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"MARION MANNING" EDITH EUSTIS' LATEST

The Book Deals with Social and Po-Litteni Life in Washington-Mary Hallock Foote Writes a Story of Western Life.

"Miss Petticoats" is a new and charming nevel by Dwight Tilton. Miss Petticoats, the heroine, is a girl who works in s mill and lives with her grandfather in an old whaling bark tied up at one of the wharves of "Old Chetford," a locality in the novel which many readers will recognize as the old New England whaling town New Bedford. She is stormy, passionate proud as Lucifer, but warm in her affections, brave, honest and truthful. Incidentally she is beautiful. Having done i great service for an aristocratic woman of the town, the girl is taken into the proud household. On her departure from her grandfather he tells her the story of her nother's life, which was one of great disappointment and suffering, though married into a family of rank in France. Under the care of her benefactor, Miss Petticoats receives the best of education, her instructor being a young and popular minlater of the town. She has an unusually and the closing paper, "A Plea for Military strong mind for business and the world of finance, which in the last chapters of the book gives her a power to ruin financially. By and by slander, malice, jealousy and tox" was read before the American society the insulting love of a young society fa- at its annual meeting in Worcester, Mass. vorite combine to form a tremendous climax Wednesday, October 30, 1901. But all the in the young woman's life, from which she papers are weighty with the wealth of exemerges hardened, embittered and bent perience gained by travel, by the practice her health. While there she inherits a statesmen and others in whose hands rest large amount of wealth from her father's the heavy responsibilities of commerce and ture of power, beauty, brilliancy and great & Co. resources and then the one ambition of her existence seems near its fulfillment, as she has returned to New York and has story of the revolutionary war, giving in an worked a plan in the stock market by interesting manner a soldier's experience which she can bring financial ruin upon with a lady prisoner. "My Captive" has a time her girlhood instructor (the young tionary war-a Tory-who is charged with minister) wins her as his wife and the being a spy. But as her captor is the narthought of revenge, assisted by a series of rator, we shall ask him to tell us about it; and Miss Petticoats is again living happily by doubt. She returned my gaze with great, Clark, publisher.

heroine, Marion Heveril, is a young Virginia girl, enthusiastic and generous. She motives are all governed by self-interest. She loves him devotedly, but the revelation finally comes to her that he has married for money and to assist his own amtitious plans, and that he has loved another woman in the past, Mrs. Walford, a married woman whose husband died before Manning's mercenary marriage to Marion. Mrs. Walford reappears at Washington and Marion by accident overhears a conversa tion between Mrs. Walford and Manning, which distillusions her with regard to her husband. She is heart-broken and goes back to her home in Virginia, but her husband persuades her to return and Mrs. Walford goes abroad. Manning meanwhile makes a brilliant speech in congress and is a rising man, when he is attacked by typhoid fever and, though faithfully nursed by his young wife, he dies. Another politician, George Hood, who has opposed Manning's views in congress and is a man of high moral tone, has long engaged Marion's Does," by Salter Storra Clark, revisor of interest, and eventually he proves to be a man worthy of her respect and affection. His devotion finally wins her. The story is full of interesting incidents. There are scenes in New England and in Virginia but chiefly at Washington. Harper & Bros.

"The Desert and the Lawn" is a new of the novel chifts between a military post in the west and the Dutch farming country Bogardue, the hero of the story, the author forgiveness later. The father proved ob- by American Book company. durate, however, and the young couple suffered many hardships, Finally they went vest and the husband wandered away into Megeath Stationery Co., 1308 Farnam st. the mountains one day and was lost. No trace of him was ever found and his wife ultimately returned to New York and at last inherited great wealth from her father and uncle, and Paul has a great desire to turn philanthropist and use the money to the poor. Moya, to whom he is engaged, is unwilling to interest herself in the poor man as a generality, though individually she is prepared to sacrifice herself to any extent. Moya's father is an army man and much of the story transpires at the post where he is stationed. Paul goes with some friends on a hunting trip, they are overtaken by the winter snows and he and one of the guides, left behind by the others, come near losing their lives. In the close acquaintance thus brought about and from chance words spoken by the older man in illness. Paul learns that this guide is his father, so long supposed dead. The developments of the different characters of Paul, his mother and Moya, under the influence of this discovery, is most interesting and satisfactory. Published by Houghton, Mifflin

"Chimmie Fadden and Mr. Paul," by Edward W. Townsend, crystalizes the doings of the favorite dramatis personae of the more random sketches of five years ago into a connected love story, revealing the sentimental relations between Mr. Paul and Miss Fannie. Each of the twenty-seven divisions in the book relates new and varying adventures, in which "Chimmie's" schemes are abetted or thwarted by "the duchess," "his whiskers," Miss Pannie, Mr. 450 Paul, "Wily Widdy," The stalwart Mrs. Murphy and several new characters. As the title of the new collection shows, Mr. Paul plays the most important role in the present series, after "Chimmie" himself; very much as he did in the stage version "Chimmle Fudden" in its three years' run. The author has evolved a social philosopher in Mr. Paul, whose views, even in his own vocabulary; might make an inter-



NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES esting volume, but as translated by "Chimmto" gain in piguancy and lose nothing in mie" gain in piquancy and lose nothing in "Chimmie" himself, recording depth. knowledge which frequently pussies or the light of his mother-wit, has modified his dislect, so that he now addresses the eye as plainly as the ear. But his idioms and eccentricities of expression remain as quaintly characteristic as ever, in spite of that modification of dislect to be expected after his five years' service in the household of Miss Pannie. The Century Co., publishers.

> Dr. H. H. Kane of New York has given to the American public a translation of Pierre Foncin's "Pays de France" under It treats of the the title of "France." physical formation of the country, the history of the nation, its institutions, relources, literature, science and are; the temperament of its people and of the colonies of the republic. The book follows the program of the Alliance Francaise, an association which devotes itself to encouraging the thorough study of the French language and literature, and, consequently, to spreading abroad accurate and impartial notions in regard to France and her people. Published by International Publishing Co.

Several timely and interesting essays are contained in a new volume entitled, "Leeat Appomattox, and Other Papers," by Charles | the lines of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pa-Francis Adams. They cover a wide rangetwo are upon the war just closed in South Africa; one is upon the need of a higher tone in our political discussions; another deals with "The Treaty of Washington," History." is a criticism of the defective treatment of military operations by historians. The paper on "Lee at Appomatupon revenge. She travels in Europe for of great affairs and by association with house. Fortune at last makes her a crea- diplomacy. Published by Houghton, Miffin

"My Captive," by J. A. Altsholer, is a

the person who practically drove her away charm all its own-or her own-for the from her childhood home. But at this "captive" is a young woman of the revoluincidents, is turned to one of good deeds "I looked at the prisoner, and I was vexed in her home in "Old Chetford. C. M. pure eyes, which seemed to say I was a villain, a monster; yet I had been doing my exact duty, that of a faithful soldier in "Marion, Manning" is a novel of political the cause of the continental congress and and social life in Washington by Edith freedom. I was angry at her for meddling Eustis, daughter of Levi P. Morton. The with war, and angry at myself for being forced into a situation so full of troubles And troubles indeed there were inside of marries John Manning, a politician whose the first half-hour. She was seated on her horse, and my horse, Old Put, the most wonderfully intelligent animal that ever existed-was standing by, when she suddenly gave him a cut with her whip, and off he dashed riderless in one direction, while she drave her horse furiously off in the other. And I first had to catch Old Put and then her. Then we both were captured by guerrillas, from which we escaped after a terrible ordeal, and once she was captor and I captive. And so for several days and nights we had many adventures until we caught up with Morgan's command. How did it turn out? Well, I must admit I fell in love-but she was a Tory, and in her eyes I was a rebel, so that complications naturally ensued. But it was truly an exciting period." D. Appleton & Co., publishers

"Young's Government Class Book," and auvolume which is entirely different from the average cut-and-dried text book in civics It is more like an able teacher's verbal presentation of the subject to his class than like anything else to which we can compare it. The style is clearcut, forceful and full of life. The matter is presented sugnovel by Mary Hollock Foote, who has gestively and the pupil is led to draw in written several capital stories. The scene ferences for himself. Comparisons of our ferences for himself. Comparisons of our government with those of other countries are frequent; the illustrations of the actual near Newburg-on-the-Hudson. In Paul workings of the system are detailed and vivid; and government is shown to be a gives an interesting study of character and science, a complete system, which has a heredity. Paul's mother was the daughter practical part in our everyday life. Supof a rich and obstinate farmer on the Hud- plementary work, giving questions which General Passenger Agent Lomax, amid His father was the "hired man," and will force the pupil to think over what he after vainly trying to win her father's con- has studied, are appended to each chapter, sent to their marriage, they run away to- and a complete index to each chapter gether, she being confident of her father's and a complete index is included. Published

"The Government; What it Is; What it

The above books are for sale by the

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Judge Munger of the federal court has excused the members of the petit jury until Monday. In Victor B. Walker's suit against the Storz Brewing company a jury has given the plaintiff \$750 damages. A permit has been issued to W. R. Wisser to erect at Thirty-second street and incoln boulevard a frame dwelling to cost

Republicans of Dundes will caucus at 8 clock Friday night in the fire engine couse to nominate delegates to the state house to nominate delega and judicial conventions.

