

The Evening Herald.

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CITY CORDIALS.

-M. McElwain is reported as being very sick. -Frank Lundnecker of St. Joe is in town today. -Charley Hammer buried his nine day old child today. -Attorney Byron Clark went to Lincoln today on legal business. -The Presbyterian Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. Ambrose Patterson Tuesday, March 20, at 2 p. m. -There has been no express from east of Chicago received by the express company of this city for the last six days. -William Carruth, a machinist in the B. & M. shops is happy. Cause, a bright cherub. Time of occurrence, last night. -Little Frank Sullivan who has been reported as being sick from a blow received from a school-fellow is reported better. -There is an article in today's issue signed "Individual" for which we are not responsible. Our columns are open to everybody. -Miss Kurtz, residing in the "old Shuh Farm," north of town is very low through exhaustion caused by a hemorrhage from the nasal organs. -Don't fail to attend the spelling school in Rockwood hall tomorrow night. Admission 15 cents. You will be highly delighted, interested and amused. -The storm interfered with telephone messages between here and Omaha today, but Steve Buzzell was out with his force and speedily rectified the damage. -At Meadville, Pa., it is said, where Allegheny college is located, a sign posted on a fence in a prominent alley reads: "Hich nose horses hear, 5 dollars fine." -The station agent at Oreadopolis reports an extraordinary number of ducks in that vicinity. Now is a good opportunity for hunters to have lots of sport. -A popular gentleman of this city will probably leave tomorrow to take up his permanent residence in Chadron, this state, to hold a position in the land office of that city. -A cordial invitation is extended to young and old to be present at the old-fashioned spelling school, given by the Y. L. R. A., at Rockwood Hall, Tuesday evening, March 20. Admission 15c. -There is a funeral today of the step-daughter (Miss Thomas) of Mr. Woolworth. This young lady died last Saturday night of typhoid fever. She will be buried in Woolworth's cemetery, Cedar Creek. -Frank Burgess and Robert R. Livingston, who lately passed a successful medical examination at Omaha Medical College, went up today to receive their diplomas. Plattsmouth is proud of their success. -The parents of George Oliver of the Journal force paid him a visit yesterday. They reside in Council Bluffs. George is a 'chip of the old block' and highly respected for his straight-forward, manly character by his associates in this city. -Engine No. 38 run into engine 450 at midnight last night near the coal sheds in the yards. No. 408's pilot was mashed all to pieces. Hudson was the person on 38, and was just getting ready to run out train 31. When asked by the night hostler: "Why didn't you stop?" he said "How could I, she had too much steam." -The following notice has been received by agents B. & M. "Agents: On account of Cattle Growers' Convention, round trip tickets to Denver may be sold March 26, at following rates: From Plattsmouth \$25 for the round trip. Limit return in each case to April 5, 1888." -An amusing occurrence happened in the yards last night. A person was running an engine from the round-house with the object of pulling out No. 29 when he had a collision with another engine in the yards. When asked by the night hostler "why he didn't stop her," he replied "I couldn't, she had too much steam." -The editorial and composing rooms of THE HERALD return their sincere thanks to Halladay's minstrels today for their serenade this morning. The gentlemen composing this company, although colored, are a living representation of politeness and intellect against the imputations that some addle-heads would try to put on the colored race. -You should not pay attention to the inclemency of the weather tonight but wrap yourself up warmly and carefully and go and witness the performance of of Halladay's Minstrels. Their entertainment is clean and chaste. If you take a pleasure in fun, intense excitement, encores and rapturous applause don't fail to witness their performance tonight. It will be a long time before you get such an opportunity again.

STORY OF A SONG-WRITER.

