NO NEW LIBRARIAN YET

Election Which Was to Be Held a Month Ago Again Deferred.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS WANT MORE TIME

Repeated Postponements of the Selection of Librarian Insisted On While the Present Incumbent Draws Pay Without Working.

By a tie vote last night the library board refused to proceed to the election of a librarian. There were present Messrs. Reed, Sudborough, Knox, Chase, Rosewater and Mrs. McIntosh. The vote on the motion was: Ayes, Chase, Rosewater and Mrs. McIntosh; nays, Knox, Haller and Sudborough—a tie, on which President Reed declared it lost.

The election of a librarian of the Omaha public library should have taken place, according to the by-laws of the board, a month ago, at the July meeting, when the other officers of the board were chosen. At that time, although it had been known for months that the librarian, Miss Jessie Allan, was physically unable to attend to the duties of her office and was practically unavailable as a candidate for re-election, all but one or two of the board professed to be unprepared to take action looking toward the selection of a successor and asked for time to inform themselves as to possible applicants. An effort was made to have an adjourned meeting held on August 18, two weeks later, for the special purpose of proceeding with the election, but at the urgency of certain members it was deferred one week longer.

At the meeting held August 24 all members were present except Mrs. Hull, who has a leave of absence. A communication was received from Miss Allan, stating that she recognized the fact that the condition of her health precluded her from being considered for re-election, and that when her successor should be elected and ready to qualify her resignation would be at hand for the board. Applications for the position had been received from Charles F. Catlin and Dr. Richard Stebbins of Omaha and Miss M. E. Ahern of Indianapolis. Strong endorsements were also ready urging the promotion of Miss Margaret O'Brien, present assistant librarian. A number of other available candidates experienced in other libraries were also mentioned, and one of the library directors who had attended the meeting of the American Library association at Denver reported the results of his consultation with leading librarians of the country, who were present there. The three weeks that had elapsed since the meeting when the election of librarian should have taken place, however, did not seem to have been long enough for a majority of the members to inform themselves of the situation. Although a protest was made that the library was suffering from the lack of a head with a librarian's authority and that these dilatory proceedings were reacting to the detriment of the public service, the majority of the board preferred to delay action one week until the regular meeting, the secretary being instructed in the interval to secure additional information concerning certain candidates.

Another application for the librarianship was received last night, Robert B. Peattie being the applicant. The secretary reported the replies he had elicited to his inquiries, but still the majority members of the board asserted that they were unprepared to vote. In order to give them further time, an adjournment was taken for one week to September 7, when it is expected that the election of librarian, that should have taken place on July 27, will be held.

The board, with one dissenting voice, voted the salary of $150 for the month of August to Miss Allan, although she has not been able to come to the library but three or four times since the ten days' leave of absence granted her the end of June, and had not been performing the duties of librarian at all during the month of August.

Besides passing the regular pay roll and other bills, the application of Mrs. Mary Allan Bock was received for the position of assistant librarian, backed by a petition with a formidable array of business men's names. A resolution was adopted ordering the library closed on Friday of this week on account of Jubilee day. President Reed also announced the committees for the ensuing year as follows: Executive, Wallace, Haller, Chase; books, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Hull, Knox, Rosewater; judiciary, Sudborough, Wallace.

THEY FOUGHT OVER HARRY.

Jealousy Causes Violent Combat Between Two Women.

There was a hot fight on the corner of Fifteenth street and Capitol avenue last evening at 6 o'clock, but on account of the mediation of some bystanders and a policeman it did not come to a finish. The combatants were two women, "Sergeant" Annie Smith, with a dozen aliases, and Sadie Everett, and both came out of the mill pretty much the worse for wear, the former having a goodly portion of her clothes torn off her body, while the other had a disfigured face, a broken parasol and was minus a tooth.

The trouble was over a man, Harry Hurst, whom the Smith woman claims as a lover. Of late the woman had suspected that Sadie Everett had been trying to win Hurst's affections, and when she saw the two talking together last evening she came to the conclusion that her suspicions were well grounded. Consequently, when Everett left Hurst a few minutes later and walked up the street Smith stopped her and wanted to know what she had said to Hurst. It took only a few moments of heated conversation to bring them to the fighting point, and both went at it. It was no hair-pulling contest, but each struck hard blows with fists and feet. Several attempts were made at separating them before they were finally torn apart. Both were arrested.

KEEPING THE PRIESTS AWAKE.

Bishop Bonacum Stirs Up Some of His Subordinates.

