

COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTIONS.

O. E. Lamb of Macon, Ia., is in the city, the guest of his father-in-law, Officer Friend C. Hall.

The Retail Merchants' association meets in regular session at the city building this evening.

Ed Cramer of the Electric Light company has been called to Creston by the death of his father.

Forer P. Burehard and Dollie Miller, both of Omaha, were united in marriage yesterday by Justice Walker.

J. Day left last evening for Boston, accompanied by Mrs. Day. They will remain in New England until September.

The Grand hotel, Council Bluffs, High class in every respect. Rates, \$2.50 per day and upward.

Mr. Saunders, father of County Attorney Saunders, died yesterday at his home in Manilla, Ia. Mr. Saunders left last night.

Mrs. J. H. Simms and daughter have come to England for a year's duration at the home of her parents and the parents of her husband.

All members of Bluffs division No. 27, Knights of Pythias, are requested to be present at their hall tonight.

Business of importance to be transacted. By order of the colonel.

J. J. Gravatte arrived home yesterday from his business trip through Kansas. He was on the edge of the cyclone that swept over that state and says that the reports that have been sent out convey but a manager idea of the damage and ruin that was wrought.

In addition to the reports from the towns that have been received Gravatte says the towns of Reserve and Berwick were entirely wiped out and that Sabotia was damaged much more severely than reports indicated.

The country is very seriously damaged, crops and orchards destroyed and stock killed. The loss of life has been heavier than reported and the financial loss, in property, will run up into millions.

The city council failed to have a meeting of the committee of the whole last evening according to the program arranged during the afternoon.

The meeting was to have been for the purpose of settling the differences between the city and the Electric Light company, concerning the amount to be deducted from the light company's bills for the last two months for short voltage and lights not burning.

There were only three members of the council present and no meeting was held. There is a difference of nearly \$200 in dispute.

The aldermen who were present put in the evening lounging in the mayor's office and talking stories that did not relate to the city's finances.

Rickman, 521 Broadway, is now prepared to furnish ice cream and ices in any quantity desired.

Special rates for receptions, parties and societies. Fresh, seasonable fruits always on hand delivered free of any part of the city.

Do not overlook our fine candies. Cut flowers and plants fresh from the green house constantly on hand. Telephone No. 352.

Davis, drugs, paints and glass; Tel. 289.

Infants in "Uncle Nathan."

The Infants Dramatic club will again appear before a Council Bluffs audience next Thursday evening in the play "Uncle Nathan."

The performance will be for the benefit of St. Bernard's hospital, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, the proceeds of the entertainment going to furnish two or more beds in the hospital for the poor of this city.

The memory of former triumphs achieved by Infants talent is still fresh, and the New Bohemian, where the performance will be given, will doubtless be filled to overflowing.

The box office will be opened Tuesday morning. The following is the cast of characters:

- Nathan Bardwell.....George Hughes
Quincy Bardwell.....Julius Lange
Joe Bardwell.....Philip Paschal
James Monroe.....George Ferner
Ed Murphy.....Patrick McBride
Squire Crosby.....Henry Paschal
Miss O'Connell.....Charles Paschal
Charles Meyer.....T. J. Hughes
Richard Blinn.....Bernard McDermott
Maria Bardwell.....Nora Brown
Mary Bardwell.....Florence
Nellie Crosby.....Nellie Beebe
Mathilda.....Mrs. Hartigan
Cody.....Zella Lodge

Situation wanted, by first-class white all round and second cook; strictly sober and reliable; first-class references. Address E. G. Brickley, 27 North Main street.

Sidewalk Lids Opened.

The bids for laying the artificial stone walks around and through Cocheran park in the western part of the city were opened at the city building yesterday afternoon by the city engineer in the presence of several members of the council.

Action was deferred until Thursday, at which time the city engineer will lay before the council a tabulated statement of the bids. The bids are based on the use of American and imported Portland cement.

The bids show extraordinary reduction in prices now asked by contractors for artificial stone walk. As late as two years ago 18 cents a square foot was considered low for the work, and only a few years ago the prevailing price was 24 cents.

The bids were, per square foot:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Price. Includes Frank Walling, Steve Connors, J. Johnson, etc.

We Do the Framing!

Our prices are right! Our goods will please you! H. L. SMITH & CO.

South First Street to be Paved.

The city council, acting as a committee of the whole, investigated the washouts on South First street yesterday.

The condition of the old rotten block paving was most thoroughly appreciated when the patrol wagon was driven rapidly over the street.

The point where 200 feet of the old paving was washed out was examined carefully, and the aldermen came to the conclusion that the only way to fix it was to repave the whole street.

Unless there is an overwhelming protest against the work the matter will be favorably reported at the next meeting of the council, and the work of repaving the street will be started as quickly as possible.

