

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

General Occurrences Over the Way.

A Remark of Barnum's Fat Girl.

Special Election Probable in the Near Future.

SPECIAL ELECTION. ONE, IT APPEARS, MUST BE CALLED AT ONCE.

The question of what kind of a city government we are to have for Council Bluffs has been finally settled, and we have no doubt when we get to running under our new charter no one will be found who will not say it is for the best. There is another important question asked: Would it be best to have a new election immediately? Men who ask this question believe it would be the better plan to wait until our regular election in the following among the many reasons: That should the city council determine upon calling an election at the present time they would be obliged to give ten days notice. After the election it would take about thirty days before the old government was out and the new one in. There would only be about ninety days that the new mayor and council would serve before there would be another election called again. There is no citizen who would want the office had enough to make the race for ninety days. The code (section 438) provides that if a majority of the votes cast at the election be in favor of the abandonment, the council shall immediately call a special election, and that from and after the election and qualification of such officers the former charter of such city shall be considered abandoned. So it would seem that an abandonment of the old charter is not effected until the officers under the new charter are elected and qualified, and that our present city government will be in operation until these officers are elected and qualified. That the time between the election and the qualification of the new officers elected is covered by the special charter to all intents and purposes. When the proposition to make the change has been received by the people, and they have voted in the affirmative, the work has only been commenced. That the simple fact we have decided to abandon the old charter by a majority of the votes cast does not work an abandonment until we have taken the other steps, elected our new officers and have them qualify for their duties. So there seems to be no alternative but to proceed now to the calling of a special election immediately. There may be something in the shortness of the terms those whom we elect will be called upon to serve, yet as our first city government is to be selected from our best citizens, without regard to party affiliations. In order that we may get started right, the time between now and our annual spring election can be employed in getting the machinery of the new city in running order, whereas if we wait until spring it will be the first of June before we get down to business under the new regime.

THE FAT GIRL'S REMARK WITH THE PROBABILITY THAT SHE MAY BE CORRECT.

While our City Attorney, Holmes was examining the little fat girl at Barnum's side show, she would have it that he had no sense, and judging from the resolution he offered before the city council declaring the vote to abandon our city charter as illegal on the ground that the polls were not closed in compliance with Mayor Vaughan's proclamation, at 6 o'clock, but instead at 4, it may be true. There may be some sense in such a resolution, but there is no law. The statute provides that on city election days the polls shall be closed at 4 o'clock, and the mayor's proclamation has no more to do with it than Mr. Holmes or Mr. Judson's would. Mayor Vaughan, in his proclamation, intended to fix the hour in accordance with the code. Thinking it read "6 o'clock," and finding his mistake on election day he went to each precinct and ordered them closed at 4 o'clock. As to any mistake in the wording of the ballots thrown by some of the voters, so long as there was enough to convey the intent of the elector it is sufficient under the law. There is no use, gentlemen. You can't escape living in a city of the first class. The edict has gone forth and the less trouble you put the people to the more skin you will have left on your bodies when you go out of office. The best thing you can do is to throw such chaffy resolutions to the winds and meet like men, count the vote, find the expressed wishes of the electors and declare it. Then call the election and as many of you who wish to remain in the council enter the field and make the fight.

SUSPENDING THE RULE.

Alderman Dawson Phillips, and St. Alderman Andy Graham got into an express team in front of Eisenman's store on Broadway, and the horses were so embarrassed when they found so many noted citizens behind them that they kicked and twisted and turned; finally the off horse got his left hind leg over the pole. The twentieth rule was suspended and they dumped the distinguished cargo into the street.

DES MOINES, Ia., October 5, 1881.

TO THE ODD FELLOWS OF IOWA: The annual session of the grand encampment at Grand Lodge will be held in this city, October 18th, to 20th inst. The following named railroads have kindly consented to return brothers attending the above named grand bodies for the amounts named below: B. C. R. & N. Q. R. one-third fare from West Liberty and Cedar Rapids. R. I. & P. R. R. one-third fare from Des Moines. C. & N. W. R. R. one-third fare from Des Moines. C. B. & Q. R. R. one-third fare from Des Moines. C. M. & St. P. R. R. one-third fare from Britt, Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Mason City. Central R. R. of Iowa, one-third fare from Grinnell. C. St. P., M. & O. R. R. one-fifth fare from Sioux City. D. M. & Ft. D. R. R. one cent per mile from Des Moines. D. M., N. W. R. Y. one cent per mile. Ill. Central R. R. one-third fare from Ft. Dodge. M. & St. Louis R. R. one-fourth fare from Ft. Dodge. S. C. & P. R. R. one-fourth fare from Mo. Valley. As Odd Fellows we should feel grateful to the above named roads for the liberal reduction in fare in returning to our homes. The uniformed patriarchs of the state contemplate having a grand parade and review on Wednesday the 19th, and a ball in the evening in honor of the occasion. We expect a larger attendance than ever before. Secretaries will confer a favor on the committee and the members of the order at large by reading this notice in open lodge for two consecutive meetings. J. K. POWERS, T. P. THURSON, W. T. HOLMES, Railroad Committee.

