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Pen and Picture Pointers

This week the special photographer for The Bee presents to our readers an exceptionally fine group of incidents of the inauguration of Nebraska's new state officers. This was an occasion of exceptional interest, as it was not only a change in the personnel in the executive offices, but was a change in the management of state affairs from one political party to another. The other group, snap shots of the Nebraska legislature in session, shows several well known members who took a prominent part in the organization of the lawmaking body. The frontispiece, a portrait of Miss Gertrude Dietrich, the governor's accomplished daughter, in full costume, is a fine specimen of news-photographic art. Miss Dietrich was born at Hastings, Neb., her mother dying when she was 8 years of age. She was placed in a convent at Hastings and when 13 years old her father took her to Germany, where she studied in a school at Berlin for three years, from there going to Paris to finish her education abroad. She remained there two years, when she came home and was sent to Lake Forest Hall, near Chicago, to prepare for Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia, where she is at the present time.

The accompanying picture of a "Page County (Iowa) Happy Farmer" was made entirely out of grain and vegetables by D. C. Wills of Shenandoah. Some of his work of a like nature was exhibited at the Omaha exposition and attracted a great deal of attention from the visitors. He was also the maker of the large ear of corn exhibited in the Iowa building at the World's fair in Chicago in 1893. Everything connected with the making of the "Happy Farmer" was grown in Page county. The hat was made of cabbage leaves, the head of squash, the hair of oats, the neck of a beet, the teeth and necktie of corn, the arms of angle beets, the coat of beet leaves, he has a bouquet of flowers in his right hand and an egg plant in the left. The vest was made of potatoes, while the upper part of the pants are pie plant leaves, the upper parts of



"PAGE COUNTY (Ia.) HAPPY FARMER"—MADE OUT OF VEGETABLES BY D. C. WILLS OF SHENANDOAH, Ia

the legs white squash, the lower parts of the legs of angle beets and the feet of potatoes. Around his feet are piled Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, beets, turnips, watermelon, egg plant, carrots and sugar beets. Mr. Wills is a man 76 years of age and spends most of his time in making up different things from the resources of Page county, to be used in advertising that part of Iowa.

Frank G. Carpenter, the special correspondent of The Bee in the Orient, writes of his visit to Macao's big opium farm, which produces \$10,000,000 worth of the drug every year. He describes opium manufacture and tells how it is prepared for the market. China's big opium bill amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars per year. In China there are hundreds of thousands of opium suicides, women who kill themselves to spite their husbands, fathers who sell their wives and children to gratify their appetite. Mr. Carpenter takes a peep into the beggar dens and describes the pitiable condition of the people who are congregated there.

Sheriff John M. Kreader of Dodge county, Neb., was born May 12, 1858, at Vicksburg, Kalamazoo county, Mich. He spent his

boyhood days on his father's farm and in 1871 came with his parents to Hooper township, Dodge county, Neb., where he has since resided. Previous to his election as sheriff he was engaged in the business of farming and stock raising. In 1890 he was elected supervisor of his district and in 1895 he received the nomination of the republican party for sheriff and was elected by a large majority after a hotly contested campaign in a county normally democratic. In 1897 he was renominated and elected by an increased majority and in 1899 again nominated and elected by a still larger majority, the first third term candidate elected to a county office in the county. The same year he was elected to the responsible position of president of the Nebraska State Sheriffs' association and served in that capacity for one year. He has a large acquaintance with the sheriffs throughout the state as well as through the entire central west, being a member of the Interstate Sheriffs' association, which includes the following states: Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyom-



SHERIFF JOHN M. KREADER OF FREMONT, Neb.—WON FAME IN CAPTURING THE ZAHN MURDERERS.

ing, Colorado and Montana. During his long term of office he has been instrumental in bringing to justice many noted criminals and in the case of the murderers of Herman Zahn of Snyder, Neb., it was largely owing to his energetic pursuit and coolness and bravery, together with Sheriff Phillips of Cuming county, that the criminals were landed in the Dodge county jail in spite of the determined efforts of a mob to lynch them.

About Noted People

When the Stewart mansion at Thirty-fourth street in New York is torn down hardly a shadow of the name of New York's greatest merchant will remain. The brass sign at Wanamaker's will then be the sole reminder to a new generation of the greatness of the merchant prince of the past.

