PRACTICAL JOKERS' DEEDS

How Two Eastern Tenderfeet Amused the Citizens of Deadwood.

FOUND WHAT THEY SEARCHED FOR

Pronounced "Dead Easy" by the Reception Committee and Treated Accordingly - An Amasing Change of Base.

The old congressman had listened attentively throughout the evening to the usual number of stories, jokes and adventures which had been related by the group in the lobby of the hotel, relates the Washington Star, and finally, after the capitalist had epun a yarn, he remarked:

"That story of yours reminds me of the capers of two young eastern capitalists whom I knew during the Black Hills boom come years ago. Although it was a common occurrence for capitalists to come to the little mining town, such marvelous stories concerning these two had preceded them that the whole assemblage of corner loafers decided to break up their accustomed camp near the 'Rocket' saloon in order to go down to the station for the purpose of subjecting the newcomers to a critical examination. When the train finally pulled in, two hours behind time, as usual, the crowd gazed with awe and ill-oncealed admiration upon the immaculately dressed young men. " 'They're easy,' said 'Long Kid,' the bar-

"'Well, I should say so,' echoed the oth-

ers.
"The two young men from the east, who had come to Deadwood in search of fortune and adventure, found a plenty of the latter, but the fact that they were separated from more money than they could ever earn in a lifetime seemed to make no impression upon them. They were known as 'Bill and Tom, the partners.' Few knew anything about their lineage or wealthy relatives and none cared to know. They posed as partners, but it could never be learned just why such a term had been bestowed upon them, as they made no pretensions toward anything like business. It was true that they had bought a salted mine the day after their arrival in town, but as this venture resulted so disastrously they had abandoned the idea of embarking in business, preferring to remain in Deadwood and enjoy life in their own sweet way. Everyone liked them; some because they spent money lavishly, others because were genial and conciliatory. Their sole occupation seemed to be playing practical jokes on each other. Some months later a horrible murder was committed in a miner's cabin in Bear gulch. Soon after this a second murder, more atroclous than the first, was committed in the same vicinity. and it was developed that the murdered was a maniac of the most feroclous type. Stories STORIES TOLD 1HE POLICE of his wild deeds were told with bated breath in every section of the Black Hills. Finally he was committed to jail in one of the upper mining towns to await his incarceration in the asylum, then located at Pierre, the cap-Ital of the state.

Partners Go to Pierre.

"The legislature was in session that winter, and as the partners were growing tired of the monotonous life in Deadwood. they decided to make a visit to Pierre. After a few preliminary jokes, they took the old rickety stage across the cattle country rather than attempt the long, circuitous trip by rail. When the stage was in the vicinity of Bad river, Partner Tom decided to appease his appetite at a wayside ranch house. While he was within a sudden inspiration seized Partner Bill. He passed \$1 to the stage driver, who did as instructed, and began to lash the horses on the charge of using loud and prorane Tom had to run through snow for a mile before he overtook the stage. Reaching the vehicle at last, he calmly took his seat and made some joking remark about the weather. This aroused Partner Bill's suspicions, as he surmised that something was in the wind, for he knew by past experiences that this assumed good nature on the part of his friend foreboded evil. When the stage finally pulled up before the hotel at Pierre, and the benumbed passengers alighted in about six feet of snow, the usual hotel loafers greeted them, notwithstanding the fact that it was long past midnight. The tired partners retired at once, vowing that they would never attempt the journey across the cattle country

"Partner Tom was up early the following morning, and strolled down into the hotel office. He was amazed to find the room crowded with loud-talking, excited men, who turned out and gazed at him. Naturally becoming somewhat disturbed at their comments, he attempted to unravel the mystery. Before an opportunity was given, however, a tall, harmless looking individual, in high-heeled boots, approached him and asked:

"How's your prisoner this morning?" "Somewhat taken aback at the question Tom asked curtly: What prisoner?"

