THE DAILY BEE

Monday Morning, May 4.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

—The board of trade meets this evening.

—Doc. Middleton, the famous Nebraska bandit, was in town yesterday and left at four 'clock for the east.

—Cherries made their appearance in the Omaha markets yesterday. They come high, 50 cent a quart or 5 cents each; but we must have them.

—G. W. Thomas, one of the oldest railway postal clerks running out of Omaha, tendered his resignation some days ago, and it has been accepted.

—The United States district court meets to-day. Judge Brewer will be here this evening or to-morrow morning. Until he comes Judge Dundee will preside.

—Barnes and Smith, the pugilists, were arrested Saturday night but the officer let them go again before he got to headquarters Why they were arrested is not known.

—The beautiful weather of yesterday was accepted by everyone as a grand blessing, and the streets were thronged with people riding, promenading and enjoying themselves.

—The board of education will hold its regular monthly meeting and annual meeting to night, at which time a president, secretary and treasurer are to be elected for the ensuing year.

—The Omaha Light Guards have rented Williams' hall, formerly occupied by the public library, and will use it for drill purposes, opening it formally about the middle of this month.

—The street car company put three new cars on the St. Mary's Avenue line Friday, and by doing away with the "lay-over" at the stables, have reduced the running time down to ten minutes.

—The county commissioners have awarded a contract to S. A. Orchard for carpeting the floors of the new district court room and udge's private office. The contract allows Mr. Orchard 95 cents a square yard for the carpet, laid, it to be Liginate.

—The hours for street cars to run at night are extended from eleven o'clock to midnight, and the drivers will hereafter be paid according to the length and efficiency of their service, the allowance being $1.50 and $1.75 per day. The men complain of this and declare that unless it is increased they will strike.

—He was from Burton county, Mo., and had gone to seed without knowing enough to last him over night. Saturday morning at the U. P. depot he had an old overcoat and a basket full of lunch stolen from him. When seen by a reporter, he was lamenting his loss bitterly, said his name was W. C. Tate, and that he wanted to get from Omaha to Buffalo Gap, Dakota.

—Mrs. Drummond has returned to Omaha and denies the story of her elopement to Iowa with Dr. W. F. McMenamy, which was given currency through the columns of the Council Bluffs and Omaha papers. Mrs. Drummond has always borne a good character in this and other communities, as an upright and virtuous woman, and how these stories about her could have arisen is something very mysterious.

—The new superintendent of the Omaha gas works, Mr. Thomas L. Williams, a gentleman from Newark, N. J., has arrived and assumed the duties of his office. His father, Wm. L. Williams, the man who has brought to perfection that system of produing gas employed by the Union gas improvement company of Philadelphia, is also in the city with him. He, like his son, has also come to stay.

—An official circular has been issued from the Union Pacific headquarters in this city to the effect that, beginning May 1st, the St. Joe & Western railroad will be operated as a branch line of the Union Pacific. In harmony with this circular, Mr. L. D. Tuthill, superintendent and general manager of the St. Joe & Western, yesterday issued an order that all returns will hereafter be made to the Omaha headquarters.

—The body of the unfortunate young man, Frederick Stahlberg, who died of gas suffocation at the Canfield house Friday, is still lying at Coroner Drexel's establishment. Not a word has been received as yet from any of his friends or relatives. It has been discovered that he belonged to a Good Templars society at Rock Island, and Mr. Drexel telegraphed there yesterday to know what shall be done with the body.

—The counsel for the "opium fiends" who were arrested Thursday night announce that they will contest the validity of the ordinance under which the arrests were made, on the grounds that "the act does not provide for a penalty until after conviction." Messrs. Redick & Baldwin claim that should any more of the celestials be arrested on the same charge, they will apply for release on habeas corpus.

—Most of the machinery and plant of the Northwestern Electric Light company has been transferred from the Strang building to the Sperry Light establishment on Capitol avenue. New and improved machinery is arriving which will greatly strengthen the combined power of the two companies. Mr. E. A. McClure, the former assignee of Hawley & Lahgworthy has been selected by the trustees of the two companies to act as manager of the consolidated companies.