The cases against the Pan-American shows, brought by its former employes for salary due, have been postported to July 12 at the reugest of the defendant. An awning in the front of the Burling-ton railroad headquarters was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The blaze was extinguished before any other damage was

Louis Cohen, a grocery clerk of South Omaha, has applied to the United States district court to be declared a bankrupt. His assets are \$25 and bis liabilities \$1.244.31.

The Capitol avenue market house plans e being corrected as to detail in the ice of the city engineer, and bids for the natruction work will be advertised for the middle of next week.

by the middle of next week.

Burgiars who evidently intend to have a high time broke into the bakery of William Wickes, 2406 Cuming street, Wednesday night and stole four pounds of yeast and a razor, all valued at \$2.

Members of the High school graduating class are busy trying on their new gowns and suits, preparatory to the commencement exercises of Friday evening, and such of them as are to appear on the program are rehearsing their essays and crations. The class now numbers an even 450.

company.

The building inspector with beautify North Elsventh street Friday by tearing down an old frame building at No. 111, which for thirty years has been a landmark of the locality. It is occupied now as a jumk shop. Old frame structures adjoining it on the north at 115, 117 and 119 have been removed under orders from the building in-

The annual banquet of the senior and unior classes of Creighton university was seld at the Dellone hotel Wednesday night. Responses to toasts by students and their guests, the members of the faculty, comprised an interesting post-prandat program. The banquet took on the nature of a farewell to the seniors and a pleasant evening was passed in exchanging telicitations on the happenings of the college course.

Judge McPherson of the federal court has confirmed the sale of the Continental Clothing company stock. He orders that Harry S. Roberson, the receiver, transfer to O. E. Berg, in consideration of \$1.25, all of the company's furniture and fixtures, and to the Jones Dry Ghods company, in consideration of \$1.25, all to the Jones Dry Ghods company, in consideration of \$1.25, all to consideration of \$1.25, and to the Jones Dry Ghods company, in consideration of \$1.25, and the sale subject to further order of the court.

Honored guest, though not more honored than he is in the hearts of all his townsmen. I would have seen it was after dinner temptation at that banquet myself, and would have seen it had I been able to accept the courtedus invitation extended to me. And so, sir, I move the court of public opinion to further order of the court.

QUORUM FOR MEETING

Bestion of Western Car Service Association Necessarily Postponed.

CHANGES IN BURLINGTON AGENCIES

Railroads Conveying Picnic Parties to Iowa Groves-Housecleaning at the Union Pacific Hendquarters.

Because of a failure to secure the quorum necessary to do business the annual meeting of the Western Car Service association, set for yesterday morning, was put off till some date in the pear future to be chosen by Manager A. C. Jones, at which time it will be possible to get together a sufficient number of representatives of the different railroads of the association.

The transportation and operating officials who did make their appearance had their journeys to Omaha for nothing. The office of General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific railway was the place designated for the session and at the appointed time there met with Mr. Dickinson: H. S. Cable cific west of the Missouri river; G. Simpson of Chicago, superintendent of transportation of the Chicago, Milwaukee General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington; H. C. Cheyney, general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, Lyman Sholes, division passenger and freight agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and A. T. Abbott of Fairbury, Neb., division superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

The matter of chief importance to come up at this meeting is the election of officers, or rather of the executive committee which manipulates the affairs of the association. This embraces not men, but railroads, the make-up of the committee at present being the Burlington, the Union Pacific and the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley lines.

Will Move to Omaha.

J. W. Williams, who has been for some years local agent of the Burlington road at traveling passenger agent out of headquarters, and he will move at once to Omaha, making this his home. His territory will be east of the Missouri river. Mr. Williams succeeds S. R. Drury, who is advanced to be city passenger agent at Mr. Drury, in turn, succeeds Colonel Joe Milner, who becomes depot passenger agent at Denver. Mr. Drury is well known in Omaha, having been connected with the Burlington here for a long

Picnic Time is Here.

The time of the fraternity summer picnic is at hand. Pleasure outings of this sort are being organized now with a frequency very pleasing to railroad men, and the first one of the season went to Glenwood, Is., over the Burlington yesterday. It was the Ancient Order of the Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem, and there were more than 300 of them in the party. The throng traveled in a special train, and was returned to Omaha in the same conveyance last night.

Meanwhile the Omaha division of the International Union of Statiopary Engineers has set next Sunday for its picnic affair Jeffries Grove in Iowa has been chosen as the scene, a place twenty-five miles from Omaha. The Illinois Central has been dubbed official route and the engineers, with their feminine accompaniments, will be taken out of Union station on a special train at 8:15 Sunday morning, returning late that night.