After two months of profound calm the Roman Catholic see of Lincoln is again stirred by an episcopal breeze. In the latter part of June Bishop Bonacum issued an order suspending and deposing Fathers Fitzgerald and Murphy, stationed at South Auburn and Tecumseh respectively, the order to take effect July 15. This was a document of much significance, inasmuch as Bishop Bonacum stated that his acts were subject to the approval of the college of the propaganda in Rome. For some unknown reason the order of deposition was not enforced. It is said to have been annulled by Mgr. Satolli, the apostolic delegate, without waiting for the consent of the propaganda. The priests continued peacefully in the performance of their duties until last Friday, when an episcopal messenger attempted to serve on them a citation to appear for trial before the bishop. The priests refused to receive the document, and the messenger departed without accomplishing his object. The priests say they will not stand trial on any charges based on their conduct in filing charges against the bishop, as canon law forbids the renewal of cases already decided.

Fathers Murphy and Fitzgerald recently received autograph letters from Mgr. Satolli, assuring them of his friendship.

Drivers Are Obstinately Slow.

Now that the South Omaha car line has commenced running over the Sixteenth street viaduct again there is a call for police protection at that point. Drivers of wagons are in the habit of getting on the bridge in advance of the motor and then taking their time to cross, knowing that the motor will not run into them. This morning as the South Omaha train was going south, loaded with stockmen on their way to the yards, a driver got in advance of the motor and held his horse in, just allowing him to move and refusing to drive over on the other track. There was a long and loud kick on the part of the passengers, but it did no good.

Wedding Postponed by an Accident.

Hans Nelson, janitor at the McCague bank building, and Miss Lillie Larsen were to have been married yesterday, but the wedding has been postponed. Miss Larsen called at the bank building yesterday afternoon to consult her affianced about the wedding arrangements. In leaving the building she fell on the stairway and sustained serious injuries. Her right hip was fractured and her arm and side badly bruised. She was removed to her home and medical attendance summoned.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

Some of the members of the Taxpayers' league have clubbed together and employed an attorney to fight the granting of the city printing to the Tribune. When bids for printing were advertised for, three bids were opened by Mullaly, chairman of the committee on printing. The Tribune bid 25 cents per square; the Stockman, 12½ cents, and the Drovers' Journal, 6½ cents for the first insertion and 5 cents per square for each subsequent insertion. In face of the fact that the Drovers' Journal was the lowest bidder Mullaly moved that the Tribune be declared the official paper of the city. Bulla, who was in the chair, put the motion and Councilmen Mullaly, Franek, Mies and Bulla voted aye, and Blanchard and Hyland no. As it takes five votes to enter into a contract the motion of the Fourth ward councilman was lost.

Interest in the matter has not slackened and the attorney for the taxpayers is ready for any move the council may make tending to rob the taxpayers by paying exhorbitant prices for printing.

Here is the law, passed by the last legislature which the taxpayers base their faith upon:

No newspaper shall be considered a legal newspaper for the publication of legal and other official notices unless the same shall have a bona fide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and shall have been published within the county for fifty-two successive weeks prior to the publication of such notices, and be printed either in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication.

Every one in town knows that the Tribune has not been running for fifty-two successive weeks. If in the face of this law the members of the city council award it the contract the taxpayers will get out an injunction preventing that body from entering into a contract with the Tribune company.

However, it is doubtful if any such measures will have to be taken for it is whispered among the "big six" that should the Tribune get the necessary five votes when the matter is again brought up the mayor will veto the bill, and then it will take six members of the council to pass an ordinance or contract over the veto. Mayor Johnston is too much of a politician to let a steal like the one contemplated slip through, especially as he was elected to his present position on a reform platform. The council will meet next Thursday night.

At the Churches Today.

At the First Methodist church, corner of Twenty-third and N streets, Sunday school will be held at 9:30 a. m., preaching at 10:30 a. m.; class meeting at noon, led by S. W. Bilyeu; Epworth league meeting at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Wheeler will preach this morning at the First Presbyterian church on "What Hast Thou in Thy House?" The evening topic will be "Take Heed How You Build."

Rev. J. P. Ross will preach this morning at the United Presbyterian church on "The Basis of Blessedness," and in the evening on "Strength."

This afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association meeting in Masonic hall George F. Gilmore of Omaha will speak on "The Lord's Coming and Its Meaning to Saint and Sinner."

Magic City Gossip.

The banks and city offices will be closed tomorrow.

Local talent will produce "Mein Leopold" at Sanger hall this evening.

Danish Brotherhood No. 78 will picnic today at Franeck's park, Twentieth and R streets.

A musicale will be given by the Mission band at the United Presbyterian church Monday evening.

Miss Alma Calkins returned yesterday from a two months' visit with friends in eastern Iowa and Illinois.

All of the janitors of the public schools will report to Paul McAuley at the High school building Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Fire Chief Burke of the Omaha Packing company is able to be out again after a months' confinement at St. Joseph's hospital.

E. M. Sutherland, a commission man doing business on North Twenty-fourth street, left for Chicago last evening for a three week's stay.

