

Omaha Pioneer Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary of Residence in Gate city.

HALF CENTURY SEEMS BUT A DAY

In His Mind He Spans the Lapse of Half a Century and Recalls. Incidents of the Good

Old Days.

Samuel A. Orchard will celebrate the markot for emigrants en route to California. fiftleth anniversary of his arrival in Omaha Saturday. Nothwithstanding his sixty-nine One of the big outfitting stores at that time years of life, Mr. Orchard is still a young | was that of Milton Rogers. Tootle & Jackson of fit. Joseph had a branch store here man, and his faith in Omaha is as strong too. Of course there were other stores, but as it was that October day of 1855, when he landed here, a young man of nineteen, it would take too long to call them all from a five-week's overland trip by team over. Dr. Miller was practicing medicine and many other of the old-timers whose from his old home in Indiana.

The story of Mr. Orchard's experiences as a pioneer is best told in his own words. Sitting at the Karbach hotel, between the whiffs of a good cigar, he said.

"Yes, it will be fifty years ago Saturday that I first set foot on Nebraska soll. It does not seem that long ago. You see I, us here in 1858, and then everything went with other young Hooslers, had heard of to pieces. Hard times? Goodness, you the glowing west and we determined to go don't know what hard times are that did there. We rigged up a two-horse wagon outfit in our old home in Washington county, Many of us were completely ruined. Ind., and started. And what a glorious trip it was, too. I shall never forget it and don't want to. Our route lay through Terre Haute, then to Paris and Springfield, Ill., then to the Mississippi, where we crossed by one of the old-fashioned ferries at Alexandria into Iowa. We came up along the all sorts of trouble. I went into the Des Moines river to Des Moines, which was then but a small town, but was making a big fuss toward getting the state capital located there from lowa City. We first struck the Des Moines river at Ottumwa-There was not a railway in the state then, and we wouldn't have taken it if there 35723.05.

Finally Reach Council Bluffs.

From Des Moines we drove to Winter- that office three years and was succeeded herself with the aid of the glasses, she set and then to the town of Louis or by H. K Smith, and resigned to accept the lost her temper and told Bill about what Indiantown, east of Council Bluffs. We had appointment of assistant postmaster under she thought of him. to take a roundabout way because there Casper E. Yost, serving four years under were no settlements from Des Moines to him. I should have said I was made Tonight will be Omaha night. The band station in a very much disturbed state, Council Bluffs.

'Council Bluffs was then the town of this during the war. "In 1878 I went into partnership with section. There were only a few houses in

Peak.



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ORCHARD'S ADVENT IN WEST Omaha and the Presbyterian mission was Samuel Bean, in the carpet business. The located down at Bellevue, which was quite next year Bean died and I took over the s settlement. We crossed over the river by whole business and moved up to Fifteenth terry and pitched our tent in Omaha. The and Farnam street, in the Ware block, and

town was full of enthusiasm and we felt continued there for five years, when I E. A. Ball Has Lively Eession with His moved over onto Douglas street and es to go into the commission business in tablished the firm of Orchard & Wilhelm Omaha, and established my store down on which is still in active business, although 1 Farnam street between Twelfth and Thir- am no longer connected with it in an

teenth. I dealt in produce and vegetables, active way. with potatoes as my strong hold. The first "I like to think over those old, happy consignment of potatoes I received was days of hardship and it seems like a dream shipped here by river from Illinois by Mr. to notice the tremendous development of Kellom, after whom the Kellom school is this country in the short period of fifty

now named. I tell you those potatoes sold years, which seems to be but yesterday." like hot cakes. The first man who bought potatoes from me for seed was W. W. FUN AT FAIR IS ON INCREASE Wyman, the first postmaster of Omaha. "Omaha very soon became a big outfitting

we had struck it rich. I was the first man

velopment of the state were in active busi-

Great Panic of '57.

"Things went on swimmingly with us

until the great panic of 1\$57, which struck

ness in a small way.

about the war time.

Dave O'Brien and Bill Gerke the Centers of Attraction at the Orphans' Benefit.

Another large crowd went to the merrymaking at the orphans' fair last night. It was Royal Arcanum and Modern Woodmen night and there was a goodly sprinknames have since become famous in the de- | ling of members of these orders present.

The most attractive figure of the evening was Dave O'Brien as he led Dimick's band in a ragtime program. Many of his friends advised him to quit the candy business and become a musician for keeps. Another feature was an exhibition drill on the stage by the Boys of Woodcraft. Down in the basement the sideshow was in full swing. not so through that awful experience. and the only and original Fantana hung

in the air and did other fancy stunts, while at the same time other tents disclosed "I gathered together what little of my their wonders. belongings I had left and followed the ex-No little amusement was caused by an citement that led everybody toward Pike's

It was a long, dreary walk out aged woman who thought she was being there and we suffered all sorts of hard- imposed on and would not submit without ships. Our teams broke down and we had speaking her mind. Bill Gerke was spieling at the candy booth, and yelling that freighting business at Denver and did he would give away a ring with every fairly well, and then came back to Omaha. purchase of candy. When the bystander Matters did not pick up here again until, bit, Bill gave him two water glasses and asked him to knock them together and

