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A Grand Jury was Impaneled in Chicago yesterday in the Corbin murder case.

The patriotic heads of Denver have planned to celebrate the Fourth of July three days—July 3, 4 and 5. This will be Denver's greatest day and men of national reputation are expected from every state.

ON NEXT Wednesday evening the Omaha Bee will celebrate its eighteenth anniversary at the opening of the Bee building on Eighteenth and Farnam. Distinguished newspaper men will be there from all parts of the Union.

SOUTHERN enterprise is not altogether unheard of, and especially when it speaks with the force it has in Connecticut. Recently the contract for building 4,300 feet of fence on the new Harvard bridge was let to a firm at Dalton, Ga., which was able to underbid competitors at Boston, Chelmsford, Providence and other Eastern cities.

TOMORROW, June 14, is the one hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the national colors of the American Union. Several eastern cities will celebrate the day with a grand display of flags from public and private buildings. It would be very appropriate for Plattsmouth to follow suit.

A COMBINE is reported between the American and British salt producers to run prices up. In speaking of this the Globe Democrat says: "This simplifies the work for the republicans in congress. A stroke of the pen, figuratively speaking, will put salt on the free list, and the republicans stand ready to make that stroke."

The casualty record is kept up in high order by the telegraphic report in this morning's papers. At Grinnell, Iowa, a city disastrously affected by a cyclone in 1882, burned yesterday with a loss of \$200,000. The roof of a mine in Wilkesbarre, Pa., which had been extensively excavated under that city collapsed and cracked the earth open in the heart of the city, from which gas escapes in great quantity; and by this accident eight hundred men are thrown out of employment. A Sunday school excursion train in Ireland was wrecked and fifty children are reported killed and many wounded.

THE report recently gained considerable credence that Justice Miller, of the United States Supreme court, was about to resign his seat in that high tribunal, but has been denied by that gentleman himself. Justice Miller is the oldest member of the supreme bench in service, although not in years. In 1816 he was born and in 1862 he was put upon the Supreme Bench. Justice Field, who was appointed a year later than Miller, was born in the same year with him. The oldest member of the Court in years is Justice Bradley, who was born in 1813. For three years past Miller has been entitled to full pay for life on resignation, but although his health has been failing, he still clings to his post. His service on the Supreme Bench has now extended over twenty-seven years, a period which has been exceeded in duration by but eight of the forty-three persons who have been members of that tribunal. These in the order of their appointment, were Bushrod Washington, John Marshall, William Johnson, Joseph Story, John McLean, James M. Wayne, Roger B. Taney and John Catron. The service of Marshall, who was Chief Justice, and Story was the longest, each lasting about thirty four years.

THE Conemaugh valley flood is credited with the following state of affairs in the Globe Democrat: "There is one spot in Knoxville, near Somerset street, where the wave played a prank which must have made it laugh if it had any appreciation of humor. It didn't dash the houses to pieces, or roll them over, or move them half a mile or more. But it gathered them up gently from their foundations and put them down so close together that there isn't room to go among them. When the people came back from high ground, or down from the roof after the subsidence, they found their doors jam up against their neighbor's walls. There were windows which looked into other windows, and windows which didn't look anywhere. Some people in stepping out of their front doors found themselves at their neighbor's back doors. It was like a dream in which one finds things all askew and keeps trying to do something which he can't do."

PLATTSMOUTH, in the grand rush to the front line in big enterprises and institutions, ought not to forget to have all things up to the standard. This means sidewalks. On lower Main street—the last half block on the north side and the greater part of the block on the south side—the sidewalks now vainly attempting to do service could, if able to talk, tell of days when the steamboats landed passengers a block farther east, and would mention the fact that they fringed the business houses of the town. Those days and buildings are past, now, but the sidewalks are not. The walks there are not in respectable condition, and yet it is their duty to introduce every stranger to the STAR CITY of Nebraska. (And a stranger ought not to be astonished if he sees a car load of stars before he gets past them.) Main street has generally had full twenty-foot sidewalks laid, and as a duty to pedestrians, the traveling public and for the good of the town, lower Main street should be brought up to the standard.

