

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

DODGE CITY, SATURDAY, FEB. 2, '78.

The 14th of this month is St. Valentine's day.

County Surveyor Van Tromp has embarked in the land agency business.

A musician's benefit dance will be given next Thursday night.

Red Clarke has a fine specimen of ring tobacco, dug from the mines near Cimarron City.

Mr. M. W. Sutton and the TIMES fraternity return thanks to Mrs. Overley for a choice mince pie. It was good.

A letter from Fulton, Texas, announces that Mr. W. B. Grimes has rounded up 18,000 cattle and started for Dodge.

Mr. Joseph Day starts for Texas this evening where he intends rounding up several herds to be driven up to Dodge next spring.

Mr. Isaac N. Allbright is a first class painter, as a new sign for the new shoemaker, Tope, will prove. It is a fine piece of work.

Mr. Godley, the efficient blacksmith at Andrew Johnson's, met with a painful accident this week. One of his feet was badly bruised by being stepped upon by a ruff shod horse.

A hop was given last Thursday evening at Collar's hall. Messrs. Hadder, Day and Conner were the managers. Beeson's orchestra furnished the music, and everybody had a good time.

Judge Fringer arrived home from his eastern trip last Sunday morning. Not having visited his mother and sister for three years he had a pleasant time and they were overjoyed to see him.

We are requested to announce that Mr. Harry E. Gryden got the grand bounce one day this week from one of the popular places of amusement in the city. Reason—because he wouldn't "connubiate."

At last the street crossings have been constructed as to allow passengers to cross without danger of drowning. A layer of stone was first put down, which was covered with cinders, making a dry, smooth walk. Mayor Kelley superintended the work and saw that it was done in good shape. Supt. Moran of the A. T. & S. F. kindly furnished the cinders, for which he deserves thanks.

Mrs. Geo. F. Jones was thirty years old last Wednesday, and to celebrate the occasion she gave a dinner which was partaken by a small circle of family friends. Mrs. Jones in her 30th year has all the comforts and conveniences of a pleasant home, a good husband and many friends who hope she will live as many more years.

Dr. A. H. Harris, of Westford, Otsago county, New York, has taken up his residence in Spearville, Kansas, where he will engage in the drug business and practice his profession. I have been acquainted with Mr. Harris for years, and am glad he is among us. The most eminent men in New York endorse him to be one of the most skillful members of the medical profession, and as a surgeon his record ranks with the highest. MARK.

JEWELRY.

Hadder & Draper have 250 pieces of roll plate jewelry, consisting of ladies' sets, rings, gent's pins and studs, which will be sold at the small price of one dollar per set.

A CHANGE.

A letter has been received by the commander of the Post, from the Adjutant of this department, to the effect that Capt. Leele will be relieved of the duties of shipping Quartermaster at Dodge City, and the work will be done hereafter by a Quartermaster's Agent. If this plan is carried into effect it will relieve Messrs. Harwood and Conwell from their duties in the Fort Dodge Quartermaster's office. The change has been expected for some time.

BURIAL OF MRS. TREMAINE.

Dr. Tremaine returned from Fort Leavenworth last Thursday morning. The funeral of Mrs. Tremaine took place from the chapel at Fort Leavenworth, at 3 P. M., on January 23d. The chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, as was also the casket containing the remains. The burial service of the Episcopal Church was conducted by Chaplain Woart in a very impressive manner, after which the remains were interred in the beautiful National Cemetery. They were followed to the grave by all the officers and their families stationed at Fort Leavenworth, from General Pope down. Dr. Tremaine feels deeply the loss of his companion, as he is left with five motherless children, the youngest of whom is a mere infant.

Ever since Dr. Tremaine was first stationed at Fort Dodge, about eight years ago, he has, besides attending to his duties as U. S. Surgeon, taken a deep interest in public enterprises for the advancement of the interests of this community, and in this benevolent he has a host of sympathizers.

TWO KNIGHTS TAKEN IN

And Furnished Quarters in Ford County Jail.

THEY ARE CAPTURED BY STRATEGY, MY BOY.

SHERIFF W. B. MASTERSON AND HIS HEROIC POSSE BAG THE GANG WITHOUT A SHOT.