"I went into business with D. M. Preston make a ring. The good old woman looked under the firm name of Orchard & Preston at the diamond which she saw on Bill's and continued in business until 1872, when finger and thought she had found a snap, was made the first collector and surveyor but when the spieler refused to part with of the port of customs of Omaha. I held his ring and begged her to make one for

A matinee will be given this afternoon



The Sixteenth seige battery, United States artillery, will start on a practice march from Fort Riley to Fort Leavenworth No-vember 1.

vember 1. Leave of absence for one month has been granted Lieutenant Wallace DeWitt, assistant surgeon United States army. Fort Washakie, Wyoming. Brigadier General T. J. Wint, command-ing the northern military division and the Department of the Missouri, has returned from a visit of several days at division headquarters at St. Louis. Lieutenant Cowin, his personal alde-de-camp, accom-panied him.

panied him. Chief Quartermaster Major M. G. Za-linaxi of the Department of the Missouri has advertised for proposals for furnishing the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 20, 1996, at Fort Omaha, and for wood at Fort Des Moines. The bids will be opened at 10 a. m. November 15. Orders have been issued from Denort.

opened at 10 a. m. November 15. Orders have been issued from Depart-ment of the Missouri beadquarters for the payment of troops of this department for the month of October. Captain C. E. Sweezey will pay the troops at Forts Mac-kensie and Washakie. Wyoming; Captain J. R. Lynch those at Forts Robinson. No-brara and Mesde, South Dakots, and Cap-tain B. D. Slaughter those at Forts Crook. Omaha and Des Moines. and Des Moi

WOMAN APPLIES THE LASH pression and after exhausting all his in-

Divorced Wife and Her Brother.

OUTGROWTH OF PETITION FILED IN COURT

fort to Have Divorce Decree Obtained by His Former

REGISTRATION FAIRLY HEAVY

8 years.

The spectacle of a woman horsewhipping a man while her brother looked on and later took a hand himself, attracted considerable interest at Thirty-first and Mason street last evening. The affair was the outgrowth of a petition filed in the dis-

trict court during the day. Robert A. Ball, through his attorney, W. F. Wappich, has instituted a suit to set aside a decree of divorce granted to his wife, Zenetta Ball, July 8, 1905. Mr. Ball, who was formerly an employment agent in Omaha, sets up that his wife deceived him by telling him she would drop the suit for divorce, and she secured the same by fraud and perjured testimony. He names one M. A. Sweney as the witness who was mainly instrumental in enabling Mrs. Ball to get her divorce, and avers in his petition that Swency paid the costs, also that he is now living in the same house with the former Mrs. Ball and paying the rent. The peti-

tion further alleges improper conduct tween these two, and sets up that the woman has told plaintiff she is only waiting the expiration of the statutory six months to marry Mr. Sweney.

Ball not only asks the divorce case be reopened for a trial on its merits, when his side can be heard, but also wants the court to give him the custody of the two young children, a boy and a girl, alleging that the mother and Sweney are not proper persons to have the custody of them. He further demands a restraining order to prevent Sweney from living in or visiting the residence on North Twentieth street, where the wife is now residing

Woman Applies Whip.

At 7:35 last night Ball came to the police provost marshal of the Omaha district will furnish a long ragtime program. In- asking that his former wife, her brother, terest will center, no doubt, about a fine Frank Reeves, and Mark A. Sweney be plano, which will be sold. The \$500 chest placed under arrest for an assault upon of silver given by E. A. Cudahy a month him. He says that he met the three at ago will be disposed of. All the beautiful Thirty-first and Mason streets. His former things in the booths which have not al-, wife's brother, caught and held him, while ready been sold, will be disposed of tonight. she began to lash him over the back with

a raw-hide riding whip. Ball says he fought against the man who held him and finally beat him off. Meanwhile his former wife was still applying the raw-hide with vigor.

He seized the whip and jerked it out of her hand. Then he says Sweney took a hand in the game by striking him a hard

esented by Mrs. Ball. The whip was a long, yellow riding whip, a new one. The police advised Ball to come down this morning and file a complaint. They refused to make the arrest without a warrant in du intentionally wronged him in any way. form. Ball was very much incensed. He

"I feel the people will recognize the ani "Now, look here, I want these peop nus of the attacks being made on me. arrested tonight. I want to throw them into The World-Herald found it could not come jail as they did mc. They could put me in in and dictate or control my official action without a warrant, and I don't see why I in important matters and that is all there can't. I'd just like to give them a taste of is to its opposition. Let them point to any their own medicine." single instance of neglect of duty on my His desire for revenge made little inipart or to any instance where the law

plfed with by the county treasurer. if he must have the warrant. He went out "During my incumbency of this office we of the police station evidently starting directly for the residence of the judge. He was leading his little son, a boy of about The police records show that Ball was arrested on the 15th of October charged

with breaking the peace. It is said that methods of transacting the business, not he was prowling about the house of his only for the convenience of the people havdivorced wife. Ball says that he was not ing business with the treasurer's office, brought to trial, and that no complainants but also to make the funds in bank earn appeared against him after his night in nterest and to take particular care of the bond sinking fund by judicious investment Sweney has rooms at the Arcade hotel. so that when our bonds fall due as the years pass we shall have the money or

hand to meet them."

