

TWO BIG AK-SAR-BEN PARADES

Displays that Will Be Made Tuesday and Thursday Nights.

PAGEANTS OF THE KING OF PROSPERITY

Alhambra's Beauties and Legends to Be Illustrated and Wonders of Electricity to Be Displayed for the People.

The innumerable parades that the Transmississippi Exposition has brought to Omaha must lose some of their prestige before another dawn.

Leaving his mammoth castle to the north of the city about 7 o'clock this morning, the king of Quivera, with his knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, accompanied by hundreds of horsemen and a wonderfully rich display of illustrated legends, on twenty beautiful floats, will come down town through the principal streets and will be viewed by the greatest concourse of people that ever witnessed an Ak-Sar-Ben parade.

The theme chosen for this evening's parade is one that has never before been worked out in any form of pageantry. It was chosen by the Board of Governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben after careful consideration of a large number of themes suggested, and the appearance of the floats justify the assertion that the board chose wisely.

King Will Take Possession.

As the pageant moves west on Farnam street two couriers, mounted on the swiftest steeds, will be observed to leave the body of the procession, and running ahead of their peers, will draw rein in front of the city hall. Here they will inform the worthy mayor of the city that the king of Quivera desires an entrance to the exposition town.

Order of the Pageant.

- 1-The king's float. 2-Alhambra, the founder of Alhambra. 3-The adventure of the mason. 4-The Arabian astrologer. 5-The Gothic beauty. 6-The garden of Irem. 7-The pilgrim of love. 8-The Moor's legacy. 9-The three beautiful princesses. 10-The rose of the Alhambra. 11-The garden of the Sultana. 12-Yusef and the ambassadors. 13-The two discreet sisters. 14-The soldier's story. 15-Palace of Zahara. 16-Hafah and her lover. 17-The enchanted soldier. 18-Cave of Salamanca. 19-Guardians of enchanted treasures.

The parade will leave the Castle at 7:15 this evening and start promptly from Sixteenth and Cumings streets. The route is as follows: South on Sixteenth to Douglas, east to Ninth, south to Farnam, west to Tenth, south to Douglas, west to Nineteenth, south to Harney, east to Sixteenth, south to Howard, east to Fifteenth, north to Capitol avenue, west to Sixteenth, north to the Castle.

Triumph of Electrical Application.

Desirous of presenting a parade unlike anything ever before witnessed in any American city the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at the beginning of the present year decided to build an electrical parade. They have done it and the citizens of Omaha and their numerous guests will have an opportunity to see it on Thursday evening of this week.

Electrical parades have been attempted before, but never successfully carried out to completion. The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben last year made a wise experiment with three electrical floats. So great was the praise which they received that an entire parade of electricity was ordered to celebrate the exposition held within the kingdom of Quivera this year.

The blaze of glory consists of twenty floats illustrative of most popular subjects, with the heroes of the war generously remembered in an excellent "counterfeit" presentation. Each float is lighted with from 500 to 2,000 incandescent lamps, the power for the lights being secured from the trolley wires of the street car company.

Parade on Friday Evening.

The grand coronation ball on Friday evening, to be held at the Ak-Sar-Ben castle, promises to be the most brilliant social event of the exposition year. The decorations are most beautiful and consist largely of softly shaded incandescent lamps with several miles of streamers and hanging of the royal Ak-Sar-Ben colors, red, green and yellow. A band and orchestra will alternately furnish music for a program of thirty dances and splendid refreshments will be served at midnight.

The men who have worked incessantly for the last eight months for the success of Ak-Sar-Ben week are the following: Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben: President, R. E. Wilcox; vice president, Thomas A. Fry; secretary, A. H. Noyes; treasurer, H. J. Fenfold; board of governors, R. S. Wilcox,

O. D. Kiplinger, Fred Metz, Jr., H. J. Fenfold, E. E. Bryson, Thomas A. Fry, E. M. Harriet, Walter Jardine, W. R. Bennett, A. H. Noyes, E. P. Peck, William Glass.

NO COURT UNTIL NOVEMBER

Judges Decide to Postpone Opening the Term Until After the Exposition Closes.

There will be no district court to speak of until November 1. Judge Scott, however, will hold court. The other six judges sat en banc yesterday morning and adjourned court until next month. This action they took on the strength of three petitions presented by business men asking for an adjournment to November, so as to allow for the exposition period to expire. Nothing was done other than this action.

The direct legislation case has been again continued by Judge Scott. It will come up again today. The judge will insist upon the case being decided by the council which was allowed thirty days time for the consideration of the petition. City Attorney Connell will endeavor to prove that Mr. Yeiser has not got 15 per cent of the actual voters of the city on the petition.

