A CRUSADE AGAINST SATAN.

It is About to Be Inaugurated by Recreating Christians.

THE NEW UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Facts Relating to Holy Men and Things Collected in the World of Holiness by The Bee's Special Cleric.

The churches of Omaha are beginning to revive from the inactivity of the heated term and the work of the fall and winter is being carefully planned.

The Sunday schools have been continued through the hot weather and most of them are in excellent condition for a vigorous growth. Many of the teachers who have been out of the city on vacations have returned and the classes are filling up and receiving new life and enthusiasm under the inspiration of cooler weather.

The abandonment of the Sunday school and church service at Boyd's opera house has been a disappointment to a great many who have deeply interested in that work, but most of those who attended there have found a place in some of the established churches about the city. Many have gone with the Rev. Mr. Savage to the Newman church on St. Mary's avenue, and the work done at the opera house last winter and spring is bearing fruit in many ways.

The Universalist Church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Shinn, who came to Omaha from Pennsylvania last spring, the people of the Universalist church are making excellent progress. The congregation has been holding services in Goodrich hall on Saunders street, and will continue to do so until the new church at Nineteenth and Lothrop streets is ready for occupancy.

The church is to be a brick structure, the main auditorium of which will be 40x50 feet, capable of seating about three hundred people.

In the rear of this, there will be a Sunday-school room, separated from the main auditorium by a sliding panel partition. It will be 28x40 feet, and, when necessary, this room may be thrown into connection with the auditorium and furnish seating room for fully 100 people more. On one side of this Sunday-school room there will be an infant class room.

The platform will be built under a large central arch in the end of the church, with smaller arches on either side, one of which will be enclosed with a glass partition for the minister's study and the other will be open and will accommodate the choir and the organ.

The main entrance will be in the side and be surmounted by a handsome tower.

In the basement story there will be a large hall directly under the Sunday school room, which will be used for social gatherings. Connected with this hall there will be a ladies' parlor with a raised floor so that it may be used as a platform or stage for entertainments. The basement story is also supplied with a kitchen, lavatories, closets and all modern conveniences.

The building will probably be ready for use by December 1 and will cost in the neighborhood of $15,000.

Gibbon and the U. B. College.

THE BEE several days ago published a reference to a conference between a committee from the Iowa district of the United Brethren church and a committee from each of the cities of Kearney and York with reference to relocating the college of that religious denomination, the latter cities contesting for the prize. The matter published in THE BEE was based upon the representation of a member of the church who attended the meeting.

Now comes a committee of citizens of Gibbon who desire to controvert some of the statements made, which they claim are attributable to a desire on the part of the United Brethren church to magnify the importance of their work in that place.

The inhabitants of Gibbon and vicinity, they write, are very much interested in education, and their graded public schools are of a high order, being one of the accredited schools to the state university, a diploma from which admits the pupil to the second year's course of the preparatory department of the university.

When the county seat was removed from Gibbon to Kearney the court house, a fine three-story brick building, was bought by the Gibbon school district and an academy was established, and flourished for three or four years with increasing interest and attendance under the management of the district.

This building was donated by the district to the United Brethren college of Toledo, Ia., under the stipulation that there should be maintained a school of high grade, and in case of failure the building was to revert to the district. The citizens also gave a cash donation with hearty and cordial support to the school, both in scholars and influence, until the management became such as to gradually destroy the confidence of the community.

At a special meeting of the school district, called at the instance of the friends of the institution, on the 2d inst., the following resolution was passed by a practically unanimous vote:

Whereas, The Gibbon collegiate institute, a branch of the United Brethern sectarian college of Toledo, Ia., has been located and operated in Gibbon, Neb., for four years last past in a building donated to said college by school district No. 2 of Gibbon, under the stipulation that said college should maintain a school of a certain grade and in case of failure of said college to comply with these conditions the said buildings should revert to said school district No. 2 of the village of Gibbon; and,

Whereas, The said school has not been a success as to the number of pupils or efficiency of management, and the interest therein has waned to such a degree that the school is not worth the valuable building and position it occupies, but prevents the said school district from utilizing the same in building up the educational interests of this locality; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meet-meeting that it be for the better interests of education in this community for the said United Brethren school to vacate said building and grounds and the school district to add a higher grade and a normal department to the already efficient and successful graded schools of the village of Gibbon; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the proper officials of the United Brethren college by the director and moderator of our school board, with the request that they comply therewith.

The actual attendance at the school for the past year of students who sought to gain an education there were about fifty, mostly local, while the building has a capacity of 200 or 250 students. There was no necessity or demand for larger quarters, and the citizens of Gibbon or the school district were never called upon to assist the school in any way as reported in THE BEE.

