MOTOR CAR THAT IS PERFECT

Eighth Product of Union Pacific Shops Meets McKeen's Satisfaction.

COMMENT MADE AFTER THE TRIAL TRIP

Car Makes Average Speed of Fifty Miles an Hour from Columbus to Omaha Saturday.

"I am perfectly satisfied with this latest production and I now consider my work complete. For five months we have worked on the engine of No. 8 and have now an engine which is perfectly satisfactory." These were the modest words of W. R. McKeen, jr., superintendent of motive power and machinery of the Union Pacific, as motor car No. 8 pulled into Omaha after a most successful trip from Columbus, on which an average of running time of nearly fifty miles an hour was made. This engine was first made to run seventy or seventy-five miles an hour, but a change was decided upon by Mr. McKeen to give the car more power, as it is the intention to run it with a trailer for baggage and mail.

No. 8 is surely a beauty and every part of it was made in the Omaha shops of the Union Pacific. The speed of the car is entirely controlled by the engine whether running at one or sixty miles an hour, up hill or down. It was designed by Mr. McKeen, who has been working on these motor cars for over a year and who is now satisfied he has built a car which will answer all the requirements for suburban or branch line service. On the trip in from Columbus Saturday no special effort was made at fast running, the effort being to keep it exactly in the schedule of No. 2, the fastest eastbound passenger train on the Union Pacific, and this was done.

Large Sums Are Spent.

The Union Pacific has spent large sums of money in the construction of these cars, and has the other seven in operation, except one which was sold to an eastern road and is used by that road in regular service. Many experiments have been made along various lines and Mr. McKeen has been working out the steel car problem at the same time he has been building these motor cars, and they are built entirely of steel. Just enough wood is used to hold the steel sheets in position, except the floor, and the remainder is of steel.

Motor car No. 8 also made a trial trip from Columbus to Omaha Saturday which was very successful. This car is different from No. 8 in that it has a 100-horse power engine, whereas No. 8 has a 200-horse power engine. A new trailer also was taken to Columbus for a tryout and this is a gem of mechanical ingenuity. It is built entirely of steel with ball bearings and two men could push it around. It is intended for mail and baggage. The engine of No. 8 is operated by a double ignition system both battery and a magnetic spark being available and either or both may be used.

No. 8 Similar to No. 7.

The car body and trucks of motor car No. 8 are similar in design to those of motor car No. 7, the windows being round and equipped with rubber gasket seats, making them absolutely impervious to water, wind and dust, which adds materially to the comfort of passengers, the discomfort experienced in leaning against an ordinary window, on account of the cold draft in winter weather, being entirely eliminated with this new window. But the most advantageous feature of the round window is in the increased strength of the car frame, permissible by means of this round aperture, the side of the car being in reality a plate girder, the depth being from the car roof to the car sill. The side door entrance adds materially to the comfort of the passengers without in any way weakening the strength of the car frame. The side door permits of an inside step, which avoids the trouble due to the accumulation of ice and snow in the winter, usually experienced on outside car steps.

Very few changes have been made in the mechanical transmission on the front trucks from that used on the previous cars, except to substitute steel gears in place of bronze. The engine proper was built in the Omaha shops. It is of special design; 10x12 cylinders with jump spark ignition and especially designed with liberal bracing and well proportioned parts to avoid a possible chance of breakdown or failure; the idea being to build the engine "fool-proof." The engine develops as high as 220-horse power and handles the car with great ease.

Throttle Controls Car Speed.

A remarkable advantage in this engine is that the car speed is almost entirely controlled by the throttle, the same as a locomotive; even on grades the speed of the car can be varied from three to seventy miles an hour by means of throttle and spark levers only, or it can be started on what is known as high speed. The engine is directly connected to the axle, although it is preferable to use the gears in putting the car in motion, but after once in motion the gears are thrown out and the speed of the car entirely controlled by the speed of the engine. This makes the operation of the car very simple and the economy in the consumption of gasoline and reduced duty on the transmission is such that the practicability of these cars for everyday heavy service is certainly demonstrated.

The ventilation is obtained from the use of air intake and the Cottier exhaust ventilators.