In the case decided by County Judge Peck a short time ago, involving \$250,000 worth of real estate in the controversy between the Drexel estate and the Reid heirs, an appeal has been taken from Judge Baxter's decision by the Drexel heirs. Their bond has been fixed at \$15,000, and John W. Water and Henry W. Yates are the sureties.

Kittle Owens has another habeas corpus case in the district court. She was arrested by Policeman Samuel Reigelman on September 27 on the charge of vagrancy. The petition was filed for her by Judge Schwenk. The matter will probably be taken up by Judge Silbaugh today.

FLIMFLAM ARTISTS IN JAIL

Gus Bonn and A. R. Anderson Locked Up on a Charge of Swindling at South Omaha.

Deputy Sheriff Mitchell and Detective J. D. Courtney of the Star Detective Agency have arrested Gus Bonn and A. R. Anderson, who are charged with being connected with the robbing of Frank W. Land of Curtis, Neb., on Saturday, September 24. Courtney went to the Burlington Exchange building, the newest structure on Twenty-seventh and L streets in South Omaha, and arrested also a man named McCormack, who was identified by Mr. Land as one of the men who robbed him. McCormack, however, got away and though a bullet from Detective Courtney's pistol wounded him, he managed to escape capture.

FEDERAL BUILDING NOTES

Nine cars of ore have been received at the customs house for the smelter.

A carload of sheep from the Canadian experimental stock farm at Hamilton, Ont., has been received at the customs house for exhibition purposes at the exposition.

Collector Houtz has received a telegram from Revenue Commissioner Scott to stop collecting the tax on conductors' rebate checks and on the railroad money order pending the final decision on the matter by the attorney general.

Assistant United States Attorney Rush, Marshall George H. Kettner, and nearly all of his assistants and Master in Chancery D. W. H. Linn, who are in the city on the 10th of the month, will be in the city on the 10th of the month.

The collections at the Internal Revenue office including the Farmers' Fund, amounted to \$778,100.10. For the preceding quarter they were \$846,927.53 and for the same quarter last year they were \$829,720.48.

The suit brought by Bernard McGreevey of Lawrence, Kan., against the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of San Francisco, to recover \$2,000 on a policy held by the plaintiff, which covered a building destroyed by fire December 1, 1894, has been dismissed from the district court of Douglas county to the United States court.

A suit to recover \$5,000 on a policy held by the late William F. Kettner, in which the plaintiff is Frank W. Kettner, administrator, and the defendant is the Omaha Life association of Omaha, the Omaha Life association of Omaha, which was transferred to the United States court from the district court of Douglas county.

Frank Hladovsky, a merchant at Schuyler, has filed a petition in the United States court to be declared a bankrupt. Among his liabilities are \$138.91 of taxes due the state, \$100 of taxes due the city, and \$100 of taxes due the city.

There will be a civil service examination Wednesday for the departmental service, for which there are sixty-five applicants, and for the railway mail service, for which there are fifty applicants. These examinations will be held on the first floor of the old government building.

A special examiner will come from Washington to take charge. The examination for clerks and carriers in the Omaha postoffice, held last Saturday, had only twenty-one applicants, which was the smallest examination in this department ever held in this city.

Funeral of Michael Drummy. The remains of Police Officer Michael Drummy, who died Friday night after an illness of three months, were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Holy Sepulcher yesterday. The funeral was conducted under the joint auspices of the Police and Firemen's association and the lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen to which he belonged. Funeral services were held at the Church of St. Patrick, Rev. Father Smith officiating. Four platoons of policemen, commanded by Captain Mastey, and sergeants Her, Whalen and King escorted the funeral cortege from the church to Eighteenth and Farnam streets. Officers Boyle, Ryan, Kiskan, McCarthy, Pahey and Dillon in full uniform acted as pall bearers. A large floral piece, emblematic of the deceased officer's calling, was the gift of the police department. Deceased lived at 3012 South Eighteenth street. He leaves a widow and two young children. He was a member of the police department nine years.

Victims Identify Prisoners. J. L. Melchior and his friend Thompson, who were held up Sunday night by the Hart gang at Seventeenth and Nicholas, went to the station yesterday and positively identified the persons under arrest as the ones concerned in the assault and robbery.

The parties held at the station are John Sutton, Joe Hart, John Delbridge, Carrie Hart and Jessie Hart. They are part of the same outfit that recently furnished John Cook and "Soapy" McDonald in the roles of the "long and short" men.

Small Cottages Burned. The two small frame cottages at numbers 213 and 215 South Forty-sixth street were totally destroyed by fire yesterday at 2:30 a. m. The loss on building and contents is placed at \$1,500 with insurance at \$400. The buildings were occupied by Dan Haley and were owned by the Fidelity Loan and Trust company. The origin of the fire is not known.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, regularly taken, wards off attacks of asthma. 2c.

PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURE

Industrial Changes Working to the Advantage of the Farmer.

STORAGE BATTERY POWER FOR IMPLEMENTS

Waste of Animal Energy in Farm Operations—Value of Corn Pith—Paramount Problem of Irrigation.

I have referred before, writes E. P. Powell in the Independent, to the remarkable changes sure to be brought about by the change of power from steam to electricity, and how these changes are sure to work for the advantage of agriculture.

What we want now on the farm is the more perfect storage battery. Within three years the improvement will be so great that the loss of power has been reduced from over 40 per cent to less than 20 per cent. Mr. Hawley is sure that the perfect battery is very near. Then electricity will be a portable commodity, as great as oil in a tank. He believes that great trains of electric storage batteries will move over the land, from cornfields, where they will be charged, to be delivered everywhere for practical uses.

To have our fuel and light and help for running barn and house machinery brought to our doors with regularity is what we may anticipate. The application of electric lights to the farm, the forcing of vegetation has not been largely a success. Some plants, such as lettuce, it is found, can be urged forward in their development by such methods. Much more effective has been the use of electricity for the destruction of weeds. One terminal of a dynamo is connected with the soil, while the other is connected with a wire brush. Wherever this is drawn over the ground it destroys all the weeds it touches. It is very probable that the same means can be used effectively in meeting invasions of grasshoppers and some of the more destructive insects.

It does not seem probable that we have come near the end of progress in the way of general signaling and intercommunication between our farmhouses and stations. Where I live we have announced to us each day by telegraphic whistles the prospective weather. The electric light signaling can be carried in almost unlimited. There is no reason why a telegraphic alphabet may not be arranged to announce over an era of many square miles every morning the price of wheat, corn, or apples, or butter, or hops. The advantage which the speculator has over the farmer is that the latter seldom knows the real state of the general market. In England the search lights at the Acton Hill Electrical works is directed against a cloud, or a body of trees, to make an announcement at great distance.

A recent writer says that the waste of animal energy in farm operations is one of the marvels of the close of the nineteenth century. But the Germans tell us that they are now applying electricity to the plow with economic results, and that henceforth the fundamental tool of upturning the sod need not involve animal power. The cost at Halle has been found to be about half that of animal power. The proposal is that farmers shall associate in establishing cables, as they are forming co-operative groups in other directions.

Value of Corn Pith. The something was read, over a year ago, of the possible use of corn stalks as a lining for war ships. A most interesting experiment in this line has been made recently by the Russian admiralty near St. Petersburg. A coffee dam, six feet long, six feet deep and three feet broad, was packed with blocks of cellulose, made from the pith of corn stalks. This material was sent over to the Russians, and was packed by an American company which has been specially established to manufacture this material.

The cellulose was compressed until it weighed eight pounds per cubic foot. A six-inch solid shot was then fired through the whole mass, striking it midway. The shot moved at a velocity of one thousand feet a second, passing entirely through the iron walls and the cellulose packing. It carried out the whole mass, and then half pound of the cellulose. The dam was then filled with water, giving a pressure of five feet on the perforated spot. After half an hour it was discovered that not the least moisture had passed through the track of the shot. This experiment proves that we have at last a material that is absolutely perfect in the protection of our cruisers; but there is no reason why the same material may not be available for the protection of commercial ships. We shall probably live to see the time when our western parties will come to exhibit winter waste of vast quantities of corn stalks.

We are rapidly closing in on a problem that is of paramount importance to agriculture, that of irrigation. The National Irrigation congress, which has recently held its session at Cheyenne, distinctly states the case as a question that the people of every state are directly interested in. At the present rate of increase of population the time is short before every portion of the United States will be crowded by the control water supply. In India, today, the government statistics show 15,000,000 acres irrigated by canals and 20,000,000 by tanks and wells. Our irrigation congress takes the ground that water cannot be considered as private property, and has not the legal attribute of such property, favors a better system of irrigation under public control. Recent demonstrations have shown that, with proper appliances and regular irrigation, the worn out soils of the south will produce 250 bushels of corn to the acre while our present system of farming the average yield in all the states taken together is less than twenty-five bushels to the acre. It is found to be possible to secure from 400 to 600 per acre. In large degree the farming of the nineteenth century did not demand maximum crops. We are facing an era when it will be necessary to make our land do for us its very best, while, in turn, we must do for the land as generously.

Dr. Groff says that "while we have not over one-third of our area under cultivation, what we have does not produce a fifth of what it is capable of annually bringing forth."

The Independent has been foremost for years in urging a system of American forestry. We have lived to see in 1895 an important step taken by the states in preliminary to the preservation of the remaining forests; but, better yet, New York state has now undertaken steps for the

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