Union Pacific Housecleaning.

quarters are torn up as badly as the home of the most fastidious housewife these days. all due to the relining of the entire building with a coat of cementico. The floors and rooms are being taken in turn, beginning with President Burt's office, the walls scraped and a coating of light green applied, which will greatly improve the light in the building. This had become very poor in some of the rooms of recent years because of accumulations of dirt on walls that were once of a light hue. Just now General Freight Agent Wood, with his stenographer and corps of three assistants, is camped in the small private office of chaos of deaks and chairs. All the large force of clerks in the big general room of the freight office, meanwhile, has been assigned to the private office of Assistant General Freight Agent Lane, where they are smothering that official.

Rate Lower in Oregon.

Information has been received at Union Pacific headquarters that the Southern Pacific railroad has finally reduced its transportation rates in Oregon to 3 cents a mile flat in all sections of the state. This is a marked reduction, as mileage there has been from 4 cents to as high as 6 in different parts. The change does not alter rates from this part of the country out there. as the ratiroads here all have blanket rates over all that territory.

Special for Race Meeting.

The decision as to special railroad rates o Omaha on the occasion of the meeting of the Omaha Driving club was announced yesterday. A rate of one and one-third for the round trip has been given, good coming to the city June 25 to 28 inclusive, return ing June 20. Tickets at this rate will be sold at all stations within 150 miles of Omaha in the state of Nebraska and within 100 miles of Omaha east of the river. said that there are now nearly 300 horses entered for the races, which will take place on the track at the old exposition ily. Inspector Jones says, is in need of asgrounds.

Episcopal Confession of Faith Again OMAHA, June 11 .- To the Editor of The Bee: May I have the privilege of correcting, for the sake of General Mander son himself, the error attributed to him by your reporter at the banquet the other evening. I am quite directly informed that the general's ecclesiastical training in his youth and his memory of that train ing were such as to utterly preclude the The wedding of Alice Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Howes, to Thomas Herbert Tracy took place in St. Barnahas achurch Wednesday evening, June 11, Rev. John Williams performing the ceremony for the very pretty private wedding. Both are old residents of the city, the groom belonging to the cigar firm of Tracy Bros. possibility of his failing into the error of creed. While I thought this to be the case when I wrote my former letter, I did not of course know that it was, and so I felt it due to the Episcopal church to correct an error that would lead poorly informed people to think that the Anglican church allowed ecclesiastical passion to get better of its Christian reason, to put in its creed what could properly be no part of BAKER CRAZED BY THE STORM the Christian faith. As for what I said about the possible effect of his after dinner surroundings upon General Manderson's memory, of course that was a mere pleas antry, a jost, not so much on the general himself as upon the staid character of the ecclesiastical banquet, where he was an honored guest, though not more honored

son, even though he is unable to prove an JOHN WILLIAMS.

OBJECTS TO GAS RESERVOIR

Fred Schlimme Says Big Tank Has Damaged His Home and Income.

Before Judge Slabaugh yesterday the case of Fred Schlimme against the Omaha Gas company was on trial. In this case the plaintiff seeks to recover damages because of alleged injury done his property on South Twentieth street, by reason of the construction of a reservoir by the gas company on an adjoining lot in 1897. He alleges that the noise of the movement of the separate parts of the tank makes it impossible for his family and his tenants to enjoy the blessings of a home, and for that reason, as well as because of the noxious and pungent gases which arise from the reservoir, it is impossible for him to secure the returns from the property which he had done previous to the construction of the gas reservoir.

South Omaha News.

Tax Commissioner Fitzgerald stated yesof Topeka, Kan., general superintendent of terday that Saturday he would complete the work of making the city assessment. On Monday the Board of Review will meet and review the assessment made by the commissioner. This board is composed of Tax & St. Paul; G. W. Loomis, chief clerk to Commissioner Fitzgerald, John F. Schultz and A. L. Bergquest. While no definite figures have been given out for publication it is understood that there has been an increase in valuation all along the line. The improvements the corporations have made during the last year will add largely to the valuation. Last year's valuation was about \$2,500,000 and it is fully expected that this will be more than doubled this

> What the Board of Review will do with the tax commissioner's returns remains to be seen. Heavy taxpayers are deeply interested in the work of the board. It is presumed that the board will hold its meetings in the council chamber.

Howe Gets Through.

City Treasurer Howe completed the task of paying out May claims and balancing Longmont, Colo., has just been appointed his books for the school district yesterday. For the month of May \$56.731.12 was paid out for the purpose of redeeming warrants issued by the Board of Education. It has been quite a task to figure up the books, issue the call for these warrants and then check the paid ones with the warrant register. All of this work is forced on the treasurer, as he is by law made the treasurer of the school district and he serves without compensation. Several attempts have been made in the past to have the board allow a reasonable sum for clerk hire to do this work and it will have to come before long, as the city business now occupies all of the time of the treasurer and his deputy. With one more clerk in the treasurer's office the records of the Board of Education could be kept up to date and it is more than likely that a request for an appropriation of this kind will soon be made.

Police Want Appropriation.

