NOTED BOOSTER OF TWO CITIES

Newspaper Set Up in Omaha Transported to Denver Fifty Years Ago -Business Life of Omaha and Council Bluffs.

The changes wrought in the imperial west in a half century are fittingly epitomized in the Golden Jubilee number of the Rocky Mountain News of Denver, issued April, 23d uit. One hundred and six pages of the paper's regular size are filled with pictorial, statistical and descriptive matter appropriate to the occasion. Portraits of the men whose energy and ability forced reluctant Nature to open the granite doors of its storehouse of wealth and set in motion the forces which transformed the intermountain region from a forbidding wilderness into a group of prosperous states. What these men have wrought in pages were printed. Everything was in the industries, commerce, agriculture, as shape so that a paper could be printed well as in the educational, religious and social factors of civilized life, are told had selected a settlement in which to pubin picture, prose and poetry. On the title lish their paper. page, in clouds of golden and rainbow colors, stands the figure of the founder of the News, the journalistic ploneer of was Thomas Gibson. They were accom-Colorado, William Newton Byers, looking panied by John L. Dalley, an experienced from an eminence on the Denver of today practical printer, who afterward became with its background of snow-topped moun-

Links in Pioneer Journalism.

The anniversary so impressively signalized by the Rocky Mountain News reveals the oft-forgotten link binding the ploneer journalism of Omaha and Denver, and the part Omaha pieneers played in the dereveals the confident hopes and fearless ver were W. N. Byers, Thomas Gibson realities of today.

William Newton Byers was among the H. E. Turner and "Pap" Hoyt. is probably the correct one, for he was the fellowing account of the journey; age of 21, and explored the gold fields of opposite Fort Kearney. California in 1853. Returning to the states by the Panama route, he remained in ingenuity in distributing my train along the rich abundance, and closed in 1908.

Actively in Omaha Affairs. Mr. Byers took an active part in the during their formative periods. Besides dignant, but I pushed them all in suchis membership in the first territorial legislature, in which he fought the first effort to move the capital from Omaha, he was one of the members of the first city council organized March 5, 1867, and was chairman of the committee which deeded 'Washington Square" to Douglas county for the erection thereon of a court house and jail. "Washington Square" was bounded by Douglas, Farnam, Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. All but the two lots on which the Paxton block now stands were sold and the proceeds used in the construction of the old county building which occupied that corner until 1883.

Lure of the Gold Mines. Glowing reports of the wealth of the heavily on Omaha's scant population dur- reported. ing the winter of 1858-9. Among the hardy their tools of trade, their printshop, several "forms" of ready set type, both news and ads, and the usual necessaries of life in their wagons, they moved out toward the setting sun with the steady, measured pace that marked the Overland limiteds in the days of the ox-teams. The newspaper outfit reached what is now Denver about the 20th of April and three days later the Rocky Mountain News made its appearance, a full-fledged six-column folio, carrying ten columns of Omaha and Council Bluffs advertising, a column of Denver city ads, some local news and columns of

ponderous miscellany. Omaha to the Fore.

Excepting the title and a few local "ads" like a transplanted Omaha paper of that day encore; period. On aha and C uncil Bufis merchants east, and the needful padding for many of the numbers that followed, for in the tor. summer of 1860 an Omaha freighter counted only seven houses on the present site of Denver. But there were acres of tents on both sides of Cherry creek. Undoubtedly belong to some moribund Omaha paper? Gibson and Hadley D. Johnson, were mixed pires. up in the business. Johnson launched the Omaha Democrat in 1868, but it died young. Monnell was identified with the Omaha Re publican, started in the same year, but disrupted by factional quarrels. There was therefore a supply of newspaper junk around here, out of which it is likely the material for the first Rocky Mountain News was dug. Gibson was associated with Byers in the publication of the News and Johnson emigrated about the same time, for he was manager of a ranch at "California Guich" in 1860.

Origin of the Westward Move, The News gives this account of the

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untered on the overland trip:

In 1858 Byers had heard the reports from the Pike's Peak country and had decided to set out for the new Eldorado at once, the meantime, being familiar with the Platte river route to the west and having encountered several men who had returned from Pike's Peak, in the autumn of 1858 he prepared and published his "Pike's Peak Guide."

One day in the winter of 1858 someone who entered Byers' office in Omaha suggested that it would be a good idea to take a printing press to the new country and print the news of the discoveries at the point where the discoveries were made.

Byers was instructed to purchase the press and the necessary material. Although he was wholly inexperienced as a newspaper editor and publisher, Byers reto the town of Bellevue, nine miles south of Omaha, and at that time larger than Omaha, and there bought a printing press. Carting it to Omaha, he made a test of it and found that it worked satisfactorily. Some of the type was set up and two without difficulty when the proprietors

Members of the Party.

