WILL INVESTIGATE BONDS

Finance Committee is Ordered to Make a Rigid Examination.

VEST AND COCKRELL SPEAK FOR SILVER

Officeholders and Postmasters Are Charged with Controlling Democratic Conventions—Lively Day of Politics in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—By the decisive vote of 51 to 6 the senate today inaugurated an investigation to be conducted by the senate committee on finance into the facts and circumstances connected with the sale of United States bonds by the secretary of the treasury during the last three years. The six adverse votes were cast by Senators Caffery of Louisiana, Faulkner of West Virginia, Gray of Delaware, Hill of New York, Mitchell of Wisconsin and Palmer of Illinois, all democrats. The resolution directing the investigation is very explicit. It is as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be directed:

1. To investigate and report generally all the material facts connected with the sale of United States bonds by the secretary of the treasury in the years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

2. To investigate and report specifically what amount of available funds, classified, was in the United States treasury and on deposit in other places subject to the order of the secretary of the treasury at the time the bonds were sold or offered for sale; whether there was or was not money on hand to meet all obligations of the government at said time the bonds were sold and the amount of each stated separately; what was the reason for any unusual withdrawal of coin from the treasury shortly before bonds were sold or offered for sale, if such unusual withdrawals were in fact made, and by what persons or classes of persons and for what purpose or on what account such withdrawals were made; who purchased the bonds, in what amounts and where, whether in the United States or in foreign countries, and in what proportions and from what persons or classes of persons the gold was procured with which to pay for the bonds; what the bonds sold for and what was the market price of our government bonds at the time and what effect the bond sales had on the credit and business of the people of the United States.

3. To investigate and report as to the manner of disposing of said bonds, by what authority and what contracts, advertisements or proposals were made by the secretary of the treasury in relation thereto; what agreements or contracts and whether oral or in writing and whether publicly or privately were entered into by the secretary of the treasury and any syndicate or person or persons with respect to the sale and purchase of the bonds and the profits made or to be made by such syndicate or any person or persons connected with such syndicate, directly or indirectly; whether such contract or agreement had any and what effect on the prices offered for the bonds; what the effect was and who, if any, person, profited by it and to what extent.

The bond resolution came up immediately after the morning business and Mr. Palmer, democrat of Illinois, took the floor.

PALMER IN OPPOSITION.

"I oppose this resolution," said he, "because I regard it as an illegitimate means of procuring material to affect and inflame the public mind." The senator went on to say that he did not suppose any senator, except possibly the senator from South Dakota (Pettigrew) questioned the integrity of the secretary of the treasury. The secretary's judgment perhaps might be disputed, the correctness of his acts might be questioned; but there was no question of integrity involved. Mr. Palmer reviewed the platform utterance of the parties, citing the old adage "the world do move." Mr. Palmer said the country had moved since the platform declaration of 1892 and it was evident that the financial planks made at Minneapolis and Chicago were not satisfactory to the people in the coming elections. In mentioning Mr. Cleveland's return to the white house in 1893, Mr. Palmer said the president had called to his aid that able statesmen, "that pure and honest man, John G. Carlisle." Palmer referred to the cowardice of candidates for the presidency and for congress in not being specific in their financial views, and in this connection the senator had an article read from the desk arraigning Governor McKinley for his "Janus-faced attitude" on finance. "And yet," added Mr. Palmer, "all indications point to the fact that the subject of that criticism will be the republican candidate for the presidency.

A senator across the aisle whispered to Mr. Palmer the substance of the bulletins from the Indianapolis convention, whereupon Mr. Palmer added: "In fact I understand that the opsition to him has broken down."

Mr. Palmer was speedily drawn into a hot colloquy with the two Missouri senators, Mr. Vest and Mr. Cockrell. The former wanted to know what Mr. Palmer meant by "snap conventions favoring silver."

"I mean," replied Mr. Palmer, "the conventions held last year in Missouri and Illinois."

"What was the 'snap' feature of the Illinois convention?"

"An unnecessary convention is a 'snap' convention," declared Mr. Palmer.

These conventions were called to commit the democracy in advance to the free silver dogma."

COCKRELL DEFENDS MISSOURI.

Mr. Cockrell answered sharply that the Missuori convention was one of the most representative gatherings ever held. It was called because the democracy was being misrepresented and an attempt made to commit it to gold.

