

## PRIESTS OF PALLAS.

They Open the Carnival at Kansas City by a Grand Pageant.

Twenty Floats Were in the Procession, Interpersed with Numerous Bands of Music—Flower Parade, Sham Battle and Football.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 6.—Pallas Athene rode through the streets of Kansas City last night at the head of what was universally conceded to have been the finest parade ever presented by the Priests of Pallas. There was no mistaking the fact that the progress of the magnificent spectacle through the streets was greeted with unusual expressions of appreciation. It was seen by more people than ever before, the number being at least 300,000, and in every respect it was the most successful parade yet given.

The subject chosen, "Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales," was not only susceptible of artistic treatment in the highest degree, but it was a subject which appealed to the popular fancy. There was no deep mythological meaning to any of the floats, and the import of every scene could be readily grasped. There is no doubt but that this fact had much to do with the enthusiastic reception accorded every tableau in the parade. The abundant and excellent music also added materially to the effect of the spectacle, while the special illuminations were the crowning factor in making the event the finest of its character ever given in Kansas City or the west. The floats, of which there were 20, were all of magnificent proportions, the coloring admirable and the light effects magnificent.

Never in any year in the history of the Priests of Pallas have such crowds as those of last night witnessed the pageantry of this organization. All along the line of march almost countless thousands viewed the spectacle with undiminished delight. Not only were the hundreds of stands filled to their capacity, and the streets crowded right up to the floats, but windows, roofs and other points of vantage were occupied. Even the telegraph poles held daring and enterprising sightseers. The greatest jams were at the street intersections, of course, for at these points the people had the advantage of hundreds of feet of space not afforded in the center of the blocks. When the parade stopped the street cars the passengers climbed to the tops of the coaches and viewed the pageantry from there. The best of order was preserved, the people were good-natured and seemed to vie with each other in putting up with inconveniences without losing their good humor.

To-day will take place the flower parade. Gracefully draped equipages filled with beautiful women; shell-like floats, flower-bedecked and filled with maids of honor as Queen Carnation's court; hundreds of gayly beribboned aides mounted on horseback; military bands and bicycle floats will combine to form a magnificent daylight pageant equal to those of preceding years. At night the annual ball of the Priests of Pallas will be given. A sham battle will take place at the Exposition park by the Third regiment, Missouri national guards, 1,800 strong, and 20,000 rounds of cartridges will be fired. A football game was also scheduled for the afternoon between the University medical college and the Kansas university.

### CROWDS AT ST. LOUIS.

The Veiled Prophets and Other Attractions Draw 150,000 People to That City. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—Immense throngs of people are flocking into the city from the surrounding country to attend the fall festivities which began last night with the annual parade of the Veiled Prophets and the grand ball given subsequently in his honor at the Merchants exchange. A conservative estimate places the number of visitors in the city at fully 150,000. Among them are Gov. Stephens and staff and many militia officers, who attended last night's ball in full uniform. The subjects taken for the floats in last night's parade are the best known and most popular songs written during the past century or more.

### The Irrigation Congress.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Assistant Commissioner Best, of the general land office, who represented the interior department at the national irrigation congress, at Lincoln, Neb., has returned. He says the work of the convention will bear fruit in coming legislation and that congress, at its next session, will be asked to pass an amendment to the Carey law, giving states larger control over their arid lands by enabling them to pledge these lands as security for their reclamation.

### Minister to Denmark.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The president has appointed Laurits S. Swenson, of Minnesota, United States minister to Denmark, and Dr. Edward Bedloe, of Pennsylvania, consul at Canton, China. Mr. Swenson is 35 years old, and is president of the Luther academy at Albert Lee, Minn.

### Wichita Appropriates for Parks.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 6.—The city council passed an ordinance appropriating \$14,000 to buy 200 acres of land known as Riverside and Griffinsten parks, and appropriated also \$3,000 to improve the lands for park purposes.

## OBSERVATIONS OF GEN. MILES.

Head of the United States Army Talks of European and American Armies.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Mrs. Miles and aide-de-camp, Capt. Maus, sailed for the United States on the American line steamer St. Louis to-day, having been in Europe since May on a tour of military observation. The general has inspected everything of military interest from the armies of the great powers in field action down to "balloons and bicycles," as he remarked. He has looked over



GEN. NELSON A. MILES.

fortifications, barracks, camps and ordnance works of all classes. In an interview before he sailed, Gen. Miles said:

I have seen all the armies of Europe except the Spanish army and if Spain should declare war against the United States I may possibly have an opportunity of seeing that. Of something over 3,000,000 men under arms, I have seen nearly 400,000 in barracks and in garrison and in field maneuvers, besides nearly 100,000 men engaged in the construction of war material. What I have seen does not indicate that the millennium is at hand, when "swords will be beaten into plowshares." There never was another time in the history of the world when such energy, industry and wealth have been devoted to war purposes. The resources and industries of many peoples are largely devoted to maintaining large standing armies and formidable navies.

