

BREVITIES.

Paterson sells coal. Good skating at the park. Cysters, 20c, 30c and 40c at Buffet's. The eastern train was late Friday morning.

THE ROCK ISLAND WRECK.

A Broken Rail Hurts the Express into the Ditch.

An Old Lady Burned to Death and Several Severely Injured.

Details of the Disaster—Highway Happenings at Home.

The rumor of a serious wreck on the Rock Island road last night, which occurred to the train that left Omaha Thursday morning, was talked of considerably on the streets yesterday, but nothing definite was known by the general public, and the officials, if asked, were reticent on the subject. The details will be found in the following:

PLUCKING PAXTON.

The Reign of Terror at the State Capital.

Lincoln is just now suffering from the presence and activity of a gang of professional pick-pockets who ply their calling at the opera house, hotels, depots and elsewhere. Hon. William A. Paxton, of this city, was among the sufferers Thursday. His pocket-book containing about \$1200 in notes and a small sum of money, was stolen from his pocket in the Opera House, where the balloting for United States Senator was going on.

JANUARY JURORS.

The Lucky Men Who Will Manipulate the Scales of Justice Next Month.

The clerk, Mr. W. H. Ijams and Sheriff Guy have drawn the following jurors to serve in the district court, for the term beginning February 7th, 1881.

A GRIST OF GUILT.

The Foot-Pad Getting in His Work Here and There.

Recruits for Gramacher's Guards. The city is again booming dangerously infested with foot-pads, the most dangerous class of criminals that exists, and robberies are becoming of nightly occurrence.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE—Advertisements To Let or For Sale. Lost, Found, Wants, Boarding, etc., will be inserted in these columns once for TEN CENTS per line, each subsequent insertion, FIVE CENTS per line. The first insertion never less than TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

S. P. MORSE & CO., CASH JOBBERS AND RETAILERS OF DRY GOODS. 1319 FARNHAM STREET. Preparing for extensive improvements in our store and to reduce stock for our semi-annual inventory, we offer great bargains in our MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF DRESS GOODS and have placed on our counters over five thousand five hundred yards of French, English and German 24-inch Brocades, Damasses, Mohairs, De Beges, at 16 2-3 cents. Not a yard of these goods could be bought at wholesale to-day for less than 30 cents.

A WILD FIRE.

Fierce Conflagration During the Storm of Wind and Snow Last Night.

About 8 o'clock last evening a bright light was discovered in the direction of California and Thirteenth streets, which rapidly grew, until a broad glare lit up the sky and, unperceived by the reflection on the snow, the flames, which formed a most alarming sight. Those who first saw it ran to the store of Mr. T. G. Brunner, corner of Capitol avenue and Thirteenth street, and gave the alarm of fire from box 15, which was instantly responded to, but owing to the fire being in an entirely different neighborhood from the box pulled, the drivers were confused, and were some little time in striking the route. It looked as if a whole block was burning, viewed from the center of town, but after facing the glare, which, loaded with snow, was driving squally from the north, the fire was reached and found to be confined to two small dwellings houses on the south side of California between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, which were owned by Mr. John Johnson, the real estate dealer, No. 1324 Farnham street, and occupied by a couple of Swede families. The buildings were of frame, one-story, and evidently old, and they burned like paper. From the time the flames burst forth to that occupied by our reporter in running five blocks, one of the houses was totally destroyed, and the other devoured all except the frame and a portion of the roof. The occupants had barely time to save a few of their goods and escape with their lives. The wind swept the flames across an open space in the center of the square so as to threaten a disastrous conflagration, but this was soon checked when the firemen got at it. A singular phenomenon was witnessed in the appearance of a reflection cast into the air from the fire. It was broad at the base and extended to the zenith where it culminated in a point, like an elongated pyramid of fire. It was very much like a brilliant display of the northern lights.

HARMONY HALL.

The Three German Societies of this City and Their Praiseworthy Project.

Our German friends are vigorously pushing the preparations for the great musical event which is to occur in this city next summer, one of the rendezvous to which is a commodious and suitable hall for the use of the Society. We understand that Mr. Brandt offered to sell them his hall for \$12,500, but deeming this too high a figure his proposition was not accepted. The three societies, the Turnverein, Concordia and Monnerch, have about concluded to erect a hall for their joint use and for the use of the convention next summer. To this end the societies have appointed a committee of three each to confer in regard to the matter, and this committee will meet on Monday evening next.