St. Agnes' school, which is conducted under the direction of the Sisters of Providence, will open September 3. This is the sixth year of this school.

The Home Missionary society will give a tea at the residence of Mrs. H. Denis, Twenty-second and J streets, next Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Roberts of Lincoln will talk on missionary work.

The "Oriental entertainment," which was to have been given at the First Methodist church last Friday evening, but was postponed on account of the storm, will be given at the church tomorrow evening.

The month of July was a big one as far as receipts of cattle at the stock yards were concerned. Over 78,000 head of cattle were received. Some were sent to the packing houses, but the majority were feeders and were purchased by Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri farmers. A heavy run of stock from the ranges is looked for this month.

Yesterday afternoon the police arrested L. R. Collins, a peddler, on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury. Collins and a colored man named Patten had a dispute over the price of a couple of melons. Patten struck Collins with a club and then Collins drew a pocket knife and thrust the blade into Patten's right shoulder, inflicting a slight flesh wound.

Yesterday morning while a train load of Wyoming cattle was being unloaded at the yards a steer broke through the gate and escaped. The stock yards people sent five men out on horseback to capture the animal, but up to dark last night they had not succeeded. Trace of the steer was found just west of Albright, and it is supposed that it is in a field of corn.

Compliments Mr. Benedict.

The current number of the Arena in a lengthy article covering many pages pays a high compliment to Hon. Emerson Benedict of Omaha, one of the Douglas county members of the last legislature. The complimentary article is called out by the work performed by Representative Benedict in securing the passage of the age of consent bill. The manner in which the well known Omaha citizen championed the reform embodied in the bill promises to give him a national reputation. With the article appears a well executed portrait of the subject of the sketch. Smaller portraits of Dr. M. O. Ricketts and Representative McNitt of Webster county are also given.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A marriage license has been issued to Egede Christensen and Abelone Paulson.

The postoffice will be open tomorrow only from 8 to 10:30 a. m. Carrier delivery will be made only in the morning.

The management of the Democrat contest work of Omaha announces a gold medal contest of young people on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, corner Forty-first and Charles streets.

United States Marshal White received photographs yesterday of the two men, Hans and Knute Knuteson, who held up the Union Pacific train at Gothenburg. The pictures were taken at North Platte and show two ordinary looking farmer boys.

Delegates to the democratic state convention, to be held at Lincoln, September 5, have been notified that all railroads entering Lincoln have granted a one and one-third fare round trip rate. The secretary of the committee must sign all certificates.

Information has just been received here of the death of Mrs. Len Koen of Cottonwood, Idaho. Mrs. Koen was formerly Miss Nellie Foster of this city. She removed to the former place shortly after her marriage and resided there until the time of her death, which occurred August 18.

Hugh Murphy has agreed to furnish the Board of Public Works with a sample of the asphalt which he proposes to lay on Sherman avenue. The board will submit the sample to a chemist for analysis. If the services of a satisfactory chemist cannot be secured in Omaha the sample will be sent to Washington and submitted to the government experts.

The old folks' contest, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance union, given so acceptably last Thursday, has been recalled for a second hearing, this time at South Omaha, under the management of the Women's Christian Temperance union of that city. It will be held on Tuesday evening, September 3, at 8 o'clock sharp, in the Presbyterian church, corner of I and Twenty-fifth streets.

URGING OMAHA TO BE THERE

Jubilee Day Committee Scatters Invitations and Programs.

PLANS FOR THE OCCASION PERFECTED

City Will Take a Holiday to Show How Big a Crowd the State Fair Grounds Will Hold.

Yesterday final arrangements were made for the celebration of Omaha Jubilee day at the new state fair grounds September 6.

At 9:30 a. m. the program will be opened with band music, prayer, the song "America" by the Omaha Elks quartet and audience, address by Z. T. Lindsey, president of the Omaha Fair and Speed association, Senator Thurston and Hon. Charles F. Manderson.

At 10:30 the bicycle races will be run. There will be nine events and the list is:

One mile, novice, three prizes; quarter mile, open, class A, one prize; half mile, open, class B, one prize; half mile, 1:20, class A, one prize; one mile, messenger boys, two prizes; third mile, open, class A, one prize; one mile, tandem, two prizes; one mile, open, class B, two prizes; two mile handicap, class A, three prizes.

This will be the cycle event of the year. There will be 200 contestants—thirty crack riders from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, besides best local talent. Among the prizes hung up are two high grade bicycles.

During the noon hour will be a band concert and grand barbecue.

Beginning at 1:30, the gatling gun section of the Omaha Guards will give an exhibition drill, which will be a thrilling and realistic representation of an engagement between a group of sharpshooters and a gatling gun detachment. It is an exact reproduction of the performance given recently at the national prize drill in Memphis before an audience of 30,000 persons.