Every day the members of the police force, and especially the detective department, are spending their own money in cecuring evidence against criminals to be used in either the police or the district court. No appropriation has ever been made by the council to pay these necessary expenses, but it is understood that Chief Briggs will soon make a request that a reasonable sum be set apart each month for the payment of the expenses of the de-

Annual Closing Exercises,

The fifteenth annual closing exercises of and to have their "folks" in for the fun, the Eighth grade of the public schools were so the latter went. eld at the First Methodist Episcopal church last night. About 125 pupils partic- spectacle that was presented. Young men ipated and at the next term of school will who resembled pickings from school. This program was carried out: In- men in mailed torso and with flower girls vocation, Rev. George Van Winkle; chorus, Della Clark; vocal solo, Miss Anges O'Connor; address, "Opportunity," Dr. W. O. Henry; vocal solo, "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," Mrs. Frank Moriarity; presentation of cer-Board of Education; song, "Anchored," by the class; benediction, Rev. Dr. R. L. Wheeler.

Ciass Exercises Tonight.

The exercises of the High school graduating class will be held at the troop armory tonight. Those who have been places on the program are Clara Tombrink, Stella Williams, Clara Freitag, Leta M. Mead, Julia Willard, Lucile Dennis, Alla Gilchrist, Maud McDowell, John L. Roberts, Harriet Smith, Eunice Ensor, Leo S. Legro, Harvey Renwick, Herbert Coleprogram is extensive and includes a farce. to be participated in by those mentioned. A number of additional chairs have been procured and it is expected that the armory will be crowded.

Officers Elected.

No. 66, Ancient Order of United Workmen: C. D. Geddis, foreman; Charles Avery, overseer; G. S. Kennedy, recorder; C. M. Rich, financier; C. W. Miller, receiver; George Fogle, guide; J. Heikes, watchman; Meyer, outside watchman; J. Kennedy and A. E. Spear, trustees. The installation of son, Fredrica McIntosh. these officers will occur on July L.

Case of Destitution.

In his rounds yesterday Sanitary Inspector Jones discovered a sad case of destitution. O. Harding, who lives at Twentyfourth and Monroe streets, has been ill for some six weeks and as his wife is blind she is unable to take care of him. The famsistance and charitably inclined persons are asked to investigate this case.

Magie City Gossip. Rev. Irving P. Johnson left last night for his home in Minnesota after a visit with

The 3-year-old daughter of George Schwer, Thirty-second and X streets, was buried at Laurel Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon. The class day exercises of the senior class will be held at the troop armory on Thursday evening, June 12. The proceeds will be donated to the High school library

Lloyd 8. Ditzler has gone to Denver, after spending a week or two with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trumble.

Morris Yost has been robbed again and this time a negro has been charged with the crime and is in jail.

Notice has been given out that an im-ortant meeting of the Tribe of Ben Hur dil be held on Friday evening. Del Cary Smith, grand worthy president of the Eagles, will be here Thursday and attend the meeting of the local lodge. Miss Mamie Stum, aged 25 years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Parks, Twenty-fith and D. last night at il o'clock, Funeral notice will be given later.

Illinois Man, Maddened Through Fright, Tries to Murder His Family.

PEORIA, Ill., June 12 .- During the great storm lass night Joseph Baker shot and instantly killed his stepson, Martin Christopher, 22 years of age, badly wounded the other stepson, Webster Christopher, 8 years old, and would probably have killed his wife had she not succeeded in getting away from him. Baker was arrested and held to the grand jury without ball. It is thought that Baker became suddenly deranged.

ACTION OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION EXPLAINED

Reduction in Valuations by County Assessors Obliged the Board to Make Similar Reductions in Railroad Valuations.

Careful Investigation Shows that Nebraska Railroads Are Still Assessed Too High, Compared with All Other Property in the State, Notwithstanding Reductions Made by Reform Boards in the Latter '90s.

(Issued Under the Authority of the Railroads of Nebraska.)

(Issued Under the Authority of For years past it has been quite generally contended "that the railoads should be required to bear their just share of taxation." Nebraska has had a succession of reform administrations, who used this argument as one of the essential planks of the platform on which they were elected. There has been a succession of changes in the political complexion of what is known as the Board of Equalization, composed of the Governor, Treasurer and the Auditor of State. During these successive canvasses the railroads have not presented their side to the people, but in each case have waited until the parties whom the people should select were elected to office, and then presented the question of railroad taxation to them when they acted as officers of

this Board of Equalization. Thus it comes that during the past ten years there have been republican, democratic and popoulist governors and members of this board in succession. These men elected to office have been representative citizens and men of integrity and homor, who have taken an oath to do what they considered right in the interests of the people, and in subscribing to this oath, they at the same time awear to do their duty in accordance with the law.

