

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Something More About the Opera House.

Merited Tribute to the County Board of Supervisors.

An Individual Who Struck the Wrong House, or the Wrong Girl.

Miscellaneous News and Spicy Minor Mention.

There don't seem to be any immediate action taken as yet towards the erection of an opera house. It has been hinted that Mr. Dohany has in some way hushed the matter, and will attend to all opera house business to be carried on in this city. Well, it is immaterial who builds it. Certainly the people cannot stand the one we have much longer. There is hardly a night that a first-class company appears there but that the people have cause to feel ashamed, especially when the house is filled with strangers. The remark made by one of the actors as he shook the hand stage, "We shall have to be careful; if this breaks through we will kill a horse," while it provoked an uproar of laughter, was no credit to a city of twenty thousand inhabitants.

A LIGHTNING ROD CASE.

The district court was engaged on case No. 3,059, R. S. Cole & Co. vs. S. E. Field, an action brought upon a written contract to furnish and put up for defendant lightning rods. The defendant claims that the manner in which the work was performed enhanced instead of lessening the danger from this powerful element.

A LIVELY BWARD.

The board of supervisors are in session at the court house working like beavers for the interest of the county. We doubt if there is a county in the state that can present a county board equal to them for men of intelligence and true worth, and the late accession of Samuel Underwood, although a democrat, is not an exception.

ENCOURAGING.

Frank Cook, who some time ago left this city to establish himself in the real estate business at Atlantic, after remaining there several months, has returned to Council Bluffs, where he will locate permanently in the business. Mr. Cook recently visited the east and made diligent enquiry of some of the leading capitalists and business men. The general opinion and universal verdict of all is that Council Bluffs is destined to be the leading city in the state. He says that in New York and Chicago where ever business men gather to discuss the prospects of Council Bluffs receives a very flattering mention.

FIGURISTIC FEMALE.

One of our city expressmen had some difficulty with a couple of colored women on Broadway. They shook their dark fists at him and remarked if he would "cum down from der car they wud close his left eye."

"GRANDMA" JACKSON.

The funeral of the late "Grandma" Jackson took place from her residence yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of loving friends. Mrs. Jackson was in life highly respected by all who knew her and was a great favorite among the younger members of society.

IN TROUBLE.

Robert Trumble was arrested yesterday by Officer Cusick, on complaint of a lady by the name of Lemer, who resides on Fifth street. She charges that he came to her house and wanted to get in. Upon her refusing his request he broke the door in and entered. When arrested he had \$55 upon his person. He was put under bonds in the sum of \$100 for his appearance to answer the charge before Judge Burke. The party arrested declares that he called to see another young lady who was willing to admit him, and so expressed herself that the party who complains had no right whatever to prevent his entering, all of which will appear upon the trial of the case.

HOTEL JUMPER JUMPED.

W. F. Jones was arrested by Brooks, charged with beating his living out of Smith, who keeps the Biaggio house, on Main street. He was fined \$30, and in default of payment was sent up for ten days.

RATHER ROUGH.

A poor creature, deaf, dumb, and with a crippled, was arrested and taken to the calaboose, tried, convicted and fined \$6.85, and in default of payment he was sent to the stone pile. He was unable to work, and was finally discharged on his promise to leave the city. He claims to have a brother in Avoca.

SHOE STEALING.

Frank Davis was arrested by Special Officer Smith, charged with stealing a pair of overshoes from a house near the Northwestern depot. He pleaded guilty, and was sent by Judge Burke to the county jail for three days.

ONE GOOD EFFECT.

J. G. Lemens's lecture has been the means of adding two more braves to the police force. J. P. Williams and P. D. Mottaz were added yesterday.

NO UNION SERVICE.

There will be no union service this evening. Prayer meeting at the vestry of all the churches as usual. The union service will be held at the Baptist church to-morrow evening.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTION.

The dirt that rattles from wagons along Broadway is doing good service by helping very materially to put that thoroughfare in fine condition for driving.

A couple of "fine pointed" horses created quite a laugh on Broadway yesterday. A man was leading them and they concluded it was about time to take a nap and refused to go any further until it was done, and deliberately laid down. The man broke a

halter endeavoring to coax them to follow him, but they would not proceed until they had their nap out.

The Episcopal sociable given at the Ogden hotel by Mrs. Colonel W. F. Stapp was a grand affair and was generally well attended.

Ticket No. 1103 drew the doll at Mueller's music hall last evening. The holder of the ticket is unknown and is requested to call and claim the prize.

Patton & Dawdy, formerly of Hamburg, Ia., have opened a first-class saloon and restaurant in the building adjoining Dohany's opera house.

We find a great many complaints made by persons living in the vicinity of the Northwestern depot of degradations made on their wood-sheds. J. M. Lester, residing on Ninth street, is one of the sufferers, and says his greatest wish is to be made acquainted with the gentleman who is appropriating his wood-pile.

PERSONAL.

Mr. William Powers, one of Council Bluff's well-known and esteemed citizens, is lying in a very critical condition at his residence on upper Broadway.

F. A. Wheeler, of Rochester, N.Y., was at the Ogden House yesterday.

Frank Graves, being sworn, testified to practically the same effect as on the coroner's inquest. On the examination by the counsel for the defense he testified:

I first saw the bartender behind the bar and Charley was standing outside of the bar. Then the barkeeper came around from behind the bar and stood near Charley. Henderson, Frank Chambers and Whitney were there. While the barkeeper and Kosters were standing together, the former slapped Kosters with his left hand. I then opened the door and Charley went out. I followed and shut the door. Then the door opened again and a bottle was thrown in. I said to Charley, "Let's go home." He stood near the door and didn't say anything. I didn't see him draw anything or have any weapon. There might have been other parties outside in the dark. When I turned to leave the barkeeper was standing inside the door talking to Kenniston. When I got back from the physician's Hammer was laid on the billiard table.