Mr. Vest declared that the Missouri convention was a response to the people. "The people lead," added Mr. Vest, "the people assemble conventions, and any man who stops them will be crushed. Manhood and decency will no longer permit us to stand here and be accused of advocating 'unsound money' and of assembling 'snap conventions.'"

At this point Mr. Vest branched into a sensational recital of personal history. He spoke of the order just made public by which this administration extended civil service. It was one of the tenets of this school that the patronage of the government shall not be used to influence politics.

Mr. Vest went on to tell of the president's removal of United States District Attorney Benton of Missouri. When Mr. Vest first read this announcement he immediately started for Washington and asked "his excellency" what had led to the perpetration of this outrage, the removal of a man of unimpeachable character and ability. The president brought out a newspaper paragraph charging Colonel Benton with pernicious activity. Mr. Vest had shown the charges to be unfounded and the president was just enough to revoke the order after giving to the public a letter openly lecturing Colonel Benton against any participation in politics while serving the government.

Mr. Cockrell interrupted at this point to ask as to the recent Michigan democratic convention at Detroit declaring that federal officers had gone there as delegates instructed for silver and had voted against silver.

Mr. Vest, proceeding, said he referred to the president's letter to Colonel Benton against "dabbling" in politics, because this administration had of late given its whole influence and power to influence the political sentiment of the people, to influence these so-called "snap" conventions.

Mr. Vest referred to the Nebraska convention, where, he said, office holders, postmasters, collectors of internal revenue, their lungs filled with the air which came from the treasury, were in control. The senator spoke of cabinet officers speaking about the country, and added that he had "not heard a whisper of criticism from his excellency."

Mr. Vest next turned his attention to the recent Michigan democratic state convention, reading from an article written by one of the delegates who had participated in "that shameful scene." The article detailed the action of "backsliders and traitors" who had been instructed for silver and voted against it. The senator said he had many letters from men of high standing detailing the circumstances of the Michigan convention as a "shame and disgrace to American public life."

WHERE VEST STANDS.

After further denunciation of the influences brought to bear on conventions Mr. Vest closed with a startling declaration as to his own position.

"I am a delegate to the national convention," said he, "an unwilling delegate chosen by my people, and I serve notice now that if that convention at Chicago is to be made up of officeholders to stiffle and prevent the expression of the will of the people, then it is no democratic convention to me. The democratic party is the party of honorable expression, not of federal patronage."

Mr. Vest's closing words were made with his characteristic vigor and explosiveness. Mr. Hill at once took the floor to close his speech in oppositions to the bond resolution. By this time the galleries were crowded in anticipation of the final vote on the bond resolution set for 4 o'clock. Mr. Hill referred smilingly to the recent speeches as a "prelude" to the democratic national convention. "As to 'snap' conventions, however," proceeded Mr. Hill, "I appeal to senators to let me speak as an expert."

The Illinois and Missouri conventions had not been snap conventions. They had been regularly called by the regular officers of the party. Mr. Hill closed with a reference to the surfeit of investigations threatened by the precedent the senate was about to make. Mr. Hill said he expected to be overridden. He had performed what he regarded as a duty to officials whom he had not helped to put in power. The investigation might be justly conducted, yet this silver question warped men's minds and made them hate each other. He had stood alone before and could do so again.

"I have performed a duty," he concluded, "and with that I am content."

HILL HAS FIVE FRIENDS.

Mr. Hill closed at 4 o'clock and voting began at once, after Mr. Lindsay, democrat of Kentucky, had offered and then withdrawn an amendment striking out the third section. There was keen interest in the progress of the vote, although the result was a foregone conclusion. The resolution was adopted—yeas, 51; nays, 61, as follows:

Yeas—Democrats:

Bacon,	Daniel,	Pugh,
Bate,	George,	Roach,
Berry,	Harris,	Turpie,
Blackburn,	Irby,	Vest,
Chilton,	Lindsay,	Walthall,
Cockrell,	Pasco,	White—18.

Republicans:

Allison,	Hawley,	Sherman,
Baker,	Lodge,	Shoup,
Brown,	McBride,	Squire,
Burrows,	McMillan,	Teller,
Carter,	Mantle,	Warren,
Cullom,	Mitchell (Ore.),	Wetmore,
Davis,	Nelson,	Wilson,
Dubois,	Perkins,	Wolcott—28.
Gallinger,	Pettigrew,	
Hansbrough,	Sewell,	

Populists:

Allen,	Jones (Nev.),	Stewart—5.
Butler,	Peffer,	Total, 51.