Secretary to the President George B. Cortelyou works harder and longer hours, it is said, than any other employe of the government, except the president himself. He is at the White House at 9 a. m., works until evening and then has a few hours to himself. Every night at 10 o'clock he returns to his office and is generally with the president until midnight and often until 1 or 2 a. m.

The wonderful physical endurance of General Fukushima, who is in command of the Japanese troops in China, was thus explained to Frederick Palmer the other day by an officer, who is over six feet tall and rather thin. "No wonder Fukushima does not get tired. His heart has to pump blood only about half as far as mine. It is the difference between supplying water to a two and a four-story building."

Russell Sage was recently asked what he would do if he had only 10 cents to start the world with and he replied: "So long as I had providence with me and my health and strength I should feel like a man already rich. If I had to take my choice of beginning again either with \$1,000,000 or with providence I should choose the latter. The \$1,000,000 would not last much longer than a 10-cent piece, but with providence to look out for me and suggest ways and means I should soon be able to look a roll of money squarely in the face."

A Danish expedition, composed of Lieutenant LeCorn, leader; Middilbo and Kofoed, physicists, and the artist, Count Harald Moltke, left Copenhagen recently for Finland via Christiania, Trondhjem and Vardo, with the object of studying the aurora borealis. The chief station will be established at Utsjoki, in north Finland, where the expedition will remain three months. Spectrum and magnetic researches will be carried out. The expedition is the second of its kind dispatched under the auspices of Dr. Adam Paulsen, director of the Copenhagen Meteorological Institute.

Among the invited guests at the coming inauguration of President McKinley will be Roswell Bardsley, who is 91 years old, and who for seventy-two years has been postmaster of North Lansing, Tompkins county, New York. Mr. Bardsley was appointed postmaster on June 28, 1828, John

Quincy Adams being then president and John McLean of Ohio postmaster general. He is not only the oldest man in the postal service, but he is believed to be the senior government employe in any capacity. No complaint against his office has ever been filed. He has always drawn the same salary, \$175 per year.

Edward W. Frost of Milwaukee speaks thus of his meeting with Sir George Williams, founder of the Young Men's Christian association: "I found Sir George at his counting house in Pater-noster row, just behind St. Paul's church. He cordially invited me to dine with Lady Williams and himself in the historic room where the association was founded in 1844. Sir George, who is about 78, is quite feeble, never having fully recovered from his serious illness of a year ago. The famous old room in which the Young Men's Christian association was born remains unchanged from the day of the first meeting there by Clerk George Williams and his friends."

Pulpit and Pew

Some years ago, relates the Endeavor World, a clergyman, in baptizing a baby, paused in the midst of the service to inquire the name of the infant, to which the mother replied, "Shady, sir, if you please." "Shady?" replied the minister. "Then it's a boy, and you mean Shadrach—eh?" "No, please your reverence, it's a girl." "And, pray," asked the pastor, "how happened you to call the child by such a strange name?" "Why, sir," responded the woman, "if you must know, our name is Bower, and my husband said as how he should like her to be called Shady, because Shady Bower sounds so pretty!"

A church in a small western town has a woman for its pastor. She was called to the door of the parsonage one day and saw there a much embarrassed young farmer of the German type.

"Dey said der minister lifed in dis house," he said.

"Yes," replied the fair pastor.

"Vell—I—I vant to kit merrit!"

"To get married? Very well, I can marry you," said the mistress, encouragingly.

"Oh, but I got a girl already," was the disconcerting reply.

Near by to Thrums, relates Lippincott's, an old minister denounced from the pulpit and threatened the terrors of the law on all who should appear at a ball to be given within the shadow of his kirk. One elder, primed by his younger folk, expostulated, reminding the minister that David danced and that Miriam danced.

There was seemingly silent acquiescence. But the following Sunday the old man, eloquent in his might, as he banged bible and pulpit alternately, shouted in stentorian tones: "David did dance and Miriam did dance, but the bible nowhere says, 'Let there be promiscuous dancing!'"

Speaking of three "cheers," I am reminded of an incident in a Catholic church in Chicago some years ago. Three Prot-



NEW RESIDENCE OF T. H. MILLER, CRETE, Neb.

estant women had called at the church during a meeting that was being held in furtherance of some charitable purpose in which they were interested, and when they came down the aisle, all the pews being occupied, the priest in charge said to an attendant: "Three chairs for the Protestant women." The attendant misunderstood, and called out: "Three cheers for the Protestant women!" The cheers were given with a will, and it was all the holy father could do to stop the exuberant reception before the attendant could call for a "tiger."

