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COUNCIL BLUFFS. ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

MURDER OR SUICIDE.

The Mysterious Throat Cutting at Vail.

A few days ago it was announced in THE BEE that Joseph Pacha, Jr., oldest son of Joseph Pacha, a well to do Bohemian farmer, in Milford township, Crawford county, had been found lying dead on his farm, with his throat cut. Further details make it a matter in doubt as to whether it was a case of suicide or murder. The last seen of him alive was when he left the house shortly after noon, saying he was going over to see some of his neighbors. Not returning that evening, search was made, but it was not until the next day about noon that his body was found in the field beside a strawstack some distance from the house.

There was a small gash in his throat, and several cuts on each side of his neck, but very slight ones. His own pocket knife was under him, between the shoulders, and his handkerchief, torn in two pieces, and two knots tied in one piece, was found beside him. It was bloody, as were also his hands.

He was about 33 years of age, and had a wife and two little children. There seems no possible reason to lead him to suicide, as his relationships were pleasant and his circumstances and prospects good. On the other hand, there was nothing found indicating that any one had assaulted him, and his body bore no other marks of violence than those stated. The coroner's jury simply found that he came to his death from strangulation caused by an incision in the throat, made by a knife in the hands of an unknown party.

No safer remedy can be had for Coughs and Colds, or any trouble of the Throat, than "Froen's Bronchial Troches." Price 25 cents. Sold only in boxes.

Back From Idaho.

James Criger, or "Pan Handle Jim," as his old railroad acquaintances call him, formerly night yardmaster at the transfer, but now of Caldwell, Idaho, occupying the position of yardmaster, arrived in Omaha, on a two weeks visit to his family, on Saturday. He reports Caldwell as a very fine town with many enterprising business houses and a newspaper, "The Tribune," edited by W. J. Cuddy, formerly of Omaha, who is expected to arrive either to-day or to-morrow. He further reports that Charles Taylor, brother of the Union Pacific railway auditor, is making many friends in his position as station agent. Charlie was in W. H. Burn's office at the transfer up to about six months ago, as was also Dick Howell, who left with him as chief clerk. Howell had an offer of a better position by Humphrey & Gwin in their general merchandise store at Caldwell, so he left the Union Pacific.

Frank Dunnigan returned also and will take his family to Caldwell after spending New Year's in Omaha. Frank went west with the rest of the boys from the transfer.

John Mitchell, Portland, Oregon, was sick a-bed for two years. St. Jacobs Oil cured him.

Help for the Home.

Amid the joys and delights of holiday time there should be a practical remembrance of those to whom Christmas brings so much bountifulness, and those who have no home hearth near which to hang up the stocking, with the assurance of its being filled. Among the practical methods of helping such is that by which a home for the homeless has been established here. The citizens have generally contributed, but it is a great work, and its needs are great. But a short time ago a poor boy, sick, sore, filthy and friendless, was brought in. His life was despaired of. He was, indeed, a pitiable object. Washed, with clean clothes, with needed delicacies, and tender care, he has been almost restored to health, his life given back to him, and now he gives promise of growing up to be a useful member of society and to be able to help himself. Such is but one instance. The work is everybody's work, and all should take an interest in it, and at this joyful season of the year gladness should especially give some expression of sympathy and aid. Just now there is a special need for cash, as there are about \$150 in bills that must be met. Those contributing \$10 become members of the association, and \$50 makes a life member. There are many here who could, without feeling it, spend five, ten, twenty or more dollars, and those who cannot do this should hand in or send in smaller amounts. Everybody should contribute something, as it is everybody's work.

Hoek's Sarsaparilla gives an appetite, and imparts new life and energy to all the functions of the body. Try a bottle and realize it.

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Welcomed Home.

Miss Neely Stevens, in whose brilliant career as a pianist the people of Council Bluffs have taken an especial interest, returned to her home in this city Saturday accompanied by her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Stevens, and her sister, Miss Carrie. She has been abroad for about five years, and the success which has attended her musical development, has been so wonderful that the press has already pretty fully informed her many friends of the details of it. She expects soon after the holidays to return to New York where she will make her debut in concert with Theodore Thomas' orchestra on the 15th of next month. Her friends and admirers here are very anxious not only to hear her, but also to give some expression of their gladness at her first success and hope for greater in the future, and a testimonial concert will doubtless be tendered her during her stay here.

