THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1900.

NEWS OF BIG CONVENTIONS

Facilities Required for Reporting Nationa Political Gatherings.

Great Importance of Telegraphic Facilities-Quarter of a Million Spent in Gathering and sending the News.

tion of the convention of either of the great ington and New York offices as a rule. parties.

The reporting of a national convention 1: cme of the severest tests to which newspaper 2,000 words an hour, and the number of enterprise is ever subjected. It can be imagined that the machinery for doing the work is complex and complete. The reporters occupy a position of almost as great importance as the delegates, and are nearly as numerous. At the republican convention in Philadelphia seats will be provided for 500 working newspaper men. The Kansas City convention hall will have 600 press seats. There will be something less than 900 accredited delegates in each convention. Every newspaper of any consequence in the United States will be represented-some by one man, most by two or three, a few by corps of correspondents ranging in number from five to twenty. The press associations each

elaborate. The seats of the press corre- mystifying than to attempt to fellow the inspondents are the most convenient and ac- numerable combinations and deals which easible in the hall. They are arranged on are continually being formed. The delegatwo sides of the platform, facing the dele- tions from forty-four states are constantly gates, with ample room between chairs and meeting. The men who direct policies and benches so that the newspaper boys, who who shape ambitions never cease their work. are constantly running for copy, can dar: Where there is a contest for the presidency in and out without hindrance. Underneath or a question about platforms, schemes are SEVERE TESTS OF NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE the platform rooms are arranged for tele- formed in secret, combinations are made. graph operators and other rooms with tables. effective strokes are planned and all this is

from the hubbub of the convention to pre- ing convention throngs crowd ignorantly pare their cory Each of the telegraph companies estab-ridors. What is visible in a con-lishes an office in the convention ball, and vention city is of least consequence. The there may be heard the continual click of men why keep away from the burly-burly instruments sending the words of the speak- who gather in little groups in secluded WASHINGTON, June 9 .- One of the chief ers and the record of the proceedings to rooms, are really the arbiters of political considerations with a national committee in every part of the United States, so that al- destinies and these are the men who have

selecting a convention city is to fix on a most before a thing is fairly done it is to be kept constantly in mind. The reporter place with ample telegraph facilities. There recorded in newspaper offices, some of which who knows of these things, who is ac-are hardly more than a dozen cities which are thousands of miles away. Each of the quainted personly with the leaders and bave facilities equal to the requirements of two telegraph companies has afty operators managers, who can draw deductions from the newspapers at convention time. And, of working away in the tempo sty o - what he sees and hears or merely suspects. course, within a certain limit, only these can fice. They are the star men of is the only one who can write intelligently hope to enter into competition for the loca- the profession, selected from Wash- of what is going on at a national convention.

> with such other help as can be found. Each operator is capable of sending from 1,000 to tour hours. Each of the companies at each room and the reporters' tables.

Telegraph Problem.

where reporters, if they desire, can withdraw going on under the surface, while the cheerand tumultuously through the hotel cor-The

LEARNED A LESSON

He soon Found Out When It Was Time

will range all the way from 100,000 to 310.- to a Washington Star reporter. "that most 000. At night some of the operators all young men get into the drinking habit be- be made in small quantities and stuck to transferred to the central office in the city. fore they know it, or, rather, realize how so that the wires are kept crowded to their far they have gone. In some instances they While in a small Mexican village ten throughout the convention sittings, dart- had a fine place in a firm, the same one,

telegraph problem is always a se- be who have the business training of

of newspapers in the convention hall are convention hall. There are few things more ICE MAY BE MADE AT HOME

Cali ornia Man's Plan to Chill the Grip of the Ice Combine.

TINKS OF WATER FROZ N IN SX HEUIS

Bow Would You Like to Be Your Own leeman !-- Inventor Tells How to Effect the Transformation.