The car weighs 61,000 pounds, but this weight can easily be reduced to 55,000 pounds in subsequent cars.

Many advantageous innovations have been made in No. 8 which are noticeable even to the laymen. The circular windows give a perfect panoramic view of the whole country on both sides of the train. The seats are of the latest design and most comfortable. No vibration is felt in the car from the engine and the ventilation system is perfect. The car is heated from the exhaust without a cent's additional expense. The smell of gasoline is never present in the car because of the precautionary arrangements made by Mr. McKeen.

With the car on the trial trip were Trainmaster Cary and Superintendent Whiteford of the Omaha shops and a party of newspaper men. Mr. McKeen took no hand in the running of the car on the trial trip, but left it entirely to his lieutenants, and they did their work well.

No. 8 will be put in service between Beatrice and Lincoln and Mr. McKeen will await orders from Mr. Mohler and Mr. Harriman before he starts the construction of more cars.

ECHOES OF THE ANTEROOM

Red Men.

Minne-Lusa tribe No. 67 at Florence was organized last Thursday evening with imposing ceremonies, with Red Men from Omaha, Lincoln and other places in attendance. The organizer was James McMonies. The camp was instituted by the great sachem, John Benton of Lincoln, and the great sagamore, Hugh A. Myers of Omaha. It has a charter membership of forty and promises to be one of the best tribes in the state. A degree team from Tribe No. 2, under Captain C. Holiday, conferred the adoption degrees. Refreshments were served by women of Florence.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

A class of fifty was initiated into Omaha lodge No. 18, Ancient Order of United Workmen, at the last meeting, the result of the work of two deputies appointed for the lodge by the grand master workman. The next meeting is September 25 and a still larger class is expected. A stag entertainment will be given Tuesday evening, September 18, and all members of the order are invited to bring their friends.

Royal Achates.

Phoenix lodge, Royal Achates, met last Wednesday evening at Baright's hall and listened to an account of the Texas trip of the team of Omaha lodge No. 1. The secretary gave an itemized statement of the lodge funds. Wednesday evening regular initiation will be held and the full work exemplified. Hence a full attendance is desired. Officers and cadets will be assigned to positions at that time.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

The drill team of Mecca court No. 13, Tribe of Ben Hur, will go to Lincoln Tuesday, September 18, to exemplify the work for a new court to be instituted there. The team is said to be one of the best in the state. A special rate of one and a third of the regular fare has been made for the trip. All members are invited to go and those who expect to take the trip are requested to notify E. W. French at phone Red 6437 before 8 o'clock Monday evening. Several members were initiated into Mecca court at the meeting Friday evening.

Miscellaneous.

The Catholic Order of Foresters of Creighton court and St. Peter's court will give a joint social at Patterson hall, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, September 27.

Ivy camp No. 2, Royal Neighbors of America, will meet with Mrs. Anna Price, 2568 Ames avenue, Wednesday evening.

OPERATIONS AVOIDED

Two Grateful Letters from Women Who Avoided Serious Operations.—Many Women Suffering from Like Conditions Will Be Interested.

When a physician tells a woman, suffering from female trouble, that an operation is necessary it, of course, frightens her.

The very thought of the operating table and the knife strikes terror to her heart. As one woman expressed it, when told by her physician that she must undergo an operation, she felt that her death knell had sounded.

Our hospitals are full of women who are there for just such operations!

It is quite true that these troubles may reach a stage where an operation is the only resource, but such cases are much rarer than is generally supposed, because a great many women have been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after the doctors had said an operation must be performed. In fact, up to the point where the knife must be used to secure instant relief, this medicine is certain to help.

The strongest and most grateful statements possible to make come from women who, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, have escaped serious operations.

Margrite Ryan, Treasurer of St. Andrew's Society, Indianapolis, Ind., writes of her cure as follows:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I cannot find words to express my thanks for the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me. The doctor said I could not get well unless I had an operation for the trouble from which I suffered. I knew I could not stand the strain of an operation and made up my mind I would be an invalid for life. Hearing how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had saved other women from serious operations I decided to try it, and in less than four months I was entirely cured; and words fail to express my thankfulness."

