the Pittsburg and Washington teams to-day resulted as follows:

Pittsburg	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1—8
Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

Pitchers—Morris and O'Day. Base hits—Pittsburg 18, Washington 9. Errors—Pittsburg 3, Washington 5. Umpire—Doescher.

DETROIT, Sept. 13.—The game between the Detroit and Boston teams to-day resulted as follows:

Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Boston	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	*—2

Pitchers—Conway and Maddern. Base hits—Detroit 8, Boston 7. Errors—Detroit 1, Boston 2. Umpire—Doescher.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—The game between the Chicago and Philadelphia teams to-day resulted as follows:

Chicago	3	0	1	4	0	1	0	5	2—16
Philadelphia	3	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	1—13

Pitchers—Ryan, Baldwin and Buffington. Base hits—Chicago 23, Philadelphia 16. Errors—Chicago 13, Philadelphia 5. Umpire—Powers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 13.—The game between the New York and Indianapolis teams to-day resulted as follows:

Indianapolis	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1—7
New York	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0—4

Pitchers—Shreve and Titcomb. Base hits—Indianapolis 15, New York 9. Errors—Indianapolis 2, New York 1. Umpire—Valentine.

American Association.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 13.—The game between the Baltimore and Louisville teams to-day was postponed on account of rain.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13—The game between the Metropolitan and Cleveland teams to-day resulted as follows:

Metropolitans	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	0—9
Cleveland	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0—6

BROOKLYN, Sept. 13.—The game between the Brooklyn and Cincinnati teams to-day resulted as follows:

Brooklyn	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0—2
Cincinnati	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	*—7

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13.—The game between the Athletic and Louisville teams to-day resulted as follows:

Athletics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1
Louisville	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	*—5

Death of "Consul."

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Sept. 13.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—This morning as the chestnut stallion "Consul," a celebrated trotter owned by C. E. Mayne, of Omaha was being put over the race course in this city by his driver he collided with a roadster that had been brought out for exhibition, and about fourteen inches of one of the shafts of the roadster's buggy ran into his side between the skin and ribs, inflicting injuries from which the horse died to-night. "Consul" had no right to the track at the hour the accident occurred, 11 o'clock this morning. Racers are supposed to be off the track at 9:30 o'clock, the time set in the rules when the exhibiting of roadsters and saddle horses, etc., begins. The horse was valued at $10,000. He has a record of 2:35, but has made a mile in 2:20. He died 10 o'clock to-night.

State Fair Races.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 13.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The races at the state fair to-day proved more interesting, judging from the grand stand, though the colt race and 2:30 trot proved to be one-horse affairs. In the colt race, Nebraska breed, Nettie Zulu came out first, Rose Coglan second. Time—2:53, 2:47, 2:46.

In the 2:30 trot, purse $400, Mabel H. was first, Counselor second, Edwin Q. third. Time—2:31¼, 2:32¼, 2:30.

In the running race six horses were entered and five ran a half mile race, two best in three.

Only Dan	3	1	1
Lottie F	1	3	2
Bernice	2	5	0
Dan Wagoner	4	0	2
Pegging Awl	5	6	0
Experiment	6	4	0

Time—50, 53.

To-morrow bids fair to be the greatest day. A fine programme for running has been made which will be in promptly at 1:30 p. m. At 5 o'clock Jay-Eye-See will try and lower his record. He is in fine condition and the track in the best of shape.

The Races at Sheepshead.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY, Sept. 13.—The track was heavy to-day. Following is a summary of the races:

One mile: Favor won, Gleaner second, Mamie Hunt third. Time—1:43¾.

Three-quarter miles: Leo H. won, Omaha second, Badger third. Time—1:16.

One and one-quarter mile: Miss Ford won, Bessie June Second, Laggard third. Time—2:11.

One and three-sixteenths miles: Lelogos won, Eurus second, Ten-Strike third. Time—2:05.

One mile: Swift was first by three lengths but was disqualified for fouling with Wahoo, who was given the race with Cyclops second.

Seven-eighths mile, on turf: Belmont won, Bonnie S. second, Adrian third. Time—1:33¾.

Racing at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 13.—The fall races of the Cleveland Driving Park association opened to-day. The weather was fine and attendance large.

First race, two-year-olds: Helmet first, Gussie G second, Testus third. Time—2:44.

Second race, 2:32 class, trotting: Embassador first, Bracelet second, Lottie W third, Daisy Gardner fourth. Time—2:25.