According to W. C. Rummel of Napa, Cal. there should be a new reading of the common query. "How would you like to be the iceman?" The amondment reada. "How would you like to be your own iceman"" And Mr. Rummel declares that no one need have much difficulty to assuming the popular summer character. He also insists that at last we are where we may

bits our thumbs at the los trust. Ice, he mays, is now possible on land or sea, by day or night, to the suffering sold er in a 2,000 words an hour, and the number of to Stop Drinking. field hospital as well as to the thirsty red-words sent out during a convention sitting "I think," said a successful business man dent of a sunburnt village. And all because he became convinced that ice could

the problem until he solved full capacity almost for the entire twenty- are born to it, but, thank heaven, that kind years ago, relates the Chicago Chronicle, are in the minority. I know how it was in Rummel was stricken down by smallpox. of the conventions will probably average my case. Up to the time I was 25 I had Alone, hundreds of miles from friends and from 400,000 to 500,000 words a day. Seven- trained with a fast lot of young fellows and kindred, he was taken to the p.sthouse, ty-five memonger boys will be kept busy we all drank more than was good for us. I where six other smallpox patients were confined-and there was not through all ing back and forth between the operating by the way, of which I am now the head, the tropic heat and the fever of the disand the head of the house was a man of just case so much as one small hit of ice the the kind of horse sense all men ought to size of a walnut to cool the parched line and burning throats of seven sufferers.

Five of them died, chiefly for want of ice. "I made up my mind," Rummel sa.d. 'that if ever I got out of that pesthouse alive I would do my best to work out an ice machine of some sort that would make t possible to have ice anywhere "

So after he came to Napa he hammered away at the problem for nearly ten years. He worked patiently at his profession-that of nurse-and every cent he made above his modest living expenses went into the production of an easily portable ice machine. There were times when even the cost of living was encroached upon-but Rummel is not a man to tell tales about going hungry. He is the sort to count it all in the day's work and let it go at that.

Mechanical Machine Failed.

"First," he says, "I tried a mechanical machine, but everything I worked out on that line was too complicated and expensive.

Then he turned his attention to achieving his ambition with chemicals, quite undaunted by the fact that he knew comparatively little about chemistry. But he learned and he stuck to his idea. He blew himself up now and then. He spent mest of his income on chemicals. He tried and tried and tried again without losing heart. He put in all the hours that were required of him at the asylum and when he was free he spent the other hours in a bare, little room on the main street in Napa, with the shades drawn and thin strips of light piercing the quiet Napa night, working away on the ice machine.

And after all the years of trial and experimenting and disappointment heaped on disappointment, he completed it and it is as simple as that egg trick of Columbus' that has been handed down from generation to generation.

All Rummel needs for the making of ice is three plain oblong zine tanks, one little perforated zinc basin, a sine cover, water, salt-and the freezing compound.

Secret Carefully Guarded. The freezing compound is simple, but

Rummel is not going about explaining the this much, considering how much Rummel and hope and ingentity to discover it, is about all that any one is entitled to know ! about The little ice machine is not a one-part actor. It has many possibilities. One little machine about the size of a twenty-fivepound block of ice, as easily carried about as an ordinary value, will do double-no, treble -duty in a household. In its little inside it will freeze a nice, clear, hard cake of ice. In its cuter tank it will chill water that can be drawn off for drinking. And set in an ice chest in the place of a block of ice it will be drawn off for drinking, and set in an everybody praises chest in the place of a block of ice it will chill the chest the while it is engaged in its, ment and reliable service. A night's



gradually increases. s 5.060 feet above the ocean, soon plung nto the Rocky mountains, through

trandest scenery of all the continent. This includes ten days at the Hotel Knuts-ford at Sait Lake City the reputation of which extends in either direction across the continent as one of the finest hostel-



The Bee Gives 10 Trips---

Who Will Take Them?

The seven most popular girls in Omaha, Council Bluffs, South Omaha (one to be from Council Bluffs), who earn their living, will be sent on the seven best vacation trips that money could plan, with all expenses paid and tree transportation for

