

THE OMAHA BEE

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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

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All communications for publication, must be addressed to the OMAHA DAILY BEE, and must be accompanied by the name of the contributor, and the address to which they should be sent.

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TIED OF LIFE.

Suicide of Mrs. Welch, an Aged and Estimable Lady of South Omaha.

She is Found Hanging to the Ceiling Stairway.

No Cause, Except Recent Ill-Health, Assigned for the Deed.

At noon Saturday, South Omaha was startled by the announcement that a Mrs. Welch, a most estimable lady living in the vicinity of Brewster & Bemis' brewing establishment, had committed suicide by hanging herself. Her son, John Welch, a young man of about twenty-one years of age, who is employed as a brakeman on the transfer, came home to dinner at twelve o'clock, and not seeing his mother about the house, nor his dinner ready for him as was usually the case, he thought something strange must have happened, and accordingly began searching for her. Looking into the cellar he was horror-stricken to find his mother hanging dead from the stairway. She had ended her own life. She had taken a rope and tied it between two steps, and then placing the fatal noose around her neck, had thrown herself from the stairway, her feet about a foot from the ground.

Mr. Welch at once cut her down, gave the alarm to the neighbors, who came to his assistance, and carrying the deceased upstairs, laid the corpse upon a bed. Dr. Parker, from Ish's Ninth street drug store, was immediately summoned. He found the deceased cold in death, having been dead for some two or three hours. Coroner Gish was notified, and he will hold an inquest over the remains.

The only cause that can be assigned for the deed, is recent ill-health, she having been unwell for several days past, and having complained of severe headache. She had thrown out some vague hints of being tired of life, and that she contemplated suicide, but they were not strong enough to excite any suspicion at the time of her utterance.

In the morning she appeared to be in her ordinary health, and the only intimation of her intentions was that she offered her son, before he went to his work, which calls him away at an early hour, all the ready money she had and the family pictures. He did not notice anything wrong, however, and went his way, little expecting that he had looked upon his living mother for the last time.

Mrs. Welch was a lady of between 65 and 70 years of age, and was held in high esteem by her neighbors, who cannot account for her sad ending. She had always been very kindly treated by her son, who is almost heart-broken over the sad affair.

PERSONAL.

Fred Millard has gone to Massachusetts to attend school there.

William Hare, Bishop of Nebraska, is at the Grand Central.

George L. Soybolt has been promoted to the position of head clerk of the Union Pacific railway mail service.

Fred Thomas is back again from his New York home, where he has had a pleasant visit for the past six weeks.

Mr. L. T. Farr has received the appointment of United States agent for the Japan mails. Mr. Farr has been a postal clerk on the Union Pacific for the last three years.

Dr. A. S. Wright, who recently left this city to visit Santa Rosa, California, for his health, writes back that he is greatly improved, and that he is so well pleased with California, that he has decided to permanently locate there. His family will leave in a few days to join him.

The following are the arrivals at the Wyoming:

C. H. Cooper, Chicago; J. Goodwin, St. Louis; A. Tuttle, John Tuttle, Wisconsin; Ben McClure, Des Moines; Henry Beaman, Oscar Beaman, New Preston, Conn.; L. F. Ross, Miss Emma Lewis, Avon, Ill.; Hat Rountree, W. S. Forman, N. M. Goodin, Nashville, Ill.; Jas Keating, Kansas City; Mrs Milburn, Mrs Hoy, Sacramento; E. T. Schneck, Mexico, Mo.; T. E. Calvert, Plattsmouth; J. P. Morley, Dubuque; James Conroy, Lincoln; Joseph Lanning and wife, U. S. A.

Real Estate Sales.

For the week ending, July 24th, 1874.

John L. Redick to Susan Starwood, 3 acres east of cemetery, 9, 15, 13-\$100.

Gregory Stanwood to William Henry, 52 square rods in 34, 15, 12-\$125.

St. D. Balmace to Masonic Temple, 983 1/2 feet in se corner of block 77-\$100.

Anthony O. Sather to Boggs & Hill, lot 2, block B, Shinn's second addition-\$1,500.

