SPIRIT RATHER THAN LETTER

Such Service, Says Canon Bell, is More Acceptable to God.

DRAWS HIS LESSON FROM THE PARABLE

Man Hired Last May Has Rendered Better Work Than He First Employed Who Grumbled at Wages.

"Many lessons are to be drawn from the parable of the master who hired the laborers at the different hours of the day," said Canon R. H. B. Bell of Good Shepherd Episcopal church Sunday morning in a sermon in which he used that parable as his text. "He paid the last as much as the first, a penny, but he had agreed with the first for a penny, so he was carrying out his agreement. A penny in those days was worth a sheep, or as much as $2 or $3 today. The first hired grumbled, but was he to judge that the master was not better satisfied with the labor of the man who was hired at the eleventh hour?

"The Savior is better pleased with men who work in the spirit rather than in the letter of the agreement. He is not pleased with ear service or eye service, but with service which comes from the heart. Many are asking too much of the time what the return will be. These men who serve God outwardly, working for the mere penny rather than for the grace of God or their Master, who think they are worth more than the wages they are receiving should rather strive to make themselves so useful in the eyes of their masters that they would force recognition.

"Those who compare themselves with others, gossip about them, considering they are better than their neighbors, are the same as those who thought they were entitled to more than a penny, the agreed price. They may not be as valuable in the eyes of the master. The man hired last might have been worth more. If we enter the field of labor as a hireling, thinking solely of how much we can earn instead of striving to give to our master the best there is in us, instead of working for him as though we were working for our own interests, we cannot hope for the grace of our Master.

"The same thought should apply to religion and church work. Think whether you are working for God and His church, with the idea of getting salvation in measure to the amount of your work. Strive rather to do what you can for others, for God will care for His workers. Let the people of the church cultivate a more friendly feeling toward each other and be more interested in each other's welfare. Socials will do that. God seeks always the laborers, and happy are those who are sought. The last man to enter the church may be better in the eyes of God than the oldest communicant."

HUNTINGTON TALKS ON EDUCATION

Chancellor of Wesleyan Speaks at Walnut Hill Methodist.

Sunday was educational day at Walnut Hill Methodist church, the morning being given to a sermon on education and the evening to a rally of the Nebraska Wesleyan students of Omaha.

Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington of Nebraska Wesleyan university delivered the morning sermon, or, rather, it was a talk. To show the advantages of higher education he used Prof. Thwing's analysis of "Who's Who." Prof. Thwing says there are 40,000,000 people in the country who are more than 21 years of age. Of these, 4,000,000 are illiterate, 32,000,000 have had district or grade school education, 2,000,000 have had high school education and 1,000,000 are college graduates. Of the 8,000 persons mentioned in "Who's Who," twenty-one are of the illiterate class, 808 of the district school class, 1,245 of the high school class, while nearly 6,000 are college graduates.

Dr. Huntington made a plea for financial support for Nebraska Wesleyan university and in comparing its advantages with those of other schools had occasion to refer to the relative advantages of state and denominational institutions. The latter, he said, are more successful in two particulars; they give better moral and religious training and by being smaller institutions are able to look after the individual and give him a better education than the larger schools. Wesleyan university, he said, stood thirty-first among fifty leading denominational schools of the country nine years ago, while today it stands tenth.

In the evening the students and graduates of Nebraska Wesleyan university who live in Omaha gathered at the church, where the following program was given, M. D. Cameron presiding:

Introduction of the presiding officer.....
.....E. E. Hosman
Prayer .....W. H. Turrell
Scripture reading, Psalm 48, Psalter page 28.....Max Behr
Solo .....Mrs. M. D. Cameron
Address—Founding of the Nebraska Wesleyan .....A. F. Tyler
Address—Growth of the Nebraska Wesleyan .....Martha Crumpacker
Solo .....J. F. McCabe
Address—Aim of the Nebraska Wesleyan .....H. A. Taylor
Reminiscences .....Mrs. F. E. Griffing
College Song—The Yellow and the Brown .....Students
Greetings .....
..Chancellor D. W. C. Huntington, D. D.
Benediction .....C. W. Miller

LESSONS DRAWN FROM THE SEA

Dr. Jenks Tells of Thoughts by the Ocean Side.

