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MINOR MENTIONS

The Council Bluffs hunting and fishing club meet this evening.

To-morrow evening the Episcopalists have a social at the house of Mrs. F. S. Peay.

The Owl Club gave a very enjoyable party at the Ogden house last Friday evening.

The first annual ball of the Light Guards is to be given in Bloom & Nixon's hall next Friday evening.

Charles Hood, for being so drunk as to crowd ladies off the sidewalk, was taxed \$6.95 by Recorder Burke.

There was no session of the circuit court Saturday, adjournment being taken until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The funeral of H. J. Lender, who died in Stansbury, Mo., and whose body was brought here, was held Saturday afternoon.

In the circuit court the case of the First National bank vs. Johnson & Co., has come to a close, the verdict being for the plaintiff.

The two Omaha girls have finally concluded not to wait for requisitions, but have gone across the river in charge of officers, to appear as witnesses in the murder case.

Saturday night and Sunday passed unusually quiet with police circles. There were three lockers, but they had nothing about them to break the monotony that prevailed.

The news that Guitau had been sentenced to be hanged was bulletined here Saturday, and created much comment on the streets, most of them being of a decidedly approving nature.

The cut on the road leading to Parks' mill and near Mr. Cannon's house is a dangerous condition. Some of the embankment falling, nearly buried a team there the other day. Supervisor Harbin has been ordered to look after it.

Next Saturday evening at Dohany's will appear C. H. Smith's double Uncle Tom's Cabin company. It is a two ring show which offers many attractions, such as two Topseys, two Lawyer Marks, and bloodhounds, donkeys, etc., in profusion.

Many of the citizens had their attention attracted Saturday by the unusual solar show given, apparently an offset to the brilliant lunar display given a few evenings ago. The sun could hardly do as well as the moon, but it presented one ring, a portion of another, and them in a pair of sun-dogs.

Bill Quinn, who startled his fellow-boarding by firing some shots through the floor into the dining room, has been released on payment of a fine. Some of his friends and relatives claim that he is insane. If so he should be cared for, especially if he is so fond of reckless shooting as he seems to be.

Alderman Spetman had his official attention called to a defective sidewalk in front of Mr. Ingalls' property on Main street the other day, the alderman's leg going down through the boards. Such official notice caused an order to be issued for the necessary repairs. If the aldermen keep on walking they may discover a number of such defective sidewalks.

A German blacksmith named Therikson bought some horse-radish for his table the other day, and in using it found that it was quite gritty, and felt queer in the mouth. Soon his sister-in-law screamed aloud in great pain, and it was discovered that a bit of glass had lodged in her throat. It was removed with some difficulty, and on examining the horse-radish it was found to be full of little bits of glass, some of it very finely powdered. How it got there is a mystery.

The bricklayers and plasterers met Saturday night, in pursuance with the call for a meeting to organize a union. Several from the Omaha union were present, including the president, William Tuttle. The attendance was large, and a membership of over thirty was secured, who elected as officers: President, W. M. Roper; vice president, C. E. Dawson; secretary, George Tremble; treasurer, Wade Roper. It was decided to fix wages at \$1 per day until March 1, and adjournment was taken for one week.

Under the present city administration there was expended from April 1, 1881, to January 1, 1882, nearly \$52,000. At the last meeting of the council the warrants issued in January were reported as amounting to over \$10,000, so that the total now amount to \$62,000, an excess of \$8,000 over the expenditures of the previous year. If the present administration should go on until the 1st of April at its present rate of speed, \$10,000 a month, they would reach the sum of over \$80,000 for the year. As compared with the previous year, \$24,687, it looks as if the present administration was trying to see how much it could get away with. One gentleman well posted in the city's finances asserts that the expenditures of the present council will reach over to \$100,000, when all the outstanding bills are presented and the open accounts balanced.

Jolly Jollities.