"By this time the entire assemblage had crowded around him and were asking all kinds of questions concerning maniacs, prisoners, convicts and other subjects so foreign to Tom that he almost lost his temper. Before he had time to make further inquiries a man rushed up to him and said, defiantly: 'Now, look here, you think that we don't know who you are, but we do. You're the sheriff of Deadwood and you has got a crazy man, takin' him to the 'sylum. We know all about you. You ain't so smart as you think you are. You can't fool us. No,

Tom Gets Even. "By this time Partner Tom understood the entire situation, since the man had let the cat out of the bag. He remembered that the sheriff was expected the night before with the celebrated maniac from Bear Gulch. So, seized with en inspiration, he began to explain with unction that he had no desire to deceive the public, but for prudential reasons did not think it wise to disclose his identity on account of the wild character of the maniac in his charge. He continued further, that, as he had been discovered, it was perhaps as well for him to explain all.

'You must remember, gentlemen,' he said to the crowd in a mysterious tone, 'I have one of the wildest maniacs in the world my charge and if you will not become alarmed permit me to state that he is now unchained in his room. I came downstairs to ask for volunteers to assist in the work of placing the man in irons and also to compel him to partake of food. He is subject to whims and caprices of the most extraordinary character. Coming over on the stage he tried to eat all the cushions, but I regret to say that I have not been able induce him to eat any food for two weeks.



would like to know how many men will votunteer to assist in the work of chaining him down and compelling him to eat."

"Not a man moved. Finally the hotel proprietor came forward and suggested that he would place three negro porters at the service of the pseudo sheriff.
"'Very well, said Partner Tom, looking

down and pour in the gruel."

disappeared up the stairway.

down!

would say:

See if I don't.'

Porters Proceed to Business.

say. If ever I get loose I will kill you and

will burn that partner of mine at the stake.

ner Tom continued telling stories of the wild

man, much to the delectation of the audi-

ence in the office of the hotel. He had re-

mained at his post near the stove all through

another awful yell seemed to tear the tym-

panum of every man in the room. Then ap-

manacle was dangling from one bare ankle.

and it held a revolver high in the air. Sud-

denly recognizing the flying figure of Part-

ner Tom disappearing through the window

at a time and shooting at every step.

usual had happened.

Partner Bill came down the stairs four steps

"About an hour afterward the spectators

surprised to see the partners playing bil-

liards together, just as though nothing un-

"A long, lank cowboy looked in the bil-

liard room and, turning to the crowd, said

"You kin think what you please, but

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, regularly taken,

William Henry Briscoe, an Express-

man, in Trouble Over a Missing

William Henry, whose right name appears

to be William Henry Briscoe, was arrested

on the charge of larceny as batlee. It is

asserted that he was hired to take a couple

of trunks and a wooden box to the home of

Mrs. Peterson in South Omaha. He also

took a paper box which the consignee had

not expected and which has disappeared. It

contained an astrakhan cape and other

articles of considerable value. Briscoe's

home was searched, but the goods were not

loaded the box, but does not know what

Ida Mitchell, a negress who has been in

police court a dozen times, was up again

Dodge streets while intoxicated. She pleaded

The dummies in front of the Boston store

fared ill Thursday afternoon and must have

suffered from cold had they any feeling.

Two had overcoats taken from them, one

losing a brown box coat and the other a

H. J. Hughes reported the loss of a brown

melton overcoat from the cloak room of the

S. B. Layland of Vandalia, Mo., had a gray

telescope containing clothing valued at \$10

Frank Coleman of Nebraska City in-

forms the police that while he was in some

saloon, with whose location he is unfamiliar.