Fortunate are the people of the United States that they are walled in by two great oceans, yet this fact would not warrant them in any policy other than keeping a reasonable percentage of the population fully equipped and instructed in modern appliances and methods of war.

To the question as to whether the United States, under its present military policy, would be able to cope with a European power, Gen. Miles replied: In any population, it is estimated, one man out of five is capable of bearing arms. That would give us an army of 12,000,000. Our people are strong physically and generally intelligent and well informed. Besides that, each citizen is a sovereign and personally interested in the welfare of his government and serves voluntarily without being forced into service by a military despotism. We have many thousands of men still living who have seen more war, participated in more battles than any man in Europe. But it is another thing to equip an army with modern appliances for the defense of a coast where we would have to use high power guns and modern projectiles, which it takes years to construct, while smaller arms are not to be made in a few days or even weeks. Modern rifles are different from the squirrel guns, with which our revolutionary fathers went to war. The range of modern arms is very great and projectiles weigh 70 pounds to a ton of steel. The rapidity of the rapid fire gun, the Maxim and Gatling, is 400 to 600 shots a minute. Although these are American inventions they are largely used in the European service.

### NEAL DOW DEAD.

The Great Apostle of Temperance Passes Away at Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 2.—Hon. Neal Dow, the great temperance advocate, whose name is familiar to every American, died at 3:30 to-day, aged 93. Old age conquered his remarkable vitality and his death was peaceful.

Neal Dow came from a long-lived Quaker family. His father lived to be 95 years old and his mother was a centenarian. Up to the time of his present illness he was in the habit of rising at five o'clock every morning and taking a long walk. He would often drive 30 miles of an afternoon and was remarkably active for a man of his age. Gen. Dow achieved national fame as the father of the Maine prohibitory law. Since 1840 he has been the leader of the prohibitionists in this state, and has often been their champion in other commonwealths. He was perhaps the most influential temperance advocate in the United States. Twice he has been called upon to go to England in the interests of the temperance cause, and he spoke in all of the large cities of Great Britain. He has been mayor of Portland several times, and served two terms in the state legislature. His bravery in the civil war won him the rank of brigadier-general. Neal Dow was born in Portland March 20, 1824, just across the way from his handsome residence on Congress street.

### SWEPT BY PRAIRIE FIRES.

Drought Results in Serious Flames in Nebraska and South Dakota.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 4.—Disastrous prairie fires are raging in Nebraska and South Dakota, as a result of the protracted drought. From Rapid City, Chamberlain, Huron, Howard and other points in South Dakota come reports of the flames sweeping over whole counties, destroying all crops in their path. From Dakota City, Chadron and other towns in Nebraska large prairie fires are reported to be sweeping over the state. Many of the districts are isolated, and it is feared that lives have been lost. Much stock has perished.

### INTERESTING FIGURES.

Post Office Receipts for 1897 as Compared with the Previous Year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The auditor for the post office department has closed the books of the postal service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897. The results, compared with the preceding year, are as follows:

Receipts, 1897, \$22,661,462.75; 1896, \$22,429,208.40; Increase, \$232,254.35. Expenditures, 1897, \$24,907,042.14; 1896, \$24,907,042.14; Increase, \$23,475.30. Deficit, 1897, \$11,431,579.41; 1896, \$12,127,083.41; Increase, \$3,304,493.97.

## BAD PRAIRIE FIRES.

Many Acres Laid Waste in Places Through the Excessive Drought.

Fever Situation Is Worse—Three Deaths and Thirty-One New Cases at New Orleans Yesterday—The Unprecedented Drought.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Extremely hot weather for the month of October is now prevailing in this section. During the past 24 hours the thermometer in this city went up to 86 degrees, and, according to the signal service records, this is the highest point that has been registered for the month of October in 27 years. Dense smoke aggravated the conditions. On account of the drought of two months everything is dry as tinder and forest and prairie fires are numerous. Lake Michigan has been made almost un navigable on account of smoke and fog. A dispatch from Bremen, Ind., says that the most disastrous prairie fire known in the history of Marshall county is now raging. Hundreds of acres of lands in the northern portion of the county are one vast, smoldering waste. At times, when fanned by a breeze, the heat bursts into a blaze and, darting across clover fields, corn fields or meadows, lays waste everything in its path, only stopping when headed off by plowed fields or highways. The drought of the last 60 days has made the pastures brown, compelling stock to seek the lowlands for grazing where the fire is smoldering underneath. Many instances are reported where cattle, in passing over the treacherous ground, have broken through the burning peat and perished. Farmers are kept busy at night fighting the flames and preventing destruction of their homes, but the lack of water makes the battle almost hopeless. Just west of Walkerton more than 1,000 acres have been swept of every vestige of vegetation, many thousands of tons of hay and miles of fences having been consumed. With fire on every side great anxiety is being felt for the safety of towns without fire protection. Nothing short of a drenching rain can possibly check the progress of the flames.

