### THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1899.

## GRANT AMONG THE NEGROES as they should, Many of them did not riage, a huge bouquet narrowly missing

Mobbed with Admiration by the Colored People of New Orleans.

RUTHLESSLY CRUSHED HIS TALL HAT

Amusing and Exciting Experience During His Triumphal Tour of the South-Recollections of a Hot Time.

In the spring of 1880 General Grant, after his memorable tour of the world, visited the southern states and brought his triumphal journey to a close at New Orleans, where he remained a week to two. There I accompanied the general to what proved to be perhaps the most exciting demonstration of negroes of those times, a demonstration which General Grant called his most astonishing experience.

A new generation was entering on the scene, and although the men who had been conspicuous in the service of the confeder ate states had cordially welcomed Grant t the defeated section, there were people if the Crescent city who could not bring themselves to the point of taking part in the street demonstration in honor of the hero of the union army. Many of those who secluded themselves during the public cere mentes subsequently called on Grant at the residence of his cousin.

As the hour for the arrival of the Grant party approached, the streets swarmed with black faces, shining with enthusiasm and hope. Somehow they conceived the idea that Grant had come, not as a private citizen, but as their Moses, to restore their political supremacy. They were more serious and less holsterous than on other public oceathe southern from the qulet northern gathering. The escort of the Grant party was first a company of United States regulars, then a post of the Grand Army of the Renot impressive as a procession, but as it those upon whom they fell. came, the fervor of the inflammable negro

know Grant's face and so we three were the general's bared head, for he had taken almost equally the object of adoration. off his slik hat again, in a plifful attempt A path was made at lass from the car- to restore its respectability. The borses riag to the door, but at every step we were were put to their best gail.

obstructed and crushed by the pressure of . During the whole time until I had made the crowd. Inside the chapel door we my speech," Grant said, "I was wretched found matters hardly better. It took a at having to speak. I never made a speech long time to reach the altar. "Emperor until I was 40 years old, and I never culof William," an old negro, had charge of the any occasion where I have to do it." Then reception. He stood on the platform, his taking off his hat he torned and said

byiously speaking at the top of his voice, got to buy a hat." but to us his words were insudible. Then the choir of a hundred voices hurst forth with "De Bridegroom's Come." The mar- town there was not a hat of any fashion shals, all old negro bachelors, had little that was large enough for Grant's head. knots of their hair fied with narrow blue ribbon, and in their white cotton-gloved .

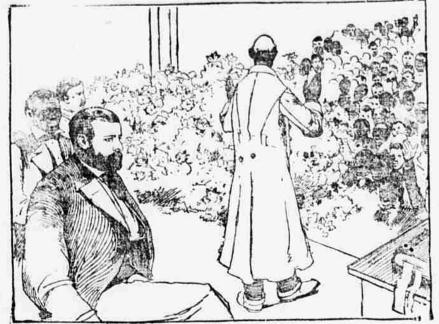
which they waved wildly. Every bit of Leaving an order for the hat he had to be muce in the church was negated, exclusively by the negroes. Not only that, but the rowd outside had climbed to the open win-

groes in the city were kept ignorant of the event, so thoroughly had the preachers betrayed the general. Scores of them must have worked all night to erect the platform and arrange the decorations. Over and handed cards of several reporters. the pulpit was a huge portrait of Grant. They had heard the rumors of a wild time. draped and festooned with flowers, and op- almost a riot, at Wesley chapel, at which osite was a similarly decorated portrait no reporters were present, and appealed of Lincoln. Grant had not spoken a word to me for particulars.

by the multitude. Now he whispered, as he wiped his flushed face: "I've been in Africa, but I never had as hot a time as

I could not help noting that he took little interest in the scene and the speeches, sions, when their loud laugh distinguishes but I learned the reason later. Occasionally lie's Weekly, are under five heads: the inpublic, and a civic society or two. It was falling with shricks which were echoed by naturalized, number of years in the United

nature reached clmost the limit, and when renewal of the cries, but the little pastor property. Every person over 20 years is



GRANT REMAINED SILENT.