IMPORTANT TO THE CITIZENS.

A Traveling Man Creates Great Excitement in the Empire House.

INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, Oct. 14, 1888. Rheumatic Syrup Co., Jackson, Mich: GENTS:—Your Mr. Brooks came here tonight and registered as agent for Hibbard's Rheumatic Syrup, and as he did so it awakened in me an interest never before realized in a guest at my house. You will not wonder at it when I tell you the story. For years I have been greatly afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism, the pain and soreness of the joints at times being almost unbearable; could move about only with the aid of crutches. In addition to this my stomach became badly diseased, and neuralgia set in, which threatened to end my day. A traveling man stopping with me gave quite a history of your Syrup, and the peculiarities of its combination, which induced me to try it. I have taken six bottles and no act in my life affords me greater satisfaction than in writing you I am a well man.

It will be a pleasure for me to answer any communications, for I believe it to be the best remedy ever formulated. A. S. BOWLEY, Proprietor, Empire House, Independence, Iowa. Sold by F. G. FRICKE & Co.

A Queer Pocketbook.

A bright, proud, very pretty young lady, with a portion of a bologna sausage clasped tightly in her gloved left hand, created some quiet amusement in a Walnut Hill car Thursday afternoon. She had run out of Cavagna's with several parcels in her hand just in time to catch a car. Fastening, she accepted a seat tendered her by a great big fellow, who, happening to look down, saw the piece of bologna in her hand, and had considerable of a time preventing an explosion. Then the conductor passed through the car. When he approached the young lady the packages were dropped in her lap and the right hand reached toward the left, her eyes unconsciously following. A deep blush spread over her face as she dropped the bologna. Springing up she asked the conductor to stop the car, and she alighted. The big fellow laughed heartier than ever. In her hurry to catch the car, while in Cavagna's, after making some purchases, she hastily picked up what she thought was her purse. It proved to be a piece of bologna sausage lying on the counter, and, never glancing at it, she hurried off. The fire flashed out of her eyes when she returned to Cavagna's for her purse, but not a word of reproach was uttered. The purse was then awaiting her, and, taking it, she was soon seated in another car, riding toward her home.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Bitumen in Texas.

The need of material for serviceable pavements is one very widely felt. In many cities asphaltum brought from the famous pitch lake of Trinidad has been used, being mixed with a certain amount of calcareous matter and heated to such a point that it would harden on cooling. The natural mixture of limestone and bitumen found in the deposit of Val-de-Travers, of which the French have so freely and successfully availed themselves in the construction of their pavements, is thus imitated. The result is a pavement that resists the action of air and water for a considerable length of time. A very important discovery has been made in Texas. In Col. J. L. Tait's trip to the southwest of that state he picked up a small piece of dark blue limestone which, on examination, was found to be impregnated with bitumen in almost exactly the same proportion as the Val-de-Travers product, and it was further found that the quantity available was equal to any demand that may arise. In addition to this, many deposits of bituminous sands or shales occur which yield 10 per cent, and sometimes a larger amount, of bitumen.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

DIVING FOR SPONGES.

A BUSINESS WHICH IS BOTH PROFITABLE AND PERILOUS.

The Finest Goods Come from Mediterranean Waters—Cuba and Key West Furnish a Cheaper Grade—How They Are Gathered, Assorted and Sold.

Sponges are divided into two classes. The first is that style which permebrates the top of the sea and works the horny handed son of toil for a quarter—of which class the less said the better. The other is the style which grows in submarine neighborhoods, and comes into the companionship of clean people only when invited to do so. This latter is much the more respectable and valuable class.

Sponges are found only in a few localities on the earth's surface, and the supply does not nearly equal the demand. A very few men have it in their power to corner the sponge market, but they have never done it yet, and can be depended on not to, for the reason that they already have as much of the world as they care to use. There is no mercantile business known in which sales are so certain with so little effort on the part of the dealer; where overstocking and dull markets are so rarely known, or where the profits acquired are so very generous.

THE DIVERS' WORK.