L. Arnstine of South Omaha reported to

The barn of W. E. Cady at 2024 St. Mary's

Isaac Catch, alias Humphrey Lynch, An-

thony Dean and Jimmle Lindsay were dis-

charged yesterday afternoon by agreement

of the complainants. The first two cre-

ated a rough house in Foley's saloon the

other night and got Lindsay mixed up in it

so that he blackened their eyes. Lynch and

Dean also had the case dismissed in which

Patsy Fallon was brought in yesterday

afternoon to answer to the charge of assault

and battery which was filed against him

by John E. Bergen. He pleaded not guilty

J. J. Deright procured a warrant yester-

day for the arrest of Harry E. Cole, whom

he accuses of larceny as bailee. Cole is said

George Wilson entered a plea of guilty to

the charge of petty larceny and was sent to

two pairs of trousers from the W. R. Ben-

nett Company. He had just completed a

term in the county jail for a similar of

Emil Penn, a young colored fellow 18 years

of age, will be in court this morning to

plead to the charge of assault with in

tent to commit great bodily injury upon

piece of brass with serious effect.

afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Fred Faulkner. He is said to have used a

John O'Keefe was arraigned yesterday

afternoon by Judge Gordon on the complaint

of J. R. Marshall, who accuses O'Keefe of

having assaulted him at his home on Twelfth

and Vinton streets. He says that O'Keefe

used a pair of brass knuckles and also drew

a knife. Although Marshall is an old man,

from the appearance of O'Keefe he is able

to care for himself, as he looks the less di-

lapidated of the two. O'Keefe entered a

plea of not guilty and will be tried this

MONEY FOR THE EXPOSITION

Secretary Smith of the Greater Amer-

ica Says Subscribers Are Paying

Up Promptly.

Secretary Smith of the Greater America

Exposition says that the stock sub-scribers to the corporation seemed to

be tumbling over themselves to get into

his office to pay the 25 per cent assess-

ment on their stock. Hundreds of notices

calling for the amessment have not yet

been sent out, but this does not seem to

deter the subscribers from coming in to pay,

taining samples of every ticket used during

the progress of the expusition. These are

to be used as souvenirs of the exposition,

and will be sent to such of the vice presi-

dents and commissioners of the transmis-

sissippi states as attended the exposition Other friends of the enterprise will also

Secretary Wakefield of the old exposition ompany has made up a lot of boxes con-

to have disposed of a Smith-Premier type-

they were accused of resisting an officer.

avenue was entered and a valuable set of

double harness carried away.

and took a continuance.

writer.

the police that his residence was entered and

a pair of trousers and a vest were stolen.

black chinchilla.

High school building.

not guilty and was granted a continuance.

became of it, as he did not se it afterward.

He says he remembers having

Package of Goods.

believes both of them fellers is crazy!"

wards off attacks of asthma. 25 ets.

with scorn upon the great, strapping men who would not dare to assist him. 'Boys,' STATUTORY DEMAND SEEMS ABSURD he said, addressing the swarthy porters, ' want you to go upstairs and place these on the wild man,' at the same time handing Provisions of the Nebraska Law Do

forward some handcuffs and manacles that Not Equally Affect the Insurance he had found on the desk. 'And I also want Companies and Cannot Thereyou to take up a bowl of hot gruel and pour fore Be Enforced. it down his throat. He will kick and say that he is not crazy and that he is a mining man from Deadwood and will give you a State Auditor Cornell, as state insurance whole lot of rot about coming from the east,

commissioner, seems to have placed himbut don't listen to a word he tells you. He self in a rather awkward position in sendsays the same thing every time. It's some ing out to foreign life insurance companies delusion of his. Just go ahead and tie him who do business in this state, notification that they must pay into the state treasury 'All right, boss,' said the porter, who as an additional tax the difference between the tax they pay under the Nebraska law and the tax they are required to pay into 'Presently there was heard the most unthe treasury of the state under whose laws earthly noise coming from the floor above. they are incorporated in accordance with Loud yells, screams and the sounds of fallthe insurance laws of that state. That is ing chairs and furniture rent the air. Then the opinion formed by those who have incould be heard such sentences as 'Get out vestigated the position assumed by the auof here! I'm not crazy any more than you ditor and also of the insurance companies, Then some one would say savagely, who propose to fight the matter. 'Yes; you is. You got to eat this stuff. Lie

State Auditor's Letter.

