

AROUND THE COURTS.

Various Legal Matters—The Kelton Verdict—District Court Notes.

The United States court met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The sealed verdict in the case of George H. Kelton vs. The City of Plattsmouth was opened. The case was one in which Kelton brought suit against Plattsmouth for certain bonds issued by the city and in which the plaintiff was interested. The verdict of the jury was quite lengthy, comprising a number of special findings relating to various bonds issued and securities held, and finds for the plaintiff, assessing his damages against the city at \$5,292.47, if "in the opinion of the court the findings are correct."

The Chicago land conspirators were not arraigned yesterday morning, but will probably be brought before Judge Dundy to-morrow morning upon Mr. Lambertson's return.

The case of Whitehorn vs. Cranz, et al., occupied the attention of Judge Wakeley yesterday. This suit in equity is brought to compel the specific performance of a contract.

Judge Neville will sentence the two prisoners George Brutto, the Paxton hotel porter convicted of larceny, and David Dodson, recently convicted of embezzlement, at the reconvening of court to-morrow.

Judge Wakeley will leave for the Sarpy county court Monday or Tuesday to finish up a few final cases.

In this tribunal a suit was commenced to-day by Gustavus Collins vs. the City of Omaha. Collins claims that he is injured on South Twentieth street as he was by street grading that has been rendered unsafe. He, therefore, prays for damages in the sum of \$300.

A CURIOUS TALE.

A Serious Termination to a Hunting Expedition.

Yesterday afternoon John Langer, a man who has been living for some time on lower Division street, was ordered by Dr. Morgan to the St. Joseph hospital. His feet had been terribly frozen a few weeks ago, the flesh had mortified and dropped off, leaving the poor man a helpless cripple, probably for life.

The story antecedent to his sufferings is somewhat peculiar. It seems that Langer has for a long time been in destitute circumstances. Four or five weeks ago starvation started him in the face, and his family were almost totally without the necessities of life. He determined to do something to procure food. Shouldering his gun, he started out on a hunting expedition and sought to bring down some game. In the course of his wanderings it was that extremely cold Saturday night about four weeks ago, he came across an island on the lake where he determined to stop for the night, build a fire and go to sleep. It turned out however, that the island was a marshy plot and the freezing water was soon dashing around his feet. Before he could get to land Langer's feet were terribly frozen through and through. He reached home as best he could and since that night has been very sick. His family are in very desolate circumstances.

DORSEY'S DISAPPEARANCE.

A Vexed Question of Accidental Drowning or Surreptitious Flight.

Some time ago, it will be remembered, a young man named Alton Dorsey suddenly disappeared from his home in North Omaha. He was last seen with a companion at Florence Lake and it was supposed after nothing was heard of him for several days, that he had been accidentally drowned in the lake. Since his disappearance he has not been heard from. The matter is being quietly investigated, however, and a satisfactory solution of the mystery is looked for at an early day.

It is now the theory of the detectives that Dorsey has gone to New Orleans. It has been discovered upon investigation that a plan had been formed among certain of Dorsey's associates and friends to rig up a boat and make a trip to New Orleans, after true piratical fashion, abandoning all conventionalities of civilization, and living the life of the "wild and careless sailor boy." It appears that the expedition really started out, and it is but fair to suppose that Dorsey may have been one of the number. Why he should have left his friends and relatives in this city in such a secret and surreptitious manner, does not appear. The clue is a firm one, and is being carefully followed up.

Enticed From Her Home.

The Grand Island papers tell of the stealthy and effectual manner in which a notorious den of females was broken up last Friday night by the chief of police of that city. Among the three inmates was a Miss Bates, who is a young girl but fifteen years of age, and who has been living up to a few months ago with her relatives in this city. She was arrested by the Grand Island police and held for non-payment of fine. It appears that some time ago the Bates girl was enticed away from her home in this city by a woman who calls herself Parkhurst, and who is a notorious character well known to the police of this city under various aliases. An effort will be made to bring the girl back to her parents and reclaim her, if possible, from a life of ignominy.

Headquarters Fire Protection.

A superb system of fire protection now extends over the Union Pacific railway headquarters building, and comprises standpipes and hose, patent fire extinguishers, a set of fireman's axes and a "mercurial electric alarm," which has wires leading to each of the large rooms in the building all connected with an indicator like a hotel annunciator. In the several rooms, at the ends of the wires which run from the indicator, little bells with mercury are set in the ceiling.