Bishop Sheepshanks of Norwich, England, is telling a story against himself. He was walking one day through a quiet and pleasant suburb of Norwich, when his thoughts were interrupted by a piping, pleading voice saying: "Oh, please sir, will you open this gate for me?" Looking down the bishop saw a little girl of about 8 or 9, with a cherubic face framed in sunny curls, and he hastened to comply with the request. He held back the gate for the little maiden to pass through, and when she thanked him with a smile he asked if she was not big enough to open the garden gate herself. "Oh, yes, sir," she replied sweetly, "but you see, the paint is wet, and I should have dirtied my hands."

Man Who Gave Crete A Christmas Gift

T. H. Miller, who made the town of Crete a Christmas present of \$10,000 to be used in the erection of a public library building, is essentially what is commonly called a self-made man. When he left his native home in Germany at the age of 26 years for the new world to carve out a fortune for himself he took with him \$27 in money, which was all his earthly possessions. Today he

Douglas and Fort Brown in Wind River valley, Wyoming. Some idea can be gained of the marvelous change in the conditions in the middle west by how the journey was made by this regiment west from Omaha. It traveled on the Union Pacific to the end of the line, which was completed to somewhere near the town of Fremont; from there the trip was made overland in



T. H. MILLER, WHO GAVE CRETE, Neb., A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF \$10,000, TO BE USED IN THE ERECTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

owns one-half or a controlling interest in every firm with which he is connected. He is president of both the State Bank of DeWitt and the Crete State bank, also vice president of the Conservative Investment company of Crete. In 1899 Mr. Miller built one of the finest residences in that section of the state at a cost of \$23,000. A photograph of the residence is printed in connection with this article. Besides his interest in the banks and city property he owns 3,000 acres of farming land in Saline and Lancaster counties, which he has leased. When asked what led him to make this handsome donation for a library building he said: "I know how hard it is for a young man

freight wagons drawn by government mules.

After his service in the army Mr. Miller returned to Omaha, shortly afterward going to St. James, Mo., to take a home-stead, but within a month again returned to Omaha and was given employment by William Altstadt, now an Omaha justice of the peace, as man-of-all-work in the Hotel Du North. Shortly afterward he secured a position as dry goods clerk with the firm of Tootle & Maul at \$50 per month, remaining with them about one year. The latter member of the firm is now vice president of the Commercial bank of Omaha. Mr. Miller next went to Grand Island and took charge of a general store at \$65 per month. He resigned this position in November, 1871, and went to Crete, where he was married to Miss Mary George in February, 1872. This union was blessed with five children: three boys and two girls. Their eldest son and two daughters are graduates of Doane college and have spent one year in Germany studying. They can speak the English and German languages fluently.

Mr. Miller's first experience in business for himself was in Omaha. When he left the army he had \$270 back pay due him, which he received from the government on January 28, 1870. This money he loaned on property which today is among the most valuable in the business portion of the city. He never received a cent in return for either principal or interest. To an ordinary man this would have been so discouraging that he would not have ventured to risk any more money in real estate, but not so with Mr. Miller. Shortly after his marriage he bought a farm near Crete for \$7,000, for the greater part of which he gave his note. Since that time Mr. Miller has accumulated property rapidly. In August of 1897 he associated himself with C. B. Anderson and opened up the Crete State bank and on the same day organized the State Bank of DeWitt.

It is Mr. Miller's intention to visit his native country this year for the first time since he left there thirty-five years ago, a poor boy. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Miller and their two youngest sons.

Lawyers as Jurors

The somewhat novel experiment of having lawsuits decided by juries composed of lawyers has, according to local reports, resulted satisfactorily in at least two cases in Georgia within the last year. Just recently the case of a widow suing on a fire insurance policy on her house was, by consent of the litigants and their attorneys, submitted to be heard by a jury of seven well known lawyers in Collins, Ga. After the evidence and the charge by the judge the lawyer jury retired and then speedily brought in a verdict for the widow, which, it is said, was "eminently just." Earlier in the year was reported the case of American B. B. Co. against Pung in Chicago, where both sides were in court ready for trial, but enough jurors could not be found. The judge thereon called on twelve lawyers, who happened to be in the court room, to serve. This case, also, it was reported, was tried with satisfactory results. Here, possibly, is new work for able lawyers, serving as professional jurors.