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Just Eighty Years Ago the Steamer Western Engineer Touched at Omaha.

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PLANS TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY

Some Details of the Historic Event as Narrated by the Government Officials Who Accompanied the Expedition.

steamboat plying up and down the Missouri esting in the savage life around them. One from Omaha to Florence recalls the fact of the things that particularly interested cago led to a rumor that the pests had apthat it is now almost exactly eighty years them was the wonderful intelligence dissince the first steamer pushed its nose played by the prairie wolves, with which against the current and passed the almost unbroken wilderness of bluff and forest that the wolves evaded every artifice that their then occupied what is now the site of ingenuity could suggest. After spending sev-Omaha. In fact the centennial anniversary eral weeks in a futlle attempt to construc of the event is close at hand and the passengers who take the trip up the river on the afternoon and evening of September 17, 1919, will inadvertently be assisting in its celebration. On that date in 1819 the steamer Western Engineer struggled northward against the swift current that now hurries past the western metropolis. It has been suggested that an old-timers' excursion should be organized on that day, that the city and county officials should participate in a body and that some appropriate exercises should be provided for to emphasize one of the most interesting events in the cated that the Missouri was at that time 100 early history of the west.

A detailed narrative of the trip of the Western Engineer is contained in an old further down. The velocity of the current publication that is now a part of the Byron was tested by floating an Reed collection in the public library and porter bottle, "An Account of an Expedition from Pitts- the current to the length of a string that burg to the Rocky Mountains Performed in was 100 yards long. By this unique method the Years 1819 and 1820, by Order of J. C. it was determined that the velocity was one Calhoun, Secretary of War, Under the Com- mile, 441 yards and one and one-half feet mand of Major S. H. Long of the United | per hour. Later more elaborate experiments Topographical Engineers."

The book was written by Edwin Jones, who accompanied the expedition as botanist and geologist, from the notes prepared by Major Long and other members of the party. It has been guoted to some extent in the a point ten feet below the surface, the histories of Omaha that have been complied in more recent years, and a perusal 893 yards and one foot per hour. of the work gives the reader a realistic impression of the change that eighty years has compassed in the territory that has bands of Indians that came to pay their since become Nebraska.

In connection with the approaching anniversary a brief reproduction of Mr. Jones' narrative becomes of interest. There is season, and Mr. Jones has detailed very little in the history that suggests the Omaha minutely the impressions that he and his young men. "Say, fellows, I wonder if that of today. Neither geographical names nor the narrator's descriptions of the scenic and natural conditions would be recognized were it not for the references to the trading and a number of Iowas, who came early in got it on his list of concessions. He has post at Bellevue and to the Council Bluffs. as the massive plateaus on the Iowa side were even then known. Even the river is not the same as the one on which Major Long and his party traveled. It has swept in order to impress the visitors with the into new channels and destroyed many of fact that they were also deserving of honor, the old landmarks. But the vivid picture of the savage life that inhabited the rugged bluffs becomes more interesting as the years leave it behind.

Start of the Expedition.

The exploring party left Pittsburg early in May on a craft that river men of the boasting of his exploits. After this preface ride with him. They declined the invita-present generation would hardly consider the brave would recite his deeds of valor, tell tion, one of them remarking: "That's a having precious stones set into the butts. capable of the projected trip through the of the horses he had stolen, and the number "Mississippi, the Missouri and their naviga- of dead bodies of his enemies he had struck, ble tributarles." Fulton's Clermont, the and then give way to one of the other bucks first successful steamboat, was invented only twelve years before, and the Western Engi- It is related that when one old warrior was

FIRST TRIP UP THE RIVER at the foot of the high bluff that still re-mains immediately north of the water works SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY in the least. CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY NOTES umping station at Floronce. In his description of the camping grounds Mr. Jones alleges that cliffs of "sparry limestone" rose "Steamboat" Worm Makes Its Own Craft in the rear of the site to an elevation of nearly 300 feet. At the present time a and Navigates Hansoom Park Lake. highway winds along the foot of the cliff over the exact spot where the party spent the winter, and any one who has passed the SKIP DUNDY AND THE MOON CONCESSION spot can easily understand why the explorers took advantage of the protection that the towering bluff provided against the Novel Horseless Carriage-Why the winter winds. Countryman Dodged-Fusion Con-It would seem that the long winter spent vention Anecdote-Mean Men and Women-Beggar's Trick.

in this isolated place must have been a tedious ordeal to the wanderers, but the journal kept by their officers indicates that The somewhat unusual spectacle of a they found much that was novel and inter-

the banks of the river abounded. At first a trap that would fool a wolf they gave the job up in despair and turned to other occupations. Mr. Jones also speaks of latrons, a species of jackal, which were very numerous in this section. Droves of elk wers frequently seen, and swans, geese and ducks to the postoffice lawn. At Hanscom park the men who take care came driving down the river before the cold winds in immense flocks that must have of the trees and lawns said they had heard numbered millions.