Third race, four-year-olds: Spink first, Crescendo second, Sunrise Patcher third. Time—2:25.

Fourth race, foals of 1884: Chemis first. Time—2:44¼.

Yacht Race Declared Off.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., Sept. 13.—The first trial race between the yachts, Volunteer and Mayflower, which was to have taken place to-day to decide which should compete in the coming contest with the Scottish yacht, Thistle, has been declared off on account of their not being able to go over the course in the time allotted, being prevented by strong tides and light winds.

Omaha Gun Club Shoot.

The Omaha Gun club shoot took place yesterday afternoon on the club grounds back of Shaw & Field's warehouse. H. A. Penrose, with a score of 21, carried off the medal. It was twenty-five blue rocks, eighteen yards rise. Following is the score:

Parmelee	01111	11111	01111	10101	11011—20
Cotter	11110	00001	11010	11110	11011—16
Worley	11001	11000	11010	11001	11011—15
Kennedy	01111	01010	01011	00000	01011—12
Petty	11110	11010	11111	11010	11111—20
Penrose	11111	11111	01111	00111	10111—21
Hardin	11111	11010	01111	01101	10111—19
Robinson	00101	01101	01010	00011	11110—13
Krug	11101	10111	01111	01111	10011—19
Brewer	01100	11110	11011	11111	11101—19
Izenheimer	00011	11011	11110	11100	11111—18
Hulett	01001	01101	11100	01011	10111—15

Gun Club Meeting.

The Omaha gun club held their regular weekly meeting at Penrose & Hardin's sporting headquarters last evening. President Hughes in the chair and members Worley, Hughes, Hardin, Cotter, Kennedy, Hulett, Penrose, Brucker, Krug, Brewer and Petty in attendance.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of Treasurer Cotter received and placed on file. Also report of Secretary Worley.

The applications of John Thompson and Jacob Hetherington for membership were presented and the candidates voted in.

Mr. Cotter made a motion that two captains be appointed for the annual fall club hunt. Carried.

Out of a half dozen sets of nominations, Messrs. H. A. Penrose and John Petty were elected.

Many suggestions were made as to plans to be adopted to prevent fraud in the count of game killed by the opposing sides, and it was finally resolved to issue certificates to each hunter, to which they will be required to subscribe their names, on honor, that the game reported by them was killed by them. It seems that there was a vast deal of dissatisfaction over last fall's hunt owing to game being counted not killed by the hunters reporting the same. The hunt will probably be fixed for October 20.

Home From the Colorow War.

Mr. Clark Ellis, who has been in the mountains of Colorado on a hunting expedition, returned this morning. The hunt was only partially successful owing to the fact of the Colorow uprising, the hunting grounds being right in the center of the Indian country, the hunters dared go out only with the utmost caution.

Interesting Sport Notes.

Crows have begun to fly over in flocks of hundreds.

The Topeka team have a batting average of 189, a wonderful record.

Ben Young is winning golden opinions as a Western league umpire.

John P. Clow has opened a well appointed saloon in Duluth, Minn.

Omaha, with a winning team, would be the banner base ball town of the country.

People of South Omaha have been enjoying great sport this fall crawfishing at Pronka Lake.

Paddy Shea and Elliott Edwards, the alleged South Omaha thumpers, are on the road with a singging combination.

A party of local sporismen were at Mud lake yesterday, and two guns brought twelve teal and one big blue crane to bag.

Mike Kelley's bean eaters succeeded in liberally coating the champion Detroits yesterday with whitewash. Score 2 to 0.

Major Condon, of the Cottonwood Villa, leaves for Kansas City on the 29th, where he joins the McIntyre & Heath minstrels.

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Omaha Wheel club was held at the club rooms in the Gruenig block last evening.

Sam Usher will spend the coming winter in Florida, and intends to put much of the time in with dog and gun and line and rod.

A. H. Penrose and Dick Wertz, of the Penrose & Hardin sporting goods house, shoot in the tourney at Clarinda, Iowa, today.

Mallards are coming in at Horseshoe lake, and the shooting will be good in the sloughs thereabouts in the course of the next ten days.

The great international fight between Jack McAuliff, of Boston, and Jem Carney, of London, England, has been fixed for October 5.

Prairie chickens are coming in slowly, but are already selling as low as $2.50 per dozen. The young birds are full grown and in fine condition.