The following table will show the relative assessment of each administration for the past twelve years, showing the amount assessed against lands, lots, personal property and all property in the state during the various administrations:

Governor.	Party.	Year.	Lands.	Lots.	Pers. Prop.	Railroad and Telegraph.	All Prop.
Boyd Crounse R Crounse R Holcomb Holcomb Halcomb Halcomb Pdynter Poynter	epublican Democrat epublican epublican Populist epublican	1889 1891 1893 1894 1895 1895 1896 1898 1899 1900 1901	874, 215, 749 76, 885, 405 87, 351, 164 84, 947, 616 82, 648, 108 81, 459, 387 78, 394, 608 77, 519, 838 77, 890, 617 78, (944, 105) 78, 675, 185	\$38, 416, 966 40, 248, 504 40, 721, 544 39, 032, 165 36, 349, 975 34, 835, 019 33, 574, 355 23, 049, 882 22, 782, 423 33, 448, 405 34, 488, 950	\$40,275,671 \$6,589,138 \$7,709,243 \$2,451,023 \$2,451,023 25,101,676 \$6,402,610 29,852,205 \$2,116,855 \$4,112,738 \$3,477,559	\$29,876,452 28,625,189 28,800,873 28,200,892 25,691,622 25,682,208 26,822,163 26,889,840 26,346,810 26,448,810 26,448,810	\$182,763,63 183,138,27 194,781,71 194,781,71 193,717,49 171,468,29 167,678,27 167,810,78 169,105,20 171,747,59 174,439,66

From this statement it will be seen that the railroad and telegraph property had a valuation in 1901 10 2-10 per cent less than it was in 1899, and that lots are also assessed for 10 3-10 per cent less, while the value of personal property has decreased 17 per cent in that same time. The only property that appears to show any increase whatever is in the item of lands, which shows an increase of 7 3-10 per cent.

However, we give here a statement of the increase in quantities assessed in the following items reported in 1890 and 1901, which should be considered along with these apparent increases and decreases in assessment:

Assessed in 1899.

10.674.180 acres improved
13.557,727 acres unimproved
14.869.843 acres unimproved
15.227 cattle
179.268 sheep
1.828,952 hogs
5,632 miles railroad

Now how seemed in 1901. Increase
17,554,770 acres improved
14,869.843 acres unimproved
28,13,181 cattle
40,623 sheep
130
1,460,777 hogs
13
5,702 miles railroad
13.

Now, how are all these decreases and variations in assessment brought about? In 1893 and 1894 the assessors through the various counties so materially reduced the assessment of lands, lots and personal property that the railroad valuations given by the Board of Equalization in prior years was away above that figure which would obtain an equality in taxation with other property.

Owing to the popular cry of increased assessment of railroad corporations, the Board of Equalization was deterred from materially reducing the same in 1894, and in that year the railroads paid practically twenty-five per cent more tax than the y in justice should have done.

done.

No one accused Governor Holcomb of being any more friendly to the railroad corporations than the law would require him to be, but in 1895 the presentation was made to the board in such a manner that a material reduction was made in the assessment of the railroads in Ne-

braska. That board acted in this matter under their oath, which obliged them to equalize the assessed value of the railroads and make that assessment conform to valuations placed on other property. The assessment made at that time was only fair to the companies and put them back near to where they should have been placed.

However, the local assessors continued to reduce the valuation on lands, lots and personal property, until 1998, the railroads were again paying twenty-five per cent more tax than they, under the constitution and law, should be required to do.

Since 1838 the local assessors have increased the valuation a little, but as was shown in a former advertisement, the railroads were assessed \$1.169 per mile more value than they should have been in 1900, and are still paying more than their fair portion of taxes.

During the years of hard times in Nobraska the railroads accepted this injustice and paid the taxes charged, hoping by the assistance thus rendered the poorer counties of the state to tide over the unfortunate condition of affairs, and in many instances they paid the tax charged while their stockholders got nothing.

Several members of the Board of Equalization that

paid the tax charged while their stockholders got nothing.

Several members of the Board of Equalization that have been elected in the last ten years were honestly impressed with the belief that railroad corporations were not paying their just portion of tax, but when the facts have been laid before them they in each instance, irrespective of party, respected their oath and went no further in taxing the railroads than they could go and still in their conscience believe that they were giving that equality in taxation guaranteed under our constitution.

In our next article we will give some of the details resarding the changes made in valuations for a series of years. These figures will be given, not to antagonize any interest, but merely as information.

Some corporations may not be paying their share of taxes, but an investigation will show that they are not railroad corporations.

Naught-Two Members Present a Unique Program to Friends.

PLAY, PROPHECY AND DRILL COMBINE

Orpheum Theater the Scene of Entertainment at Which Wit and Beauty of Class is Given Full

and Free Show.

Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends of the 148 members of the High school class of 1902 were all at the Orpheum theater last night for the class exercises. The young persons who are just completing the four years' course wished to celebrate

It was a novel and a somewhat gorgeous Ellen M. be eligible to membership in the High Stone's own story mingled with other young and gentle shepherdesses. Red and white, 'Voices of the Woods;" recitation, Miss the class colors, predominated everywhere and the theater's most pleturesque settings

were used. The program was in two parts, the first representing the class on trial in the Forest tificates, A. V. Miller, president of the of Arden to prove if it be worthy to remain there. The king (Watson Smith) assembled his court and subjects in the forest and there sponsored a battle of the wits, in which there was a general interchange of sharp questions requiring sharper an-

Some Who Were in It.

The participants and principal figures in this were the lord high chamberlain (How ard Barrett), the herald (Clyde Moore). the jester (Arthur Kelkenny), Folly (Nellie Connelly), and the Misses Mary Stearns, Louise White, Mildred Slater, Ethel Partman, Oliver C. Ryan and Mary Moore. The ridge, Mabel Parker, Marie Manger and Nannie Eldridge. Minnie Hiller, as court historian, Walter Standeven, as the court minstrel and Harry Kelly, as the court prophet contributed individually and very successfully. The recitations were by May L. Brown, Charlotte Roe, Alta Hukill, Emma Schrieber, Anna Dietrich. Lords and These officers have been elected by Lodge ladies of the court were: Myrtle Cloud, Claire Northrup, Mary Stringfellow, Herbert Stubbendorf, Howard Wareham, Roberta Wilson, Florence Grimes, Alice Rance, Cecelia Wilson, Harry Smith, William West, L Mary McNamara, Nellie Sprague, Percy Powell, Clarence Wigington, Ruth Thomp-

Pictures Presented.

The pictures were a trifle marred by awkward manipulation of the lights, but were nevertheless a much applauded part of the sutertainment. They were scenes from books read by the class in recent months. The first and second were from Comus, representing the before and after effect of the growth of uncanny heads on beautiful shoulders. Webster Sutherland was Comus, Blanche Roe "The Lady" and for his followers there were Ann Cunningham, Josephine Blixt, Harriet Borgium, Albert Heimrod, Wilson Buchanan, Mabel Fisher Earle Marsh.

Jessie Nason pictured the fidelity of Tennyson's "Elaine the fair, Elaine the Beautiful." In the scene from "Iyanhoe" Lawrence Sidwell was Front de Boeuf, Gilbert Stubbs was Isaac of York and Bert Torginson and Jay Fuller were Saracens. The "Iliad" selection was enacted by Graydon Fox as Hector, Alfred Gordon as Paris, Edna Damn as Helen and Mary Bedwell as a Grecian maiden. From "The Merchant of Venico" there was selected the scene of Portia's avowal to Bassanio, Florence Morden was Portia and Will Coryell was Bassanio. The attendants were Eric Stenberg, Carl Porter, Hildur Hartman and Marie Ryan.

Drill of Colors.

The second part opened with a raily of the red and white, under the leadership of Alma Beckett, Edith Wright, Florence Deverell and Cecil Ellitt. The class song, a tuneful setting of bright lines, was sung and a general drill given. The closing feature was a special May pole and color drill by Marion Connell, Pearl Lester, Edna Jensen, May Weeks, Fay Hooten, Ruth Hammond, Zola Dellecker, Mary Dallas, Gertrude White, Bessle Taylor, June Phelps, Pay Towns, Jeanne Riddell, Daisy French, Bessie Moorhead and Nell Brinker led by Laura Congdon.

The music was furnished by the High school orchestra and juniors and sophomores were much in evidence. The class is to be graduated at the same theater Friday night.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS NIGHT AUTOMOBILE CLUB TURNS OUT ABRUPT ENDING OF ROMANCE

First Run of the Omaha Horseles. Vehicles Comes Off Without Mishap.

Crowds of people lined the curbs of the streets and the sidewalks of the boulevards last night to watch a string of the smooth running horseless vehicles scud by in a silent line. It was not that they had never seen an automobile before, but they had never seen so many at one time. It was the initial run of the Automobile slub of Omaha, and never before had so many of the swift little conveyances been assembled in this city.

There was none of the pushing vehicles uphill and into town last night about which so much scoffing is done. If any of the machines that participated in the run ever compel such anties on the part of their chauffeurs they showed no such symptoms at that time. Every auto ran smoothly and well, there being not a moment's delay from start to finish, and no throwing of hands because of a stubborn "balk."