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AN UTTERLY UTTER JOKE.

One of our western girls is creating quite a sensation down at Vassar college getting off jokes on the other young ladies. As there are some fifteen or twenty there from Council Bluffs, the following may be of some interest: "Oh, girls, I heard just the best thing to day. It was too funny. I can't remember how it came about, but one of the girls said to Prof. Mitchell—oh, dear, I can't remember just what she said, but Prof. Mitchell's answer was just too funny for any use; I forgot just exactly what he said, but it was too good for anything."

NO GOOD FOR IT.

The case of the state of Iowa vs. Wm. Wykoff, transferred from Justice Francis to Justice Abbott's court, was called before his honor yesterday afternoon, and there not being sufficient evidence to sustain either charge against the young man, he was discharged. It will be remembered that this is the case wherein Wykoff was arrested on the charge of an assault made upon a couple of women with a dangerous weapon. The women declared that he fired a pistol at them. It turns out however that he was firing (as stated in THE BEE) at almost anything but these women.

SNEAK THIEVES.

Yesterday morning the family of Wells Cook was astonished to find that sneak thieves had entered their house on Eighth street and stolen Mr. Cook's gold watch and chain, Mrs. Cook's gold spectacles and some money. The values of his two sons were also taken from the house, carried to the barn and their contents overhauled. The thieves captured two revolvers and a few old gold coins preserved simply as keepsakes. The circus manager had paid Mr. Cook \$300 for grain, that day and no doubt that the thieves were cognizant of the fact. Fortunately Mr. Cook had the money in the bank beyond their reach.

JURY DISCHARGED.

In the United States court the case of the McCormick harvesting machine company vs. Allen & Allyn the jury, after being out all night, came into court yesterday afternoon and the foreman reported that they were unable to agree. Judge Levy thereupon discharged them.

THE BLUFFS IN BRIEF.

After the circus, what next? Why, the Herdies! You see what those free tickets and high backed chairs did! Wagon loads of partly decomposed apples are being sold on our streets. Hon. B. F. Montgomery arrived in Council Bluffs yesterday from the west. The Light Guards of this city meet to-night at their armory on Pearl street. J. S. Barton, on the Creson Gazette, was in Council Bluffs Thursday on business. The little fat girl in the side show would have it that our city attorney has no sense. Mr. Keith, editor of the Denison Bulletin, was in Council Bluffs yesterday on business. Yesterday was a good day for a circus. The weather was just right, but the ground was a little soft. Our good-natured Attorney-General McPherson and wife were at the Ogden yesterday, enroute home. Dr. Green has a case, a boy with a hole near his nose, and the doctor keeps it as secret as a sheep in a mule's ear. For a circus day there was the least drunkenness on our streets Thursday ever observed by the oldest inhabitant. Farley, U. S. S., from Oregon, passed through Council Bluffs yesterday, enroute to Washington, to be in attendance upon the extra session of congress. A gentleman who took in Barnum's remark that there was only one new thing in the entire outfit and that was the giant. Miss Hattie Baughan, daughter of Charles Baughan, left Council Bluffs yesterday for Deposit, N. Y., where she goes to school. A long train of emigrants passed through Council Bluffs yesterday, bound west. They appeared to be of more than ordinary intelligence. Cappy & Bartlett have the contract for building the new Rock Island round house. The building will be of brick and contain twelve stalls. So far as we can learn there was not a single accident on our streets circus day. People with teams were a little more careful about securing them. The funeral of Carl Yunkern was largely attended yesterday afternoon. The procession, headed by the band,

matched down Broadway to Bryant street, thence to Washington at angle, thence to Oakland avenue and to Fairview cemetery. King Kalakau has really been in the Bluffs. He did not call at the B. O. office, but kept right on to Omaha. He does not touch at first-class cities. Miss Emma Blodgett, daughter of Judge Blodgett of Chicago, who has been visiting Mrs. J. L. Stewart, left Council Bluffs Wednesday evening for her home. The Herdies will begin to make regular trips on regular routes very soon. There has been considerable expended upon the enterprise and it won't do to have them remain idle. Council Bluffs is stuffed with all kinds of God's creatures, and now we learn that a stuffed whale is leading the way. This shows the advantage of being a first-class city. That whale won't visit any second-class towns. Quite an altercation took place in the dressing room during the circus entertainment, between the two wrestlers, one claiming that the other choked him altogether too much in earnest during the performance in the ring. Conundrum as put by Charley: If ex-Alderman A. C. Graham established and graded three miles of a driveway through the timber in Fairmount Park for a little over \$800, how on "arth" could it require the sum of \$2,900 to grade one-fourth mile of driveway over the prairie to the trotting park. Now, don't all answer at once; it might create confusion.

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CONNUBIALITIES.