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STOCKHOLDERS MUST PAY

Secure a Judgment Against the Union Fraternal Association.

MRS. SUSAN MOORE WINS HER CASE

Judge McGee Requires the Officers and Other Interested Individuals of the Defunct Concern Held for \$3,000.

The case of Mrs. Susan E. Moore against the defunct Union Fraternal Accident association was decided by Judge McGee in the superior court yesterday and a verdict given the plaintiff for \$3,000, the amount asked by Mrs. Moore in her petition.

This case was begun in July, 1894, and has been bitterly opposed by the former officers of the defunct company, as the question of the liability of the stockholders of the association was involved.

There have been many complications in the case and the billings have accumulated until they are as bulky as the Nash-Paul documents. Mrs. Moore sued for \$3,000, the amount of a policy held by her husband in the association.

Her petition asserts that the association had been a policy holder for several years and had met all the assessments. He was killed in a hunting accident December 7, 1893, four days after the expiration of the time for paying the last notice sent out by the company.

There was no evidence that the notice had been received by the deceased, although the company claimed to have sent it as usual.

The defense was that the association was not an insurance company, but a mutual association; that the policy provided that the amount any policy holder should receive should not exceed the amount received from an assessment in his behalf; that at the time Moore's husband died the association had not made up its assessments and had no money in the treasury to meet death claims.

Mrs. Moore charged that the company's officers had squandered large sums of money each year on extravagant salaries and needless expenditures. The officers of the association denied this and asserted that they had drawn no salaries and that they had put their own sweat and money into the game in order to keep the association in a sound condition, and had only given up when it was found impossible to get any returns from assessments upon the members.

Judge McGee's decision holds the officers and stockholders of the association liable for the full amount of Mrs. Moore's claim. The defendants filed a motion for a new trial, but the bill of exceptions, on which they will appeal the case.

The case of J. C. Nielson against the Danish-Norwegian Book and Tract society was decided by Judge McGee in favor of the plaintiff. Nielson had engaged to act as agent for the society, and made all his preparations, when the society officials assigned him to another man, and he brought suit for damages and breach of contract. He was given a verdict for \$423.

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GUYS POST FOUND TO BE ROTTEN

Startling Discovery in Connection with the Electric Light Towers.

Well posted men in the city on Tuesday night of electric light towers and structures of a similar character are wondering now how it happened that all of the towers of the city were not blown down during the storm which wrecked the tower at the corner of Eighth and Broadway, or by some of the high winds that have prevailed since that time.

An examination by the city electrician has shown that the guy ropes for all of the towers have rotted at the surface of the ground, so that they are already ready to fall by their own weight, and that all of the towers are in danger of being wrecked unless prompt action is taken to have them repaired or replaced by new ones.

When the Lower Broadway tower was wrecked the accident attracted attention to the condition of the towers in other parts of the city, and at the council meeting on Tuesday night the business men in the vicinity of Broadway and First street presented a petition asking that the tower at that intersection be torn down as a nuisance or be repaired at once.

It was asserted that the guy ropes were broken and that the towers were apt to fall at any time. The council instructed City Electrician Bradley to investigate the condition of the tower supports at all of the towers, and to report their condition to the committee on fire and lights. Mr. Bradley made his investigation yesterday and it did not take him long to discover the condition of the towers.

Mr. Bradley's report calls for immediate action on the part of the council and the electric light people. Mr. Bradley's report is that all of the towers in the city are in a similar condition, and that the guy ropes at First and Broadway and Fourth and Broadway are especially weak and should be fixed at once.

The poles at other towers are not so badly rotted, but all of them have been weakened, until it is dangerous to allow them to stand longer. All of the guy poles at the First and Broadway tower have rotted until the wood can be chipped out near the ground like so much putty.

These guy poles furnish all of the support to the towers, except the direct support given by the main column, an eight-inch iron pipe, that runs up fifty feet and carries the frame work of the tower. To each tower there are four guy poles, set at about 100 feet from the tower, and each pole carries twenty feet of the top of the tower, about 120 feet from the ground, while the other is connected with the tower and is intended to prevent it from buckling. There is no trouble with the guy poles. These are made of six strands of wire, with seven wires in each strand, and are all in good condition.

Chairman Felt of the committee on fire and lights has taken the report of Electrician Bradley and has served notice on the electric light people to have the necessary work done at once to have the towers properly protected.

New Musical Organization.

The High School Male Chorus is a new musical organization that has been formed.

The immediate purpose of the organization is to aid in the musical exercises in connection with commencement day, but it is expected that the organization will be permanent. The chorus is being drilled by Miss P. Toberfeld. The first rehearsal was held last evening.