Miss Margret Merkley, of 275 3d Street, Milwaukee, Wis., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"Loss of strength, extreme nervousness, severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps, bearing-down pains, and an irritable disposition compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor, after making an examination, said that I had a serious female trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation as my only hope. To this I strongly objected—and I decided as a last resort to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"To my surprise the ulceration healed, all the bad symptoms disappeared, and I am once more strong, vigorous and well; and I cannot express my thanks for what it has done for me."

Serious feminine troubles are steadily on the increase among women—and before submitting to an operation every woman should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. for advice.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been curing the worst forms of female complaints, all functional troubles, inflammation, ulceration, falling and displacement, weakness, irregularities, indigestion and nervous prostration. Any woman who could read the many grateful letters on file in Mrs. Pinkham's office would be convinced of the efficiency of her advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Killing of Beef Has Stopped in the Old Omaha Packing House.

REMOVES TO HAMMOND PLANT TUESDAY

Swedish-Norwegian Republican Club Passes Resolutions Demanding Police Board Elected by the People.

Killing operations have ceased on the beef beds of the old Omaha Packing company's plant. There were no cattle slaughtered at all Saturday and none will be killed until Tuesday. The reason is that the company is now moving to its new quarters in the remodelled Hammond property. They will be ready for killing cattle there by September 15. It was expected that the slaughter of sheep might also begin then, but this will have to be continued at the old place for a week or so longer. The hogs will be killed in the old place for some time yet. The moving of the cattle killing gang will give much more room at the old quarters and will also relieve the strain on the machinery and so increase the rapidity of the processes there. The new plant naturally represents all that is modern in machinery and method. The cooling floors especially have what is popularly called the "curtain system," that is, the brine from the vats which are cooled by the circulation of ammonia gas instead of being conducted through the cooling rooms by pipes, is allowed to trickle down over the curtains of canvas. This allows of much more rapid absorption of heat it is claimed. The brine is collected at the foot of the curtains and pumped back for use again, when it is again cooled as before. The electrical apparatus represents the most perfect types of machinery. Between the two main buildings a change room and lavatory has been prepared for the men. Though not yet complete it will be fully up to the most rigid requirements.

Stock Yards Files Waiver.

The Union Stock Yards company Saturday sent to the city engineer a waiver of rights for the course of the sewers. The sewer crosses the property of the company near the Missouri river on the N street gulch sewer and the sewer must be built under the tracks near the round house. The consideration was nominal, being simply $1 to make the contract legal. There remains but few if any property owners from whom the right-of-way must be secured.

Burglars Leave No Trail.

A burglary was committed at an early hour Friday morning at the home of Larry Curran, 2306 P street. The house was entered some time after midnight, for the family did not return until after that hour. Mr. Curran, his grown son and daughter each lost some cash. The total of the money taken was about $18, which was mostly in small change. Besides the money a bunch of keys fitting the Burlington tool house and switches was taken from the son. They also took his tobacco, which was the occasion of quite as much wrath as the other valuables. No one heard the burglars, who opened the back window, taking off the screen. A table was even pushed out of the way so that they might get to the window and escape, if necessary. The young women of the house said they had determined to keep the matter secret, but thought it might be best to let the police know of it. Little could be learned which would lead to the apprehension of the burglars. No one saw them, they took no article by which they might be identified and the rain washed out their tracks.

Declare for Home Rule.

The Swedish-Norwegian Republican club had a largely attended meeting at Nels Lundgren's hall last Thursday evening. Among other things the club took a decided stand on municipal questions. It decided that the laws shall be so modified that the members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners shall be elected locally by the people and adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, four years' experience and trial of the present police commission law governing our city has convinced us that said law is unjust and contrary to the principles of our government in that it permits the radical views of a select few to override and to overthrow the views and wishes and will of the majority.

We are unalterably opposed to the policy of having our officers named by a power residing outside of our city and in nowise connected with our city and who is not in any manner responsible to the citizens thereof.

We believe that the consent of the governed is yet a basic principle of our government, and we therefore demand that the ensuing legislature amend the present commission law so as to require the members of that body to be chosen by the people and that the mayor of the city governed shall be a member of that body. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Swedish-Norwegian Republican club of South Omaha in the ensuing campaign will accord its support only to those candidates for the legislature who will openly, fearlessly and publicly espouse this issue and who, when elected, will work for the amended law.