Following this will be a drill by the Thurston Rifles.

Then will come the horse races, the program being:

Pace or trot, free-for-all: A. Thompson, Arno; John Tremaine, Holstein; C. Briggs, Bell Boy; W. A. Paxton, Kitty Clyde; W. A. Paxton, Phenom; O. W. Pickard, Red Star; George Jackson, Shiftless; E. A. Cudahy, Pride; Al Patrick, Gold Age.

2:30 pace: A. Thompson, Bannock Burn; W. J. Hughes, Oklahoma; J. J. Purcupile, White Stockings; F. Rocco, Dick; Scott Robinson, Elda Snodgrass; W. M. Pritchard, Azell and Ben.

2:30 trot: R. Kenneth, Lady Helen; Dr. Christie, Doc; J. A. Doe, Morapan; Dudley Smith, Brilliant Chief; At Patrick, Dictionary; G. W. Metcalf, Sprague.

2:50 trot or pace: Z. H. Clark, Greyfrank; F. M. Philips, Flaxtail; Fred Gudgeon, Wolde Tone; C. T. Smith, Ned; H. E. McCormick, Fall Mall; T. D. Dakin, Bell; C. E. Morrill, Mollie M; D. N. Lewis, Canary Bird; C. E. Van Court, Possum.

The rough riding is to take place between heats in the time races, and in this 300 bronchos and their riders will appear. There will be several pole teams matched against each other. Hughes' "Oklahoma" and Thompson's "Arno," the well known Omaha pacers, will be matched against William Pritchard's fine team. Markel's fine bays will be matched against Johnson's trotters. McCaffrey's fine team will go against Dadisman's high steppers.

A program of the events of the day has been printed and 25,000 copies will in the next few days be scattered over the state.

Mr. Henry Estabrook will preside at the opening ceremonies.

The following circular letter has been addressed to the business and professional men of the city:

"The men who built the Nebraska state fair" have designated Friday, September 6, as "Omaha Jubilee day," on which occasion they want to show the result of their labors to all the people.

It is desired to make this a day of general rejoicing at the successful completion of the fair grounds and buildings, and to that end to secure a grand outpouring of all classes of citizens.

The committee in charge has arranged an elaborate and varied program, but in addition thereto the large grounds will afford ample room for churches, Sunday schools, picnic parties, families, athletic clubs, gymnastic societies, etc., to engage in such games and amusements as suit their fancy.

We bespeak and confidently expect your earnest and active support in this enterprise, the sole object of which is the upbuilding of Omaha.

ALFRED MILLARD,
THOMAS SWOBE,
W. N. BABCOCK,
C. C. GEORGE,
J. S. KNOX,
J. A. McSHORTER,
G. H. PAYNE,
C. E. SKIDMORE,
WILLIAM PRICHARD,
J. E. UTT.

A meeting of business men of the city was held last evening at the Commercial club. A number of petitions, which are being circulated among the business houses of the city for signatures of those agreeing to close on Jubilee day, were handed about. In the short space of several hours over seventy-five of the leading business houses agreed to close. The county offices will be closed, and those of the city, so that all will probably have a chance to participate in the festivities of the day.

The Union Pacific will run two special trains from Council Bluffs through South Omaha to the fair grounds. These will leave the depot at Ninth and Broadway street at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. Trains from Omaha will be run by the Missouri Pacific almost every hour.

TO FILL THE ROYAL BOX.

Maids of Honor and Court Ladies for Ak-Sar-Ben Ball.

For the ball of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben two maids of honor will be chosen from Nebraska City, two from Lincoln, one each from Kearney, Grand Island, Fremont, Beatrice and Hastings, two from Council Bluffs and fifteen from Omaha. One lady of the court will come from Lincoln, one from Council Bluffs, and fifteen from Omaha. Omaha will also have fifteen grand dames.

The maids of honor will sit in the royal box. When the knights return from the parade they will enter the Coliseum, headed by the Second Infantry and First Regiment bands. After evolutions they will halt in front of the royal box, when the king will summon a page, who will take from him a wreath of roses and present it to the lady chosen as queen. This will be the first public intimation of the identity of the queen. She will bow to the king, and, unmasking, will deliver to the page a bottle of champagne, which, on receiving, the king will unmask and drink to her and to the guests. He will then enter the box and place on the queen's brow a golden coronet. The ball will follow.

Tomorrow night the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben will meet for the first time in the Coliseum, where initiation, with a number of novel features, will be had. A meeting will be held Friday night for initiation.

One week from tomorrow night a dress rehearsal will be had and positions on floats will be assigned.

Glad the Officers Are There.