The Downfall of a Brilliant Composer Brought About by Drink. Standing at the window today, the crash of brass instruments was borne suddenly up to the writer's ear from the street. Halladay's minstrels were playing "The Cricket on the Hearth." The melody brought vividly to mind its brilliant, but erratic, composer, the late James E. Stewart, the story of whose life and sad, untimely death is well worth telling. Though Stewart himself lies forgotten in his western grave, save by a few, his songs will live long after him. They rank with those of Foster and Work in popularity, the best-known being, perhaps, "Jennie, the Flower of Kildare," "Only to see her Face Again," "The Old Iron Sign," "Mary's Gone With a Coon" and "The Cricket on the Hearth." These have all in their turn enjoyed the fullest measure of the evanescent success accorded to sentimental songs, "The Cricket on the Hearth" being at present all the rage. Stewart was born in Detroit, in 1842. His musical talent manifested itself at an early age, and when he was but six years old it is said that he could play a good accompaniment on the piano. He received his first lessons from a London organist of some note, named Yardley, who had settled in Detroit. The progress made by young Stewart was remarkable, and in a short time he could render the most difficult compositions with an ease that was accounted marvellous in one so young. He was afterwards engaged by the well-known comedian, Sol Smith Russell, who was giving his monologue at the time in the small towns of the interior. Stewart acted as pianist, accompanying Russell upon the instrument while the latter was giving his graphic delineations of character. The tour completed, he returned to Detroit, where, by the advice of J. Henry Whittemore, a publisher of music in that city, he composed his first song. Other songs and instrumental pieces followed in rapid succession, the first, as well as the greatest, hit of his life being made with "Jennie, the Flower of Kildare," which was sung and whistled everywhere. The phenomenal success of this song firmly established the reputation of Stewart, and henceforth his work was eagerly sought by the publishers of music throughout the country. In 1880 Stewart took up his abode in Cincinnati, at the request of George D. Newhall, a well-known publisher of that city. He had by this time acquired the consuming thirst for liquor that proved his downfall and resulted finally in his tragic death. At first Newhall was obliged to go out with him every hour of the day to purchase him a drink, and it was with the utmost difficulty that he could be induced to work. Then a place was made for him in the back of Newhall's music store, where nearly all of his later compositions were written. These include "Only to see her Face Again," "Mertie Gray," "Cling to Me," "Bring Her Back to Life Again," "Fairies, Watch Her in Her Cradle," "Where the Birds Sing," "My Jennie's Over the Sea," "Once I Loved Her," "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "Mary's Gone with a Coon," all of which have brought a fortune to his publisher; but the opportunity to enrich himself at the same time was wasted by Stewart. He was generous even to a fault, and, however large or small the sum he had upon his person, he would share it with the first unfortunate who accosted him. This led to so many impositions that finally, at Stewart's request, Newhall doled out to him frequently during the day small sums, ranging from twenty-five cents to \$1, so that, as Stewart emphatically put it, "he would not be taken in so badly." Nearly all of his songs had for their inspiration incidents in his life that would have seemed trivial to many, but which impressed him strongly. As an instance, "The Old Iron Sign" suggested itself to Stewart late one night in Cincinnati when he was returning to his room from the theatre in company with Frank Morton, known to the vandevilles as a member of the "Big Four" organization. It was bitter cold and the wind was blowing hard, causing the poor wretches who were out to seek the protection of the doorways. "We were all alone," said Morton, "and suddenly I saw Stewart stop before an old sign that was creaking on its hinges. 'There's music in that sign,' he said. When we reached his room he told me to bring the gas tar out, and, seating himself at the table, he wrote 'The Old Iron Sign.'" Not so happy was the origin of "Only to see her Face again." So hopelessly had Stewart become addicted to drink that his wife finally abandoned him. The blow was a keen one to him. It was shortly after this in Peters' music store in the old Melodeon Hall building, a place where Stephen Foster had been often years before him, that "Only to see her Face Again" was written. The writer's thoughts go back to a snowy night in Cincinnati several years ago, when newspaper duties led him to one of the variety theatres in the precinct known as "Over the Rhine." While he was there Stewart staggered in upon the arm of a companion and seated himself in an orchestra chair. He was palpably under the influence of liquor. A week's growth of hair was on his face, his linen was soiled, and his clothes were frayed and dusty. The performance proceeded, but he gave little heed to it. Finally a bell tinkled and a tawdriily-dressed woman issued from the wings, while the orchestra played in low tones the prelude of "Only to see her Face Again." Her voice was one of uncommon sweetness for the concert-halls, and while she sang the house grew wrapt and still. Who can tell what memories that song aroused in one listener's heart? At last Stewart could stand it no longer. Bursting into a flood of bitter tears he rushed up to the