Hundreds of invitations are out for the opening of Goodley Bruckner's sample rooms, Paxton court, entrance Fifteenth street, which takes place this evening.

Fred Cunningham, the local sprint runner, left for Kansas City last night with the view of getting on a race there. If he falls he will go on to St. Louis and Cincinnati.

C. E. Cook is making a handsome hunting coat to be presented to the best fourth average made by a member of the Omaha Gun club, the average to be computed at the end of the season, about October 15.

Herb Rothery, backer of Tommy Miller, has deposited $100 forfeit in the hands of the sporting editor of the BEE, for a fight between Miller and George Siddons, of Peoria, Ill.; the fight to take place in Dakota.

McHenry Johnson, the Black Star, has returned from St. Paul. He went there to enter into an agreement for a fight with Billy Wilson, but Wilson crawfished most beautifully. He wants none of the Star.

Robert Purvis, the commission merchant on Fourteenth street, north of Farnam, received nine dozen blue wing teal from St. Paul, Iowa, yesterday. He has also handled this week over twenty dozen prairie chickens.

Five hundred blue and green wing tails were shipped into this market from Bartlett Monday and Tuesday. The birds are reported to be coming in in unusual numbers, and the prospects for good shooting from this on until the close of the season are fine.

The Topekas and Lincolns are trying to arrange for an exhibition game on the Omaha grounds for sometime next week. They are not so superior to the other clubs in the league as to make them any especial attraction. Base ball admirers here would rather see either club play the Omahas.

The coming fall shooting tournament under the management of the popular Penrose & Hardin sporting house promises to be a big thing. Letters have been received from most of the crack shots of the country signifying their intention to be here, and the exhibition will be the most interesting ever witnessed in this part of the west.

The backers of Wilbur A. Rowe, the champion bicyclist of the world, of Lynn, Mass., have sent him abroad. He sailed yesterday in the steamer Werra from New York. He is to hold himself in readiness for all comers, and the question of a contest between Rowe and Howell the English racer is thus practically settled.

The latest innovation in the bicycle line is a lamp controller. A weight placed above the axle raises the center of gravity of the lamp to the point of suspension and counterbalances its tendency to swing, thus insuring a strong, steady light while the wheel is in motion and preventing the oil from spilling out of the cup.

So far as Omaha is concerned the base ball season is nearly at an end. There are but six more games scheduled for the local grounds, three with Kansas Citys, commencing on the 28th, and three the following week with the coming champion, Topekas. The withdrawal of Wichita and Emporia beats the Omahas out of eight games that would have been played had they remained in the league.

Smith, the English pugilist, says our John L. need not worry. He will give the American all the fight he wants with the bare knuckles after he is done with Kilrain. And Sully says the moment he arrives in England he will challenge both Smith and Kilrain to fight in the same ring, and he will allow them to choose who shall fight him first. The fights must be to a finish.

John L. Sullivan has made some changes in his programme for his foreign trip. Instead of selecting an English manager he will engage an American, and for the purpose of allowing his new manager an opportunity to study the programme laid out for England Ireland, he will delay his departure from America for some time to come. It looks as if Sully was losing caste.

Questions and Answers.

Please state in the BEE'S base ball notes who is the best base runner in the Western league? C. H. MIERBAUER.

You will have to wait until the records have been completed, but our own Bader has but few superiors, if any.

Please explain in sporting columns of the morning paper how you get the percentage of the different clubs in the league? B. & M.

To decide a hit please answer the following: A bets B that a home run counts for four hits; B bets it only counts one hit, but for four bases.

It only counts for one hit in the averages.

A base runner on each base; batter knocks a grounder to short, who throws to second (one man out), forcing the man running from first out. The runner on third scores before batter is thrown out at first. Does that score count?

It does not. Rule 57, American association rules covers the point.

What class does the "Black Star" fight in, and who did he ever whip? Please answer in your sporting notes.

He fights in the heavy weight class. He whipped Woodson, the Black Diamond, George Godfrey, the Boston slugger, Billy Wilson, of St. Paul, Charley Long, of Cleveland others. The writer saw his fight with Long, which took place at Columbus, O., in April, two years ago, and it was the hardest battle fought in the country for twenty years.

Can the Topekas be beaten for the pennant?

It is possible but not probable.

Who is the best shot in Omaha? Please answer in the morning BEE. TRAP SHOT.