Public Speakers and Singers find H. H. Douglas' Sore Throat Lozenges a sure remedy for sore throats.

Highway Hobby on Broadway.

On Broadway yesterday afternoon when the street car was crowded with pedestrians, a stranger accosted a finely dressed gentleman and offered to buy the clothes off his back—a proposition the

gentleman would not accept. The stranger began to take them by force, but was informed he could obtain just as stylish and well fitting clothes by calling on Smith & Toller, 7 and 9 south Main street, the leading merchant tailors.

Fine books at Bushnell & Brackett's.

A Great Sacrifice.

H. E. Palmer, of the firm of Mayne & Palmer, dealers in hard and soft coal, has arrived in the city with his stock in trade, books, blank book, stationery of all kinds, pictures, vases, curtains and toys, which must be sold immediately at cost. This is a sacrifice Mr. Palmer is compelled to make so he can attend to his interest in the coal business. It will pay you to call and see his Christmas presents at his store, the east one in the new opera house.

A MINOR NOTE.

A Youthful Crook Tries to Pass a Forged Note.

A young man, almost a boy, and a pretty good mate for the young fellow just convicted here for forgery, is now lying in jail at Glenwood under a like charge. It appears that he went into Chase's bank at Emerson and asked the cashier if the bank ever bought notes, and on receiving an affirmative answer, presented a note for \$25 purporting to be signed by John Jones and John Rockefeller, the latter a farmer living near Emerson. The cashier recognizing that it was a forgery, held the note while he sent the young fellow out to get some one to identify him. The fellow being a stranger, of course could find no friend, and instead of returning to the bank, attempted to take a freight train, when he was arrested. He claims that he worked for Rockefeller, and that the amount was due him for work done two years ago, but Mr. Rockefeller asserts that the fellow never worked for him and in fact he never saw him before.

Doings of the District Court.

The jury after listening to the evidence in the case of A. Campbell, charged with assault with intent to kill, returned a verdict finding him guilty of simple assault.

Smith, the man who grabbed the watch at Mrs. Davis' store, was found guilty of grand larceny on Saturday. He was also found guilty of petit larceny, on the charge of stealing three buffalo robes from George Wesner's livery stable.

John Wilson, the fellow captured by the ladies in J. L. Farman's house, was also tried and convicted.

PERSONAL.

James and J. W. McClurg, father and son from Allegheny, Pa., arrived Saturday evening for a month's stay, to attend to their interests in the McClurg cracker company.

Miss Blanche Oliver is taking a rest from musical studies in Chicago, and spending the holiday season at her home here.

Prof. Brooks, of Tabor college, has returned from another eastern trip. This time he gathered for the college \$3,300 in new gifts and \$5,000 in old pledges.

Col. Cochran is with his Council Bluffs friends again.

George Morgan, formerly with Steward Bros., arrived here yesterday. He has been suffering greatly of late from a number of abscesses, but is now getting about in pretty good condition again.

Miss Pasie Keating has returned home from South Bend, where she has been attending Notre Dame.

Miss Clara Bebbington has taken a respite from her studies at Knoxville, to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bebbington, of this city.

C. P. Whitney, of the U. P. freight depot, has come to Keokuk to see his friends and relatives.

Miss Hone, the county superintendent of Lincoln county, and Miss Jennie Dillon, principal of a North Platte school, are here on a visit to Miss Dillon's sister, Mrs. N. P. Olds, wife of the agent at the U. P. Broadway depot.

Rev. G. W. Richey, for several years pastor of the Baptist church at Bedford, Iowa, has been secured as pastor of the church at Malvern.

A. W. Cowles and wife, of this city, together with J. P. Beach and wife, of Hamlet, have come to Sioux City for a holiday family reunion, with Mrs. Howitt, the mother of Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. Beach, and whose two other daughters, Mrs. J. H. Keith and Mrs. E. Westervelt, live in Sioux City, where their husbands are engaged in business together.

I. Money and wife, of St. Joe, are in the city for a few days stay, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor.

Col. E. F. Hooker, general western stock agent of the Rock Island, is at the Ogdes.

COMMERCIAL.

COUNCIL BLUFFS MARKET.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 70c; No. 3, 60c; rejected, 50c; good demand.