The gist of the law under which State After another struggle the victim Auditor Cornell is acting is contained in the following extracts from the letter he "'I'm a mining man from Deadwood and has sent to the insurance companies: "I lived originally in the east. Let me alone, I beg to call your attention to the reciprocal feature in our law passed in 1895. It peremptorily orders that this department collect the higher fees and taxes from "Then, after another struggle, all was companies coming from other states and quiet. Thinking that it was all over, Partcountries, provided in the laws of other states. I notice that the state of Pennsylvania imposes a tax of 2 per cent on primiums; therefore I herewith hand you a bill for tax on 1897 premiums. Taxes paid on the riot which was taking place upstairs and premiums in this state can be deducted was attempting to light a fresh cigar, when from this bill. . . Bear in mind I say only taxes on premiums can be deducted. Taxes paid to fire departments in the various citpeared at the top of the stairway a most les in this state and money paid as ocfearful looking figure. It was dressed in the remains of what had once been pyjamas, a cupation tax anywhere can not be deducted."

City Tax Commissioner Sackett gave it as his unqualified belief that the action of the state auditor and the law under which he is acting are entirely illegal and that the insurance companies can never be required to comply with them. He says: of the excitement of the early morning were When I first read the letter I came to the conclusion that it was a holdup scheme because it was of such a startling character. When I read the statute upon which t was based, I reached the conclusion that the law is unconstitutional and illegal.

Fatal Defects in the Law. "In the first place, the law cannot stand because it does not levy a uniform tax. As stated in the auditor's letter the state of Pennsylvania imposed a tax of 2 per cent on all excess premiums. But there are other states which levy only a tax of 1 per cent, others 11/2 per cent, and so on and still others who employ an entirely different system of insurance taxation and do not levy upon the excess premiums. Consequently the insurance company incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania would have to pay a greater tax than the insurance company incorporated under the laws of another state in which they are required to pay but 1 per cent. Then the insurance companies who pay in their home estates taxes exactly equivalent to the amount paid in Nebraska would not be subject to additional taxation at all. This system is manifestly unjust, for it taxes one insurance company

more or less than others. "The law goes further and declares that these companies shall pay to Nebraska the excess difference between 'the taxes, fees, penalties, etc.,' imposed by the Nebraska their home state. For example, if a company must pay to Nebraska under the exunder whose laws it is incorporated, the the company who must pay \$500 both in

have to pay an additional fee. "In one point Auditor Cornell is misaken. He states that this law applies to a 5 per cent dividend to the depositors of companies coming from 'other states and the bank and consequently his office was becountries,' whereas the law specifies the sieged all day. stolen from the union depot Thursday night companies from other states only. This being so, an insurance company from Germany, which pays an enormous tax at round numbers. Since that time dividends home, would not be required to pay any aggregating 25 per cent have been paid. tax whatever on excess premiums such as an overcoat and a \$65 gold watch were taken American companies are called upon to pay. This statement discloses the second objection to the law.

Tax Collected in Nebraska. "The Nebraska laws provide for local taxation of insurance companies on excess premiums; that is, the excess premiums are taxed in each county in which the company does business and not by the state generally. The section goes on to state that the insurance companies shall be subject to no other tax, fees or license except taxes on real estate and filing fees. If the act that Auditor Cornell quotes is legal. then certainly it is the insurance law of the state, since it is the latest passed by the legislature, and repeals the section in which the local taxation is provided and which a board above him became misplaced and declares that the state shall impose no

"The resulting situation is interesting. Pennsylvania insurance companies will be show he had been injured. taxed under the laws of that state. Ohio companies will be taxed under the laws of Ohio, and so on with all the states of the Union. And insurance companies from foreign countries will absolutely escape from Givers of Giftsall taxation on excess premiums because the county jail for thirty days. He took Mr. Cornell's law does not include them."

PUTS THE POLICE CASE OVER

Mandamus Matter Before Judge Keysor Postponed to Some Day to Be Designated.