That's a hard question to answer. The palm probably lays between A. H. Penrose, John Petty and Frank Parmelee.

I. O. O. F. Grand Excursion.

Odd Fellows and friends intending to participate in the excursion to Denver, on the occasion of the meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of the United States, are hereby notified that a special train over the Union Pacific will leave Omaha Monday the 19th, at 10 a. m. It is expected that a majority of the Odd Fellows of Omaha, will take the occasion to do honor to the sovereign grand lodge and at the same time improve the opportunity for one of the most agreeable trips imaginable.

Large delegations from Lincoln, Fremont, Kearney and other points will join the Omaha party.

The fare is $18 for the round trip, tickets good for returning until October 21.

The committee having the matter in charge will meet at the hall, Thursday evening, to make final arrangements. Those desiring further information can call on the committee at that time.

Douglas Prohibitionists.

SOUTH OMAHA, Sept. 12, 1887.—A meeting of Douglas county prohibitionists will be held September 17 at 3 p. m. at the office of Dr. F. D. Wilson, Frenzer block, Omaha, for the purpose of ratifying nominations made by the county convention nominating committee.

H. E. GHIMM,
Chairmon Central Com.

THAT INJUNCTION CASE.

Argument on the School Board Matter Yesterday.

The argument on the injunction case of the taxpayers of Walnut Hill against the board of education was heard by Judge Neville yesterday. The principal point at issue was the right of the school board to purchase school sites without submitting the question to a vote of the electors of the citizens of the district. Mr. Doane claimed they could not do so even if they had available funds on hand, much less when they had no money as is the case at present. In support of this he produced the affidavit of Charles Connoyer, ex-secretary of the school board, showing that shortly before the last board ceased to exist there was only about six thousand dollars on hand and that had been distributed. An affidavit was also produced from City Treasurer Rush showing that up to yesterday not a cent had been received from the board. Secretary Piper, of the board, stated there were available funds, principally from licenses, etc. Mr. Doane argued that such funds could not be applied to the purchase of school funds but must be used for payment of teachers. This he supported by a decision of the supreme court and held that all purchases made so far by the board were illegal and each member was individually liable. Judge Neville reserved his decision until Monday next when the September term of court opens.

AMUSEMENTS.

COUP'S SHOW AT THE EXPOSITION HALL.

Coup, the veteran manager, has at this place of entertainment some of the most beautiful specimens of horseflesh ever seen in the arena. Not many months ago a number of them were as wild as steeds from Barbary. To-day they are docile and perform acts which evince intelligence and surprising tractability. They go to school, act as scholars, play, romp, drill, waltz and fight as artillerymen. In connection there is an excellent variety performance, introducing the celebrated Whitfield, the rapid change artist; Grice and Conrad, a pair of versatile clowns, and the Elliotts, six children whose bicycling is not alone original, but daring. The entertainment will be repeated with novelties every afternoon and evening this week.

MISS PRESCOTT.

Seats for this lady's season, which opens to-morrow night, go on sale at Boyd's to-morrow. Her first piece will be "Ingomar."

TOM KEENE.

This gentleman's re-entre to this city will be made in the Grand opera house on Thursday of next week, his engagement lasting until Saturday evening, when he will become the guest of the Omaha Elks, at the Hotel Barker, Thirteenth and Jones, where, in commemoration of his recovery, a grand social session will be given.

OLD CRONIES.

The date of the appearance of these has been changed to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

MRS. ERNSTER'S PUPILS.

Mrs. I. F. Ernster's pupils gave an entertainment last night at the Grand opera house consisting of about twenty-five vocal pieces, solos and duets, concluding with the cantata of "Angels Coming, Eva." The audience was small but appreciative and some of the performers evinced considerable talent.

THE COMING CIRCUS.

The long-looked-for advent of the John B. Doris & E. D. Colvin's Colossal Shows is near at hand, and we are authorized to state that the Great Shows will positively exhibit at Omaha on Thursday, September 21. The press throughout the entire country speaks in glowing terms of this great amusement enterprise, and, indeed, its magnitude is something to be wondered at. The show—or, properly speaking, the Great Consolidation of Shows—consists of a huge Three-Ring Circus, a Monster Menagerie, World's Museum and Elevated Theatre Stage, combined with a Colossal Roman Hippodrome, in which Roman standius and chariot racing, flat racing, steeple chasing, running racing, etc., etc., will be exhibited. There are whole tribes of Indians in the "New Wild West," who, together with frontiersmen of all kinds, scouts, cowboys, guides, hunters and trappers, will give realistic scenes of life in the Wild West surpassing anything of the kind ever seen here. Do not forget the date.