The commission men doing business at Howard and Eleventh streets expressed themselves as well pleased that the city had at last detailed an officer for that locality during the morning hours. They want him instructed to keep drays and heavy wagons off the portions of streets set aside for a market. Every driver of a dray wagon who has to pass anywhere near the corner of Howard and Eleventh streets makes it a point to drive around that way. The result is that accidents are numerous and no small amount of damage is done. A good many of the drivers of the heavy dray wagons have a supreme contempt for a common fruit huckster with his light wagon and one horse and seem to take pleasure in running against him as they stand with their wagons backed against the curb. As the hucksters and gardeners are poor men they cannot afford the time or the money to follow up the draymen and compel them to pay damages.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

HATCHET AND KNIFE AFTER HIM.

Fred Compton's Fast Run to Escape Intoxicated Enemies.

People in the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth and Pierce streets were considerably excited last night over the spectacle of a man running as fast as his legs could carry him, with two men after him, one armed with a knife a foot long and the other with a hatchet, and both apparently straining every nerve to catch him. The shirt of the fleeing man was almost torn off his back, while the heads of both pursuers were dripping with blood. They ran into a yard whose occupant interfered, and what threatened for a while to be a tragedy ended in nothing.

The man who ran so hard is Fred Compton, and he lives near Twenty-fourth street and Poppleton avenue. He says that last night two young fellows, Jesse Sawyer and John Haze, with whom he has had trouble, came to his house in an intoxicated condition. They entered and immediately fell upon him and would have killed him had he not fled. He exhibited bruises on his body and his torn clothing and said that his two assailants were uninjured, but spectators say that their hands and faces were marked with blood.

As soon as Compton started to run his assailants picked up a knife and hatchet and went after him. Compton ran into a yard across the alley and closed the gate after him. At this moment the occupant of the premises appeared on the scene and prevented the two pursuers from entering. They left, and when a policeman arrived on the ground they could not be found.

WENT WITH ANOTHER WOMAN.

This is the Story Mrs. Hartman Tells of Her Husband.

Mrs. Hartman and her six small children were sent to the county commissioners by the police Friday. A telegram was received from the marshal of Clarinda stating that the woman's husband was a farm hand and unable to do anything for his wife and family.

The sight of the woman trying to solace the little half-dressed children was a pathetic one, as they stood around in their cramped quarters at the city jail. The only statement that the woman will volunteer is that her husband was a well-to-do farmer two years ago, having property in central Nebraska. While there he became infatuated with a school teacher, neglected his wife and ignored his children. After everything was gone he moved with them to Clarinda. He furnished her with transportation, bade her goodby at the depot and told her to hustle for herself and family.

Mrs. Hartman was given transportation for herself and six children to Blue Springs, Neb., her old home. There is not a particle of doubt in the minds of the police that the woman is demented. She has not been outside of the station since her arrival Thursday morning. To Police Matron Cummings she said in a rambling way, when asked to give some account of herself:

"I received a letter from Blue Springs this morning and they are all well, but the house is burned down, but it will be builded before evening and then we will all move in."

Not another thing could be elicited from her and no amount of questioning brought out any new facts about the story of her presence here.

OPPOSE REORGANIZATION PLAN.

Attitude of Common Stockholders in Navigation Company.

"It is understood," said a local railroad man yesterday, "that large interests in the common stock of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, being dissatisfied with the proposed plan of reorganization, have recently been in conference and that proceedings to set aside the decree of sale are contemplated. These stockholders claim that the assessment of $5 a share, as proposed in the plan, would, with the moneys in the hands of the receivers, provide a sum more than sufficient to pay the arrearages of interest. These interests claim that they see no reason why they should pay this assessment, and at the same time part with the control of their property, in view of the fact that under the plan of reorganization the preferred shareholders are to control ten seats in the board of directors as against five seats for the common shareholders. Very severe criticism is indulged in on the score that the plan, as promulgated, contains no statement of the results of the operations of the road during the period of the receivership, nor any estimate as to the safe earning capacity of the line, matters of detail which they claim are invariably set forth in plans of reorganization."

Suspected of Robbing Bower.

C. S. Johnson was arrested last night by Detectives Dunn and Donahue. The warrant for his arrest was issued last February, when Johnson left the city.

Johnson, it is alleged, was one of three men who last winter robbed an old man named Sylvester Bower, who lived on Ponca creek, about ten miles north of the city. The robbers found that Bower had a quantity of money concealed about his house, and one night they entered the place and made a demand on him for the money. He refused to give it to them, and they roasted his bare feet before a fire until he weakened. He gave up $148 to the robbers and they left.

The matter was at once reported and warrants issued for the arrest of the men as Bower recognized them. Dean, son-in-law of Bower, was arrested, but he proved an alibi and was released. The other men left the country. Johnson was found in the city last night. During the Burlington strike in 1889 Johnson worked as a "scab" and assaulted one of the strikers. He was convicted of assault with intent to kill and was sent to the penitentiary for two years.