Atkinson's "Jollities" appeared at Dohany's to a crowded house on Friday evening, and gave an excellent feast of fun under the caption of "The Electrical Doll." The audience was quite enthusiastic, and applause and laughter were called forth in generous quantities. Among those who did work especially worthy of mention was Miss Lillian Brown as the electrical doll; Frank Daniels, as John Habbitt Twitt; Stanley Felch, as the old man, Cornelius Twitt, and Miss Kate Chester, as Cutty Stebbins. The entertainment consisted of a musical absurdity, in which some really fine music was given, some of the solo work being above the ordinary. There was plenty of mirth wisely mingled, and some of the situations were so comical as to almost convulse the audience with merriment.

BRIDGING THE RIVER.

The Committee of the Two Cities Meet and Have an Encouraging Conference.

The Difference Between a Garbled Report and the Facts in the Case.

The committee appointed by the boards of trade of Omaha and Council Bluffs met in joint session in the former city last Saturday afternoon.

Colonel Sapp, of Council Bluffs, was chosen chairman, and Thomas Gibson, Esq., of Omaha, secretary. The object of the meeting was stated to be to take steps which it was hoped would result ultimately in the building of a wagon, foot and street car bridge between the two cities.

The question first discussed was in regard to the location of the bridge, and it was expressed as the unanimous belief of the entire joint committee that it should be at the foot of Broadway in Council Bluffs and at the foot of Douglas street in Omaha.

The question as to which it was best to build, a high or low bridge, was also discussed, and during such discussion the fact of railway tracks on the low bottom on the Omaha side was talked about. It was thought they might operate prejudicially to a low bridge.

The inquiry was made as to the height of these tracks above low water mark, and it was stated they were not more than five feet above low water mark. It was then suggested that a low bridge would have to be above high water mark, and that high water mark was twenty-two feet and eight inches above low water mark. For this reason an approach might be constructed on the Omaha side, so as to allow the engines and cars to pass under the same. An inquiry was then made as to whether a bill might not be drawn so as to build either a high or a low bridge, in the discretion of the parties building the same, both plans being provided for in the bill to be built in conformity to an act of congress, directing how bridges across the Missouri river shall be constructed, which act is now in force, and it was unanimously thought advisable to provide for building either a high or low bridge as might be adopted by the parties building the same.

Nothing whatever was said about building a bridge as high as Farnham street, neither was a plan proposed by which it was to be built by the two cities, nor was anything said about aid from either of the cities.

Something was said about aid from Pottawattamie and Douglas counties, but it seemed to be the unanimous belief of both committees that if a bridge was built at all, it would have to be done by private capital, and as a private enterprise. It was agreed that they would be careful to see that a low rate of charge should be specified in the bill to be introduced in congress, as the maximum rate of charges, so as to make it as near a free bridge as possible, giving to the parties only such remuneration as would be just for the money expended.

It was unanimously agreed that ten gentlemen should be elected from among the citizens of Council Bluffs and ten gentlemen from the citizens of Omaha, as incorporators, whose names should be inserted in a bill to be prepared authorizing the construction of such bridge. The opposition to such a bridge was freely discussed and it was generally supposed that there would be but little opposition from any source, excepting from the Union Pacific railroad, which now has a complete monopoly of all transportation and travel between the two cities.

It is not true as stated in The Nonpareil that Omaha made any demand of any kind in respect to said bridge. The proposition to construct said bridge coming from Council Bluffs the committee representing Omaha agreed to defer to the committee from Council Bluffs, stating that they were in utter ignorance of what propositions to be made; that they supposed the Council Bluffs people had matured plans and had agreed in the main as to the construction of the bridge; that they were willing and desirous of aiding in any way they could in such enterprise. It was also stated by them that they had citizens who would take stock, and it was stated by the committee from Council Bluffs that there were citizens in that city who would do the same thing.