Nays—Democrats:

Caffery,	Hill,	Total, 6.
Faulkner,	Mitchell (Wis.),	
Gray,	Palmer—6.	

Before the vote was announced Mr. Hill asked if Mr. Frye had voted, as he understood there was a pair between Mr. Frye and Mr. Gorman. "This is important," said Mr. Hill, "the vote is so close." (Laughter.) Mr. Frye withdrew his vote.

The senate immediately turned to other business. The action of the committee in striking out the contract of $60,000 for the mouth of the Yazoo river and harbor at Vicksburg, Miss., was opposed by the Mississippi senators, who succeeded in having the full amount restored.

The contract item for expenditures by the Missouri river commission at Omaha, Council Bluffs and other points occasioned a contest. The item was amended to allow specific appropriations of $15,000 each for the Missouri river at Leavenworth and Atchison. Nebraska City was included in the general plan of contract improvements. The bill was then laid aside.

The conference agreement reported on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, including the item of salaries for United States district attorneys and marshals, was agreed to.

The bill was passed extending the time for building a railroad by the Denison & Northern Railway company through the Indian territory. Also the bill sending to the court of claims the case of the "book agents of the Methodist Episcopal church, south." It was 6:30 when the senate adjourned.

For Sale of Public Buildings.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The secretary of the treasury sent to congress a draft of a resolution authorizing him to lease or sell certain public buildings and the lands appertaining to them. The secretary furnishes a list of ten customs houses, warehouses and sites which have been abandoned and would be affected by the resolution, including those at Astoria, Ore., and Monterey, Cal.

Two Days for Pension Bills.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Representative Pickler introduced a resolution today assigning May 12 and 14 for the consideration of pension cases, debate to be limited to ten minutes on each bill and the house to adjourn at 5 o'clock.

Walnut Hill Methodist Lecture Course

Rev. F. H. Sanderson of Trinity Methodist church delivered a lecture at the Walnut Hill Methodist church last evening, the subject of which was "Is Marriage a Failure?" The lecturer was greeted by a large and appreciative audience. Last evening's address was one of a series which will be delivered at the same church during the summer.

BROATCH SHOWS HIS HAND

Attempts to Whip City Officials and Their Employes Into Line.

MEETS WITH UNEXPECTED OPPOSITION

Edict Goes Out to Those Who Will Not Get Into His Band Wagon—Discriminates on Giving Out Ice Water.

The endorsement of the gubernatorial candidacy of Jack MacColl by the Young Republicans' Thurston club Wednesday night was the first outward expression of the favor with which a large proportion of the Douglas county republicans regard the Dawson county man. The fact that the resolutions endorsing MacColl were passed without a dissenting vote and by a club which includes among its members about 150 of the most active young republicans of the city, indicates that this sentiment is likely to cut a wide swath in the aspirations of other candidates who have relied on Douglas county support.

It is well understood also that this is not the only political organization in this county that is hustling for MacColl. More than a month ago a meeting was held which included the politicians from the country precincts and a number of Omaha leaders. There were over 200 voters present, and when a straw vote was taken it disclosed three men who expressed a preference for Broatch. While preferences were divided, a large majority favored the man from Dawson. The opposition to Broatch has been materially aided by the desperate efforts of Broatch to force local workers into his line of march. Facts have leaked out in regard to several instances where the executive whip was used.

Some time ago Broatch was told that Fred Anderson, who is a bookkeeper in the city treasurer's office, was not on his side of the fence. Broatch immediately went to Treasurer Edwards and demanded that Anderson should be whipped into line. Edwards refused to coerce his employes and a day or two after the threat came from sources close to Broatch that an ordinance doubling Edwards' bond was to be pushed through the council. But so far Anderson is still holding his job. The only satisfaction Broatch and his followers obtained was when Kennard succeeded in getting an ordinance through the council which purported to "equalize" the salaries in the treasurer's office. It may be noticed that this ordinance made a reduction in the salaries of Anderson and one or two other employes whose fidelity to Broatch was doubted and increased the salaries of others, whom it was believed could be relied on to take off their coats and work for his interests.

