Business in All Lines Keeps Up Its Record-Breaking Gait.

UNFOUNDED REPORT FROM ST. JOSEPH

Omaha Wholesale Grocers Deny that They Have Served Notice on Missourians to Keep Out of Nebraska.

The week just closed has been a record breaker in the wholesale district of Omaha in spite of the fact that it has been featureless as far as any particular line is concerned. The volume of business, while probably not so great as the preceding week, which was phenomenal, has been something never known in corresponding weeks of previous years. This condition is reported in every line of trade and the country visitors who have come in to purchase goods report a feeling of security on the part of farmers and residents of the state generally which promises renewal or-

ders in a short time. From western Iowa and Nebraska as far west as Oxford buyers on the wholesale market report the condition of winter wheat, which is now beginning to put on a coat of green, as better than was expected.

The figures given out by the Omaha clearing house tell the story more eloquently than words, the clearings last week having been \$1,765,245.51 in excess of the clearings of the corresponding week last year. That these figures are not caused by any especial "Boom" in business is shown by the fact that there has been an excess for every day of the week and that the increase has been steady.

#### Field is Fair and Free.

During the week a story came from St Joseph that the grocers of that city had grocer could be found who would admit any such desire was felt. Said one of the managers of an Omaha house:

"Omaha has no reason to fear competttion on the part of St. Joseph nor any other town. St. Joseph was in the field when Omaha started. She had the advantage of organization and experience, but the grocery trade of Omaba has developed because of her geographical position and the push of the men who are doing the business. St. Joseph must admit that in some respects from me, and that I had more to do with its that city is at a disadvantage when compared to Omaha. This is shown stronger the board. We have to look ahead to the than words can make it by the fact that further development of this department and St. Joseph jobbers have opened houses in naturally require some unity of purpose in Omaha or have removed to this city. There between the towns. Where conditions which any plan for decoration must confavor St. Joseph that town will thrive and where Omaha stands in a relatively better position it will succeed. The only limitation to the field of business activity in any formerly recognized as St. Joseph territory; we are selling in what was once Chicago territory, and the competition will continue can sell the goods is the house that will succeed and the town that has that house will receive benefits accordingly.

# Hog Receipts and Prices.

One of the best evidences of the prosperous condition of the trade of Omaha is shown by the reports from the South Omaha packing houses published daily. With the close of business last week the receipts of hogs for the current year to date were 627,042, or 99,591 in excess of the receipts for the same time last year. The hog market in spite of these larger receipts was higher than it has been at any time during the past six years, and the highest point was reached Saturday, when the average price was \$6.31% per hundred pounds, an increase of 51% cents over the corresponding day last year, and an increase of \$1.46% over the same day in 1990. Compared with 1899 the increase was \$2.71% per hundred since January 1, compared with the same term last year, and the prices are satisfactory to the dealers.

# Cough Settled on Her Lungs.

"My daughter had a terrible cough which settled on her lungs," says N. Jackson of Danville, Ill. "We tried a great many remedies without relief, until we gave her Foloy's Honey and Tar, which cured ber." Refuse substitutes. PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

War Survivors Remembered by the

General Government. WASHINGTON, March 23 .- (Special.)-

The following western pensions have been granted:

Issue of March 7:
Nebraska: Original—John F. Burns.
Omaha, 312: Winslow W. Morse, Psirbury.
38: Edwin S. Towle (special March 11), Falls
City, 310. Increase, Restoration, Relssue,
Etc.—Hiram Harris, Omaha, 317: Joseph
Barber, Echo, 317: Samuel T. Williamson,
Nebraska City, 38. Original Widows, Etc.—Flora Grate (special accrued March 10),
Omaha, 39.
Iowa: Original—William T. Wright, Berwick, 36: Buel W. Fellows, Montour, 36.
Increase, Restoration, Relssue, Etc.—Benlamin F. Brown, Crawfordsville, 314: Enose
Wright, Ozkalcosa, 312; Antoine LeFaivre,
Keokuk, 310; Archibald H. Baird, College
Springs, 313; William D. Hall, Tipton, 312.
Original Widows, Etc.—Delana Warriner
(special accrued March 10), Cedar Falls, 33;
minor of Benjamin H. Williams, Marshalltown, 316.
South Dakota: Original—Olof J. Johnson,
Presho, 38. Increase, Restoration, Relssue,
Etc.—James Morrison, Desmet, 312; John
L. Eichholtz, Blunt, 38; Newell H. Hopkins
(special March 11), Yankton, 36.