He Caught Her by the Neck.

Yesterday afternoon Constable Gilbert Blue, by virtue of an execution issued by Justice Crawford, attempted to make a levy on the property in Mathias Neu's saloon at No. 604 South Ninth street. Mrs. Neu, a strong, masculine woman, did all in her power to stop the constable. She showered upon him all the abuse of which she was capable, and finally seizing him by the arms attempted to throw him out into the street. This nettled the officer and gripping her by the throat he threatened to send for the police, whereupon she herself sent for an officer and in a few minutes Blue was astonished to find himself riding in the patrol wagon as a common prisoner, and still later locked up among thieves and bums.

Oceans of Pins.

THE MILLARD HOTEL, Sept. 13, 1887.—Editor Omaha BEE: In your paper of this morning, under the head of "The Field of Industry," you say "The eight pin companies of New England produce 6,720,000 pins annually, etc." The fact is that there about 400 machines in New England capable of producing 150 pins per minute, or 9,000 per hour, or 90,000 per day of ten hours, or 27,000,000 per year of 300 days, or 10,800,000,000 per year for the 400 machines, which, with nearly as many more machines outside of New England, will increase the capacity to at least 18,000,000,000 pins per year, or equal to one pin per day for every inhabitant of the United States, which is double the amount used. Please don't get frightened, Mr. Editor. There is no prospect of a pin famine.

A MANUFACTURER.

Distinguished Marksmen.

The greater number of the distinguished marksmen of the United States army, selected because of their skill at department and division practice, arrived in the city yesterday and were sent to the Bellevue range, where they were met by Colonel G. V. Henry. Others from the more distant departments are expected to-day. This practice of distinguished marksmen is new in the army, and the Bellevue practice will be the most important thus far held. It will be especially interesting because of the comparisons it must necessarily establish between army and civil marksmen, and there is little doubt that at the 500 and 600 yard runs there will be shown some of the finest shooting that has ever been done in this or any other country.

Another Crook in the Toils.

William Dempsey, a partner of John Jones, the thief and slugger, was arrested yesterday by Officer Dempsey for being implicated in the Southern hotel robbery last Sunday. Dempsey seems to be a catspaw for Jones, having been influenced by that smooth crook to get the keys and go through the different rooms for plunder. Two or three suits of clothes were secured and turned over to Jones, who, when arrested, was in possession of them.

Mr. Nelken Vindicated.

Mr. Joseph Nelken, No. 523 South Fourteenth street, who was arrested yesterday charged by the police with being a bogus bond sharp, was discharged at once upon hearing. Mr. Nelken demonstrated the genuineness of his bonds and his legal authority to sell the same. The gentleman was also able to produce a sufficiency of witnesses to off-set any charges against his character. His arrest was in the first place actuated by spite.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Judge McCullough:

Nathan McGraw, Omaha	30
Jennie Cronin, O'Neill City	30
William B. Ostrander, Omaha	27
Selma Anderson, Omaha	18
Joshua Robinson, Omaha	21
Emma Signor, Creston, Ia	18
Daniel E. Millus, Omaha	27
Laura Castalnette, Omaha	20
Andrew Fahy, Omaha	32
Hannah Casey, Omaha	22
Morris T. Hascall, Ogden, Utah	24
Emma Allstadt, Omaha	20
Cyrus W. Brown, Omaha	30
Bessie L. Curl, Omaha	18
Charles J. Martin, Fort Omaha	29
Louisa M. Lanyer, Fort Omaha	21

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. J. L. Trobee, of Elwood, Neb., is at the Millard.

Miss Rose A. Brady has returned from a six weeks visit in Kansas City.

William A. Paxton returned from Ogalalla, Neb., yesterday.

Fred Nye and Judge Helsley leave today for Chicago and the east on a recreative trip.

George Mercer, son of Doctor Mercer, has gone to Peekskill, N. Y., to attend the military school there.

Colonel Robert W. Hall, inspector general of the Department of the Platte, U. S. A., has returned from his tour of inspection, upon which he started the 1st of July last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tiemann and Mr. H. N. Tiemann, of New York; Thomas Fitzgerald and wife, of Lincoln, Neb.; Mr. F. B. Daggy, of York, Neb.; Captain H. E. Palmer and family, of Plattsmouth, and Mr. C. G. Dorsey and daughters, of Beatrice, were at the Paxton yesterday.