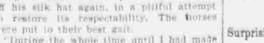
it passed, the black mass fell in behind, | and the marshals soon restored quiet enough filling the street from curb to curb. Service at the hotels and restaurants where the negroes were employed was uttheir future in their own hands. He urged terly inefficient. The blacks were absorbed them to stick to the Bible and the spelling both. in the one subject, too exaited by a new-born | book, and they were bound to win the rehope to concern themselves about their usual spect of all mankind, and enjoy their full

lows, and as they filled them entirely, not Grant's power of endurance and quick rea breath of fresh air could enter. Only a cuperation, that after this exciting and great outburst of melody from the choir arevented a general hysteria, which was still as spirited and vigorous as in the plainly imminent. To the singing the peo-ple kept time with their feet and their swaving bodies;

It was hardly conceivable that any ne-

from the moment we were fairly surrounded

a seat anapped under its heavy load. The dividual, corporations, agriculture, mortality pressure from the outside at one of the and special. The questions to be put to inwindows became so great that a dozen men dividuals are: Your age, conjugal condition, and women were pushed into the room, place of birth, parents' birthplace, alien or



face beaming with fervor and perspiration. "Driver, take us to a good hat store. Eve

No Hat Large Enough. At the most important hat store in the

have forgotten the size he wore, and only remember that something was said of its ands they held red, white and blue batons, being as large as, or larger than, Webster s. content with such brushing and smoothing of the old one as the hat man could do. It was a pleasing evidence of General somewhat distressing experience, he was early morning. He visited several shops where he chatted with merchants, many of whom were old acquaintances, as though he had just risen after a night's rest. Although past the prime of life and notably

stout, his wonderful vitality promised many more years of active life. Late that night I was aroused from sleep

LANGDON KAINE.

### CENSUS INQUISITORS.

Questions They Will Fire at the People a Year Hence. The census schedules for 1900, says Les-States, occupation, months employed, lit-

When Grant arose to speak there was a eracy, school attendance and ownership of absorbed in his work to think of devoting considered a responsible representative to answer for each and every member of his his time to new inventions.

The inventor is one who, having mastered family. The above questions are the ones the laws discovered by the man of science, you will be compelled to answer. If any further questions are put to you you may shows how they may be applied to a useful purpose. It is not at all necessary that he safely ignore them. If you are out, your neighbor next door must answer for you should be an investigator. So far as the as he is supposed to know all about you, writer is aware, Edison, perhaps the greatest Refusal to answer or any falsification of inventor of our time, never published a scienfacts is a misdemeanor for which the guilty tific paper, and never attempted to add to our knowledge of electricity or any other one will be fined \$100; an alternative punagent. He wisely chose the functions to shment, however, providing for the possibility of the delinquent not happening to which he was best adapted. He mastered the laws of electricity as thoroughly as any have the ready money, is not mentioned. The schedule under "Individuals" is rather one before him had over done. Then he modest, while inquiries pertaining to manuused his great genius in showing how they facturing catablishments are protentious, could be applied to useful purposes. The Here are the questions that will make per- really great and useful inventors of our jurers of many an honest merchant or times are men, who, like him, are thoroughly conversant with the laws of nature, tradesman: Name and character of organization; whether individual or co-operative, and apply natural processes to the gaining or other form, character of business and of useful ends. The visionary paradoxers kind of goods manufactured; amount of cap- and speculators, the perpetual motion merital invested; firm members, co-partners or the circle-squarers and a crowd of others officers, amounts of their salaries; number who irv to impose on the public with of employes; amount of wages; quantity and claims of great discoveries and inventions cost of material used in manufactures; are of an entirely different class. How amount of miscellaneous expenses; quantity these classes are to be distinguished may and value of products; character and quan- be shown by some examples which have at tity of power used; character and number various times come within the writer's of machines employed. The president, treas- knowledge. The Rainmakers.

urer, secretary, agent or any direct officer of any corporation, business, factory or firm is answerable for all. And any refusal to answer, or any false statement, is an offense for which the culorit must pay a \$10,-000 fine or go to prison for one year, or by making a great noise, especially by ex-

ploding bombs in the air. One of them The questions relating to agriculture inwent so far as to write a book proving that clude: Name of occupant of each farm; rains followed great battles. The mode of share of material prosperity. To some, who tenure; acreage, value of farm and farm

# POSSIBILITIES OF INVENTION

Surprising Results Achieved During the Past Fifty Years.