PERILOUS ADVENTURE WITH GRATIFYING RESULTS.

THE DETAILS OF THE PURSUIT AND CAPTURE.

There was a slight ripple which disturbed the usual quiet of Dodge City yesterday evening at about 6 o'clock, and increased in volume as the startling announcement spread over the city bearing the gratifying intelligence that W. B. Masterson, Sheriff of Ford county, and posse had returned from a four days hunt, bringing with them two of the gang that made the raid on the town of Kinsley and attempted the robbery of the railroad agent and the western bound express train. The programme for this successful capture was well laid, and what may have appeared as indifference and tardiness has since shown to be a matured and well devised effort to follow a successful capture. The prudence and strategy is highly commendable. The nerve, skill and energy of Sheriff Masterson and gallant posse is recorded as a brilliant achievement and is receiving just tribute for so daring a venture accomplished so adroitly and maneuvered with the skill of a warrior.

Sheriff Masterson started on this trail Tuesday afternoon from Dodge City, and went as far as Crooked creek, 27 miles, the first day. The party was snowed in and had to lay over one day. Next day went 25 miles further to Lovell's cattle camp, on mouth of Crooked creek, 55 miles from Dodge City, arriving there at sundown, and remained there next day until afternoon. The storm was terrible about 5 p. m. when four men approached the camp, two of them being the subsequently arrested parties. When within a few hundred yards of the camp they discovered the sheriff's buggy and horses, and asked the other two, who were cattle men, what strange outfit that was. One of the cattle men recognized a horse from Anderson's stable, and told them so. They hesitated, the boss hender telling them to come on, which they finally did, when Webb, one of the Sheriff's men went out to meet them, and told them he was on his way to Crooked creek. They came in with Webb, and were decamped to a dug-out where the Sheriff and his party were concealed. Bat stood up behind a post, and came out from his concealment and presenting his pistols told the two outlaws to throw up their hands, which they did, when Kinch Riley, one of the Sheriff's posse, searched them, and took away a Colt's 45, Smith & Wesson's improved. After Riley had taken a pistol from each and supposed that was all, Sheriff Bat Masterson saw that one of the men had another, and when he went to take it the prisoner tried to hold onto it. They also had guns, one a 40 Sharpe's sporting rifle and the other a 45 calibre Government carbine.

The prisoners wanted to know what was the matter. The Sheriff replied that they were arrested on a charge of attempting to rob the train. They made no answer nor did they deny what was charged.

The arrested parties are two well known desperadoes, but quailed under the intrepid, cool and daring movements of Sheriff Bat Masterson. Ed. West, the elder of the two, is about twenty-six years old, and is a notorious thieving character; Dave Kaddabough is about twenty-three years of age, and has led a wild career in crime. They may have to answer to a catalogue of crimes. The prisoners are safely secured in the Ford county jail, but will be placed to the charge of the authorities of Edwards county.

The Sheriff's party composed himself, J. J. Webb, Dave Morrow and Kinch Riley. They were under the direction of the Adams Express Company, by whom this pursuit was arranged, and the well devised and executed capture reflects credit, good judgment and bravery upon all who engaged in it.

There are four others who were engaged in the train robbery. Their capture is only a question of time.

Harry Lovell had three good horses stolen Wednesday night, and his cattle men were on the return of a search for them, accompanied by these two robbers whom they met on the way, when they were apprised by the Sheriff and his posse.

The prisoners will be conveyed to Kinsley tonight, and a preliminary trial had immediately.

UP AGAIN.

John E. Means, the efficient County Clerk of Ford county, has so far recovered from his long and severe sickness as to be able to walk about his room. Mr. Means had a serious spell, and during his long illness was kindly nursed and cared for by many of our citizens. His numerous friends will be glad to learn of his complete recovery, and to know that he will soon be able to resume his official duties.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

Strange Lights are Seen and the Occupants Driven from their Beds With Fright.

