

THE DAILY BEE. COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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MINOR MENTION.

Additional local on seventh page. The Empire hardware company has put in a new gas elevator into its building.

A new brick sidewalk is being laid along the south side of the court house property.

Mr. Brainerd has greatly improved the residence recently purchased by him on Fourth avenue.

A sister-in-law of Constable Tom Skinner, who recently arrived here on a visit, is quite seriously ill.

The Presbyterian social postponed Thursday night on account of bad weather, is to be held this evening.

M. B. Brown, manager of the telegraph office here, is now called to Omaha, to help out there during the telegraphers' strike.

D. J. McAdams has purchased Captain Russell's establishment on lower Broadway, and will take possession on the first of the month.

Mr. De Vol, who recently purchased F. F. Ford's handsome residence, proposes at an early date to make some marked improvements in it.

John Fox, of Hardin township, has a hundred acres of fine corn as was ever seen in that town. It don't look much as if the crops were spoiled.

The Pearl street cars now run every half hour, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 3:30 p. m., besides the runs for the trains in and out. This increases the convenience very much.

The Wells-Webster neighborhood row was called up in court yesterday, but again continued, this time for three weeks, Mrs. Wells' ill health not permitting her to attend.

The architect's plans of the proposed Catholic church are on exhibition at Sullivan & Fitzgerald's establishment on Broadway, and attract much attention, and excite much favorable comment.

James Clark, who has been held in the jail here several days on suspicion of having stolen a watch from a man sleeping in the park, was yesterday discharged, there being no evidence gained against him.

If, as is predicted, the cholera is to visit this country, would it not be well for Council Bluffs officials to issue a few more proclamations about cleaning up the alleys. Those already given do not seem to have taken.

Powder was used yesterday in blasting off some chunks from the bluffs in making room for the Masonic temple. That is something of an improvement over shovels, but still men are very reckless in standing under the overhanging crusts.

J. G. Wilson, the shoemaker, was brought in yesterday for having one of his strong but weekly drunks. He offered less resistance than usual, though he has had lessons enough to have learned long ago that it is best to comply with official commands without a struggle.

An old man appeared in police court yesterday morning charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty and gave his name, S. P. White. How old are you? "Only 84." That settles it. You're discharged. When they catch me finishing a man for being drunk, who is only 84, I'll quit the bench, and the judge turned to the next case on the docket.

Since THE BEE has become so favorite a paper, partly because of its giving its readers every morning the news of both cities, some of the other papers here are paying some attention to Omaha news, and trying to get it for their readers. As they have to depend on clipping from exchanges, they are necessarily twenty-four hours behind THE BEE in enlightening their readers as to the news of both sides of the river.

Cynthia Odell, arrested on complaint of Simson Ward, for stealing some dumbbells valued at \$2, had her trial by jury yesterday, in Justice Vaughan's court, the case being taken there from Justice Schurz. The woman was discharged and there was a lively contest between Attorneys Hunter and Baird as to whether the costs should be taxed to the prosecuting witness Ward, or not. The court decided not to tax Ward with it.

At the teachers' institute there is increasing interest. Yesterday we dropped into Prof. Warner's room and found him putting some very good ideas into the heads of the thirty or forty teachers, who were paying him the strictest attention. In Prof. Cramer's room the teachers were getting some excellent pointers on reading. He seems to be one of the favorites among the attending teachers, and many good words are spoken of his instruction. Altogether the present institute is proving the best ever held here.

The evening globe seems to be lending its columns to some very spiteful flings at City Engineer Foster, and is inspired by some of that gentleman's political opponents, rather than based on any engineering knowledge possessed by the editor. In trying to find fault with the city engineer's present work on the creek, it should be consistent, however. One evening it says that it is foolish to put brush in at Madison street because it all washes out again. The very next issue complains of the use of brush because it don't wash out, but stays there and dams up the creek. Now which way does he want it? Both charges are so far from the facts that it is evident the writer must get his engineering information from quite uncertain sources.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. E. A. Consigny and his son Lottie, while out riding met with an accident which is difficult to understand how it did not prove more serious. On attempting to cross the bridge on the west line of Curry's farm, the stringers on one side of the approach gave way, and the horse, giving a spring in the air, plunged over into the river, which is about twelve feet deep, with the buggy crashing on top of it. Mr. Consigny and his son jumped from the buggy as it was going over, and by their prompt action probably saved their lives. The horse succeeded in breaking loose from the buggy and gained the shore, exhausted with his struggle and severely wrenched by his plunge. The buggy was quite badly wrecked.

Wrecked. The county will no doubt have considerable of a bill to pay. [Avoca Herald.] J. W. Rodefer having been elected secretary and treasurer of the Mercantile Loan, Trust and Improvement company of Council Bluffs, has accepted the position and assumed the management of the company's business. The following named persons are on the board of directors: T. A. Kirkland, C. S. Letters, J. W. Rodefer, I. A. Miller, E. L. Shugart, T. A. KIRKLAND, President.