The Night Coughs of Children

Take a neighbor's advice and give sugar,

lemon, molasses, vinegar, or the following:

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#### RUSH IN JOBBING DISTRICT LIBRARY AND WOMAN'S CLUB Recent Resolution About the Decoration of the Children's Room

Expiained. The following letter, which explains itself, has been sent to the editor of the

World-Herald with a request for its pub OMAHA, March 23 .- To the Editor of the World-Herald: It had been my intention

to ignore the misrepresentations injected into your reports of the action of the library board with reference to the contributions by a section of the Woman's club toward the decoration of the children's room in the public library building, but as your persistence in repetition might make false impressions permanent I will ask to be allowed to present a few corrections. In all the publicity over this affair to me

is ascribed the sole credit for the determination of the library board to exercise a direct supervision over the decorative work in the children's room. This would be decidedly complimentary to me were it not so uncomplimentary to the other members of the board, all of them older than myself and men of mature judgment and tried business capacity. It is true that I introduced the resolution in question, but only as chairman of the executive committee which had previously discussed the matter at a fully attended meeting and unanimously instructed me to report as I did. The only discretion I used was in offering it as a resolution instead of as a committee report. In the board meeting the resolution was again fully discussed and passed without a dissenting voice, yet with due appreciation of the fact that busy-bodies would try to make the women believe it to be an affront to their unselfish zeal.

So far as I am concerned I believe that under the circumstances the board took the only proper course-it simply declared that responsibility for the management and contents of the library rests upon the board, that its powers and responsibility should not be sublet except subject to its refused to accede to a request from grocers ratification-and the rule applied to its of Omaha and Council Bluffs to keep out clubwomen is precisely the same as that of Omaha territory. Not an Omaha jobbing applied to all other friends of the library who have donations to offer. The board that such a request had been made nor that very recently refused to receive a stuffed buffalo tendered by the park board, but the park commissioners failed to discover any

insult in the refusal. The clubwomen seem to have overlooked the fact that the library board may have their independent work might conflict. While not claiming any special credit I believe the suggestion of the present children's room as a separate department came establishment than any other member of the arrangement of the shelves and the use can be no fight of any significance for trade of floor space for tables, racks, etc., to

My record as a member of the library board is a source of pride to me because I am conscious of having discharged the town is the ability to sell the goods in open duties at all times in the exclusive interest competition. We are selling in what was of the institution and its patrons. When, therefore, you attempt to ascribe covert | aims and personal malice, to my actions in the board you entirely overshoot the as the population increases. The house that mark. At the time I introduced my resolution, I had no knowledge that the women had ordered a cast of Diana and therefore could have had no objection to their selection of the figure. While I had heard that they were contemplating the presentation of a piece of statuary, I had no information that they had decided on the venerable Dians. I had however learned that the money to pay for this gift was to be raised written. by selling tickets to a series of lectures and I objected to having the library placed in the position of a charity object by hav-

ing the public solicited to buy tickets to a benefit for the Omaha Public Library. intimation that I was trying to put an ob- acted like the others. They bought anystruction in her way to the presidency of thing they could get with the money they In cattle the receipts show a gain of 35,583 aware even that she was aspiring to the order to get more oil. position. I studied under Mrs. Keysor when I attended the High school and from my her abilities do not hesitate to say that intoxication. This was but the reaction

> the Woman's club by extending to its memnot been slow to take advantage of its fa- a thief had stolen it. In one of the pockets the children's room decorations. Respectfully, VICTOR ROSEWATER.

president could be found in the club's mem-

# Raw or Inflamed Lungs

# ALL WELLS DON'T END WELL now laughed and joked about the "folly"

at Beaumont.