Nearly all of our readers will remember the house where John A. McGinty and L. E. Deger kept their saloon, on the south side of the railroad track. It is one of that peculiar kind of houses, with large empty rooms and barren walls, in which bats, owls and hideous reptiles delight to congregate and hold communion together. After the death of Mrs. McGinty, which occurred about a year ago, Mr. McGinty seemed to have a dread fear to remain in the house, and one night he mysteriously disappeared. Whether he was carried off by ghosts or dissolved into thin air, we do not know. He has not been seen since. After his disappearance, Mr. Deger ran the saloon for a time, but the "haunted house" was not a popular resort, and was finally abandoned and allowed to stand unoccupied and fall into disrepair. About this time rumors began to be noised about that noises like the rustling of garments and also persons whispering could be heard in the house at night. Some said it was only clandestine meetings of colored gentlemen and ladies, who are very numerous in that locality, while a decided opinion in favor of the ghost theory prevailed in the minds of others. Until this week the "haunted house" was only known by that name to a few people. But on last Monday night a scene was witnessed which no human can account for. Up to recently the house was uninhabited; but owing to a non appreciative public, a stringency in the money market and the high price of lodging at the hotels, three men.

To wealth, but not to fame unknown, were in the habit of seeking rest and shelter from the night storms under the roof of this "haunted house." They were Mr. Kinch Riley, ex-prize fighter; Mr. James Dalton, ex Quartermaster, U. S. A. and ex-captain H. T. McCarty, a fallen political chieftain. On this eventful night they retired to rest, locked lovingly in each other's arms. But they were not to enjoy sweet dreams that night, like the babes in the woods. About two hours had elapsed, when Mr. James Dalton was awakened by feeling the clammy fingers of a skeleton hand drawn across his face. He uncovered one eye and peered out. A bright light illuminated the room. Rising up from his couch he gazed around. At the head of his bed, to his horror he discovered an object dressed in white—a woman's ghost. Rising to his full height, he collected his bravery and in the tones of a general, said:

Fair women, ghost of the departed, Why sit'at thou like an enemy in wait, Here watching at the head of those that sleep?

The apparition commenced to wave its skeleton hand as if to speak. James Dalton's courage failed, his knees trembled, his hair stood erect and his chin quivered. He thought of all the sins he had ever committed. An idea struck him at this instant, and with one bound he cleared the window and landed out in the street, closely followed by Mr. Kinch Riley. Looking back they could see the light, but the ghost had vanished. Gathering assurance they peered in at the window and saw to their surprise that the strange light that so illuminated the room was only a reflection of the light from the countenance of the prostrate chieftain.

PERSONAL.

Bob McCane is in town.

Andrew Jarr arrived with his train last Thursday.

Deputy Sheriff Simeon Woodruff, and Mr. Heady of the eastern portion of the county were in the city last Thursday.

Lieut. Reed passed through the city yesterday on his way to Fort Elliott. He has been to Washington, D. C. for some weeks.

Prof. Pickett writes that he will open the Dodge City school again on next Monday week. He has been visiting in Emporia, Plymouth, Newton and other points.

Mr. Thos. McLeon, Joseph Hamilton and Mr. Duffy from Fort Elliott, arrived this week. Mr. McLeon is post shoemaker, and Mr. Hamilton is in his employ. Mr. Duffy runs a restaurant at Sweetwater.

D. M. Frost has gone to Camp Supply, and we fear the town will go to the dogs before his return. Men whom the public lean upon for support should not leave their posts of duty.

Mr. W. V. Johnston, one of the proprietors of the town site of Spearville, was in Dodge City this week and gave us a call. Mr. Johnston is agent for the town company and also agent for the sale of railroad lands. He is an energetic, go-ahead man, and it is owing greatly to his enterprise that Spearville is growing so rapidly.

BANK FAILURES.

The First National Bank of Kansas City has suspended. There was considerable excitement. It is generally supposed the depositors will realize their claims in full.

The Topeka Bank and Savings Institution failed Thursday, and the excitement in the Capital was intense.

The Commercial National Bank of Kansas City has also suspended. The suspension of this bank will have little or no effect on business, as its transactions have not been very extended.

THE LATEST NEWS.

The House deems it inexpedient to reduce the tax on whisky.

Senator Christiancy presents a substitute to the silver bill authorizing the coinage of dollars containing 434 grains.