Deputy Sheriff John Lewis is another man whose support was demanded by Broatch. John has not been conspicuous in Broatch's campaign and recently he was given a hunch that if he did not get into line very soon there would be a vacancy at his desk. This was altogether the wrong sort of a prescription to effect a cure in Lewis' case and he promptly gave it out cold that if that was the sort of a game that was to be played he held a few trumps of his own. It occurs that Lewis has several warm friends who have been among Broatch's most ardent supporters. Since the effort to intimidate Lewis they have jumped out of the band wagon and are openly giving aid and comfort to his adversaries.

A fair sample of the Broatch tactics is in evidence in the city hall these hot days. Superintendent Matthiesen is endeavoring to make himself useful in exchange for his reappointment and he shaws a nice discrimination between the offices in which Broatch reigns and those in which the employes are disposed to steer clear of his cause. There is a nice big tank of ice water in those offices where the occupants are loyal to Broatch, but in the others not a drop is to be had. Ridiculous as this sort of campaigning may seem, the statement can be verified in a ten-minutes trip through the city hall offices.

SOUTHSIDERS ENDORSE CORNISH.

Ask His Appointment to the Vacancy on the Park Board.

The South Side Improvement club met at its hall, corner Tenth and Hickory streets, last night, to discuss unfinished business left over from the last meeting. Only a few members were present, however, and but little business wes transacted. Chairman Coles called the meeting to order about 8:30 and Dr. Hanchett first took the floor in a short speech recommending the endorsement by the club of the candidacy of E. J. Cornish for park commissioner. He concluded by putting a motion to that effect before the members, which was carried by acclamation.

M. H. Redfield, secretary of the club, made a report, accompanied by a chart of the improvements contemplated on Thirteenth street south of Missouri avenue to the city limits. He stated that he had conferred with the county commissioners upon the matter of reducing the street in this section to grade and that they had agreed to act in the matter provided that waivers of damages be secured from owners of property abutting upon the thoroughfare and also that the mortgagees of the property signed articles to the same effect. A committee composed of F. J. Casper, H. Buck, M. H. Redfield and John Powers was appointed to secure the necessary signatures of the thirteen parties interested.

A. Kment made a motion that the club endeavor to induce the Board of Public Works and city council to grade Martha street west from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-seventh streets. This was to furnish residents of the south side an easy road to and from the new fair grounds. The motion, after considerable discussion, was lost and the club adjourned to meet next Monday evening.

Wandered Away While Demented.

Miss Maud Pitzer, a school teacher of Glenwood, has been absent from her home for several weeks. A reward of $25 was offered by her relatives some time ago for any information which would lead to her present whereabouts. Yesterday morning word was received by the depot police that the woman had taken a train from a small town near her former home and was bound for this city. She arrived in Omaha shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday, but succeeded in evading the officers and securing a ticket for Fremont, boarded a west bound train. The authorities at Fremont were wired and she was arrested as she alighted at the railway station. She is considered slightly demented and will be returned to her relatives at Glenwood today.

By Special Request we will hold an

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AMUSEMENTS.

"A Picture Play" was the way the bills and advertisements noted the entertainment scheduled at the Young Men's Christian association hall last night. Few, if any, of the audience knew just what was coming when the lights were turned off and the auditorium was left in total darkness. Just before this Miss Carrie Louise Ray, a prepossessing young woman in a becoming gown, had announced that "Miss Jerry," a picture play by Alexander Black, the literary editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, would be presented "in the dark." The mystery was solved when a picture was thrown upon a large screen at the back of the stage. It represented the drop curtain of a theater. This was succeeded by a second picture representing a street scene in the residence district of New York City.

Miss Ray commenced the reading of the story of the play, and as this proceeded the scenes were rapidly shifted to agree with the text. The heroine of the story was the daughter of a rich miner. She had been born in a Colorado mining camp and had passed her early years in such surroundings. At the time of the story she and her father lived in New York City, and the girl had become possessed of a desire to be independent of her father's support. She determined to enter the newspaper profession and the woes which beset the path of the new reporter formed the thread of the story. The city editor of the paper with which she found employment fell in love with her, as a matter of course, and the story ended with their engagement and prospective marriage.

The reading of Miss Ray was fairly good, but the novelty of the entertainment formed its chief charm. The scenes were photographs taken from life. A scene in the office of Chauncey M. Depew, showing the well known president of the New York Central, was received with applause. The attendance was very good.

The Creighton theater was well filled with a fashionable audience last evening, the occasion being a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the Creche. It was opened with a one-act comedy entitled "Nance Oldfield," adapted from Charles Reade's "Art—A Dramatic Tale." The leading part was taken by Miss Kimball in a manner that secured her much hearty applause. Miss Squires made a most pleasing Susan, but it is to be regretted that her lines had been considerably abbreviated. Messrs. Breckenridge and Somers, as father and son, presented their parts in a very acceptable manner.

