

The frogs once tired of leading

Moral: "There are those who de-

Golden Eggs."

Then he found he had no more goose

and no more eggs. Moral: "Greed oft overreaches

ness man, especially those of Omaha There was no mistaking the knock and business was going to the dogs fast. Several business men got to- years by New Orleans. Gus Renze, this year. should be done and done quickly to better conditions.

Business men having recognized the value of St. Louis' "Veiled Prophet" and the New Orleans "Veiled Mardi Gras, they decided that Omaha should have something simihad done and continues to do so.

## Committee Appointed.

A committee composed of Dudley Smith, E. M. Bartlett and W. R. Bennett was appointed to go to New Orleans and study the methods the city used in staging the Mardi Gras They also visited St. Louis and noticed the popularity and attractive-ness of the big parades. parades.

The committee went, and was impressed. The members decided that Omaha should have the same thing Upon their return they made their scoveries known to other Omaha business men and the first tentative

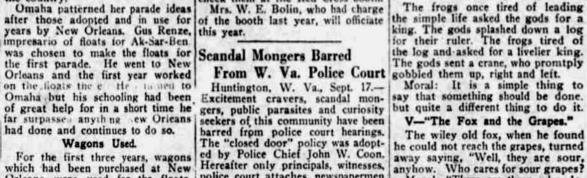
organization was formed. After this the next problem was to find a name for the infant organization. On the way back from New Orleans the name had been dis-not to be a strictly Omaha institu-

cussed and one man proposed Ak-Sar-Ben, Nebraska spelled back- The third parade was a civic and wards." This proposition was placed military parade in which drill teams before the meeting and the name was adopted. L. M. Rheem, then lo-cal manager for the American Dis-trict Telegraph company wrote the first ritual and the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben became established and city, and the coronation festivities and ball were established. E. M ment of the organization was made Bartlett and Miss Meloria Wool-April 1, 1895. worth were the first king and queen. The coronation ball is now the

## Board of Governors.

crowning event of Ak-Sar-Ben year The first board of governors was: Dudley Smith, R. S. Wilcox, C. C. Belden, W. L. Dickey, L. M. Rheem, C. C. Chase, E. E. Bryson, T. A. Frye and M. J. Penfold. Omaha had always cast covetous glances at the Nebraska state fair which had always been held at Lin-coln The fair sector of the sector of the

coln. The fair never came here be- position of 1898 and 1899 saw great cause the city was unable to enter- progress in Ak-Sar-Ben. tain the visitors. In 1894 the fair Den Cost \$11.500.



For the first three years, wagons which had been purchased at New Hereafter only principals, witnesses, police court attaches, newspapermen Orleans were used for the floats. Later W. S. Jardine suggested that and persons having a personal interspise and belittle that which is beest in such cases will be granted ad-mission during trial of cases. A po-liceman will guard the entrance of trucks with wheels atting the street yond their reach." car rails be used and hence was born VI-"The Goose That Laid the beautiful electrically lighted floats the court room. which now make up the Ak-Sar-Ben A goose once laid a golden egg every day. Its owner killed it to find the gold inside the poor goose.

"Heretofore the police court room has been more or less a rendezvous for loafers and idlers who apparently Ine first electrically lighted parade appeared in 1898. Bicycles were the principal features. There were 3,500 bicycles, beautifully decorated in the parade and they caused a great deal of comment. The second parade of the second rapid course of justice."

parade of the initial year was devoted to counties and towns of the state to show that Ak-Sar-Ben was

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tortoise passed him and won the goal. Moral: "The race is not always stronger, tried to strip the coat off a

to the swift." X .- "The Flies and the Honey." A swarm of flies found a potful of spilled honcy. They could not wait to enjoy it slowly, but wal-lowed in it and were caught in its sticky sweetness until they were all

Moral:

things."

Moral: "Gentleness and kind persuasian win where force and bluster smothered.

XI .- "The Grasshopper and the Ants."

A hungry, gaunt grasshopper in of sticks when they were apart, but cold autumn begged the busy ants if they were bound together by com-

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The bitter Northwind and the Sun, to decide which was the traveller. The Wind raged and tore

at it viciously, but the traveller only wrapped it closer about him. Then the Sun cast its gentle beams upon him and he quickly doffed his cloak.

"Temperance in all XV-"The Father and His Sons."

A Father gathered his quarrelsome sons about his bedside and showed them he could easily break a bundle

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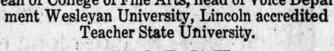
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