—A number of unprincipled Omaha hunters daily visit Wm. Frickee's pasture for the purpose of shooting ducks and snipe. Their dogs run all the fat off of Mr. F.'s cattle, and several of the animals have been perforated with bird shot. Complaints of like nature come from various farmers in that locality. An effort will probably be made to prosecute some of Omaha's alleged sportsmen, if they continue tresspassing on these premises. —[Papillion Times.

### Military Matters.

Col. John Gibbon, of the Seventh infantry, will proceed at once to Fort Fred Steele, Wyoming, and there carry out instructions given to him by the department commander.

The general court martial convened at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming by special orders Nos. 117 and 24 has been dissolved.

Upon a recommendation sent to the war department by the post commander, the issue of bread rations to the troops at Fort Robinson for May and June has been increased to twenty ounces.

Lieutenant John Baxter of the Ninth infantry has been granted a leave of absence for twenty-five days. During his vacation Lieutenant Baxter will visit friends in the east.

Thomas J. Blake, a private in company A, Sixth infantry, gets a four months' furlough, with permission to leave the limits of the division.

## CAGED IN CHICAGO.

**Howard Lovejoy, an old Fugitive from Nebraska Justice, Finally Run Down and Captured.**

Saturday evening United States Marshal Bierbower, received a telegram from Chicago notifying him that Howard Lovejoy, a fugitive from Nebraska justice, had been captured there and would be held to his orders. This captuture is one of considerable importance to Nebraska. In 1874 President Hayes appointed Howard Lovejoy, receiver of the United States land office at Niobrara, saying at the time that Lovejoy was an old army friend of his. There was a fight, it will be remembered, between Senators Sanders and Paddock as to who should have this position, and when the fact had been fully demonstrated to President Hayes that they could not agree upon any man, he settled the struggle by appointing Lovejoy. The latter was a very dissipated, reckless sort of fellow then, but he faithfully promised to brace up and do better, if given a chance. After receiving his appointment Lovejoy had great trouble getting endorser to his bond, but finally succeeded and took charge of the office. However his honesty was only skin deep and two years after assuming the trust imposed in him, President Hayes' "old army friend" suddenly turned up missing one fine morning, and on examination it was discovered that his accounts with the government were left about $13,000 short. His bondsmen were sued in the United States district court and last fall Judge Dundy rendered a judgment against them for the full amount. Ever since Lovejoy departed officers have been on the look-out for him, but no trace of his whereabouts were ever obtained until about two weeks ago a citizen of Nebraska, who was visiting Chicago, happened to drop into a refreshment parlor on Madison street. When the important individual in white apron who presided there as the "cocktail genious" learned where his customer was from he pointed to a seedy old bum who was lounging over a table off in one corner, and gave out the information that he was also from Nebraska, and had at one time held an important office in the state. On inquiry the bibulous gentleman learned that it was Lovejoy, and when he returned home at once informed Marshal Bierbower of his discovery. The latter went to Chicago immediately and searched among the saloons and lower class hotels several days but could not run across his man. The Madison street bartender had not seen him since the day he pointed him out to the other "gentleman from Nebraska." Bierbower finally left the case with Detectives Mooney & Boland, and it was they who telegraphed Saturday evening that the bird had been caught. Marshal Bierbower will either go to Chicago this afternoon or send a deputy to bring Lovejoy here.

Seal of North Carolina Tobacco is the best.

### Crop Prospects of Douglas County and Nebraska.

Last week a report of the spring wheat and general grain prospects in Douglas and other counties of the state was made and forwarded to one of the Chicago journals. The facts were obtained from Mr. Nathan Merriam, who has just returned from an extensive trip of inspection over the state. From this report some interesting facts are gained.