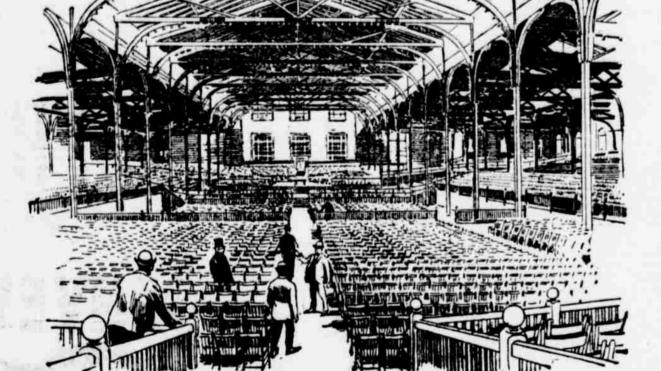
an escort. To these The Bee has added three trips, and will also send the most popular young lady living South of the Platte River in Nebraska, the most popular young lady North of the Platte River in Nebraska outside of Omaha, and the most popular young lady in Western Iowa, outside Council Bluffs, on similar vacation outings and also with free transportation for an escort.

In All the World No Trips Like These.

From Omaha to Chicago Builington and return over the Mil-waukee road, the only electrie lighted train between the two cities, through the fertile farming districts of lowa and Illinois. At Chi-

From Omaha to Ester Park, Colorado, over the Burlington brings one to "fashionwhat is not a Route able resort." but one of the bert places for thal spott and an ideal summer va-

cation in the west. Ridcago there will be a two days' stay at the ing. driving, fishing, bicycling, mountain Grand Pacific hotel, with an opportunity climbing or a book in a shady corner of to see something of Chicago, with head- the hotel veranda, breathing the mountain quarters at this most conveniently located air, will be a tonic for inv one The From Chicago the Lake Shore snow-capped peaks on every side, numhostelry. & New York Central run the swiftest beriess little streams and the green val-trains to New York. Ten days spent in ley are surroundings which are traly in-New York at the Hotel Majestic will give spiring. On Willow Creek, near the enan opportunity to see New York City trance and commanding a fine view of the and everything of interest. The Hotel park, is Estes Park hotel. It's table is Majestic itself is a summer resort. Its always adequate to satisfy the appetite,



WHERE THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION WILL BE HELD-REMODELED INTERIOR OF THE GREAT HALL BUILT FOR THE EXPORT EXPOSITION. THE LARGEST AUDITORIUM EVER USED BY A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

will have from fifteen to thirty men to re- rious one with each of the companies. This young men in their keeping. I did not port the proceedings, to follow up the im- is especially so when the convention is held neglect my business and had been receiving nightly developments.

portant conferences and to watch daily and in a western city, for there they have to promotions right along, and when my contend against the handicap of time, the friends suggested that I was drinking too Some of the great metropolitan journals great mass of telegraphic matter being sent much and that it would finally get me down practically establish duplicate plants for the east to the great cities along the Atlantic I laughed at them and took my drinks just gathering and transmission of news in a con- seaboard, which are from one hour to two the same. I sincerely thought they didn't vention city. They set up headquarters hours behind. When the convention was know what they were talking about and I fitted up like a newspaper office, with desks held in Minneapolis in 1892 it was found did not think the liquor was hurting me or and benches and special wires, and they that the facilities were inadequate. Com- that I couldn't let it alone when I wanted to. simplicity of it. That is something he keeps

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create a routine as perfect and as systematic as that which exists in the offices at home. At the republican convention in Minneapolis eight years ago one New York paper had its magazine editor, its city editor and a staff of writers, which practically depleted the home office of its most effective working force. This was the first attempt at anything of this kind. In Chicago and St. Louis four years ago other papers followed | Milwaukee so as to hasten matter in re- juring me. In Chicago one New York lays. the example. paper published a dally edition on the spot. which was virtually a duplicate of the home edition in New York. This same newspaper not many newspapers, of course, which will press rates by wire is half a cent a word. " "That is all right, my boy,' said Mr. B., show at all will be very thorough in its preparations.

The staff of a metropolitan journal at a national convention is as carefully organized as if it were a permanent affair instead of the creature of a week. Preparations are made weeks in advance. The best men on the force are selected and sent to the convention city in a special car, each man being assigned to his work and one of the most responsible men on the paper being placed in charge of all. Some of these are detailed to report the proceedings of the convention. The routine is left to the press association, but the striking features of the proceedings are covered in individual style by men peculiarly adapted to the work. One will write a general "picture," another will describe especially dramatic incidents. another will follow the political developments as they reveal themselves. Others will watch the doings of particular delegations in which interest happens to be cen tered. Outside the convention hall still others will follow up the innumerable conferences which are constantly going on. watch for deals and arrangements which are likely to be aprung at any moment to affect the current of events and pick up the characteristic incidents and stories which lend color and which, while having nothing to do with the weightler politics of the occasion, help to round out and complete the pleture.