aisle, to the pity of the few who knew him, and, he it is said, to the intense amusement of the others, who drowned the singer's voice with their uproarious laughter. Finally Stewart's condition became one of hopeless lassitude. The haunts he frequented brought him into contact with low vagabonds, and he fell an easy victim to them. One peccadillo followed fast upon the heels of another. Out of these he was always assisted by Newhall, who was his good, kind friend to the last. And then came the debauch that ended in his death. Of this Stewart must have had a premonition, for several days before it occurred he brought to Newhall a mournful little ballad which he had called "Sing, Sweet Birds, O'er Jamie's Grave." He also gave to him a waltz song with the title "Autumn Leaves," which, in his opinion, was the best of all his productions. Thus far, however, its success had not been commensurate with that of his other songs. In the month of June in 1884 Ingersoll gave a lecture at the Grand Opera House in Cincinnati. While the crowd was passing into the building Stewart stood at the entrance with a friend, who was notorious as a worthless character. Both had been drinking heavily, and were without means to continue their debauch. Leaving Stewart for few minutes the fellow accosted a stranger, to whom he sold what purported to be a pass to Ingersoll's lecture. It was presented at the door, only to be refused, and the angry dupe hastened to search for the man who had swindled him. He recognized him standing some distance away, where he had rejoined Stewart. An officer having been made acquainted with the case, both were arrested and taken to the station-house. The fellow has since confessed that Stewart was entirely blameless, not even having had an inkling of what he had done. The next morning both men were brought up in the police court, before Judge Fitzgerald, who sentenced them to the workhouse for thirty days. Stewart felt his disgrace too keenly to stand for his friend, Newhall to intercede for him. Neither did he attempt to offer any explanation to Judge Fitzgerald, who is known for his kindness of heart and who surely would have listened to him. In a dazed state Stewart was led away to the wagon that stood waiting at the door to convey prisoners to the workhouse. At that institution the next morning he was added to a gang of men who were engaged in constructing a road in that vicinity. The day was excessively warm, and in his weak physical condition Stewart was unfitted for the hard work at which he was put. Suddenly he was seen to fall while at work. Some one went to his assistance, and it was then discovered that he was very ill. He was thereupon carried back to the workhouse, where in a few hours he breathed his last. The first intimation that Newhall had of the misfortune that had overtaken his friend was when the local newspapers in a few lines chronicled his untimely death. All that he could then do to show honor to the dead was done. He had the body removed from the workhouse and followed it, its only mourner, to Wesleyan Cemetery, where it now lies buried. Poor Stewart, his worst enemy was himself. The autumn leaves that formed his last musical theme are falling thickly now upon his grave, yellow and red and gold. Surely we who have found so much pleasure in his songs can pass pityingly by his faults in the contemplation of his virtues, for he had many, and more than one thought will go out to the lonely mound up in old Wesleyan, where, far away from home and kindred lies, his warm, impulsive heart stilled his earthly troubles over in that long sleep which knows no waking. -With that supreme degree of gall for which we American patent-medicine advertisers are pre-eminently distinguished we send THE HERALD twenty-five lines of an ad. for a medicine warranted to cure catarrh. "Please insert this notice. By so doing you will give us an idea of the value of your paper as an advertising medium, as we wish to do considerable cash advertising in the near future." If this firm does not speedily stop sending such communications to newspapers, they will have such an overflow of gastric juice as will cause them sudden death. -M. H. Packard, who was advance agent for the Stuart Co., while in this city, has accepted of the same position with the Curran Comedy Co., now in Wayne, Neb. He will leave this city tomorrow. The company is meeting with deserved success, this being their 138th week on the road. We have already spoken of Mr. Packard's abilities as an advance agent and there is nothing further necessary to state only that he is a gentleman who will always guarantee the success of the company he represents whenever they reach Plattsmouth. -The annual issue for 1888 is just at hand, and we must say in behalf of western enterprise that as a work of art it excels anything in this line we have ever seen both in its exceedingly beautiful gold and colored cover and in its readable print and handsome wood engravings. It should be in the hands of every one who plants a garden, and can be had by sending five stamps to J. C. Vaughan, 88 State Street, Chicago. -The river this morning during the snow storm presented a glorious sight in regard to an ocean view. Neither the bridge nor the Iowa shore was visible, and the wind ruffled the waves in such a manner as to suggest the idea that one was viewing the Atlantic. Judge S. M. Chapman came home Saturday evening and spent Sunday with his family returning to Lincoln this morning, he expects to close this term of court there this week. -A common proverb is that when March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. It came in like a lion but we fail to see the lamb part today.