APPLYING THE LAWS OF SCIENCE

How the Public is Imposed 1 pon by Visionaries-Exploded Theories Revived and Branded as Wholly New.

The application of science to the arts of life during the last lifty years, writes Prof. Simon Newcomb, L. L. D., in the Independent, has led to results so surprising that we are apt to look upon almost any claim made by an inventor as possible. When scientific men maintain that certain things cannot be done, or at least cannot be done in the way proposed, the public is very apt to receive their words with impashould they not be done in the future? When the public entertains such a feeling as this it may be useful to point out that, after all, the great inventions of the age have proceeded on rather narrow lines, and have been in strict accord with scientific disoverles.

The public sometimes forgets a very necessary distinction between the scientific investigator and the inventor. These two pro fessions, though often confused, are really

quite distinct. The investigator properly so called is concerned solely with the laws of nature, and the consequences of the infinite price \$39.00, variety of conditions under which these now reduced laws operate. All he aims at is to predict 10 .....

the result of every possible experiment, to show how the course of nature goes on under all circumstances. The increase of knowledge is the goal from which he must the best Flemish bargain yet \$28 offered, April sale price \$4, \$28 never turn his eyes. Experience shows that if he seeks to make the acquisition of knowledge subordinate to money making he will

fail in pursuing science with that singleness Large Elegant Sideboard, china closet, of purpose necessary to success. Perhapa

pieces in our store-April sale price \$88.50-now re-duced to ......

Here we have a correct representation of the Original Antique Flemish Dining Room Cabinet, handsomely hand carved, somewas on special April sale at \$69-now re-

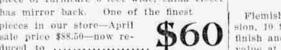
between upper and lower china closet—April sale price \$30

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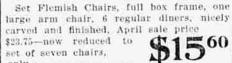
losing out all the odd pieces of elegant Flemish Furniture. We bought these goods in complete suits and now offer the odd pieces at a fraction of their value because the sets are not complete. They have already been reduced to a special price for our April Sale, but haven't gone fast enough to suit us, and to make tradsible been done in the past? Why then ing on these odd pieces more lively we make this tremendous cut in price. No one that uses or wants to use Flemish Furniture can afford to miss seeing these goods. We also offer a few fine pieces of Parlor Furniture at from one-third to one-half value.

> Flemish Sideboard, exquisite design, hand Genuine French Flemish Dining Table, Mahogany Sideboard, serpentine front and Flemish Sideboard, exquisite design, hand carved and polished, large pattern French plate, bevel mirror, swell top. April sale price \$23.00, now reduced **\$2600**, **\$2650 \$2650 \$2650 \$100\$100** \$26<sup>50</sup> table April sale at \$22-now reduced to



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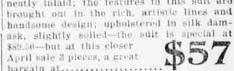
This is a double cabinet, has two drawers