The acreage of spring wheat this year in Douglas county is estimated to be about ten per cent greater than that of last year. The seeding work has been on an average about ten days earlier than last season. The weather has been very favorable for planting, and, since, there have been numerous rains, so that the "stand" is now flourishing and well stocked. All indications, in fact, point to a good wheat crop this year.

All over the state these observations will be found to hold true. Grain of small kinds is everywhere in a flourishing condition, and the acreage of each variety promises to surpass that of last year. Corn planting began yesterday as a regular thing, all over the state.

On account of the complications of the European situation and the threatened wars on the continents, farmers have planted heavily of wheat, oats, barley and rye, and this more than any other circumstance will account for the large prospective yield of 1885.

It is estimated that about 20 per cent of last years' wheat crop is in the hands of the farmers.

### Poppleton Gets the Colt.

The atmosphere in horse-trading circles hereabouts, says the Papillion Times, has been pretty much disturbed for the past two weeks over the Maxey Cobb affair, particulars of which appeared recently in these columns. The case was before Judge Neville early last week, on A. J. Poppleton's replevin action. The court heard the case and cited the defendants, George Ringo, Wm. Ketcham and H. O. Bancroft to appear at the court house last Saturday noon, and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt, and to bring with them the colt in dispute. At the appointed hour the defendants appeared, but stated that the colt could not be found. The judge then admonished them of the penalties attending contempt of court and gave them until Wednesday noon to deliver the colt into the hands of the court. Court was called Wednesday noon, and the defendants came promptly to the scratch with the colt, which was delivered by the court into the hands of Mr. Poppleton. The defendants were not fined for contempt, but the judge said he would ponder over the question until the next term of court. Interested parties say the end is not yet, and that Maxey will be in court again soon.

### Police Points.

In the police court Saturday morning he principal excitement was caused by the declaration of the veteran toper, Pat Kearney, that he would take pledge Pat, according to his story, had met a riend Friday and had celebrated the occasion by sending for several drams of whisky. Both he and his friend had become intoxicated, and both were arrested by the police. Pat plead tearfully for mercy when arraigned in the morning, and howled for joy when the judge announced that he would be released after signing the pledge. The important document was carefully drawn up by Judge Stenberg, signed by the self-announced reformed one, and stamped with the official seal of the city. Kearney was then dismissed with the most solemn warnings as to the consequences of his violating the sacred oath. His comrade in sin, a fiery-haired genius, by name, J. S. Lavell, was likewise dismissed.

Giles Strayher, an old-time toper, was sent up to the county jail; intoxication, the charge.

George Power, same charge, $5 and costs.

William Jennings had been unable to gain entrance into his boarding house Friday night and had slept in the hallway. Here he was arrested by the police as a vagrant. Upon trial he clearly disproved these charges and was released. with a solemn enjoinder not to forget the twelfth commandment, "Thou shalt not sleep in the hallway."

Alexander Eager, a man whose mental powers were slightly unbalanced, was ordered to leave town and was sent across to his home in Iowa.

## A BOISTEROUS CROWD.

**The Citizens Living Near Germania Hall Shamefully Disturbed.**

As a general thing the citizens of Omaha are very liberal in their views, touching the personal liberties of people, and are perfectly willing to let every man act as he pleases, but there are limits, and to go beyond these limits forbearance ceases to be a human virtue. Enjoyment is one of the great and glorious privileges which all may possess to their heart's content, but it, like every thing else, should be conducted within the bounds of reason and decency. Sunday morning about daylight, a very unseemly and unreasonable hour for such boisterous conduct, residents living in the vicinity of Germania hall were shamefully disturbed of their peace and repose by the loud drunken guffas of a croud who had spent the entire night in bachinalian revels at that place. Justly these citizens complain bitterly at this sort of conduct and they declare that if it is repeated an effort will be made to see if something can not be done to stop it. Nobody complains against the legitimate entertainments held at Germania hall, but to carry on in revelry all night and away into the peaceful hours of a quiet Sabbath morning, awakening from their sleep those who want rest is not only a disturbance and a nuisance, but a violation of municipal law which hould be suppressed.