FREE PARLIAMENT.

(We will not be responsible for any opinions expressed in this column.) Free Parliament. EDITOR HERALD.—I notice an article in the columns of THE HERALD in which the "Sympathizers" uphold engineers of this place in their peculiar actions of demeaning men or engineers who see fit to take a position that another man leaves because the B. & M. will not assign the whole railroad over to the Brotherhood. Just look at this matter from the other side and see what there is there. Is there a set of men as laborers that are better paid? No not much; and again is there a more overbearing set of men? There is not one of these engineers that have been brought up here lately but what is as big headed as G. C. They (the sympathizers) say that the C. B. & Q. will not trust them as they are not true to the ranks. Why are they not? Why are they here in the employ of the B. & M. then? Just because they were true and got left just as the Brotherhood men on the "Q" strike are. They talk of incompetency. Why, you just go and look over the list of collisions on the B. & M. of the last year and see if they do not average more than those of the last three weeks, not considering that these men were never over the road before. The Brotherhood men say they have hurt so many engines. I have it from good authority that there has not been but one engine hurt on the whole B. & M. and that very slightly. To see the old engineer stand around and when their old engine comes in say she is getting ruined and go so far as to weep over. If they were so interested in the spoiling of engines why did they not stay on them. There is one more thing I would like to speak of and that is for some one who has been here eight or ten years and see where the most of the engineers of Plattsmouth started. There is not one out of a dozen that could make an honest living until the company seen fit to take them up and give them a job and to hear one of these very ones say, "By J— we must win this fight." INDIVIDUAL. Tonight's Sacred Concert. Halladay's minstrels have decided to give a sacred concert tonight at the Grand opera house, at which will be introduced a large number of the old plantation hymns and camp meeting melodies, which have made the colored concert companies so popular wherever they have appeared. The present company is well supplied with talent of the kind and a thoroughly enjoyable performance may be expected. - Omaha Herald. -H. Cypher, the impressable, who represents the Raby Lafayette Co., with pen, pencil or paste pot, has been in the city for the past few days looking after the interests of the company, who will appear here in about a week's time under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, in the historical brotherly drama of "Damon and Pythias." This gentleman is a jewel in his profession and will be a great loss to the above company whom he shortly leaves. -W. A. Mahara, advance agent for Beach & Bowers Minstrels, passed through the city yesterday. The are company from Leavenworth, Kansas, and are going to Des Moines, Iowa. They will arrive in Plattsmouth on their journey in about a week's time from today. -Miss Lena Hardman, daughter of Rev. Harman, Glenwood, Ia., arrived in the city yesterday, the guest of L. E. Karns. This lady, who has charge of the telephone exchange in that city returned home last night. -As a proof of the salubrity of Platts-mouth's climate is Levi Walker, an old gent eighty-four years of age, living three miles south of town, who could be seen last Saturday with his shotgun out with the boys shooting ducks. PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN. Hay for Sale. Three hundred tons of hay for sale, either delivered or on the ground. Leave orders at Henry Weckbach's store. L. STELL, Jan. 3 m345x Notice. The firm of Beck & Bir shall dissolve April 1st. All parties indebted are notified to settle before that time and save the expense of a lawyer. BECK & BIRSDALL. m3429 FOR SALE—On reasonable terms my residence on the N. W. corner of Elm and 11th Sts. Said property consists of 1/2 block with a good story and a half house of six rooms, two ward- robes and one pantry; good well and city water; twenty-seven bearing apple trees, and an abundance of small fruit of all kinds. If P. D. BATES. For Sale. A nice neat cottage, 5 rooms, newly papered and painted; 2 block from postoffice. Good western and city water attached. One fourth of balance monthly payments to suit. Enquire of O. P. SMITH. m3246 Fire Insurance written in the Etna, Phoenix and Hartford by Windham & Davies. 5,000 posts for sale, leave orders with John Tutt at L. D. Bennett's grocery store. f23-d-w-1m Read the reasons why you should purchase lots in South Park.