The first run of the club was in every way a success. About 8 o'clock the autos started out, all types and sizes, all makes and motive powers. As they spun along the asphalt pavements they made a fine showing in their variegated colorings, their bright headlights, their yellow sidelights and their chauffeurs with the tip-tilted

automobile caps. H. E. Fredrickson led the procession in his large gasoline road machine. The course extended out Sixteenth street and Sherman avenue, over to the Nineteenth street boulevard, back in on that, then out south over the Park avenue run and return. The club will now enter upon a series of trips, some short evening runs like the first one, others of more extent.

WORDS FOR THE CORNERSTONE Auditorium Committee Decides on Inscription to Be Handed

Down to Posterity.

At the meeting of the Auditorium committee yesterday the cornerstone laying furnished the principal topic of discussion. It was announced that Governor Savage, Mayor Moores, Mayor Koutsky of South Omaha, Mayor Morgan of Council Bluffs and other municipal dignitaries will ness. be present. The corneratone will be laid by President Sanborn of the board, while farm of Wren, said the latter, near Lexingthe principal address will be delivered by someone not yet announced.

The inscription which will appear on the stone was selected. On one side will be the words, "Omaha Auditorium, 1902, old daughter Ama than he was to farm be the words, "Omaha Auditorium, 1902, John Latenser, Architect," and on the other, "Erected 1903, For the People, By occupy the seats on the platform will be sent out within a day or two by the committee in charge of the affair. The cornerstone will be laid on the afternoon of Saturday, June 28.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. S. Clapp of Kearney, Neb., is in Hon, G. W. E. Dorsey of Fremont is in City Engineer Andrew Rosewater has re-turned from a trip east.

Judge Smith McPherson, who has been presiding in the United States court here, left resterday for Dea Moines, Ia.

Charles L. Hart, bookkeeper in the office of the building inspector, started for Galesburg, Ill., yesterday, where he was called by the death of his mother. Nebraskans at the Merchants: W. F. earne, Grand Island: John C. Smith. Palls ity: Frank Kohl, Hastings: Joe Young, eigh; J. C. Byrnes, Columbus; Frank L. Fox. Lexington,

Frank A. Chapin of Anderson, Ind., state agent for the New York Life Insurance company, accompanied by his wife, has arrived in the city from Colorado Springs and is the guest of N. P. Swanson and wife at \$13 South Twenty-second street.

Misseurian Reaches Omaha in Time to Stop Daughter's Marriage.

HAS BOUT WITH THE GIRL'S YOUNG MAN

Old Gentleman Wins the Fight, Forgives His Daughter and Takes Her Back to Farm in Old Missouri.

Somewhere in Omaha yesterday George Henderson, broken-hearted and bruised, was roaming around, a gallant but vanquished lover. In another part of the city James W. Wren and his daughter Ama, she who came very near being Mrs. George Henderson, were awaiting a train to take them back to the green hills of old Massouri,

their home. Whether Ama should become Mrs. Henderson or remain Miss Wren was decided by the two men in front of the Delione hotel yesterday morning by a setto, which was prevented from being serious in a physical way by Chief Clerk Johnson, who separated the mep. The verdict was in favor of the father.

Henderson and Miss Wren came to Omaha yesterday morning and went to the Dellone notel, where they registered under their own names, from Kansas City, and took breakfast, Immediately after breakfast they started for the court house to procure a marriage license. They stepped from the Fourteenth street entrance just in time to run into the arms of the girl's father, who immediately cleared for action. Mr. Wren and his prospective sonin-law did battle royal. Honors were even until Ama, who is a living example that blood is thicker than water, started in to help her father. It was at this functure that Clerk Johnson interferred and the bat-

tle came to an end. Young Man Gives Up.

Henderson, without speaking to his intended bride or her father, with head erect, the picture of outraged dignity, walked He glanced back once, to see the daughter's arms around her father's neck, and had he been closer he would have heard her plead for her father's forgive-

Henderson was formerly employed on the

ton. Mo. Three years ago he was discharged because the father imagined he work. After being dischurged Henderson went to Montana, where he secured employthe People." Invitations to those who will ment on a ranch. Two days ago Wren and his daughter and the daughter of a neighbor farmer went to Kansas City, and Wednesday morning, unknown to the father, Ama met her lover of long ago. Love was quick and the elopement was planned instanter. The neighbor girl was left behind to break the news father, She did. But her information came too quick. The father just had tie to rush to the station and catch the Missouri Pacific train which brought him to Omaha about the same time the eloping couple arrived. After visiting several hotels he went to the Dellone in time to

Largest Dry Dock in World.

put a dramatic end to the performance.

Ama was forgiven and promised her father

never to run away again.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Among the enter-prises contemplated by the new shipbuild-ing combination is reported to be the build-ing on the eastern shore of Staten Island, ng on the eastern shore of Staten Island, near Quarantine, of the largest dry dock in the world. Plans aircady have been prepared, but the exact location of the dock has been kept secret. The dock will afford accommodation which at present can only be secured in Europe for the big Atlantic liners.

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