in Europe. In color, beauty of drawing and artistic treatment they are examples of the highest obtainable treatment of art glass. The celling is a dome with Venetian glass mosaics of several shades of gold, ending in the apex of the dome in a cardinal cross en

twined with palm branches. Concealed in the marble moulding surrounding the base of the dome are sixty incandescent electric lamps, which, when connected with the cur rent, produce exquisite effects of light and shade upon the gold, green and cardinal shades of the wide expanse of mosaics, sparkling like jewels.

Beneath the altar is a crypt designed fo two bodies, and in the north and south wings are crypts for twenty bodies. The crypts are of Tennessee marble, closed with a tablet of the same material, fitted with bronze screw sockets, into which detachable handles may be inserted for removing the tablets when interments are made.

Galveston Cables Working.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The Central and South American Telegraph company an-nounces that cable communication with Buenos Ayres and Uruguay by way of Gal-veston is not interrupted. All the Galveston lines are working as usual.

Maps of Cuba at The Bee office-Omaha-Council Bluffs or South Omaha. Cut a coupon from page 2. Address Cuban map dept.

A "PROUD" SPANIARD. A Former Captain General of Cuba

Not Over Serppulous. As the question of Spanish good faith is

rominent in the press these days, relates the Argonaut, this pertinent anecdote of the civil war will be timely. It is told in Bullock's "Secret Service of the Confederate States." Captain Bullock tells of the exciting incidents concerning the freeing of the rebel ram Stonewall from the international complications attendant on its release from the French shipyard where it

was built; how it was watched by the agents of the federal government; how it was followed to Denmark, whither it went under the Danish flag; how it was again followed to Ferrol, Spain, by the United States ships Niagara and Sacramento; how it eluded them there and sailed for the coast of the United States with the evident intent of attacking the federal ships, for any one of which it was more than a match, being then the most formidable

the captain general concluded that, the American was a fool and charged up \$100,ironclad affoat. But when the Stonewall, under command 000 to the Spanish government and put of Captain Page, reached Havana in May, \$84,000 in his pocket. This throws a strong light on Spanish financial honor. 1865, Page learned of the surrender of General Lee and soon after of the capture of Jefferson Davis. Page's funds were exnausted. The confederacy had collapsed.

Maps of Cuba at The Bee office-Omaha-The position was perplexing. Captain Page coupon from page 2. Address Cuban map opened negotiations with the Spanish au- | dept.

thorities at Havana for the surrender

the ship if they would advance the mos to pay off the crew. Captain Page sen

Lieutenant Carter to the captain general

to make the arrangements. Carter reported

captain general asked him what sum was

required. Carter replied, \$"16,000." The captain general said, "You had better make

it \$100,000." Carter replied that his orders

were to ask \$16,000. The captain general

then turned to an official and bade him

write a document and then, turning again

to Carter, said: "Shall we not make it

\$50,000 ?" But Carter obeyed orders and

It is quite evident that this high offi-

cial, the captain general of Cubs, was at-

tempting to get the confederate naval off-

cer to ask for \$100,000 to pay off his crew,

when he needed only \$16,000, the difference

to be divided between them. When the

confederate officer obstinately refused to accept either \$100,000 or \$50,000, but only,

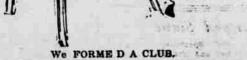
the exact sum needed, it is evident that

accepted only \$16,000.

that after five minutes' conversation







yow she has taken, and she is to explain fully just what the letters mean to any one who is curious enough to ask.

"Of course we don't expect any of the members of the alliance to be weak enough to ever fall in love with a man and marry him, but if such an unlikely event should happen the offender is to strip off her badge of maiden bachelorhood, the club pin, and return it to the president, with a letter of apology, and giving some good reason (if such a thing is possible) for the step she has taken.

"This latter was a suggestion of my own, and I think it is a grand idea. How I will lecture the backsliders! That is, of course if there are any, which I hardly expect, judging from the way the girls all talked tonight. What a jolly, independent lot they are! No clinging ivy business in theirs, thank you! Men are all well enough in their places-running railroads, engineering political caucuses, etc .- but when it comes to marrying one of them and being dependent on him for a home and a living-well, the 'B. M. T. A.s' respectfully beg to be excused!

"January 8-The pins came from the jeweler's today, and they are too sweet and



SUPPOSE HE HAS SUFFERED ENOUGH AND I REALLY OUGHT TO TAKE FITY ON HIM."

lovely for anything! The monogram is a dark blue enamel and there is a delicate spray of forget-me-nots twining gracefully and it, making the pin a very tasteful and desirable ornament

We girls (the six bachelor maids, I mean) are all proud of our pins, and com-menced wearing them at once. Some of the other girls since seeing the pins are sorry they didn't join the club, too, but we have decided to take in no more mem-bers for fear we might get some weak-minded ones who might be led to join for the sake of wearing one of the pins, and then as soon as the nevelty wore off (they rouldn't wait for the enamel; that would mean) are all proud of our pins, and com-

M. T. A.' engraved on it. Each girl is to , henceforth and forever from each and every wear the pin constantly as a reminder of the girl; and when Maud Spencer wittily re-yow she has taken, and she is to explain marked that she 'had no more use for a time will either remain above or below the man than a cal had for two heads or nine tails," everybbdy aplauded and said that was just the way they felt about it, too. "It would have been a good thing if some of the conceiled young men of the period

when the members of the 'B. M. T. A.

must separate and go out into the world

to battle for themselves, so tonight we had a sort of farewell joilification to bind us

closer together and strengthen the vow we

could have been present, or at least had their ears glued to the keyhole, and listened to the remarks of the 'B M. T. A.s' on this stationed. occasion. Guess their ears would have tingled and they would have gone away with their stock of conceit perceptibly lowered!

our most promising members. Maud Spen-

long, long may it wave!

