

THE DAILY BEE.

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MINOR MENTION.

See Joseph Reiter's spring styles. Cheap Railroad Tickets at Bushnell's. Mrs. Bradbury's restaurant, 821 Main street.

The races this afternoon will be immense. Take them in. The Union avenue job is a "dead give-away on the council."

Mrs. Jacobs yesterday concluded to plead guilty for keeping rowdy house and was duly fined.

The Presbyterian young folks had a pleasant social last evening, and a lively sale of fire works.

Capt. Wilson claims \$13,500 from the city for damages caused to his property by the floods.

R. F. Crane, who committed suicide at the Pacific House, is said to have had quite a heavy life insurance.

A large delegation from Blanchard together with a band are expected to join in the parade here today.

Some games of poker are heard from as heavy played on the sly, but faro, keno, and other games still seem hushed.

An attempt was made to enforce the fire-cracker ordinance until the Fourth was fairly ushered in, but it proved almost futile.

An alarm of fire was caused yesterday morning by the burning of a little house in Streetville belonging to Mrs. Evans.

Some of the school houses are becoming too popular resorts at night for couples who act as if they either want to be named or ought to be.

Two brothers, both well along in years, and well known here, their name being Berry, were fined yesterday morning for being drunk.

A lady traveller is reported as being robbed at the Union Pacific depot yesterday. As usual the police know little about it and say less.

A half dozen sheep at once are to go with the big barbecue at the driving park this noon, and 1,000 loaves of bread are prepared, so that the multitudes may be fed.

Old Sident opf favors the establishing of a sewer system independent of Indian Creek. The council has adopted his resolution instructing the engineer to report on such a system.

A house near the Northwestern depot was being moved yesterday, when the rear part of the house spread, allowing the chimney to fall and causing some injury to Mr. Hoffman, the occupant.

There are several pieces of property contended for the opening of Union avenue, which are not yet paid for by the city. Would it not be well for the city to pay for what they get before they give it away to a roadway.

The Bluff City steamer got stuck yesterday in crossing the water main at Gleave avenue, one wheel sinking in the fresh filled dirt. The fire team got discouraged and would not full. A passing mule team lost the place of the petted fire horses and pulled the wagon out.

Ben Smith, the colored man arrested for shooting Oscar Dickinson, was so badly used up himself yesterday that he could not appear in court. Dickinson was feeling rather poorly, too, yesterday. The ball has not been found, it having lodged somewhere in Dickinson's shoulder.

The small-pox patients on Broadway, west of the Northwestern depot, are doing well. A watchman is employed by the city to keep close quarantine, so that it has been considered needless to keep the flag flying, and it has been pulled down lest it cause more alarm to passers-by and strangers in the city than the facts warrant.

John Chapman may work on the sly, and when the trap is fixed get the council to spring it, but he seems to lack the boldness to come out in his paper and endorse the gobbling up of Union avenue. He leaned over the rail and urged the aldermen to hurry up and pass the ordinance before the people could be heard on the question, or any opposition given a voice, but he dare not endorse the scheme in his editorial columns.

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PERSONAL.

Edward Van Vliet Esq., of Vall, Iowa, who has been under treatment here for various ailments, has returned home feeling much better.

Rev. Mr. Mackay, having been granted two months leave, has gone, with his family, to California, for rest and recuperation.

Miss Minnie P. Vaughan leaves tomorrow for Atlanta, Georgia, on a visit to her grandfather, Judge Bill.

Master Julian Cleland, son of Rev. Dr. Cleland, of Keokuk, is in the city, visiting friends. He informs us that his father, in company with Dr. Craig, intends to take a pleasure trip this month, to Wisconsin.

Robert, Percival has returned home feeling extra well.

Mr. Zorbaugh's little girl, on Seventh avenue, who has been quite ill with diphtheria, is now pronounced convalescent by her physician.

BOWMAN'S QUIVER.

It Contains Six Arrows, Which He Shoots at the Union Avenue Scheme.

Mayor Bowman, who is openly opposed to the council giving the Union Pacific the right to Union Avenue, the people's boulevard, and not the aldermen's boulevard, has returned the ordinance assigned, and accompanied by objections, as briefly stated in yesterday's Bee.

First. That the granting of such right of way to said railroad company, and its usual occupancy for a railroad, is and will be such a radical diversion of said street from its original intended use, as will entirely destroy it as an avenue for public travel.

Second. That the benefits which it is claimed the city will receive for the use of said revenue by said railway will not, in my judgment, compensate the city and its inhabitants for the loss of said revenue, for the purpose for which it was originally purchased.

Third. That said railway company neither by the acceptance of said grant nor by the terms of said ordinance, is bound to receive and bill all Council Bluffs freight at and from its proposed depot at the juncture of Broadway and Union Avenue, thereby making it a regular freight station of said company at that point, but can in its discretion receive such freights at that point and bill them the same as now at the transfer station.

Fourth. That said ordinance does not stipulate or fix the rates for freights or passengers between the Union Pacific depot and the proposed Broadway depot.

Fifth. That the city council has no power, right or authority in law to confer the will and vote of the people thereof in the purchase of said avenue for a boulevard by giving and granting the same for a right of way for a single or double track railway.

Sixth. The granting of said railway company the privileges and rights conferred by the ordinance conflicts with the spirit and terms of the ordinance permitting the use of streets by the Council Bluffs street railway, approved December 27, 1877.

Mayor Bowman has no veto power, so his objection will probably not affect the legality of the ordinance, but he might, while he was about the business, have stated some other strong objections. One is the unseemly haste with which an ordinance prepared by a Union Pacific type-writer, under the immediate dictation of Union Pacific officials, was rushed through the Council, without giving the people a chance to give voice to their known opposition.

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children of the well-to-do can avail themselves of private schools, but those of the poorer people cannot.

The mood is apparently so snubbing the superintendent as to get him to resign his position voluntarily, though he has a contract to remain another year, and thus relieve themselves of the necessity of stating reasons for desiring a change. Perhaps these reasons, if tersely stated, would not meet with any public endorsement. It is certain that under Prof. Farnham's management the schools have been built up, but if the board has good reasons for a change, they should let the public have the benefit, and be frank and open about the matter. But a quiet attempt at freezing out looks as if there were personal motives actuating them.

The most charitable construction which can be placed upon the action of the board is that, with one exception, they know little about educational matters. They may be good business men, honest, enterprising in other directions, and yet wholly unfit to serve as members of a board of education, and if they do not have intelligence or experience in regard to school matters they are liable to make grave mistakes, as they seem to be doing.

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