At the hour for the hearing by Judge Keysor of the seven mandamus cases brought against the fire and police commission by ex-Police Captains Haze and Sigwart, ex-Sergeants King and Halter, Detective Ormsby and Patrolmen Fay and Wolfe to force the board to reinstate them, there was nobody present to appear for the board, City Attorney Connell being engaged in the trial of the Omaha National bank case upstairs, and Attorney E. H. Scott

being in New York. It was necessary, therefore, to take a continuance. No service has yet been made of the alternative writ of mandamus upon Mayor Moores, as ex-officio president of the poard, owing to his absence from the city, and Commissioner Birkhauser is also away. By consent the matter was put off until some day next week, to be yet designated.

New Vinduct Plans. City Engineer Rosewater has sent to the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads revised plans of the proposed Sixteenth street viaduct. They include a few of the changes made by the railroads in the plans they drew ip, but the main features of the plans originally drawn by the city engineer are retained. The railroads desire a few days to

consider the new plans. Charged with Stealing a Bicycle. Detective Romaine of the Chicago, Mil-waukee & St. Paul road came in from Gandy, Neb., with W. H. Moyer, who is charged with stealing a bicycle from a freight car at Sioux City on the night of December 10. He was traced here, where he sold the wheel to a man in South Omaha. He went to half a dozen different places, and finally landed in Gandy. He claimed he

CORNELL ON WRONG TRACK paid a tramp \$13 for the wheel but Mr. NEED OF A NEW TAX MEASURE

ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS Opinion of Tax Commissioner Sackett on the Officers of the Twentieth Infantry Directed to Join Their Regi-

ment at Once.

Officers of the Twentieth infantry on detached service have been ordered to join their regiment to go with it to the Philippines. Recruits to this regiment are reported arriving every day until the quarters at Fort Leavenworth are overrun with soldiers and they are compelled to sleep on the 1,450 enlisted men are now at that post.

floor wrapped in their blankets. Nearly First Lieutenant Peter W. Davison, Twenty-second infantry, who has been absent on sick leave, has reported to the commanding officer of the post for duty. Captains Ballance and Sharpe, on detached service, have sent word that they will be at the fort within a few days. It is estimated that about 120 men in the

Twenty-second will have to be discharged before the regiment feaves for Manila under the rule against married men and those whose term of enlistment will soon expire. Recruits, however, continue to arrive and it is believed the regiment will have its full quota of men by the last of the month. Christmas at Fort Crook will be shorn of some of its festivities this year owing to the unsettled condition of affairs there. This applies to the games and amusements usually engaged in by the enlisted men on this holiday. An extra dinner will be served the men on this day, while the officers will have their customary social affairs. The club at the fort will have a big blowout as a farewell entertainment before the regiment's removal. Christmas trees will be numerous in the homes of the officers and there will be many dinner parties among them. A large batch of court-martial sentences

enlisted men in this department have just been approved by the commanding geueral. Corporal Dell H. Brubaker, Troop B, First cavalry, is reduced to the ranks and forfeits \$8 of his pay; Corporal Thomas Britton, Company I, Twelfth infantry, is reduced to the ranks and forfeits \$10 of his pay; Private Burgess B. Briggs, Troop B, First cavalry, forfeits \$10 and is confined ten days at hard labor: Private William S. Fitzpatrick, Troop L. First cavalry, is dishonorably discharged, forfeits all pay and allowances and is confined at hard three months; Private Emil Ray, Company Twelfth infantry, forfeits \$10; Private Michael Mahoney, Company K, Twelfth infantry, is dishonorably discharged, forfeits all pay and allowances and is confined at hard labor three months; Private Thomas W. Plunkett, Company K. Twelfth infantry, is confined at hard labor for two months and forfeits \$10 a month for that period; Recruit George E. Meyer, Company I, Twelfth infantry, is dishonorably discharged and forfeits all pay and allowances; Private Charles J. Dulan, Company I, Twenty-second infantry, is confined at hard labor for four months and forfeits \$10 a month during that period; Private Urban R. Lawson, Light Battery E, First artillery, is to be confined at hard labor for three months and forfeits \$10 a month for that period; Private James O'Neil, Company K, Twelfth, is dishonorably discharged, forfeits all pay and allowances and is confined at hard labor for three months. The offenses embrace various violations of the articles of war, most of them being drunkenness.