CHILDRENS' CAROLS.

Christmas Eve Celebrated at Trinity and at the Presbyterian Churches.

At the Trinity Cathedral yesterday a series of carols was given by the children of the church. The performance was a delightful one. All the songs were well rendered and reflected great credit on the care and pains that had been taken in the work of drilling. The musical programme embraced the following numbers: "Sing ye the songs of praise;" "Stars all bright and beaming;" "Holy night; peaceful night;" "Carol, brothers, carol;" "awake, Christian children."

At the First Presbyterian church the event of Christmas eve was a beautiful tree celebration. The boughs had been tastefully and elegantly decorated at the expense of Mrs. Grant, of Philadelphia, and were resplendent with the usual glittering accompaniment of Christmas gifts and wax tapers. After the presents had been distributed, a choice literary and musical programme was rendered by members of the Sunday school.

The Christmas tree was taken to the South Omaha mission on Castellar street, where it was used last night. The same tree will do duty at the Christmas celebration at the South Presbyterian church, Twentieth and Leavenworth streets, Friday evening.

"The beauty truly blend white and white, Nature's own sweet and cunning hands laid on." "The texture of skin that I admire." In using Pizzoni's complexion powder, fairest charms you will acquire.

PERSONAL.

Officer J. J. Donovan had his nose badly frozen last night.

L. Donbaum and his son Joe has gone on a trip to New Orleans.

Prof. W. H. Allison, of Sioux City, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. Ed Wittig's son has returned to his home, and will spend the holidays in this city.

Auditor Dorman, of the B. & M., road, has gone to Burlington to spend Christmas.

Mrs. S. P. Morse has arrived home from New York and is greatly improved in health.

Mr. Wm. Downey, of Chicago, is here to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Alf. Davis.

Mr. J. M. McDonough, the genial editor of the O'Neill Tribune, is in the city for the holidays.

W. G. Shriver, of Bell & Shriver will eat a Christmas turkey with Dr. Shriver of Glenwood Iowa.

Miss Emily A. Newswanger, of Kansas City is in this city visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson.

Emil Burnmeister, son of Mr. E. Burnmeister, has returned from college to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. Jas. McAuley, of Kansas City, is here to spend Christmas with Joe Hamill, city editor of the Times.

Miss Georgia Lyons has returned to her home for Christmas, after a two months' visit to friends in the east.

The ladies of the Christian church give a church supper Monday night at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Mouton.

Moses Barkalow, of Chicago, and Newton Barkalow, of Denver, are in the city on a holiday visit to their brothers here.

E. T. Shelby, of the Union Pacific local freight department, will spend Christmas at his old home in Parisville, Ohio.

C. F. Fiddys, North Platte, O. K. Dervin, Grand Island, J. H. Whitman and wife, Lincoln, are registered at the Millard.

Allen Tischner swore out a writ of replevin in Judge Anderson's court yesterday against property in the possession of Josephine Revis, Josephine was Tischner's former mistress with whom he had had a quarrel.

Coughs, Colds and Sore-Throat yield readily to B. H. Douglas & Sons' Capium Cough Drops.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed in the county clerk's office Saturday and reported for Tax by the Ames' real estate agency December 24, 1884. A N McCague to J L McCague w d lot 5 blk w Shenn's 34 add—\$400. A N McCague to J L McCague w d lot 5 blk 7 Shinn's add—\$1000. D N Miller, sheriff, to W J Connell deed part sec 3 15 13—\$1450. H Hender and wife to J D Creighton w d part sec 15 13—\$2100. J W Day and wife to M A Day w d part sec 18 16—\$300. M Day and husband to C D Hutchinson w d part sec 18 16—\$450.

A Christmas Gifting.

Judge Bencke has bestowed upon the prisoners at the county jail a liberal allowance of apples and fruit in token of Christmas day. Many of the policemen have also been remembered in the way of cigars, etc., while Jerome Pentz proudly wears an elegant seal-skin cap, a gift from the Judge.

Commissioner Pierce will provide an elegant Christmas dinner for the paupers at the county poor farm. The time-honored custom of roast turkey and cranberry sauce will be faithfully observed.

The thermometer at Max Meyer registered 18° below zero at 1:30 this morning, while the instrument at the Paxton showed a temperature of 21° below, which is the coldest yet.

BOOMING FRANKLIN.

Changes Noticed by a Former Resident After a Three Years' Absence.