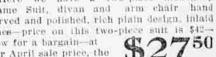


\$36 Handsome Flomish Side board, canopy turned legs, banister brace, a correct Fiem-top, very ornamental and attractive, large ish design, extends 10 feet long, handsomely Sideboard, full swell front and ends, French Dining Table, Flemish cak, has rope French bevel mirror, construction the best, the best Flemish bargain yet \$28 \$31 April sale price \$42.00now reduced A very rich, handsome Fleraish 10-foot Handsome massive 3-piece mahogany Table, double rope, turned legs, true Flemish pattern, 48-inch top, oval groove rim, frame Parlor or Library Suit, upholstered in choice slik impostry, very substantial and \$7350 ich-April sale price \$108-now reduced Flemish Dining Table in a pillar exten- . don, 10 feet long, has 48-inch ion, clegant A Bargain-Four Parlor Pieces left from value at our April sale price \$23 suit-Rocker, Arm Chair, Parlor Chair and Reception Chair-handsomely upholstered in slik velour, with slik embroidery back, handsomely polished and carved mahogany \$32 Elegant Solid Mahogany Round Table, frame-the price for four handsomely carved and polished, a very pieces \$48-April sale price thing that can be fully appreciated by the choice article, and the April sale price is four pieces..... lover of the genuine antique designs. This \$46.50, slightly imperfect and now A very choice 3-piece Parlor Suit, exquis-\$30<sup>50</sup> A very choice 3-piece Partor Suit, exquis-tie design, frame solid mahogany, back nearly inlaid; the features in this suit are for a bargain, reduced 10 ....... A very rich, plain inlaid line Round Top handsome design; upholstered in silk dam-Flemish China Closet, large, roomy and Solid Mahogany 16-foot Table, "Chippen- ask, slightly solid-the suit is special at handsome rich carving, has mirror back. This is a double cabinet, has two drawers between upper and lower to the state s \$89.50--but at this closer April sale 3 pieces, a great hargain al..... Here we have a two-piece mahogany An extra choice 5-foot Mahogany Round

Very fine Colonial Mahogany Sideboard, A very handsome three-plece Suit, uphol-

handsomely hand carved and polished swell stered in satin damask, the finest work large arm chair, 6 regular diners, nicely front, 5 feet wide. This very choice place made, full upholstered and tufted-this la in the regular way would cost you \$120. something extraordinary fine and notice the a bargain? April sale \$139 \$23.75-now reduced to set of seven chairs, only ...... \$\$15<sup>60</sup> Our April sale price is board now reduced to......\$556<sup>50</sup> price-\$225-do you want a bargain? April sale price only.....





When first asked to receive a delegation of colored preachers of the Northern Methodist church he pleaded fatigue. After some persuasion he consented to meet them at Wesley chapel, with the stipulation that there should be no general negro demonstration. "I had enough of that at Jacksonville," the general explained.

This was distinctly promised, and the affair was regarded as so trivial an incident of his visit that the newspapers made no announcement of it. It was expected that he would be driven to the place at 10 o'clock in the morning to speak a few words of encouragement to a score of colored preachers, and so the entertainment committee did not choose to accompany him. I was asked to go with the general, and Rev. Dr. Hartzell, a northern preacher then in charge of the church affairs in the city. A northern newspaper man and a veteran northern soldier I had no local political ambition to be injured and had lively curiosity to see the negroes.

### Grant Tells Stories.

It was a long drive and on the way Grant was more than ordinarily communicative, which is saying a good deal. It was and still is a popular fallacy that he was in all situations a reticent man. However self-contained he may have been in an official capacity, socially he was genial, cheerful and chatty. As he lighted a cigar, the carriage being open, he said:

'I have the reputation of being a hard smoker. There are people who say my portraits are bad because there isn't a cigar in the mouth. That's a slander. I never in my life smoked to excess, and now I consume only three or four cigars a day. I am a slow smoker and a cigar lasts me a good while.

As we passed the university buildings the general said that if the war had not come when it did, he should have been a resident of the south, a professor in a southern college.

"General Sherman." he explained, "had been the professor of mathematics in a college in Mississippi"-I think it was Mississippi-"and decided to give it up. He wrote to me at Galena, asking if I cared to take his place. I always liked mathematics; it was the study I had done best in and I thought I might enjoy the work. It was decided that I should go, but then the rumblings of impending war caused me to change my mind, and with some reluctance 1 finally declined it."