What the Texas Oil Field Bas Produced in Ten Months-The Fluid Generally Used as Fuel.

of froth can be measured only by the dura. Beaumont went crazy. tion of the craze that makes Beaumont the Mecca of tens of thousands of fortune

hunters. The substance is measured by hundreds of each month, by the multitude of manufacturing establishments which depend upon Beaumont oil for their fuel, by the hundreds of locomotives that use oil instead of coal and by the seemingly ceaseless flow of wealth from the wells in the proven field. It is less than a year since the first car of oll was sent from the Beaumont station; it is little more than a year since the first gusher "came in." From March 3, 1901, the date of the initial shipment, to January 10, 1902, the railroad statistics show, 10,301 cars, containing 1,633,202 barrels of oil. were shipped. And, in addition, it is estimated 100,000 barrels were used in Beaumont and its vicinity, that there were 2,500 .wanted before the various gushers could be

capped or controlled. It is contended by many of the Beaunew oil field is due to old established oil concerns, who see in the Texas gushers rivalry that threatens their supremacy. More baneful, however, have been the dozplans for the children's room with which Beaumont region an opportunity to sell men, who saw in the excitement in the shares in companies that never owned an acre of jand and never will produce a gallon

#### Beaumont in the "Boom."

Beaumont is still an overcrowded, boisterany other place on earth. Every train ing stock and once more her husband gave brings a lot of newcomers, but the mad that good, sound advice, but by this time scenes of last March, April and May, when the fever had taken too strong a hold to Mulberry Sellers virus, are no longer to money. Finally Mrs. Wallis said to her be witnessed.

grab anything in sight and trust to luck best to buy." as to the outcome. The proved districtthe land out of which the oil gushes-is less than 400 acres. There are many problems for the Beaumont oil men to the oil they bring forth.

There is much of romance and not a

Men who went to Beaumont simply to see what was going on and to verify the reports that they had heard of the excite-As to Mrs. Keysor, the head of the art ment there-men who went as they would department I have always entertained for go to a theater or a bull fight or a wild her none but the kindliest feelings and the west show-were caught in the whirl and the club, must have been as surprising to possessed and were ready to sell or morther as it was to me as I was quite un- gage everything they had in the world in

In the trains that left Beaumont most of the men complained of headache and of a own personal association and knowledge of nervousness similar to that which follows no more representative or better qualified from the overworking of the nervous sys-

Extravagant prices were paid for every-The Omaha Public library has always thing. Two negroes who lived in tumbledone all it could to promote the work of down cabins and who worked for \$1.50 a day get \$10,000 cash for their homes. One man bers every privilege granted to the most who left his room during the boom without favored patron and the club women have his overcoat returned only to discover that cilities. I feel sure they will continue to of the overcoat he had left \$1,000. His use and appreciate the library whether or friends urged him to inform the police. He not they have exclusive guardianship over replied that the coat and the thousand dollars could go to thunder. If he went bothering about it he probably would lose \$10,000 on one of his oil deals in the meantime.

Some men who wanted to start a bank paid \$10,000 for the privilege of using a picayune barber shop. A dry goods dealer, whose store was a very small affair, got \$10,000 cash for giving up his short lease. Cash & Luckel paid \$150 per month for the use of an 8x10 platform in front of the ramshackle Crosby house. Desk room on that's in the town proper.

Land that could be bought a few years ago for \$2 or \$3 an acre sold for \$100,000 an

# Laughed at the "Crank."

It is to a man who was looked upon as a "crank" that the discovery of oil in the Beaumont district is due. His name is Higgins. He had for five or six years been talking about the prospects of striking oil at Spindle Top. People grew tired of listening to him. His talk was considered the suit. vaporing of an overwrought mind. That there was oil in southeast Texas was conceded, for a refinery had been built at Sour lake, in Hardin county, and traces of oil had been discovered in many places. In addition, stories had been told by seafaring men of an oil pool in the gulf, about fifteen miles southwest of Sabine Pass.