A FIREMEN'S FETE.

A Grand Tournament to Take Place June Next.

Not only our firemen, but the citizens generally who enjoy the tournament given in this city by two companies will be glad to know that they will be enabled to witness another great fete next June, in the grand tournament to take place at the city's hospitable Omaha has so recently tested and enjoyed. At a special meeting of the Council Bluffs department held last night, for the purpose of arranging for the state firemen's tournament, to be held in this city June 7, 8, 9 and 10, the following order of arrangements for the tournament was agreed upon:

RAILROAD NOTES.

Boyd is loading fifteen cars of meat to-day for the south, five of lard and five of meat for Chicago. Boyd is booming. Sheely & Co. are loading two cars of meat for St. Louis, via the Washburn. The U. P. still receives fifteen cars per day from Fort Scott and ten cars a day from Rock Springs and Carbon. It usually at this season receives 20 cars a day from the two latter points. Twenty-five or thirty cars of tea were shipped out over the C., B. & Q. road yesterday. Two locomotives and a snow-plow went west over the B. & M. Thursday afternoon to clear the road of snow.

BLANKETS! BLANKETS! To effect a sure sale on every pair of Blankets we own, we note the following: Call and examine 10-4 Heavy White Blankets at \$5.00, formerly \$6.00. 11-4 " " " " 6.00, " 7.50. 12-4 " " " " 6.75, " 8.00. 13-4 " " " " 8.00, " 10.00. 14-4 " " " " 9.00, " 12.00.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Harry Dend returned Thursday from Chicago. Bob Johnson is in the city again for a few days. Carl Grunpe returned from Lincoln yesterday. Major J. W. Debeck and wife have returned from Chicago. Judge Paul, of Howard county, was a west bound passenger yesterday. Mr. Robert Jordan is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Shelton, in this city. J. G. Taylor, assistant treasurer of the B. & M. road, came up from Lincoln Thursday. Mrs. M. B. Halpike, of this city, is doing some strong work in the temperance cause, in the South Platte country. William Gentlemen, corner Sixteenth and Cass streets, carries a full and complete line of Dozier-Weyl Cracker Co.'s Crackers, Cakes and Jumbles. Try them. 20-21 Don't forget the singing school at Hope's music store, Saturday night. A Distinction without a Difference. Detective Lilwell is in the city, whether to assist in the sensational struggle or on the lookout for some rascal we are unable to say.—[Lincoln Journal.

OFFICIAL ORDER.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, OMAHA, Jan. 21, 1881. C. J. Westdahl, Sec., City Marshal: Sir:—The order issued by me to you on yesterday concerning coasting on the streets, is hereby extended to cover Eleventh street from the U. P. railroad track southward to Pacific street. CHAMPION S. CRANE, Mayor.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Wyoming Coal and Mining Company of Nebraska, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Union Pacific Railway Company in Omaha on Wednesday, the 16th day of February, 1881, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. of said day. F. M. AMES, Sec. Dated January 17, 1881. 19 Mullier's Monographe.

NOTICE.

Capt. J. R. Mullett, of San Francisco, the only capturer of sea lions, etc., who went west about four months ago, and concerning whose curious business the Bee secured some interesting facts, has since made a trip to Australia and Southern Asia, and last night passed east over the U. P. with a small menagerie in his charge. Among the animals was a Bengal tiger, camels, hyenas, etc., and a half grown elephant captured in Siam. The latter was being taken to Philadelphia and the happy family want east over the C., B. & Q. road in order to take advantage of their elegant dining car system. Capt. Mullett will perhaps make a quick trip to Europe before he returns. He expects to retire soon from a business in which he has amassed an immense fortune.

STATE HORTICULTURISTS.

The State Horticultural society, in session at Lincoln, Thursday elected the following officers for 1881: President, E. N. Grenell; 1st vice-president, Samuel Barnard; 2d vice-president, A. W. Hawley; treasurer, Chris. Hartman; secretary, D. H. Wheeler. A committee, with ex-governor Furnas as chairman, was appointed to represent this state at the next meeting of the Mississippi Valley fruit exposition.

TO MY CUSTOMERS.

Being burned down in my Fifteenth street grocery store I herewith beg my customers to leave their orders at my branch store, No. 414 and 415, south Thirteenth street. 19-23 JULIUS TRITSCHER.

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