When we were within about two blocks of the church we were shocked by the spectacle of a solid mass of black humanity As they caught sight of the approaching carriage they made a furious rush, and with yells they surrounded us. The two or three policemen in the neighborhood did all they could, but were powerless. That the general-of whom it has been said that the sudden appearance of the enemy never power of an uneducated mind. Before she surprised him-was surprised and alarmed

by the unexpected body of negroes, and we preacher and we moved rapidly toward the soon found the situation really dangerous. door, a path having been cleared by the Negroes fiem Him In.

"Let us get out of this," exclaimed the "Driver, turn about and go back." general. It was useless, however, to make the attempt. It was the determined purpose of every man, woman and child in the mass to shake Grant's hand or touch his person. in the midst of the same excited throng, The air was filled with cries. A tall old negro forced himself between the wheels, regardless of a busy club, and reached Grant's hand, crushing a new silk hat as he did it. Then straightening himself to door?" asked the general, and finding there

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For nearly half an hour the scene was The driver had been sbrewd enough to

The general was disposed to be as quiet evidently expected him to announce that implements; average quantity and value of as possible without appearang discourteous. he had come to consecrate himself to the different products; number and value of live restoration of their political rights, the speech was apparently disappointing. A young negro, a teacher in the university sane, the feebleminded, crime, deaf, dumb for colored people, made a brief, but really and blind, pauperism, juvenile delinquents eloquent address.

for his words to be heard. He spoke briefly

saying in effect that the colored people had

"General Grant." he said, " you have been institutions; and last of all, in the citles, famous for epigrams that live in the hearts social statistics relating to public indebtedof the American people. You spoke the sentiness, valuation; taxation and expenditures. to religious bodies, to electric light and ment of a determined patrlot people when you declared you would 'fight it out on this power, to the telephone and telegraph busi Ine if it takes all summer.' But there was ness and to transportation-including steamone sentiment, nobler than all, one that boats, express facilities and street railways.

had sunk deep into the hearts of millions When the landlord at Jacksonville would have driven back the colored people as they escorted you to your hotel, you said: 'Let them come; for where I am there the col ored people may be also."

For a moment it seemed as though the crowd would rush on the raised platform to lay hands on the hero, but the preachers, seated in the nearer news, quickly passed Scott Chin from his seat to the platform. He was a tall negro, a preacher for sixty years, born in slavery. He seemed taller

because he was thin, and he wore an old blue army overcoat which spread at the bottom, and gradually contracted toward his narrow shoulders. As his head also narowed at the top, he was exactly pyramidal. Then a woman with the "gift of prayer"



GOT TO BUY A HAT." SAID GRANT.

gave an extraordinary exhibition of the ceased Grant had shaken hands with the sealous marshals. We were not, however, granted:

to cacape so casily. When we drew near the door, the people in the windows began to drop inside and make for the same exit to head us off. The glory of glories was to have shaken Grant's hand. Soon we were and through the door we could see a solid mass filling the streets.

#### Could Not Escape

"Can't we get out through the back his full height, with hands above his bare | was such a door we fought our way toward head, he should "Bress Gawd!" I done the pulpit again. After having our feet Minors of John W. Reames, Malvern, \$12 shuck his han'!" I codden on and a hard struggle we emerged. South Dakota-Increase Joseph trodden on and a hard struggle we emerged.

beyond graphic portrayal. These ignorant make a circuit and outwit the crowd, and Lowe. beyond graphic portrayal. These ignorant make a criain and here outselves into the people, long deserted and neglected by their as he drew up we three outselves into the ii. North Dakota-Herease. Specific to \$5. feightened leaders, sincerely believed Grant carriage exhausted. The multilude from Colorado-Original Thomas Danford. had come to New Orieans for the sole pur- all sides made an impeluous rush after us. Boulder. pose of "leadin' us out ob de wildernes," The foremost hurled flowers into the car- Aspen, \$6 to \$8.

proof was very simple. After nearly every great battle it had rained somewhere, either in the neighborhood where the battle was stock. Statistics will also be gathered relating to special classes, including, the inand inmates of reformatories and benevolent

