

CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

Involved In An Injunction Case Now In the Courts.

A QUEER SALOON SQUABBLE.

John Shafer In Possession of the Riley Saloon, But Lacks a License and Cannot Do Business—Various Other Notes.

T. H. Pollock, on behalf of the Plattsmouth Water company of which he is superintendent, went before Judge Chapman Saturday afternoon with a petition for an injunction restraining A. B. Smith from performing certain acts which threatened to completely shut off the city's water supply.

The attorneys for A. B. Smith state that it was not Mr. Smith's intention to shut off the water for the sole purpose of selling his land, instead he simply took steps to prevent the water company, as he claims, from further encroaching on his rights.

A Queer Saloon Controversy.

A queer sort of a controversy has arisen over the operation and ownership of the Hotel Riley saloon. Some two months ago the proprietor W. F. Hamilton sold the saloon to A. C. McClintic, a recent comer from Red Cloud.

Neither Shafer or McClintic profess to know anything of the register's whereabouts, and in fact it is understood that both men hint that the other knows more about the disappearance than either cares to tell.

must call McClintic back into the business or else undertake to drink the stock of liquors himself. The tangle will be unravelled by some means, at any rate, as the saloon is ordinarily a good paying business and the hotel owners will hardly permit the property to stand idle.

Poetry On the River.

Walt Mason, in the Lincoln Journal, perpetrates the following:

"Professor Skinner, superintendent of the schools at Nebraska City is trying to educate the people of that metropolis to a proper appreciation of the poetry of Robert Browning, and the friends of E. F. Warren are naturally indignant.

"John C. Watson addressed a meeting of citizens on Thursday evening, upon the question, and denounced the effort of the professor very bitterly. 'The thing that keeps down American literature,' said he 'is the fact that our poetry has to compete with the pauper poetry of Europe. I believe in patronizing and protecting home industries. Who is this man Browning, that he should endeavor to take the bread out of Mr. Warren's mouth? The latter gentleman can write good enough poetry for this town, and he turns out lots of it. The man who will boom foreign poetry in preference to the home product, is disloyal and ought to be suppressed.'

"Mr. Watson's remarks were received with great enthusiasm and applause."

Don't fail to call on Gering & Co., before purchasing your Christmas presents.

W. B. Simpson, a prominent jeweler of Holden, Johnson county, Missouri, died Thursday of a broken heart, the circumstances being peculiarly sad, although sensational. At Warrensburg, Mo., his son Charles, was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. It was announced that the lad would be taken to prison yesterday. Thursday morning the father, who was in his usual health the day previous, was unable to leave his bed, and died of a broken heart an hour before the departure of the train that carried his son to a convict's cell. His physician says the lad is thoroughly depraved, and as the train pulled into Sedalia he was smoking a cigarette, and held his handcuffs aloft at the car window to be viewed by depot platform spectators, as if he was going on a pleasure excursion.

Burlington Will Possibly Buy.

A dispatch from Butte, Montana, says: "G. W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington, and G. H. Crosby, general freight agent, are in Butte looking over the route for the extension of the Burlington from Billings to Butte. It is said on good authority that the Burlington received a proposition from Marcus Daly, president of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific, for the sale of the latter road to the Burlington for a westward extension, and Holdrege and party are looking into the proposition. The Butte, Anaconda & Pacific is being constructed from Butte to the northwestern part of the state to a junction with the Great Northern."

Call for the horse brand of Johnson's Magnetic Oil. It has no equal for the diseases of horses and cattle. Sold by Fricke & Co.

South Omaha Stock Market.

CATTLE—The following were the range of prices today: Prime steers, 1,300 to 1,600 lbs. 84 00 64 75 Choice steer, 900 to 1,300 80 00 64 50 Common to fair steers 75 00 63 00 Good to choice cows 2 00 63 00 Comp to medium cows 1 25 62 00 Good native feeders 2 40 63 40 Fair to medium native feeders 1 75 62 50

HOGS—The following were the range of prices today:

Light and medium hogs 65 65 64 15 Good to choice mixed hogs 4 60 64 25 Good to choice heavy hogs 4 15 64 40

Mrs. J. C. Cummins has sufficiently recovered from her illness with pneumonia to leave her bed. Mrs. Cummins' condition was extremely critical for several days and her return to health is gladly welcomed by a host of friends.

Mrs. Mary Harrison, the aged mother of Phillip Harrison, who accidentally fell down a cellar way some days ago, is slowly improving, although she suffers from a cut on her head and some severe bruises. She is some 82 years of age, and quite feeble.

Christmas Presents.

Buy an elegant box of Pepperberg's Christmas cigars, for sale by cigar dealers and at the factory. J. PEPPERBERG.