Magic City Gossip.

The Duffys are to play another game at Fremont this afternoon.

Jetter's Gold Top Beer delivered to all parts of the city. Telephone No. 8.

Misses Nell and Margaret Welsh have returned from their vacation in Colorado.

Miss Mabel Tobias gave a box party to six of her friends during the past week.

The Woman's auxiliary of St. Martin's will meet with Mrs. J. G. Laurs Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Florence Campbell gave a party last night for about a dozen of her friends. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The Knights of the Maccabees will give a smoker at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall Tuesday evening, September 18.

Mrs. Emily Cheshire, who has been confined for two weeks at the South Omaha hospital through illness, is so much improved that she is to return home.

City Clerk J. J. Gillin has prepared a transcript of all the liquor ordinances of South Omaha and the same has been sent to the attorney general of the state.

Dell Lyon has received a government appointment in connection with the inspection of live stock at the packing houses. He will be transferred to Sioux City.

The following births were reported yesterday: Joseph Gottschalk, Twenty-sixth and O, a boy; Philip Cunningham, 44 South Twentieth, a girl; Frank Nemeo, 420 South Twenty-third, a girl.

A prize party and ice cream social will be given by Companion court No. 401, Independent Order of Foresters, at the Degree of Honor hall, 2418 N street, Friday evening, September 21.

The alumni of the South Omaha High school Wednesday, September 19, will meet at the high school building. Members of the class of '06 who have not yet been initiated may take this opportunity to enter the mysteries of the association.

Make an offer on the northwest corner of 15th and Missouri avenue—a nearly new house, east front, and a neat cottage, south front; two new lots. Room for two more houses. Will sell on easy terms. Price, $2,750. N. P. Dodge & Co., 1714 Farnam St.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Sept. 15.

At New York—Sailed: St. Paul, for Southampton; Furnesia, for Glasgow; Grosser Kurfurst, for Bremen; Campania, for Liverpool; Koenigin Luise, for Naples; Kroonland, for Antwerp; Pretoria, for Hamburg; Minneapolis, for London; La Bretagne, for Havre. Arrived: New York, from Southampton; Etruria, from Liverpool; Cedric, from Liverpool; La Lorraine, from Havre.

At Liverpool — Arrived: Tunisian, from Montreal; Celtic, from New York. Sailed: Lucania, for New York; Canadian, for Boston; Necar, for New York.

At Plymouth—Arrived: Philadelphia, from New York.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Umbria, from New York. Sailed: Arabic, for Liverpool.

At Antwerp—Sailed: Finland, for New York.

At Havre—Sailed: La Gascogne, for New York.

At Hamburg—Arrived: Batavia, from New York.

OUR LETTER BOX.

OMAHA, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have read with a great deal of pleasure the letters appearing in The Bee in regard to the improving of Cut-Off lake. I think the idea of improving the shore of the lake, public bath houses, etc., an excellent one.

I am the mother of two boys, and like all other boys, they like to fish and swim. When my boys go off for a swim in the lake or river, my heart is in my mouth until I see them coming back, for fear that something will happen them. Every day or so one reads in the paper of a boy being drowned in the lake or river and especially the river. A public bath house on the lake with proper safeguards for the little ones who go there to bathe will be a blessing to the mother of boys who are bent on swimming and will take a great load off her mind. Public swimming holes are a blessing to any community and Omaha is away behind our sister cities in this respect. By all means improve the lake and give to us a public bath house. Cut-Off lake is the only body of water near Omaha and it can be made a blessing to every citizen in the city by very little expense.

In these few remarks I am only voicing the sentiment of thousands of other mothers in the city. The women should take an active hand in beautifying and improving our only lake. I, for one, am always ready and willing to help push a good thing along.

A MOTHER OF BOYS.

Objection to "Slate."

OMAHA, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: When the Dodge primary law was passed at the last session of the legislature it was the boast of its author and supporters that it would permit Douglas county to select candidates for office uninfluenced by corporations, and it would prevent ballot box stuffing, slate making, etc.