Just returned from a two weeks' hunting and fishing trip in the south, Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks drew some lessons from what he had observed and presented them to the congregation at the First Presbyterian church last evening. He took his text from the 107th Psalm, "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do the business of the great waters, these see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep."

"During the last year it has been my fortune to spend considerable time in ships," said Dr. Jenks. "Last Sunday morning I disembarked from a boat on the Gulf of Mexico and walked along the shore of that body of water. I love the sea; and as I walked there came over me an awe and reverence for the great power that has created all this, and I thought thoughts of God.

"A little girl had dug a hole in the sand and with her tin bucket was dipping water from the sea and pouring it into the well. In childish imagination she thought to dip all the water from the sea. As well may man hope to exhaust the boundless sea of God's love. The sea is the great reservoir. No dew drop has been lost since the world began. It may nestle in ever so remote a place, but the rays of the sun will find it and draw it up and preserve it. If God cares for a dew drop, be it not foolish for man to fear for his own safety?

"As I walked there by the sea last Sunday, I saw cocoanuts cast up by the waves. I knew not whence they came, but there they were and any man could crack them and eat and drink. So should the meat and milk of the gospel be scattered from our fruitful shores, in order that benighted men in far-off lands may have to eat and drink."

CHILD LABOR PLEA IS TOO LATE

Request for Sermons Yesterday Not Received in Time.

Few, if any, sermons on child labor were delivered from the pulpits of Omaha Sunday, even though the national child labor committee had requested many of the preachers to speak on the subject. The reason for their apparent neglect of the request is found in the fact that the committee's letters came too late to allow them to change plans already adopted. Many of them were in the midst of a series of sermons and did not wish to break the continuity. Some will preach on the subject next Sunday and some a week or two later.

Names of prominence are included in the personnel of the committee which has requested the sermons. Among them are Secretary Taft, Senator Tillman, Grover Cleveland, Gifford Pinchot, John Graham Brooks, Cardinal Gibbons, Hoke Smith, Ben B. Lindsey, Felix Adler and Samuel McCune Lindsay.

CHANCES IN CIVIL SERVICE

List of Vacancies in Government Employ to Be Filled on Examination.

The United States Civil Service commission announces these examinations to secure eligibles to fill existing vacancies:

February 27—For ten vacancies in the position of farmer in the Indian service, two as assistant farmer; thirteen vacancies as industrial teacher in the Indian service and two as assistant teacher in the Indian service. The salaries run from $600 to $720 per annum. The applicants for these examinations will be expected to have some knowledge of irrigation in most instances. The eligibles are wanted for all sections of the country where there are Indian schools and reservations. Age limit, 20 years or over. For the position of chief engineer and electrician at $1,800 per annum in the United States custom house and postoffice building, St. Louis, Mo. Age limit, 18 to 55 years. For the position of mason (stone and brick), at $720 per annum each; one at Haskell institute, Kansas, and the other at Chilocco, Okl., in the Indian service. Age limit, 20 years or over. For the position of wagonmaker, at $750 per anum, Phoenix, Ariz., and other similar vacancies. Age limit, 20 years or over. For the position of logger, at $55 per month, San Juan, N. M., in the Indian service. Age limit, 20 years or over. For the position of cataloguer in the government printing office, at $900 per annum. Age limit, 20 years or over.

February 27-28—For vacancies in the offices of the serveyor general of the land office service, one draftsman, $1,400 per annum, San Francisco, and another at $4 per diem. Two copyists-draftsmen, $4 per diem each, Phoenix, Ariz.; one drafts and three copyists-draftsmen, at $4 per diem each, Reno, Nev.; one draftsman, at $1,400 per annum, Bismarck, N. D. Age limit, 20 years or over. Two days will be required for this examination.