A hanging lamp complete, for \$1.50 at Gering & Co's.

A gentleman of our acquaintance, whom everybody in Cass county knows, relates that during the campaign a prominent and wealthy democrat residing in the extreme western part of Nebraska one day received a note from the general manager of a certain railway at Omaha, in which the writer said: "Would be pleased to see you at my office at your earliest convenience." No intimation whatever as to the purpose of the visit. Somewhat astonished and at a loss to know what it meant, he showed the letter to our informant. That gentleman curtly told him it meant "politics," and, said he, "I'll bet you the beer that what he wants is for you to vote for Majors." The bet was made, and after a few days the prominent democrat in question journeyed to Omaha, and sure enough the prediction made by his friend was correct. The result of the interview was not altogether to the taste of the railway magnate and when it was over a postal note went back to our friend: "You have won the bet. I've had mine. Go and get a drink and pay for it." Such is patriotic politics from the standpoint of the railway magnate.

The remains of Maud Rubel, the Omaha girl for whose murder Sam Payne has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life, were exhumed Thursday by order of the parents and forwarded to Eddyville, Iowa, for reinterment. It was the first glimpse of the corpse which the parents have had and they readily pronounce it that of their daughter.

Aaron Hirschfeld, the Helena, Mont., banker, made famous by the recent trial in Fargo, N. D., where his wife and all of his relatives figured in the case, has made a settlement with Mrs. Hirschfeld which will eventually give him his freedom. It is understood he is to pay her \$31,500 and she is to drop all further claims against him. The payment of the money contains with it the provision that all expenses incurred by Mrs. Hirschfeld during the trial are to be borne by her. It is expected that Judge McConnell will now grant the divorce separating the two. Mrs. Hirschfeld's original claim against the banker was \$75,000.

F. N. Price, who dilates between this place and Nebraska City as salesman for Swift & Co., the South Omaha meat packers, was one of the gentlemen in charge of the fake petrified man which was unearthed near Chadron some two years ago and was afterwards exhibited all over the west. Plattsmouth included, doctors and scientists everywhere pronouncing it to be a genuine petrification. Mr. Price and his partner sold the stiff shortly after they were in this city to a Kansas man and it was exhibited by the latter several months before the full facts in regard to its being manufactured and buried near Chadron fully came to light. Mr. Price has not seen the alleged petrified man discovered recently near Council Bluffs, but from the description he is inclined to believe that the "discoverers" are in possession of the same one of which he once was a part owner. Mr. Price intends to get a look at the Council Bluffs article before long and will put the public on if it is the same old petrification.

As long as people insist on going hunting the usual quota of accidents, due to the accidental discharge of shot-guns, are sure to occur. Down at Nebraska City one Frank Wallbridge, aged about fifteen, together with his brother and a companion, was out hunting on Sunday. While sitting down under a tree resting, the gun in Frank's hands accidentally exploded, the charge passing through his left hand, lacerating it in a terrible manner. A number of shot lodged in his shoulder and arm. A portion of the charge passed so close to his brother's head as to render him unconscious for a time. Out near Butte, this state, a man named Butterfield was preparing to violate the commandments by fixing up his gun for a Sunday hunt, when both barrels were discharged and one of his hands was shot entirely off.

The Omaha World-Herald says: "Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cady and Miss Cady, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Diez, Captain Palmer and Miss Palmer have planned a most delightful trip. They leave Omaha February 1, and join a party of New Yorkers sailing on the Friesland, February 6. They will do the shores of the Mediterranean thoroughly, visiting the holy lands and return by way of Paris, stopping for some time in the French capital.

A JUDGE'S TROUBLES

Trials of a Brooklyn Judge Out in the Far West.

ATTEMPT AT TRAIN ROBBERY.

A Band of Bandits Make an Effort to Hold Up a B. & M. Passenger Train Out at Hyannis—Various Other Jottings.

Judge Benedict in a Queer Tangle. The following from Friday's Bee in relation to a suit between Judge Benedict of Brooklyn, N. Y., and J. E. Riley at Omaha, is of interest to Plattsmouth people inasmuch as the Brooklyn judge is the owner of the Hotel Riley property in this city, while Mr. Riley first built the hotel: While Judge Benedict of the United States court for the eastern district of New York left Omaha Wednesday with a verdict in his pocket for \$13,500 against the T. L. V. Land and Cattle company, his pleasure over the winning of the verdict was shaded with sorrow over the evidence filed in court that the case is not yet decided.

Judge Benedict and his brother and sons were packing their grips preparatory to their return to New York, when they were served with notice that the T. L. V. Land and Cattle company had commenced suit against them for \$36,000 damages, and had set up claims that reflected severely upon the conduct of the Benedicts in their management of the big ranch of the company out in Howard county.

