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At this time in the year the man with the chrysanthemum hair is in the ascendant and our frontispiece is characteristic of the season's predominating sport. Foot ball in its nature is eminently fitted for the crisp autumn air and each year sees it making wonderful gains in popularity among all classes of people. This is explained in a measure by the fact that the game has been kept particularly free from professionalism. The only thing at stake in the important games played all over the country being the honor of college, school or town, the robust young lads who participate in this popular game are greater heroes among their fellows than the lead-



REV. JOHN M. ROSS—NEW PASTOR OF THE CENTRAL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OMAHA.

ers in any professional sport. The foot ball pictures to be found in The Illustrated Bee this week were snapshots taken at the game between the Omaha and Lincoln High school teams at the Omaha Young Men's Christian association park on November 24. The two teams were leaders in the race for the High school championship of the state and this game meant much to both, inasmuch as its result was to decide which was to have the honor of being called champions. As the pictures will show, every inch of ground gained by either team was at the expense of a great amount of energy. The final result was unsatisfactory to both teams, as it was a draw. But once did Lincoln approach dangerously near to Omaha's goal line and how well the Omaha lads defended it can best be imagined by a glance at the picture which shows practically the whole team opposing the progress of the Lincoln lad who is carrying the ball. To Captain Tracy of the Omaha High school belongs



JEROME B. FISHER—GRAND EXALTED RULER OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

the honor of making the longest run of the day, and to show their appreciation of his work his team mates hoisted him upon their shoulders and made him "The Hero of the Hour."

Jerome B. Fisher, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, who arrived in Omaha Saturday morning to deliver the principal eulogy at the Elk memorial service to be held in the Creighton-Orpheum theater this forenoon at 10:30 o'clock, and whose portrait appears in this issue, was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, in 1852. He moved to Jamestown, N. Y., in 1865 and has resided there since. After passing through the public schools at Jamestown he graduated from Cornell university and was admitted to the Chautauqua county bar in 1878. In 1884 he was an alternate delegate to the repub-

lican national convention and in 1888 he was a delegate to the national convention which nominated General Harrison for the presidency. In 1896 he was elected county judge of Chautauqua county, a position he now holds. He joined Jamestown lodge No. 263, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at its organization, and was elected the second exalted ruler of the lodge. At the grand lodge in 1895 at Cincinnati he was elected grand trustee, and in 1896 at Minneapolis he was re-elected to the same office, and each year he was chosen as chairman of the board, his associates being Hunter A. Craycroft of Dallas, Tex., and George P. Cronk of Omaha. In 1896 at Minneapolis he was also appointed a member of the committee of laws and appeals of the grand lodge. In 1900 at Atlantic City he received the highest honor that can be paid to any Elk by being elected grand exalted ruler, a position which he now holds. He is a leading member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Mount Moriah lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also of Western Sun chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and of Jamestown commandery No. 61, Knights Templar, of which he was the first eminent commander. As an orator and public speaker Mr. Fisher has very few equals.

The Central United Presbyterian church of Omaha recently extended a call to Rev. J. M. Ross of Greeley, Colo., which has been accepted and he will preach his introductory sermon Sunday, December 9. Rev. Ross is not coming among strangers, as several of the members of his congregation knew him in childhood, while others were in college with him. His mother and two sisters live in Omaha and South Omaha.

About Noted People

Governor Pingree of Michigan is not much adverse to celebrity, but looks with marked indignation on the fact that a cigarette has been named after him. Cigarettes are his pet aversion anyhow, and the stormy wolverine executive would not greatly surprise his friends if he took legal steps to end the disagreeable notoriety which has been thrust upon him.

An interesting relic of the earl of Beaconsfield came under the auctioneer's hammer at a recent sale in the parish of Hughendon, Bucks, England. It was the two-wheeled pony chaise in which the conservative leader was accustomed to take his country drives in company with Lady Beaconsfield when he was sojourning at Hughendon manor. The vehicle was sold for only a few shillings.

A new bit of Washington gossip tells how one day last winter Senator Chandler of New Hampshire, being about to enter the senate chamber from the public corridor, was accosted by one of two little girls who had wandered in there. "Mister, what does it cost to go in there?" said the child. At that moment Chandler saw Clark, the Montana millionaire, coming around the corner. "Ask that man," said the New Hampshire man. "He knows all about it."

According to reports, Count Bernard von Buelow, recently appointed chancellor of the German empire, won his wife under peculiar circumstances. She was the wife of his chief, Count Doenhoff, and he met her while he was secretary of the Prussian embassy at Dresden, Saxony. Both were fond of music, while the husband positively disliked it. They spent much of their time together and finally eloped. Count Doenhoff procured a divorce and they were married.

When President Kruger sailed for England some years ago he was the object of much concern to his fellow passengers or board the liner from Cape Town, many of whom were consumed with curiosity when they noticed his absence from the dinner table for the first four days out. On inquiry they found that the careful Transvaaler spent the dinner hour on deck where he ate biltong and biscuits. When asked his reason he testily replied: "I have no money to fool away on expensive eating like you Englishmen." The correspondent who tells the story and who was on board at the time adds: "You should have seen the old man trying to make up for lost time when it was explained to him that his passage money included his meals on board."