Smoke Seal of North Carolina Tobacco.

## AFTER THE MAYORALTY.

**P. H. Murphy Commences a Contest Suit in the County Court Against J. E. Boyd.**

Owing to the late hour at which the papers were filed only a very short mention could be made in Saturday evening's BEE of the contest case, between P. H. Murphy and Mayor James E. Boyd, commenced before Judge McCulloch in the county court. Mr. Murphy in his complaint alleges that he is qualified to hold the office of mayor and brings this suit to test Mr. Boyd's election, in his own name, because the district attorney refused to take the responsibility himself. It is set forth that in all of the wards a great many persons were allowed to vote who were not registered; also that votes were cast by men entirely unknown. By reason of these votes, given with affidavits, James E. Boyd was declared elected, but Mr. Murphy claims that these affidavits were illegal, therefore void, and to test that matter he brings this suit. The complaint further declares that P. H. Murphy received a majority of all the legal votes cast, and is entitled to be inaugurated into the office of mayor.

### Home Circle Club Literary.

The closing meeting of the Home Circle Club Literary was held last Monday evening at Mr. Latey's on North Nineteenth street, and nothwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a goodly number were present who enjoyed a pleasant evening. Although Monday evening entirely closed the season the society will hold monthly meetings during the summer. Appended is Monday evening's programme:

1. Instrumental Music...Miss Dollie Bailey
2. Reading.....Selection
   Mr. Louis Littlefield.
3. Duet.....'I'll Await My Love."
   Misses Paickers and Latey.
4. Song.....'Music in the Air."
   By the members of the club.
5. Recitation.....J. M. Conrad.
6. Recitation....Emily Jones, Mable Latey.
7. Essay.....On Trees and Flowers
   Mrs. Latey.
8. Recitation—In the Workhouse on Christmas Day
   F. W. Pickens.
9. Recitation.....Rosa Bailey.
10. Petroluim.....A Farce in One Act.

Frank Redman, Mrs. Shields,
Mr. Bailey, Miss Hodges,
Miss Maggie Latey, Miss Pickem,
Mrs. Eliott.

### Slightly Mysterious.

The untimely and unfortunate death of Frederick Stahlberg, the young man who perished of gas suffocation at the Canfield house last Friday evening, seems to be somewhat clouded in mystery. As stated in these columns, the clerk showed him Thursday night, before he retired, how to turn the gas on and off, and the clerk says that he passed back and forth through the halls two or three times during the night but did not detect any smell of gas, which he certainly would have done had their been any escaping. Whether the young man got up Friday morning and purposely turned the gas on to commit suicide in that way is a question that has some supporters. Then again it seems strange that none of his friends who have been telegraphed to make any reply. It may be that the persons wired are not relatives and don't care enough about the disposition of the body to bother themselves in the least. The coroner says that unless he hears something to-day he will bury the body here, then if friends come for it any time it can be exumed.

### County Court.

In the county court Saturday Alexander Wishart began suit against W. E. Jones, the South Omaha hotel-keeper, for $300, wages which are alleged to be due. These gentlemen will be remembered as the parties to the Sunday night shooting fracas at the stockyards, in which Wishart, the cook, was shot and dangerously wounded by his employer, Jones

A marriage license was issued to Emanuel E. Sorenson and Karan K. Hansen.

*—Hats half dollar less at Frederick's than elsewhere. Largest stock.*

## THE MARSHALSHIP.

**A Workingman's Plea for the Retention of Cummings.**

To the Editor of the BEE.