FIRE ALARMS.

False Economy Promises to Become Real Extravagance.

Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock a fire alarm was turned on from box 14, caused by the discovery of fire at the Crystal Mills on Main street. The number struck at the engine houses was however No. 4, the box being evidently out of fix. As a result the department run to the latter box, on Frank street, in an entirely different direction from the Crystal mills, and not finding there any signs of fire, the boys concluded it must be a false alarm, and were leisurely taking the apparatus back to the houses again, when they were met by a boy on horseback who told them that there was a fire at the Crystal mills. They speedily got there, and were soon at work, though one of the steamers had already dumped its fire supposing there was no fire at the alarm. The fire at the mills was speedily quenched, and the damage was not very heavy. It appeared to have been caught from the sheet iron conductor running from the boiler to the smokestack, and before it could be put out, had charred the entire roof of the boiler house, connected with the mill.

Yesterday afternoon the alarm box which had caused so much trouble in the morning, was being taken off to be repaired, when another alarm was struck, and again the fire department turned out promptly. Some went one way, some another and it took some time before the truth could be got at that there was no fire at all. There has been several such experiences of late, owing to the defective fire boxes, but the city has each time been in good luck, the fires not having been serious ones. It cannot be expected that this good luck will continue, however, and some time when the department is most needed it will not be there, owing to its being sent off in some other direction by one of these faulty alarms.

The attempt was made in getting the present alarm system to save as much money as possible, and the economy shown promises to be very costly. The cheapest kind of alarm boxes were bought, and they are continually needing tinkering and are quite apt, when really needed, to mislead the fire department.

About the cheapest and safest way is to pitch them into some pile of old iron and put on first class boxes. If the council cannot afford to pay for first class boxes, let it get only half so many. That would be an improvement over the present situation.

Another improvement much needed is that the big bell strike the number of the box, so that citizens can tell by counting the strokes where the fire is located. A striking apparatus was made some time ago, but it has never been connected with the bell, and hence is lying idle. It ought to be put in place, or some other contrivance fixed to let the people as well as the department know where a fire is.

The fire department as now organized and officered is in fine shape and very effective. It is too good a department to be crippled by a faulty fire alarm system, which is really worse than no system, for it misleads. The present matter should be used as far as possible, but a better one added to it so as to make it complete.

GRAND CONCERT.

At Beck's garden to-morrow afternoon and evening. Good music. WM. BOHNING.

A CORRUPT RING.

It Costs One Man Three Dollars to Learn That There are Still Confidence Men at the Transfer.

He sat on the shady side of the transfer, waiting for a train, and wondering whether there really were so many confidence men hanging about the depot, or whether the newspaper men were liars, and what sort of monstrosities the crooks were, and whether they really had horns, when a nice looking young gentleman sat down beside him and opened a pleasant conversation. After a little the young gentleman, chancing to glance down, spied a gold ring on the platform, and picked it up only too quickly. "Well, I declare, here's a rich find." He examined it and concluded that it was worth \$15 or more, easily. He wanted to be fair about it, and as they were both sitting where the ring was found, the nice young gentleman expressed the belief that it justly belonged to one as much as the other. He would buy or sell his half of the find, and finally concluded to give the sucker the best of the bargain and sell to him for \$3. The sucker took the ring, paid the \$3, and in course of a half hour found that all is not gold that glitters, and he was out just \$2.90. He now believes the newspaper men.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record in the county clerk's office, July 27, reported for the BEE by P. J. McMahon, real estate agent: J. M. Palmer to H. M. Wallace et al., lot 4, block 19, Bayliss & Palmer's add., \$125.

Harvey Stephens to William Reeves, part of block 43, Allen & Cook's add. at Avoca; \$650. Thomas Officer to Alonzo Knight, et al., lot 1, block 19, Bayliss & Palmer's add., \$1,360.

Agnes Folsom to Independent School District of Council Bluffs, lots 2, 10, 13, 15, 18 and 19, block 19, Burns' add., \$800.

First National Bank to J. M. Palmer, lots 1 to 11 inclusive, block 1, railroad add., \$500. Total sales, \$3,235.

All nervous and blood diseases are invariably cured by the use of Samaritan Nervine.

"Samaritan Nervine" would be cheap and gained the shore, exhausted with his struggle and severely wrenched by his plunge. The buggy was quite badly wrecked.

Some of the expressmen having neglected or refused to pay their license have been complained of and in turn they have complained of the ordinance, and through their attorneys, Messrs. Soars & Mynster, have been attacking it, and the war has been waged in the superior court pretty sharply.