DIVIDEND ON GERMAN SAVINGS

Receiver McCague Hands Out a Small Christmas Present to the Waiting Depositors.

Yesterday Thomas H. McCague, receiver of the German Savings bank that closed its doors a couple of years ago, was one of the ing out Christmas presents to 2,000 individpany must pay to fee of \$500, and if it is funct financial institution. While these uals, all of whom were depositors in the depresents range from a few cents to hundreds extra \$500 must be paid in Nebraska. But the aggregate reaches the sum of \$16,000, of dollars, there are enough of them so that which is the fourth dividend that has been Nebraska and in its home state, does not declared since the bank went to the walt. A few days ago Receiver McCague published a notice that today he would distribute

> When the German Savings bank failed it owed the depositors the sum of \$325,000 in When the next dividend will be distributed is uncertain, but it is safe to predict that it will not come before next spring, as it will require until then to get the assets in shape

> to be made available. There is no opium or other harmful substance in Chamberlain's Cough remedy. There is not the least danger in giving it to children. It is pleasant to take, too, and what is more, has an established reputation of twenty-five years as the most successful medicine in use for coughs, colds, croup and

whooping cough. It always cures. Try it. Under a Failing Plank. William Waltz went to the police station with a gash cut in the back of his head about two inches long. He was working in a building at Tenth and Harney streets fell, striking him on the crown of the head in its descent. Dr. Spalding toook three stitches in the cut. While the scalp was opened his soft hat contained no mark to

Officials and Citizens Discuss the Proposed Bevenue Law Reform.

LOCAL COMMISSION TO PREPARE A BILL

Necessity of Change Freely Admitted and Importance of Early Beginning Urged to Support the Meeting's Action.

At a meeting held in the county commissioners' room in the court house last night another movement in the direction of a reform in the revenue laws of Nebraska was actively begun. The meeting was called by Commissioner Kierstead at the request of Senator J. H. VanDusen for the purpose of appointing a committee to consider whether it would be advisable to attempt to formulate an entirely new bill at this time or to recommend some of the most essential amendments to the present law, leaving the reform to be completed two years hence. All the county commissioners except Hoctor, Senator Van Dusen, Representatives Olmsted, Detweiler and Houck and a number of other officials and citizens were present and after some preliminary discussion a committee was selected which will meet daily during the first five days meeting which will be held next Friday night.

The discussion last night was largely based on the bill which was introduced two ter to be in a flourishing condition. years ago as a substitute for the Pollard | The last summer was one of unusual and other revenue bills and which has activity for patriotic societies all over the received the approval of the state organizaof two years ago.

Dusen, who said that there is no question real benefit to the state than any legis- money and labor expended. lature that has convened in ten years. He expressed some doubt whether a bill that plicants for admission to the Omaha chapter would be satisfactory in all respects could furnished satisfactory evidence of eligibil-be formulated in the brief time that is ity and were accordingly invited to join the available and suggested that a committee society. be appointed to take the matter in band with the assistance of the members of the Mrs. Alfred Millard, Mrs. E. P. Peck and delegation and other interested citians and Miss Anna Bishop had been forwarded to lecide what course was most desirable. Judge Stenberg declared that a reform n the revenue system is one of the greatest needs of Nebraska. Under the present system taxes are practically a voluntary