A report has just reached Gibbon that the school has just been located in York. This is very satisfactory to Gibbon, and many of the citizens expressed good wishes for York and the future prosperity of the school.

Douglas County Bible Work.

The report of the labors of Rev. J. J. H. Reedy, agent and missionary, for the months of May, June, July and part of August is as follows:

Addresses were made on the following dates at the churches named, in connection with which services the following are reported as church collections:

May 11, Central United Presbyterian, cash, $6.40, pledges, $31; (J. H. McCullough, $5, McCague Bros., $25; C. S. Benawa, $1;) May 18, Kountze Memorial, $4.55; May 25, Park Avenue United Presbyterian, cash $2.86, pledges, $3; June 1, Southwest Lutheran, cash $2.10; June 4, Latter Day Saints, cash $1.25; June 5, Swedish M. E. church, cash $3.55; June 8, Second Presbyterian church, cash $6.62; June 15, German Evangelical, cash $2.55; June 22, Free Methodist, no collection; June 22; First United Presbyterian, cash $3.08; July 6, A. M. E., $2.58; W. C. T. U., $2.45; July 13, German Evangelical, $1.72; July 20, Swedish mission, $5; July 27, Park Place Congregational, cash 30 cents, pledge 50 cents; Hillside Congregational, cash $3.08, pledge $1; August 3, German Presbyterian, $5.21; August 10, Trinity Cathedral, $26.99. Total, $818.88.

All Kinds of Pulpits.

Rev. Mr. Harsha, writing from Fisher's Island, where, a few weeks ago he was spending his vacation, speaks as follows of the pulpits he has occupied:

"An island funeral has just occurred. My devoted and sturdy friend, General Ralph E. Prime, lost his noble boy Gardner. We took his silent form into the church, and Dr. Tatlock, the secretary of the Episcopal house of bishops, officiated, using the solemn and impressive service of the church of which he is so conspicuous an ornament. It was my privilege to assist in the service. I have spoken in a Catholich church, a Jewish synagogue, and in the pulpits of about all the denominations into which the Christian church is divided; but this was the first time that my voice was heard from the reading desk of an Episcopal church. Doubtless Christian denominations are coming into closer relations of amity and comity, and perhaps the death of this sweet boy, on an island far out at sea, contributed to this desirable consummation. At least I was pleased to think that this was so; as we walked through the meadows, a sorrowful company, such as bore John the Baptist to his burial, carrying the body of Gardner Prime to the boat. May such peace as overshadowed us then attend my funeral."

St. Timothy's Mission.

Services will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at St. Timothy's mission on Eleventh street near Izard. Efforts are being made to interest the people in that neighborhood. Plans for winter work will be discussed and steps will be taken to make the work permanent. Volunteers in mission and night school are called for and can find a large field for their efforts. Rev. J. H. Reedy will address the meeting. At this service a report is expected from the committee appointed to visit in the neighborhood. Christians are cordially invited to attend this preliminary service.

General News and Notes.

Rev. Willard Scott is expected home and in his pulpit at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church on the first Sunday in September. He has been filling a pulpit in Boston during the past six weeks.

Rev. J. T. Rodgers of Swampscott, Mass., has been called by the people of the First Christian church and will inform them today by letter as to whether or not he intends to accept the call. The church is in excellent condition and the members are in hope that Rev. Mr. Rogers will decide favorably.

The appointment of a successor to Bishop O'Connor is a matter which has not yet been definitely settled, so far as the public know at least. It is stated that at meeting of Catholic bishops will be called at an early day and at that meeting the appointment will be alfreed upon. This event is looked forward to with a great deal of interest by the clergy and catholics throughout the dioceses of Omaha and Cheyene, because it is stated that the two may be united and placed under the jurisdiction of Bishop O'Connor's successor.

Rev. Father Colanerl, secretary of the late Bishop O'Connor and chancellor of the diocese of Omaha, left a week ago for Rheims, where he will visit his brother and mother. He will return in October.

Rev. F. M. Drumlick, formerly a resident of Omaha, was a sufferer in the old colony wreck last week. He was the first pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in Omaha thirty years ago. He left Omaha and went to Santa Rosa, Cal., twelve years ago where he built and donated to his denomination a handsome church.

Mr. Reynold, financial and membership secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, says that he has found the membership list in much need of constant attention. Last year, the association had over 1,000 members, but at present has but 560. This falling off is due to several causes. There was a special effort made last year to boom the membership and many joined who never intended to become active members. Nearly one-third of those who were members last year have left the city and some have neglected to renew their membership through carelessness. The members have raised $2,400 toward removing the present indebtedness. A number of workers in the Young Men's Christian association have spent the week at Beatrice in attendance upon the bible class work.

Castellar Street Presbyterian church has raised the money with which to buy its winter's supply of coal.