W. H. MURRAY GETS PROMOTION

Becomes Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad.

W. H. Murray, for the last twenty years connected with the passenger department of the Union Pacific and for several years chief clerk in the passenger department, has been appointed to be assistant general passenger agent of that road. No intimation is given as to who will succeed Mr. Murray as chief clerk and it is said at headquarters that nothing will be done in the matter until the return of Gerrit Fort, assistant general passenger agent, who is now in New Orleans.

Mr. Murray is one of the best known railroad men in the country and especially is he well known by the theatrical fraternity. The task of looking after all theatrical movements from Omaha to San Francisco, and in fact all over the Union Pacific system, has fallen to Mr. Murray, and in this manner he has met every theatrical manager in the business.

For the last two years E. L. Lomax, general passenger agent, and Gerrit Fort, assistant general passenger agent, have had to be away from Omaha the greater part of the time and much of the work of running the home end of the office has fallen on Mr. Murray, anyway, and now he is to have the title as well as the work of assistant general passenger agent. No change is to be made in Mr. Fort's position that has been reported.

Mr. Murray was stenographer for Mr. Lomax when the latter was with the Burlington, and when Mr. Lomax went to the Union Pacific Mr. Murray went with him and he has been with him continuously since.

BRIGHTER NEWS OF THE COUNT

Reports Slightly More Encouraging from Bedside of John A. Creighton.

News of a slightly more encouraging nature was received Sunday from the attendants of Count Creighton, as it was thought some little improvement in his condition was shown. He seemed a trifle more cheerful during the morning, but it was necessary to use sedatives during the day.

Dr. Patrick of Chicago, who has been summoned in consultation on the case, will arrive this morning and confer with the several physicians who have been in attendance on the count during his recent extended sickness. Many friends of the count called Sunday at his residence, both in person and by 'phone, anxiously inquiring for news as to his condition, and much gratification was felt that he appeared to be somewhat stronger.

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PURPOSE OF ZION MOVEMENT

Restore to Judeaism Its Old Home in Far Off Palestine.

ADDRESS BY MISS JENNIE GORDON

Several Hundred Zionists Meet at Patterson Hall to Hear Reports of Their Delegates to Chicago.

"The real purpose of the movement is misunderstood. It is a national movement, the purpose of which is to restore to Judeaism its old home in Palestine. The Jewish race is a race of the orient and as such must remain. Every nationality of earth has a home but the Jew. Should we in time be barred from emigration into America, as is possible, with the Italian, the Japanese, the negro, we have no national home to which we, as a race, can return."

These were the opening words of an address by Miss Jennie Gordon to the Omaha branch of the Knights of Zion at Patterson hall, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, yesterday afternoon, where hundreds had gathered to hear reports and addresses from delegates who had attented the ninth annual convention of Zionists in Chicago, December 29 to January 1. Miss Gordon added:

"We are a people without a land, while there in our old home is a land without a people. There are Jews who do not believe in Zionism. They say America is good enough for us. So it is, but while we have maintained the originality or our race as a people, we are nationless. To reestablish Zion does not mean that we are all to go back to Zion. It merely means that we shall have a home to go to should we be denied refuge elsewhere.

"I resent the idea that Zionists comprise the poorer and less progressive class of Jews. On the contrary, some of the most eminent and wealthy of our race are ardent Zionists. We are not asking for sympathy in this movement, but we do ask your assistance. We shall strive on until the blue and white flag of Judealism shall yet float over our own national home land."

Nine Delegates from Omaha.