A number of points have been raised and argued, but the main decision reached thus far is that of the court to provide any penalty for expressmen refusing to take out the required license, and that the ordinance passed some time afterwards, trying to amend it so as to cover this defect, is of no account, and was labor lost.

Under this decision it is of no use to bring the common carriers into court unless some other general ordinance can be found providing in a sort of wholesale way for fining those who violate any of the city ordinances. Judge Aylesworth seems to think that there is somewhere a provision to meet cases where the ordinance fails to name the penalty for the misdemeanor, but as yet no one has found its page and paragraph. While the hunt is going on for the lost power of punishing those who thus offend, a fresh attack is being made on the validity of the ordinance on new grounds, and the real question of the validity of the ordinance is not decided.

It is intimated that if this ordinance cannot be made to stick the council will pass one which will, and in the new ordinance will raise the amount of the carrier's license from \$15 to \$25. If this is done because the present license is really too low, it may be a justifiable change, but if it is for the sake of punishing those who object to pay license under the present ordinance, as seems to be the purpose of the threat, it will seem too much like spite work.

If the present ordinance is defective, it is not the fault of the expressmen, and they ought not to be punished for it. It would be a rare streak of good luck if the ordinance is good in all respects, and if any punishment is to be inflicted, it shall fall upon those who framed it so bunglingly. As THE BEE showed up at the time the old council framed its batch of ordinances that it was a fearfully bungling piece of work. Since then they have been patched and tinkered at until many of the defects have been remedied, but there are doubtless enough holes left yet.

NO PENALTIES.

The Patch-Quilt License Ordinance Declared Not to Have Any Forfeiting Expressmen at Last.

Not a Case. Not a case of rheumatism, not a case of neuralgia, not a case of lameness, not a case of pain or sprain—not one—has failed to go when attacked by Thomas' Electric Oil.

PERSONALS.

Among the Chicago arrivals at the Pacific yesterday were W. T. Seek, A. H. Lemman and E. Mendens.

H. C. Day, of Golden, Colorado, put in the day yesterday in this city and made headquarters at the Pacific.

W. F. Cleveland, of Shelby, Iowa, was looking about the Bluffs yesterday.

A. P. Craner, the Avoca scribe, was in the city yesterday.

C. G. Kollf, of St. Paul, reached the Ogden yesterday.

Frank Dodson and wife, of Logan, visited the city yesterday.

Fred Thompson and T. J. Halpin were among the St. Louis folks at the Ogden yesterday.

J. P. Sherman, of Waterloo, Ia., special agent and adjuster of the Commercial Union Assurance company of London, and George A. Armstrong, of Des Moines, who occupies a like position for the Underwriters agency of New York, were in the city yesterday, and in company with E. A. Becker, the local agent, adjusted the loss of Mr. John Carpenter.

Cor. Bonham went to Council Bluffs Friday to take charge of the books of Stewart Bros. Cor. has been an esteemed citizen of Malvern for several years, and his many friends here will wish him well in his new position. [Malvern Leader.]

J. D. Street is back from Denver. He reports a big crowd there, and a general hurrah. While the streets are crowded with visitors, Denver people have so much pride in their city that they claim that most of these belong there, and that there are not many strangers in town.

Pat Lacy has gone to LaSalle, Illinois, to attend a horse meeting there, and see if he cannot secure some more fast steppers for the fall meeting here.

Mrs. S. Cooper, the aged mother of Mrs. E. B. Gardner, is lying very ill indeed at the residence of her son-in-law, on First street.

I. D. Lyman, of Lincoln, died at the Ogden yesterday.

M. L. Lewis, of Scranton, Ia., was in the city yesterday.

H. P. Sherman, of Chicago, was a Pacific guest yesterday.

H. L. McWilliams, of Neosho, was in the city yesterday, having just returned from Wayne county, Nebraska, where he has been for some weeks past.

Hon. B. F. Clayton, of Macedonia, returned yesterday from the West, where he has been looking after his landed interests.

Among the Chicagoans at the Ogden yesterday were: J. B. Keeler and wife, Ben M. Krueger, F. E. Bean, H. S. Daniels, C. E. Benlet and Miss Katie Dolson.

J. J. Lambert, of Pueblo, Col., was at the Ogden yesterday.

The great distinguishing feature of Redding's Russia Salve is its power to reduce inflammation.

To Property Owners.

My property which was destroyed by fire on July 21, 1883, being insured in the Commercial Union, of London, and Underwriters Agency, of New York, has this day been settled and paid in full by their adjusters, J. P. Sherman and Geo. A. Armstrong. This prompt settlement I attribute to their wide awake and general agent at this place, Mr. E. A. Becker, who was on the ground at the time of the fire, and who did all in his power to have the loss settled as soon after the fire as possible. I cheerfully recommend him to all who desire insurance, as a reliable and strictly attentive to the business, and on hand when insurance is most needed—after a loss.

Respectfully, JOHN EPERKETER.

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