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sledges. The idea that one might get there "The final toast for the evening, drank by an aerial passage has not gained ground until recently, but if we consider that balwith our farewell cup of tea, was the folloons are not navigable, and hence are lialowing eloquent and noble sentiment: 'The Bachelor Malds' Triple Alliance, the ble to be carried away by air currents in Gibraltar of single-blessedness and blessed any direction that may accidentally prevail and in the most unlikely event only to the independence; may it never fall by assaults from without or treachery from within!' "December 26—Only six brief months have flown by since the members of the bow success could have been expected from B. M. T. A. parted with mutual pledges of such an enterprise. Moreover, determinations of locality cannot possibly be made constancy to the great cause of single blessedness, and it grieves me to write it, but write it I must-already the enemy from a balloon with any approximate degree of accuracy. has invaded our ranks and captured one of

## THE MAN IN THE TRUNK.

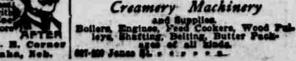
cer is no more! Poor girl! she has ex-A New Way of Getting the Burglan changed her final cognomen for the plebelan Into the House. name of Smith-or is it Jones? O, yes, here Two well dressed men from Paris drove up to the best hotel in a country town in the it is; 'Maud Jones' is the way she signs Department of the Eure, relates a Paris corit to her letter, and the paltry excuse she gives for marrying the creature, Jones, is respondent, and engaged a double bedded that she loves him !! The idea! Just as if room. They deposited a very heavy trunk that was any justification for breaking her in a corner, and then went out to see the vows and deserting the standard of the B. M. T. A.'s! Well, I am glad she had the they would return at night. But night came grace to promptly notify me in my capacity and the two men did not come back at the of president and return the badge which time specified. The landlady waited, much she is no longer worthy to wear! Won't I surprised, and kept her establishment oper write Mrs. Jones a scathing letter tomor after the usual hour for closing. This way row when I get at it! soon observed by the local gendarmes or duty, who entered the hotel and reminded

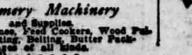
"January 8, 1897 .- Bad news again and more of it! Today came two letters ad-dressed to 'Photos Potter, president of the Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance,' one con-the knell of parting day, and that it was taining the announcement of the marriage of Edith Wilson and the other stating that full time to extinguish lights in all inns and cafes. The widow said she was waiting fo Belle Richardson had met with the same two men who had left a big trunk behind fate. They each returned the club pins and them. This caused the gendarmes to reflec said they were very sorry and all that sort a little. One of them well versed in criminal of thing, but they loved the men whose annals suddenly remembered the Goutfe case names they had assumed and felt sure they He also thought of the young stamp collecwere loved in return, and under the cir- tor who was murdered in Paris a few years cumstances they felt it was their duty to since, and whose body was thrust into a give up the B. M. T. A., etc., etc. trunk. Anxious to secure all the credit o "These excuses are a trifle weak, but I a discovery which might lead to promotion

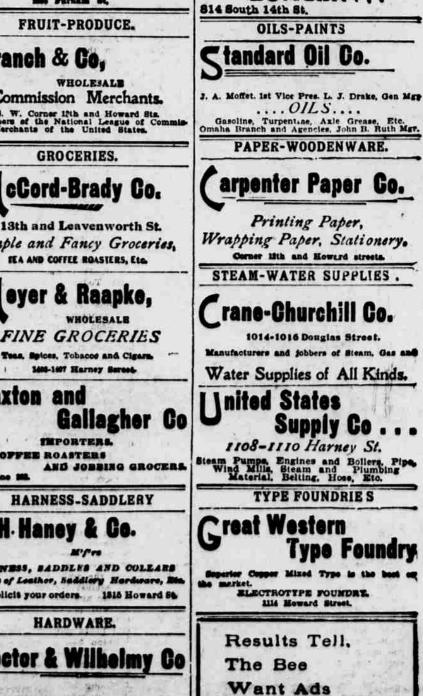
resume it is the best the poor things could and glory, the gendarme learned in criminal do! Well, if they prefer love to liberty, all lore asked the widow to let him see the right, but I feel it incumbent on me to trunk, and told his companion to wait for write and tell them what I think of the him at the bar or buyette of the hotel. The step they have taken just the same. landlady accordingly led the man to the "It is not only discouraging but shockroom, and he began to gauge the weight of ing-yes, actually shocking-to think that the big box, when suddenly the lid flew in one short year half of the members of up, and out jumped a wiry little man who the 'Bachelor Maida' Triple Alliance' have fallen by the wayside! It is now a triple brandished a big revolver in his right hand The widow screamed, and the gendarme was alliance in reality, as well as in name, and temporarily thrown off his guard, but he

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soon pulled himself together and grappled with the person who had been acting jack-"I have written to the two remaining members of the club, requesting them to stand firm against the sophistries and dein-the-box. The other gendarme, hearing the landlady's shricks and the scuffing over lusions of men and matrimony, and I trust head, was soon on the scene of action and now there will be no further desertions helped his colleague to manacle the mystefrom our ranks. "February 1.-- In spite of all I said to her. rious person who had jumped out of the trunk and to take him to the lockup. There







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