

ECHOES OF THE ANTE-ROOM

Nebraska Patriarch Militant Odd Fellows Meet Wednesday.

BIG RECEPTION TO BE HELD

Activity is Reported from All Secret Orders, Some Being Busy Initiating, Others Honoring Departed Brothers.

The department council of the Patriarch Militant branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Nebraska will hold a meeting at Odd Fellows' hall next Wednesday afternoon, June 15. A public reception will be held in the evening for General A. R. Stocker of Miami, O., commander-in-chief of the Patriarch Militant branch of the order.

The Odd Fellows' memorial services will be held at Odd Fellows' hall this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All of the lodges will participate in these services.

Omaha lodge No. 2 will have work in the second degree next Friday evening. James H. Short celebrated his forty-eighth birthday anniversary last evening by inviting the members of Canton Ezra Millard No. 1 to his home.

Beacon lodge No. 2 will have the second degree next Tuesday evening. Danneberg lodge No. 216 will confer the second degree work upon four candidates next Friday evening.

Hesperian encampment No. 2 will have work in the Royal purple degree next Thursday evening. Judge W. W. Eastman has tendered his resignation as justice of the peace to the county commission on account of his long continued ill health.

G. A. R. Flag Service.

U. S. Grant Women's Relief corps, with comrades of the post enjoyed a most enjoyable flag social relative to flag day at the home of Mrs. Jennie Bryant in Walnut Hill Tuesday evening. The spacious lawn, porches and rooms were aglow with electric lights, flags and spring flowers.

The regular meeting of U. S. Grant Women's Relief corps will be held in Barlight hall Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Many matters of importance to come up. Let all attend.

Royal Neighbors of America.

On June 15, at 8 p. m. in Woodman hall, Fifteenth and Douglas streets, there will be a meeting of all the camps in Douglas county to organize a county organization for the purpose of advancing the work in this county.

Flag Social Announced.

George Crook Woman's Relief corps No. 88 will give a flag social at the home of the president, Mrs. Brady, Twenty-fifth and Seward streets, Friday afternoon. Flag day program in charge of Adelle E. Hough, patriotic instructor. Refreshments will be served.

Fraternal Union of America.

Mondamin lodge No. 111 will give a social entertainment for the members and their friends on Monday evening at Frenzer hall, Twenty-fourth and Parker streets. A select short program will be rendered, to be followed by refreshments and dancing.

Ben Hur Initiates.

Mecca court No. 13, Tribe of Ben Hur, initiated several candidates Thursday evening and had a very pleasant meeting. Next Thursday evening they will give an open meeting to the members and their friends. Dancing and good music.

Pythian Memorial.

Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythian, will observe Pythian memorial Monday evening by a special program. Short addresses in keeping with the occasion will be made by several past chancellors.

Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Memorial services postponed from June 9 will be held today at Riverview park, rain or shine.

Wappich Addresses Arcanum.

Union Pacific council No. 199, Royal Arcanum, will meet next Thursday at Continental block, Fifteenth and Douglas, at 8 o'clock for an evening of education and enlightenment. W. F. Wappich will lecture on "Water Power," making special reference to the 250,000 electrical horsepower plant now being developed on the Mississippi at Keokuk, Ia., costing \$5,000,000, on which 1,800 men have been employed since January, 1911, and which will be completed in July, 1913.

Name of Detention Home is Changed

Because the name detention home is a misnomer and casts a stigma upon many children who are sent there solely because they have no other place to go and not because they have offended the law, the name of the home was officially changed by the Board of County Commissioners. The new name is Riverview Home for Children.

Eastman Resigns as Justice and C. W. Britt Gets Place

Justice of the Peace W. W. Eastman tendered his resignation to the Board of County Commissioners today, saying he felt he should resign because his poor health makes it impossible to efficiently discharge the duties of the office. Attorney C. W. Britt was appointed to complete Mr. Eastman's unexpired term. Justice Eastman has been in feeble health for nearly a year and lately his condition has become worse rather than better.

CITY PAYING FOR LUXURIES

Expert Gas Appraiser Itemizes Waiters' Tips in His Claim.

MARKS DEFENDS HIS ACCOUNT

Council Pays \$2,445 for May and Cautions Him to Make His Reports More Comprehensive.

W. D. Marks, expert appraiser of the property of the Omaha Gas company at \$50 a day, defended his expense account before the city commission yesterday morning.

He said he not only paid his own bills, but also handed out the tips for the assistants who dined with him at the Henshaw. These tips he included in his expense accounts.

