

## Daily Eagle

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS OF NEWS

TURNER'S OPERA HOUSE,

ONE WEEK, COMMENCING MONDAY,

JULY 5.

GRAND MATINEE, SATURDAY 4:30 P.

A. K. WILSON'S

MADISON SQUARE COMPANY

Extra added attraction,

G. K. KISSERLY

The famous drill wonder at every performance.

KATKOTTE:

Monday: "The Gallies Slave"

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Wednesday: "The Gallies Slave"

Thursday: "The Gallies Slave"

Friday: "The Gallies Slave"

Saturday: "The Gallies Slave"

At the matinee on Saturday at 2 o'clock,

double bill, "The Gallies Slave,"

and "The Gallies Slave,"

beautiful bill, valued at \$10, will be presented

to some child in the audience.

Admission, 10 and 20 cents.

How hard a thing it is to get a witness

testify against a joint.

Mr. Hoffman leaves today for a visit

some weeks to Philadelphia.

District court will convene next Friday.

Little business of importance is on the

docket.

Mr. D. T. Dunbar is going to build a

fine residence on the southwest corner of

Third street and Mosely avenue.

The constable made some pressing calls

yesterday for poll tax. He disposed to

show no mercy even to tall store pipe late.

Mr. Hess, of the Manhattan clothing

house, left yesterday for New York city,

where he will spend a vacation of several

weeks.

The committee appointed by the county

commissioners to examine the treasurer's

accounts finished yesterday, and found every

thing correct.

Some of the boys who returned from

Turner's grove last Sunday evening with

black eyes think that much better than the

Anthony lemonade.

Mr. W. Bering, bookkeeper for H. G. Lee,

the real estate and loan agent, will leave for

Decatur, Ill., today, where he will spend

several days visiting.

Mr. R. Z. Chambers, one of the publishers

of the Springfield, Mo., daily Leader, is in

the city and brightened the Eagle's sanctum

with a call yesterday evening.

Mrs. J. Kline and Mrs. Henry Hamill, of

Sterling, came down to the city yesterday

for the purpose of visiting Mr. Elmer

Eagle, one of Sterling's popular hosts.

St. John parish picnic at Riverside park

will be on July 10th instead of August 10th,

as stated in yesterday's paper. Conveyances

will be at St. John's Episcopal church.

The board of county commissioners are

in session this week. Monday being a holiday

nothing was done, and up to last night

nothing of special interest had been passed

upon.

County Treasurer Walter is sweltering

over the tax sale list, but will have it com-

plete in ample time for publication, and

earlier than will be gratifying to sundry

delinquents.

Several grain dealers along the Wichita

and Western rivers in the city yesterday

kicking clear over the recent drought, and

rates on corn and oats from their respective

states to Wichita.

Mr. G. J. Mohr, the electrician for the

Thompson-Houston company, is visiting

friends in Chicago. He will return as soon

as the new apparatus already ordered by

the company arrives.

One Joseph Rogers contributed to the

city's coffers and the officers' perquisites

yesterday, to the extent of \$11.25, that

amount being assessed against him by Judge

Wagner, sitting as the police court.

Captain John Logan, of Mulvane, at-

tracted considerable attention last Monday

with his military company. Rev. Magoun

was chaplain of the company, and took

supper with the young vets at the Tremont.

Mr. L. R. Cole will arrive in the city this

morning from his trip to Pontiac, Michigan.

He is accompanied by Mr. S. S. Sly and three

other gentlemen of extensive means, who

propose to look at the city with an eye to

business.

Professor Hammond, who has returned

home, informs us that the teachers' institute

for Sedgewick county will open August 2d.

The circular notices of invitation, contain-

ing suggestions of importance, will be sent

out in a few days.

M. G. Gehring, of the Wichita cracker

factory, has returned from his trip to

Illinois. He was accompanied by his family.

He believes in Wichita more firmly than

ever since having been there. The Eagle is

pleased to see the city with an eye to

business.

Mr. John Lumber, formerly of this city, but

now residing in the city of Dodge,

## THE PRANKS OF A CRANK.

The business portion of the city was

thrown into considerable commotion about

6 o'clock yesterday morning by an attempt

on the part of A. D. Stryker to kill W. B.

Bickell. The circumstances connected with

the affair, as related by parties who were

witnesses to it, are substantially as follows:

About the hour mentioned Mr. J. W.

Bickell was going north on Main street, and

just as he reached the pavement against the

county building, corner Main and First

streets, Stryker stepped from behind a

clump of gardeners standing near the foot

of the steps that lead to the corner entrance

to the building, and with the remark, "You

d—d son of a b—, I'll kill you," thrust a

pistol to within a foot of Bickell and fired,

but the aim was bad and the ball entered

the ground a few feet behind.

Shocked and astounded at the attack,

which was altogether unexpected, and being

unarmed and wholly unprepared to meet it,

Mr. Bickell caught Mr. C. E. Richey, who

was standing nearest him, and whirled him

around, placing him between himself and

Stryker. Just then Stryker

stepped back, and also missed his

intended victim, but which made a close

call on a man named Martin, driver of

street car No. 10, that was passing at the

time, cutting his sleeve and scarring the

skin on his arm from the wrist to the elbow.

At this juncture, Mr. J. D. McCoy, who

had been in conversation with Mr. Richey,

threw his left arm around Stryker's neck

and seized the pistol with his right, and in

the act of wrenching the weapon from the

would-be murderer, it was discharged a

third time, but the bullet flattened itself

against the brick wall a few feet away and

did no harm.