BACK AGAIN.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Dec. 23.—After three years of absence, I am glad to return to the prairie state again; looking over the new towns of promise, I have settled in Franklin. I shall be glad to chat now and then with the readers of the BEE, Nebraska, a marvel. In 1871 I rode over the B. & M. as far as Sutton, then its terminus, hardly anything beyond. The stations on the road had two or three houses apiece. But in a few years a new empire has sprung into life west of the Blue; and one can scarce believe such a transformation possible. Then the eye ranged wearily over the bottomless prairies, with no dwelling or tree in sight, but in so short a time beautiful groves, bearing orchards and comfortable homes have sprung up as if by magic, and real estate has risen as no where else. When one contrasts the steady growth, the even prosperity, of this whole state, with the "prospect" which the delusive hopes of the western capital and energies of our neighbors of the mountains, he can but give the palm to the land of the prairies.

Franklin is a charming place with good prospects and rapid growth. It is one of the most beautiful portions of Nebraska. Here the river itself is dammed, and Rice & Sons, who own the mill, have unlimited power enough left over to carry several important manufactures. They are needed here in this valley and would pay well.

The Congregationalists dedicated their new church yesterday. It is one of the finest in the valley. It has a solid foundation, is built of heavy timbers, and thoroughly braced. It is 36 feet by 60 in its extreme length, and will seat 400 persons. The rapid growth of the town and the school make a large house necessary. The sum of \$425 was raised in a few moments to pay the indebtedness. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Malle, of Omaha, the present superintendent of home missions.

THE NEW CUBUR. The articles are signed by H. T. Clarke, Artemus M. Clarke, Augustus W. Clarke, Sohn T. Clarke and William E. Clarke. The authorized capital stock of the company is \$200,000, in shares of \$100 each, \$100,000 of which is to be paid up when the company begins business. The firm was to begin business the 22d day of December, 1884, and continue until the 23d day of December, 1884.

A New Company. Yesterday the articles of incorporation for the H. T. Clark Drug company were filed in County Clerk Leavitt's office. The articles are signed by H. T. Clarke, Artemus M. Clarke, Augustus W. Clarke, Sohn T. Clarke and William E. Clarke. The authorized capital stock of the company is \$200,000, in shares of \$100 each, \$100,000 of which is to be paid up when the company begins business. The firm was to begin business the 22d day of December, 1884, and continue until the 23d day of December, 1884.

THE ACADEMY. Under the care of Prof. Hampton, is doing remarkably well. Few men have the high art of teaching, and when one is found, he is the benefactor of his age. Under his leadership, the buildings already erected are full and entirely adequate to the demands, and so a movement is on foot to put up a massive stone building, 40x60, and of the highest quality. This will accommodate 50 more students. Charles Kirtland, Esq., formerly a large contractor of Merion, Conn., is now here preparing plans and specifications and superintending the work. The building will cost \$10,000, and will be an imposing structure. The public school has not doubled its capacity, and is now supplied with able teachers.

PUGILISTIC EVENT.

Prof. Miller and McNally to Meet in the Ring. A prize fight is now being arranged between Prof. Miller, the well known pugilist of this city, and McNally, of O'Neill. McNally will be remembered as the gentleman of pugilistic proclivities who so thoroughly did up O. H. Smith a few days ago at O'Neill. McNally is regarded by all members of the sporting fraternity as a first class man, and his backers are anxious to match him with Miller, believing that he will be able to stand up well. The details so far as consummated are for hard gloves, and light to a finish with the prize ring for \$250 a side, the battle to take place either at O'Neill or Omaha. It is expected that in a day or two all the arrangements will be completed.

McNally is a plucky handler of the gloves, and can make matters interesting for Miller. The Omaha sports are somewhat nettled at the result of the Smith-McNally contest, and declare themselves ready to back Omaha, should the contest come off, to an extent unlimited.

THE WEST POINT CREAMERY. A BEB reporter, in the course of his rambles last night, came across a gentleman who lives in West Point, Nebraska. He gave some interesting facts with regard to the creamery and butter company located in that place, for which a receiver was recently appointed. It seems that the corporation has always been in sound condition. Its stock has at all times been quoted at steady figures. All would have well but for the failure of a K. D. Brown, recently connected with it, of Middleton, N. Y. Mr. Brown was leading stockholder in the creamery, and when his affairs became desperately involved, he assigned his stock to a broker, Poole, of Chicago. As soon as Brown's financial embarrassment threatened the company, they gave a chattel mortgage for the entire property belonging to the state funds, which were in their possession. In this way it was hoped to stave off disaster. Poole became frightened at this step, and applied for a receiver, who was appointed recently in the United States court. The concern is now in good financial shape, and will soon be ready, it is thought, to resume operations on the former scale. The necessity for the receiver no longer exists, and the outlook for the company is decidedly bright.