This wholesome little comedy was followed by "The Bells," in three acts. Frank L. Short played the part of Matthias, made famous by Henry Irving. The part was well interpreted notwithstanding that it appeared to be beyond the reach of amateurs. Mrs. James H. Wheeler was seen to good advantage in the part of Catherine, and the part of Annette was admirably taken by Miss Squires. Miss Marshall, Messrs. Thompson, Kellner, Breckenridge, Magrane, Lehmer and Bohannon also took their parts well.

The Northwestern Scandinavian Singers' association will present an elaborate musical program at the Creighton tonight which should have many attractions for admirers of superior music. Among those who will appear are Miss Emma Moeller, soprano; Hans Albert, violinist; Prof. Adolf Edgren, tenor and harpist; Prof. Olaf Pedersen, flutist; Colonel Jacobson, basso; the Shubert Glee club, the Orpheus Singing society, the Scandinavian Glee club and an orchestra of thirty pieces conducted by Prof. E. A. Norden.

Creighton Music hall will be opened tomorrow night under the management of Paxton and Burgess, who will cater to the same high class of amusement seekers, whose patronage has assured the success of Koster & Bial's, New York, and the Masonic Roof garden, Chicago. An elaborate vaudevile program will be offered. Among those who will appear during the first week are Leroy & Clayton, sketch team, the Brothers Dianti, musical clowns; Leola Mitchell and Truly Shattuck, vocalists; Gertrude Haynes, musical artist, and Messrs. Lutz and Pedereen, soloists. The bill will be changed weekly.

Murray & Mack, who will be remembered from former appearances in this city, will be the attraction at the Creighton for two nights commencing with a matinee Sunday, May 10, when supported by a large company of farce comedy favorites they will present their laughing success, "Finnigan's Ball."

The coming one-night engagement of Ada Rehan at the Creighton, which is announced for Tuesday, May 12, will, it is expected, be very largely attended. The indications point to fashionable gatherings. Many large theater parties have requested the holding of seats, and the society of Lincoln, Beatrice and Nebraska City, as well as other adjacent cities, will be largely represented. Seats now on sale.

PROBABLY A CASE OF SUICIDE.

Hans Hansen Has Been Missing for Over Three Months.

Officer Drummy, patrolman on the South Sixth street beat, was notified last evening by a woman living near Fourth and Pierce streets that a man named Hans Hansen, living in a little shack in the river bottoms near the Willow Springs distillery, had disappeared several months ago and had not been seen since. His house had been locked and she feared that he had committed suicide. The officer forced open the door of the shanty and found all the effects of the former occupant in a state of disorder. A meal had been partly cooked and left standing upon a stove in the corner, and all of the clothes of the missing man thrown upon the bed. In a book laying upon a table was a short note written in Danish which when translated read:

I will not come back any more. All that belongs to me belongs to the collector of this lot. HANS HANSEN.

In a cigar box, also left on the table, was a pocket-book containing $5.15 and some papers written in Danish, together with a photograph of Hansen. Neighbors living in the vicinity stated that the man had disappeared February 1, and they had heard nothing of him since. He had acted very peculiar at times and they had thought little of his absence. They were of the opinion, however, that as he had not returned that he had drowned himself in the river, as he had made remarks to the effect that he might make away with himself in that manner if he could not secure more work than he had in the past.

A further search of the shanty brought to light another book which contained a number of receipts given in payment for rent, and signed by August Johnson. This is the party evidently referred to in the note. A bank book issued by the Omaha Savings bank showing a credit of $12 was also found, indicating that the man was not in destitute circumstances.

Jans Larsen, a barkeeper in a saloon near the corner of Seventh and Mason streets, stated that he had known Hansen since he arrived in the city over eight years ago. He was a bachelor and had made a living by doing odd jobs around the city. During the latter part of January Hansen had been on a prolonged spree and during his lucid intervals had appeared half demented. He had the reputation of being an honest, hard working man with the exceptions of periods when he was addicted to drink. At these times he was not responsible for his actions. Larsen was of the opinion that he had drowned himself in the river. Hansen is said to have relatives still living in the old country. His money and clothing has been turned over to the police.