Associated with Byers in the enterprise one of the proprietors. Dr. George C. Monell of Omaha had an interest in the venture, but he disposed of it before the party arrived in Denver. He returned to Omaha, while all the others proceeded toward the goal of their ambition.

Thomas Gibson, the active partner of Byers, was from Fontanelle, Neb. All of velopment of the intermountain region. It those who accompanied the outfit to Denoptimism of the empire builders, and halts John L. Dailey, Robert L. Sumner, Edfor a moment the moving picture of Time ward C. Sumner, I. Sansom, P. W. Case, to prove that the prophecies of '50 are the L. A. Curilce, James Creighton and his brother, Harry Creighton, Harry Gibson,

first comers to Omaha, reaching here late In an address delivered at a meeting of in 1854 or early in 1855. The former year the Colorado pioneers in 1839 Byers gave a member of the first territorial legislature We left Omaha on March 8, about the which convened in Omaha January 15, time the frost had begun coming out of 1856. A native of Ohio, born February 22, the ground. We encountered a great many 1831, he crossed the plains to Oregon with difficulties, but on the last day of March a United States surveying party at the we reached the banks of the Platte river,

"I was wagon boss and I used a little Iowa for a year and drifted with the pro- road, apprehending that my party might cession to Omaha. Here his destiny was object to crossing the stream, which was shaped. In Denver it was rounded out in then running high, if an opportunity to confer was given. So I got the first wagon into the water before the drivers of the others had a chance to protest. I had public affairs of the territory of Nebraska learned never to camp on the near side and the building of the city of Omaha of a stream. The others were very incessfully without giving them a chance to compromise; whereupon each became still more opposed to the proceedings.

Difficulties Encountered. "The heaviest wagon got into a sinkhole of quicksand and we did not reach the other bank until dark. There was no road on the other side, but we managed to get through the night. If we had not crossed the river that evening we would have been, as matters turned out, delayed several days, for the next morning the river was full of floating ice that did not disappear for nearly a week.

"We located a camp at St. Vrain so as to give some of the men a chance to prospeot. I then went on in advance and partment, and where the business of the reached here April 17, finding the people hotel will not warrant the employment of Cherry Creek diggings and the stampeds were a good deal more anxious about the a special mail clerk, the hotel clerks are to the foothills of the Rockies drew arrival of the newspaper than had been constantly cautioned to exercise the ut-

"At the beginning of the second day I winter storms on the plains. The lure of the train, and two days later it arrived, than himself in any of the Omaha hotels, business and possible fortune over. One of the wagons stuck in Cherry creek connected with the local association." shadowed the risks of the elements or at Blake street, so we did not get across hostile redskins. Byers and his associates until after nightfall. I immediately drove had the fearless spirit of the argonauts of over to the little office I had secured decade before, and did not hesitate to Old Uncle Dick Wooton had built a log face the perils of a 600 mile trip across cabin which contained a little attic, and the plains late in March, 1859. Packing this he had offered to me. There we set up our press and began setting type.

"We improvised a shelter under the roof was covered with snow, which, as it lost a horse and a dog.

Pentures of the First Number.

breathes the spirit of the times. The words reach into the depths of memory Carthy. sounding a note familiar to the bald-heads and announcements the first issue looked of the profession, which deserve a later- ing his son, Lieutenant Commander P. B. all around the under part of the balloon.

With our hat in our hand and our best provided the patronage for that number at bow we this week make our first appearance on the stage in the capacity of edi-

"We make our debut in the far west, most of the type was set in Omaha and a few months ago the wild beasts and wave of Anglo-Saxon enterprise and civil- of the Dakotas. Byers was not actively connected with ization, where soon we fondly hope will omaha newspaper life, but three of his be erected a great and powerful state, assistants-Gilbert C. Monnell, Thomas another empire in the sisterhood of em-

> "Our course is marked out, we will adhere to it with steadfast and fixed detertruth and nothing but the truth, let it work us weal or woe."

> It is worthy of passing notice that the Omaha of fifty years ago sat enthroned as lore high executioner of exaggerated news of the west, winnowing the wheat from the chaff and passed kernels with a pure truth label to the shifting procession of empire builders. Editor Byers evidently did some execution in that line with his blue pencil, for he adheres to the judicial tone and the judicial caution in the declar-