It is again rumored that Lott will soon be married. The wealthy widow, whom President Arthur will wed next winter—according to Jennie June—is Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts. John P. Howell and Susan Howell were married at Paducah, Ky., last week, the Rev. William Howell officiating. Howell that do. Count Elemer Bathiany has shocked the upper ten thousand in Paris by announcing his betrothal to Mlle. Emilie Loisset, a pretty circus rider. The wedding of Mr. Jay Stone, official stenographer of the war department, to Miss Ida B. Barber, of Washington is announced to take place next Wednesday evening. In Germany, last year, out of 1,000 girls married, 103 were 26 years old, 103 were 27, and 102 were 28. These were the most favored matrimonial ages, and there were more than 100 married at sixteen and 113. Miss Anne Caroline Paulding, daughter of the late Admiral Paulding, and granddaughter of John Paulding, who aided in the capture of Major Andre, the British spy, was married in New York last week to Mr. Robert C. Ray, of the United States navy. Gov. Plaisted, of Maine, got up early in the morning to be married. If his wife can just hold him down to that custom from the start it will insure a matrimonial squabble when the rising sun proclaims that it is time to get up and start a fire for breakfast. The marriage of Miss M. Abell, the daughter of Mr. A. S. Abell, proprietor of The Baltimore Sun, and Victor Baughman, editor and proprietor of The Freddie Citizen, was solemnized on Tuesday, at the Church of St. Mary's, in Baltimore county. Kansas City Mail: Wedding bells had been sounded and the guests were assembled at the residence of Mrs. Harrison, on Charlotte street, near Independence avenue, to witness the ceremony which was to have made William Harrison and Miss Mary L. Noffshir man and wife, but the license had been overlooked and a stay of the proceedings was sadly necessary. The bridegroom, however, being a bachelor and posted out to procure the forgotten permit, and Miss Noffshir in agitation disappeared from the house. Some of the guests from the bride's house, and the corner of Sixth and Cherry streets, while others, little expecting to find, pursued her to the river. A very fortunate thought was this, as she, on the banks of the dark river, was found the lady, decked in her traveling garments, her veil a plaything of the wind. So deep was her pain and disquiet, she had fled from her friends, seeking to drown her sorrow and end the life into which, in a happy moment, disappointment had too boldly stalked, in the treacherous stream which goes sweeping on to the ocean with its untold mysteries.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Williams college is prosperous. It has now the largest freshman class that has ever entered in the history of the college, and needs nothing but larger accommodations. Swarthmore college is to be rebuilt immediately, and meanwhile the sessions of the college are to be resumed in the Chestnut Grove house, at Media. The instructors on the burned building aggregate \$189,000. A Canadian educational authority thinks that the danger of "er-ming" might be obviated if the teachers would give sufficient time to explaining the next day's lesson and instructing pupils how to proceed. The freshman class at the University of Pennsylvania has 101 members—it had about 85 last year. The Wharton school of finance and economy opens its first term with a class of eight newboys. There are 314 students in the departments of art, science and finance. A novel art college for women has been established near Wimbledon, England, by Miss Bennett, of New York. Some 200 girls are to be received, and the gratuitous instruction she has been in the habit of giving in art needlework. The course of study is thorough and comprehensive and the fees are moderate. The students will have the opportunity of getting remunerative employment if needed. It is gratifying to see that the school authorities in many American cities are becoming interested in the question of the effect of our educational system on the school children. It is worth while to make the inquiry in regard to this matter a national one. Through the board of health and the board of education, facts might be gathered and tabulated which could not fail to be of value to the schools. That the public schools in the prosperous west are today, with a dangerous speed, is the opinion of the Journal of Education. It advises the schools at once

to begin the necessary work of slacking up in velocity, weeding out courses of study, relieving the intensity of examination, and ceasing to act on the assumption that the average child can endure the strain of the average hard-headed, adult pioneer. "The west is now excited," says this critic, "with the fond delusion that it will outstrip the world in public-school training, because it is inheriting the prodigious energy that has made it great in industry, in war, and in statesmanship, and the production of such a generation of youthful prodigies as no country has yet seen. But the project will break down, from the simple reason that a child is a child, and cannot be shot into maturity by a course of study and a monthly examination." The least satisfactory part of the educational system of the Province of Ontario is that devoted to secondary instruction. Only a small portion of the whole population enter the high schools and the collegiate institutes, and those who are not in a position to send their children to these institutions object to bearing any share of the cost. At a convention of the high school teachers recently held, it was proposed that the collegiate institutes should be broadened by including girls as well as boys, and by recognizing other studies as well as Latin and Greek. It was proposed, also, that a minimum of two years should be established in all the high schools, provided some arrangement be made to meet the case of those towns whose public schools contain no fifth and sixth classes. The Government grant—except the fixed sum of \$400 to each school—is now divided on the basis of the average attendance of ordinary and intermediate pupils. Above the grade of all the high schools in the Province give tuition free to all comers.

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