Frank Burns Arrested. Yesterday afternoon Frank Burns, the man who was convicted of a murderous assault against Billy Willard, and ordered out of town, in default of \$1,000 bonds, was arrested again.

He was seen walking along in a calm, leisurely sort of manner, and when he was approached by the marshal, he said that he had come back to obtain some clothes which he had left behind him in his hurry to leave town. The marshal thought it best to lock Frank up, pending Judge Bencke's decision, and now that individual languishes in prison.

Army Orders. DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE, December 24, 1884. Leave of absence for twenty (20) days, to take effect about January 5th, 1885, is granted First Lieutenant Henry E. Robinson, regimental quartermaster, Fourth infantry.

Leave of absence for twenty (20) days is granted Major Alfred T. Smith.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A FRENCHMAN CONSPIRACY TO A MURDER TRIP. ANOTHER MAN WAS SENTENCED FOR MURDER. MOSCOW, December 24.—A Frenchman confessed to the murder of Sarah Becker, a Jewish girl, for whose murder a man named Mironovitch was last week sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Mironovitch and a supposed accomplice named Perzark was exiled.

FRANCE IN FAVOR OF FREE TRADE. LONDON, December 24.—The French Chamber of commerce protested against the proposed increase of corn duties by France and declared itself in favor of free trade.

PARIS, December 24.—Lyon Say, formerly minister of finance, has written to the St. Francis committee of agriculture, saying he has adopted the doctrine that the taxes should only be paid for state and protective duties on corn and cattle, would not benefit farmers.

A LIBERTINE MEETS HIS JUST DESERTS. MERRIN affair occurred. Tenner. An anarchist named Brisard visited the house of a merchant named Franco, and soon afterwards was killed by Franco. Brisard was a long enough, said. She then gave herself up. Brisard is dead. He was a bachelor 37 years of age, and reputed to be a libertine. He was of pleasing appearance, and devoted his time to forcing his attentions upon married ladies. Madame Franco is a fascinating woman about twenty-five years of age. Brisard shot her on the return of the latter from the theater. Madame Franco shot the doctor who threatened if the visit was repeated she would shoot him. On the second visit, also made during the absence of her husband, Madame Franco shot Brisard.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ORDERED TO GIBRALTAR. LONDON, December 24.—The government sent an urgent order to Portsmouth to hold all the available men of the southern division of the artillery in readiness to go to Gibraltar.

THE COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE request Bernhard Schmolze to visit Germany and investigate the German railway system, and present a report at the annual meeting of the council February 25th.

THE TIMES ON THE NICARAGUA TREATY. LONDON, December 24.—The Times readily admits that the Nicaragua treaty should be judged in America without reference to English interests. But England, it says, holds a position of most invulnerable strength to protest against the policy violating the treaty rights covered by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The Times believes that the better class of Americans will not favor the scheme, but it is rash to predict the result in congress.

THROWN OFF THE TRACK. A DISASTER ON THE B. AND O.—ONE MAN FATALLY AND SEVERAL SERIOUSLY INJURED.—THE PASSENGERS BADLY SHAKEN UP.—SARBO ESCAPE OF SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN. Chicago News, 23d.

A bad accident, which the railroad authorities appear to have endeavored to keep very quiet, occurred on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yesterday morning. The train known as the Chicago express, from Washington, due in this city at 9:30 a. m., while running at the rate of forty miles an hour, struck a broken rail or defective frog near Bremen, Ind., about 6 o'clock in the morning. The engine and forward part of the train got over safely, but the dining car and two sleepers were derailed and overturned. There were sixteen persons in the sleepers, among them several congressmen, and all were in their berths. Suddenly the greatest confusion prevailed. The passengers rushed to the doors, but were unable to escape. To add to the horror of the accident, the dining car and the two sleepers were derailed and overturned. There were sixteen persons in the sleepers, among them several congressmen, and all were in their berths. Suddenly the greatest confusion prevailed. 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