The war felling is growing stronger in England every day.

The President has appointed commissioners to test the coinage of gold and silver for 1877.

The Crawford county, Kansas, bonds in aid of a narrow gauge railroad have been carried.

Judge W. L. Mayo, a citizen of Leavenworth, is still missing. It is believed that he has been kidnaped by parties who hope a reward. A reward of \$500 has been offered and the most expert detectives in St. Louis have been employed.

Henry Ward Beecher is on a western tour. He lectured in Cincinnati this week.

Fresh butter and eggs kept continually at M. Collar's.

A Wedding And A Surprise Party at The East End.

EAST END Jan. 31st, 1878.

To the Editors of the Times.

The Hon. Simeon Woodruff, the newly appointed Deputy Sheriff is the victim. Every thing moved off quietly last Sabbath at Rev. Honnell's church until time for the benediction; then, instead of the general custom, the Rev. Honnell announced to the audience that a wedding would take place immediately. At this crisis Mr. Simeon Woodruff and Miss Jennie Headdy stepped forward and were made one by the holy bonds of matrimony, followed by singing, prayer and the benediction. The bride and groom returned to the residence of Lester Marks, from whence but one short hour previous they had departed for church. They had their guests invited, who immediately began to drop in to give Marks and wife a glorious surprise. But they, upon this occasion as all others, were equal to the emergency, and dished up a good chicken dinner for about twenty-five. May more do likewise.

Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Elhart, by Dr. A. H. Harris, of Spearville, Ford county, Kansas, formerly of Westford, Otsago county, New York, a girl. It is premium, weighs twelve pounds. Mother and child doing well and father happy.

A NEW EMIGRANT.

Ladies' and Misses' shoes, all sorts, at cost. Prints six and seven cents per yard, at M. Collar's.

The walking match will surely take place to-morrow.

Adam Jackson has been sick for a day or two, but is better to day.

"Dirty Ike" showed up this week looking like a "four time winner." He rode in on the air brake of a freight car, and looked as handsome as ever.

Had it not turned warm this afternoon a skating programme would have been published. General Beverley, Vice-President Isaacson and Lieutenant Garland have the matter in charge.

A CONFIDENCE GAME.

An adventurer, dead beat and is crafty fraud arrived at a live young city on the Santa Fe road some weeks ago. He had been put off several times, yet he through "ways that are dark and tricks that were vain" gained the confidence of a shrewd banker—representing that he had two thousand head of fine cattle down in the Pan Handle country, which he proposed shipping in January. The d. b. was just then in need of \$400 and a new suit of clothes. "Certainly, I can accommodate you with any favor you wish," and the funds and a brand new suit were at once furnished, whilst the d. b. went on his way rejoicing. Of course he has not since been heard from. This same dead beat raised three thousand dollars in Denver two months ago on that imaginary herd of long horns. He also raised a stake at Atchison and another at Hutchinson in the same manner, and we know 'a' 'em that has forty pair of blankets on hand as a remainder of misplaced confidence. His deceptive falsetto voice seemed to have a peculiar charm as he told of his herds and leads, and his name for convenience was Hamilton.—[Kinsley Republican.

PROPOSALS FOR WOOD, COAL AND HAY.

Office Chief Quartermaster, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., January, 29, 1878. SEALED PROPOSALS, in triplicate, will be received at this office, and at the offices of the Post Quartermasters at each post named below, until 11 o'clock A. M. Leavenworth time, on Saturday, February 2d, 1878, for the delivery during the period ending June 30, 1878, of Wood at Fort Elliott, Texas; of Wood and Bituminous Coal at Fort Dodge, Kansas; and of Wood and Hay at Camp Supply, I. T.

Bids for any portion of the supplies will be entertained. A preference will be given to articles of domestic production. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The proposals will be opened in the presence of bidders, and will be subject to the conditions given on proposals, and in circulars which will be furnished on application from this office. These circulars will give full information.

Envelopes containing proposals should be plainly marked "Proposals for Wood, (or Hay or Coal) at _____" and addressed to the undersigned, or to the Quartermasters at the posts named below. RUFUS SEXTON, Deputy Q. M. General.