nothing of the army bugs, but they had discovered a new worm, which was playing Width and Velocity of the River. Measurements made by the engineer of the is a brindle-colored worm about half an havoc with the water lilles. This new pest party soon after the camp was located indiinch in length. Thousands of them appear on the leaves of the water plants and cut yards wide at a point just above the camp them to pieces. A favorite pastime of the and 27735 yards wide a few hundred feet worm is to cut out a piece of a leaf about the size of a nickel, which floats away on empty the water with the worm on the upper side. Reed collection in the public library and porter bottle, that was partially the water with the worm on the upper side. which was published in London in 1823. It filled with water to give it spewhich was published in London in 1920. It which water plants into miniature cances is caus-is in three small volumes and is entitled cific gravity, and letting it ride down ing much annoyance and work for the keepers of the park and a strong effort is being made to destroy the worms. Workmen who have been at the park for several years say that this is the first they have ever seen of this variety of worm and they are unable were made, and it was discovered that the to find in the books any description or name current was much swifter a few feet below that will fit it. In the absence of a scientific the surface. A pole ten feet long was name they have dubbed it the "steamboat weighted and floated in the same manner as worm."

the porter bottle, and this indicated that, at It was an ideal summer night. There was current flowed with a velocity of one mile, not a cloud in sight. The blue vault of One of the most interesting features of the heaven was illuminated by the bright, sllwinter was the reception of the various very moon and the brilliant, golden stars.

with the display of the 64,000 electric lights respects to their white visitors. Represenof the Greater America Exposition, was being tatives of nearly all the tribes in this loviewed with much admiration by a rather cality visited the encampment during the hilarious and happy-go-lucky quartet of comrades received. moon up there is a part of the exposition?" said one of them. "If it is," repiled an-The first deputation that called at the

cantonment was a party of about 100 Otoes other, "you can bet that Scip Dundy bas October to dance "before their tents," which got about everything in sight. He wouldn't was their way of expressing esteem. After overlook the moon if he could get hold of it." this was accomplished the Indians went through the ceremony of "striking the post' Syndicate park picnic, were startled by some and the journal of Major Long contains a comes a horseless carriage!" The girls very exhaustive description of this dance. According to the aboriginal idea the act of jumped to one side, and turning round they

striking the post with a stick was equivalent saw, leisurely approaching, a mule team to taking an oath that he would not vary a hair's breadth from the unvarnished truth in

A good-sized boy came into one of the justice's courts last week and brought suit against his employer for halr a dollar. The man had employed him at 75 cents a day and after he had worked several days discharged him. He told the boy that he had not done his work properly, and refused to pay him all he owed him, though as a matter of fact the boy had been doing a man's work. The case has not been settled yet. but the boy proposes to show the man how not to save money. A clearer case came up in another court

a few days later. A woman had hired a small girl to work for a dollar a week. At the end of the first week she discharged the News that the army bugs were ravaging girl and refused to pay her anything. She

the parks and destroying the lawns in Chigave no excuse, but simply told the girl to "get out." The girl and her mother went peared in Omaha. An inquiry among the to a lawyer, who drew up a bill of particuparks and lawns of the city, however, fails lars and filed it in court. The defendant, to find any of the army bugs at work here. when summoned, came in and paid the girl The common caterpillars, however, are caus- a dollar, but that would not eatisfy the the faculty have always enjoyed the brary of Woodstock The common caterpillars, however, are caus-ing much annoyance in the north part of court, who assessed \$2.35 costs against her, advantage of selecting pupils from the land, with representations of the planetary bickering and dailying over the reconstruc-At last accounts the employer of frugal The people get rid of them either by scorchhabits was out trying to scrape up the ing or by the liberal application of hot water. amount of the costs. It happens once in a They have seldom been able to accept From South Omaha the report comes that while that Justice doffs her leaden sandals all that applied for admission, because, the Rigge has worked at the Georgetown ob-the army bugs have made their appearance and gets into a pair of track shoes with class room facilities being limited, they gid servatory with Hagen of Bonn, an astronand gets into a pair of track shoes with class room facilities being imited, they did servatory with Hagen of Bonn, an astronthere and that they are doing great damage cleats on them.

BATCH OF SHORT STORIES.

Milliken, saying: "I have been told that some member of

him. Do you know anything of this?" Mr. Milliken denied all knowledge of the ing intellectual development. iniquity, and referred the cleric to Senator Buildings do not make a college, but they Hale. The senator listened patiently to the add materially to its efficiency, and hence clergyman's tale, and then, looking up with a twinkle in his eye, quietly asked: good or not, did you?"