SPANISH REPORTER'S WORK. He Gets the News, but Has Trouble

in Telling it in English. According to the Spanish reporter, relates

he Times of Cuba, Havana's list of crimes really beginning to like this reporter, although he scarcely ever sees him. He usually tiously about, and then drops his copy upon ie were glad to get away alive. mite bombs.

ast evening: Accident-The black man Eusebio Ona

Garcia suffered various accidental bruise on the left hand of a grave character, caused y the unloading of rails at Regla. Bull Escapes-A bull from the cattle yard hadly damaging the seat of the black man Federico Gonzalez, who was in the act of attentively watching a game of base ball The police sergeant Senor Baldomero Gar. gollo killed the bull with great skill, emptying his revolver into it in order to prevent greater disasters. The man whose seat was burt will not be able to sit down for some

Fight-They were detained and taken to he Vivac by policeman No. 86. Don Jose rieto and Don Jesus Rodriguez, who were ound fighting in the public way. Both had several bumps on the head, which each had given the other.

Disrespect-The gray man Francisco Nogul was arrested for not respecting the police. He was seen making faces at an officer of the law on a corner when his back was turned.

Disobedience-The colored lady Amabelle Gugol was detained and taken to the Vivac or refusing to live in the arsenal ward set part for ladies of her distinction. Severe Fall--Finding himself working on

big piece of timber, Don Pablo Pricto, on Regla wharf he suddenly fell damaging imself considerably. He had been standing n the end of the timber which he was saw ing off.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

Survivors of the Civil War Remem hered by the General Government. WASHINGTON, April 22.-(Special.)-The following western pensions have been

Issue of April 10, 1899.

Lincoln, \$6. Original widows, etc.: Alma E. Hover, Gordon, \$8.

rison C. Skeel, Arlington, \$6 to \$10; Thomas G. Ryan, Leon, \$6 to \$8; Philip Bedinger, Ottumwa \$24 to \$30; Lewis A. Feeck, Man-son, \$6 to \$5. Reissue: Emil Magnus Davenport, \$6. Original widows. etc. Bobier, Keystone, \$6 to \$10; Charles Lowe, Bijou Hills, \$6 to \$8.

\$6. Increase: John B. Cook

fought or some other part of the continent Battles after which no rain was recorded were conveniently left out of the discussion. The reader was not expected to con sider that it is raining somewhere on every continent nearly all the time, and that, it the combatants wished to do so, they could not well fix on a time for the battle when it was not going to rain somewhere within a very few hours. That this theory met with anything but ridicule was due solely p lack of knowledge of atmospheric motions. To one who knew that the rais which falls on us today comes from a moving mass of air weighing thousands of millions of tons which yesterday might have been hundreds of miles away, the idea

that great atmospheric currents could be and accidents is on the decrease. But the set in motion and brought to a particular city editor suspects that yesterday was an spot by firing bombs would seem to be as off day with the reporter. However, he is absurd as that of opening a cannonade from Governor's island to bring the gulf stream in shore to warm up New York harbor meaks into the office like a cat, looks cau- And yet so little appreciation had the publie of this fact that a large appropriation desk or table and hurries away as though | was gotten from congress to send an expedition down to Texas, there to produce The following is his report as turned in rain in the dry season by exploding dyna-

An Ancient Idea.

On another occasion an inventor appeared at the Navy department with a proposal for a new engine which was to utilize nearly all the power generated by the burn of Don Teodoro Cajigal escaped yesterday. ing of coal, instead of wasting eight or nine parts out of ten, as every steam engine must do. Such a result could not have been otherwise than tempting, and the claims put forth seemed very plausible to one who did not add to a knowledge of steam enginery that common sense appreciation of new conditions which scientific attainments do not always bring. The inventor came

armed with an endorsement from one of the most eminent naval engineers. The logical result of his theory was that it was possible to run an engine with the heat of the ocean and thus get along without any plan and showed what splendid results for

our decaying commerce would follow when this result was reached. Very naturally the secretary of the navy was much concerned lest the invention should not get a complete trial, and it is said that the en-

gine was actually put in operation at the Washington navy yard. Now, the fact is that the proposed engine

bad really nothing new about it in principle. It was to all intents and purposes a common engine in which ammonia was used instead of water. The idea was so oldfashioned as to be worn out. Time and again it had been shown that no advantage vas to be gained in such a way. Of course

there were differences of detail; quite likely number of new features were introduced into this ammonia engine. The difficulty

was to discriminate between the new features of the engine, which did not in any way affect the principle, and the subversion of a law of nature. The invento-

