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## Pen and Picture Pointers

**J**OHAN W. SPRINGER, who was elected at Kansas City for the sixth time to be head of the National Live Stock association, is a young man who has come to the front rapidly in affairs of the live stock world, which means a great deal in these days. Five years ago the live stock men of the west, principally grazers of cattle and sheep, met at Denver and formed an association intended to be national in its scope. Mr. Springer took an active part in its organization and was elected president. In Denver the association met again, and again was he chosen. The next meeting was at Fort Worth, with the same result as far as the choice of an executive officer was

immensely broadened by the president's policy, and had become national in fact as well as in name. He sought to be relieved from the cares of his position, but was chosen again. When the next convention met at Chicago, attended by delegates from every state in the union, men who are most influential in the great live stock industry of the United States, Mr. Springer positively declined to again serve, but the convention elected him just the same. At Kansas City last month this was repeated. Mr. Springer, who appears to have become a habit with the live stock men, brings to his position large experience in the management of affairs of the cattle trade, being interested extensively in one of the biggest grazing outfits in the west. In addition to this practical experience, he possesses the genius for organization and a remarkable capacity for details, so that he has been enabled to bring into line a number of conflicting interests and consolidate them to the point where he can present an unbroken front to the natural foes of the cattlemen—in a business way—the railroads and the packers. In this regard Mr. Springer has had several tests of strength and has made a record that has won for him the confidence of his supporters and the respect of his antagonists. Personally, he is the mildest mannered man that ever faced a hostile audience and compelled for his cause a hearing. He is fond of sports and is a most enthusiastic lover of horses, being not only a warm supporter of the Denver horse show, but a whip of acknowledged ability. He is wealthy, but his tastes are simple and his democracy is proverbial. Mr. Springer is still on the sunny side of 50 and a native of Illinois.

Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, D. D., bishop of the Catholic diocese of Sioux Falls, is soon to visit Omaha for the purpose of delivering a lecture on a topic that is of interest to every western man or student of American history anywhere, "Father Pierre Marquette." Bishop O'Gorman is peculiarly qualified to deal with this topic, having been professor of secular history at the Catholic university at Washington for a number of years prior to his elevation to the episcopacy. Bishop O'Gorman was born in Boston sixty years ago, and was ordained a priest at St. Paul in 1865. His service as a pastor was mostly in the diocese of St. Paul, from which he was taken to the university, from whence he was sent as bishop to Sioux Falls. His personal familiarity with the scenes of Father Marquette's explorations and missionary labors is therefore great. Last year at the time of the dispute between the Vatican and the government of the United States over the status of the church in the Philippines, Bishop O'Gorman accompanied Governor Taft to Rome, and was present, participating in all the delicate negotiations there.

Omaha doesn't make any particular pretension as an attractive place of residence for Chinese, but it would be singular if a city so located could escape a considerable proportion of the influx that came from the Flowery Kingdom in the days before the exclusion act. Consequently Omaha has a very considerable number of Chinese residents, many of whom have been here long enough to be classed among the old timers, and many engaged in business other than the inevitable laundry. For a number of years the women of the First Presbyterian church have been interested in these foreigners, and have labored among them to the end that a very successful Sun-



REV. LUTHER P. LUDDEN OF LINCOLN, WESTERN SECRETARY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.



J. W. McDONNELL, FAIRBURY, Neb.—NEWLY ELECTED COLONEL OF THE SECOND REGIMENT, N. N. G.



COLONEL J. H. ROOD, MOUNT VERNON, Ia., COMMANDER OF THE CROCKER BRIGADE.

day school class has been formed. Mrs. J. S. Sykes is in charge of this work, and on the occasion of the celebration of the Chinese New Year, which happened recently, she arranged for a supper and general celebration at the church. It was at that time the staff artist got the photograph used in this number.

People of Talmage, Neb., take a very proper pride in their volunteer fire department, the organization and equipment of which is considered a model in its line. The photograph from which the picture in this number was made was taken just before the hose company of the Talmage department started for Crete to attend the meeting of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's association.

Five generations of one family living is not exactly a rarity, yet is sufficiently uncommon to be of at least passing interest. In this number is given a picture of five generations of the Foster family. On the right of the picture is Mrs. Mary Foster of Sparta, Ill., who is nearly 94 years of age; at her left is her son, William Foster of Central City, Neb.; next is his son, J. L. Foster of Ahtanum, Wash.; his daughter, Mrs. Belle French of the same place, and her daughter, Alta.

Among other activities the Woman's club of Sutton has engaged in is the establishment of a library. So far its efforts have been attended by success, and although the institution has not reached very large proportions it has attained a creditable foundation. The picture of the club members in this number shows earnest faces and indicates that the library movement is assured of vigorous support.

One of the features of the meeting of the Nebraska Whist league in Omaha was that women won the honors. This is remarkable in several respects, for while women have taken a high rank at the game when playing among themselves, they have never been able to stand the strain of a long series of games in a mixed or open tournament. But Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Martin not only went through the competition at pairs with a plus score far ahead of any of the other entries, but in the "free-for-

all," which closed the tournament, they led the east and west forces with a plus score that was almost as much in advance as was the record they had made at pairs. These women play the straight American game, without private conventions or any of the fads that have been advocated from time to time by various experts. The meeting of the league was quite successful from a whistler's standpoint.