Teachers' Training School.

Applicants for admission to the Teachers' Training school will please present themselves at the Mason school Tuesday, September 3, at 9 o'clock.

GRACE B. SUDBOROUGH,
Principal.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burke of Maxwell are at the Merchants.

Judge Samuel Chapman, Plattsmouth, was in the city last evening.

Judge Ferguson has returned from his vacation in northern Wisconsin.

Charles H. Anderson, an insurance man of Hannibal, Mo., is registered at the Millard.

Mrs. Hughes, wife of Captain Hughes of Fort Robinson, was a Paxton guest yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Meldrum were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fitt for a few days last week.

Receiver S. H. H. Clark of the Union Pacific went to St. Paul last night. He will return Monday.

General J. T. Cacement, who, as contractor, built a large part of the Union Pacific railroad, is at the Paxton.

Mr. John W. Robbins, who for four years has been assistant inspector for the Omaha insurance inspection bureau, has resigned, to succeed C. W. Adams, as local agent for the Aetna Fire Insurance company. He will take charge at once.

Colonel H. T. Cook, for several years chief operator of the Postal Telegraph company at Omaha, left yesterday for Chicago, where his company will have his services in an advanced position. The position made vacant by Mr. Cook's promotion will be filled by Colonel George Morgan, recently of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat staff.

Dick Jenness, editor of the Atkinson Graphic, was in the city yesterday. He says that the proposition to divide Holt county into three counties will be defeated without doubt at the coming election, and will probably be followed by a proposition to divide the county into two parts, with Atkinson as a county seat of the new county.

At the Mercer—Charles A. McKinn, Norfolk; Neb., C. O. Carpenter, Abeline, Kan.; W. O. James, Rock Springs; J. S. Shensiman, Lincoln; W. L. Sherman, Pueblo; G. H. Wild, Kansas City; W. O. Jones, Rock Springs; C. R. Aughlinbaugh, Baltimore; S. R. Mumaugh, Portland; M. Nobbs, Oshkosh, Wis.; R. P. Hall, Charles W. Tiem, C. L. Harlan, Chicago.

Nebraskans at the Hotels.

At the Paxton—Edward W. Dodd, Milford; George Wettstein, Cedar Rapids.

At the Merchants—R. W. Fisk, Lincoln; B. G. Penney, Otto Yinkletter, Crawford.

At the Barker: William R. Cahill, Grand Island; John Baird, Kearney; Miss Anna Johnson, Grand Island; Miss Ella Phelps, Grand Island; Miss Carrie Rheinhardt, Lincoln; R. C. Pall, Lincoln; J. A. Loudermilch, Geneva; M. J. Beausang and wife, Nebraska City.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM.

The twenty-sixth triennial conclave of the Knights Templar, held at Boston, has adjourned, yet many pleasant memories remain for those who attended the meetings.

The address of the grand master, Hugh McCurdy, in welcoming the knights to Boston was listened to by 20,000 members of the order and double that number of citizens and visitors to the Hub.

In speaking to the vast assemblage he said:

In the name of a noble and chivalrous ancestry, I bid you welcome to the twenty-sixth triennial conclave of our magnanimous order.

I bring you glad tidings of peace and prosperity from all parts of the Templar kingdom. Tidings of a largely increased membership, more devotion to Masonic life, a greater enthusiasm in our work, an ever deepening loyalty to the sublime principles of Templar Freemasonry.

Peace hath her victories not less renowned than war. The deeds of valiant knights of ancient days are celebrated in song and story; but never assembled a serried host on battlefield, or followed the flaming beauseant to the fair city of the sepulcher, a nobler band of chivalrous knights than this vast army of good men and true who have assembled here in this beautiful city of St. Botolph, with hearts attuned to the impulses of man's better nature, and the instinctive yearnings of man's better self. The very atmosphere of this city is laden with the spirit of all that gives life and permanency to chivalry. Here is that noble architecture which Lowell called an element of patriotism, and an eminent one of culture. Boston is the "front door of America—the American Athens." We might Lowell say, see Boston and die. See the common, the largest park in the world, with its files of trees planted as if by drill sergeant, and then for your "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." Here freedom has ever dwelt with knowledge—with firm-pulsed sires her martyrs and her saints.

Massachusetts needs no encomium. There she is—behold her, and judge for yourselves. There is her history—the world knows it by heart. The past is secure. There is Boston, and Concord, and Lexington, and Bunker Hill; and there they will remain forever. The bones of her sons fallen in the great struggle for independence now lie mingled with the soil of every state from New England to Georgia; and there they will lie forever. And where American liberty raised its first voice, and where its youth was nurtured and sustained, there it still lives, in the strength of its manhood and full of its original spirit—it will stand in the end, by the side of that cradle in which its infancy was rocked; it will stretch forth its arm, with whatever vigor it may still retain over the friends who gather round, and it will fall at last, if fall it must, amidst the proudest monuments of its glory, and on the very spot of its origin.