"The proprietor of this paper has, until within a month past, lived in Omaha, within 500 miles of the gold regions, and has had abundant opportunity of judging the truth or falsity of the testimony daily presented in regard to the gold mines. We think there is more evidence of a reliable character of the richness and extent of these mines, and obtained under far more favorable circumstances than was offered from California. The geological structure s the same as the gold regions of Callfornia and men who are familiar with nining in California have examined these mines west of Kansas and Nebraska, as far as the season would admit, and prosounce these of greater promise than any

heretofore known." Business history and biography of Omaha and Council Bluffs fill considerable space in the first number. Names familiar now which was to open today, is nothing more and announcements of business houses nor less than an advertising scheme based that have survived the ups and downs of upon a well known saloon keeper's attempt half a century tell in large and small type at publicity and a number of willing newsthe story of the pioneer years. Milton Rog- paper men. The saloon in question opens ers was located in the Pioneer block, pre-

origin of the move and the difficulties en- announced that the Steam Ferry Boat No. plying between Council Bluffs and Omaha, "has the capacity to carry twelve wagons and teams at each trip, and can make from thirty to forty crossings in a but was prevented by an accidental gun- day." J. E. Boyd, Omaha's distinguished shot wound that almost proved fatal. In citizen and governor of Nebraska, was then located at Kearney, doing a wholesale and retall business in graceries, provisions, etc. J. W. Paddock made a specialty of "miners" boots," at the old stand "on Farnham street, opposite the Western Exchange bank, Omaha, N. T.," while J. J. and R. A. Brown handled dry goods, notions, hats, caps, boots and shoes, grocertes and provisions, and a complete assortment of outfitting goods-being one if not the first department store in Omaha. Tootle & Jackson, and Megeath, Richards & Co., were conspicuous dry goods merchants, and Pund: & Koenig invited those in need of groceries to "look for the sign of the O. K. store." The noted drug house of Jas. K. Ish & Co., was located next to solved to join in the enterprise. He went Megeath, Richards & Co.," and Dewitt C. Sutphen claimed to have the only candy factory west of the Missouri river, besides carrying a "celebrated line of fine cut chewing and smoking tobacco and cigars." John A. Horbach & Co., and Porter & Bremen were steamboat agents, and Miller & Richardson, later publishers of the Omaha Herald, conducted the Herndon House, now the Union Pacific headquarters building. One of the unique professional cards is that of "A. F. Peck, M. D., physician and surgeon, Cache-a-La-Poudre, Nebraska, where he may at all times be found when not professionally engaged in digging gold." Among the Council Bluffs announcements

of fifty years ago are these familiar names: Officer & Pusey, bankers and dealers in gold dust, a line of business also conducted by Baldwin & Dodge, Casady & Test, Frank Street and A. Cochran combined the law and land office business, giving "particular attention to the location of land warrants in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska." Two railroads, the Hannibal & St. Joe and the Rock Island, had the straightest and quickest, as well as the only routes to the gold regions of the west. Both were many miles from the Missouri river, but their intentions were good and they got

HOTEL MAIL BIG PROBLEM. SAYS MAN OF EXPERIENCE

there ten years later.

Chief Clerk Anderson of Rome Tells Steps Necessary to Prevent Wrong Persons Getting Letters.

"Handling the mail is one of the most difficult problems the hotel man has to contend with," said Chief Clerk Anderson of the Rome hotel Saturday morning, "and the recent action of the postmaster general in providing rules for safeguarding hotel mails, based upon the bill prepared by President Miller of the Cincinnati Hotel Clerk's association is a step in the right

"The Omaha botel men have already adopted the plan of requiring a reasonable identification of the party calling for his mail, and the Cincinnati bill corresponds with our idea. The rule provides that the mail shall not be handled by the guests or transients nor the address exposed to view. The receipt of mail under fictitious names is discouraged, and all such mail is returned to the postoffice. This necessarily involves us in controversies occasionally with guests, but it is the only method of absclute protection.

"The hotels are not to be used for the receipt of mails by persons who are not guests. In some of the larger hotels we have a regular mail clerk who is recognized as an official of the postoffice de most care in the delivery of mail. It is now impossible for a party to get any ploneers there was precious little fear of sent a messenger on horseback to hurry up information of mail addressed to others

> NEWS OF THE ARMY POSTS Improvements Are Still Going On a the Omaha Quartermaster's

> > Depot.

Improvements are still going on at the design of the gas envelope. to protect the press. This was a sort of quartermaster's depot in Omaha, as is tent. The clapboard roof of the building shown by recent authority received by Captain John L. Hines for the quartermaster melted, ran through upon us. Before the directing the building of a new brick stable, first issue of the paper was made a little also inaugurating an extensive system of almost as large as the Nulli Secundus, the dodger was struck off for a man who had paving there. Captain Hines has procured government airship which came to disaster many improvements since being detailed at the Crystal palace. The gas envelope, This was the first printing done in this to the depot and these new additions are made of goldbeater's skin, is constructed in the result of the earnest endeavors ever the shape of a sunfish, a sharp pointed since his arrival here two years ago. In nose swelling out into an enormous head The customary salutatory, without which addition to his other duties Captain Hines fully ninety feet around, and then tapering no editor can be regarded a first degree is now acting as chief quartermaster of the away to a tail which has three flukes, one member, heads the editorial page and Department of the Missouri during the on either side and the third on top. temporary someone of Major D. E. Mo-