The Omaha gate sent sine delegates to the national meeting. They were: L. Kneeter, J. Kettleman, Philip Stein, Arthur Marawitz, David Brodkey, Miss Jennie Gordon, Miss Ida Brodkey, Miss Hattie Nathan and Mrs. Tillie Fisherson,

Sunday afternoon's meeting was presided over by J. Kettleman, although Miss Jennie Gordon and Mr. L. Kneeter had charge of the general arrangements. The proceedings were carried out in this order: Music by the Zionist orchestra; brief introductory address by Mr. Kneeter upon the Chicago convention. Convention reports were read by Ida Brodkey, Arthur Marawitz, David Brodkey, Hattie Nathan, in English, and by Mr. Kneeter and Mrs. Fisherson and Mr. Stein in Hebrew.

The announcement was made during the meeting that a mass meeting of Hebrews will be held at Patterson hall at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, February 3, to elect the first board of directors of the proposed Omaha Hebrews' Institute. All those who have subscribed to the cause and who are willing to subscribe are asked to be present. About $12,000 is yet needed.

SINCLAIR SAYS HE RESIGNED

Not Disposed to Talk at Length on the Report of His Dismissal.

Two federal building friends of Postoffice Inspector D. J. Sinclair do not credit the report that Mr. Sinclair has been summarily removed from office. Mr. Sinclair was seen Saturday and, while not disposed to talk of the matter or make any comments upon the repeated reports of his removal or that his resignation had been called for, said:

"I have tendered my resignation. I have not been advised of its acceptance, nor was I requested to resign. Further than this it would be imprudent for me to say anything."

A friend who stands pretty close to Mr. Sinclair, but who declined to have his name used, said:

"I know Sinclair has always been regarded as one of the best inspectors in the service. With the increase in the numbers of inspectors recently, more or less jealousy has been generated, and the zeal of some of the new inspectors in digging into matters that could be settled by a little friendly caution on the part of the inspectors and which has been practiced heretofore with the full concurrence of the Postoffice department in the matter of the unintentional infractions of postoffice rules, has doubtless been taken advantage of by these overzealous inspectors. To such a cause I attribute the real gist of the Sinclair episode. I understand, too, that the most cordial relations do not exist between Mr. Harrison, chief inspector of one of the western divisions, and Mr. Sinclair. But I know nothing of the extent of this alleged unfriendly feeling. Mr. Harrison's headquarters are in St. Louis and he has also an office at Kansas City, in which division Nebraska is located. I have not talked with Mr. Sinclair recently, but from casual observation I am led to think the trouble lies largely with the strained relations said to exist between Superintendent Harrison and Inspector Sinclair."

STRANGER A POOR GUESSER

Mistakes Police Station for a Church and Wanders Into the Office.

An old man wearing a faded blue cap walked rather timidly into the police station Sunday evening, looking somewhat puzzled. He did not go up to the desk sergeant's wicket and make known his wants, but merely "rubbered" around the place, taking careful note of the numerous bars and stout wire cages.

Penetrating through the first gate into the forbidden inner room for the blue coats, he was confronted by Sergeant Cook, who asked him what he wanted. The old man looked up at the brass buttons and said:

"Nothing, nothing, sir. I only thought this was a church."

Several seconds elapsed ere anyone had recovered sufficiently to make reply, by which time the visitor had retraced his steps and was out of the front door.

"The old man is evidently a stranger in the city," said the sergeant.

JOHN RAIBOURN IS DEAD

Man Who Sold Shoestrings on Sixteenth Street Three Years Passes Away.

John Raibourn, a familiar character who has sold trinkets and shoe laces on the streets for the last few years, died Saturday evening after a brief sickness at his home, 2917 South Twenty-fourth street. For many years Raibourn was employed at the smelters, and there about four years ago contracted a severe case of lead poisoning, which rendered him incapable of performing hard labor.

For the last three years Raibourn stood at the alley on Sixteenth street, between Farnam and Harney, offering his trinkets for sale in all kinds of weather, and always had a smile and a pleasant word for all his patrons and many friends.

He was a member of the Castellar Street Presbyterian church for sixteen years and was once a deacon of the church. The funeral will be held at 3 p. m. Monday at the church with which he was so long and actively identified and will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Walter H. Reynolds. Interment will be at Laurel Hill cemetery. Mr. Raibourn was 40 years of age. He is survived by a wife and two children.