The best sponges are found in the Grecian archipelago, in water as shallow in some cases as forty feet, and ranging from that to depths below any known soundings. The deeper the water the finer and more expensive is the product found. The Grecian goods are known as silk sponges, and grade in price from \$2 to \$100 a pound, a range which is accounted for by the almost limitless variety in texture, size and shape. To just what kingdom a sponge belongs there seems to be no settled opinion. Mr. Lindner, manager for the Chicago company, when seen by a reporter, stated that the formation known to the trade as sponges is the product of myriads of small insects that gather the floating particles found in the ocean and build the fungus like growth, much as coral reefs are built, attaching it to any substance they find—a rock or the sunken timber of a long wrecked vessel.

The Grecian government controls all the Mediterranean sponge fields, and leases to the firms engaged in the business such tracts of water as are agreed on. The boundaries of these leased waters are fixed by floating buoys, and no lease is made for more than one year.

The dealer hires his sailors and divers, who man the clumsy little sail boats and proceed to their employer's grounds. Here the captain in charge employs the water glass, scanning the bottom of the sea in search of sponges. When he finds a promising bed he directs the divers. These men are mainly natives, and work entirely naked. Each boat is provided with a number of stones weighing about fifty pounds, to each of which is attached a coil of fine rope. The diver takes up one of these stones, polishes himself on the gunwale of the boat, inhales a heavy draft of air and plunges head downward into the water, holding the rock ahead of him at arm's length. As he reaches the bottom he drops the stone, which is hauled up into the boat by the rope.

The diver gropes about until he can find the sponges, which he puts in a netting sack swung to his waist. Sometimes he does not find any, and then, after creeping about until his lungs warn him it is time to return to the surface, he springs upward, and, beating both hands and feet, struggles into the air. The long holding of breath soon leaves its mark in shattered health, and no diver can follow the business more than a very few years. However, he makes money while he is at it, often earning from \$100 to \$300 a week—an amount which he finds difficulty in spending on the barren hills and scattered villages of the archipelago. For the lower deeps divers in armor are employed, who are not so plentiful as the wages offered might warrant, and who exact almost any remuneration they want.

PREPARING FOR THE MARKET.

When enough sponges are gathered to fill the boat the crew proceeds to the shore, where the goods are spread out for inspection by the officers of the government, and the rate of the lease is fixed by the quantity of sponges secured. A field which yields nothing to the merchant costs him nothing but his time in searching for them. The government dues are paid the sponges are assorted carefully by experienced men, and are then strung with a needle and twine and hung in the sun on a row of low stakes to dry. Hydraulic pressure is then employed in packing the goods. When ready for shipment the bales resemble compressed cotton, excepting that they are enveloped in coarse cloth. The range in quality of these Mediterranean sponges is very great. Now and then, in very deep water, a small, close fibered sponge is found, very light in color, and when dry nearly the size of an orange. These command a price as high as \$50 a pound.

The West India sponge is cheaper in price because poorer in quality. The fishing there is done by poles exclusively, the sponges being found in water not more than forty feet deep. They are known as sheepwool, grass, velvet, reef and yellow sponges. The first mentioned is the finest, and is quoted at from \$2 to \$3 a pound, velvet at about \$1, and grass sponges as low as ten cents a pound. The quantity imported into America amounts to \$1,000,000 per year annually. Key West, Fla., varies her cigar making with a sponge fishing industry, from which nearly \$500,000 worth of sponges are taken each year. The volume of the business increases yearly, as sponges are put to a greater variety of uses as time goes by, and this in spite of the fact that the price has steadily increased for the past ten years. Goods that could be bought for \$1.25 a pound in 1870 will bring \$2.75 today.

A bad feature of the business is that the American people demand a light colored sponge, which in very few cases is a natural color. To satisfy this desire strong acids are used to bleach the goods, the effect being very injurious to the sponge, but to the human skin upon which it is afterward used. In Europe sponges are used in their natural color, but the general public in America is not yet educated up to the proper understanding of this matter.