Robert W. Wilcox, who has been elected as the congress representative from Hawaii, is the son of William S. Wilcox of Newport, R. I., by a wife of native birth said to have been a member of the Hawaiian royal family. The elder Wilcox left Newport about 1843 on the whaling ship Mencar, of which Joseph Sherman was captain. Wilcox was first mate. The ship made the Hawaiian islands, as Captain Sherman, who had a number of trinkets on board, desired to stop there for trading. Wilcox objected to this, saying he did not care to spend his time trading, as he had come out for whales and not as a trader. The result was the parting of the captain and the first mate. Wilcox was told he might go ashore if he did not like the way the ship was run and when he went ashore he declined to return. He married within a short time and remained on the island until about 1882, when he returned to Newport. Five sons were born to him. He was an ardent upholder of the Hawaiian royal family and was not at all surprised when in January, 1895, he learned that his son, Robert, had headed a revolution in the interest of the deposed queen. Robert was arrested at that time and it was thought he would be executed, but with his



LITTLE PATRIOT DRILL IN THE BOHEMIAN BRETHERN CHURCH, OMAHA.

companions in the uprising, he was subsequently released.

Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News: Genius recognizes nothing but genius.

Cunning is about the poorest counterfeit of wisdom.

Wise is he who learns from the experience of others.

Forethought is easy; it's the afterthought that pulls hard.

The lawyer's best friend is the man who makes his own will.

Wine drowns care—and it serves care right for killing the cat.

An old bachelor says that marrying for love is but a tender delusion.

Heaven helps those who help themselves only to what belongs to them.

Feminine beauty is the rock on which masculine intelligence is often wrecked.

Wise is the individual who prepares for the future by studying both the past and present.

There are two kinds of silliness—the silent and the garrulous. The former is endurable.

The common mind may be deceived by the fact that vice and genius often produce similar effects.

The Followers of John Huss in Omaha

Our readers will find in another column an interesting and artistic group of girls from the Bohemian Brethren Sewing school in the national costumes in which they appeared in the "Drill of the Little Patriots," which was an exceedingly pretty part of the program given in connection with the Historical fair held November 7 to 10 at the new Bohemian hall on South Thirteenth street, Omaha.

The Bohemian Brethren church is an organization founded soon after the martyrdom of M. Jan Huss in the early part of the fifteenth century. The following two centuries witnessed a rapid growth of this body of believers and a wonderful development in their religious and educational literature. As an example of this great progress in religious literature stands the crowning work of this period, the "Kralicka" bible, published in Kralice, Bohemia, in six large volumes by the Bohemian Brethren in the years 1579-1593, which is the first translation from the original languages. A complete copy of this rare book, kindly loaned by Hon. Vaclav Buresh of

Omaha, was on exhibition in the Historical fair. The promising career of this sturdy band of Christians was soon to be cut short. Fierce persecution came upon them with ever increasing malignity until finally in the battle of White Mountain November 8, 1620, which event the Bohemian Brethren Presbyterian church has just commemorated, resulted in the destruction of both the national and religious liberty of the Bohemian people. This led to a great scattering of the faithful followers of John Huss. In the years 1625 to 1628 nearly 80,000 of the best families of Bohemia were compelled to abandon their homes and possessions and seek refuge in Poland, Holland, Germany and other friendly countries. Among these was John Amos Komensky, the great educator and the last bishop of the Bohemian and Moravian Brethren. A number of them came to the United States and established a colony in Bethlehem, Pa. This Moravian colony is still in existence, keeping up the religion of their fathers, but entirely in the English language. They treasure the memories of the past and the Bohemian books form a valuable part of their historical libraries. This church is foremost in mission work in the most difficult foreign fields.

By a proclamation of tolerance in 1781 the Austrian emperor permitted Bohemian Protestants to live and worship God in the empire according to the dictates of their conscience, but did not permit them to continue their former name and organization. They then adopted either the name of the Reformed or Lutheran church, which are the recognized Protestant churches there to this day. Many Bohemians that have come to this country in this century were members of these churches. Large settlements of them exist in New York City, Cleveland and Chicago, in Texas, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

On the 25th of August, 1889, a church was organized in Omaha with a membership of thirty-five, which, at the following meeting of the Omaha presbytery, was received into the fellowship of the Presbyterian church. Rev. A. Paul was the first ordained minister and during his ministry, 1890 to 1892, a comfortable little chapel was erected near the corner of Fifteenth and William streets. Unfortunately after Rev. J. Pipal, the succeeding pastor, moved away, in 1896, the church was without a pastor for three years. Just about a year ago Rev. J. W. Dobias, a newly-elected pastor, came to Omaha and undertook the work of reorganizing and rebuilding the church, with considerable success.

Already the roll of membership has increased to seventy-five and a movement is well on foot toward buying a lot (the church now standing on leased premises) and otherwise remodeling the church building to accommodate its increasing use. A basement is needed very much for the sewing school and other industrial and mission work, as well as for social purposes.

The sewing school is deserving of special attention. It has been running only a year, but is an assured success. Starting with an attendance of about twenty-five pupils, it has steadily increased until now it has nearly 100 pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of over sixty. A corps of eight teachers, under the efficient management of Mrs. Lillie Svacha, have been very kindly giving their Saturday afternoons to the work.

The historical fair held in connection with the commemoration of the Battle of White Mountain, November 7-10, was for the purpose of increasing the fund for this purpose. Between \$700 and \$800 is already on hand and pledged.



ISAAC W. CARPENTER LAYING CORNER STONE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, TWENTY-FIFTH AND HAMILTON STREETS—Photo by Louis R. Bostwick.