"One of the strangest incidents that I ever witnessed," remarked Colonel Lyle of Kentucky, "occurred in Camden, S. C."

"How was that, colonel?" interposed the The heavenly illumination, vieing in beauty crowd. "It was this way," continued the colonel.

> received a very short reply. Thereupon he inquired as to who owned the hotel. After paid \$10,000 for the building, and in less than three hours returned to the hotel with the

keys and a deed to the property and locked up the hotel, with the remark that 'if the its environs. The separate house used for year gave a course on hygicus, cooking and hotel could not be run decent he'd just close a chemical laboratory is entirely too small kindred subjects at St. Francis academy, one yelling: "Get out of the way! Here it up."

> Hon. William Wortham, long state treasurer of Texas, was in a New York jewelry store one day when he noticed a showcase filled with splendid jeweled revolvers, with "Lemme see one of those guns," he said to

The street car was coming in from the with the big ruby in the handle." The gold one the assembly hall and chapel especially of the vocal music. Prof. Fitz George addemic course prof. William Schlarmanic ears with lavish promises, meanand then give way to one of the other bucks who would also recount his valorous exploits. The street car was coming in from the who would also recount his valorous exploits. The street car was coming in from the who would also recount his valorous exploits. The street car was coming in from the while increasing the number of crossings and occasionally gathering in a street for the rear end of the car, gazing about with | took it tenderly in both hands and held it eyes and mouth wide open, taking in the admiringly up to the light. Then drawing sights. He was evidently from the country, himself up to his full height, which was for he had a carpet bag with him and there six feet and a half, he rested the revolver were other unmistakable indications that he barrel on his left elbow, cocked for the did not reside in town. As the car rattled purpose, and looked over the sights down over the Dodge street tracks the conductor the long store. Those persons who saw was not conferred on any but one or two of called out in stentorian tones, "Dodge," and him involuntarily dodged. "Say," said the man with the straw-colored whiskers Mr. Wortham, with gulet but intense endodged as though he were about to be hit thuslasm, as he returned the weapon. "If with a Cuban machete. There was a sup- I were to wear that gun down in my state pressed titter from the passengers who saw the people would be falling down on their knees begging to be killed with it."

Two girls, wending their way along a

winding road, homeward-bound from a

hauling a lumber wagon. The driver, enjoy.

ing the joke on the girls, invited them to

horse on us."

in the beggar's pockets.

author of a number of well known text books on rhetoric, composition and medical PASSING OF GRADE CROSSINGS jurisprudence. One of his recent works on 'Moral Principles and Medical tice" is now being translated into French What Other Cities Have Done to Banish a Unusually Strong Faculty Has Been Secured and German and will soon be issued in for the Ensuing Year. those languages by the Benziger Bros., who have offered the reverend author quite a handsome royalty on the publication. SKETCHES OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS A Distinguished Astronomer. Rev. William F. Rigge will continue in charge of the astronomical observatory. Progress of the Gigantic Task in Chi-Among the Number Are Several Men Though a comparatively young man, he Eminent in Their Specialtiesstands high as an astronomer both in the Prospects for Next College Year Are Very Bright.

beginning of his career he enjoyed the advantages of tuition under some of the No person who has not visited Creighton ablest masters, such as Seatini of Floruniversity, at Twenty-fifth and California streets, can have any idea of the extent and ence, a distinguished scientific man, an architect, metereorologst, astronomer and thoroughness of the work done by that institution during the last twenty years, author of a complete course Being a free college the members of mnthematics, who adorned the most available material at hand, look- system and mural drawings of his own obing rather to results than numbers, servations of sun spots, eclipses and the like. Within the last few years Father

not see their way clear to doing justice to omer famous as the author of an atlas of more than about 200 in the classical de- the variable stars, a herculean task, and partment, in addition to the special students likewise the author of a synopsis of the and those in the Medical college at Four- higher mathematics, which has won un-The New York Tribune says the late Seth teenth and Davenport strests. Last year stinted praise from the most eminent math-L. Milliken of Maine was foud of telling the was a very prosperous season and the next ematicians of Europe. Some of our promfollowing story: At a time when prohibition bids fair to surpass it. The writer of a inent citizens who have spent an evening at was particularly strict in Maine a large party monograph on higher education in Nebraska, the observatory with Father Rigge looking of ministers made an excursion to Cranberry more than a decade ago, mentions with com- at the heavenly bodies through his com-Island, near Bar Harbor. As the members mendation the fact that Creighton university torial and who have witnessed his skillful of the party possessed considerable political held back from the conferring of degrees manipulation of the transit instrument, influence, both Mr. Milliken and Senator for a number of years because it did not chronograph, sidereal clocks and other ap-Hale accompanied them. In the course of find the right material at hand and it pre- paratus can bear evidence to his superior the trip one of the ministers came to Mr. ferred to postpone the giving of degrees scientific attainments, as well as his sununtil it was satisfied with the quality of shiny character and genial courtesy. It is scholarship leading up to them. That stage probably not generally known that few of this party has yielded to the temptation of is long since passed and now graduating the higher institutions throughout the counthe serpent, and has a bottle of whisky with classes succeed each other with ever-increas- try give such opportunities for practical ing breadth of attainments and ever-widen- work in astronomy as Creighton university