H. W. Giesselman, who was at Treitschke's, went in the saloon at 2:45. The first man I saw was Kosters and the next Graves. Valentine Adams, Geo. Hart and E. Johnson were with me. Westwood around there ten minutes. Looking toward the bar I saw Kosters standing with a cigar, crumpling it on the bar. The barkeeper then came from behind the bar and addressed Kenniston, Kosters and Graves and several other parties went out, and I thought the trouble was settled. I don't know who the other parties were. After Kosters and Graves went out the door was closed. Then Kenniston got in trouble with two men, and the bar keeper opened the door again, and it seemed to me as if the three went out. Then the gloved hand appeared on the door and the blow was struck. I think the glove was a black glove. There was no fight in the saloon while I was there. I saw Hammer go to the door.

Dr. James H. Peabody being sworn, gave a description of the wound found at the post mortem examination. The wound was probably struck by some one in front, in an easterly direction. The wound was made by a heavy instrument of some kind. It might have been a jug or bottle, which might have broken when the blow was struck. A slug shot and a pistol were shown. In the instance of the slug shot the witness gave his opinion that it could not have produced the puncture in the skull. A revolver could have inflicted the injury. A man of the prisoner's height could have struck the blow.

Deputy Marshal McClure testified to having found a pair of brown gloves in Kosters' pocket. The gloves were produced in court.

Giesselman resumed the stand. He examined the gloves which were shown him and stated that they were not dark enough to correspond with the glove he saw at the door.

On cross-examination he stated that he saw Hammer have some words with Kenniston, but not with Kosters. When the scuffle between the two unknown parties and Kenniston occurred, Hammer opened the door and let them out. I think all of the parties were out of the door when the blow which felled Hammer was struck and the latter fell.

In the afternoon Jerome Pentz and Geo. H. Hart were each sworn and testified at considerable length. The testimony did not differ materially from that presented before the coroner's jury. The examination will probably take most of to-day and may extend to Thursday.

Happy Surprise.

The residence of Mr. Andrew Murphy was raided Monday by a happy circle of their many friends, who called to start him and his estimable lady on another year of joy and happiness. Dancing was the reigning feature of the evening. Vocal and instrumental music was contributed and was enjoyed by all present. A most agreeable evening was passed until the approach of another day advised the merry makers to seek their homes.

Catholic Library Reception.

The Omaha skating rink opened Monday in good shape and a large number of skaters availed themselves of the pleasures found in smooth ice and sharp runners. The management of the rink is in the hands of Mr. J. J. Philbin, who has provided everything needed for the comfort and convenience of both ladies and gentlemen. The water under the ice is not more than two or three feet deep anywhere, so that no danger exists, even if the ice should give way. By daily flooding it is expected to keep the surface of the rink in a beautiful condition. Skates for both ladies and gentlemen are on hand at the rink and can be rented at reasonable rates. No more healthy or invigorating sport can be enjoyed in winter than a spin over the ice, and every skater will avail of the opportunities offered at the well prepared rink at the foot of Farnham street.

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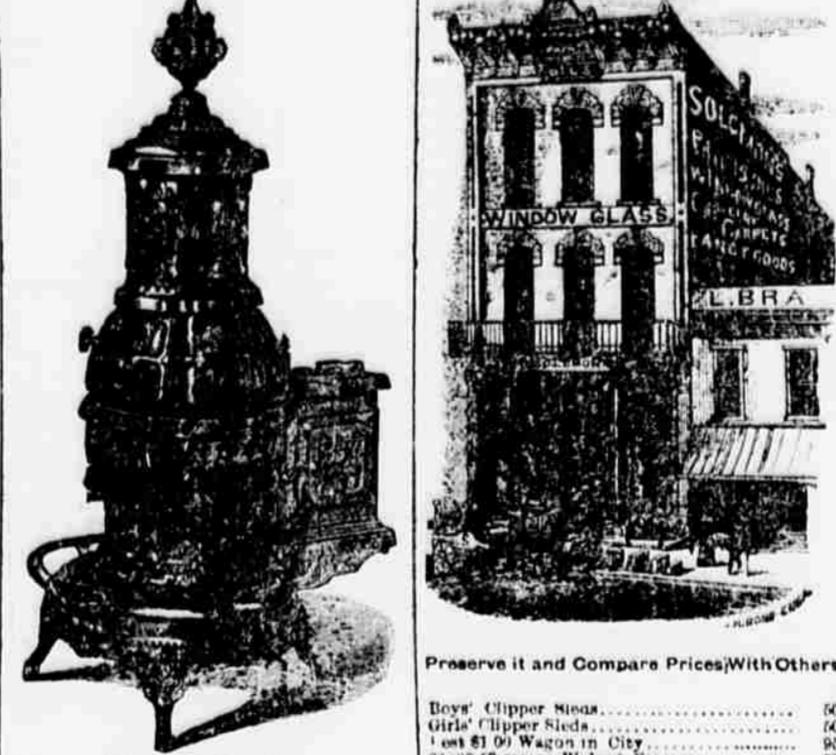
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