

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Various Interesting Matters From Iowa's Metropolis.

One Fatal and Another Probable Fatal Accident

The News Melange From a Basting City.

DOWELL'S DEATH.

IT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY A FALL. Another sad case of death was discovered about 12 o'clock Monday night near the Union Pacific freight depot. A switchman named Benedict came upon a man lying dead on a pile of railroad iron about twenty rods from a switch near the new tool house erected since the spring flood, on the easy side of the Spoon lake handle between the main yard track and the dummy track. On closer inspection the unfortunate proved to be an employee of the road, named R. D. Dowell. Coroner Paul was immediately notified and a jury empaneled. The following facts were elicited: Mr. Dowell was employed at the U. P. freight depot as one of the platform men at night. He worked as usual Saturday night all night. On Monday morning feeling unusually well he concluded to work Monday forenoon so as to make, as he stated, as much overtime this month as possible, as he contemplated going to Montana on a visit next month. When he and the gang in which he worked quit Monday noon they were all paid off and his companions urged him to accompany them to Omaha. This he declined to do, giving as an excuse that he was going to save up all the money he could for the purpose stated. The men left him and went over the river and Dowell left for home. After dinner the man was not seen until found dead as above described. From a contusion over the temple that portion of the head that rested on the rail. It was apparent that the man, on going to his work Monday night, fell and was instantly killed. By pressing the finger on the discolored contusion alluded to, it was found that the skull was crushed. In a buckskin bag on his person, was found twenty-one dollars and forty cents, which goes to show that it was not the work of a robber. Mr. Dowell was a hard-working, industrious man, who would take a drink and goon a spree at times, but on the whole was considered a respectable citizen. He came to the Bluffs a little over two years ago from Montana, where he has relatives now living, whom he has lately expressed a great desire to visit, and which desire he was planning to carry out at the time of his unfortunate and sad death. He also has relatives living at Avoca. He leaves a wife and several small children to mourn his loss. The family live on lower Broadway, near the turn in the street leading to the old ferry landing. Constable Rosencranz, at the request of Coroner Paul, summoned the following men as jurors to investigate the case: Jesse Walters, John Dunn and Joseph Wise. The first witness sworn was J. W. Benedict, who discovered the body. He was standing by the switch about 11 o'clock on Monday night. He saw an object lying on the pile of old railroad iron. He went up to it in company with the night operator and found Dowell. Several other witnesses were examined, after which the jury returned the verdict that R. D. Dowell came to his death by stumbling over a pile of railroad iron at the west switch of the U. P. railroad yards and striking his head on a rail of iron. The deceased was about 36 years of age.

MANGLED.

PROBABLE FATAL ACCIDENT TO A YOUNG MAN.

While a young man named Frank Setters was trying to steal a ride on one of the Rock Island freight trains, he was thrown between the track and a pile of cord wood at the western station a few miles from this city, and received injuries that will, unless a sudden change takes place, terminate in his death. His left arm was crushed and a severe contusion was made over the left eye. The young man was brought to this city and turned over to J. H. Borroughs, overseer of the poor. Dr. Hart was sent for, and having examined the young man, concluded before performing any operation that it would be better to convey the unfortunate to the county poor house which was done. The doctor on further examination found that he would be obliged to amputate the arm at the shoulder joint, which he did. The facts which led to the sad accident are these: It seems that young Setters with a few other young men purchased tickets for Atlantic, for the purpose of obtaining employment. This, together with the money they spent in that city, exhausted their funds, and not being able to procure work they determined to push on to the Bluffs. They arrived at Weston after dark Monday night at the moment one of the freight trains were starting. Young Setters passed around to the side of the train, and when it was in motion jumped on and was hanging on to the car when the train passed a pile of wood. Some of the projecting sticks caught his clothing and hurled him off. This is the third sad accident we have had to date on the line. We understand that one of the employees of this same road was thrown on to the track in front of a train at Atlantic, yesterday, the entire train passing over him, crushing his body to a jelly. Why it is that nearly all the deaths and accidents happen on this road and most of them without any fault of the company, too. There must be a lack of discipline somewhere. It is about time that men realized the danger to life and limb in trying to jump on a train while in motion and yet, notwithstanding the records are full of accidents from this cause alone, men are continually day in and day out, putting their lives in danger by

carelessly and recklessly rushing into danger to save a few cents or perhaps a few miles' walk. But there always was accidents of this kind, and we presume there is no help for it.

UNFORTUNATE AGAIN.

"Sport" Miller was assaulted by a young man named Cole in front of Pat Lacy's saloon Sunday night. It is said that "Sport," as usual, was over his talk, when the young man struck him, and knocking him down, pounded him unmercifully. Cole was arrested and for his brutality was compelled to pay \$11 and costs. There ought certainly something be done with this poor unfortunate, for, notwithstanding there is no danger of his injuring any one. But a poor, helpless idiot like him, full of rum day in and day out, is in danger of coming across a young man like Cole. Sport should be sent to some inebriate asylum where the few years that are left him can be spent in peace and quietness and get some of the bad whisky out of his stomach. So long as he is allowed to run at large there will always be some man found mean enough to take his last nickel for a drink.

THE BLUFFS IN BRIEF.