Rev. Luther P. Ludden of Lincoln, who has just been elected to the position of western secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Lutheran church, was born in Madison, Va. His early life was spent in eastern New York, where in 1878 he entered the ministry of the Lutheran church and was pastor respectively at Knox and East Schodaek, remaining there until 1889, when he removed to Lincoln and organized Grace Lutheran church, the pastorate of which he will relinquish March 1 to assume his new duties. His new work gives him for territory all of the United States west of the Mississippi river. Besides his pastoral work Mr. Ludden has led a busy life in this state. In 1890 Governor Thayer appointed him to take charge of the relief work in the drouth-stricken part of the state. Again, in 1894, Governor Crouse placed him in charge of similar work. In 1891 he was appointed deputy commissioner

of labor. For nine years he has been a member of the Lincoln Board of Education, and for two years past he has been a member of the State Board of Education. He is a member of many other boards and associations.

Colonel J. W. McDonnell, newly-elected colonel of the Second regiment, N. N. G., joined Company D as a private in 1894 and was captain in 1897 and when the regiment was mustered into the United States service. On the reorganization of the regiment on its return from the south he was elected major and in June, 1902, was elected lieutenant colonel.

Colonel J. H. Rood of Mount Vernon, Ia., commander of the Crocker brigade, composed of survivors of the famous organization of the great army of the union, is a soldier with an excellent record. He has been long affiliated with the organization of which he is now the head and has also been active in connection with other societies formed by the old soldiers to foster and perpetuate ties formed during the days of the civil war. Colonel Rood was for a long time one of the trustees of the Iowa Soldiers' home at Marshalltown and has been identified with public affairs in many other ways.



RT. REV. THOMAS O'GORMAN, BISHOP OF SIOUX FALLS, S. D.

concerned. At Salt Lake the next meeting was held, but before it was called to order Mr. Springer had brought about a consolidation of the National Stock Growers' association and the National Live Stock association, so that there were no longer in existence two bodies with one aim and purpose. The scope of the society which had originally elected him president had been

## Episodes and Incidents in the Lives of Noted People

**T**HE equestrian bronze of "Fighting Joe" Hooker by Daniel C. French will be unveiled on the grounds of the state house in Boston on June 25. In order to make the ceremony more striking it is proposed to have the regular field day of the troops of Massachusetts coincide with the date of the unveiling. General Sickles and General Miles will be present and veteran organizations will attend with the old battle flags. A prominent place will be given the survivors of Hooker's old brigade.

Dr. W. Seward Webb, who married one of Commodore Vanderbilt's daughters, makes no secret of his opposition to labor unions. He is president of the Rutland railroad in Vermont. The city council of Burlington, Vt., offered valuable inducements if he would remove the headquarters of the road from Rutland to Burlington, but he rejected the offer because of a condition providing that union men should be employed on the office building to be erected.

Senator Hoar has upset precedent by telling a funny story to the United States supreme court. The senator was arguing a point which, he said, reminded him of the man who was arrested for stealing forty cow bells. The man said he didn't steal the cow bells; that they were in the barn and somehow the cows got them on their necks. "That might do for one cow bell," said the judge, "but no forty cows in creation acquire a taste for music at the same time." The supreme court smiled grimly Senator Hoar chuckled audibly.

The career of Brigadier General Edward M. Hayes (familiarily known as "Jack" Hayes), who has just been promoted from the colonelcy of the Thirteenth infantry, is unique in the annals of our army. He enlisted in the army as a boy in 1855 as

bugler in the company of which Fitzhugh Lee was second lieutenant. When the war began he enlisted as a private and came out an officer. With the reorganization of the army in 1868 he obtained a commission, since which time he has made a most brilliant record, first on the plains and lately in the Philippines.

When Verdi was putting the last touches to "Il Trovatore" he was visited in his study by a privileged friend, who was one of the ablest living musicians and critics. He was permitted to examine the score and run over the "anvil chorus" on the piano-forte. "What do you think of that?" asked Verdi. "Trash!" responded the connoisseur.

Verdi rubbed his hands and chuckled. "Now look at this," he said. "Rubbish!" said the other, rolling a cigarette. The composer rose and embraced him with a burst of joy. "What do you mean?" asked the critic. "My dear friend," cried Verdi, "I have been making a popular opera. In it I resolved to please everybody except the purists, the great judges, the classicists, like you. Had I pleased you I should have pleased no one else. What you say assures me of success. In three months 'Il Trovatore' will be sung and roared and whistled and barrel-organed all over Italy." And so it proved.

Hermann Oelrichs, jr., of New York will come into a fortune of some \$30,000,000 in

a dozen years or so. The youngster is a real boy and rebels fiercely against the horde of servants who are constantly annoying him with their attentions. He is a good-looking chap, plucky and rides his pony like a cowboy. His mother gave a children's party not long ago. Hermann stood it for a while and then disappeared. Half an hour later he was found listening to a blood-scurdling story which was being told by a servant who was formerly a sailor.

When Jay Cooke was in business there always stood upon his ledger an account called the "O. P. J. Account." At each semi-annual closing of the books of Jay

Cooke & Co., a tenth of the firm's profits were passed to this account and thence distributed in charity and in the advancement of religious teaching. A great deal of money—a tenth, in fact, of all that the firm earned during its long life—was thus devoted to benevolence. The account was called "O. P. J." because those letters stand for "Old Patriarch Jacob," and Jacob, as all Christians know, was the inspired originator of the system of giving tithes to God. When the firm of Jay Cooke & Co. failed—Mr. Cooke has since recovered his fortunes nobly—its head said: "How wise were we to give a tenth of our profits always to 'O. P. J.' Otherwise all that money would have been lost, too."



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