After telling the appraiser that the council would appreciate it if he would submit receipts for expenses the commissioners allowed his bill for May, \$2,445.45.

Mr. Marks said he would have his report ready next week and that it would be the most comprehensive report of any he had ever made in any of the twenty cities where he had been employed. The report will be in five volumes.

Set Forth in Detail.

Value of the company's holdings will be set forth in detail and in the report the amount the gas company ought to charge consumers will be fixed. This record will be taken before the court by the city as evidence in the dollar gas suit now pending.

Commissioner Ryder introduced a resolution directing the mayor to appoint a committee of three to confer with gas company officials and secure a compromise on old bills. The mayor appointed Ryder, Butler and Withnell.

Reapportionment of the funds was secured by the passage of the ordinance with a few amendments. The report of the appraisers of the new boulevard from Thirty-first and Sprague to Fontanelle park, fixing the damage at \$15,961, was approved.

Chicago is Filled for the Convention

S. F. Miller, general passenger agent of the Northwestern, is back from Chicago, and relative to the republican convention to be held there next week, says that everything is at fever heat.

Mr. Miller left Chicago Friday night, and as that time he says the city was thronged with delegates. "They" and Roosevelt shouters and dozens of marching clubs. The city was filled to overflowing with strangers and it was impossible to secure rooms at any of the hotels in the loop district.

At and around the Congress hotel, Mr. Miller says there is a surging mass of humanity all the time. At 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning there are as many people moving about as during the middle of the afternoon and they are all shouting for their favorites.

Cow is Responsible for a Crushed Hand

A cow that believed in personal liberty and started out to get a little, her success exceeding her most sanguine hopes, is responsible for a \$3,000 personal injury damage suit, filed in district court.

John Frish, a minor, who is represented by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Michaelis, is the plaintiff, and Swift & Co. is the defendant. The boy's hand was crushed, it is alleged, while he was working in the defendant's South Omaha plant.

The lad was working in the sheep killing department. Over in the beef killing division the mid-eyed bovines got to thinking of the good old days back on the farm when she was training in the lowing line class. She resolved to become an insurgent and if possible lead her sister cattle to victory and freedom. With the strength born of a righteous determination to strike for her altars and her fires, she broke loose from her captors, moaning, "Give me liberty or give me death!" in cow language.

Water Case Briefs Cost Princely Sum

Suit for \$11,571.39 for printing briefs used in many cases growing out of the waterworks purchase, has been started against the Omaha Water company by the Omaha Printing company. This sum does not include the cost of briefs printed for the city's side of the controversy.

The printing company alleges it has been unable to collect the money from the water company. Lands of the water company were attached to secure the claim. Early next week the water company will give sufficient bond to secure the claim and the attachment will be released.

The Persistent and Judicious Use of Newspapers Advertising is the Road to Business Success.

Where Wonders Appear in Myriad Numbers

Sale of United States Army and Navy Goods by W. S. Kirk of Philadelphia, at 1414 Harney Street, Creates Magnet to Draw Not Only Buyers, but Also People in Search of Education

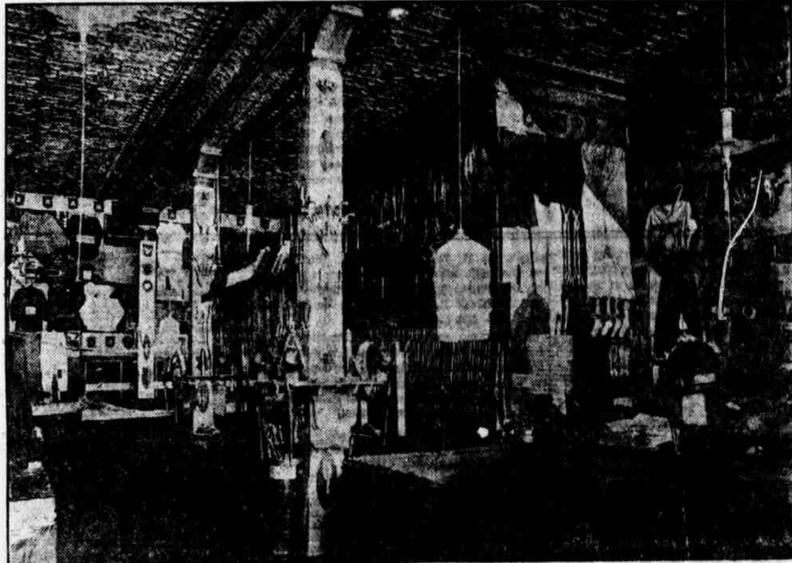


SINGLE CORNER OF IMMENSE STOCK.