These were the main topics talked over by these committees on Saturday afternoon, as The Bee is informed by members of the committee representing Council Bluffs. The Bee is also informed that to prevent any misrepresentation being made by the newspapers, in respect to what was done at the meeting on Saturday, the committee appointed by the board of trade of Council Bluffs had the acting secretary of that board accompany them to Omaha, and directed him to take full minutes of all that was said and done, but this precaution does not seem to have been as effective as the Nonpareil in its issue yesterday morning makes a warrant, willful and intentional misrepresentation of what did take place, for no other purpose than to deceive the citizens of Council Bluffs. Whether this was done to serve the Union Pacific railway company, and to continue its monopoly, the Nonpareil can explain. That such is the effect to one can deny. The Bee says the Nonpareil willfully and intentionally misrepresented what took place because it was informed that the city editor of that paper had free access to the minutes kept by Mr. Baird, the acting secretary of the Council Bluffs board of trade.

The insinuation in the Nonpareil that Omaha proposed a kind of bridge or any kind of bridge in her interest is without any foundation whatever. Most of the conversation was carried

on by citizens of Council Bluffs during the meeting, and it is understood that not a single suggestion made in respect to the location of the bridge, the character of the bridge, or the means by which the same should be constructed, was opposed by the committee representing Omaha.

Mr. Johnson, of the firm of Steele & Johnson, Omaha, was invited by the joint committees to be present, and was not there as a committee man, nor of his own motion, and the statement in the Nonpareil that Mr. Johnson said "that Omaha desired and wanted a bridge that would be above the lines of the tracks of the Burlington & Missouri on the bottom, and that a canvass of the business interests of that city was in favor of having the same at least as high as Farnham street at Ninth street," is utterly false in every line, syllable and letter. Mr. Johnson made no such statement. On the contrary, Mr. Johnson gave no opinion as to whether the bridge ought to be a high one or a low one. He spoke of the Burlington & Missouri having procured the low ground south of Farnham street; that they were going to fill the same in, but this is south of where the proposition was to locate the bridge. Farnham street being south of Douglas street. Mr. Johnson did state that he believed it would be greatly to the interest of both cities to have a wagon bridge.

It was also stated at the meeting that wholesale merchants in both cities hauled a great deal of their merchandise across the river by wagon to save time.

The move for a bridge is one which interests greatly the people of both cities, and The Bee feels, therefore, in duty bound to give the public the exact facts of this meeting in detail and at some length, in view of the distorted statements made by the Nonpareil in its attempt to throw cold water on the plan and deceive the public as to the purposes sought.

The committees upon adjournment decided to meet in Council Bluffs Saturday afternoon, the 12th inst., to take further steps toward the securing of this object so much desired.

CITY CHOW-CHOW.

The Days of the Aldermen in Council Gathered.

Some Interesting Reports From the City Officers.

At the regular meeting of the city council Friday evening the mayor and all the members were present except Keller and Phillips.

A license was granted for a saloon in the old Creston house.

A petition of forty citizens requesting the raising of the Ninth street bridge was granted.

A petition for a sidewalk from Broadway to Avenue B on Twenty-third street was granted.

A petition for a cross-walk on the south side of Sixth street and Sixth avenue was granted with equal readiness.

Mr. Shugart and Judge James appeared in behalf of Main street property owners, and expressed a desire that the contract for paving the street be not let on the 17th as advertised, but that the matter be deferred until after it was ascertained what the water works company was to do. The property owners thought it inadvisable to pay before the plans were laid, as in laying these mains the pavement would be torn up and could not be put in so good condition again. On motion of Alderman Dawson it was decided to open the bids as advertised, but to defer letting the contract until the first council meeting in April.

The finance clerk, Mr. Abbott, presented a report showing the amount expended for different purposes since April, 1881. Recorder Burke took occasion to protest against the report by saying that sundry questions had been asked by the evening paper, but that all such questions were answered by just such a report as this presented to the council monthly. The report showed the amount of bills allowed by the council since April 1, 1881, to be \$67,610.76. Of this amount \$2,627 was for salaries of officers; \$4,269 for street lamps; \$1,464 for printing; \$1,849 for condemnation of right of way; \$2,194 for city engineers' numbering, etc.; \$1,500 for miscellaneous, including judgments for damages settled, etc.; \$5,768 for police; \$11,531 for fire department, new steamer, tournament, etc.; \$16,128 for streets, alleys and supervisor; \$6,747 for Union avenue levy; \$1,065 for Fairmount park; \$1,071 on account of flood.