But the refinery at Sour Lake burned before any proof of the worth or utility of the oil there had been obtained. The men who had invested lost all, just as had those who were before them in that field. Oil was there, beyond a doubt, but, although many holes were drilled, a big vein never was tapped. Conservative men smiled at Higgins' talk of oil on Spindle Top. If oil was to be found anywhere, they contended, Sour Lake was the place. The outcroppings there were unmistakable. Rivulets of oil flowed into Pin Island Bayou, at Sour Lake, and sooner or later oil would be struck there in paying quantities. It was absurd to talk about oil on Spindle rooms for coal and would add hundreds of

But there was one man who lietemed to what Higgins said and who had faith in his theory. That man was George W. Carroll, president of the Beaumont Lumber company and one of the wealthiest residents of the city. He furnished a part of the money with which Higgins went to work to hunt for oil. On the knoll called Spindle Top, Higgins, in a crude, old-fashioned way, sank a well to a depth of 450 or 500 feet. Then he encountered quicksand and could to try again near by. Once more they struck quicksand after getting evidences of

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1902.

There was a man who didn't think Higgins & Carroll had failed. His name was Some Spouting Wealth, Others Swallow It | Lucas. He got a lease to a small patch of ground and sank a well 600 feet. Then he, too, had to abandon it on account of the treacherous quicksand. But he had ob-INCIDENTS OF THE CRAZE FOR GUSHERS tained better evidence of oil than had Higgins, and, although he had little money, he was of undaunted spirit and supreme faith. He went to Pittsburg and laid his proposition before many oil men.

met Messrs. Guffey & Gailey. They listened | whose years before the public have in nopatiently and promised to investigate. Their investigation confirmed all that Lu-Of all the wonderful stories that have cas had asserted, and they agreed to furome out of the Beaumont (Texas) oil nish the capital, with which Lucas could region, relates the New York Herald, none obtain the most improved drilling machincan compare with the bald facts in the case ery and sink a well 1,000 or more feet. Mr. of D. R. Beatty. He leased a patch of land Lucas made a contract with Hamili Bros. for \$10. It sold within a few weeks for of Corsicana, who, with rotary drills, sank \$1,000,000. Somehow the public has come to many of the wells in that field. They bebelieve there is more froth than substance gan operations on the Lucas tract, went in/the talk of oil and that about a bubble a through the quicksand and then they struck mighty turmoil has been raised. There was what is claimed to be the greatest vein of froth and there is substance. The volume oil the world has ever known. In a night

### Woman Launched "Boom."

To the influence of his wife may be secribed the sevent of Charles L. Wallis into the oil business. Mr. Wallis is a son No more capable acrobats were ever seen thousands of barrels of oil that are shipped of the senior member of the firm of Wallis, Landes & Co. of Galveston, Tex., one of has the merit of novelty, as well as excelthe wealthiest concerns in the southwest. lence. New pictures from the kinodrome Like his father, the younger Mr. Wallis is a include the launching of the German emconservative business man. He was content to manage his department in his father's firm, and when the news of the discovery of oil at Beaumont spread, and men. women and children in Galveston talked of nothing but oil, and the chances to make a fortune, his blood didn't circulate any faster or his pulse beat more rapidly. If there was any speculating to be done he was willing to allow some other person to take the risk.

But the oil fever wasn't confined to the streets. It got into the homes. The wives 600 barrels in the storage tanks on January and mothers talked oil in the parlors and 10 last and that 1,000,000 barrels were the negro women talked oil in the kitchens. No fever is so virulent or contagious as oil fever. Mrs. Wallis caught it. She talked oil at breakfast, luncheon and dinner, and mont men that the scepticism about the she suggested that her husband buy some stock. Mr. Wallis told her most of the companies organized were fly-by-night affairs and the stock was worthless; that men were taking advantage of the exciteens of swindles launched by unscrupulous ment and the credulity of the public, and he wouldn't buy oil shares with confederate money

Mrs. Wallis has great respect for the fever subsided for a short time, but, upon hearing how some woman friend had woman and child was inoculated with a that her friend Mrs. So-and-So had made husband: "1 have \$2,500 of my own money. Order, system and business regularity I never will be satisfied unless I invest.