ENDORSE CHURCHILL'S CANDIDACY.

Meeting of Republicans Held at the Millard Cafe.

A meeting was held in the cafe of the Millard hotel last evening composed of republicans from every ward in the city. It was called for the purpose of discussing the political situation in the state as it affected Omaha and Omaha men. Judge Scott was elected chairman and A. E. Walkup secretary. The persons present were among those who have been prominent in the party and after several short addresses the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that Attorney General Churchill has made an honorable and thoroughly competent attorney general of this state and by the unwritten law of the republican party is justly entitled to a second term and should receive the earnest support of all good republicans of this city, county and state, and to that end we endorse his candidacy and do not endorse the candidacy of W. J. Broatch for governor.

Two Boys Steal a Bicycle.

Charles Doyle and Harry Horn, two boys living near Twenty-fourth and Indiana avenue, were arrested yesterday afternoon for the theft of a bicycle stolen from in front of the residence of George Miner, Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets, Wednesday evening. The bicycle was found concealed in the rear of a store at Twenty-fifth and Cuming streets, where the boys had placed it. They admitted having taken the wheel and are held on a charge of grand larceny. The wheel has been returned to Mr. Miner. They were each bound over to the district court on bonds of $500.

SINGERS COMING BY HUNDREDS.

Scandinavians Anticipate a Great Time at Their Festival.

The Northwestern Scandinavian Singing association is making every effort possible to have their coming meeting in Omaha eclipse anything of the kind ever held by this association or any other similar society in the west. They confidently expect there will be from 800 to 1,000 singers present, and accompanying them will be numerous bands.

The managers have secured permission to pitch the camp in Hanscom park, and with the natty uniforms of the singers, brilliant decorations, bands of music and melodious voices will form an attraction well worth going miles to see.

The refusal of the Omaha society to compete for the prize banner, referred to in the appended circular, was due to the fact that the society won the banner year before last, and when the meeting was voted to Omaha did not feel like giving even the appearance of wishing to monopolize all the honors by making an effort to secure the banner, though they are in favor of having it competed for, as the contest is one of the notable features of the session.

The secretary of the association has sent the following circular to all the societies in the association:

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 14.—Brother Singers: At the last meeting of the board of officers held in Omaha it was unanimously carried that the competition for the prize banner should be abolished at the coming singing festival and that a vote on this should be submitted to the individual societies in the association. This action on the part of the officers was chiefly due to the emphatic refusal of the Omaha societies to enter into the prize banner competition this year. They intend to have a top-notch singing festival in the full sense of the word and believe the suspension of all prize singing this year will help them to accomplish this end.

Your society is earnestly requested to take this matter up at your first coming business meeting and report to me not later than May 15.

There will no doubt be only one public concert. The Coliseum, a gigantic building, seating 8,000 people, has already been secured for this concert. Free admission to the state fair will be granted to all singers on "Scandinavian day" and the association has been tendered the use of the grand stand for an open air concert, the proceeds of which will be turned into our treasury.

The local arrangement committee, appointed by President Johnson, in co-operation with the Omaha Commercial club, is directing its best efforts for the success of this festival and the visiting singers can be assured of a royal good time.

Board and lodging will cost the singers nothing, as the city of Omaha has placed the beautiful Hanscom park at their disposal, in which you will enjoy the novelty of camping out in tents furnished by the United States government. This camping out scheme will, no doubt, prove a big attraction in itself.

I sincerely hope that your society will, in corpore, take part in this festival and ask you as a favor to kindly send me your conclusions regarding the prize singing.

The chorus songs are now in your hands. We trust the singers will put all their efforts into the practice of these songs and thereby try to outdo all previous festivals.

With greeting to the singers, I remain, yours respectfully, TH. HAMANN, Corresponding Secretary.

ROB A LAUNDRY DELIVERYMAN.

Knocked Insensible and Tied to the Driver's Seat.