handlcapped for want of room and buildings ated in the teaching of chemistry with Prof. "You didn't happen to hear whether it was and is obliged to exclude some applicants for Charles Crowley, A. M., Ph. C., the accomtoo limited for the work it might do and is Medical college. The best years of Prof.

The Needs of Creighton University. A scientific building is evidently needed, succeeded in finding the owner, and actually placed in various corridors, and even in the interesting and instructive to persons who to obtain a commanding view of Omaha and dition to his Omaha work Prof. Crowley last abolish grade crossings.

> for so considerable an outfit as it contains, Council Bluffs. while the want of gymnasium advantages

practically confines the athletics to outdoor sponts. Buildings twice the size of the present would be none too University Mandolin and Guitar club, will great for the work which can be done by Creighton university. The build- of the students. Prof. Thomas J. Kelly, so ings have been thoroughly renovated during favorably known to the Omaha public as the vacation at an expense of about \$1,500. an accomplished musician, will take charge

tion of Prof. William Whelan, the stage has

resume his place, to the great satisfaction

Music. Prof. J. A. Huster, who met with such marked success in the formation of the

in the City of Buffalo in practical and theoretical work appertain-Four Years. ing to his professorship. From the very The manner in which other cities grappled with the problem of abolishing railroad grade crossings forms an interesting study. particularly so to the people of Omaha. 10 It has been a prolific source of irritation 11and agitation here for twenty years, and is college, Mary- likely to continue for years to come. The tion of the Sixteenth street viaduct illustrates the snall pace of great bodies when so disposed, and illuminos the difficulties, if not the indisposition, of city fathers in pressing the settlement of public rights on friendly corporations. Some robust optimists expect to live to see that structure completed. Perhaps they will, But they are young, and youth has hope to burn. Chicago wrestled with the grade crossing evil for many years, but without much success until 1893, when the enormous traffic of the World's Fair forced a change. In anticipation of the rush the Illinois Central, in 1892, reconstructed its roadbed along the lake front and bridged every crossing as far out as Seventieth street. The enormous traffic and the freedom from accident during the World's Fair period proved the wisdom of the management and amply justified the increased expense. Saving of Time and Money. That was the beginning of the end. Al-

ready millions have been spent in raising roadbeds and bridging streets, and millions are yet needed to finish the plans. It is it is to be regretted that the university is special science in St. Louis, will be assoct- said the Chicago & Northwestern alone spent \$10,000,000 in raising its roadbed want of room. Its patrons have long since plished and erudite professor of chemistry tersecting streets. A dozen other corporawithin the city limits and bridging all inbegun to note that its facilities are entirely and toxicology in the John A. Creighton tions are spending large sums and within already called upon to do, both for the cause Crowley have been devoted to chemistry, be a memory. Persistent agitation and of education and the upholding of the hon- After graduating from the department of vigorous political pressure were necessary arts and science in Detroit college and en- to compel the railroad corporations to gaging in desultory scientific pursuits for spare the lives of people obliged to cross some time, he took a course at Ann Arbor, their tracks. They protested the change in-"Several years ago, while I was in that city for a rare collection of scientific instruments, after which he taught chemistry at Detroit volved such expense that to undertake it a gentleman arrived at the hotel there early the most complete and modern, is crowded and later at Creighton university and the meant bankruptcy. The work is now so well one morning, and while making some re- into space in which even a satisfactory dis- John A. Creighton Medical college. It is advanced and the gain so apparent that the quests of the handlord, who rented the hotel, play of the apparatus is impossible. The hoped that arrangements may be made for protestants acknowledge the authorities did room devoted to the library proper is al- | Prof. Crowley to give a free course of the right thing in calling their tearful together inadequate and divisions of the scientific lectures in the university hall bluffs. It is asserted in the case of one receiving the information he went out and library have been installed on the shelves during the fall and winter on timely topics, corporation that the money heretofore paid in maintaining crossings, for damages to commodious and well lighted attic, through are too busily engaged to keep pace with persons and property and for death claims which one passes on his way to the tower the advance of scientific knowledge. In ad- will pay interest on the money required to

What Buffalo is Doing.