J. M. Broadshaw to R. H. & J. A. Miller, 659 acres in west part of county-\$8,500.

G. W. Brewster to Ellen Pierce, lots 3 and 4, blk 3 Quinn's addition to Omaha-\$450.

N. P. Dodge to J. E. Boyd, lot 7, blk 48, Grand-\$50.

S. A. Strickland to Isaac Hascall, 1 acre in e. e. 34, 15, 13-\$100.

W. J. Maxwell to N. O. Wilcox, w. 1/2 s. 3, 15, 12-\$800.

George Hatt to James Waterman, lots 2, 4 and 7, blk 109, Florence-\$500.

Israel Saunders Jr to Marina Wesson, lot 8, block 48, Omaha-\$1,000.

Charles Powell to J. H. Bacon, lot 3, block 30, Omaha-\$2,000.

M. F. Shinn to Luke Usher, lot 1, blk 34, Shinn's second addition-\$400.

J. G. Megatch to Ben & Hotte, 1 acre south of park in '8, 15, 13-\$500.

Henry E. Brown to H. J. Randall, 80 acres in west part of county-\$10,000.

DR. POWELL, office 215, Farnham street.

A BELLIGERENT FEMALE.

Mrs. Parker Winds up her Muscles and goes for a weaker Sister, to whom her ex-husband had paid some attention.

Some time ago "Coupon John" Parker paid some little attention to a fast girl named Minnie Evans, and the woman, who claims to be his wife and who formerly lived with him, suspecting that her John had been following the example of Beecher, could not, like Theodore Tilton, condone the offence and brood over the affair for any great length of time. She bore her grievance, as she supposed it to be, for two weeks, all the time, however, keeping a sharp lookout for the frail Minnie Evans. Friday Mrs. Parker, whose traveling name is Nellie Mason, in company with the notorious Tilly Weed, decoyed the unsuspecting Minnie to a secluded spot on the river bottom, where she "turned herself loose" upon her rival, who was weak in physique as well as morals, and gave her an unmerciful thrashing, and looked on as a deeply interested spectator. After punishing Minnie quite severely she let her go, but before she had threatened her with further punishment.

Minnie Evans, being afraid of her life, gave herself up for protection to a policeman, who escorted her to jail, where she remained overnight. This morning she swore out a warrant for the belligerent Mrs. Parker.

The policeman into whose hands the warrant was placed, found her at a fortune-teller's house, on Eleventh street, quite comely smoking a cigar, and resting easily on her pugilistic laurels.

She was brought into the Police Court, where she confronted Judge Wilbur, and to whom she at once assumed an impudent bearing, using very unparliamentary language to him and Minnie Evans, the victim of her jealous wrath. She was fined \$10.00 and costs, in all \$13.80, which she refused to pay, probably for the very good reason, that she didn't have it at hand. She preferred to go to jail—our grapes, you know; and to jail she went, where she will remain for two weeks. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard.

LETTER FROM COLFAX COUNTY.

RICHARD, COLFAX CO., July 21st, 1874.

EDITOR BEE:

Dear Sir—In addition to the great drought, which made the wheat yield poor, we have for nearly two weeks been plagued with immense swarms of grasshoppers. They eat up most of the corn, oats, and all the garden produce, flowers, and leaves of the trees, making it look like winter here. I saw as many as two or three hundred on one corn stalk. We shall not have any corn or indeed feed of any kind for stock this season. There will be much suffering of course. Unless we get rain we shall not have much hay, as the ground all around is much parched. We saw an extraordinary sight yesterday. On looking to the north we could see what looked like vast columns of smoke, but which proved to be armies of grasshoppers leaving and flying high. They went south-west, and when I tell you they kept on from morning till evening, you can form some idea of the number. We are now nearly clear of them, but they have destroyed everything, even the potato vines were eaten off, and that crop will be small. Most of our people have cut and stacked their wheat and harvest is nearly over, but this season will long be remembered as the worst and must ever be remembered by the oldest settler here.

Respectfully,

ROBERT L. PAYNE.

LETTER FROM DIXON COUNTY.

NEWCASTLE, DIXON CO., Nebraska, July 21.

EDITOR BEE:

The grasshoppers are still here, and having destroyed the corn, they have turned their attention to the small grain, and are eating it in the shock, which is something they have never done before, at least not to any great extent. Grain which is unharvested is being cut free of charge by these hungry insects, and in a very few days vegetation of every kind will be completely destroyed. The pests are reported to be at work from Yankton to Sioux City.

"HANGER."