contribution. There is no effective method of collecting them, as no one is willing to buy property at a tax sale unless they happen to have a mortgage on it and find it necessary to make the purchase in order o protect their interests. He also condemned the present system of assessment. Commissioner Kierstead called attention to the necessity for some reform that would put the valuation where it belongs. As it is the valuation of Douglas county has gradually decreased from \$26,000,000 to \$21.- J. H. Evans and Mrs. J. W. Griffith. 000,000 in spite of the immense additional improvements that have been added. The result is that the limit of 9 mills for the general fund will not pay the running expenses of the courts and charities and the county is piling up obligations in spite of the closest economy that will eventually require an issue of funding bonds to

dispose of. very similar sentiments and mmediate action should be taken to secure some relief at the coming legislative session. On motion of A. C. Harte a committee, consisting of E. M. Stenberg, A. C. Harte, H. E. Ostrom, M. H. Redfield and H. A. Solomon, was appointed, which will meet in the court house every day next week. The Douglas county legislators will also be represented and a number of prominent attorneys and citizens who have given special attention to the subject will be requested to assist the committee in formulatng a bill that will hold water and which will meet all requirements. It is expected to have the bill practically completed by the end of the week.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch-Hazel Balve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by this than all others combined.

Mortality Statistics. The following births and deaths were reported to the health commissioner during the twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday:

Births-Joe Axman, 1036 South Eighteenth, boy; W. E. Garst, 527 South Twenty-seventh, poy; A. L. Howard, 2022 Charles, boy. Deaths-Lizzie Dutton, 1729 South Twentyseventh, 10 months; Elsa Broderson, 1611 Oak, 9 months; M. Ewing, 5312 North Sixteenth, 5 years; Kirsten L. Hansen, 955 North Twenty-fifth avenue, 2 years; Charles

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place for holding next year's session of the National Educational association. Three citics were after the meeting-Saft Lake, Los Angeles and Portland. This year's meeting was held in Washington.

SUMMER WORK SATISFACTORY

Omaha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Reviews Its Recent Achievements.

At the annual meeting of the Omaha chapof next week and report at another general | ter, Daughters of the American Revolution. postponed, owing to the exposition, from October until this month, the reports of the officers showed the affairs of the chap-

country, and especially eventful in Omaha. tion of county commissioners. It is ex- In August the members of the chapter met pected that the committee will make any and sewed to help furnish the hospital changes that may be desirable during its ship, which was fitted out by the National fally sittings and that the new bill will Society of the Daughters of the American be substantially similar to the substitute Revolution, to care for the sick and wounded soldlers. During the five months Commissioner Kierstead called the meet- of the exposition an exhibit of colonial and ing to order and called on Senator Van revolutionary relics was jointly displayed by the Omaha chapter, the Deborah Avery that the revenue laws of the state need chapter of Lincoln and the Nebraska Soamendment. He suggested that if the leg- clety of the Sons of the American Revoluislature should pass a satisfactory revenue tion in the Nebraska building. The colleclaw and then adjourn without accomplish- tion aroused so much favorable interest ing any other object it would be of more that the societies feel well repaid for the

During the last year twenty-two ap-

The registrar reported that the papers of the national society at Washington for approval this month, and a number of others hope to complete their proofs by the first of the year. The parlors of the Commercial club have been secured for daytime meetings in the

future. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs Elsle De Cou Troup, regent; Mrs. Nellie F. Crane, vice regent; Mrs. Mary E. Hall, recording secretary; Miss Abbie Leighton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George C. Towle, treasurer; Mrs. H. S. Jaynes, historian; Miss Anna T. Adams, registrar. The members of the advisory board are Mrs. C. W. Lyman, Mrs. The entertainment for the month of January will be in charge of Mrs. Anna T. Skinner, Mrs. Will Bancker and Mrs. E. L.

"It is the best medicine we ever had in the house." That is what A. J. Spaulding. a prominent merchant at Center Road, Pa., a prominent merchant at Center Road, Pa., "It Short speeches by M. H. Redfield, J. L. is the only remedy," he says, "that ever Kaley, Mr. Olmsted and Commissioner gave my little boy in croupous attacks permanent relief. I would not think of being t seems to be the unanimous feeling that without it, as it is worth many times its cost in saving needless doctor bills."