### FEVER SITUATION WORSE.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 6.—After two days of improvement and of promise, the fever situation, on the face of the record, took somewhat of a turn yesterday. For 40 hours there had been no deaths, and Monday the number of cases had shown material falling off from the day before. Early yesterday morning, however, the reports of new cases began to come into the board of health office with considerable rapidity, and by seven o'clock last night all previous records of this season had been broken, so far as new cases were concerned, they numbering 31 for the day. In a few hours three deaths had also been reported to the board. The physicians were not at a loss to explain the increase in cases. They took the view that it might be expected that numerous cases would still continue daily to be reported. Dispatches received announce that there are two cases of yellow fever on Dr. J. H. Saunders' plantation near Patterson, La., and one additional suspicious case. All are traceable to Ocean Springs.

At Edwards, Miss., nine new cases of yellow fever and one death were officially reported yesterday. Deaths to date, 15; cases to date, 344; total number under treatment, 134; convalescent and discharged, 195.

At Mobile, Ala., the yellow fever report for 24 hours is as follows: New cases, 3; deaths, 2; total cases to date, 95; deaths, 15; discharged, 52; remaining under treatment, 27.

### UNPRECEDENTED DROUGHT.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—United States Observer Frankfield said yesterday that the present unprecedented drought extends all over the country. He added: "Speaking from this station, the states of Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska and Arkansas are all in need of wet weather. Iowa has had more rain than some of the surrounding states, but is now in almost as bad a condition as the rest. Missouri and Illinois are suffering the most, particularly the southern portion of Illinois and central Missouri. There is yet no indication of rain." Reports from these states say the ground is too dry for fall plowing and all the country roads are from four to six inches deep in dust. A white film covers all the land. The ripening corn hangs dull and apparently lifeless in the heat of a summer sun, and everything is parched. In many sections of Missouri cisterns have gone dry and the danger of fire in the small cities and towns is imminent. The Mississippi and Missouri rivers have not been so low in ten years.

### DEADLY GAS EXPLOSION.

Three Miners in Pennsylvania Meet Death in the Plymouth Mines.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 6.—A heavy explosion of gas occurred in No. 2 slope of the Parish Coal Co., at Plymouth, by which three men lost their lives. The force of the explosion was plainly felt on the surface, and a rescuing party was at once sent into the mine, but they worked under great difficulties, as the brattice work was down and the ventilation poor. The bodies were taken out.

### Latest Bicycle Slang.

An awkward person is a "wabbler." A gossip travels with a "loose sprocket wheel." If your clothes are not in style you are a "95 model." When a man's sweetheart jilts him he is the victim of a "broken chain." Any rider abrading the skin by a fall merely "scratches off some of his enamel." He who looks upon the wine until his feet are entangled is a person whose "wheels do not run true." A stupid individual, if there be any such on a bicycle, has "sand in his bearings." A proud person, or one unduly haughty, "rides with his handle bars raised too high." One who is disposed to be imaginative to the extent of romancing is "geared up to 100." The individual who shouts at night when others desire to sleep is the victim of "loose spokes."—N. Y. Journal.

### Wherein Nobbleton Shows Sense.

"My friend Nobbleton," said Mr. Tankleby, "is overcautious about many things, but in many ways he shows great common sense. For instance: He always carries with him postal cards appropriately addressed, and if he is suddenly called away anywhere—and his business is such that he is liable to be at any time—he puts a word or two on one of his postal cards and puts it in the nearest letter box. He may not have time to stop and write or to telegraph, but he can always find time to drop this postal card; and it relieves the minds of the folks at home. In this I think Nobbleton shows sense."—N. Y. Sun.

### A Great Benefit.

First Daughter of the Revolution—She says she'd like to know, for her part, what practical good our society does.

Second Ditto—Why, the mean thing! Just as if we hadn't made it almost fashionable to be patriotic.—Judge.

Cover an ass with a lion's skin, and he will soon manage to poke his ears out somehow.—Ram's Horn.

