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Mr. S. F. Felker and George Shields were the attorneys for the defense. Parke Godwin, district attorney, appeared for the prosecution.

The accused, of course, were present at the trial. The faces of both were an air of stolid and brutal indifference, and both appeared to take the matter with cool indifference.

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how it happened. He said she was drunk and had turned the lamp over herself. Nothing was said about explosion. Saw Thompson throw some burning clothes over the banister. Lizzie was walking up and down the room and was saying, 'Oh my, she's dying! she's dying!' About how the lamp was standing or whether the burner had been taken from it, I don't remember.

THE SMALL POX. The Dread Disease Makes Its Appearance in Omaha.

The Pest House put in Shape and Will be Occupied at Once.

For a month or more past it has been known that a number of cases of small pox were in Council Bluffs but the matter has been kept very quiet and the news papers have made no announcement of the fact.

The city marshal and his aides were bustling around all day getting the pest house in shape and the patient was probably removed from the hospital to the pest house last night. Disinfectants will be thoroughly applied at the hospital and every possible effort will be made to stop the disease where it now is.

Several physicians have been spoken to on the subject and the majority of them have expressed it as their opinion that it is best to make the fact known in order that the citizens of Omaha may take the proper precautions to guard against the disease. The fact of its being generally known will not make the present case any better or worse, but it may be the means of putting people upon their guard and they will use the proper disinfectants and thus escape.

The physicians say that too much care can not now be exercised in the cleansing of alleys, cesspools and outhouses. All filth and dirt should be removed from the alleys and streets and that too without delay. Unless this thing is done Omaha may be visited by a dreadful scourge. If these things are looked after at once the small pox scare will prove but a bubble and will pass away as it has come, slightly noticed.

Several physicians have telegraphed for vaccine virus and are contemplating a rich harvest in the work of vaccination.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD. That Body Held a Meeting Last Night.

An Uneventful Session—Minor Matters Disposed of.

The January meeting of the board of education was held last evening. Present—President Long, Messrs. Copeland, Parker, Gibbon, Hall, Specht, Liveray and Secretary Conoyer.

The report of the city treasurer, showing a balance on hand of \$8,366.87, and in the sinking fund a balance of \$1,516.49, and bonds on deposit \$70,500, was received.

A resolution to assign Miss Bertha Negl as assistant teacher was adopted. A resolution to allow the Rutland Heating company \$500, on account, was adopted.

A resolution to draw a warrant for the full amount due Arthur Johnston on contract, and to leave the matter of extras to the committee on the Hartman school building.

AN ALL-ROUND SWINDLE. Curtis, a Union Pacific Clerk, Guilty of the Crimes of Larceny and Forgery.

Yesterday afternoon, a lady, Mrs. Loomis, living at 1914 Webster street, came up to Judge Anderson's court, and told a story of deception and fraud, concerning one W. L. Curtis, a clerk employed in the auditor's department of the Union Pacific headquarters.

It seems that young Curtis has been borrowed for some time at the house of Mrs. Loomis and has been running up a heavy bill. Sunday, on being called to account, he agreed to pay the bill. Accordingly he produced a check on the Omaha National bank for \$28.50, signed by Judge Curtis Anderson, which appearing to be a check duly accepted by Mr. L. in change he tendered \$7.50, which was taken by him. Shortly afterwards Curtis passed off another Omaha National bank check, purporting to be signed by Judge Anderson, which was also willingly accepted. The checks, in the due course of business, were sent to the bank where in a short time they were found to be forgeries. The work was very cleverly done, Curtis being quite an expert as a penman.

It appears that Curtis has been acquainted with Judge Anderson for some time in a personal way, but more lately in a professional capacity. There was a suit pending against Curtis in Judge Anderson's court, which was brought against him by a well known clothing merchant, to whom Curtis was heavily indebted. Curtis was under bonds to appear, and the trial was to come off to-day. Several legal papers were served upon Curtis in the preliminary stages of the trial, and in the way he had a good opportunity to study the chirography of Judge Anderson.

It was moved and carried that the regular meeting of the board be held on January 12th, and the officers and committees be requested to present their reports.

THE INSANE ASYLUM. An Interview With a Former Employee.

Several Matters that Deserve the Attention of the Legislature.

A few days ago a lady called at the Bar office with a letter from Judge Mason, of Lincoln, introducing her as Miss M. Lewis, a doctress, formerly employed at the Nebraska asylum for the insane.

A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE. A Brace of Touching Incidents and Their Sequels.

Some two weeks ago, two little girls living some where in the suburbs of Omaha on the Bellevue road, came into Drexel & Mann's undertaking establishment and purchased a coffin for a little dog which belonged to one of them. The little mistress seemed almost heart-broken at the death of her pet, but to all advances of condoling curiosity, refused to tell her name, or where she lived.

STRIKING ICE MEN. A Gang of 150 Ice Cutters Strike for \$1.50 per Day.

Yesterday about 10 o'clock the men employed in cutting ice for Guy & Fitch struck for \$1.50 per day and being refused, threw down their tools and left the job. They took the ice packers out of the ice houses started up the river.

THE BOTTOMS MYSTERY. A week ago brief mention was made in these columns of a young man who was ejected from the Council Bluffs train, and who had wandered off into the river bottoms. He was intoxicated at the time and disappeared suddenly. It was supposed that he had been robbed and murdered by two notorious crooks in whose company he had been seen late in the afternoon.

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