Alexander.

SUCCESSFUL BEAN GUESSERS

Results of Yesterday's Contests-Siz Hucanjarites Who Knew Beans Pretty Well.

The successful guessers in the bean jar contests ending last night are as follows: Bean jar No. 16-Nearest estimate, 679, Douglas. Award, \$6 set ring.

Bean jar No. 27-Correct estimate, 2,078, by W. H. Wigman, 1816 Dodge. Club member, Milton Rogers & Son, corner Farnam and Fourteenth streets. Award, \$45 Monitor steel range.

Bean jar No. 29-Correct estimate, 5,656. by John Beaton, 209 South Twenty-eighth street, and by George W. Roberts, jr., 4223 Miami. Next nearest, 5,655, by Cora Ricker, 913 South Thirteenth street. Club member. Guarantee Clothing Co., Capitol avenue, near Sixteenth. Awards, \$36 fur overcoat, silk umbrella, eight silk handkerchiefs.

Bean jar No. 31-Correct estimate, 733, by Ed Jensen, 17541/2 Leavenworth. Club member, Robert Dempster Co., 1215 Farnam. Award, 314x314 tourist pocket camera.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve. North Twenty-fifth avenue, 2 years; Charles
Wilson, 1612 Izard, 3 weeks; Clarence J.
Murhpy, 2016 North Eighteenth, 1 month.

Meeting Place of N. E. A.
Superintendent Pearse has been notified that Los Angeles has been selected as the

HOLIDAY RETAIL BUSINESS

Omaha Merchants Congratulate Themselves on an Epormous Trade.

LARGE STOCKS ALREADY DEPLETED

Local Buyers Are Spending More Money Than Common and Many Country People Here Purchasing Presents.

Notwithstanding the fact that during the last two weeks the downtown streets of the city have been veritable seas of mud, slush and filth they have been thronged with shoppers buying holiday goods. While this condition and the unseasonable weather has kept many people at home, the Omaha merchants have no cause for complaint on account of the trade which they have enjoyed, as the stores have ben filled with buyers from early morning until late at

While the holiday trade is not over, the Omaha merchants are realizing that they have had the best trade in years and the stocks of goods laid in for the occasion have been practically depleted. People have bought more this year than ever before and they have also bought a better and more expensive quality of goods. There has been less haggling over prices than heretofore, all indicating that money is more plentifut.

Speaking of the holiday trade, one of the local merchants said: "This year our trade has been enormous, and the same can be said with relation to all of the stores in the city. Our trade from the country has been larger than ever before, which to my mind can be attributed largely to the exposition. Last summer people from the towns within a radius of from 100 to 200 miles came here and priced goods. Most of them bought largely and a great many have returned during the last two weeks. When they were here last summer they discovered that the Omaha merchants carry large stocks and that they sell at a small profit. The result of this has been that people who had from \$25 to \$50 to spend come here, pay their railroad fare, hotel bills and other incidental expenses and make money by buying their goods here. The out-of-town trade has been the heaviest in years. This trade has come from both the people of the smaller towns and the farmers. Of course we realize that this may have been hard upon the merchants in the small towns, but we could not refuse to take the money of these people and give them our goods in return. The business is legitimate and there has been nothing for us to do but to sell goods to all who came. We have not asked questions regarding the location to do has been to give the people good values for their money and this we have

done. "The local trade has been unusually heavy, and if the streets had been in good condition it would have nearly doubled. The crossings and the main thoroughfares have been allowed to remain so filthy and sloppy that much of our evening trade has been kept at home, but still we have done

well enough and are satisfied. "The exposition left hundreds of thousands of dollars in Omaha, and much of by Max Winter, 3857 Seward. Actual count, this money has been hoarded up and kept 681. Club member, T. L. Coombs & Co., 1520, for the holiday season. All the Omaha people, or at least a large majority of them have plenty of money, and they have been spending it freely."

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Marriage Licenses. County Judge Baxter issued the following

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