### Lucky Deals.

Unable to move his wife from her resolution Mr. Wallis invested her \$2,500. He exsolve and there is much missionary work ercised the utmost care. Within a month for them to do before they can market all or two the stock which he bought for his wife was worth \$25,000 and Mr. Wallis, who had started to make investigations to safelittle of tragedy ip the tale of Beaumont. guard his wife's money, had caught the If all the remarkable incidents were to be fever, too. He is today the head of one of narrated many volumes would have to be the largest, if not the largest, oil com-Veteran oil men say the excite- panies in the Beaumont district, and ships ment in the Pennsylvania field years ago thousands of barrels of oil. It is true he has made a great deal of monrare instance. Those who lost outnumber those who gained.

"Driller's luck" is what they call the experience of W. B. Sharp. In 1893 he sank a well on Spindle Top. He got down 500 feet. Then his money and his credit gave out. He couldn't get assistance from any one in Beaumont. When he left, in disgust, he didn't have enough money to buy a postage stamp to write to his wife and tell of his failure. The morning after the Lucas strike he returned to Beaumont. As employe for Guffey & Gailey he sank a well within 100 feet of the one he had abandoned years before and he "brought in" one of the greatest gushers in the field. He organized the Drillers' company and now is wealthy.

It is cetimated \$2,000,000 was spent in four months in advertising Beaumont oil companies. Some of the concerns which advertised the most had the least merit. Some of the companies were swindles, pure and simple. The conditions in Beaumont offered opportunities for the wicked such as are rarely seen.

There are 149 spouters in the district. Coal is practically no longer used in southeast Texas. Before the discovery of oil soft

ecal cost nearly \$6 a ton in Houston. Transportation charges from the Alabama, Indian Territory and the Pennsylvania or West Virginia mines made it difficult for manufacturing concerns to meet the competition of factories more favorably situated.

Now the manufacturing plants of most use oil. John Rymershoffer, president of the platform brought \$50 a month. But the Texas Star Flour mills, is authority for the statement that it cost his company \$1,200 to make the mechanical alterations necessary to introduce oil in place of coal, and that the saving in less than six months paid for the change.

The Southern Pacific system uses oil for its motive power, instead of coal, on several divisions of the road. So does the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe on its Gulf line, known as the Gulf, Colorado & Santa ical society, has committed suicide by Fe road. Other railroads are following shooting with a rifle.

# Oil Piped to Consumer.

As far as the Texas and Louisiana territory is concerned, oil is supreme. In some of the cities oil will be piped to the houses and served for fuel and heating pur-It is in extending the market for the oil beyond the Texas and Louisiana confines that the thoughtful men in the Beaumont district find the most difficulty. They are turning their attention to the sea. If oil is brought into use on steamships the demand will be limited only by the supply.

along the west coast of South America, the supply being drawn from the oil wells of It is argued by oil men that oil can be stowed in the tanks now used by steamships for water ballast and can be pumped to the engine room as required. This would do away with the necessity for bunker tons of cargo space to a vessel's carrying capacity. The one great obstacle to this proposition is that it will not be feasible

Oil now is used on some steamships plying

steamships could get supplies of oil as readily as now they get their coal. Whether this can be accomplished the future alone will tell. Meanwhile the wells of a number of railroad companies, among in the "proven" districts are getting into them the Mexican Central, the Atchison, strong hands. The Standard Oil company, it is generally believed, has large interests. The Hogg-Swayne syndicate and the proceed no further. There was such a Higgins company have large capital and showing of oil, however, that they were led are backed by men of great wealth. The smaller fry are being forced out, gradually

There is much oil prospecting at other places in Texas than in the vicinity of Beaumont. Occasionally reports come of Axtell, professor of Greek in Kalamason

not borne investigation, and Beaumont has the field to itself.

# Amusements.

One of the best bills of the season opened

At the Creighton-Orpheum.

a week's engagement at the Creighton-Orpheum yesterday. There is not a bad act in the eight and several which might be called headliners. Old favorites furnish a large share of the amusement and are On every side he was repulsed until he well received. Milton and Dollie Nobles, wise dimmed their popularity or diminished their ability to please, have a really clever comedy sketch, which was greatly relished vesterday. It is clean in every sense and decidely funny. Melville and Stetson, who also seem to have arrested time, give an entirely new act with all their wonted dash. These are without question the celeverest team in vaudeville. Vera King and Suele Fisher sing. Miss Fisher has a remarkably heavy voice for a woman and gives 'Beyond the Gates of Paradise" and "Anchored" with much expression. Miss King's monologue and "coon" songs were well recelved. Knight brothers are good comedians. Banks and Winona Winters made a hit with their sketch, Miss Winters' sweet voice completely captivating the audience. in Omaha, and their horizontal bar act peror's yacht, Meteor, showing Miss Roosevelt. President Roosevelt, Prince Henry and the entire party of distinguished people there assembled At the Boyd.