The city of Buffalo is another shining example of what can be accomplished when the authorities take a determined grip on a public project. Prior to 1895 grade crossings were as numerous there as flies around an are light. The evil had grown to such proportions that something had to be done. City officials argued and threatened, but it ended in talk. Corporation managers ad-

neer was a decidedly crude and unwieldy of the present. Its boilers were fired with was to find sufficient fuel to keep the fires burning. There was no scarcity of timber, but the forests were so deep and heavily shaded that even the fallen trees were heavily soaked with moisture. - The party was compelled to depend solely on ash and cottonwood stumps that were dead, but still also made the occasion of elaborate cerequently tied up for some time while the Elk and Big Eyes, and these have been precrew skirmished through the woods in served almost verbatim by the historian of search of such material.

tion was not begun until it reached a territory that was then comparatively unknown. Franklin, previously the extreme head of navigation on the Missouri, was reached July 13. This was in what is now Howard county, almost exactly in the center of Missourl, and while the original townsite was subsequently swallowed up in one of those finest looking Indians that they saw during changes of base for which the Missouri river was famous, the spot is approximately located by the present town of Franklin long time they could not be induced to go Junction. At the time of Major Long's arrival Franklin consisted of thirteen log houses, a few frame dwellings, two brick buildings, thirteen stores, four taverus, two they were convinced that no harm was inblacksmith shops and a court house. Even tended and spent some time examining the served thieves and other unsavory characters.

Franklin was noted at that time as the point that was reached a few weeks before to the aboriginal visitors. by the steamer Independence, of Louisville the first steamer that ever ascended the Mis souri. Major J. D. Wilcox, father of William P. Wilcox, later of Omaha, was one of the passengers on the Independence and he was one of the guests at an elaborate of friendship, but took occasion to warn the banquet that was tendered to the captain and passengers by the citizens of Franklin in honor of the event. The news of Major Long's expedition had already reached the pioneers and their interest in its arrival was indicated in one of the toasts that were offered at the banquet, "The policy resulting in the expedition to the Yellowstone."

Major Long and his party were also re ceived with exuberant hospitality by the Frankfin people and it is significant that, in his reference to their visit. Mr. Jones declares that, in his opinion, it is only a question of time when the town will be swept away by the river. After a short stay at Franklin the expedition passed on up the Missouri, and on September 15 it arrived opposite the mouth of the Platte.

Same Old Platte.

That the characteristics of this river have not materially changed is indicated by Mr. perous community. Jones' description. He says: "Its mouth now exhibited a great extent of naked sandbars. The water, which was transparent and of a greenish color, flowed almost unseen through a number of small channels. Masses of sand accumulate at the mouth of the Platte, rendering the navigation of the Missouri at that point extremely difficult.

The Platte, during its flood, pours into the to alleged unprofessional conduct of Justice Missouri a volume of water considerably of the Peace Kinkead was taken up by the exceeding in magnitude that of the latter river, occasioning a reflux of the water for ular meeting and the hearing was set at many miles. From the Platte upward the 10 o'clock September 16. annual range from high to low water in the Missouri may be rated at about eighteen feet.

Two days later the steamer reached what city limits, as follows: Thomas Ryan, 115 was then known as Fort Lisa, a trading | cents per yard; J. A. Beverly company, 1715 station operated by the Missouri Fur company, which was located just above the bids were referred to the committee on present site of Omaha. Here the explorers | roads. began to cast about for a suitable location

for a camp in which to spend the winter. Central Labor union to march in a body in and this was found two days later at a the Labor day parade and passed the usual point about half a mile above Fort Liss, or , grist of bills and claims.

in the midst of his harangue of the invention as compared with the river craft | younger braves put his hand over his mouth and led him away as a suggestion that if he wood, and when the Missouri was reached told of all the brave acts he had done no one one of the greatest troubles of the navigator | else would get a chance to speak. This was esteemed the highest compliment that could be paid to a warrior and the snuffing process the most noted chiefs.

Two weeks later a deputation of 400 Omahas presented itself and this visit was remained standing, and the boat was fre- monials. Long speeches were made by Big the incident.

waters of the Missouri was comparatively wound up with the statement that they were uneventful, as the real work of the expedi- satisfied that their white visitors did not intend to polson them or steal their women and that they would be frieads.

Sioux Were Big Chiefs.