ONE LITTLE LEAK IN THE LID

Only Jens Nelson Arrested for Selling Whisky and Town is Sober.

One imprudent saloon man dared tamper with the hard and fast lid yesterday and he was quickly caught in the mesh of the dragnet thrown out by the doughty members of Chief Donahue's "whisky brigade." Jens Nelson, proprietor of an alcoholic emporium at 602 South Thirteenth street, is the unlucky mortal who will have to face the music dispensed in police court, with every prospect in favor of his being deprived of his license.

A quiet tip was received at police headquarters that Nelson was alleviating the thirst of the multitude by a lucrative back door trade. Officers Waters and Brown cantered to the scene of action in double-quick time about 10:30 Sunday morning. They rapped softly at the back door of Nelson's saloon, and lit accents low and thirsty, asked for a small flask of real whisky.

Nelson supplied the fiery fluid and was given the price. He was then told to hie himself to the police station on the charge of keeping open on Sunday in violation of the Slocumb law. In case a conviction is secured in the case the question of the revocation of Nelson's license will be put squarely up to the fire and police board.

Although the "whisky brigade" was called into action early in the day Nelson was the only person found trying to annex a few shekels in violation of the orders of Chief Donahue. The chief himself spent several hours personally investigating the condition of the lid.

Even though Mayor Dahlman was at the helm yesterday the town was hoisted higher up on the water wagon than was the case last Sunday, when three saloon men were arrested. It is evident the proprietors of places of liquid refreshment have come to the conclusion that the lid is on for keeps and have concluded to swallow the lemon handed to them by the chief with as good grace as possible.

One noticeable effect of the Sunday closing order yesterday was that not a single arrest was made during the entire day for drunkenness.

GREENE BACK FROM BIG CASE

Tells of Burlington and Union Pacific Tax Suit in Supreme Court.

Charles J. Greene arrived home Sunday from Washington, where he argued before the supreme court of the United States the case of the Burlington railroad in the suit brought by it against the state of Nebraska to enjoin the state from the collection of taxes assessed against the road for 1904. The Burlington and the Union Pacific, which brought a similar suit, lost their cases in the United States court at Omaha and appealed them to the supreme court.

"The hearing lasted about five hours, of which the railroads took three and the state two," said Mr. Greene. "The court did not get to the case until late Tuesday and it had to be continued on Wednesday.

"I opened with an hour's argument for the Burlington and John N. Baldwin followed with an hour for the Union Pacific. The case was simplified because we did not attempt to take up the matter of the relative assessment of other property, but rested our arguments on the proceedings of the State Board of Equalization. I argued that the board had ignored the state statutes, though I did not lay so much stress on this, as it is not strictly a federal question. My main point was that the board had no right to assess stocks and bonds representing property in other states.

"Senator Norris Brown made a strong plea for the state, and the court and the opposin' gattorneys paid the strictest attention. Attorney General Thompson talked about thirty minutes.

"Maxwell Everett of New York closed the case for both roads."

HARRIMAN NEW FRUIT LINE

Cars Modern and Said to Be Best Made for Refrigerator Service.

As an auxiliary of the Harriman lines the Pacific Fruit Express company will soon take over the Pacific fruit and vegetable business now being handled in Armour cars. The cars of the Harriman line are all new and modern and will be operated between the Pacific coast and the east to handle fruit, vegetables and other perishable freight. The company has ordered 6,600 cars. Of this total the first 600 are now being received and the balance is to be delivered at the rate of 1,200 a month. The new cars are probably the best that have ever been put in the refrigerator service. Besides combining the latest systems of refrigerating they have steel underframes and other appliances best adapted to withstand rough usage.

The Pacific Fruit Express company will be operated independently of the Union and Southern Pacific roads and in idle seasons the cars may be rented to roads and lines in other parts of the country.