John E. Penoyer, a driver for the Eagle laundry, was engaged about 8:30 last evening in delivering some bundles near Eighteenth and Spruce streets, when upon descending from his wagon he was struck upon the head by unseen parties and knocked insensible. About 9 o'clock Pat Carlan, an engineer for the Union Pacific, was on his way homeward, at 1810 North Eighteenth street, when noticing the wagon standing near the curb went up close to it. He discovered Penoyer still unconscious, gagged and bound hand and foot to the driver's seat. After a few minutes' work he succeeded in reviving him. It was then discovered that Penoyer had been robbed of $30, money which he had collected during the afternoon. Penoyer was considerably bruised about the head and face, where he had evidently been hit with a sandbag in the hands of the highwaymen. He can give no description of the men who assaulted him, as they struck him from behind while he was engaged in taking some laundry from the rear of the wagon, but has a dim recollection that there were two of them. Penoyer was taken to his home at 1736 South Tenth and the matter was given to the police to investigate.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cleanses, purifies and heals. It was made for that purpose. Use it for burns, cuts, bruises, chapped hands, sores of all descriptions and if you have piles use it for them.

FELL DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT.

August Hahn Mistakes the Opening for a Stairway.

August Hahn, a young printer lately arrived from Chicago, went in company with his brother and another companion to the Rees Printing company's place of business yesterday afternoon in search of employment. They were told in the office to apply to the man in charge on the third floor. This they did and were taking their leave when August, mistaking an open gangway leading into the elevator shaft for the stairway, stepped into it and fell fifty feet to the hard pavement of the cellar below. His brother Charles gave the alarm and a number of employes hastened to his assistance and found him bleeding and insensible at the foot of the shaft. The boy died half an hour later without regaining consciousness. The body was taken in charge by Coroner Burkett, who immediately impaneled a jury, which brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts already stated. Hahn was 18 years of age and has parents living at 628 Shuber street, Chicago. They have been notified of his death and the remains will be forwarded to his former home today.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. R. Morse of Clarks is an Omaha visitor.

Charles W. Foster left for Chicago last evening.

C. H. Richards of Falls City was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

James Stuart, a Madison banker, is in the city on business.

A. M. Lentz, a Superior stockman, was in Omaha yesterday.

H. Hugh Sydenham of Kearney was in the city last evening.

J. S. Hoagland of North Platte is among the Omaha visitors.

S. Fuhrman, a merchant of Schuyler, was in the city yesterday.

Miles Zentmyer of Schuyler is in the city attending federal court.

Matt Daugherty of Ogalalla came in on the evening train yesterday.

A. R. Z. Dawson of Deadwood was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

E. J. Porter, a stockman from Wilbur, was in Omaha yesterday on business.

E. S. Thompson and W. H. Love of Tekamah were in the city yesterday.

F. H. Gilchrist of Kearney was registered at one of the Omaha hotels last evening.

F. R. McConnell and family left for Denver last evening upon a short visit with friends.

Albert Heinsheimer, one of the leading merchants of Glenwood, Ia., was in the city yesterday.

Lawrence Rath left for Culbertson and points in Kansas last evening and will be absent several weeks.

F. C. Grable has gone to Chicago and will extend his trip to other eastern points before his return to this city.

L. W. Fowler, president of the German Savings bank, left for an eastern trip last evening to be gone several days.

W. R. Bennett left for Chicago last evening in company with a number of Omaha business men to be gone several days.

Charles T. Kountze and wife returned from their wedding trip to Florida and southern points yesterday. Mr. Kountze has been very ill for several weeks past, but is now convalescing.

Abraham Goldsmith of Louisville, Ky., is visiting his brother, L. A. Goldsmith of this city, being the latter's guest at his residence, 1717 Cass street. He is accompanied by his married niece.

Nebraskans at the hotels: A. Gallagher, O'Neill; Oliver Rogers, Lincoln; W. A. Henleben, Norfolk; C. V. Manatt, Holdrege; B. B. Baldwin and family, Elkhorn; H. H. Loughbridge, Grand Island; M. H. Austin, Franklin.

OMAHA IN PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Cross will give her last talk for this season before the Ladies' society in the parlors of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A writ of habeas corpus has been issued by Judge Scott on the application of George Dunn, who is confined in the county jail on a police court sentence for assault with intent to inflict great bodily injury.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk of the Commercial nurseries. The incorporators are L. B. Kramer, W. A. Chandler and E. S. McCrary, the capital stock being fixed at $100,000.

Some of the members of the city council have arranged a junketing trip through the state and will start next week. They propose to visit the city councils of Lincoln, Fremont, Beatrice and various other cities, the trip to occupy three or four days.

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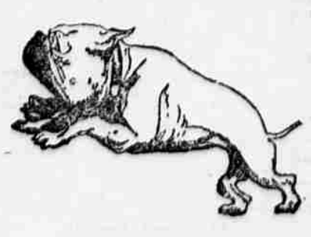

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