About the middle of November a big party to state his point and said: of Sioux came down the river and stopped another gentleman." to call at the cantonment. Mr. Jones declares that the Sioux were by far the their trip. They manifested a lively curipopulist convention." osity in regard to the steamboat, but for a A curious character was recently taken on board. They were afraid that it was some into custody by the police. His name is Francis Clark and he moves in an orbit "great medicine" that would annihilate them, but after a good deal of persuasion centering at Chicago. Clark describes himself as a "bird of passage." In the summer he migrates to the north, and in the winter he returns to the south. Clark admits he is craft and its machinery. They were especweekly paper and a two-story log building ially interested in the air guns and howitz- an impostor and glories in his profession. as a place of detention for horse ers and a powerful magnet that happened to When the police picked him up he was loitering about the street corners begging. be discovered among the supplies was a

source of the most extravagant astonishment During the winter the Omahas were frequent visitors at the camp, where they ex-

changed lerked meat for tobacco and remained on the best of terms with the white men. They were profuse in their professions explorers that they were the only tribe that could be depended on. The others would

profess amity, but would rob and murder the white men if they got a chance. Major Long had gone east during the winter and the party waited for him to return by a long overland journey before it broke camp and started to continue its explorations. He arrived at the cantonment

May 28 and a few days later the party started labor executed for the reason that it enables up the Platte by land, while the Western him to live without working. Clark claims Engineer was sent down to the Mississippi. he is the only man who possesses this In the story of the long tramp up the peculiar accomplishment. Platte much wonder is expressed at the peculiar undulating tendency of the Two men met in the office of a downprairies over which they passed. The extown hotel the other day and after exchangtreme fertility of the soil is observed and

ing a few curious glances approached one the historian indulges in an enthusiastic another and shook hands. prediction that some time in the future "Seems to me your face is familiar," said these rolling prairies will support a prosthe younger. "Yes, I think I know you, too,"

the other. Then they discovered that they COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET were from the same section of the country and that each knew a lot of the other's

Receive Grading Bids, Set Justice Kinkend's Hearing and Transact Various Routine Business.

"Let's see, seems to me you married my sister, didn't you?" The complaint of Ed Morearty in regard The bystanders suddenly became interested. There seemed to be a case of discovering a long lost relative going on he-Board of County Commissioners at its regfore them, especially as the second man answered in the affirmative. But as the conversation progressed it

Bids were received for 25,000 yards of became apparent that the man who had grading on L street from South Omaha to married the sister was either a justice of a point one and one-half miles west of the the peace or a priest and had simply officlated at the ceremony. cents, and John Jackman, 10 2-5 cents. The There are men and women in this town

mean enough to cheat an office boy or a girl who washes dishes in the kitchen out of half The hoard accepted the invitation of the a dollar whenever it can be done. They

look upon the transaction as a praiseworthy

In the flood of convention ancedotes and John Young Brown, candidate of the boltthe party. The speeches abounded in the stories occasioned by the late state con- ing democrats for governor of Kentucky, The trip down the Ohio and thence to the figurative language of the savage and ventions one from the populist county was governor of the Blue Grass State a few convention should not be lost sight of. In years ago, and the way it came about is one of the worst mix-ups achieved by that thus related: Mr. Young and some friends body one of the delegates arose and in a had been discussing the political outlook loud tone of voice demanded recognition on in Kentucky at Mr. Brown's house in Louisa point of order. He was told by the chair ville one night just on the eve of the demo-

cratic state convention several years ago. "The gentleman is talking slander about When the party broke up Mr. Brown's daughter, then about 18 years old, now mar-"That makes no difference," replied the ried, who had been an interested listener chair. "Slander is always in order in a during the discussion, spoke up.

"Why don't you run for governor, pa?" "Why, my child, they would never think

of me for that office. No one cares enough about me for that." "But, pa, would you accept the nomina-

tion if it were offered you?" "Why, of course, I would-nobody would

refuse the honor.' Miss Brown said no more at the time, but quietly slipped out of the house and started in the direction of the Courier-Journal office, Colonel Henry Watterson being an in-He has a trick of contracting the muscles timate friend of the family. It happened f his arm in such a manner that his hands that she met the veteran editor on the street. appear to be drawn hopelessly out of shape. "Ah, Uncle Henry, will you do me a fa-He presents a pitiful appearance and the vor?" the young woman asked impulsively. charitable inclinations of citizens were "Anything in the world that I can do I manifest by the collection of small change will."

"Well, I want pa to be governor of Ken-When placed under arrest Clark would no tucky and can you get him the nominaadmit he was "faking." He complained that tion?"

the officers hurt him when examining his Colonel Waterson turned back to the afmisshapen hands. After he had gone to fice and sat down and wrote a spirited editorial demanding in the interests of the faculty for the popular institution during sleep the jailer visited his cell and found his hands were just like those of an democratic party that John Young Brown the ensuing year. Rev. James J. ordinary person. Clark confessed and be nominated by the convention soon to showed the policeman how he worked the meet. The result was in accordance with and moral philosophy in the post-graduate the noted editor's wishes, Mr. Brown's department of St. Louis university, has years of practice, but it is worth all the election being a foregone conclusion.

CONNUBIALITIES

Bella M. Hughes of Atchison, Kan., recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her second marriage.