The chorus is composed as follows: First tenors, Bell, Norene, Hoagland, Leach; second tenors, Askin, Wallace, Mc Donald, Zornuehlen; first bass, Pryor, Tuohy; second bass, Mc Donald, C. H. Whitehead, Mathers, Squires.

Hot Bed Bait.

We have 1,000 hot bed sash which we are going to close out. They won't last long. How many do you want? We will make you a price that can't be duplicated. C. H. Paint, Oil and Glass company, Masonic Temple, Council Bluffs.

Will Add a Year Quickly.

Paul Klein and Miss Ella Vakoc, both of Norfolk, Neb., came to Council Bluffs yesterday to be married. They applied for a license at the county building, and Gil Baird had the record about made up, when he discovered that the prospective bride was a year shy of her legal age, and was not armed with the written consent of her parents. The license was therefore refused. A little thing like that did not bother Klein any, however, and he left the building, remarking that the girl would be 18 all right by the time they arrived at the next county seat.

Gas ranges and service connections at half price for fifteen days. Call at company's office for full particulars. 210 Main and 211 Pearl streets.

Wall paper cleaned, new process, with patent right at Miller's, 109 Main street.

EVIDENCE IN SWITCHBACK SUIT.

Testimony All Taken and Case Ready for Argument Today.

Judge Smith, a jury, a lot of lawyers and some spectators were engaged yesterday in hearing the evidence in the \$40,000 damage suit brought against Colonel F. C. Reed, the Manawa magnate, by T. H. Evans for an accident on the switchback railway there last summer. All of the testimony was taken by the time the court was ready to adjourn last evening. This morning the jury will be taken to Manawa and be permitted to view the switchback and will be shown how the accident occurred.

The prosecution bases its demand for the extraordinary damage upon the plea that the switchback was a safe and reliable conveyance and that it was through the negligence of Colonel Reed that the accident occurred. The forenoon was consumed by the plaintiff in his effort to establish this condition by testimony. Several witnesses were examined to show the curves of the road, the nearness of the hand rails to the track, etc.

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There were also shown photographs of the boy before the accident and were permitted to see the full extent of the injuries he had sustained. A doctor and a list testified to the nature of the injuries about the destroyed eye and stated that in his opinion it would be impossible to fix a glass eye in the socket unless the eye was removed. The prosecution also introduced evidence that the operation had been performed. The gruesomeness of the testimony was further increased by the presence of a human skull, that remained on the track, and was shown to the jury and greeted all of the witnesses as they took the chair with a smile that made some of them shiver, particularly the women who were called to the stand.

The defense called P. H. Reid, the contractor who constructed the switchback, to show that the concern was built on the same general plan that all such guy roads are, and that it in no way differed from the guy roads from the pleasure resorts.

The defense also charged the men who had charge of the switchback, and showed that just before the accident occurred Colonel Reed had taken the car from the track and turned it upside down on the platform and forbade the use to a crowd of small boys who had been riding on it. Several witnesses testified on this point. Other witnesses testified as to the boy's disobedience of the orders of his mother not to go on the switchback. After the jury returns from the lake the arguments will be made.

MYSTERIOUS MIDNIGHT INTRUSIONS.

Woman Makes Use of Her Revolver with Good Effect.

Mrs. Frank Hitchcock, who lives across the street from No. 3 engine house, where her husband is employed, fired several shots at a mysterious night intruder between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning. A short time before she used her revolver her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cocheran, who live on the same street, on the opposite side, a few doors further east, were awakened by a sound like an explosion in favor of the plaintiff. Neilson had engaged to act as agent for the society, and made all his preparations, when the society officials assigned him to another man, and he brought suit for damages and breach of contract. He was given a verdict for \$423.

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A. O. U. W. GRAND LODGE MEETS.

Iowa Organization Represented by Two Hundred Members at Home.

BOONE, Ia., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Two hundred delegates to the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Iowa began a three days' session here this morning. The following grand lodge officers were present: Past grand master workman, John Hillinger, Sabula; grand master workman, L. T. Hanks, Dubuque; G. P. St. Clair, Cedar Rapids; G. C. G. in St. Clair, Knoxville; C. Lewis, Burlington; William Beck, Holstein; J. J. Cummings, Fairfield; Laws, ex-Senator J. N. Nichols, Vinton; H. Hoop, Shelby; ex-Senator C. P. Shipley, Mason City; G. R. H. B. White, Waterloo; G. R. E. A. Walling, Clinton; G. M. E. E. R. Jackson, M. D., Dubuque; finance committee, C. B. Sisson, Waterloo; La. Parle Gibson, Keokuk; George Sichel, Earlville. Thirty-two members were given the grand lodge degrees this morning, and the following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Charles Reimold; Officers, J. F. Abernathy of Sigourney; N. W. Willis of Council Bluffs; State of the order, A. M. 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