C. M. Secrist, connected with the Harriman lines for twenty-one years, has been appointed general manager of the company, with headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Secrist started railroading as a telegraph operator and station agent, but has been in the general traffic department the major part of his career. He was chief clerk for the freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific in Omaha for a number of years. More recently he has occupied a similar position for J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Union and Southern Pacific systems in Chicago.

Ever Young and Ever Fair.

(From the Davenport Democrat.)

The preservation of female beauty and its enchantments by the use of harmless cosmetics are duties the ladies owe to themselves and to those who value their personal charms as they appreciate their moral qualities. Unfortunately, unprincipled parties too frequently take advantage of the natural desire to be ever young and ever fair, and palm upon the market deleterious acid and mineral poisons which impart a momentary luster at the risk of future sallowness and ruined health. In the Oriental Cream prepared by Dr. T. Felix Gouraud of New York City the ladies have a harmless preparation for preserving the delicacy of the complexion and obliterating blemishes, which has become the favorite toilet article of the leading professional artists who owe so much of their popularity to their personal charms. Scarcely a star dressing room in opera or theater throughout our land is without the Oriental Cream. It stands today the most harmless and perfect beautifier known.

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NEAR STARVED AND FROZEN

Dan McNabb, Eighty Years of Age, Found in Wretched Condition.

ALONE AND UNCONSCIOUS IN SHACK

Amputation of Both Legs Necessary and Saving of Life is Deemed Matter of Extreme Improbability.

With both lower limbs badly frozen and his body covered with vermin, Dan McNabb, nearly 80 years of age, was found unconscious and nearly dead from starvation and exposure Sunday morning in a shack at 2116 Pacific street, where he had maintained bachelor quarters. He had evidently been unconscious for at least twenty-four hours. Police Surgeon Heine was summoned and had McNabb removed to the county hospital in the patrol wagon, but the man had not regained consciousness at a late hour Sunday evening and his recovery is not expected.

McNabb was found by Police Sergeant Whelan, who had been told by Matthias Franther, a neighbor, that he feared McNabb was dead, as he had seen no signs of life at the home of McNabb since last Thursday. Sergeant Whelan made an investigation and broke down the door of McNabb's shanty, which it situated on the side of a small hill. The officer found McNabb lying on a pallet on the floor of the only room and covered only with a dilapidated overcoat. The only piece of furniture in the room was the pallet upon which the unconscious man lay, and there was not a scrap of food in the house, with the exception of a small quantity of flour.

The scene that greeted the eyes of the officer was one of utter desolation. There had been no fire in the shack for days, although there was about two pecks of coal in one corner of the room, but McNabb had evidently become too sick or weak to leave his miserable bed and keep up the fire. The water in a pail was frozen solid and the floor of the cabin literally covered with dirt and live vermin.

McNabb had lived alone in the shack for several years. He is not known to have any relatives in Omaha. He had supported himself by doing odd jobs and chores in different parts of the city, but not one cent could be found among his meager effects. It is reported he owned the house and lot where he lived.

On account of his advanced age and the fact that he was evidently not found until many hours after he had become unconscious from the cold and lack of food, his chances of recovery are regarded as exceedingly small and it is feared amputation of both legs will be necessary unless he succumbs at once.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

Reports of Some Secrets Through the Keyhole in the Door.

Woodmen of the World.

Omaha Seymour camp No. 16, under the new management, is waking up. At its last meeting many new members were elected to membership and two initiated.

The Seymour Glee club has resumed its rehearsals in the lodge rooms. This club now has enrolled about forty, and promises to be the best male chorus in the city.

Omaha Seymour camp is busy with the reorganization of its degree team, preparatory to going to Norfolk, Va., to defend the championship which it won in St. Louis during the Louisiana Purchase exposition. The contest in Norfolk takes place during the time of the national encampment of the Uniform Rank of the Woodmen of the World some time in the latter part of August.

Fraternal Union of America.

At the last meeting of Banner lodge No. 11 was begun the organization of its degree staff and drill team.