Rev. Frederick Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Roxbury, Boston, Mass. has declined the call to the Southwest Presbyterian church of this city. He has also received a call to the Jefferson Park Presbyterian church of Chicago.

The committee which was appointed by the Castellar street church on a new church building decided at a recent meeting to proceed to secure the funds necessary for the purpose. The present church will probably be utilized as a wing of the new edifice.

The auditorium of Knox church, Sundays, is crowded to its utmost capacity. Rev. Asa Leard, the pastor, will have to enlarge the church again or build a new edifice.

East Omaha mission, corner of Ohio and Thirteenth streets, is located in a beautiful native grove. The work was commenced two years ago by the Congregationalists. A chapel was built and religious services were held regularly for a time, after which Rev. Mr. Savidge took charge of the mission until June last, when Rev. George W. Taylor assumed the pastorate. The East Omaha mission is an important work.

The ninth annual session of the North Nebraska Methodist conference will commence at Wayne, Neb., September 17, Bishop Thomas Bowman presiding.

The Nebraska state holiness association is holding its annual meeting on the grounds owned by the association at Bennett, Neb. The meeting commenced with a 2 p. m. service Wednesday, August 20, and closes Thursday, August 28.

Revs. I. N. Clover and W. M. Taylor, of Bartley, were in Omaha this week on business connected with Mallalieu college.

Mrs. W. B. Slaughter has resigned the superintendency of the home for the friendless at Lincoln.

Rev. George M. Brown and family, of Hanscom park church, Omaha, returned last Saturday from a visit to his father-in-law, Rev. S. B. Cowler, D. D., of Brooklyn, and to his mother in central New York. They also spent some time at Ocean Grove and had a very enjoyable time.

Rev. J. T. Smith, pastor of the St. Cecilia's Catholic church at Walnut Hill, is canvassing for subscriptions with which to erect another church in the vicinity of Sprague and Thirty-sixth streets. The latter will be a frame structure 40x100 feet upon it, work will be commenced some time next week.

Rev. H. C. Crane, pastor of the Hillside Congregational church, in opening his sermon last Sunday morning, stated that he had been invited to take a pulpit at Tacoma, Wash., and that one object of his vacation trip was to decide as to his duty in the matter. The people immediately extemporized a farewell meeting at H. M. Comstock's on Monday evening, with many gifts of affection and tokens of their high appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Crane's efficient services in their community.

Trinity Cathedral, Capital avenue and Eighteenth street, very Rev. C. H. Gardner, Dean. Holy Communion 8 a. m.; morning prayer, Litany and sermon 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon 7:45 p. m. The Dean will preach morning and evening.

Theosphical society. Topic for discussion, "Reincarnation," at 7:30 p. m. Room 205 Sheeby block.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Rev. J. J. Reedy will preach in the First Christian church, Capitol avenue and Twentieth street, Sunday, both morning and evening, at the usual hour. Morning theme: "Hearing the World." Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p.m.

Newman M. E. church, St. Mary's avenue and Twenty-seventh street. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Charles W. Savidge, at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Subject for morning: "The Wedge of Gold." Subject for evening: "The Neglected Book." Seats free and all cordially welcomed.

First M. E. church, Twentieth and Davenport streets, Rev. P. S. Merrill, pastor. Morning service 10:30. Sermon by Rev. James Haynes; evening service 8 p. m., conducted by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Address on work among young people, by E. E. Thomas, C. A. Goss and Mrs. Keyser. Singing by the Euterpian quartet. Sundoy school 2:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. Monday 8 p. m. Seats free and everybody cordially invited.

Y. M. C. A.—Building corner Sixteenth and Douglas streets. Free reading room open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Cordial invitation to all, especially strangers and travelers to visit the building at any time. Meeting Saturday evening at 8:30, conducted by Mr. R. W. Adams. Bible class Sunday 9 a. m. Special service, men only, 4 p. m. Sunday, conducted by the following persons who have just returned from the bible school at Beatrice: Messrs. Lew Anderson, R. W. Adams, E. E. Havens, P. G. Reynard and W. S. Sheldon. Special musical programme including selections by the T. K. quartet and Euterpian quartet. All are cordially invited.

St. Mary's Avenue Congregational—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. Dr. D. R. Kerr, president of Bellevue college. Sunday school at noon. No evening service.

Rev. C. Moore will preach at the Walnut Hill Christian church to-morrow at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. He will also preach at the Presbyterian church, South Omaha at 3 p. m.

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church—Regular church service 10:30 a. m., Rev. A. W. Lipe conducting the service. Sunday school at noon. Young people's prayer meeting at 7 p. m. No church services in the evening. Rev. A. J. Turkle, the newly elected pastor, will commence his pastorial duties next Sunday. Preaching both morning and evening.