Nebraska-Renewal: Ansel Lawrence

Glover, Gordon, \$8.
Iowa-Original: John K. Clark, Webster City, \$6. Additional: Owen E. Newton, Fort Madison, \$6. Increase: Special April 11. Martin Hollingsworth. Cordova, \$4 to \$6: Patrick Scally, Fairfield, \$6 to \$10; Har-

& Wilhelm Carpet Co. Orchard 1414-1416-1418 Douglas Street.

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giving to matter such a combination of PROSPERITY IN NEBRASKA and barns, showing that they are feeling the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over strength and lightness that the desired apparatus can be made, and in inventing methods

by which its motion can be controlled. By no process can we make a pound of steel weigh less than a pound and by no process can we give it more than a definite strength and stiffness. We can diminish friction but we cannot avoid it alto gether. We do not know how light an en-

gine may possibly be constructed. Give our nventors plenty of time and perhaps they will be able to fly. Discover some ways o avoiding the laws of gravitation or some sys tem of electrical propulsion by which bodies will be held above the earth as the great

are held above that luminary, and the proj et may be a brilliant success. If this result a reached it will be by the scientific inves-

Granting the possibility of aerial navigation the question whether it will be a comnercial success or a mere curiosity is a lifficult one. It is to be deadded by the practical man of business. In considering prac ticability we are not to overlook the extreme cheapness of steam transportation in our imes. It is difficult to see that air can have iny great advantages over the ocean as a vehicle to sustain goods in transportation At first sight this statement may seem sur-

prising. Does it not take ten days and a large amount of coal to carry a cargo goods from New York to Liverpool? Might not the saving be very great if they could he carried in one or two days through the air? We are not prepared to admit that the coal. The eminent engineer endersed this saving could, under any circumstances, he very material. The cost of carrying a pair of boots from New York to Liverpool is w less than that of carrying them from store to the home of a purchaser in the same city. If we calculate what an extent of wing surface would, under any circumtances, be required to support a weight of one ton in the air, we shall see the hope essness of the idea that 5,000 tons can be

transported from New York to Liverpool heaper than it can now be done. The man f the future who is able to spend a small fortune on a flying machine may possibly enjoy the luxury of flying from place to But he will not carry much baggage with bim until some new law of nature is that real estate is returning to the normal. discovered.

Alabama Democrats Active.

did not pretend to have discovered any new law or to have gotten any new appliance

> onvention, and the election of the democratic nominees, state and county."

> > Two Failures in Chicago

not. The best it can do is to point out cer-tain limitations of the idea which can be removed only by the discovery of some rad-ically new law or by the production of arti-

is no known reason why a man should not firm of Leubrie Brothers of St. Louis, which value of city property." make artificial wings by which he could fly assigned in 1884. The claims against the as rapidly as a bird. The difficulty lies in old firm amount to \$153,000.

Immigration Will Be Greater Than at Any Season in Fifteen Years. FILLING UP THE STATE HELPS OMAHA

Increasing Demand for Houses Both in Country and Town-Considerable Activity in the Building Line.

spring is nothing as compared to what it was ago, so that it will be seen that a large along in 1880, '81 and '82, when government land could be had in almost any portion of they will average in any city.