It sounds paradoxical to say so, but the New York woman who paid \$7,000 for a New husband was certainly hard up.

but pure and unadulterated glory. Rev. W. L. Meese of Auburn, Ind., who sides a considerable number in addition, held a matrimonial reunion August 17 and

replied

acquaintances. After they had chatted a

few moments the younger man said:

A remarkable twin story comes from the mountains of Kentucky. At Caney, Mor- nati and a graduate of the t gan county, there are two merchants known Innebruck, Tyrol, succeeds under the firm name of Caudle Bros They are twins and so much alike that they can hardly be distinguished. They married twin sisters and they each have twin girf ba-bies, which so much resemble each other that there is danger of getting the children mixed almost daily.

Thirty years ago two brothers named Stites started in the real estate business in Wichita, Kan., and still carry it on. There is nothing remarkable in this, but the same can hardly be said of the fact that they are twin brothers, 54 years old, and look so much alike that only mate friends can tell them apart. married twin sisters, the Misses Alice ini They economical step and the fact that they do Carrie Worth, and the two not have the shadow of an excuse for avoid-Alice and and the two families live

been electrically lighted with lamps of different colors. The parlors have been beauti. fully decorated by a domestic artist-a retiring lay brother and a man of rare artistic finished a three-years' course of philosophy ducts and subways and property damages and classical taste who brother band painter and pedagogics in the normal department of St. and about one-fourth by the city. play for his peculiar talents in the new life he took up the study of ecclesiastical decoration and left evidences of his skill in various churches and houses of the Jesuit order in the west. He adorned the wall of the refectory at Florissant, Mo., with an immense mural painting of "The Last Supper," and decorated the interior of Marquette college, Milwaukee. He likewise composed a grand march in honor of the rector of Creighton university. It was first produced by aa orchestra composed of some members of the faculty and Prof. John Schenk, at a private entertainment recently tendered to John A. Creighton.

A considerable number of trees and shrubs were set out on the grounds last spring with the intention of having them after a while replace some box elders which must be cut down on account of being breeding places for caterpillars. The lawn and flower beds, under he fostering care of the genial Father Roos have been unusually well kept and attractive this summer. Naturally enough the kinship of name causes the reverend father to look with special favor on the rose in his collection of flowers.

The stone building to the west of Twentyfifth street, which was originally a collegiate church, but is now devoted also to parish purposes, was renovated and beautified within the last few months at a cost of about \$3,000, under the superintendence of the pastor, Father Bronsgeest. A stone wall, flanked by turrets and ornamented with urns and plants, was built in front of the church and a broad stone stairway leading up to the entrance was likewise put in. Flower beds and a well kept lawn add to the stately

appearance of the front. A Strong Faculty Secured.

President Dowling of the university has year.

succeeded in securing an unusually strong been added to the staff. This reverend gentleman was also one of the most popular lecturers at the Madison summer school

and enduring works in his own chosen field of intellectual research, as well as in the tickets. domain of biography. In addition to other duties, Father Conway will occupy but any one can buy 100 tickets for \$3 And the company makes money by it, for That Kansas girl who has forfeited \$50,000 the chair of evidences of religion.

in marrying one of Funston's Rough Swim-mers evidently doesn't care for anything literature and the classics, and who has people ride five times where they would Rev. Richard Corcoran, whose specialty is literature and the classics, and who has taught with success for many years in some of the principal Jesuit colleges in this by an elderly maiden woman who died a few

Rev. W. L. Meese of Auburn, Ind., who has performed the marriage ceremony for 1.200 couples that he has record of, be-sides a considerable number in addition, held a matrimonial reunion August 17 and 18, to which were invited all the couples be has united. Rev. John Kuhlmann, a native of Cincinedifice.

nati and a graduate of the University of recently that the fire alarm system of the Innsbruck, Tyrol, succeeds Rev. John city was working very badly. Investigation Hemann as vice president and director of of the boxes showed that "yellow jackets" studies. Father Kuhlmann has had the had clogged many of them by deposits of advantage of extensive European travel, clay, which had hardened. The waspi during which he has taken great interest crawled through the keyholes and built in the system of teaching in educational in- their fire proof houses. in the system of teaching in educational in-

stitutions abroad, and he will prove a valu-A Cincinnati policeman's bees swarmed able addition to the faculty, especially as director of etudies. He has also had ex-ceptional opportunities for sciencific study ceptional opportunities for scientific study, he having taught science in his younger Years.

prional opportunities for sciencific study, e having taught science in his younger ears. Father Coppens, who has filled the chair logic, metaphysics and ethics in the niversity, as well as lecturer in the John Creighton Medical college, will continue occupy the same positions. He is the Father Coppens, who has filled the chair of logic, metaphysics and ethics in the university, as well as lecturer in the John A. Creighton Medical college, will continue

the Dramatic association, under the direc- the third and Prof. Martin Luersmann trackage purposes. At last an obscure law the first. The connecting link be- maker appeared in the state legislature and tween the academic and collegiate procured the passage of a bill creating a classes, called the Humanity class, will be commission to plan and prosecute the work. taught by Prof. Paul Breen, who has just The bill provided that the cost of the viaand science, after having taken a course in should be paid, three-fourths by the railroad Stanislaus seminary, Missouri. Prof. P. A.