A few days ago a slate was formed and we find upon the "slate" the following, who were members of the last legislature: Charles J. Anderson, S. C. Barnes, Henry T. Clark, jr., N. P. Dodge, jr., Michael Lee and F. S. Tucker for representatives. They ought to be willing to allow the voters to do their own thinking and vote according to their own conscience. Strange that at the first opportunity we find the men who passed the Dodge bill for its grandeur and purity in politics forming a slate, and men will be stationed at every voting precinct next Tuesday handing out slate tickets. There is a disposition all over the county to down the "slate." What interest have the corporation slate makers in framing up this trust slate? Are they afraid to trust the people? I am willing to take my chances with the other thirty-five at the polls and let the people select their own representatives to offices. A slate always means that some very undesirable men are selected.

WILLIAM F. WAPPICH.

Omaha, Florence and "Rock Bottom."

OMAHA, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: When I first put foot on Nebraska soil on the 19th day of October, 1854, Omaha had no actual existence as a town outside of a small map. Council Bluffs was then called Kanesville and Florence was "Winter Quarters," so named by Brigham Young, who selected it as the spot for his people who, migrating from Nauvoo, Ill., on their way to Salt Lake in 1847, spent the winter there as the point of departure across the plains. After Nebraska came into existence it was endowed with a name, and what is now a suburb of this city became a powerful rival of Omaha for supremacy, first for the capitol, and then as a terminus for what is now the Rock Island railroad.

"Rock Bottom" are two words which have played important parts in the history of two towns, and in the interests of Omaha in particular. One part was when Florence became a larger town than Omaha in the later fifties with railroads and railroad bridges in issue. Durant was then toying with the early beginnings of which is now the Rock Island and conjuring with the name of "Shoot-Him on the-Spot" John A. Dix, to build from Davenport to the Missouri river. General Dix was president of the Mississippi and Missouri project, and I rode in one of Colonel Hooker's Western Stage company's stages in October, 1854, alongside of several miles of iron rails that had been laid west of Davenport. The Union Pacific was as yet something even more shadowy than an evanescent dream. But there was a railroad question which soon became very much alive. It directly concerned the terminus of Durant's railroad, whose line Peter A. Dey and Grenville M. Dodge surveyed. James M. Parker arrived in Florence about the time of the first visit of Durant, Dey and Dodge to Omaha, perhaps shortly before. At a luncheon at the Omaha club two or three years ago General Dodge openly said that Durant had pledged the western line and terminal through Pigeon Creek Valley to Florence, instead of through the Mosquito valley to Council Bluffs and Omaha. It was then that James C. Mitchell of Florence and the fighting men of the present suburb of Omaha shouted the slogan of "Rock Bottom" and for the terminus of the railroad that was expected to arrive at Florence every few minutes. The actual fact was that rock bottom had been found at Florence which showed that the river could be bridged there at far less cost than it could be at Omaha, and it is not now to be denied that with the pledge of Durant above mentioned, Florence held a pretty full hand in the initial game of railroad poker at that day.

What would have become of Omaha if the Durant-Parker compact had been carried out, although it had won the capital location of the territory? It would have been wiped out. It would have moved bodily to Florence as Florence moved bodily to Omaha at a later day. Dey and Dodge reported strongly in favor of the Mosquito line south of Council Bluffs, instead of for that of Pigeon Valley north of it; Durant backed down and out; the panic of 1857 ended the Dix-Durant scheme; the Union Pacific arrived, Durant still on deck at it's head. The Northwestern was the first road to the river, and the rest is history. But that "Rock Bottom" cry was not founded on a myth. Omaha had rock bottom, but it cost dearly to go down to it with the piers of our great bridge. James C. Mitchell was right. The slogans of "Rock Bottom" built Florence into a promising place, and it was always a beautiful site for a great city.

But rock bottom at Florence finally played an important part to the advantage of Omaha. This was when the water company was driven from the Burt street station because it was threatened by a change in the channel of the Missouri, and by the danger of pollution from sewage to seek rock bottom at Florence, the only place within great distance at which this kind of protection to the supply could be found. Of the 20,000,000 gallons of water that is pumped into Omaha's capacious stomach every day in the round year only 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 comes from the Burt street station. This necessary change at a great outlay of money meant six miles of mains and rock bottom defenses against the encroachments from the river, which account in large degree for the award on the value of Omaha's water system.