> Dungan of the United States navy, in charge of the Omaha naval recruiting

Brigadier General Charles L. Hodges, recently in command of the Department of the Viscayas, Philippine Islands, accomwhere the snowy mountains look down panied by First Lieutenant W. S. Grant, upon us in the hottest summer day as aide-de-camp, was a visitor at army headwell as in the winter's cold, here where quarters Saturday. General Hodges has but recently returned from the Philippines and packed overland to Denver. The inquiry the wilder Indians held undisputed pos- is en route to St. Paul, Minn., where he naturally suggests itself. Did the material session-where now surges the advancing will assume command of the Department

Brigadier General William M. Wherry. U. S. A., retired, and father of Mrs. John L. Hines, wife of Captain Hines, acting shief quartermaster of the Department of the Missouri, is an Omaha visitor. His home is in Washington, D. C. General mination, to speak, to write and publish Wherry was a member of the staff of General John M. Schofield during the civil

FUND HEADQUARTERS

Place for Paying Child Saving Institute Money is Changed for Conventence of Donors.

Headquarters of the Child Saving Institute have been changed from the Rome hotel to the Nebraska Savings and Loan association, room 166 Board of Trade buildng. The change was made for the convenience of subscribers to the building fund and it is now hoped that subscriptions will come in more rapidly.

The condition of the fund is as follows W. A. Watson..... A friend

Balance to raise, \$3,713.48. Time limit

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Lot No. 1-20 styles of Lace Curtains, worth up to \$4.25; sale price, each \$2.25

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Lot No. 3-15 styles of Lace Curtains, worth to \$13.00; sale price, each \$7.00

Lot No. 4-14 styles of Lace Curtains, worth to \$12.00; sale price, each \$6.50

Lot No. 5-25 styles of Lace Curtains, worth up to \$7.00; sale price, each \$3.75

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We made large purchases of lace curtains and drapery goods, anticipating a greater demand this spring than usual. The backward season has greatly interfered with this spring's sales, therefore, we find ourselves greatly over-stocked. To reduce our stock to normal we have decided to offer for Monday, May 24th, special price inducements in this department.

You will find on sale all the latest styles of lace curtains, the best of both foreign and domestic manufacturers-BRUS-SELS, TAMBOUR, BATTENBERG in white and Arab, REAL SAXONY BRUSSELS, REAL CLUNY in white and Arab, POINT DELUX, DUCHESS, MARIE ANTONETTE, IRISH POINT, POINT LUCERNE, NOVELTY LACE in ivory, Arab and white, CABLE NET, SCOTCH NET, and

We have divided the stock into eleven different lots, containing more than 250 different patterns, all will be marked at nearly one-half regular price. There are many pairs of POR-TIERES, also CUT DRAPERIES, included in this sale. Our desire is to reduce the stock to normal.

A glance at the prices we herewith quote should convince anyone that we are sacrificing the profits to accomplish our

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Newest English Military Dirigible Causes Surprise on Account of Its Design.

LONDON, May 5 .- "Army dirigible No. as the new airship built in the war balloon factory at Aldershot is at present named, received its first trial the other day. It astonished all who saw it by the novel

Although but a model, the trials of which are intended to serve the purpose of de ciding the lines upon which the British dirigibles are to be built, the balloon is Instead of hanging from the familiar net

work of cords, the car is suspended from Mr. W. W. Dungan of Hastings is visit- fine steel cables attached to a rib running The car, with a pair of sledlike runners, mounted on strong springs underneath, is of very light construction, being a simple framework carrying the engines and seat for two men, the whole covered in canvas. It is cannon shaped, tapering away be hind to a point, beyond which is fixed the canvas rudder, with a pair of small deflecting planes on either side to assist in bringing the aerostat down with a gentle glide. The balloon appeared to be about 100 feet long, and the car less than half

Kills Self at the Age of Ninety-Nine

"Uncle Billy" Gray, Nearing Century Mark, Tires of Life and Drinks Poison.

DEARBORN, Mich., May 22.-"Uncle Billy" Gray, 29 years old and the patriarch of this section, decided yesterday that there was nothing left to live for, drank a quantity of paris green, from the effects of which he died late last night.

After mixing the poison in a tin dipper at his well and drinking it the aged man calmly laid down to die. His 80-year-old wife discovered him, however, and called a physician, who vainly endeavored to save

"Uncle Billy's" widow, past 80 years of age and with not a living relative, says she does not know what will become of her now, although she is left in comfortable

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