A start was made in 1895. In the succeed-Mulfens, recently of Chicago and Milwaukee, ing three and a half years what would be will have charge of the sophomore class and regarded as a miracle in these parts has the higher grades of elocution. been wrought in Buffalo. One tunnel under This is the second time Rev. M. P. Dowl-

ing has held the position of president within were completed up to the close of 1898, at a the last fifteen years. He is fully acquainted cost of \$1,082,604.24, the city's share being with the needs of this section of the country \$221,905.35. A viaduct on Hamburg and and lends to his work all the advantages Seneca, two intersecting streets, built in the of large experience and ripe scholarship. form of an L, was completed last July at a Besides the executive ability required for his cost of \$369,897.87. Viaducts are now in position he has a more than local reputation course of construction on Elk and Van as a finished public speaker and has an intimate acquaintance with economic subjects.

estimated to cost \$790,980. The completed structures and those under way represent an The departure of Father Hemann for outlay for construction alone of \$2,243,482.11. Chicago is deeply regretted by students and of which the city will pay \$524,492.89. Dampatrons of Creighton university. During his ages to property are not included in these stay here he gave a great impetus to figures. musical studies and dramatic art, surpris- established by the commission. No award ing everyone by the thoroughness and sucis made to property owners until the viaduct cess of his efforts in developing latent talent or subway is completed. It is estimated that and producing marvellous results in a com- the aggregate of damages and the cost of property condemned will equal the cost of Schiermann will take up the work where he the structures. laid it down. Creighton being a free college, the at-

OUT OF THE ORDINARY,

Paris has many petroleum drinkers.

In Porto Rico ten oranges cost a cent.

In Porto Rico coffee costs 5 cents

Paris has a dog's cemetery.

once were the tickets 5 cents.

Built to Stay.

tendance always equals the accommodations, The proportion of subways to viaducts is small, the level character of the country renand no advertising is necessary to secure a dering them unsuitable. As a rule the grade large number of most desirable students, many of whom come from adjacent states of the roadbeds are not changed. All and board in the city while pursuing their | changes of grades are made on the streets. studies. Not a few of the young men have The approaches are buttressed with stone walls built at the lot lines, are curbed and no one to depend on but themselves, and having by their own labor and by securing guttered and paved with dressed stone laid employment during vacation acquired sufin cement. The viaducts proper are of steel, ficient means to attend college, devote usually the width of the street, with footthemselves earnestly to study and give great ways on each side, and all floored with satisfaction to their professors. They are asphalt. If a street intersects any of the excellent material out of which good, sucapproaches it is raised and paved precisely cessful and brainy men are formed for the as the main approach. Where streets pass best uses of the republic. Creighton uniunder the viaduct stairs are built on the versity looks forward to a very successful corners. A noticeable feature of these viaducts is the walls of steel plates, five feet high, separating the wagonways from the sidewalks,

Rensselaer streets and on the Abbot road,

The amount in every instance is

Buffalo's viaducts are of the best type of masonry and steel bridging. Even to a novice their appearance conveys the impression of massive strength and durability. As a local enthusiast expressed it: "They are built to stay."

MORE ROOM FOR THE PUPILS

Board of Education Asked to Add a Piece to the Saratoga School

There is a proposition before the Board of Education for the purchase by the board of a strip of ground on the north side of the Saratoga school site, the use of which would be to allow the enlargement of the building on the north side. The patrons of the school are urging the board to add an eighth grade to the school and say that the building can be enlarged only on the north side. They insist that it should be enlarged and additional grades established, as the neighborhood is being rapidly built up, ten houses having been built close to the school this summer. The petition for an eighth grade is in the hands of a committee of the board.

A special meeting of the board has been called for Monday night, primarily for the purpose of considering bids on the supply of coal for the coming year. The Saratoga school matter will probably be called up during the ovening.

Kearsurge about Ready for Trial. NEWFORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 26.—The trial trip of the battleship Kearsarge will take place between September 5 and October 15. The ship is now within about 4 per cent of completion. completion.

pound. and is the author of numerous articles for The German army includes more than periodicals and of several more elaborate 10,000 military musicians. Adrian, Mich., enjoys 3-cent street car tickets. The management has long sold 100 tickets for \$3. Single fares are a nickel,