Central United Presbyterian church, between Capitol avenue and Dodge on Seventeenth street, Rev. John Williamson, D.D., pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. Subject, "What shall We Do With the Question Before Us?" Subject for evening service, "The Worthlessness of All the Gifts Without Charity." First of a series of three discourses. Sunday school at noon. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. Seats free. All are invited.

Welsh Presbyterian church, Twenty-fourth and Cuming. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 11 a. m. Evening topic, "The Omniscient God and the Great High Priest." Rev. J. R. Johns, pastor.

There will be services at the Plymouth Congregational church at 10:30 on Sunday. The pastor will preach. Subject, "Paul On Mar's Hill."

First Presbyterian church—Dodge and Seventeenth street. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Harsha, D.D., will conduct the services and preach at 10:30 a. m. Young people meeting 6:45 p. m.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg.

Marriage Licenses.

Judge Shields issued the following marriage licenses yesterday:

Name and address.	Age.
Lewis Beha, Omaha	22
Lillian M. Wood, Omaha	18
Huys Bloom, Omaha	25
Johanna Anderson, Omaha	21
Ferdinand Proplest, Omaha	31
Augusta Warstedte, Omaha	28
Peter Larsen, Omaha	20
Annie Larson, Omaha	20
John A. Goodrich, Omaha	29
Letitia M. Hoye, Omaha	18
Joseph Poolinie, Omaha	25
Maria Sladim, Omaha	18

BREVITIES.

The building inspector issued three minor permits yesterday aggregating $250.

The bricklayers of Omaha will picnic at Waterloo today. The excursion train will leave the Union Pacific depot at 9:30 a. m., and returning, it will leave the grounds at 7:30 p. m.

The Northwestern investment company filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk yesterday. The capital stock of the company is fixed at $50,000, divided into shares of $100 each. The incorporators are N. A. Kuhn, C. D. Woolworth, C. W. DeLamatie, William H. Alexander and S. K. Spaulding, and the purpose is to buy and sell real estate.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. Walsh of Sioux City is at the Barker.

F. H. Corson of St. Paul is at the Casey.

E. T. Lyon of St. Louis is at the Murray.

H. F. Corbin of Cincinnati is at the Millard.

James H. Hewit of Kansas City is at the Paxton.

T. H. Jones of Chicago is a guest at the Murray.

J. D. Duncan of Chicago was at the Casey last night.

E. L. Magnus of Brooklyn was at the Casey last night.

F. G. Dona of Fremont was at the Barker last night.

W. Kempt of Chicago was at the Paxton last night.

E. E. Hart of Chicago was at the Millard last night.

J. C. Sparrow of Cleveland, O., is at the Merchants.

John S. Harman and wife of St. Joe are at the Barker.

V. C. Gelwicks of Pittsburg is stopping at the Murray.

Thomas Hassard of Washington, D. C., is at the Paxton.

Joseph Sherry of St. Louis is in the city, at the Paxton.

George and Fred Woodland of Chicago are at the Millard.

Charles Kelley of Red Oak, Ia., is a guest at the Merchants.

P. H. Stretton of Davenport, Ia., is registered at the Barker.

J. D. Averey of Fremont is in the city, a guest at the Millard.

H. C. Russell of Schuyler was a guest at the Casey last night.

F. W. Marsh of Bridgwater, Conn., is registered at the Millard.

Mrs. Campbell of Melbourne, Australia, is in the city, at the Merchants.

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Teachers' Examinations.

The teachers' examinations will begin at 9 o'clock Tuesday at the high school building.

SAVED BY TELEPHONE.

A Warning Over the Wires Prevents a Suicide.

Deputy Sheriff Fallon received a telephone message the other morning from San Francisco stating that George Ruckert, residing here temporarily at the Mahon house, had written to some of his friends in San Francisco stating that on the receipt of his letter he would be dead, says a San Rafael correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner.

Fallon immediately started for the Mahon house and found the desired room, but when asked his name Ruckert gave the name of Walcott. Fallon went to the telephone again and asked for a full description of the would-be suicide. The description fully tallied with that of the man whom he had just left at the Mahon house, and he hurried back to the hotel. He knocked at the door, but there was no response. Fallon was determined to break in the door, but another knock was given and Ruckert came staggering to the door and opened it a few inches.

The smell of gas was very perceptible, and Fallon, forcing the door open, ran across the room and threw up the window. The gas was suffocating, and had prompt action not been taken no doubt Ruckert would have been suffocated in a few minutes.

This would-be suicide was taken to the sheriff's office, where he said he was tired of life and had taken morphine and then turned on the gas, not thinking he would again be visited by the sheriff. This afternoon his friends arrived and took him to San Francisco.