It was not the opening of the republican national convention at Chicago, neither was it an attempt of the lovers of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to get a peek at him, though it might have been either, from the size of the crowd that jammed and pushed and jostled itself in the endeavor to be there first.

Trinkets on Counter.

But back at the counter in the little store one sees a set of army buttons. They were taken from certain army coats. Now they have been made into pretty shirtwaist sets. Each set is accompanied with a description telling just where the buttons were used. They are



GENERAL VIEW OF ARMY EXHIBIT OF GOODS.

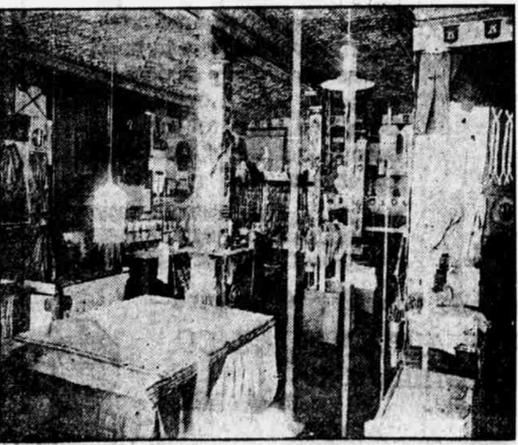
Regular Curiosity Shop. Indeed, this store at 1414 Harney street is a curiosity shop, and to pay due respect to its thousands of interesting subjects would take the descriptive pen of a Dickens. It truly is one of the most interesting collections of curios and useful articles that has been placed in the west in many years.

Nearly every article that is used in the army and navy is there. Goods of war, goods of camp life, goods of tramping, cartridges and just thousands of things are shown here in all their originality. From the days of the Civil War articles that were used then have been brought forward to the present and arranged so that a visitor, in the shortest space of time, may see everything and gather a most complete idea of all.

One who enters the door stops in wonder at the first glance. Lined up on every side are hundreds of these wonderful articles. Even the pillars are well decorated with the souvenirs. One can look clear back to the rear of the room, and on every side there is nothing but articles, guns, cartridges, belts, army hammocks, wood swords, leg irons, white canvas hats, fancy sofa pillows, etc., etc.

Just at the left, after making entrance to the shop, is a counter containing thousands of trinkets and other souvenirs. There is a paper weight. It is made from a spear and base of a helmet that was used in the United States army from 1855 to 1900. It was worn on all dress helmets of the army and national guard. It now has become a thing of immense beauty, and it is priced very low.

Countless other articles taken from the army and navy have been converted into useful and ornamental contrivances in just the same manner. Mr. Kirk conducts a large factory in Philadelphia and there he daily is making over all these goods that are purchased from the United States, after they have been condemned by the officials. At frequent intervals the government sells at auction all these discarded goods and Mr. Kirk.



RELICS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

They surely do not supply the wives of soldiers and sailors with dresses. I do not see how this can be advertised as a sale of government articles when petticoats are included.

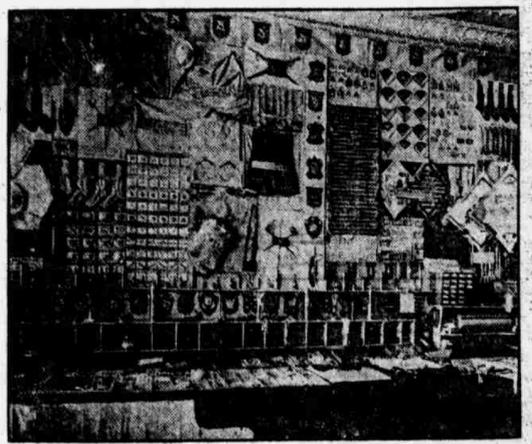
Then the manager of the sale explained to this doubting one and showed him that the petticoats were made of five abdominal bands that the soldiers wear. The factory of Mr. Kirk in Philadelphia takes these abdominal bands and converts them into the best wearing petticoats that one could wish for. They not only wear well, but they also look very good and are representative of the finest kind of workmanship.

The shop certainly will delight people who are going to live out of doors this summer—who are going to camp, boat and hunt.

"One of the finest places for gathering material to fit up a den," is the comment registered by one of the women visitors to the place. It impresses everyone in just this way. There are so many novelties that one can find just the right article for fitting up den or cozy corner. Girls will be delighted with the little pillows and the wall decorations.

Handed Down for Years.

