

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The City Council Disobeys the Order of Mandamus.

The Grand Army and Its Grand Old "Camp Fires."

The Episcopal Sociable and Leavitt's Minstrels To-Night.

A New Departure and a Good One in the Clerk's Office.

Four Funerals in One Day—Personal Mention, Etc.

The city council met in regular session on Friday evening. On call of roll, the mayor and the following aldermen: Lawson, Rain, Spelman, Churchill, responded. There being a quorum present business was taken up. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Several bills were read and allowed.

The petition of D. B. Clark and others asking to be exempted from the payment of city taxes was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

The petition of W. G. Oliver asking the payment of damages amounting to \$200 for injuries sustained by his son while performing his duties as fireman on the day when the explosion took place in the Rock Island yard, was referred to the fire committee.

The petition for the removal of scales from Willow street, opposite Mr. Guittar's residence, was granted.

The petition of Mr. Keil asking for a sidewalk grade in front of his new residence was granted.

The petition of Mrs. Baird asking that the bridge over Indian creek on 9th street be raised was referred to a special committee of three with power to act.

The petition of Conrad Geise and others asking that Washington avenue be extended east from North 13th street was read and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

At the suggestion of the mayor a motion was made increasing the price for hauling dirt on Union avenue from 20 to 25 cents.

A special committee was appointed to confer with the board of supervisors for the purpose of securing an appropriation for the building of a bridge over Indian creek on Union and also on Seventh avenue. And also another special committee to confer with said board in reference to the building of a suitable pest house.

The claim for damages by one Johnson for injuries sustained by reason of his falling into a scuttle hole on Broadway over a year ago, was presented and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mayor Vaughan called attention to the writ of mandamus that had been served on him. He understood from City Attorney Holmes that "immediately" as contained in said instrument meant any time before the seventh day of January and forthwith, any time before March 1st, 1882. He waived the action of the council.

Alderman Fonda remarked as there was no great rush, he should prefer to delay the canvas until a full board was present.

Mr. Churchill thought longer to refuse to count the vote was simply nonsense, and moved that the council proceed at once to obey the mandate of the district court.

Mr. Dawson said so far as he was concerned, he did not wish to delay or retard the canvas, but several of the council who are interested in the matter were absent, and he could see no reason for counting the vote tonight, if, as the city attorney says, they could defer it until the seventh of January.

Recorder Burke reminded them that they could not get over the mandate that had gone forth from the district court, and as it would only take fifteen minutes to canvas, they had better do it and get rid of it.

Mr. Fonda moved that the matter be deferred and that when the council adjourn it be to Friday evening, December 30, for the purpose of canvassing the vote and also to transact any other business that may properly come before them. This motion was seconded by Alderman Rain and carried.

Mayor Vaughan, in behalf of the laboring men of the city, called the attention of the council to the low rates the city was demanding of the laboring men for teaming dirt to fill Union avenue. He said that the price paid would starve a man and his family in three months. He believed that men should be paid fair wages for their labors.

Mr. Churchill moved that they be allowed 23 cents per load, and, on motion of Alderman Dawson, the price was raised to 25 cents.

After transacting other unimportant business the council adjourned.

G. A. R.

The Grand Army blow out was simply immense. Yankee-baked beans and hard-tack rattled around in abundance. About 300 soldiers put in an appearance, evidently prepared for anything that could be produced in the way of edibles. The brave boys in blue were there from Walnut, Avoca, Davenport, and that little town on Lake Michigan called Chicago. Captain Jones, of the Fifteenth Illinois, was there; also Captains Spangler and Neill, of Walnut.

General Price, of Missouri, gave the boys a call and tried the beans. Captain Jones made a very nice speech. He can talk as well as he can eat. The two captains from Walnut favored the boys with a few select old army songs.

Justice Abbott was present and seemed to enjoy it hugely. Every campfire the boys have is very entertaining, but the one Friday night capped the climax. Why, it's worth

being one of Uncle Sam's boys three years just to belong to the G. A. R. in time of peace. Any citizen of Council Bluffs who fails to attend loses a rich treat. You will never know the fun there is in them until you attend one of their campfires. If you attend one of their campfires, the soldier as much as their country honors them, some would be treated differently.

EPISCOPAL SOCIABLE. To-night the grand Episcopal sociable will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. McCrea. Don't fail to attend if you wish a good time. There is no pleasanter way of spending an evening away from home than by attending them. There is not the "stand up stiffness" that is met with at what is denominated a social party, where those invited are thoroughly examined before being spoken to. We advise those who wish a social acquaintance in Council Bluffs to attend all church sociables. Remember the one at Dr. McCrea's this evening; Mrs. S. B. Atkins will see that you have a good time.

OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS. S. D. Street, clerk of courts, is making an improvement in the matter of arrangement of papers in his office that certainly should merit the thanks of not only the members of the bar, but every citizen in Pettawattamie county. Heretofore papers have at times got terribly mixed up. This trouble Mr. S. proposes to obviate. Every "higgen hole" in the office has been cleaned, a tin box made to fit the same constructed and numbered from one up. A general index has been prepared containing names of the parties to every action that has ever been brought; following the name we have the cause, the year in which the same was commenced, the amount of the claim and the number of the box containing the same. With this arrangement, any person can at once find the papers belonging to a given case. The work has been done under the general direction of Mr. Street, by E. G. Sears, one of the best writers and book-keepers in the city. Every paper in the office must have a home in a completed file; and all old papers will be sent to the "poor house," or what will be termed a miscellaneous box.

AT MINON'S. Miss Jessie Couthouli drew a very large and highly appreciative audience at Bloom & Nixon's on Saturday evening. Nearly every seat in the spacious hall was taken. The programme was replete with some of her choice selections. The grave and humorous, the sentimental and tragic combined to furnish a rich evening's entertainment. "How Rubenstein Played" was rendered in a manner that elicited a storm of applause. The power of an entertaining solo, a large audience and holding them spell-bound during the entire evening is simply marvellous. Her rapid transition from humor to pathos excites the wonder and admiration of her hearers. "Christmas at the quarters" alone was worth the price of admission. In this piece Miss Couthouli gives full scope to her powers as a versatile and accomplished reader, introducing the violin and banjo. "Go with der, fiddle, stop dat squakin; don't you har de banjo talkin'" brought down the house. The young lady was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Treynor, Miss Merckee and Miss Addie Horton in music and song. The entire programme was thoroughly enjoyed, and it was with regret that the audience saw the young lady disappear into the "green room" at the conclusion of her last selection.

ON SATURDAY EVENING Florence Herbert concluded a very prosperous week's engagement in this city. At no time has she pleased her audience more than on the above occasion, when she presented "Ruth Tredge, the Tramp," in a very acceptable manner, winning a place in the hearts of her hearers that none other holder can fill. Mr. Whiteley is an exceptionally pleasant and courteous manager. We hope to see them at some future time in Brown's opera house.

MASONIC FUNERAL. The funeral of the late D. W. Crawford, who died a few days ago in Texas, and whose remains were sent to his relatives here, took place from the residence of M. F. Rohrer, in Vine street, yesterday, and was generally attended. Rev. Breese officiating. The Masonic order, to which he belonged, turned out in full force and escorted the remains to the cemetery. Mr. Crawford was about 53 years old, just in his prime, when he died. He was the stepfather of Mr. Phil Armour and Mrs. M. F. Rohrer. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn his death.

OBSTRUCTIONS TO RELIGION. The editor over the way, who "stands by the wayside" every Sunday instead of attending church, says that soulless sagacious and contribution boxes cause empty benches in our churches. These articles do not seem to keep them out of the theatres every other night in the week.

PERSONAL. Col. John W. Chapman having returned home, W. R. Vaughan will retire. Doctor Cook will continue to reside over the poetry of the paper.

Rev. Cyrus Hanlin preached a most excellent discourse last evening at the Congregational church. Subject—"Christian Men as Employers." What a delightful world we would live in if every business man and church member was a Christian.

Rev. P. F. Breese's discourse at the Methodist church was to the same point:—"Non-Christian and Anti-Christian Business Men." There was a very large congregation present and the discourse was very interesting.

Rev. Wm. J. Harsh, of Omaha, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit yesterday, exchanging with the pastor, Rev. Thomas H. Clelland.

Hon. W. F. Sapp has returned from Washington, looking very much improved. He saw and spoke with his numerous friends in the two houses of congress, and no doubt paid the court room where the Guitteau trial is slowly progressing, a visit.

C. E. Frederick and C. E. V. Saunders, of the Singer Sewing machine business of this city leave to-morrow on a business trip to Malvern.

AN ARREST. Officer Brooks arrested a man in front of the Revere House yesterday.

He was drunk and making a disturbance. He was soon placed in "du-rance vile." His case will be attended to this morning.

The case of the State vs. George McPherson, will come up to-day before Justice Abbott. George has a home in the sand hills. He got a little on his ear and tried to get rid of it by shaking up the idol of his bosom. He was arrested and bound over to appear before the above justice to-day.