For the last few days the editorial columns of the Omaha Herald has been teeming with abuse of the republican members of the council, and Marshal Cummings in particular. This tirade against the council is made simply because it failed to confirm Mr. Boyd's appointments. The workingmen of this city who supported the republican ticket in the late city election would respectfully request our representatives in the council to stand by their colors. Mr. Boyd, in accepting the nomination on the citizens' ticket pledged himself if elected to handle the business affairs of this city on the same principles as he would his own. Is he standing by the pledge taken on this occasion by him to the citizens of this city? I will leave that question open for him to answer. I have nothing to say in regard to the appointments made by him for marshal. I will leave that for the citizens of this city to judge for themselves between the two men. When the Herald said that Captain Sullivan or any other man on the police force furnished the brains for Thomas Cummings to do his duty he uttered a falsehood. Thomas Cummings needs no man to furnish him brains, he has plenty of his own. The only trouble with some of these gentlemen they could not use him as a tool. For eighteen years he has been a resident of this city and nearly all that time he has been a blacksmith in the Union Pacific railroad shops in this city. He has been foreman of the blacksmith shops at Rawlins, and the men that worked under him while he held that position will admit the fact that he had plenty of brains and knew how to use them. For fourteen years he was assistant foreman of the blacksmith shops in this city under Mr. Gibson and the above mentioned gentleman will tell you that he has both ability and brains. During all the years of his residence in this city he has been a staunch supporter of the republican party and its principles. He is a man that has the friendship and esteem of his old shop mates irrespective of nationalty and we pledge him our undivided support. Thomas Cummings does not care for the position of city marshal, He would resign it of his own free will but his friends would not allow him to do so. He is not depending on this position for his support. He can walk to his anvil to-day in any shop in the country and earn his three and a half or four dollars a day. Mr. Boyd announced to the members of the police force a short time ago that no man would be removed from the force except for nonperformance of his duty. Now I will ask this gentleman elected on reform principles, why remove the chief?. Has he failed in any way in the performance of his duties. He has made a faithful and honest city marshal, and no man can deny these facts I will simply tell you why he is removed —in the eyes of Mr. Boyd and Dr. Miller he is "an offensive partisan."

In conclusion I wish to say that I sincerely hope Mr. Boyd will consider his determination to remove Mr. Cummings. I would like to see harmony between him and the council for it is to the interest of the city and its citizens that they should work together. I hope that he will look at this matter, not from a partisan standpoint, but as mayor of this city who has its interests and welfare at heart.

A WORKINGMAN.

—During the month of April, as is shown by Postmaster Coutant's report, $8,709.04 worth of postage stamps were sold at the Omaha office, and $1,624.86 worth of envelopes, making a clear total of $10.383.90 This is an increase over April, 1884, of 35 per cent, or $2,700.84.

## DIED ON THE TRAIN.

**A Lady from California Enroute to Maine Expires at the U. P. Depot.**

A very sad death occurred at the Union Pacific depot yesterday evening. Just as the California express steamed in and stopped Mrs. C. A. Rollins, a lady passenger, from Novato, California, enroute for Veza, Maine, gently closed her eyes and breathed no more. By her side at the time was the sorrowing husband and a weeping sister, Mrs. Wilder Page, who had been tenderly nursing and doctoring her for two years. But, all the skill of medical science, and the attention of loving hands could not baffle the fatal disease, consumption, with which the lady was afflicted. Knowing full well that her life was of short duration, and desiring to see her parents, friends and old home before dying, Mrs. Rollins, accompanied by her husband and sister, started last Monday night to make the trip from Novato to Veza, entirely across the continent, from ocean to ocean. Coming through the Rio Grande canyon she caught cold and from that time steadily grew worse and as the motion of the train stopped on its arrival here, breathed her last. The body was placed in a hack and taken to Coroner Drexel's establishment, where it has been embalmed, sealed in a metallic casket and the husband and sister will to-day proceed on their sad journey to the old pine tree state.

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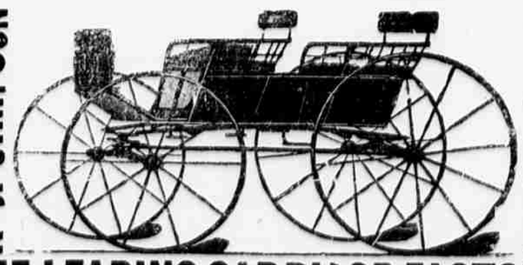

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