At one time Ruckert was engaged in the wholesale liquor business in San Francisco, and did an extensive business. Later he was manager in San Francisco for the Fredericksburg brewing company.

The loss of his wife and numerous business troubles, it is thought, have so prayed on his mind that he grew despondent and longed for death.

The Bancroft-Whitney Co., of San Francisco, has issued the sixth volume of John D. Lawson's great work on "Rights, Remedies and Practice." This volume contains the titles Real Property, Easements, Landlord and Tenant, Fixtures, Water-courses, Nuisances, Mortgages, Liens, Wills, Descent and Distribution. This is one of the most complete and exhaustive treatises on property rights ever published, and when completed, one volume yet remaining to be published, will form a library that no attorney can afford to be without.

BUY of THE MANUFACTURERS

AS MANUFACTURERS OF OUR OWN CLOTHING WE ARE ENABLED TO MAKE PRICES THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR COMPETITORS TO TOUCH. THEY KNOW IT, AND WITH THEIR LAST YEAR'S GOODS SCRAPED FROM THE FAG ENDS OF LIVE DEALERS' STOCKS, THEY HOPE TO COMPETE WITH OUR NEW GOODS WHICH WE SELL FOR LESS MONEY.

WE CLAIM TO HAVE

THE FINEST CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT WEST OF NEW YORK. SCHOOL OUTFITS ARE OUR SPECIALTY THIS WEEK.

Bring the Boys. WE CAN FIX THEM OUT WITH FINE GOODS AT A SMALLER COST THAN EVER BEFORE. EVERYTHING IN OUR BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENTS IS GOING AT A POSITIVE SACRIFICE. IN KNEE PANT SUITS AND LONG PANT SUITS WE SHOW EVERY CONCEIVABLE NOVELTY IN STAPLE AND LONG WEARING GOODS.

No Price WE COULD NAME WOULD SATISFY YOU OF THE GREAT VALUES WE OFFER IN THESE GOODS SO QUICKLY AS A SINGLE GLANCE AT THE QUALITIES. WE ARE MAKING A GREAT DRIVE ON SHIRT WAISTS. PRICE, QUALITY AND EVERYTHING IS SACRIFICED TO THE ONE IDEA OF ADVERTISING THIS DEPARTMENT.

OUR HAT DEPARTMENT.

Is filled with handsome fall styles of soft and stiff hats. Our prices are from $1.50 up for fur stiff hats. Bear in mind these are FUR hats, not the hat factory sweepings, stuck together with paste and called stiff hats. We handle only reliable dealers' makes, and refund money where complete satisfaction is not given.

FALL OVERCOATS

Are made necessary during these cool evenings. We can give you a dressy garment at a price that will accommodate a light purse.

MEN'S SPECIAL SUIT SALE.

This last week of summer will be one of the lowest priced weeks in our men's suits. The prices on those displayed in our corner window are such as to command the attention of economical buyers.

IN TROUSERS.

We are also displaying a handsome line that cannot fail to give as good service and look as well as any tailor made garment that you can buy for from two to three times the money.

BROWNING, KING & CO

Southwest Corner 15th and Douglas.

N. B. ALL ROADS WILL MAKE A RATE OF ONE FARE TO OMAHA FOR THE ROUND TRIP DURING FAIR WEEK. WE WILL HAVE PRICES THAT WEEK ON OUR NEW FALL GOODS THAT IT WILL PAY ALL TO INVESTIGATE.

Store closes at 6:30 p. m., except Saturdays.

THE INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN.

It Was Opened at Exposition Hall in This City Last Night.

SPEECHES BY DECH AND WOLFE.

A Vast Amount of Ground Covered and Nearly Every Question Now Before the People Touched Upon.

The Independent party opened the campaign in Omaha last night.

A meeting had been announced for Exposition hall and at 8 o'clock there were about seventy men there.

The leading speakers of the occasion were W. H. Dech, candidate for lieutenant governor, and J. V. Wolfe, candidate for the office of state treasurer.

Mr. Dech is an earnest, candid man, who speaks with a great deal of firmness upon the topics of the campaign. His address was spread over a vast amount of ground and touched upon nearly every point in the field.

Speaking of the price of grain, he said that the present prices were good enough, but there is no crop in Nebraska. The Nebraska farmers were told last year by the republican party that overproduction was the trouble. Now they are in the predicament of the Dutchman, who said, "When it rains soup then I have no spoon."

Mr. Dech said he had studied political economy years and years before he began to make public speeches. He had studied the theories of the leading men as he followed the plow, and he believed that all the way from Samuel P. Chase to John Sherman he had gotten at the gist of what the leading writers upon the money question and political economy had to offer. He said that there was no hope in the two old parties, but the people must cut loose and elect men of courage and conviction, such as the candidates on the independent ticket.