Corn—Leslie's are paying 36c for old corn and 25c for new.

Oats—In good demand at 20c.

Hay—\$1.00 per ton; 50c per bale.

Rye—40c; light supply.

Corn Meal—1 25 per 100 pounds.

Wood—Good supply; prices at yards, 5 00@6 00.

Coal—Delivered, hard, 11 50 per ton; soft, 6 00 per ton.

Butter—Plenty and in fair demand at 20c; creamery, 35c.

Eggs—Ready sale at 25c per dozen.

Lard—Fairbank's, wholesaling at 11c.

Poultry—First quality, are paying for chickens 10c; live, 2 50 per dozen.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 50c; onions, 40c; cabbage, 20c; apples, ready sale at 50c.

Flour—City flour, 1 00@1 20.

Brooms—2 00@3 00 per doz.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—\$ 00@3 50; calves, 5 00@7 50.

Hogs—Local packers are buying now and there is a good demand for all grades in car-load lots at 6 00@4 25.

Westward the Star of Empire Takes Its Way.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The New York papers are losing their grip. Not one of them contained in its Monday morning issue a line to show that O'Donnell had been executed. People nowadays have to scale the mighty Alleghenies, cross the bounding prairies and reach the banks of the booming Mississippi before they encounter a first-class newspaper.

The Nonpareil in republishing the above should have given its readers the further information that THE BEE was the only paper that on Monday morning which gave the people in this part of the west the news of O'Donnell's execution.

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IOWA ITEMS.

The Sioux City board of trade has in formation of a gentleman who is disposed to put \$75,000 into a hotel in that city.

The Manchester Barb Wire company located at Manchester, and having a capital of \$100,000, also filed their article of incorporation.

The new capitol is not to be opened to the public until after the inauguration, which will probably take place Jan. 17th. By that time both senate and representative hall will be completed, and several committee rooms. The governor's room is awaiting the action of the contractors for the marble work, who have yet to deliver a piece of about two feet of wainscoting and four sides of the apartment.

N. J. Schoup, deputy county auditor of Dubuque, has resigned. He is said to be the first county official Dubuque has had for years who has resigned a public office to engage in private business.

The recent discoveries of coal in the vicinity of Peterson, Clay county, have occasioned a great excitement there, and an almost fabulous investment in coal lands and mining property. Wednesday the auditor of the state received for record articles of incorporation for six mining companies at that place, with an aggregate capital of \$1,088,000. The organizations are as follows: Richman Coal & Mining company, of Peterson, capital stock \$192,000; Kichner Coal & Mining company, of Peterson, capital stock \$224,000; Peterson Coal & Mining company, of Peterson, capital stock \$190,000; Jones Coal & Mining company, of Peterson, capital stock \$190,000; G. F. Strait Coal & Mining company, of Peterson, capital stock \$192,000; Fairbanks Coal & Mining company, of Peterson, capital stock \$100,000.

A Lawyer's Opinion of Interest to

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I have been using for a month or two in my household, Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) the greater portion of it, it having been recommended by the female portion of my family, and with the happiest results. It cured me a chronic skin disease, which had been in my face for a long time, and for which I have paid hundreds of dollars for doctors and medicines. It cured me of a bad habit of drinking, and I have not drunk since. It is certainly the best tonic for delicate ladies that I have ever used, and I have tried them all. I have no doubt that what of exercise, clean confinement in poorly ventilated houses, never eat poisons and unwholesome food, produces skin disease among our wives, daughters and sisters, and I believe Swift's specific is the remedy for all this sort of blood poisoning. F. L. JONES, J. F. Quitman, Ga.

29 Treatment of Cancer. For twenty years I have suffered from a cancer of the side of my neck near the shoulder and exhausted the whole catalogue of remedies without any relief. The cancer grew worse all the time, the whole upper part of my body became a stiff and full of pain, and I had almost lost the use of both arms, my general health had broken down and I saw it was only a question of time when life itself would be destroyed. In this condition I commenced the use of Swift's specific. The first bottle relieved me of the stiffness in the neck, the second gave me perfect use of my arms, and I feel strong and well in every way. I am now a free man and I would not take \$5,000 for the good I have experienced with Swift's specific. I believe it will free me from all the poisons that are in my blood. W. H. ROBINSON, Danboro, Ga.

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