Although this report was announced to be the usual monthly showing the council gave a vote of thanks for it. Recorder Burke showed the amount of warrants for the month of January to have been \$10,174.

The mayor expressed a desire to have an inventory made showing what property the city had on hand to show for the money that had been expended under this administration.

The chief of police reported 110 arrests during January, of which 53 were for drunkenness. The fines collected amounted to \$214, and 77.50 had been worked out.

The tickets collected in January from 49 saloon keepers footed up \$1,228.60.

Alderman Dawson, Spetman, Churchill and Unthank, were appointed a committee to select polling places and judges for the coming election.

A communication was presented from J. W. Chapman and Robert Percival, the delegates chosen to go to Washington to work in the interests of the McCrary bill, in which Council Bluffs is included among the cities entitled to appropriations for new government buildings. This communication stated that a letter had been received from Sam Clark, of Keokuk, who was at work for the same bill in Washington, and that this letter was so discouraging

that it was deemed needless to have delegates sent from here. The communication also stated that Congressman Hepburn's bill for a special appropriation for a government building here had been reported on favorably by the sub-committee, and that if any bill succeeded it would probably be this one, instead of the McCrary bill. They also suggested that if any delegates shall be sent who were in harmony with the present representative and could work with him.

The order instructing the delegates to go to Washington was therefore rescinded.

The council endorsed the mayor's proclamation as correct in all respects. It was announced that a letter was expected from Col. Montgomery, explaining the matter referred to at the last council meeting concerning his expenses as a delegate to Washington some years ago. The committee to investigate the matter was therefore given more time.

Alderman Churchill reported that the condemnation for widening Main street from Eleventh to Sixteenth street would cost about \$2,000, and recommended that it be made.

Alderman Fonda objected. He said that at the last meeting it was reported at \$1,000; now it was \$2,000 and over, and at the next meeting it would be \$5,000. He moved to lay the matter on the table, and this was carried, Alderman Churchill and Spelman voting no.

Alderman Dawson wanted work on Union avenue stopped until the next meeting and have the matter investigated in the meantime to determine whether more shall be done. The council had done more work than usual at this time of year and there were many complaints. They had spent as much money as he felt ought to be spent, and it was best to wait until the next council and let them have a clatter at it.

Alderman Fonda thought they would get just as much kicking for spending little as spending much. They might as well get the whole business over. The avenue was needed and should be finished.

Alderman Unthank said that if they had reached the limit of the money he felt like stopping.

The mayor suggested that this year's taxes had not been tested. They were just dressing a baby, to which their predecessors gave birth. The work should go on.

It was at last decided that Ald. Fonda, Raine and Unthank should look into the matter, with power to act.

The question arose about the grading ordered on Main street. It was announced that the railway track would have to be raised before much filling could be done, and the track could not be raised until the frost was out. Mr. Baldwin had threatened to enjoin them if they insisted on raising the track. The mayor thought this ought not to frighten them, but the work would go ahead and let Mr. Baldwin enjoin if he wanted to. The matter was allowed to rest though.

The small pox ordinance was deferred until the next meeting. The ordinance creating a fifth ward was laid on the table with no discussion. Ald. Churchill and Spelman alone opposing this motion. Ald. Unthank explained his vote by saying that while he had always been in favor of a fifth ward, he felt that many opposed to it that he favored laying it on the table.

A cross-walk was ordered put across Broadway near Mr. Beebe's store. Adjournment was then taken.

If any one desires to get any petitions favorably considered by the council, now is the accepted time to present them. The council seems too good-natured to refuse any request now. It is strange what a mellowing influence a coming election has.

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