Thursday evening after the business session the entertainment committee will make it pleasant for all the members.

This evening the degree team will visit Magic City lodge No. 80 to exemplify the degree work and assist in the installation of officers.

Mondamin lodge No. 111 will close its membership contest this evening and all applications to count in the contest must be handed in by then.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Fern camp No. 3165, Royal Neighbors of America, and Beech camp No. 1464 installed officers jointly at Baright's hall Friday evening, with a big attendance.

Mrs. Stiona Grede acted as installing officer for Fern camp, while John S. King did the installing for Beech camp. After a program, ice cream and cake were served.

Royal Arcanum.

Union Pacific council has issued invitations to its members and the members of other councils in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs to attend its dancing and card party at Metropolitan hall Thursday evening.

The meeting of Union Pacific council Thursday evening was a good one. The visit of Grand Secretary Snyder of Iowa and the initiation of three candidates were features.

Arrangements are well under way for the reception of Supreme Regent Wiggins of New York on February 14, when the next large class is to be initiated.

Grand Army of the Republic.

At a recent meeting of U. S. Grant post No. 110 a committee of which Thomas A. Creigh was chairman was appointed to procure a case for the preservation of the post flag, which has been in use nearly twenty years, and which has now been replaced by a flag donated to the post by the Women's Relief corps, auxiliary to the post, also to place in the case a list of the names of all who have been members of the post since its organization, August 18, 1882, and a history of the flag.

At the last meeting of Grant post Mr. Creigh submitted this report:

"The post is under a debt of gratitude to Comrade Robert S. Wilcox, who has generously donated to the post the beautiful oak case and plate glass in which the flag is now carefully placed.

"I have prepared and placed in the case a list of all comrades who have been members of this post from August 18, 1882, to January 1, 1907.

"The history of this flag is embraced in a few short minutes in our records, as follows: August 18, 1887, Comrades Clark, Risdon and Bloom were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of a flag and banner and to report at next meeting of the post. October 10, 1887, the committee on flag and banner made its report by presenting to the post a beautiful flag complete, without cost to the post, whereupon the report of the committee was adopted and committee discharged, with a vote of thanks to Comrade Clark for success which crowned his efforts in securing for the post such a beautiful flag.

"At this date the post was known as Omaha post No. 110. The change of name to U. S. Grant post No. 110 was made under date of June 7, 1888, after the death of General Grant.

Ladies of the Grand Army.

At the regular meeting of Garfield circle No. 11 Friday evening two new candidates were initiated and the committees for the ensuing year were announced. The circle starts out on the new year with every prospect of one of the most prosperous years of its history.

Royal Achates.

Thursday evening will be social night for Phoenix lodge. The committee has secured music to stimulate the dancing feature.

Edward Ryley was elected assistant captain of the degree staff.

Royal Neighbors of America.

Clematis camp No. 1776 installed officers for the ensuing year Friday evening at Workmen temple, with Margaret Klotz as installing officer. The fancy drill team executed its difficult work in a most satisfactory manner that was highly creditable to each participant. The retiring oracle, Nancy Mathews, was presented with an opal ring set with diamonds and two bouquets in appreciation of her services. Dr. Cummings made the presentation address, which was followed with an address by the recipient. The new presiding oracle, D. H. Newcombe, was also made the recipient of a bouquet of flowers.

Clematis camp gave a grand prize mask ball at Frenzer hall, Twenty-fourth and Parker streets, Tuesday evening. Prizes were awarded to the best dancers and costumes. The proceeds amounted to about $50. It is the intention of the camp to give a dance every month during the remainder of the season.

Rathbone Sisters.

Lillian temple No. 1 has completed all necessary arrangements for its progressive high-five party at Myrtle hall annex, to be given this evening. Refreshments will be included in the program features.

Royal League.

The Royal league will give a stag party at Fraternal hall, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, Monday evening. An attractive program has been provided for and all members are reminded of the necessity of being there.