Brevities.

Claus Spreckles, the well known California sugar king, passed eastward from San Francisco yesterday.

The case of the parties engaged in the recent prize fight has had another continuance, the time of the trial being fixed for Thursday, the 15th, at 2 p. m. All the defendants were released on their own recognizance.

While Jack Hoff was asleep in the California house yesterday afternoon, a soldier, named W. Gannon, robbed him of $10. About an hour later the warrior was captured in a saloon by officer Godola.

On next Thursday, the charge of burying the county dead will be entrusted to John Mahoney, now superintendent of the county farm. Mr. Mahoney says that the new system, recently devised by the commissioners will result in the saving of about $2,000 per year.

Several Germans of the city are arranging a benefit for Louis Mierendorff, a worthy old German who is well known here, and who has been sick for a long time. His family has also been ill for a long period. The affair will consist of a concert, and take place at Germania hall. Mrs. Lindermann, Mrs. Puls, Ohl, and several prominent German actors and singers will take part.

The liver and kidneys must be kept in good condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a great remedy for regulating these organs.

A HERMIT'S STORY.

The Strange Quarters Sought by a New Yorker Who Wished to be Let Alone.

A Newark, N. J., letter says: Just on the outskirts of the little town of Arlington are the old copper mines. At one time they contributed much to the income of many of the old and wealthy families of this city. For years, however, they have not been worked, and they are now occasionally visited only through curiosity. Entrance to the mines is gained at a secluded spot in the side of a bluff which overlooks the Arlington cemetery and a stretch of meadows reaching almost as far as Snake hill.

George Oliver, a prominent contractor of Arlington, had occasion to visit the cemetery the other day, and when about to leave had his attention attracted to a man of odd appearance, who seemed to be wending his way toward the entrance of the mines. The actions of the strange individual and his peculiar looks aroused Mr. Oliver's curiosity, and he started after the stranger for the purpose of finding out who he was. When he had come within about twenty-five feet of the man, the noise of the cracking of some branches was evidently heard by the stranger, for he turned around, and, upon seeing Mr. Oliver, gave an exclamation of surprise, and immediately darted into the mouth of the mine and out of sight as suddenly as if the earth had opened and swallowed him. Mr. Oliver was at a loss to account for the actions of the man. He, however, made up his mind to follow into the mine.

He entered the opening in the rock, but had not gone far when he came to the conclusion that it would be useless for him to attempt a search under the ground without the aid of a lantern, and that, as the mine is infested with snakes, it would also be a dangerous undertaking. That night, with a party of friends, Oliver returned to the mines. Before entering the they talked the matter over and concluded to stop in the mines until they had found the object of their search. They had not gone far when they discovered that there were openings diverging in all directions, and that the constant drip of water from the overhanging rocks was almost like a heavy rain. Another thing which added to their discomfort was the large numbers of snakes that almost at every step were disturbed from their sleep by the intruders stepping upon the loose stones under which they were lying. The snakes hissed and squirmed about in a frightful manner, and it was only by the constant use of clubs that they could be kept away. As Mr. Oliver and one of his party proceeded the mine grew smaller, and they could walk only in a posture.

After they had walked about for sometime vainly seeking an outlet, Mr. Oliver noticed a spark of light at what seemed to be a long distance off, and which appeared and disappeared at intervals. The nearer they came to the light the steadier it seemed to grow. When within a few feet of it they stopped suddenly in surprise. They found that the light came from a pot of some kind of grease into which had been thrown a lighted rag. The pot sat upon a stone raised one foot from the floor of the mine. That portion of the mine was about fifteen feet in circumference and considerably higher than any of the other passages. The floor was level and free from any loose stones and perfectly dry.