GEORGE L. MILLER.

The Story of the White Heart

QUALITY-QUANTITY

Pillsbury's name is a guarantee of the best the world over. Pillsbury's Best Breakfast Food is the white heart of the wheat berry — the best part of the whole wheat. It's the food of the people whose motto is "buy the best."

A 15-cent package of Pillsbury's Best Breakfast Cereal makes 12 pounds of dainty appetizing food—or more than 12 packages of the ordinary ten-cent dry foods. It is the most economical food in all the world, but more, it's the best.

Delicious every day in the year.
Never sticky or lumpy. Easily and quickly prepared.

PILLSBURY'S Best Breakfast Food—VITOS

Ask Your Grocer

POPE BLESSES OMAHA PRIEST

Holy Father Sends Autograph Benediction to Father Judge of Sacred Heart.

COMMENDS SPLENDID WORK HE HAS DONE

After Viewing Photograph of School He Writes Across It His Testimony of Congratulation and Benevolence.

From our heart we impart to our beloved son, Father Patrick Judge, our apostolic benediction as a testimony of our congratulation and benevolence, and also to the faithful people committed to his care. PIUS P. P. X.

3d day of August, 1906.

It falls to the lot of few priests to have their personal work specially praised by the pope and to receive from the holy father his personal blessing and congratulation such as the above, which has come to Father Patrick Judge of Sacred Heart parish, in Omaha. This note was written by the pope himself, and naturally is treasured by Father Judge with the greatest degree of pride, though the father hesitated when asked that he give his permission to the publication of the note and the circumstances of its receipt. His friends, who know so well of his untiring and faithful work, share his pride in this great distinction which the head of the Catholic church has conferred upon him, and they, with less cause for modesty than he, have been anxious that the father give his consent to the publicity of this honor.

Recently a personal friend of Father Judge went abroad and on his journey he visited Rome, being permitted to see the pope. He had with him two photographs of the Sacred Heart school in Omaha, which Father Judge had been so vitally instrumental in building. The holy father viewed the pictures with the utmost concern. One of the pictures shows a long line of children standing in front of the school, accompanied by Father Judge and another priest. This was the source of great pride to the pope, and he did not hesitate to so express himself. He spoke to Father Judge's friend in terms that made Father Judge very proud and grateful when the friend imparted the message to him, but the pope did not merely express himself in words. He took one of the pictures, the one showing the children, and across its top, with his own pen, wrote in Latin the inscription above. This picture, after it was ascertained Father Judge had it, the father allowed a reporter for The Bee to see, and when asked for a statement Father Judge merely said:

Father's Modest Statement.

"The holy father was kind enough to say that he was very much pleased with my work, and in order to console and encourage me he said he would send me his autograph blessing. So he took this photo of my junior school from the hands of the ecclesiastic who presented it and the other one and sat down to his desk and wrote the blessing as you see it and requested that it be sent to me. Of course I am very proud of it."

Father Judge has just come out of a long sick spell and is not yet normally strong, but this blessing from the pope just at this time has been the source of great comfort to him. He will have the photo framed, as the inscription it bears is the highest earthly tribute that could be paid to the lifework of any priest. Those hosts of good people who have sympathized with Father Judge in the splendid work he has been carrying on and have aided, share with him the supreme token that has come to him.

OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Friday all the literary societies of the high school held their first meeting after a year's rest. For some days before there had been intense rivalry in the struggle between the various societies for the more desirable freshmen. The attendance at nearly all the societies showed that such rivalry has been well rewarded.

The Priscilla Alden society elected these officers: President, Bess Townsend; vice president, Edna Ballard; secretary, Edith Lyons; treasurer, Helen Wright; sergeant-at-arms, Louise Northrough.

The Frances Willard society elected the following: President, Helen Ostrom; vice president, Grace Stenberg; secretary and treasurer, Bessie Allen; sergeant-at-arms, Edna Wilke. The society also had time to form two sides, the green side, led by Bertha Neff, and the white side, by Grace Stenberg, to hustle for new members. The winning side has the somewhat novel reward of being treated by the losers.