Taine tells us that the originator and model of contemporary culture, Goethe, before writing "Iphigenia," employed day after day in designing the most finished statues, and, at last, his eyes filled with the noble forms of ancient scenery, his mind penetrated by the harmonious loveliness of antique life, he succeeded in reproducing so exactly in himself the peculiarities of the Greek imagination that he gives us almost the twin sister of the Antigone of Sophocles and the goddesses of Phidias. This precise and improved interpolation of past sensations has given to history in our day a second birth. Shall we not, my fraters, go forth from this city of widest fame for its offerings upon the altar of liberty, this city of colleges, of literature, of culture—not to design finished statues, but finished lives? Shall we not return to our homes with eyes and minds filled—not with the forms of ancient scenery—but with the noble forms and harmonious loveliness of men and women, Who co-equal with their fate
Did great things unconscious they were great.
Where for freedom, equality, fraternity the fight was fiercest. On went they unhappy who was last,
The enduring half they chose
Whose choice decides man's life, slave or king.

And thus by our interpretation of such lives, shall we not give to Templarism and to all that ennobles a men, a second birth?

In 1816 when this grand body was formed, there were only eight commanderies—or encampments, as they were called—only 500 Knights Templar in the United States. Now we have a membership of 110,000; forty grand commanderies, having under their immediate jurisdiction 959 subordinate commanderies. Besides these there are under the jurisdiction of this grand body thirty subordinate commanderies. Our asylums are erected in every state and territory save Alaska. And this grand encampment has also established an asylum and erected a temple and shrine in Honolulu.

Surely our order has not yet reached the fullness of its glory and helpfulness and its course must continue upward and onward in fellowship and harmony with the age and the lofty principles of Him whom we all acknowledge as our Lord and Master, Immanuel—God with us. This is our watchword. With Him we must ever be moving onward to better things. Templarism teaches us as its first and last lesson that we are to be like Him. That what He is to men, we are to be to men.

Our mission is not that of the ancient knight, to rescue the tomb of our divine Lord from desecration, but so to live his life before men that their souls shall become filled with the spirit of the everlasting brother.

We are called to be knights—not of the old, but of the new chivalry. The essence of this chivalry is to care for the little ones. Its command to every sir knight is, use your power to bless the little ones. The widow and orphans, the aged and infirm, the poor, the tired man in the shop, the overworked woman in the kitchen—these are our little ones, these all challenge our chivalry. To rescue manhood and womanhood from their graves; honor, virtue and chivalry from their sepulcher—this the duty-call to the modern knight—a work far nobler this than that which summoned our ancient fraters to battle fields or toilsome journeys. Our mission is to give
An arm of aid to the weak,
A friendly hand to the friendless,
Kind words so short to speak,
But whose echo is endless—
The world is wide, these things are small,
They may be nothing—but they are all.

Today Frahm's park, out on the Military road, will be the scene of festivities which the ex-soldiers of the German empire who live in the city have been looking forward to with a great deal of anticipation. The day is commemorative of the battle of Sedan, of the Franco-German war, which was fought twenty-five years ago tomorrow. The celebration of the day will be held under the auspices of the Landwehrverein, which is composed of soldiers who have served in the German army. Charles Epplen, secretary of the society, has issued the following circular:

"Every German of the city should feel in duty bound to attend the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Sedan, undertaken by the Landwehrverein. There are only a few who were spared by the bullets of the enemy, yet they can aid in the celebration of the anniversary to honor their comrades who fell and those who died of the disabilities incurred during the hardships of war. No one can blame us if we now remember our commanders of those glorious days, Emperor William, his son, Frederick William, and old Moltke, who took the largest part in the execution of the plans of Bismarck. Although we are not able to put flowers on the graves of our comrades, or on the graves of those who twenty-five years ago shared their bread and water with us on the field of battle, let us show the people that the German spirit is still alive in us; that the memory of our comrades is not extinct, even if our heads are gray. Let us remember on this day the blood-stained fields of Sedan. The young comrades, especially those who did not have the opportunity to show their courage and spirit on the battlefield, but who were allowed to serve their time in quiet and peace, should obey this call and help their older comrades celebrate the day. Every one who has been in service in the German army or navy is invited to take part, and a special invitation is extended to everyone who remembers his old home to be at the celebration."

The program of the day will be opened by a parade which will start from the hall of the society, 1313 Howard street, promptly at 1 o'clock. Besides the local members of the organization those of Bennington, who will arrive in the city at 10 o'clock, will also be in line. All will be clad in the white fatigue jacket and the cap of the German army. The procession will proceed by a direct route to Sixteenth and Cass streets, where street cars will be boarded for the park.