This ended the shooting. Messrs. McCoy

and Richey disarming Stryker, who, a few

moments later was taken in charge by Officer

Snyder and conveyed to the city prison.

In the meantime Mr. Bickell, realizing his

aimless condition, and acting upon the

first promptings of nature, i. e., self-preservation,

sought safety in an adjacent office. Shortly

afterward he went before Judge

Walker and swore out a warrant for

Stryker, charging him with assault with intent

to kill. Later in the day Stryker was taken

before Judge Walker who fixed his bond at

\$2,000 for his appearance before the

circuit court. In default of bail

he was turned over to the sheriff

and placed in the county jail to await the

action of the grand jury and circuit court.

As to the cause of the difficulty. It seems

there has been some disagreement between

Stryker and Bickell, running back for

several weeks, and which had its origin, per-

haps, in the lodge of Knights of Labor of

which both were members. Of this it is not

known, but it is known by almost every one

in Wichita who knows anything of the man

at all, knows that A. D. Stryker is a bad,

dangerous man in any community. Possessed

of a naturally irascible temperment his

habits for some time—excessive drinking

and general dissipation—have transformed

him into a crank of a dangerous type. We

are informed his antecedents are not of the

order to be admired; that while his

parents are worthy, good citizens, he has

been self-willed and hard to control. This

being his predisposition, and his course of

life such as indicated, it is not strange if his

home has not been a happy one, though his

wife is represented as an amiable lady and a

good mother, and his children bright, intelli-

gent and lovable.

Pity 'tis that, surrounded by the ties and

duties that attend a higher and nobler class

of men, as A. D. Stryker evidently has been, a

man should permit himself to be led by the

devil as a captive at his will until he should

be his subject slave, at the point to be

attained monomania. His suffering family

have the sympathy of all, but the hero of

this article is hardly entitled to pity from

any.

The accused will be given a preliminary

hearing before Judge Walker tomorrow

morning at 9 o'clock.

A BREAKFAST JOB.

Early yesterday morning Fourth avenue

was favored with a run away. A teacher-

sought near Douglas avenue, attached to

the section through which it is intended to

pass. The judge will probably be absent

the remainder of the week.

Masters Geo. Ross and Lee Cates have

learned by experience how dangerous a

scheme it is to fool with powder when there

are lighted matches about. A pound of that

explosive was ignited by the careless drop-

ping of a bit of fire, and flaming up in the

face came near running the little fellow for

his life. As it is both sustained severe and

painful burns on their faces. They will have

to come to remember the Fourth of July.

Hank Heiserman left the city Monday

night, in answer to a summons from the

chairman of the committee of arrangements

for the excursion to San Francisco on the

## THE NEW NATIONAL BANK.

Reference was made yesterday morning

in these columns to the convention of the

Kansas State bank into the "State National

Bank." The reorganization was in reality

made Saturday, and in conformity with the

comptroller's notice as appeared Sunday

morning. In winding up the old bank its

affairs were found all sound and correct,

with a big deposit, and a big reserve fund in

New York, Boston and Chicago banks. The

bank starts out under its new name and

new charter with a paid up capital stock of

\$100,000, or double its old stock, and with

an added surplus from the old bank of

\$5,000. Joseph P. Allen, whose name stood

at the head of the list of directors under the

old organization, becomes vice-president of

the State National bank; Leonard J.

president, L. D. Stryker, cashier and W.

R. Livingston, assistant cashier, hold their

positions. To the old list of directors have

been added J. B. Carey, Peter Getto, P.

V. Healey, Kos Harris and Wm. Flavin.

Green, each name a guaranty of personal

responsibility and financial strength. In

fact the State National Bank of Wichita

capitalized, organized and headed, must and

will not only do a large and increasing busi-

ness, but command the entire trust and

confidence of merchants, manufacturers and

of private depositors, and it is little else than

supererogation.

OKLAHOMA.

The Oklahoma racket is still assuming

threatening proportions, and in the language

of those interested the demands of the pro-

posed invaders are becoming more emphatic

and they mean to gain the prize. The forces

are still getting together, and of which there

is now a steadily increasing number. Three-fifths

of the seven thousand are actually ready to

march at the command, while the others are

making preparations as fast as possible.

They now claim the large amount of \$200,

000 collected and ready for use. They are

arming themselves with the long shooting

rifles and all the accessories and parapher-

nalia of war. The appearance of a

small squad of troops does not seem to

frighten them in the least, and they

boastfully assert the completion of their

scheme.

Some, however, claim that they will make

everything ready, and through a grand show

and extensive display they can bring about a

reconciliation of the much mooted ques-

tion and succeed in gaining their point by

arbitration. In other words they will not

attempt to fight their way, but attract atten-

tion and gain their point by civil means.

In their effort, however, to attract atten-

tion, they are talking of going to Fort Leavenworth

and taking possession while the troops are

enjoying the warm weather at

Arkansas City.

A MORE EFFICIENT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire bell that set up a racket on

Monday introduced the question of a

better fire department again. While the

hose cars were being hauled along first by

whoever showed a willing hand a prominent

gentleman was discussing the merits

and demerits of such an arrangement.

"In the first place," said he, "they have

a whole ward in which to look for the fire.

You see that is a territory rather large for

them to make a search accompanied with a

wagon. Suppose even that they know where

the fire is, that is a slow method by

which to get to the seat of war. A fire

could get under such headway that it

would be almost impossible to stop it. This

city needs a fire department of a more

efficient and well-regulated fire

department would cost."

Quite a number of gentlemen were heard

to express similar opinions on that occasion