Mayor Vaughan did an act during the last session of the council, that is certain worthy of commendable mention. It seems that during the day the mayor's easy chair had been taken from behind his desk and carried to the residence of a poor sick man. The chair was not returned until the mayor had got to the city building and called the council to order. Soon a messenger came in with the same and began an apology for not returning it sooner. The mayor immediately ordered the chair back to the sick room, remarking that what he had to sit on he could place anywhere, even on an empty box. This evening the silver wedding of the Presbyterian church takes place. Twenty-five years ago this church was wedded to the faith in this city. Several addresses will be made, including one from the old pastor and Hon. W. H. M. Pusey. On the whole, this will be the most interesting social ever held by the society. The ladies of the church will furnish refreshments.

There is a great demand at the present time for tenement houses in this city.

N. J. Bond has returned from an extended trip to Colorado.

It is just as good a way to fight as any. Come on, Brown, it is your turn now.

Mrs. J. W. Strong, of Northfield, Minn., sister of W. J. Davenport, whose arrival in this city about two weeks ago was mentioned in THE BEE, has returned to her home. Like everybody else who visits here Mrs. Strong was delighted with the Bluffs.

Stokes, the man who not many years ago caused Jim Fisk to pass in his final time check, was in Council Bluffs Monday night on route for the east. Mr. Stokes seems to enjoy life very well, having a plenty of money he spends it freely. His four years incarceration at "Sing Sing" will be a dark chapter in his history, and the ghost of Fisk no doubt follows him, but he seems to bear up under the burden remarkably well. He is looking finely and bids fair to live for many years to come.

Joseph Spaulding, for whose benefit the grand ball is to be given to night, is improving rapidly, and will be discharged in a few days. He has had a long siege of it. We hope the ball room will be crowded to-night, that he may receive a lift that will be substantial.

Judge Love's court adjourned Saturday evening, all the cases on the docket having been disposed of. This term of the United States court has been a pretty busy one. A great many important railroad cases being up for trial.

The acute rheumatism has got the upper hand or Hugh Reynolds and pulled him down.

It is about in this city that R. J. Cory has struck a bonanza somewhere in Colorado. His friends will be glad to hear this.

An entrance to "Grand" view park has been effected from Graham avenue east of A. T. Elwell's residence. This will make it convenient for these living in that part of the city.

J. A. Clotbeck left this city last evening leaving in charge the man Khun recently convicted of being insane conveying him to the Mount Pleasant insane asylum. Twenty years ago four sisters separated, Mrs. John Hanman, Mrs. Justice Albert, Mrs. John Spangle and Mrs. Eliza Burroughs. Monday they met for the first time together in Council Bluffs, Mrs. John Spangle having arrived here, also Mrs. Burroughs, the former from Parsons, Kan., the latter from the east. The meet was a happy one, of course.

Monday was the thirty-first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Field, and they did not let it pass unnoticed, presents were exchanged between the bride and groom. The chief was recipient of a splendid gold ring from his wife. We know for we saw it. What he gave in return we shant know until we see her. He says he never will tell.

There is no question but that Cole, who struck Sport Miller, did wrong, but it seems the case was exaggerated considerably. Sport was not hurt a particle and the next day refused to testify against the man. The officers, in order to make a case against Cole had to find testimony outside. It is said by those who saw the assault that it was not more than five minutes from the time Sport was struck before he was in the calaboose, which shows that our policemen were on the alert that time.

The man who keeps a saloon near the Bryant house banged a couple of young men who were in his place for making too much loud talk. He banged them so severely that they had him banged to the police station and his calf skin banged to the tune of \$0.

F. B. Woodrow was over the river from Omaha yesterday at the Pacific.

S. G. Doyle and wife, of Creston, Iowa, beheld, the rain-drops yesterday from a Pacific house window.

Jeff. Williams was in the city yesterday at the Pacific.

Wall McFadden arrived in Council Bluffs Monday night with a couple of

"crooks" from Osceola. They were John Ray and Michael McCabe, charged with defrauding the revenue in that they sold tobacco without Uncle Sam's permission. They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Wright, pleaded guilty and in default of bail were committed to await the action of the court.

United States Deputy Marshal Stewart and Wall McFadden leave Council Bluffs to-day, with four prisoners, Fred, Madison. The men constitute part of the criminal harvest of the last term of the United States court just held here. The offenses for which these men will suffer a term in the penitentiary was passing counterfeit money.

Dawson, Spetman, Keller and Cavin are threatened with the "pink-eye."

A colored individual rushed into the little old frame building on the corner of Scott street and Broadway, occupied by the picture frame manufacturer, E. L. Northrup, and wanted to know if that was the American express office. Mr. Northrup informed him that it was not. The old darkey turned and went out, but soon returned and asked Mr. Northrup if he would be so kind to put die way out to do place. Mr. Northrup followed him to the door, and pointed across the street. The old fellow began to laugh, and exclaimed: "Marcy on me, chill, is you sure?" Mr. Northrup replied: "That is the place, sure." The old darkey bent his pate and laughed heartily. "Why, bless your child, dis am de first time dis colored man was over so tuk in befo". Wharver I've made question dis has to be de office war in a building whar de brick war painted red, an I expected how da war a foolin' de ole man. De folks of dis life shud not be so suspicious of each other, an' dar would not be so much troublesomeness.

The big four—Dawson, Keller, Spetman and Cavin.

It is believed that the filth that is allowed to stand on the banks of the Stinking Loupsey caused the death of several citizens this season; that all those now sick with what is known as typhoid-pneumonia can trace the cause to the filth that is allowed to remain in this creek.

The northwestern train was a long one and well filled Monday night. Tourists returning to their eastern homes are making it lively for the railroads.

The front doors of all the saloons were closed yesterday on account of the rain and the election. It didn't take a key to unlock most of them, however.

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