> Surrounded by a company of industrious supporters, Dave Lewis as Hans Nix presented "The Telephone Girl" to good audiences Sunday afternoon and night at Boyd's theater, and will play a final engagement there tonight. Easily the most striking feature of the present production is the persistent way in which it lives up to the first standard. The usual and expected thing in the life of a musical comedy is its "passing," and the time is generally short. Not so with "The Telephone Girl," however. Though Dave Lewis is not Louis Mann nor yet Will Sloan, he is nevertheless a capable man in the abortive part, and furnishes in a satisfactory manner eleventenths of the real humor in the play, which he is supposed to do,

Others of the principal characters are different from those who were with this business judgment of Mr. Wallis and the play the last time it showed here, two years ago. Arthur Conrad is now Snuffies, and dances better than his predeces bought stock at 15 or 20 cents a share and sor, besides singing just fairly. Pearle ous town, with more raucous-voiced en- sold for a great deal more, it returned. Hight is a new Estelle, the telephone girl, thusisasts to the square inch perhaps than Once more she broached the subject of buy- and her departure from vaudeville for this purpose was warranted, for she is pleasing in the new role. Anna Conrad as Mrs. Puffaway carries the strong musical hit in all the passenger trains were run in three, be thrown off by simple argument. Logic her handling of the "Rip Van Winkle" song. four or five sections, and every man, could make no impression against the fact All the other oldtime favorites, "It's Up to You, Babe," "I Know Them All" and "The Belle of the Telephone" were plainly satisfactory. Marion Hyde as Clementine captain of the telephone girls, is the life have taken the place of a wild effort to Now be a good boy and tell me what is of the stage in several skittish portions. Costuming is varied considerably, and is good.

# Minco's Trocadero.

"The Broadway Burlesquers" at the Trocadero pleased two good sized audiences yesterday with an excellent program of burlesque and vaudeville. The opening Frank sisters, soubrettes, sing and engage make you look solemn. in repartee that drew them an encore; the McDade trio made a hit with their balancing and slack wire act; the Jesses won applause Time," which is a hodge-podge of nonsense, hilarity, songs and specialties. "The Broadway Burlesquers" remain the entire week. Performances are also given every after-

#### APPROVE THE WILCOX VERDICT People of Elizabeth City Applaud the Decision that He Killed Nellie Cropsey.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 28 .-The verdict that young Wilcox was guilty of the murder of Miss Neilie Cropsey seems to meet popular approval, though it was not considered probable early yesterday that the jury would so report. District Attorney Ward said yesterday he never looked for any verdict other than murder in the second degree.

Lawyer Aydlett for the defense will enter an appeal on behalf of the prisoner. He will seek to set aside the verdict on the ground that it was not consistent with the evidence brought out in the trial. There is little prospect of the prisoner's paying the death penalty on the date set by Judge Jones. As the supreme court does not meet till next September, it is more than probof the cities in the southern half of Texas able that it will be twelve months before the case is disposed of finally.

# WEARIES OF MAKING MAPS Planning of War Charts Drives Gen-

eral Hennequin to Shoot

# Himself.

BRUSSELS, March 23 .- General Hennequin, director of the Military Cartograph-

# DEATH RECORD.

Prof. F. Osborne Ward.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23 .- Prof. F Osborne Ward, an eminent historian and linguist, died at Yuma, Ariz., March 20, after a lingering illness. Prof. Ward's greatest work was his "History of the Roman People from the Earliest Time to Constantine," on which he labored thirtyeight years. He traveled thousands of miles, visited many of the world's famous libraries and went, over the world's first histories. He made himself a master of ethnology and archaeology and in 1868 was associated with Charles Darwin is solving problems on which he was at work. For twenty years be was translator for the federal bureau of labor. His best known book is "The Ancient Lowly." Recently he had been engaged in arranging vast amounts of material he had gathered for the use of his literary executor.

