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MINOR MENTIONS

—Ice is on the make.
—The light guards rally to-night.
—Special religious services at the Congregational church to-night.
—The Episcopal folks meet for a jolly social at Mrs. Aylesworth's this evening.
—The coal dealers and ice packers smile and shake at the way the mercury has tumbled.
—A light force was at work on the paving of Union avenue yesterday. Too much cold.
—The Baptist folk have planned to meet in social converse, Thursday night, at Mrs. Seely's home.
—Cold weather so benumbed the fingers of those at work on the new elevator that two hours from them out yesterday.
—Next Thursday evening the Presbyterians will meet to exchange grips and have a season of chattering at the home of Mrs. J. T. Oliver, on Market street.
—Justice Abbott topped off his Sunday dinner with a slice of wedding cake, the parties tied by him being John Plagalle and Anna A. Haamer.
—The police court yesterday was as dry yesterday as though it had breakfasted on mackerel. Only one uncalloped drunk graced the morning's record, the contributor being Hu-ton Lennox—\$6.85.
—H. Van De Bergt has received word that his grandmother, an estimable old lady of 82 years, had met an accident at Avoca, where she is visiting friends. She slipped on an icy walk, causing a fracture of the arm.
—A little difficulty arose in the Phoenix saloon yesterday afternoon between Mr. Smith, the proprietor of the Biggs house, on south Main street, and William Quinlan. The bone in dispute was the nose of a board bill, and as a finale Quinlan's nose was tapped and the claret flew.
—Peter Teisler had his heart saddened Sunday afternoon by missing his roll, while at the Transfer depot. There was \$50 loss and no insurance. Whether some light-fingered gent slipped it out or not is a question, but some one has made a financial gain, doubtless, at his expense.
—Forbes' Dramatic company is to appear here in "True Desertion" to-morrow evening. The company has already a strong hold on the public favoritism here, and never fails to pack houses. Forbes himself is a power in stirring up the people and causing them to flow in crowds toward the show.
—The ice men feel that the cold snap is a soft snap for them, and all commenced taking the cake yesterday, and are as busy as bees cutting and carting. The ice now being put up in the houses is only from seven to eight inches thick, but delays are dangerous, and do not do to wait until it thickens more.
—Chief of Police Fields' heart is overflowing with thankfulness to him who instituted Burnside whiskers. Within forty-eight hours he has succeeded in getting hold of two men whose only description as given him was that they had Burnside whiskers. Those who prefer that cut of beard should not indulge in them at present.
—The number of skaters and sliders was increased yesterday by the fact that the freezing of the pipes in the high school necessitated the closing of the two rooms over which Miss Flickinger and Miss Hubbard preside. The pupils in Miss Mangum's room of the Mills school were also given a holiday, while their teachers visited other schools.
—In accordance with a description and request sent from Omaha the police arrested here Sunday night a colored man, who gives his name as E. J. Curtis, and who was sent across the river yesterday. He is wanted there to explain a little mistake by which he is said to have entered the wrong house and taken some property which happened to belong to some one else, whose permission he had not obtained.
—Justice Bird has issued a warrant for the arrest of the fellow, Wilson, who was captured in Omaha, and who is wanted here to answer to the charge of burglarizing the McCoy house. Wilson is pronounced several years' service in Nebraska for crimes committed there, but the warrant from here and a requisition will be tacked in a pigeon-hole, so that in case of his sneaking out through any technicality he may be still kept in the toils.
—It isn't safe to catch a friend by the arm. About every third man on the street is nourishing a vaccine point. Ubers at the churches and theatres should be extra cautious. There is nothing will make a man fighting mad as quick as touch him on the tender point. Still the vaccine preparation is well taken, and those who have not had their arms punctured should not delay. Although there is no small pox or varioloid here, still a vaccine point is a point well taken.
—The latest number of the New York Graphic devotes a page to Council Bluffs. The write-up of the city is quite meager, but the page is made attractive by illustrations showing up some of the prominent buildings and streets. There are some comical features to the pictures, though, and especially so in the eyes of an old settler. The high school, for instance, is represented as being upon a pleasant summit, the approach to which is a broad avenue, lined with palatial residences, while carriages with footmen are rolling up and down the streets drawn by prancing steeds, whose hoofs strike upon a clean-swept pavement. The average school-boy who climbs the hill and puffs out, "pre-ent," just in time to escape a lacy mark, will appreciate this picture's avenue with its easy ascent. The page in the Graphic is, however, in many respects, a good showing of the town.

BAGGED A BURGLAR.

Such Seems the Game Which the Police Have Captured.

The Tools With Him—Reasons to Suspect He Knows About Omaha Burglaries.