Some of the guns and swords have been handed down for years. They will grace the wall of any so-called den and would make it seem more like a real den. Just a glance at photographs which are reproduced with this article will give a clear idea of what there is in this shop that would be excellent material for dens. The things out of the ordinary include bayonets, converted into sconces, with candles, plume sockets turned into candlesticks, helmet spears into paper weights, brass eagles into the United States coat of



SECTION SHOWING SOME OF ARMY GUNS.

that is now asked for them by Mr. Kirk. Army knives and forks, articles that are necessary to camp life, are priced at 15 cents a set. They are substantial. The pattern is one of the best ever used by the government. Anvils for tool boxes are priced at 15 cents.

Hanging from a string, running to the ceiling is a round net device which attracts much attention from all visitors. It is an Alaskan insect protector and is placed over the head so that mosquitoes

In Los Angeles this spring the school heads sent thousands of children to the Kirk exhibit in order that these young people might learn many of the interesting points connected with the army and navy through seeing those articles which are actually used by the government. This plan was a huge success, according to the reports made by the teachers. In some of the schools the instructors informed the pupils that they would be questioned about the various things they saw and would be held to answer for them. This instruction made the children careful to take in all the interesting things, and they drew a liberal education in army and navy life just through this visit.

To show how much can be learned Mr. Kirk yesterday picked up a peculiar contrivance and asked a crowd of visitors what it was. Only one of them knew, and he was posted because he had served in the army. It was a field frying pan. But it was made in such a way that it could be carried easily by soldiers, on foot or horse. There are just hundreds of other articles like this, very simply constructed and being fit for simple usage, but not being familiar to the general public.

This is not the first visit of Mr. Kirk to Omaha. Three years ago he was in this city and held at that time a sale similar to the present one. Curious wares then distributed among thousands of Omahans. The prices on these unique little articles are so very low that none hesitates to buy because of the cost.

Impressed in Two Ways.

Visitors to the shop on the opening day were not only deeply impressed by the great assortment, but they also were made to feel that the prices were in every case small as compared with the original cost of the goods. One woman picked up a bayonet which had been converted into a wall decoration and said to a friend that the article probably was priced at \$2. She was greatly surprised, of course, when she was told that the sale price was only about a quarter of the figure which she had named. Other people were given similar surprises during the day.

Crowds of Ak-Sar-Ben officers and other members of this merry crew who take part in the shows given at the Den were visitors at the sale. They planned to gather many costumes, swords, guns and other things that can be used to great advantage in the initiations, in the big Ak-Sar-Ben show and in the annual parades. There are so many articles here which cannot be bought any other place that the Ak-Sar-Ben authorities consider themselves fortunate in having such an opportunity.

In other sales Mr. Kirk has found that the weather does not materially figure in the amount of business that he does. The attraction of the sale is such that buyers willingly brave winds, rain and snow in order to see what is in this exhibit.

Factory Kept Busy.

The factory in Philadelphia is kept busy all the time. Mr. Kirk and his workers attend all the government sales and make great purchases every year so that it is necessary to keep the factory continually running in order to make goods for the sales that are held in various parts of the country. When Mr. Kirk was here three years ago he was well impressed with Omaha as a business city and came back this year because he was so well pleased with the reception that was accorded him when he was here before.



DECORATION ON STORE AT 1414 HARNEY STREET.

arms, projectiles into ornaments, guns into hat racks, war ornaments placed on plaques, chevrons turned into fancy sofa pillows, etc., etc.

People who have traveled around the world have declared that they never have seen such wonderful curios. Mr. Kirk has often been complimented on the articles he has turned out, and in his factory at Philadelphia he has entertained visitors from Europe and Asia, people who had the opportunity to see many wonderful creations. These people all have told the energetic manager that his shop and production are unique among the world's stock of peculiar and yet useful creations.

The rubber ponchos, or rain coats, are the kind for which the government paid \$4.82. They are the style used by soldiers in marching or performing guard duty. They make excellent lab robes or can be used as rain coats by letter carriers, motorcyclists, etc.

Those candle sticks are certainly unique," remarked a woman visitor at the Kirk exhibit and sale yesterday. She was looking at one of the sticks made out of a bayonet. It was explained to her that several thousands of these bayonets had been converted into candlesticks through taking the tang out of the metal and through pointing the bayonets in new form on plaques, which certainly made the article attractive. Scabbards for knives also have been made into neat, unique articles as well as into ornamental articles.

Outfuses from the United States are priced at \$2. These are very fine and cost the government several times the price



SECTION SHOWING SOME OF ARMY GOODS.