# Alden Spenre.

NEWTON, Mass., March 23 .- News was eceived here today of the death last evenuntil oil stations are established, so that ing at Pasadena, Cal., of Alden Speare, president of the Alden Speare Sons company of Boston. Mr. Speare was a director Topeka & Santa Fe, the Atlantic & Pacific the St. Louis & San Francisco and the Connecticut & Passumpsic. He was for some years a delegate to the National Board of Trade at Washington and recently declined the presidency of that body.

# Prof. Seth G. Axtell.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 23 .- Seth G.

A suit- or overcost, Prescuit make costs at least 5 for a them Orecent made, for two or A uniform standard of work, are grades of good fatries.

Case McCoffrey to Broadway my makes

Crescent made Boys' Clothes are to be had in Omaha only of Hayden Bros.

here today of grip, aged 60 years. Prof. Sunday editor promptly, "and rush it up. Axtell, who was a graduate of Brown uni- I need some copy." versity, from which he held the degree of master of arts, was president of Leland editor was found tearing his hair. university at New Orleans from 1878 to 1882, and president of Central college at Pella, Ia., in 1889 and 1900.

#### Charles D. Sower.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.-Charles D. lower, president of the Christopher Sower company, publisher of school books, died today of angina pectoris, aged 61. Mr. Sower was a member of a famous family of publishers, the first of whom, Christopher Sower, issued the first Bible to be published in America in the German language. The publishing house was established in skirmish at Guanica, following the landing

### J. H. Loomis,

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 28 .- (Special.) J. H. Loomis, assistant cashier of the First National bank, died suddenly today the forest and awaiting the expected atat his rooms in the Cheyenne club of pneumonia. Mr. Loomis had been at his place of the line could stand the strain of the at the cashler's window every banking day silence no longer, and raising his rifle he for many years. Yesterday morning he blazed away into the darkness. This was a went to his room and complained of feeling signal for the whole company, and instantly bad. Death came shortly after noon.

#### Anron French.

PITTSBURG, March 24.-Aaron French aged 79, died at his home, this city, shortly after midnight, of paralysis. Mr. French Miles and his staff started for the scene of was president of the American Steel Wire company and was elected president of the American Steel Spring combine, recently formed in New York.

#### R. V. Swepsen.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 23 .- R. V. Swepsen, one of Knoxville's wealthiest the author of the midnight alarm the incitizens, died here today. He owned the dignant officer shouted: Richmond street car system during the civil war. His estate is valued at \$1,000,000. Former Prime Minister.

#### BUDA PEST, March 28 .- M. Koloman de l'isza, former Hungarian prime minister

UPSETTING HIS DIGNITY. Hot Coin Fetches the Brave, Also

this morning. He was born in 1830.

Prolonged Spree. "I was connected with the Sioux Indian still more comical by able comedians. Edna "and of course I had every chance to study

in an original sketch. The performance he had been, he couldn't. He'd sit around to freeze his very soul with a giare.

"After a time I made up my mind to give the old fellow's dignity a test. always arrived at a certain hour, attended s mile away, I dropped a silver quarter on the floor near the door when Buffalo pulled up his pony and dismounted. He got down with the dignity of an emperor, and without a look around him he entered the store. That quarter caught his eagle eye

in a tiffy, and he didn't consider it beneath

his dignity to stoop and pick it up.

"Well, the way he let go of that redoff the floor at the same time and the yells hollow log. he uttered come to me in my sleep someimes and raise me out of bed. There were guffaw, and when old Buffalo realized the the log and watched intently. situation he knew that his dignity was lost forever. He glared around for a minute with murder in his eyes, and then he hustled out bee-line for a saloon at the edge of the reservation. I don't know how much whisky he soaked up, but two hours later he returned to the store with a first-class jag on A buck on each side was holding him on his pony, and he was singing and weeping by turns. We all went out to greet him and inquire about his health, and after trying to wink at each individual in turn he pathetically exclaimed:

" 'Some dam man make some dam money hot, and take my dam character away, and now I go on a dam spree every day in the week.

