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MINOR MENTION.

Additional local on seventh page. The Baptists had a pleasant social at the church parlors last evening.

The teacher's institute continues to grow in numbers and interest. P. J. Boyen and Emma Henriksen are among the latest to get leave to work.

The Presbyterian sociable was indefinitely postponed last night on account of the weather.

The trees in Baylis's park are being trimmed pretty freely, and it begins to look like a general clearing.

The office occupied by E. A. Becker and P. Overton, on First avenue, is being refitted and repaired in a fine manner.

Pete Grady, an employe of the Rock Island railway, had one of his fingers badly crushed while coupling cars at Harlan.

Thomas Smith was called on yesterday to pay about \$8 for the privilege of getting drunk and resisting officer Cusick who arrested him.

A son of W. E. Elwell, living a short distance south of Walnut, caught his hand in a corn sheller a day or two ago and now has but two fingers left.

Walnut has contributed \$147 for the relief of the family of Mr. Maddy, who was killed in capturing the Polk City murderers. Altogether about \$1,000 has been raised.

One committee of the Methodist conference yesterday reported that they find that the several preachers here have been more or less faithful. A very safe report to make surely.

Skilton, Hendricks & Rice is the title of a new merchant tailoring firm who have leased rooms in the Burnham block fronting on Main street, and expect to open business there about the first of August.

The powder house cases were yesterday granted another continuance of two weeks in which to find a new location. There seems to be difficulty in securing land for this purpose, and it is said that if there is not some opening soon these houses will be moved to Omaha.

An illegitimate child was born in the poor house one night last week. Its mother is a German girl about twenty-five years old who lately came to this country in search of her lover who had seduced her under promise of marriage. America proved to be a great deal larger than she had anticipated and consequently she failed to find him. She arrived in Crawford county with her means exhausted and being without friends she was compelled to go to the poor house.—Denison Bulletin.

There was a quiet little wedding in Justice Vaughan's office yesterday afternoon, by which J. W. Crooks became the lawful husband of Miss Ida Tinnell, both of this city. The couple in this case did not receive the congratulations of the bride's father, however hearty may be the congratulations of others. To the old man it was a complete surprise, and on hearing of it, he was indignantly rushing around to find out how in the world they got a license and who tied the knot. His chief trouble seemed to be that the girl was too young, he claiming that she was only thirteen, and a mere girl in size as well as in years. She claimed to be seventeen, however, and having the needed license, the knot was finally tied. The parties lately came to this city from Plattsmouth.

A few months ago a colored man visited Omaha and this city pretending to be collecting money for a church in Des Moines. The fellow's actions were such as to do little credit to any church, and some of the Omaha papers showed him up in rather an unenviable light. Here he was arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses. Some Des Moines paper copied the articles published by the papers here, and claimed that the man referred to was really the pastor of a church there, or had been, and that his disgraceful conduct was causing a great howl on the part of the members of the church. The colored minister referred to came to the first man with an explanation that he is not the man that was called Council Bluffs and Omaha, and not that sort of fellow. He has commenced a libel suit against the Des Moines paper, and was yesterday in the city looking up the matter to secure testimony that he was not the one who was here, and to get other facts to disprove the charge. He claims to be able to prove a strong alibi.

The statement that the insanity of Mrs. Blackett is thought to be due in part to injuries received at the hands of a deaf and dumb man, with whom she and her husband had a difficulty is a mistake. Instead of the mute being the defendant in the case now pending, he is the prosecuting witness, and complains of Mr. Blackett for assaulting him, and that is the case which has been so long pending, and which has had so many continuances.

Some special bargains in furniture and household goods are now being offered by Mandel.

MAKING A BREAK.

Attorneys Trying to Knock the License Ordinance to Pieces.

There has been considerable muttering among some of the expressmen in regard to the license demanded of common carriers, the chief point of the complaint seeming to be that the city did not protect them in their business, but let unlicensed teams compete for business. A number of the expressmen refused to take out the license this year, their old ones having expired July 1. They were complained of and yesterday the matter came up in the superior court on a question involving the validity of the city ordinance. As numerous other licensees are involved in the same ordinance, the passing upon the question will more or less affect them.

Attorneys Mayne and Hunter appeared for the city and Attorneys Sears and Myntzer for the expressmen. The motion to dismiss the action was based on the claim that the ordinance was invalid for several reasons, among them being that the records of the council did

not show that any such ordinance was passed on the date stated in the published form, that there were several subject matters in the ordinance, and the title did not clearly indicate the nature of the ordinance; also, that the so-called license was really tax upon a useful occupation. These points, with some others, were argued quite sharply and closely, many authorities were cited, and quite a legal contest had, occupying much of the day. The contest will be resumed to-day.