Modern Brotherhood of America.

Success lodge No. 1969 met Monday evening at Baright's hall with a big attendance. Four new candidates were initiated and by-laws were adopted, after which refreshments were served. At the close of the meeting the floor was turned over to the drill team for a practice drill. A box social and dance will be given by the team this evening. Prizes will be given for the best boxes.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

At a meeting of Mecca court No. 13 Thursday evening four new candidates were initiated. Mecca court will give its annual mask ball the evening of February 14.

Anyone holding scrip issued by the Transmississippi Exposition commission of the state of Washington will find it to their advantage to communicate with C. C. Rosewater, general manager, Omaha Bee.

FALSE ALARM AT BENNETT'S

Trouble with Wires Brings Out Fire Department and Draws a Crowd.

Trouble with the wires connecting the automatic sprinklers at the Bennett store with the fire alarm system caused a false alarm of fire to be turned in from the big department store about 5:30 Sunday afternoon and for a time created considerable excitement. Chief Salter and his men searched the store from garret to cellar, but could find no trace of fire or water.

BURGLARS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE

Do Number of Jobs Saturday Night, but Sums Obtained Are Small.

A carnival of petty crime broke out in Omaha Saturday night and several burglaries and thefts by sneak thieves were successfully pulled off. Half a dozen thefts of overcoats were reported to the police, which is expected when there is a sudden drop in the temperature.

The burglars were evidently out for cash, and cash only, as in five burglaries reported nothing but money was taken. Entrance was effected to the bakery of Mrs. Estelle Fead, 2202 Farnam street, by breaking the glass in a rear door and unlocking the door from within. The cash register was taken into the alley by the burglars and broken open, but their work met with little success, as the money drawer contained only $1.90.

Burglars got into the home of V. T. Reis, 2460 South Nineteenth street, by cutting out a panel in the back door. They did not waken any of the family and they took Mr. Reis' trousers to the back yard and abstracted $2.07.

The home of D. A. Nickerson, 403 North Nineteenth street, was also entered by burglars, who stole the trousers of the head of the house and got $15. The most lucrative job done Saturday night took $27 from Alfred Whitmen, 209 South Twentieth street, where entrance was gained through the front door, which was left unlocked. The room of C. L. Jones and E. Kinney at 2208 Douglas street was ransacked early Saturday evening, with the result that Jones is out $4 and Kinney just twice as much.

Chief of Detectives Savage is certain he has a good clue to the identity of the perpetrator of several of the burglaries Saturday night.

Two Boilers Explode.

BUTLER, Pa., Jan. 27.—Judd Steele, 18 years old, was killed and Richard Campbell, 25 years old, fatally injured as the result of a boiler explosion today in an oil pumping house near Chicora. A defective regulator caused the explosion. In a similar accident James Byers, a well known oil operator, was fatally injured today.

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Dearest Nellie:—

You surely will be glad to hear that I have at last added my last piece of furniture to my darling little home, and no bride was ever happier or better pleased with the grand effect. I feel just as John says I look, like a proud peacock with gorgeous plumage, as I strut from room to room showing all my pretty things. And now, my dear, I am ready for that promised visit you are to make me next week. I am simply counting the days until you come. You remember I told you I wanted so much to give you that north room that was decorated in blue and gold, but it was impossible to heat it. I also told John about it, and he is always a perfect darling about making things come out right, and what do you think he did? He bought me a little gas heater. The cutest thing you ever saw, with its different colored lights, which is really an ornament and makes the room so warm and cozy. And, what is better, it is warm, and I am sure you will be as much in love with your room as I am. Now, my dear, let me hear from you at once just what time and what train you will come in on and John and I will meet you at the station, and then what jolly times we will have together! Anxiously awaiting your answer I remain, with lots of love, your devoted friend,

ANNIE.

P. S.—I forgot to tell you that your little gas stove is gilded, so it harmonizes beautifully with the other decorations. The Gas Company made the connection yesterday.

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