Another unpleasant fact, skin to it, is that hundreds of sponges used at hospitals are bought up by street fakirs after their days of usefulness there are ended, subjected to a chemical treatment supposed to clean them, bleached or dyed to suit the fancy of the vender, and then loaded into baskets and offered for sale on the streets. Whether they are purged of all impurity is a question. Certainly the best sponge is the cheapest one in the long run, and the best can only be secured by paying an equivalent price.—Chicago Herald.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

- 84. Bruhl Jos.
85. Bank of Cass county.
86. Beeson, A. res.
20. " " office.
2. Bennett, L. D. store.
45. " " res.
4. Bonner stables.
71. Brown, W. L. office.
88. " " res.
87. Ballou, O. H. res.
71. " " office.
8. B. & M. tel. office.
30. B. & M. round house.
18. Blake, John saloon.
69. Bach, A. grocery.
51. Campbell, D. A. res.
61. Chapman, S. M. res.
22. City hotel.
13. Clark, T. coal office.
25. Clerk district court.
68. Connor, J. A. res.
5. County Clerks office.
20. Covell, Polk & Beeson, office.
74. Cox, J. R. res.
82. Craig, J. M. res.
70. Critchfield, Bird res.
31. Cummins & Son, lumber yard.
19. " J. C. farm.
57. Cook, Dr. office.
17. Clark, A. grocery store.
55. Clark, Byron office.
101. Cummins, Dr. Ed., office.
25. District court office.
66. Dovey & Son, store.
73. Dovey, Mrs. George res.
102. Dr. Marshall, res.
104. Dr. Cook, room.
80. Emmons, J. H. Dr. office and res.
24. First National bank.
91. Fricke, F. G. & Co., drug store.
78. Gleason, John res.
22. Goos hotel.
28. Gering, H. drug store.
81. " res.
35. Hadley, dray and express.
38. HERALD office.
44. Holmes, C. M., res.
99. Hatt & Co., meat market.
64. Hemple & Troop, store.
96. Hall, Dr. J. H., office.
97. " " res.
44. Holmes, C. M., livery stable.
96. Hall & Craig, agricultural imp.
H. C. Schmidt, Surveyor.
105. H. A. Waterman & Son, lumber.
4. Jones, W. D., stable.
40. Journal office.
89. Johnson Bros., hardware store.
67. Johnson, Mrs. J. F., millinery.
67. Johnson, J. F., res.
69. Klein, Joseph, res.
14. Kraus, P., fruit and confectionery
50. Livingston, Dr. T. P., office.
49. Livingston, res.
50. Livingston, Dr. R. R., office.
83. Manager Waterman Opera House.
53. McCourt, F., store.
72. McMaken, H. C., res.
3. Murphy, M. B., store.
26. Murphy, M. B., res.
72. McMaken, ice office.
60. Minor, J. L., res.
52. McVey, saloon.
15. Moore, J. A., res, and floral garden
77. Neville, Wm., res.
54. Olliver & Ranges, meat market
100. Olliver & Ranges slaughter house. Pub. Tel. Station.
Palmer, H. E. res.
21. Petersen Bros., meatmarket.
56. Petersen, R., res.
27. Polk, M. D., res.
110. Poor Farm.
93. Patterson, J. M., res.
75. Riddle house.
107. Ritchey Bros, lumber.
10. Ritchie, Harry.
64. Schildknecht, Dr. office.
11. Shipman, Dr. A. office.
12. " " res.
25. Showalter, W. C. office.
42. Siggins, Dr. E. L., res.
28. " " office.
103. Soennichsen & Schirk, grocery.
106. Sel Kinkade papering and p'ing.
76. Steigert, O. M. stable.
57. Smith, O. P. drug store.
16. Skinner & Ritchie, abstract and loan office.
40. Sherman, C. W. office.
10. Todd, Ammi res.
64. Troop & Hemple, store.
90. Thomas, J. W. Summit Garden.
32. Water Works, office.
27. Water works, pump house.
29. Waugh, A. res.
23. Weber, Wm. saloon.
36. Weckbach & Co., store.
33. Weckbach, J. V., res.
8. Western Union Telegraph office.
47. White, P. E., res.
6. Windham, R. B., res.
7. Windham & Davies, law office.
43. Wise, Will, res.
34. Withers, Dr. A. T., res.
102. Wm. Turner, res.
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