All these various reports when written are turned in to the man in charge and he is responsible for the arrangement and accuracy of everything that goes over the wire. Usually some writer of wide reputation is engaged to prepare a general review showing what has been done and what is likely to be done. In some cases a newspaper will have several writers to record their impressions, some of their productions being valuable only for the names with which they are signed.

Most Exacting Work.

The work of a press association is the most exacting of all. This must above all things be accurate, and it must be complete. At the same time it must be uncolored by political or local prejudice, for it goes out to newspapers representing all par ties in all parts of the United States. The men employed to do this work will be the best to be found in the offices in Chicago New York and Washington. First of all they will have to furnish a verbatim report of the proceedings of the convention. This, of course, is the work of stenographers, who have places just underneath the sprakers' platform. Other men who are familiar with of following the work of committees, of describing incidents and of formulating an unblased view of the situation. Each press assectation at the national convention will least one hundred men. probably send out at least 50.000 words every The report of the ro day, and each association will have its spe-

as it occurs.

plaints were thick that newspaper dispatches My older brother talked to me on several vere delayed for hours, and in some in-stances the dispatches sent at night for his attention to the fact that I had been ice that is us dry and as portable as commorning newspapers were not received until promoted three times in the last two years mon ealt and that it will only make ice by some time the next day. It was an emerg- and if the liquor was doing for me what he gradually mixing with strong brine. And ency which had to be met quickly, and after said it would that could not have happened. the first night the Western Union company I believed it thoroughly, too, and felt that has given in time and money and patience shipped forty extra men from Chicago to I would drop it quick enough if it were in-

"One day the head of the house called me The cost of reporting a convention is into his office and told me he was afraid I something enormous. A metropolitan jou -- was getting too fond of liquor. I laughed at nal which has a force of twenty men is put him, too, in a very respectful manner, has already made arrangements equally am- to an expense of at least \$1,000 a day for however, and told him they were all misbitious for Kansas City and Philadelphia. In the week of the convention. In some cases taken and that I really felt no bad effects Kansas City it has leased two residences for the expense far exceeds this figure. The and could stop at any time if I thought I the force it intends to carry out, and it has amount of special matter sent to a paper ought to, and a lot more of the same old also engaged a headquarters which will be of any consequence varies from 5,000 to 50,- argument used by every young man who is complete in every equipment. There are 000 words, and the average cost of this at beginning.

undertake as ambitious a scheme as this. It costs to keep a man at the convention but I'll tell you how much harm it is doing legitimate business of turning water into ice. but every one that expects to make any about \$19 a day, and where special head- you and what I think of it. It is doing you It works for a wage of 24 cents for every 100



convention is at least \$200,000.

Nearly a Week of Hustling. The great newspaper work of a convention usually begins on the Sunday preced- dors not drink ing the day of meeting. The Philadelphia

convention this year will meet on Tuesday. in session till the close of the week.

With some newspapers the work of re-Washington correspondents, who are selected i wanted to-quit. I didn't have any serious out ice. Simple, isn't it?" naturally for their task on account of their trouble in quitting, either, for I was young familiarity with public men and with po- and the habit wasn't formed. All I needed litical currents. For national conventions was a realizing sense and I got it in a way held in the west one of the trunk railroad that has lasted to this day. I talk to my carries them to and from the convention for me to know it, though some of them best. regulations. It is so timed as to reach the abuse of liquor, not its use." convention city at least two days before the gathering meets and it usually carries at learn that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will

The report of the routine proceedings of a national convention is the least difficult ware of counterfeits. will cure eczema and all skin diseases. Becial wires and operators in the convention work which a sessoned correspondent has to hall ready to send on the moment everything undertake. Skill and experience count in You can vote as many times as you want

keeping watch of the preliminary work, only to in the Working Girls' Vacation Con-The arrangements for the accommodation the obvious result of which appears in the test.

one within the other, like a Chinese next of boxes, except that instead of fitting together snugly there was a space of an incharound each tank. The smallest central tank is for the ice. Into this I poured pure water and covered it tightly. This I dropped into the second-the middle tank-which was filled with strong brine. The outer tank was filled with clear water to be chilled for drinking, although, when no chilled water in required and it is necessary to conserve the cold, this tank can be filled with sawdust or feathers. Over the tank holding the brine and the small tank with the water for the ice I placed the small perforated zine basin filled with the freezing compound. After moistening the compound I put on the cover and the ice machine was ready to work under lock and key.