The speaker then paid his respects to the candidates on the democratic and republican tickets. He said he knew them to be honorable, well educated gentlemen. He had no especial fault to find with them, but they are a part of a tyrannical machine.

In speaking of money Mr. Dech said: "The chief function of money is to produce wealth out of crude material." He illustrated his idea by speaking of the coal mine and of unpicked coffee. He held that the theory and practice of permitting the children of wealthy people, and their children's children, from one generation to another, to enjoy the benefits of a great fortune is wrong and that the government should make it impossible for a man to pile up a stupendous fortune and leave it all to his progeny.

Mr. Dech then touched upon state legislation, and expose d several alleged steals in the passage of certain bills.

Mr. J. V. Wolfe, candidate for state treasurer, was then introduced. He said he had just finished getting in his hay before leaving his farm near Lincoln, and had not taken time to prepare a lengthy speech.

"I am not much of an orator," said Mr. Wolfe, "for during the past nineteen years my voice has been employed very largely in calling hogs." [Applause.]

Mr. Wolfe then proceeded to pull the veil from the pages of the past and show how the people had been robbed by the election of men who do not represent them. "The brain and brawn of the masses," said the speaker, "have not been honored for years in the halls of congress. My friend, Mr. Dech, and myself have been called paupers by some of the newspapers," said Mr. Wolfe. "I am proud to say that I am not possessed of boodle for campaign purposes. I have grown weary of attending state conventions and being told that we must vote for this or that man for governor because he had money to spend in the campaign. It has been boodle, boodle, all the way along, and I have grown weary of it. If Mr. Dech or myself are elected, we will be elected not through the influence of boodle, but through honest merit."

Mr. Wolfe cautioned his hearers not to trust the pretentions of political platforms, but to trust men of principle rather than the promises made in print by the various state conventions. He then proceeded to tell the audience that our country is rapidly going to ruin. The dreadful conditions existing in Ireland, where landlords grind the life out of the laboring classes, are rapidly finding foothold in the United States.

"This is becoming a government of the rich by the rich for the rich," said the speaker. "The relief needed, Mr. Wolfe held, could only be attained by the election of men right from the laboring classes. The candidates on the independent ticket, he declared, are men of the people, and if they are elected the interests of the masses will be protected.

Some one called for something about tariff, and Mr. Wolfe said that he did not want to enter upon a discussion of that subject at so late an hour. He closed by urging the voters to stand by the candidates on the independent ticket.

Mr. Blake, chairman of the state central committee, was called upon for a speech and made a few brief remarks, stating that the outlook for victory for the party is very bright.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg.

Declared Not Guilty.

PLATTE CITY, Mo., August 23.—The jury in the case of the state against Sheebe, charged with the murder of John Lawton, returned a verdict of not guilty this afternoon.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg.

PASSING OF THE PUGILIST.

The Lot of Professional Sluggers Now Cast in Stony Places.

It is a sorrowful fact—at least some queerly constructed people may deem it so—but nevertheless it is true that prize fighting and prize fighters have seen their best days in the Empire city, says the Philadelphia Inquirer's New York Letter.

It is only a few seasons ago that they were the admired of all admirers. They were the stars of one hundred sporting houses and ruled a little world of their own, but now there are none so poor to do him reverence. The fault lies entirely within themselves. The moment they prosper they become ugly, patronizing, drunken and disreputable. Sullivan was the worst of the entire crowd. He had not one, but five headquarters in New York, in each of which he displayed a signal ability for becoming inebriated, insulting and using the most horrible billingsgate. He was followed, though at a considerable distance, by the other pugs who make a living not by the sweat of their brow, but by their clenched fists. The outcome is very palpable to every man-about-town. Instead of wearing broadcloth and fine linen, the average fighter is now attired in the plainest and cheapest clothes. Where champagne was formerly not too good for him, he is now only too glad to get beer. In the saloon on the Bowery kept by Steve Brodie, the bridge jumper, there is a rear room which contains a ring and all the paraphernalia of fistiana. Not long ago the cost of a fight to order was not less than $200. Today you can have a fierce and bloody ring display for $25, and even then you make enemies of half a dozen hard-up boxers who consider themselves slighted at the employment of the two or four whom you have engaged. At Kelly's, which is a Sixth avenue saloon on the corner of Thirty-first street, owned and kept by the famous ten thousand-dollar beauty of the Boston baseball club, times are equally hard. The few fighters who do come in are poorly dressed, dirty, hungry and thirsty. They lounge around and loaf away their evenings in the hope that some wealthy swell will engage them for a parlor fight in his own home. Most of these pugilistic artists have bowed to the inevitable end have become bouncers, "special detectives" or "private deputy sheriffs" in saloons, hotels and summer watering places. There are three score of them at Bath, Coney Island, Rockaway, South Beach, Glen Island and Bowery Bay beach. It must be confessed that they keep these famous resorts in a more orderly condition than was ever known in their histories.