The verdict against the cattle company was on promissory notes given by George A. Benedict, a son of the judge, who was manager of the ranch, to L. B. Benedict and R. D. Benedict, his brothers. The petition filed Wednesday alleges that the notes were fraudulently obtained. It asserts that J. E. Riley of Omaha has been president of the company since its incorporation in 1886, but that the members of the Benedict family have held all of the offices, and have held the meetings of the company without his knowledge and have kept the books and accounts of the concern in Newark, N. J., and he never had any knowledge of what was being done with the property until in 1892, when he bought the interests of the Benedicts and secured control of the books. Then he learned for the first time that notes had been given by George Benedict to his father and brothers aggregating \$30,000, which they claimed had been expended in improving and operating the ranch.

Mr. Riley in his petition alleges that he had to pay the Benedicts a large sum of money for 35,000 acres of land which they claimed to have bought, when as a matter of fact the land had been acquired by tree claims and homesteads taken by the employee of the ranch, and improved and paid for out of the funds of the company. He also alleges that George Benedict, as manager of the ranch, bought blooded horses and hounds in New York and invited young society swells from McAllistertown out for long hunting trips, the heavy expenses of which were paid out of the funds charged for the operation and improvement of the ranch: It is also alleged that Manager Benedict bought and equipped a fine ranch of his own out of the funds of the company.

Mr. Riley alleges that the money secured from the eastern Benedicts was obtained on false representations, and was not expended or used for the benefit of the company or its property. The total claims of Mr. Riley and his company against the Benedicts amounts to \$36,000 in which sum he asks judgement.

Another Attempt at Train Robbery.

An attempt was made just east of Hyannis, Neb., Wednesday night to hold up the B. & M. train from Billings. The train was preceded by a freight, which intended to take a siding not far east of Hyannis to let the passenger pass it.

The robbers, evidently believing that the freight was the passenger, flagged it a little west of the siding, but on finding that it was only a freight allowed it to proceed. They seemed surprised to see it then go on the sidetrack, and had not got so far away when the passenger whizzed by but that their number could be ascertained. There were six of them, and their leader, it is said, was recognized as being one of the hard characters in that part of the country.

Headquarters for cheese at Weckbach's grocery.

AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Chapman granted a decree of divorce to the plaintiff in the suit of Ella Stout vs. Elmer Stout, and gave her the custody of her child.

Judge Chapman has decided the contest over the short term seat in the city council from the Fifth ward, in favor of the contestee and present holder of the office, Mr. Geo. Hawkins, and against the contestant, Mr. Jno. D. Tutt. The decision was handed down late Monday afternoon and, as a matter of fact, occasioned genuine surprise. In his finding the judge lays considerable stress on the preparation of the ballots for the Fifth ward at the last spring election by ex-City Clerk Fox, and it is held that the placing of the name of Mr. Hawkins on the ballot as a candidate for the long term was unwarranted, inasmuch as the certificate of nomination filed by the Fifth ward republican primary officers did not specify whether Mr. Hawkins was either the long or short term candidate. The court costs so far foot up to almost \$200. Mr. Tutt, through his attorney Matthew Gering, will immediately prosecute an appeal to the supreme court.

COUNTY COURT.

Prouty & Son, the Alvo millers, have commenced an action in replevin before County Judge Ramsey to recover possession of a car of flour shipped to J. N. Drake, the Louisville merchant who recently failed, and which has been seized by Mr. Drake's creditors and offered for sale. The Alvo people allege that the flour was stationed in a car in the Louisville yards and was not yet delivered to Mr. Drake at the time of its seizure by the creditors. The shipment is valued at \$400.

JUSTICE COURT.

Justice Archer rendered judgment Saturday in the plaintiff's favor in the suit of G. W. Barnett vs. F. M. Massie for \$161.55.

In the suit of Jno. Beckman vs. the Missouri Pacific railway, tried before Justice Archer the other day, a judgment was handed down today in the defendant's favor.

In the corn deal dispute of Wilcox vs. Davis, tried before Justice Archer the other day, judgment was rendered Saturday in defendant's favor in the sum of \$10.31. The costs, amounting to \$31, were taxed to plaintiff. Wilcox sued for \$51.

Andrew Mickle, the man whom Justice Archer consigned to jail Friday in default of furnishing bail, was released Saturday on his own recognizance to appear in district court at the February term and answer to the charge of threatening his wife's life. Mrs. Mickle, as soon as her husband was behind the jail bars, exhibited a great change of heart and it was principally on account of her pleadings that Mickle's recognizance was accepted by the court.

COURT ROOM NOTES.