"Than this it needs no further attention nor assistance, but-like the gas meter-t of the country of reporting each national more than you can, and still I may be mis- will keep right on working industriously taken and you may be all right. However, while you sleep. There gathered while I shall give the house the benefit of the worked a fine frost film, covering the outside doubt and get a man to take your place who of the tank as high as the water came. Lit

the by little the delicate, feathery froat crys-"Then for the first time I realized that I tale thickened until the tank looked like a was being injured and the realization was heavily scaled window on a bitter cold mornthe Kansas City convention on Wednesday, direct and positive. It couldn't be laughed ing. After six hours I took out a nice, clear, and each convention, will probably continue off, and though Mr. B. might be mistaken, clean little cake of ice, one inch thick, four as I thought the others were, it was not inches wide and ten inches long

going to do me any good, so ! resolved to ""That's all, said Inventor Rummel, porting the conventions is in charge of the ido what I always said I could do if I there is to it. You put in water and you take

Experiments have proven that vessels fitted with propellers which imitate the fish's fu, develop a remarkable propelling power lines generally places at the disposal of the young men in the same way and I haven't it will cause a revolution in water travel. Washingt'n corps a newspaper train, which a man in my employ who drinks enough Men gradually learn that nature's ways are One cause of the remarkable success city. This train is turned entirely over to may take a drink occasionally, and some of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters springs from the correspondents and they decide who are of them have taken a glass of wine at din- the fact that it is a harmless, natural medipolitical affairs will be assigned to the task entitled to travel on it and make all other ner at my house. I only object to the time, made of nature's most strengthening herbs. It is a sure cure for constipation.

indigestion, dyspepsia, billousness or weak All who suffer from piles will be glad to kidneys.

give them instant and permanent relief. It Movements of Chilins Squadron

LIMA, Peri, June 12-A powerful Chillan flying squadron of six vessels, anchored off Arica Monday. They will remain for a cek and will then proceed southward.

Save your coupons and help some girl take a trip.

count of the great salt take Salt Lake is within easy reach of Garfield Beach and Saltair, famous for their splen-did bathing facilities. The return trip will be via Denver, with three days at the Brown Palace hotel, the just pride of Denver. It is well named, for it is a veritable palace. A day's excursion around the famous George-town Loop and then return home via the Union Pacific. (Class A.) count of the great salt lake, within easy reach of (

Union Pacific. (Class A.)



A night



This trip will be on the newest road from Omaha to Chicago, which also combines the newest equipment. A day's stop in Chi-cago at the famous Grand Pacific hotel, and then to the northward over the Pers-Marquette railroad over the Pers-Marquette railroad

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over the Pers-Marquette railroad ioward the pretilent spot in all the state of Michigan-weil name. Thatlevolx, the Beautiful. The Belvidere hotel has been chosen for a two weeks breath of lake air. It is not only beautifully situated on a point of land between Round and Pine lakes but is such a home-like hotel that the pleasure is doubled. There is every-thing every one can wish for in the way of amusement-sailing, rowing, bloycling, tennis, bathing, bowling, gother hand between and stearners on Pine and Bound lakes or out on Lake Michigan, with all the chances in the world to delight the ever and enjoy the pure sir which acts as a tonic to shattered nerves. The return tith will be by water on the steamshin Mar-tou to Chicago, and home again over the Illinois Cen-Chicago, and home again over the Illinois trof (Class A.)