The Grotesque Opera Dying Out.

Who shall account for the vagaries of theatrical fashion, inquires the Illustrated American. There was a time when the grotesque form of opera which the Italian lent to France seemed to be endowed with immortality. It begat commedians like Wilson, singers like Lillian Russell, managers like the Aronsons; it even engendered librettists and musicians. Of all kinds of entertainment it seemed the most enduring, being as grateful to the women as a stroll among the shops, and to the men as an after-dinner nap. And today it is dying, dying. Public favor has turned away from it, and the most extravagant antics of the comedian can hardly keep it alive.

The Old Gentleman Was Frank.

The author of "A Midnight Bell," Charles Hoyt, celebrated his thirtieth birthday in July, and to refute the suggestion that he was getting to be an old man, climbed to the top of a tall tree on his lawn, says Dunlap's Stage News. While he was disporting himself at that high altitude his father came out of the house, and seeing his son in what he considered, a dangerous position, called out: "Charles, these may be my last words to you, but here they are, you were a *—— —— fool to climb that tree!" And the old gentleman stamped back into the house. The dramatist reached the ground safely and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied that the old man was right.

People will have to get along as best they can this fall, for "Aunt Bridget" will not be played before winter, and perhaps not even then. Monroe & Rice, the perpetrators of this comedy, have fallen out, and the courts will have to decide which, if either of them, is in the right.

ADA REHAN CAPTURES LONDON.

The Men All Adore Her and the Women Don't Get Jealous.

MAX O'RELL GROWS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Fanny Davenport Says Sardou's Cleopatra is a Most Extraordinary Production—The Unacted Playwright—Dramatic Notes.

"Have you seen Miss Ada Rehan?" is the question of the hour at dinners and afternoon teas, writes Max O'Rell from London to the New York World. There is a chorus of praise going up from press and public in favor of the Daly company as a whole, and of Miss Rehan in particular. To those who had not seen this actress before she has come as a revelation of sweetness and light. More and more bewitching in each fresh role, she has put the finishing touch to her fame and to the halldom of her admirers by her exquisite impersonation of Rosalind in "As You Like It." She has enslaved us all. We men talk of little else for days after seeing her, and our wives, sisters and sweethearts, instead of being jealous, are so subjugated by the fire of her acting and the magic of her voice and diction that they join in the paeans of praise, and when we are floundering about, at a loss for fresh adjectives to do justice to her charms, they nobly come to the rescue and supply the deficiency.

How is it that the best English-speaking company of comedians should be Americans? I am not prepared to say that America has more good actors than England, but it is a fact that England cannot boast such a company as Augustin Daly's, and New Yorkers must be pleased and proud to see this New York one carrying off the theatrical honors of the London season. It stands to reason that actors who are used to playing together must get accustomed to each others' methods and be able to produce a better ensemble than a group of comparative strangers can do, and it also stands to reason that a company containing stars of the brilliancy of Miss Ada Rehan, John Drew, Mrs. Gilbert and James Lewis must do better work than those composed of a single star and a dozen rush-lights.

Fanny Davenport's Plans.

Three boxes of miniature scenes and a pot of ivy geranium on the writing-table in her rooms at the St. Cloud hotel tell the story of Miss Fanny Davenport's visit to Sardou.

She returned last week from Paris with everything necessary for her production here of "Cleopatra" that the playwright himself or Duquesnelles, the Parisian manager, could give her. Now, with the little ivy plant that Sardou himself dug up from his garden and potted before her, she is working like a Trojan.

Miss Davenport is copying and arranging all the parts herself in order to thoroughly familiarize herself with every character in the play and to become imbued with the spirit of the tragedy in all its bearings, and so well has she succeeded that yesterday, while speaking of her great play, she declared emphatically that "Antony was the most vacillating man she had ever met," and did not see for two minutes where the laugh came in.

"Sardou has made a wonderful play," she said then, "and a wonderful woman. If the play is not a success it will not be the fault of the author, but of the actress. It is so wonderful. He has not changed anything, of course, from what history tells, but he has used passages in the life of Cleopatra that are most unfamiliar to us, but all the more impressive for that."

"What about the asps?" Miss Davenport was asked. "Have you brought over a first leading asp and its understudy?"