### THE GENERAL MARKET.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 6.	
CATTLE—Best heifers.....	4.50 @ 5.00
Stockers.....	3.45 @ 4.45
Native cows.....	1.75 @ 3.50
HOGS—Choice to heavy.....	3.50 @ 3.95
SHEEP.....	2.85 @ 3.70
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	.88 @ .89
No. 2 hard.....	.74 @ .79
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	.24 @ .24 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	.18 @ .19
RYE—No. 2.....	.40 @ .41
FLOUR—Patent, per barrel.....	4.65 @ 4.70
Fancy.....	4.31 @ 4.40
HAY—Choice timothy.....	7.00 @ 7.75
Fancy prairie.....	5.50 @ 6.00
BRAN (sacked).....	.41 @ .42
BUTTER—Choice creamery.....	.18 @ .21
CHEESE—Full cream.....	10 @ 10 1/2
EGGS—choice.....	11 @ 11 1/2
POTATOES.....	.45 @ .55

### ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Native and shipping	3.85 @ 4.05
Texans.....	3.00 @ 3.85
HOGS—Heavy.....	3.90 @ 4.15
SHEEP—Fair to choice.....	3.10 @ 3.65
FLOUR—Choice.....	4.65 @ 4.75
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	.85 @ .84
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	.27 @ .27 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	.20 @ .22
RYE—No. 2.....	.41 1/2 @ .42
BUTTER—Creamery.....	.16 @ .24
LARD—Western mess.....	4.37 1/2 @ 4.45
PORK.....	8.35 @ 8.50

### CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Common to prime.....	3.80 @ 5.50
HOGS—Packing and shipping.....	3.75 @ 4.25
SHEEP—Fair to choice.....	3.50 @ 4.15
FLOUR—Winter wheat.....	4.70 @ 4.90
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	.90 @ .90 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	.27 1/2 @ .28
OATS—No. 2.....	.19 @ .21 1/2
RYE.....	.44 @ .45
BUTTER—Creamery.....	.15 @ .22
LARD.....	4.47 1/2 @ 4.50
PORK.....	8.10 @ 8.15

### NEW YORK.

CATTLE—Native steers.....	4.10 @ 4.85
HOGS—Good to choice.....	4.60 @ 4.90
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	.92 1/2 @ .94
CORN—No. 2.....	.24 @ .24 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	.23 1/2 @ .24
BUTTER—Creamery.....	.14 @ .22
PORK.....	8.10 @ 8.05

### Perhaps Andrews Was to Flame.

The son of a well-known Providence lawyer came home at the end of his first term in college exulting in the fact that he stood next to the head of his class, says an exchange. His father was less easily satisfied. "What! Next to the head?" he exclaimed. "What do you mean, sir? I'd like to know what you think I send you to college for! Next to the head, indeed! Humph! I'd like to know why you aren't at the head, where you ought to be!" The young man was naturally crestfallen, but upon his return to college he went about his work with such ambition that the end of the term found him in the coveted place. He went home very proud, indeed. It was great news. The lawyer contemplated his son for a few moments in silence; then, with a shrug of his shoulders, he remarked: "At the head of the class, eh? Humph! That's a fine commentary on Brown university!"—Chicago Tribune.

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### Undisputed.

First Lawyer—You are a shyster! His Opponent—And you are a black-guard! The Court—Now, gentlemen, let us get at the disputed points in the case.—Philadelphia North American.

### Almost Inside Out.

The stomach that is not turned thus by a shaking up on the "briny wave" must be a well fortified one. The gastric apparatus can be rendered proof against seasickness with that stomachic so popular among travelers by sea and land—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It defends the system against malaria and rheumatism, and subdues liver complaint, constipation and dyspepsia.

### Sad Naturally.

Gotham—People are so different here in Boston. See how sad everybody looks. Backbay—Naturally. How could they look otherwise when they think of the unfortunate people who cannot live in Boston?—Boston Transcript.

Why Is Star Plug Tobacco the Best? Because it is made from selected stock of the best grade of leaf that grows. The ingredients used in its manufacture are absolutely pure—nothing injurious to the system enters into it.

### Caught the Eggs.

Judge—How do you know the prisoners threw eggs at you? Tragedian—I caught them in the act.—Up-to-Date.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

A Stumbling Block.—"What is the objection of the politicians to the civil service reform system?" "The examination questions."—Truth.

I am entirely cured of hemorrhage of lungs by Piso's Cure for Consumption. Louisa Lindaman, Bethany, Mo., Jan. 8, '94.

You can always tell a man who is not used to tipping his hat by the awkward way he does it.—Washington Democrat.

A Dose in Time Saves Nine of Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar for Coughs. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Because a man is poor in flesh is not a sure sign that he doesn't eat much.—Washington Democrat.

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