This trip is over the Fremont, Elkhorn, & Missouri Valley Rairoad to the Black Hills and Hot Springs and return. The Elkhorn carries you through one of the most beautiful farming countries in the world-the Elkhorn Valley, with its fertile fields and well-built bergs. Thence to the Black Hills, both picturesque and inter-sting, with its gold mines and typical western towns. The shirt attraction there will be a two weeks stay at the Hotel Evans, the finest appointed hotel in the west, at Hot Springs, which boasts of the largest and finest plunge bath in America. This will include all of the privileges of the laths, without expense and this is a find to be envied. Pleasant paths and drives, wonder-til caves cascades canons flowers and waterfalls go to make up the beauties which nature has abundantly fur-nished. (Class A.)

management having increased its attrac- stimulated by the mountain atmosphere. Not only does it face Central and everything is thoroughly comfortable tions. Park, but the atmosphere of the rustic and comomdious. The return trip will paim garden on the roof at an elevation of three hundred feet above sea level makes it as cool on the warmest summer nights as at the seashore. With Central Park for a background and a view of the Hudson and the surrounding city, it is an ideal location for a summer oasis in the great city. (Class A.) paim garden on the roof at an elevation be via Denver, with three days at the

From Omaha to St. Louis

over the Omaha, St. Louis

R. R. and Wabash, with

three days at the Southern

No traveler between **MI**/ Omaha and Chicago really appreciates the Sumary Rubble trip unless they take a daylight train over the LUN

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From Omaha to Chicago over the NGOTH WESTERN Northwestern is but a night's ride, and the most pleasant one in these days of railroad luxury. A double track span between Omaha and Chicago makes it a safe as well as a pleasant journey.

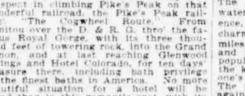
A day's stop at the Grand Pacific Hotel, centrally located, will give an opportunity for a hasty glimpse of Chicago, and then a one-hundred-andseventy-five-mile ride will bring one to Green Lake, Wisconsin, which is ten miles long and from two to four miles wide. With its richly wooded shores, added to its miles wide. With its richly wooded shores, added to its commodious summer hotels and cotinges, it would be a pleasure to think of what "ninety in the shade" would be in the store, office or factory. Two weeks at the Oak-wood which is the best hotel at Green Lake, is certain-by a delightful prospect. No pleasanier place could be found to shend the summer. Boats, and all kinds of shady drives, and splendid flahing, make it one of the most attractive spots in Wisconsin. The weekly yacht races and hop add to the galety which can be expected. Class A.

From Omaha to Kansas Chi over the Missouri Pacific, with three days at the Diggest and best hotel of Kansas City, and the traveler naturally easys "The Coates House. The Coates House is emi-nently the leading hotel of Kansas City, and the traveler naturally easys "The Coates House" in the same breath with "Kansas City." From Kansas City to Warrensburg. Missouri, is but a comparatively short include of Warrensburg is Pertle Springs, and the Hotel Minnewaya, where everything is as de-lightfully refreshing as the name. It is decidedly rest-ful there, but still there is plenty to de if one has the able pleasures never allow time to hang heavy. Two weeks there will convince the fortunate young lady that

RULES OF THE CONTEST

- CLASS A-The young lady receiving the highest number of votes will have first choice of Class A trips, the next highest second choice, and so on. No votes will be counted for any young lady who does not earn her own living. No votes will be counted for Omaha Hee employes. The votes will be published each day in The Omaha Bee. The contest will close a 5 o'clock p. m. July 21st, 1900.
- CLASS B-The three trips designated as Class B, will be awarded to the most popular young lady without restriction as follows: One to the most popular young lady living in Nebraska south of the Platte river. One to the most popular young lady living in Nebraska north of the Platte river, outside of Omaha and South Omaha. One to the most popular young lady living in western fowa, not including Council Bluffs. The young lady of the three winners who receives the most votes, will have first choice of three trips, and the one receiving the next greatest number, second choice. All votes must be made on coupons cut from The Bee. Pre-payment: for subscriptions may be made either direct to The Bee Publishing Company, or to an authorized agent of The Bee. The votes will be published each day in The Omaha Bee. The contest will close at 5 o'clock p. m. July 21st, 1900.

VOTES will be counted when made on a compon out from The Omaha Bee and deposited at The Bee business office or mailes at dressed "Vacation Contest Dept.," The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.



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