oming to stay. Many of them are bringing their families, intending to purchase homes at once and put in the spring crop. Regarding immigration, Land Commis-

road company says: "We do not expect a mom, but we are looking forward to the oming of more settlers than during any seaon in the last ien years. We are selling large tracts of land almost daily and in adlition to this we are disposing of hundreds

quarter sections that will be improved his season. The good crops of the past have resulted in placing Nebraska in the front rank of agricultural states and the people of the east are not losing any time In getting out here. Most of the men who are coming bring money with them and everything indicates that they are the best kind of citizens for a state. They are

largely farmers who have sold out in the ates from which they come, though, ourse, many of them have been renters who ow seek to own farms of their own." Regarding vacant lots and homes here in

maha, the demand continues active, yet there is not the slightest indication of a om. Speaking of the situation, Garvin Brothers said: "The conditions simply show

although prices continue abnormally low. The thoughtful citizen is fast making up his mind that the present is the most favorabl MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 22 .- The dem- time ever offered to secure a home at cratic state executive committee met here reasonable price. Houses and stores are today to outline a plan of campaign for a well filled and the general tendency of constitutional conveation. A resolution rents is upward. While there has been no was adopted instructing the chairman of general advance in values as yet, except in the executive committee to appoint a a few localities, prices are firmer. The campaign committee, "of which he shall be great improvement and increase in all lines

chairman, to take charge of and conduct a of business, together with newly added inampaign for a call of the constitutional dustries in this city and more particularly in South Omaha, has provided permanent positions for a large number of employes and The committee placed itself on record as op- brought in many new residents of a desirable used to the repeal of the act calling the class. The city is suffering today for want of more six to eight-room dwellings for rental purposes; there is every indication that a good deal of building will be done to supply the demand. Reports from the coun try indicate that farm lands are rapidly ad-

vancing in value and selling freely. History will probably repeat itself and the advance in prices of lands will undoubtedly 1 followed by a corresponding advance in the

Here in Douglas county farmers are proparing to erect more commodious houses

the land. Few if any of the farmers in this vicinity are desirous of selling; on the other hand, many of them are adding to their possessions by acquiring more land, thus increasing the size of their farms that they may increase their acreage of grain and have more pasturage for their stock. In the city new buildings are being crected on every hand, and it is almost impossible to go a block in any direction without seeing men excavating for foundational or erecting new buildings. While it the true that few of the new buildings are large, scores of them will cost from \$1,000 up to \$3,000 each. With the low prices on materials, mechanics figure that a house that While the immigration to Nebraska this costs \$2,000 would have cost \$3,500 ten years portion of the houses crected are as good as

the state, there are more people coming in As yet there has been little done in the than at any time during the last fifteen way of crecting business houses, though on years and most of them are persons who are the outlying streets several fine business blocks with living rooms above the floor are going up. The architects of the city, however, are firmly convinced that as the season advances a number of fine blocks loner McAllester of the Union Pacific Rail- will be erected in the heart of the city. In fact, several of the architects say that lot owners are already figuring with them now on plans for such buildings.

In the building line the records in tha office of the building inspector show that this has been the busiest month in ten years past. Already during April permits have been issued for the crection of fortysix dwellings costing from \$1,000 to \$4,000, and fully half as many more are awaiting examination, so that it is safe to predict that by the close of the month permits will have been issued for the erection of at least

seventy-five dwellings and cottages. Hardly a dwelling house is being built to rent, as in almost every iffstance the owner of the property is building that he may have of a home for himself and family. There are a few flats and apartment houses being built, and in about every case they are rented for a long term before being half completed.

**Racing Judge Kills Himself.** 

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 22.-Colonel M. Lewis Clark, of Louisville, the well known acing judge, committed suicide heer today in his roo mut the Gaston hotel.



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He had merely altered the form of the engine. He was allowed to run it for a hort time, and then he and his machine passed into oblivion. Aerial Navigation. At the present time the public is much incrested over the question whether aerial onstitutional convention. invigation is possible. Can science answe

his question? In an absolute way it canot. The best it can do is to point out cer-

ficial conditions of which we up to the pres- agent.

ent time have no conception. Abstractly there is no known reason which we up to the pres-by Louis Leubrie, formerly a member of the

masses of hydrogen thrown out by the sur tigator and not by the inventor.