Music boxes and musical novelties, musical albums, music rolls and binders are the kind of presents you can get only at Muellers.

R. OF P. FUNERAL. The funeral of the late Thomas Mott took place from his residence yesterday. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. The order of Knights of Pythias, to which the deceased belonged, turned out in full force, and headed by Prof. Olker's full band, escorted the remains to their last resting place.

Four funerals were conducted at the same time in our city yesterday. An extra hearse was employed from Omaha.

LEAVITT'S MINSTRELS. Leavitt's famous "Giganteo Minstrels" will appear at Dohany's Opera House to-night. They claim to have the leading "tambo" in the world, in the person of Billy Arlington.

John Evans, of Logan, Harrison county, was in this city yesterday at the Pacific.

W. Middleton, of Logan, was a guest at the Pacific yesterday.

Major J. H. Marshall, a prominent railroad official of Des Moines, was at the Ogden yesterday.

PERPENDICULAR PLUMB. Two Important Bills Introduced Regulating Pacific Railroad Land Grants.

Washington Special to the Pioneer Press. Senator Plumb of Kansas, has introduced two bills in relation to lands granted the Pacific railroad companies. The first provides for the forfeiture of lands granted to railroad companies that have not been completed within the time specified in the act of incorporation, and the opening of the same to public settlement.

The passage of this bill would restore to the public domain many millions of acres of land now lodged with finished Pacific railroads. A resolution recently passed by the senate directing the secretary of the interior to report the quantity of such lands held by railroad companies that have not complied with the law, taken in connection with the introduction of this bill, shows that a systematic and determined effort is to be made to recover these lands.

From the falling companies, and to restore them to the public domain. Mr. Plumb's bill provides that where a grant of public land has been made to aid the construction of any railroad, and such road has not been completed within the time prescribed by law, the lands so granted, or such quantity thereof as had not been patented or certified to such company, shall revert to the United States, and to an estate or trustee for its benefit prior to the expiration of the time fixed for the completion of the road shall revert to the United States, and shall be open to settlement as are other public lands. The bill further provides that immediately upon its passage, the secretary of the interior shall give public notice that the lands described are open to settlement, and that the entire tract received at the office in the district in which such lands are situated. The second bill introduced by Senator Plumb provides that all lands granted to railroad companies under the act of July 1, 1862, which is the original Pacific railroad act, and under all acts amendatory thereof, and to which the several companies would have become entitled, upon payment of the cost of surveying, sectioning and conveying, shall be subject to all legal taxes imposed under authority of any state or territory in which lands are situated, to the same extent as they would have been had such costs been paid, and the lands conveyed to the companies. By a proviso, those lands already forfeited are exempt from the operation of the bill, and a further proviso declares that prior to the payment of the cost of surveying and taxes shall be imposed excepting organized countries. Under the existing law, lands granted to railroads are exempt from all taxation until surveyed and conveyed to the companies. Efforts have been made in previous congresses to pass a bill of this kind, but the railroad companies successfully resisted them.

An article in a Sunday paper published here to-day has for its gravamen the charge of favoritism by the interior department in surveying the expense of the public as has been intimated, and instances the fact that the department has rules that if railroads could not find timber on public lands immediately adjoining their line, the proper construction of law permitting them to take lumber from adjacent lands would authorize them to go to the nearest and most convenient point where it might be secured. In point of fact the law has been construed and this has been the practice for more than thirty years, but it just happens never to have been until now, formulated in the shape of a written decision.

THE TEMPER OF THE ARTICLE, which is in shape of an interview with an individual whose name is not given, may be inferred from the following extract:

"I am well satisfied that at this very moment the Northern Pacific Railroad company is devastating the forests throughout the most desirable portions of Washington territory in the manner I have detailed to you. They cut off all the timber of great stretches of country and float it down the rivers. What they do with it I do not know. I only know that they get it, and my correspondent from the territory assured me that the people up there curse the day that congress organized this grasping and fearful monopoly, and it is a matter of general complaint in the territory that officers of the United States, surveyors, district attorneys and the like, are in with the Northern Pacific ring, acting as its agents in their official capacity, and developments show that such collusion is not confined to the territorial officials of the Manufacturing Co. The commissioner of railroads thinks that his annual report for this year

will be delivered from the printing office to-morrow. He complains that the Northern Pacific management instead of sending the report for this year, contemplated by the law, merely forwarded an authenticated copy of last year's report. Unless they can satisfactorily account for their failure to comply with the law they will doubtless be proceeded against under direction of the attorney general.

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