Since the attempt made to crack the safe in the office of Captain Brown, the well-known Fifth street coal dealer, the police have kept their eyes wide open and not in vain. A young man has been gobbled up, and safely bagged, around whom evidence is accumulating so rapidly that there seems but little doubt but that the right capture has been made.

He gives his name as Eddie Hardin, though he says he does not object to being called by any name with which the police may christen him, as any name would to his ears be as sweet. He gives a very unsatisfactory account of his comings and goings, but claims to hail from Missouri. A search of his person revealed no wealth or valuables, but there were found upon him some drills and a tin tube for filling powder into a safe. Some powder was also found upon him.

It appears that he gained an entrance into the coal office by breaking a small bit out of one of the window panes and slipping back the bolt. He drilled a hole through the outer plate of the safe, and then his drills being too short to reach the inner plate, he abandoned the task temporarily to procure some larger drills. Whether he was frightened away on his return, or whether he concluded to try some new field of plunder, is uncertain.

He will probably have his examination this afternoon, by which time it is expected that evidence will be gathered which will foster him securely. The only papers found upon him were some little scraps bearing prescriptions and the addresses of various parties in Chicago, Galesburg, Ill., and Michigan. From some pointers gained it is thought that he is familiar with the doings of some parties engaged in heavy burglaries in Omaha in the past, and everything tends to the belief that the capture is one of unusual importance.

MUSIC AND MIRTH.

Hess' Acme Opera Company at Dohoney's.

Last evening there was a good sized audience at Dohoney's opera house to greet Hess' Acme opera company, which appeared in "Olivette." This bit of comic opera has many features of the popular type which please the masses much better than "Mascotte," though the latter has really the finer and higher class of music and more difficult of rendition. It was wise to choose "Olivette" for the entertainment last evening, as its fund of mirth and catching airs touched the popular heart and the listeners were very enthusiastic. The costumes were brilliant and chorus and orchestra work was excellent.

The fun centered of course about the comedy of errors caused by Henry Peakes as Capt. de Merrinac and Mark Smith as Valentine, the latter appearing as such a clever imitator of the former as to give rise to all sorts of comical situations because of the other characters mistaking their identity. The other incidents revolved about these musical dromies, so that much real mirth was added to much real music, making the entertainment a highly enjoyable one. Hess' opera company will find no cold welcome at any time they may choose hereafter to visit this city.

An Audacious Imposter.

Council Bluffs, January 16. To the Editor of The Omaha Bee.

David McCree, of this city, has reported that you offered him one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) for two letters in his possession.

I would like to say this much: I suppose you will print what you like, but if you do you are helping to blacken the name of a woman who before God is as pure as the purest, the only reason being because she refuses to live with a gambler and a drunkard. Too much of a coward to war upon his own sex, he turns upon a defenseless woman, and that woman the one whom he ought to shield from everything. For your mother's and your sister's sake, and for your wife's sake if you have one, I ask you not to publish what will not do you any good but will, for all time, hurt the name of one of their own sex, and you will greatly oblige.

A Woman.

P. S. I would further add that you or he can make nothing out of the letter further than to make a talk and drag her name through your paper. The editor of THE BEE knows nothing about the matter referred to above. Certainly neither he nor any of his authorized agents have ever offered money to Mr. McCree for any letters in his possession. We do not know McCree and have never heard of the man before. If Mr. McCree states that attempts have been made to purchase any documents in his possession for THE BEE he lies. THE BEE is not engaged in that kind of business, particularly when they relate only of personal and domestic differences which concern no one but the parties implicated.

Advised to Skip.

William Crowell was before Justice Abbott yesterday afternoon charged with stealing a saddle belonging to a man named McGinnis. It appears that Crowell, while serving a term in

jail for larceny, managed to escape, and improved his liberty by stealing the saddle. After finishing his term in jail he was called to answer this second charge. Owing to the absence of a material witness for the prosecution the case was dismissed, but Judge Abbott kindly advised him that any fellow who had such long fingers as he had and was so prone to grasp after other people's property would not find this a healthy climate, and he had better skip. The prisoner went out with a hop-skip-and-jump.

SENATOR-ELECT WILSON.

The Little Speech He Made When Nominated.