The trial of E. C. Hockenberger, Hall county's defaulting ex-county treasurer, is proceeding at Grand Island with customary slowness, the opposing attorneys being disposed to contest every inch of ground. The amount embezzled, as charged by the state, is \$6,400. Hockenberger is an ex-ball player and assisted the Grand Island team to wipe up the earth with Plattsmouth's nine at a game played in this city some six or seven years ago.

A Marshall county, Iowa, farmer has made a valuable test of feeding crushed wheat and corn to hogs. He took two tons of feed wheat and added 100 bushels of new corn. He then weighed and put up 110 shoats weighing less than 100 pounds each. They were then fed on the mixture of crushed wheat and corn, and in six weeks the net gain was 3,660 pounds, which at 4 cents amounted to \$146.40. The wheat, cash \$46; corn \$50; total \$96; leaving net profit, \$50.40—a profit of over fifty per cent in six weeks time.

The W. C. T. U. of this city are preparing a box for the drought sufferers of the western part of this state and will be glad to have donations of clothing, food or money from any one. Donations can be sent to Mrs. Dr. Schildnecht, chairman of committee.

A box of nice Christmas cigars, manufactured by Pepperberg, twelve in a box, only sixty cents, at Gering & Co.

O. L. Rice, Mendota, Ill., writes: "Have used your Japanese Pile Cure and found it a sure permanent cure." Sold by Fricke & Co.

SATURDAY'S SALAD.

Various Bits of News of Interest to Journal Readers.

A MOTHER-IN-LAW RELENTS.

Bill Wagner Has A Narrow Escape From Again Falling Into the Clutches of the Law—An Awful Show—Other Notes.

The Mother-In-Law Relented. Bill Wagner, with all his cussed ways and gruff manners, certainly possesses some peculiar influence over women. It was only a few days ago that Bill finished serving a forty days' sentence in jail for defrauding Elias Sage out of \$32 worth of apples, and Friday he celebrated his return to fresh air by performing another of his customary deeds of devilry. Mrs. Denon, the mother of Wagner's deceased wife, was out in the country and when she returned in the afternoon to her home in the Fourth ward she found the front door in her house battered into pieces. Wagner put in an appearance a short time after and made himself exceedingly obnoxious by threatening to shoot Mrs. Denon's boy, and in fact, the whole neighborhood was endangered with a general tear-up. Mrs. Denon appeared to resent her son-in-law's actions, for she came down town Saturday morning and petitioned County Attorney Travis to draw up a complaint against the destroyer of her household's peace. Justice Archer issued a warrant for Wagner's arrest and Mrs. Denon departed apparently satisfied. Shortly after one o'clock Chief Dunn journeyed over to Mrs. Denon's home to inform her that the hearing would occur at two o'clock, but he was taken completely by surprise when he found Wagner perched at the table eating dinner, while Mrs. Denon wore an air of contentment which plainly signified that she and her erring son-in-law had made it all up. To Chief Dunn she stated that didn't care to prosecute the case. That ended the matter and Justice Archer accordingly dismissed the action. The officers are now endeavoring to locate just what it is that makes Bill Wagner so smooth.

The "German Soldier" Skipped.

Union Lodge.

The much advertised Columbian Specialty Company appeared at the hall in this city last Monday and "showed" to 32 people of Union and Col. Sam Gosney of Omaha. We have seen many "snide" shows in our short life time, but of all we have ever seen this one was the worst. The company was made up at Plattsmouth under the management of one Chas. Pailing and this was their first and last appearance as a show company. The affair reminded one of little school boys practicing a simple dialogue for a school exhibition, and the only strange part was that they were allowed to carry their program to a finish. Soon after the show Manager Pailing dropped out of sight having in his possession the proceeds of the show, and when Am Smith sought to collect \$2 hotel bill it was found that the rest of the outfit had not that amount of coin on hand, consequently Mr. Smith began to investigate the contents of the old trunk the manager left at the hall. The trunk inventory revealed property valued at something near 40 cents, and Smith concluded not to hold it for the bill, but he took charge of the team which the boys drove and solemnly declared that nothing but \$2 would save the crowd from hoofing it back to Plattsmouth. Finally one of the boys produced a watch which Smith thought was sufficient to guarantee the bill and the team was released. The boys then started home to their mammas, vowing that Pailing should pay for his perjury with his life, but as yet no report of a midnight murder has reached this office.

Just such outfits as this have taken in our people several times but this will probably be the last. Unless the town can have respectable entertainments instead of such frauds the show business here will not receive the patronage of the people, and one-horse outfits might just as well give Union a wide berth hereafter. Plattsmouth and Nebraska City have both sent alleged shows to this town, for which we have no thanks to offer.

Have you seen the necktie boxes at Gering & Co's. They make a nice Xmas present.