While they stood there they were startled by hearing a voice demanding what they meant by their intrusion. Raising their lanterns to get more light they saw a man who appeared to be about thirty-eight years old. His hair and beard were very long. He was of medium height and compactly built. The visitors inquired the cause of his presence in that isolated quarter, and he at first positively declined to give any information. After a great deal of persuasion he finally concluded to talk, but emphatically refused to give his name. He then told the following strange story:

"Four years ago I lived in New York, on Thirty-seventh street. I was employed in a plumbing establishment. I worked steadily and earned good wages and lived very comfortably. About eight months before this time I had married the daughter of a boss bricklayer. She was a lovely girl, and I adored her. We started in married life with everything that could be desired. I did not refuse her the slightest wish, and surrounded her with all she desired. We had every prospect of happiness and I believe that she was perfectly satisfied for a time. But at last—well, to make a long story short, I found that she was untrue to me. I wandered around New York for a few days in a state bordering on insanity. In my wanderings I got into Jersey, and one day reached the cemetery below here. I went into the intention of ending my life. However, I changed my mind, and after leaving the cemetery I came upon these mines. Without any object in view I entered. I reached this place and from an air-shaft a little to the right could discern the surroundings. I sat down and for the first time in four days I began to think. When I arose from that spot there I had determined what to do—live away from the world forever.

"I went back to New York, called upon the only friend I claim in the world, confided to him my terrible misfortune and my firm resolution to bury myself alive away from everyone. I exacted a pledge of secrecy from him, and to this day no one but he has any idea of what has become of me.

"The story of my wife's infidelity got abroad, and many are under the impression that I committed suicide long ago. How do I live? Well, I live as well as I want to. Under cover of night I meet my friend once a week. The few things I need he brings me. For a long while it was a terrible strain for me to live in this place, but I have now become accustomed to it, and under no circumstances would I again return to the world. I have fixed this part of the mine up for my quarters. What cooking I do is done under the air-shaft, and always at night, so that the smoke will not attract attention. During the day I get enough light from the shaft to enable me to read. You are the first person I have seen since my four years' residence here, and I don't think that any others will ever find this quarter of the mines unless it is through accident. I am thoroughly acquainted with nearly all the passage-ways, and as they extend for miles underground I will have no difficulty in keeping out of the way of intruders and curiosity seekers. No, I am not afraid of the snakes. They have become used to my presence here and never bother me. In this part of the mine there are none. Do I know where my wife is? No, nor do I care."

He then piloted the strangers out of the mine and bade them good night.

AZTEC RUINS.

Interesting Descriptions of the Dwellings of a Lost Race.

St. Louis Republican: Rev. Dr. William Porteut was met by a reporter of the Republican yesterday and questioned concerning his New Mexican jaunt amid the Aztec ruins. Said the doctor: "From a point some fifty miles south of Durango, N. M., down the valley of the Animas river, for fifteen miles or more, run after ruin appears. I examined two ruins in particular very carefully. The larger one was 400 feet long and about 150 feet wide. It contained as nearly as I could estimate, about 500 rooms. This ruin was four stories high, each story being ten feet in height. The walls are of massive impure porphyry, three feet in thickness, and laid with a mortar resembling red clay. The rooms varied in size from six by eight to twenty and thirty feet. Only a few of them were plastered, and the most of them presented a rough, unfinished appearance. They were entered by doors about three and a half and four feet in height and of the ordinary width. The jambs gave evidence of being driven in with stone hammers. The sills were of huge round logs of white cedar of a variety not found anywhere in that vicinity at the present time. All the woodwork used in the construction of the ruins was of this white cedar. They had no implements of steel, nor saws, nor planes of any kind. All of a quadrangular shape fronted to the south, with a court yard in front, from which fact I judged the ancient inhabitants were sun worshippers. On the northeast corner of each large ruin were immense circular rooms, twenty feet in diameter, which I supposed were either used for council rooms or for religious services.

"Now, let me try and give you an idea of their flooring. They put in a large sill of white, unhewn cedar. All their timbers were round, as they made no attempt to dress it with their rude stone axes, and across this beam, sometimes eighteen inches in diameter and at right angles, they placed cedar poles, about the thickness of an ordinary turning pole and extending the width of the room in groups of three each. On these primitive rafters they placed a layer of split cedar, followed by a matting of cedar bark, corn husks, or a species of rush, somewhat resembling our cat-tails. The floor was considered complete after a quantity of earth had been trodden down over the complex undercrust. After the ground floor had been completed in this manner, the Aztec builder proceeded to lay his wall on the outside, but slanting gradually on the inside in such a manner as to cause a projecting ledge and an increased thickness at the top of the story, thus affording room for the beams of the next floor. The second ruin was of coarser material, and was also 400 feet in length by 100 in width, with a space of 175 yards between it and the larger pile. Its court yard was 60x100 feet, and contained a large cistern. I believe I forgot to mention before that all the court yards were supplied with cisterns hewn out of solid rock. There was a large circular space between the two ruins I am describing. In fact, the valley was filled with round ruins varying in dimensions for a distance of fifteen miles or more to the junction of the Animas and San Juan rivers. Now, young man, if I were an architect I might give you all this in a more concise form, but you will have to receive it from a man who made good use of eyes, ears and tongue, and who was not "stooping to conquer."