"M. Sardou has promised me one," said Miss Davenport evasively, "and I more than expect to see one arrive. The Bernhardt has once that she is training now, and he says they can really be trained, by handling them every day, so that they will do anything you want them to do. One thing is certain, though, there won't be anything startling in the way the asp will be allowed to end poor Cleopatra's life. I told Sardou how the asp was used in the Shakesperian play, but he exclaimed: 'Non, non, not nice, not nice; put it to your arm!'

"Bernhardt has been ill and Cleopatra will probably not be produced in Paris before October 10. Bernhardt has been the greatest artist that ever lived, but you would not know her now. She is fat, very fat, and between Garnier who treats her horribly, and her son and his wife and baby, who are dependent upon her for support, and her debts, the poor woman is very miserable and she has been playing wretchedly.

"Our season opens October 27 and between now and then some very hard work must be done and I shall have it to do. For, instead of having the mise en scene of Sardou's own production, we shall have to stage it ourselves at the same time they are laying out the stage business in Paris."

The Unacted Playwright.

With singular unanimity the newspapers throughout the country are pleading the cause of the unacted playwright.

In New York one journal is suggesting the establishment of a Theater Libre, on the model of M. Antoine's theater in Paris; another recently assumed the expense of presenting an unacted piece to the public; and most of the others are making commendable efforts to encourage all works, however trivial, which spring from native soil, says the Illustrated American. The same symptoms are visible everywhere. Critics are beginning to see that if we can have poets, novelists, magazines of our own, there is no reason why we should not have playwrights too.

Musical and Dramatic.

Stuart Robson is visiting friends in Saratoga.

Sara Bernhardt is writing the story of her life.

J. K. Emmett begins his season September 8 in New York city.

A dramatic critics' club is to be started in London next winter.

Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown" has hot a single Chinaman in it.

Ariel Barney has become manager of McKee Rankin's "Canuck."

Wagner's statue will be erected in front of the city theater in Lipsic.

Manager Edwin H. Price is elated over the good health of hit star, Calra Morris.

The Jefferson-Florence combination open their second tour October 13, in New York city.

Count Hjalmer de Morner of Stockholm, Sweden, indignantly denies that he will wed Corinne.

Richard F. Carroll has left the Casino company for the leading comedy part in "The Red Hussar."

Margaret Mather declares that she is to play Juliet to Sarah Bernhardt's Romeo in London next summer.

Gossips say that Miss Effie Shannon has been asked to marry Henry Guy Carleton and that she has consented.

Stuart Robson begins his second season as a lone star September 22 at Colonel Sinn's Park theater in Brooklyn.

"The Congressman," a comedy in four acts by Will R. Wilson and Julius A. Lewis will be made known in New York next season.

"The Silent Partner" will go out next season under the direction of Hoyt & Thomas, but under the immediate command of Frank McKee.

Frank Daniels' company in "Little Puck" will be the largest farce comedy organization on the road next season. It will include twenty-five people.

Miss Jenny Dickerson, the American contralto has been re-engaged by cable for the Carl Rosa English company. She will join the company in Dublin.

Mme. Alina Albaiza, the great bravura singer, to be starred next season by Sig. de Vivo, accompanied by her mother, Mme. Lamballe, is at Congress hall, Saratoga Springs.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett begins his next season September 29 in the west. Mr. Booth joins Mr. Barrett four or five weeks later, when the tour of the Booth-Barrett combination will commence.

The friends of Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr., still claim that she will make her appearance on the stage before the season ends. Meantime Mrs. Blaine's "double" is seen in various places and in apparently excellent health.

"The Tale of a Coat," the new play written for Sol Smith Russell by Boucicault, is said to have fallen rather flat at its first production in New York city. Though possessing some interesting features it is said to lack strength.

William Harcourt, Sydney Drew, J. G. Saville and Theo. Hamilton are of the company engaged to support Helen Dauvray in her presentation of the new comedy, "The Whirlwind," at the Standard theater, New York, September 29.

The United States Mail company begin their season August 25, and, after a week of one night stands, and a week in St. Louis, start on a fourteen weeks' tour on the Pacific slope. The company are now rehearsing in this city under the direction of W. H. Daly.

Cora Tanner in "One Error," opens the regular season at Miner's new Fifth Avenue theater August 25, when this handsome actress will dazzle the public with a number of new gowns, which have been made for her by Felix of Paris. She is to have the assistance of a good company.

Miss Leonore Snyden has returned from Europe to her Indianapolis home after a very successful tour through Great Britain. Her triumphs in London were marked and very flattering. She assumed the leading role, viz: Gianetta, in "The Gondoliere," and all the English papers criticized her most favorably.

The route for Minnie Palmer, which was booked over a year ago by W. W. Randall for her then comic opera tour, has been canceled and the time given to the Emma Juch Grand English opera company, U. S. Mail company, M. B. Curtis, "The Paymaster," John L. Sullivan in "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands," and Prof