The program at the park will be varied. There will be a military exhibition, prize shooting for men and women and sports of various kinds. Dr. Paul Grossman, who has been decorated with the iron cross, will deliver the address of the day. In the evening a display of fireworks to represent the storming of Sedan will be given. Throughout all the festivities there will be an abundance of both concert and dance music by the First Infantry band.

Tomorrow Hazlewood camp No. 171, Modern Woodmen of America of Council Bluffs, will give a basket picnic at Fairmount park, to which all Omaha Woodmen have been cordially invited. This invitation was given to reciprocate the one received last year by the Council Bluffs camp to attend the annual picnic of the Eastern Nebraska Logrolling association, which was held at Courtland lake. The invitation has been accepted by the Omaha camps and as tomorrow is a holiday the indications are that a large delegation will attend the affair. Special motor trains will be provided to carry the picnickers to the grounds, one leaving at 10:30 a. m. and the other at 1:30 p. m. There will be no lack of entertainment at the grounds, as a musical and literary program has been arranged in addition to a program of sports and games.

The Modern Woodmen of Omaha and South Omaha have reached the conclusion that the district at present covered by the Eastern Nebraska Logrolling association, comprising the entire old First congressional district, is too large to secure a full attendance at the annual picnics given by the association. They have consequently withdrawn from the association and are preparing to form a new association, which is to comprise the counties of Douglas, Washington and Sarpy, the present Second congressional district. Committees have been appointed from the various lodges to push the matter and bring it to the attention of the other lodges in the district, but outside the city. Council Bluffs and Plattsmouth will be invited to join. A meeting of delegates to be appointed by lodges in the district will soon be held and the plans will be laid for a big picnic next year.

Modern Woodmen are pointing with pride to the insurance feature of their order from the fact that no assessment will be called during September.

Within the next week or ten days a new lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars will be instituted in the city. A big charter list has already been obtained. This is the first of several new lodges the members of the order propose to institute in the city before the meeting of the grand lodge in October.

The Order of Chosen Friends will give a public installation of officers in Redmen's hall in the Continental block next Tuesday evening. The installation was to have been held last Tuesday evening, but was postponed on account of the storm. The program consists of a number of excellent instrumental and vocal selections, recitations and readings. During the course of the evening a lunch will be served.

An entertainment and dance was given by the North Omaha lodge, Degree of Honor, No. 28, last Wednesday evening at Wolf's hall. There were songs by Messrs. Woodbridge and Fairfield and Woodbridge brothers and the Swedish Singing society. Recitations by Misses Flora Patten, Carrie Gibson, Kittie McMan, Alice Cady and Katie Kiser, and banjo and mandolin by Peter Casey.

The entertainment was concluded by the degree drill, when dancing commenced and lasted until the small hours of the morning. The entertainment was a success from every point of view, so much so that they intend to give another in the near future.

An Omaha council of the Fraternal Aid association was organized Friday evening. About twenty-five Omaha citizens became charter members. This is the first council to become established in Omaha. The officers are: S. G. Hoff, past president; F. C. O'Hallaren, president; C. F. Robertson, vice president; Charles Morgan, secretary; W. R. Wilson, treasurer; James H. Kirke, guide; Frank B. Buzzell, observer; W. A. Foster, chaplain; Dr. Ralph, medical examiner. The meeting nights of the lodge are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, in Red Men's hall, Patterson block.

From the Philatelist Convention.

Clarence L. Thurston, son of Senator Thurston, has just returned from Denver, where he attended the second annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America. This society represents the push and energy of the younger philatelists, the retiring president being 22 and the new one 21 years of age.

It is one of the most prominent stamp societies of America, ranking after the American Philatelic association and having a membership of over 1,500.

Mr. Thurston's colleagues in the delegation were Mr. Roth of Omaha, Mr. Wilkinson of Lincoln, Mr. Rhone of Kearney, Mr. Brodstone of Superior and Mr. Abbott of Grand Island. At the banquet concluding the hospitality, which Mr. Thurston says was the most cordial, the Nebraska delegates who responded to toasts were Messrs. Wilkinson, Brodstone, Thurston and Abbott.

Suspected of Being a Watch Thief.

A negro, who gave his name as Alexander Stevens, was arested last night by Officers Sullivan and Cusick on the suspicion that he is the man who stole a gold watch in Kansas City several days ago. Stevens pawned the watch in this city, but says that he pawned it at the request of another man. However, he is supposed to be the thief, and will be held until the Kansas City authorities are heard from. The stolen watch is a valuable one. A reward of $10 has been offered for its recovery, and $15 for the conviction of the thief.

WEATHER FORECAST.

It Will Be Fair and Warmer in Nebraska and Neighboring States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Forecast for Sunday:

For Nebraska—Fair and warmer; winds