CHURCH CONCERNS.

The Methodist Preachers Finish Their Conference Session.

The evening session was opened by Rev. M. R. Douglas, of Fremont City. The first address was on the subject of Home Missions, by Rev. F. Harris, of Farragut. He believed the Methodist church was the missionary church of the world. A missionary church always commands respect. A man could not be a real Methodist unless he was a true missionary. He showed how much missionary work was being done, but said there was pressing need for more, here among the colored as well as the foreign population. Believed there was a large field which could be made to yield an abundant harvest right here in Council Bluffs.

He was followed by Rev. J. M. Conrad, of Farmer City, with an address on the work of the Church Extension society. Many were surprised to learn the magnitude of this work. The society, he claimed, was building Methodist churches at the rate of two every day, and would soon increase the number to three a day. Some 3,500 Methodist churches have been erected in the past seventeen years. The last address of the evening was by Rev. A. E. Griffith, of Glenwood, who discussed the theme, "The Missionary Spirit Essential to Church Life."

After the opening of the Thursday morning session, Rev. P. F. Bresee, whose removal to the South California conference is noted in another column, made farewell to the conference and reviewed his labors while a member of it. The rest of the morning session was largely occupied by the reading and discussion of the reports of the regular committees. The following is the text of the committee on Temperance, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: 1. That we are as much as ever convinced of the gigantic wrong of the rum traffic, and realize if possible even more fully than ever before something of the terrible nature of which it strikes at the best interests of the home and the common weal.

"2. That we gratefully recognize the merciful overruling hand of God in arousing the convictions of the people on this question, and in causing what seemed to be a great calamity—the loss of the prohibitory amendments to the constitution—to be so overruled as to cause a great party to take it up and make it their rallying cry, thus insuring proper legislation and such popular sentiment as will secure its enforcement.

"3. That we, as a district conference, pledge ourselves to do all we can, in the pulpits on the platform, at the ballot box, and in society, to secure constitutional and statutory prohibition, and we deem it the duty of every good citizen to array himself on the side of the home and good government, and against the saloons and lawlessness."

The characters of the local preachers, deacons and elders were passed upon, and a new one licensed to preach. A. E. Griffith, of Glenwood, was recommended for deacons' orders, and S. L. Stephens, of Glenwood, for elders' orders.

The ordination papers of Dr. Bolton, of Shenandoah, were recognized and he enrolled as second deacon.

C. Brown, of Little Sioux, A. C. Rawlin, of Malvern, L. B. Wicker, of Shenandoah, were recommended for admission to the traveling connection.

At 12 o'clock the conference adjourned. In the afternoon there were addresses of much interest. Rev. C. L. Nye presented a paper on "Pulpit Work." Rev. Mr. Bresee gave very interesting talk on "Denominationalism." Rev. W. C. Smith, of Woodbine, enlightened the brethren on "The Use of Books in Pulpit Preparations." The conference after the transaction of some business of an uninteresting nature to the general public then adjourned.

Bound for California.

Rev. Mr. Bresee, who has had his relationship changed from this Methodist conference to the Southern California conference, expects to leave for Los Angeles in about three weeks. That conference meets early in September, and he will then receive his appointment to some definite charge. One of the reasons for the move is his wife's health, which, it is hoped, a climatic change may improve. The building of a new and large Methodist church here, to which special work he was assigned at the last conference, has been indefinitely postponed, it being found that the individual losses by the flood, and other circumstances, rendered it best to postpone the plan until next year at least, and Mr. Bresee not feeling that he could spend the meantime in activity. The enterprise may, in the future, take a fresh start, and some other live man be secured to carry it to successful completion.

The district conference, at its session which closed yesterday afternoon, passed the following resolutions, and they are expressive of the feelings of many more friends throughout the state:

WHEREAS, Information has been received from Bishop Simpson of the transfer of Brother F. F. Wille to the South California conference, therefore

RESOLVED, That while we submit cheerfully to the action of our general superintendent, we deeply regret parting with our dear brother and his wise counsel. We feel that we cannot too highly appreciate his faithful services rendered to the church in these years of patient toil for the Master. And in going from us we pray that God's choicest blessings may accompany him and his family to their new field, and that their labors may be attended with as much success in the future as they have been in the past. We do most cheerfully recommend him to the fellowship of the brethren where he goes, and should be desired to return to this conference we will extend to him a cordial welcome.