The following is the substance of the remarks made by Hon. James F. Wilson, on being nominated for senator last Tuesday night:

The applause had subsided Mr. Wilson began by saying that surely the caucus would not expect a lengthy speech from him at that hour; he did not feel that he could make a lengthy speech. He had not heard definitely the result beyond the fact that he had been nominated by a joint caucus of the republicans of the general assembly for the high office of United States Senator. He inferred that this had been done with unanimity. He could only say that this result of the caucus was to him a source of pride. He was glad that the caucus had resulted as it had, and that the result has been one that has put away any disturbances or the chances of any divisions in the great party of the state [applause], and that it put him in harmony and accord with every member of the party in the state. [Applause.] He did not wish to stand, nor would he stand, as the representative of one faction in this state or this nation. [Applause.] No man could be more than his party. No man that exists has in this nation done enough, nor can he do enough, to place him higher than the organization to which he belonged [applause], and whenever, or wherever, it occurs that some one man thinks that he is greater than his party, that man must learn that he and not the principles of that party must go down. So soon should he learn that the party and not he is superior. [Applause.] And now that this action of the caucus was opening wide the door to him for grand opportunities in public life, he hoped in the pursuance of the pathway of that public life that he would not do anything to disgrace or cause regret among any of those who at this same time had placed him in the way of these opportunities.

From the time of the formation of the republican party he could claim that he had worked faithfully for the great party of human liberty. He could see in the prospect now opened to him something that ought to be sufficient for any ambition. He would accept one of the mottoes of the great republic—accept it and put it far and high before him in the line of his duty. "In God we trust." [Applause.] He should endeavor in the discharge of his duty to carry to it his conscience as well as what ability it had pleased God to give him. [Applause.] The members of the caucus, and those whom they represented, know well the recent questions on which he had expressed himself, and he wished to say he gave them utterance in advance to allow the people to know what were his views, and what would be his chart and guide if they saw fit to choose him to the office of United States senator. [Applause.] To his expression of opinion on economic questions, and in relation to corporations and corporate powers, he still adhered and would adhere. [Applause.] He would not place a heavy hand on any interest in the nation, but as to the character of these sentiments—which some suggested as unwelcome and some as given for effect—he would say that every word of every utterance formed a part of that chart which should guide him in his duties in the future, in the duties of that office to which the action of this caucus was the opening of the door. He stood on every republican platform that had ever been adopted, and he stood on the platform which would reform now, and his principles would be part of his chart [applause] to all would know now how to map out his future action. He again thanked the caucus for the honor conferred, and he realized the responsibility; he liked the weight of responsibility; and when the duties of the office for which he had just been nominated should become his duties he would devote his entire time to their discharge. His whole service would be given to the state. During those six years, if life be spared, he would attend as closely to the duties of the senatorial office as he had attended to his own business. From his heart he appreciated, highly and was profoundly grateful for the honor now conferred, and he would seek to prove himself worthy of the trusts thus to be imposed. [Continued and loud applause.]

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An Ungrateful Friend.

A pair of railway workers were talking about the city yesterday afternoon, one of whom had a time ticket calling for a few days wages. He was quite boozey, and the attention of the police was called to the fact that his seeming friend was trying to get possession of what little valuables he had. Both men were nabbed and locked up, one charged with being drunk and the other with larceny, the time-ticket and some nickles being found upon him.

Iowa State News.

J. C. McKenzie, late treasurer of Franklin county, is reported a defaulter to the amount of \$8,500.

An old resident of Allamakee county, named Topf, became tired of the world, and hanged himself in his barn.

The Springdale Mutual Fire Insurance company, which has prosecuted a successful business for more than ten years, held its annual meeting on January 14 at Springdale, Cedar county.

At the meeting of the State Agricultural society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John W. Porter, of Johnson county, president; James Wilson, of Tama, vice president; John R. Schaeffer, of Jefferson, secretary, and J. G. Rounds, of Polk, treasurer.

About four weeks ago Mr. Winch, who lives near Avoca, discovered that a five hundred and a fifty dollar bill, which he had deposited in an eyeter can in his cellar for safe keeping, had been destroyed by rats; the fifty being entirely gone, and the five hundred dollar bill was gone except a piece about as large as a silver dollar, which bore part of the number of the bill. He wrote to Washington about the matter, furnishing such testimony as was necessary, and on Wednesday of last week received by express a package of one hundred \$5 bills, with which to make good his loss.

MAIL MATTERS.

Looking Over the Ground for a New Location for the Postoffice—Prospect for Letter Carriers.

Postoffice Inspector J. B. Furay was in the city yesterday and was collecting points regarding a change of location for the postoffice, the quarters for which are now so crowded, and so far from being in keeping with the business of the city. Several buildings are being considered with a view of leasing some one of them. It is intimated that in case no suitable building can be obtained on satisfactory terms, that the present building, or at least its main floor will be devoted entirely to postoffice business. The erection of a building by the government is not out of the range of possibilities. In fact, all these phases of the question is under active consideration, and some recommendation will be made in a few days.

It is also said to be in the planning that this city is to have at an early date a free delivery system by carriers. Such a metropolitan addition to postoffice facilities here would prove indeed a welcome change, especially to the business men. With a new government building and a force of letter carriers, everybody will smile, and smile again.

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