"He was as good as his word. He was drunk nearly all the time for the next six months, and in his mellowness he would even play at tag and leap-frog with the boys. Then he tumbled off his pony on night and broke his neck, and sometimes, when the rain comes down and the wind moans around the gables I feel that his guardian angel will hold me responsible for his taking off."

# How It Happened.

Chicago Post: "I've got a good story here," remarked the reporter, "if I could only tell it about some great man.' "Put it on George Washington," said the

And after the paper was out the Sunday "Great Scott!" he cried, "why didn't the

#### about a man and his diverting children?" SHOOTING AT RANDOM.

infernal fool tell me that it was a story

#### How a Massachusetts Regiment Won Distinction.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles tells a good story of a Massachusetts regiment which was under his command in the Spanish-American war. The incident occurred just after the of the Puerto Rican expedition. As Spanish attack was momentarily expected the strain on the nerves of the volunteers. who were just out of a discipline camp, was extreme. For hours they lay along the brink of the hill listening to the noises of tack. Presently a man at the extreme end

every man was shooting into the darkness The sound of the firing reached General Miles's tent; orderlies mounted and hastened to the front. The entire army was aroused and arranged for action. General the fight.

Out on the firing line there was a moment of confusion; then the officers succeeded in stopping the shooting and began a hurried search for the man who started it. Presently they located him down at the end of the line, where a private named Parkinson was stationed. Striding up to

"Parkinson, what in thunder were you shooting at?" "Oh," replied Parkinson, with apologetic drawl. "I was just shooting at random.

#### when he tells the story, "the Sixth Massaand leader of the liberal party, died here chusetts was known as the Randoms. WHEN EYES GROW TIRED.

"And ever after that," says General Miles,

Fatigue of the Muscles and the Way to Relieve It.

People speak about their eyes being tired, meaning that the retina, or seeing portion, number, called "The Bull Pen," contains a reservation for three or four years," said of the eye is fatigued, but such is not the great deal of original humor, which is made | a story-teller to a Detroit Free Press man, | case, as the retina hardly ever gets tired. The fatigue is in the inner and outer Earl is a pleasing vocalist, singing several Lo as he is. Some of the young bucks were muscles attached to the eyeball and the songs in an artistic manner. Mayer and ready to laugh at a good thing, but the old muscles of accommodation which surround Harrington do a pleasing musical act; the chiefs stuck out for dignity in a way to the lens of the eye, says the Detroit Free Press. When a near object is to be looked "One of the big chiefs was named Buffalo at this muscle relaxes and allows the lens Hunter, and in his day he had lifted plenty to thicken, increasing its refractive power. of white scalps. If others could forget what The inner and outer muscles are used in covering the eye on the object to be looked concludes with the burlesque, "A Real Hot | the post trader's store for four hours at a at, the inner one being especially used time without even fetching a grunt, and if when a near object is looked at. It is in anybody rubbed elbows with him he tried the three muscles mentioned that the fatique is felt, and relief is secured temporarily by closing the eyes or gazing at far-

He distant objects. The usual indication of strain is a redby a small retinue, and one day, when I ness of the rim of the syelid, betckening a caught sight of him coming over the ridge congested state of the inner surface, accompanied by some pain. Sometimes this into the stove. It was good and hot lying wearniness indicates the need of glasses rightly adapted to the person and in other cases the true remedy is to massage the eye and its surroundings, so far as may be, with the hand in cold water.

# Sure to Happen.

Chicago Tribune: The high-browed resohot coin again," laughed the joker, "was lute young man with the slim neck and worth going a mile to see. He jumped clear lanky hair had driven the rabbit into a

He plugged up the opening where the animal had gone in. Then he sat down on a half a dozen of us in the plot and ready to stump, gun in hand, near the other end of "What are you doing?" asked the un-

thinking, as they strolled along. "I am waiting," he said, with a maniacal doors, leaped upon his pony and made a gleam in his eye, "for the inevitable outcome!

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