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STRANDS FROM THE ROPE. A Few Fresh Details of the Recent Lynching.

The Harlan Tribune devotes much of its space this week to the giving of facts concerning the lynching of Wm. Hardy, one of the Polk City murderers.

The editor of that paper was among the first on the ground and met Jailer Watkins and his wife running across the street, the former having his hands tied. On being released from the bondage, they started back to jail to see if the other prisoners were safe. They found one of them named Benedict looking like a ghost, his face pale as death, and his eyes glaring like those of a madman. Another one, Rankin, was dancing with glee, that he was not the one who was waltzed off at the end of a rope. Stanley, who was arrested as being among the horse thieving gang arrested on the Missouri bottoms last week, was found standing very erect and quiet, crowded in a corner well out of view.

It is claimed that the leader of the lynching party was not masked, and did all the talking. The others had their faces covered with mosquito netting, and kept silent.

Hardy's body measured six feet two inches, five inches more than what Hardy claimed in life to be his height.

When the vigilantes came after Hardy he jumped from his couch, in the cell, shook hands with his fellow prisoners and remarked, "Good-by boys, they are after me," and then calmly watched the process of opening the doors. Entering the cell the men tied his hands behind him, placed the noose over his neck, and led him out. The only remark he made was, "If you hang me, you hang an innocent man."

Rankin, one of the prisoners, thinks he knows one of the lynchers by name, but refuses to tell the name.

A double barreled shot-gun has been found near the scene of the hanging, but no one seems disposed to come to the front and claim the ownership.

LIFE IN DAKOTA.

The Experiences of a Council Bluffs Young Lady Roughing It.

The following portions of a personal letter written to Dr. Poulson, of this city, by a young lady, a teacher in the public schools, will prove interesting, not only to her many friends but to the general reader:

KIMBALL, Dakota, July 29.—We left Council Bluffs Tuesday morning, and arrived in Sioux City about 11 o'clock. There we had to take a boat and go about four miles up the river on account of the track being washed out. As we neared the landing I thought we should all be dashed to pieces, the current seemed so very swift and the engineer either would not or could not slacken the speed of the boat. As we neared the shore the passengers crowded down to the front to be the first on shore. I saw we were going to be dashed against the shore and had just time to step back and brace myself for the shock when it came. I thought the boat would be dashed to pieces. The boards were splintered and several things about the boat broken.

We finished the remainder of our journey to Kimball without any further adventure. There we waited a day and night to get rested, the boys being nearly tired to death. Thursday morning we started in a loaded spring wagon for the trip into the country, 25 miles. The sun was very hot and the wind blew a perfect gale. When we got to the shanty I found the roof half off and the door half and the other half would not open sufficient to put our things inside. I rode over to Sulphur Springs, two and a half miles, to get a man to come and repair the house. He did so, and soon our traps and ourselves were settled inside the little 10 by 12 shanty. I got a little supper and fixed the beds. Things were beginning to look a little more cheerful but we little knew what was in store for us. Presently we heard a noise outside like the surging of a thousand breakers. We were all on the door to meet an army of mosquitoes, each about the size of a grasshopper. They pounded on the door and window, and at the sides of the house. The battle began; dead and wounded fell in every direction, but they never flinched. What were three poor mortals against a billion of mosquitoes! About two o'clock in the morning a little diversion was created by means of a terrific rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, that made our hair stand on end. We got up dressed and put on our rubber overcoats, for the shanty leaked all over, and huddled together holding an umbrella over us. I expected every moment the shanty would go over, as the wind was blowing fearfully still, in spite of the danger, I laughed till I cried, the situation seemed so ridiculous. By the next night, however, we were pretty well fixed, the cracks were all stopped up and nettings at the door and windows, we made a big smoke which drove the little pests all out. Then sat out the table and chairs, and brought in the bedding which we had had out in the sun drying all day. We went to bed and slept sweetly until about two in the morning when I woke up and the boys and told them to dress, as another wind storm had come up. It did no damage, however, and to-day (Sunday), everything is all right, and we feel as easy and comfortable as possible. The country is setting up remarkably fast. Last Spring when I was here I could not see a shanty, now from my door I can see two small towns and half a dozen houses within three-quarters of a mile.

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 named persons are on the board of directors: T. A. Kirkland, C. S. Lefferts, J. W. Rodefer, I. A. Miller, E. L. Shugart, T. A. Kirkland, President.

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