"The Aztec certainly had no objections to something akin to Egyptian darkness, for their rooms had no windows, save two little square port holes, and there were no doors on the inside opening from room to room. Many rooms are sealed up, but for what reason must remain a matter of conjecture. Another peculiarity of each large ruin was that the southwest corners were built of much better material than the remainder of the structure, and they were in a far better state of preservation. Considerable vandalism is going on there, and the ruins are pulled down without regard to their archeological interest. I don't see why the government should not protect the structures equally as much as the Yellowstone park, for they certainly possess inestimable treasures for the explorer and scientist. A short distance from the two large ruins stands a bold, precipitous bluff. On its summit, overlooking them, are the ruins of a circular fort, 1,000 feet in circumference. Vestiges of the gateway and a paved road forty feet wide, leading down to the lower ruins, are still discernible there. Other parts of the fortifications connect with the ruins by a succession of terraces down the rocky sides of the bluff. A magnificent view of the whole region may be obtained from it. A large hollow clothed in the freshest verdure suggests a fountain in ages past."

"Where did those people come from?"

"Now you are asking me something which has puzzled our greatest scientists. My own theory is that the cliff or cave dwellers came first and the Aztecs next. There is evidence of a warfare having been waged between a small and a large people, as is evinced by the great number of small arrows which have been picked up and a few large ones. Take the oldest inhabitants among the Indian tribes, and he will tell you that when his people came into possession of that country the ruins were there.

"Indian tradition as a general thing is very unreliable, but everything goes to show that the people who inhabited those ruins lived in a period far earlier than the ancient records of the old world. The Indians say a number of tribes came into this citadel annually to pay tribute, and in the athletic sports which followed the quarrel took place which led to the war, no account of which has come down to us.

"Here now," continued the doctor, "is a corncob and a husk, in perfect preservation, which I found in one of the sealed rooms. My wife intimated that these rooms may have been closed on account of small-pox after the custom of certain Indian tribes of this day, and suggested that my treasures undergo a process of purification, but I would not hear to it. Here are my other relics," displaying a strip of cedar, some cedar bark, a small round stake, also of cedar, a stone axe and a club, or flat stone, used in rubbing the maize into the course meal which served the Aztec as his staff of life. "The only solution of the mystery surrounding the origin of this strange people may be expressed in the Mexican steryotyped query, 'Quien sabe?'"

The State of Affairs in Honolulu.

Correspondence San Francisco Chronicle: As the king signed the new constitution to keep his place there was nothing left for Colonel Ashford to do in furtherance of his schemes, but to keep up the excitement and scare. This was done by the persistent circulation of false rumors regarding the king among the natives at the Palace, the issuance of inflammatory circulars by Gibson to incite the Kanakas on the other islands to rebel and similar stories. So menacing did affairs become under these rumors that Mr. Merrill, United States minister resident, and Major Wodehouse, British commissioner, went to the Palace to satisfy themselves, of their truth or falsity. They found Kalakaua in his shirt sleeves writing a letter to his wife, not dreaming of the martial snorting and blowing on the streets.

"We have no government," said a foreign representative the other day, referring to the influence and authority over ministers exercised by the committee of thirteen and their demand to make colonel Ashford equivalent to a military dictator. "The league," he continued, "or the council of thirteen, which acts for it, is the real power in the country. It is irresponsible and therefore a constant element of danger. There is no pretext for the existence of the league now. It fulfilled its functions when it secured the reforms demanded by the public meeting, and should then have been dissolved. Its continued existence is an embarrassment to the ministry and a continued source of anxiety to my colleagues and myself." This opinion is shared by judges and other influential citizens, but the vigilance committee still continues its organization, dictating appointments and removals, and will not dissolve unless compelled to do so by a fearless administration, under terror of the code, which makes membership in unlicensed secret societies a penal offense.

The Honolulu papers dare not publish even the current history of passing events, for fear of a boycott by the league, the consequence of which is that residents on the other islands really have no adequate knowledge of what has transpired here since the flight of Gibson.

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