Many Voters Add Their Names to the **Polling Lists During Afternoon** his official capacity. and Evening.

Registration of voters yesterday was

heavier than usual. While there is yet no way of making an estimate, Secretary stops me from doing so." Greevy of the republican county committee says the registration is large and he is well satisfied with the reports brought to him from the various precincts. Mr. Greevy visited a number of the polling places late in the afternoon and he says there was a "regular blockade" after 5 o'clock. About ready filed by petition, and they will prob-10 o'clock last night B. C. Miner telephoned ably be represented also, to see that no that the registration in the First ward had averaged 175 to the precinct, which is ticket. counted very good.

In many precincts the registration up to the late afternoon consisted almost wholly of voters who attended to duty September 19 and had to register again in compliance with the decision of the district court in finding their previous registration invalid

Mr. Greevy arranged with the registrars at the various polling places to send in lists to him Friday night and Saturday morning. He remained at his office in The Bee building until 12 o'clock last night receiving these lists. If the remainder do not come in this morning he will ask the committeemen of the precincts from which they are missing to get them from the register. Cards giving notice of registration next Saturday will be sent out at once to repub-

licans who have not registered. If the Dodge primary law is sustained no

one not properly registered can take a hand in selecting the nominees for city offices next spring.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting registration board majorities to serve, but this was overcome during the morning. A number of the registrars were sulky, laboring under the belief that they would receive no pay for the first day's work September 19, in view of the court decision de claring the registration no good. Inasmuch as they had performed extra service as judges of the primary election they felt sore. After they had been assured by city officials that they would receive their pay warrants, in due time they went to work.

County Treasurer Fink is finding the persistent persecution of the senior yellow pa per is making him friends in unexpected places.

of the business of this office," said Mr Fink, "have gone out of their way to assure me of their confidence and support Throughout my residence in Omaha fair play to every man has been my guiding thought. There is no person in this county who can conscientiously say I have

"Men acquainted with the administration

street and the boulevard and to J. W. men of my party who tell me they voted Robbins for a \$500 frame dwelling at for Mr. Deuel, but propose to vote for Twenty-ninth and Manderson streets.



Victims When He is County Clerk Drexel expressed surprise Released at the latest mandamus served on him in "I thought everything was satisfactorily

"I am a good fellow out of school," was arranged," said the clerk. "I was going the happy rejoinder of George Smith when discharged in police court Friday morning. to put on all the democratic and republican candidates certified to me by the county Smith was arrested on the charge of becommittees, but this mandamus, of course, ing a vagrant and suspicious character. The police say he is what is known to the Mr. Drexel will be represented in the "profesh" as a "booze booster." He gets hearing before Judge Sutton Saturday his drinks by virtue of good-naturedness morning by an attorney selected by the and a ready tongue, several policemen say. Police Judge Berka thought the term "boose booster" a rather slangy expression, democratic county committee. Several candidates for justice of the peace have al-

but admitted that it conveyed the meaning. SEVERAL NEW BRICK HOUSES

Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars Worth Will Be Built at

Thomas Brown has taken out a permit from the city for \$24,000 worth of brick semi-detached dwellings at Twenty-first in number, each two stories high. Other permits have been issued to the Fred Krug

one gets a chance to make a sneak on the Frank Bandle, although entering the race for register of deeds under something of a handicap because of the lateness of nomi-

Twenty-First and Cass. nation, is getting into the game with vim and finds his prospects of the best. "I am not a practical politician in the

accepted sense," said Mr. Bandle, "and so am not up to the tricks of the game, but 1 and Cass streets. The houses will be seven am meeting with a very encouraging reception wherever I go. Republicans, of course, have elected the democratic incum- Brewing company for a \$10,000 brick addibent of the office for which I have been tion to the bottling works at Twenty-fifth nominated, and it is not unusual to meet

have handled many hundreds of thousands without asking any favors. That vote of dollars of the people's money and it has I consider myself entitled to, unless it can een my particular care to see to it that be shown there is some good reason why a this money was not only handled and accounted for honestly, but I have with equal care instituted better and more satisfactory for a life-time, and the administration of

republican should not have the office. All my interests are in Omaha and have been the office would engage my personal and constant attention, because I shall desire to make a record that would reflect honor on the republican party as well as win me the commendation of my follow citizens."

GOOD FELLOW OUT OF SCHOOL

Exclamation of One of Judge Berka's

I ask is the vote of the members of the party with which I have affiliated for years

Some Unpleasant Charges Made in Ef-

Wife Set Aside.