Dissolution Notice

Dissolution of Co-partnership by and between H. M. Gault and Geo. W. Vass of Plattsmouth, Cass Co., Nebraska, is this March 1888, dissolved by mutual consent. Geo. W. Vass retiring and H. M. Gault to retain all book accounts of said firm and assume all liabilities of said firm. (Signed.) G. W. VASS. H. M. GAULT.

WHEN YOU WANT WORK DONE

Any Kind - CALL ON - L. G. Larson, Contractor and Builder. Cor. 12th and Granite Streets. Sept. 12-6m. Furniture for the cellar, kitchen and parlor sold on weekly or monthly installments at L. Pearlman's. f2 dtt R. E. WINDHAM, Notary Public, JOHN A. DAVIES, Notary Public, WINDHAM & DAVIES, Attorneys - at - Law. Office over Bank of Cass County. PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA. A. N. SULLIVAN, Attorney at Law, Will give prompt attention to all business entrusted to him. Office in Union Block, East side, Plattsmouth, Neb.

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L. D. BENNETT.

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Reasons for Purchasing Lots in South Park.

- 1. As a whole they are the finest lying lots in the city.
2. They are shaded with beautiful forest trees.
3. They are located between Chicago and Lincoln Avenues, the two finest drives about the city.
4. They are only a ten-minutes walk from the business portion of the town.
5. By reason of their location between the two main thoroughfares into the city, they are more accessible than lots in other additions.
6. The only addition to the city reached by two established avenues.
7. The only new addition to the city reached by water mains and with a prospect of being supplied in the near future with complete water privileges.
8. New sidewalks recently constructed to within a few feet of the addition and will shortly be extended.
9. Will certainly have street car privileges at no distant date.
10. If you wish a fine view of the river, locate on a lot in South Park.
11. If you wish a slightly and picturesque view of Plattsmouth, it can be had from a South Park lot.
12. To persons in the railroad employ, the eastern portion of South Park is the most desirable residence locality in the city.
13. To persons desiring a residence on Chicago avenue, the western portion of South Park is available for that purpose.
14. The B. & M. railroad track runs near the east line of the addition, furnishing good facilities for manufacturing industries.
15. If you locate in South Park you will have good neighbors: Mayor Simpson, John R. Cox, John A. Davies, John L. Minor, J. V. Ingraham, B. Sparlock, Jerry Farthing, Thos. E. Reynolds, S. A. Davis, L. A. Miner, C. M. Wead, Frank Irish, J. N. Glenn, C. E. Coleman, S. A. Speakman, Frank Bacon, Chas. A. Rankin, Sarah E. Alexander, John Moore, M. A. Shipman, Lillie Kalisky, T. W. Fought, Clayton Barber, W. J. Hesser, Harry Kneller, J. E. Barwick, J. G. Royal, W. N. McLennan, P. C. Minor, F. McCourt, J. C. Fought and others are owners of South Park property.
16. Over \$12,000 worth of this desirable property has been disposed of within a short period and no part has been sold to outside speculators which is solid proof of the substantial growth of this part of the city.
17. More substantial houses were built in South Park in the fall of 1887 than in any one locality in the city and the prospects for spring building are much greater.
18. Lots will be sold until the 1st of April, next, at \$150 each; after said date the price on the most desirable lots will be advanced.
19. Terms 1/3 cash, balance in one and two years, or lots may be purchased on monthly payments.
20. Any number of persons, not less than five, purchasing ten lots in one transaction will be given a lot free to dispose of as they may deem proper.
21. Any person or persons purchasing 20 or more lots and paying 1/4 cash, may have one and two years on balance without interest.
22. If any other reasons for purchasing lots in South Park are desired they will be given by calling at the office of

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