The Elaine society: President, Lillie Krell; vice president, Ada Klopp; secretary, Frances Scott; treasurer, Jessie Barnes; reporter, Ruth Lindley; sergeant-at-arms, Alberta Field and Helen Blesh.

One feature which promises to be of great interest to the whole high school is the boys' inter-society debates. The competition will undoubtedly be keen and the champion society may well congratulate itself upon the good work of its representatives. Altogether the outlook for literary societies is more promising than it has been for years. With the rise of the scholastic standing of the Omaha High school to a place unequaled in the United States, has come a corresponding rise in the standards and work of the literary societies.

The Margaret Fuller society, recognized as the strongest society of girls in the high school: President, Grace Rohrbough; vice president, Bess Gould; secretary, Frances Thompson; treasurer, Marie Mackin; sergeant-at-arms, Henrietta Gillman.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES

"The Education of Mr. Pipp" at the Boyd.

Digby Bell and company in "The Education of Mr. Pipp," a comedy in three acts, by Augustus Thomas; founded on drawings by Charles Dana Gibson. The cast:

Count Charmarot.....W. S. St. Claire
Mrs. Pipp.....Belle Gaffney
Ida.....Phyllis Young
Julia.....Elsie Scott
(Mrs. Pipp's Daughters.)
Maid.....Marie De Becker
Duc De La Touraine....William J. Serelle
J. Wesley Pipp.....Digby Bell
John Willing.....Sam B. Hardy
Watson, the Pipp's butler....Frank Powell
Herbert Fitzgerald.....Reginald Mason
Mrs. Firkin.....May Louise Algen
John Firkin.....Seth Cabell Halsey
Kirby, butler at Carony castle.....Emile Collins
Lady Viola Fitzmaurice, of Carony castle.....Dora Goldthwaite
Baron Haussling.....Albert Roccardi
Walter.....Harry Lang
Mr. Gray, representative of Tiffany's.....Frank Powell
Madame of the Paris hotel...Helen Vassar
Precepteur of police.....Emile Collins

"The Education of Mr. Pipp," a visual delight as developed by Charles Dana Gibson, has been clothed with flesh and blood and made into a veritable fountain of fun by Augustus Thomas. The author didn't bother himself a great deal about a plot for the story; just enough to string together the characters suggested by the artist, and around the framework thus furnished has draped a garb of the richest humor. Mr. Pipp is a man of affairs, who knows business and is lost in society. Mrs. Pipp knows neither, but determines to conquer society. In fact, she thinks she has, and out of this condition flows the fun.

Mr. Bell apparently feels the responsibility he has assumed in giving life to John Wesley Pipp, and never for a moment relaxes his effort to be funny. This has always been a characteristic of his work, a self-consciousness that chokes any spontaneity. If he would only let up now and then his work would be much more effective and enjoyable. As the good-humored father of a family of which the mother poses as the head, he has a splendid chance for all his powers as a comedian.

The really enjoyable contribution to the comedy of the piece is that furnished by Miss Belle Gaffney, as Mrs. Pipp. She thoroughly realizes the part of the uncultivated woman who looks to her money to carry her through, and who pretends to a culture and position she is in no way fitted to assume. Yet withal she evinces the native goodness of an American mother, ambitious for her daughters, and only temporarily dazzled by the glitter of a title. She bullyrags her husband, dominates her daughters, mangles the king's English, and lugs in foreign expression with a charming disregard to their application or pronunciation. Miss Gaffney's work is good.

The entire cast is capable, and the wit and strength of the comedy is well brought to the front.

The audience at the Boyd last night made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers, and gave star and associates the fullest evidence of appreciation. The engagement was limited to a single performance.

Artloom Tapestries

A DISCRIMINATING woman recently said, "The curtains and portieres are of more importance than the rugs or carpets used in a room, because the former stand up clearly before you—impress themselves upon you—whereas the floor-coverings do not."

And she was right. Just take a look around yourself and see if your hangings do not make or mar the atmosphere of good taste and refinement in any room.

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