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MINOR MENTIONS.

—Sips and slides are more plenty. —To-night Forbes's dramatic company are to give "True Devotion." —The Episcopalian sociable last evening was well attended and proved enjoyable. —The loamen are jumping to gather in as big a harvest as possible, lest it be the only chance. —Mr. Jennings, who was assaulted by Jack Shields, is improving somewhat and is able to sit up. —The Owl club are to give the second party of their series at the Ogden house next Friday evening. —Hess' Acme opera company left yesterday for Des Moines, to tickle the ears of the people there with their music and fun. —The case of Ed Hardin, supposed to be a professional brackman, was called up yesterday afternoon, but adjourned until today. —Rev. W. B. Affleck will have a large audience to hear him lecture at the Methodist church this evening, if a majority of those who talk of going really go. —This season there is but one social club giving a regular series of parties. In past seasons there have been as many as three. The rush of business is one of the causes for social decline. —A camp fire is to be built this evening by the Lincoln Post G. A. R., and the visiting officers of the v. v. association are invited to sit around and get warmed up for a good time. —In the police court yesterday morning five unseasonable drunks were disposed of. The victims were ground through the mill with the usual monotony, it costing each \$6.83 in cash or confinement. The majority lacked the cash. —The board of trade has taken the initial step toward securing a wagon bridge across the river. The plan is yet in its infancy, but infants grow fast when well fed, and this promises to be. Active men have taken hold of it, and will infuse into the scheme their own activity. —One old timer insists on hanging around the police station much to the annoyance of the officers, who have considered the advisability of having a hanging as the only way of getting rid of a harmless but bothersome bore. He says he was for a long time a prisoner at Andersonville, where he doubtless formed the bad habit of staying in and about jails. —The driving park association does not purpose to permit of the city council consolidating these several special funds into the general fund if it can be prevented. The association is especially interested in the special levy for the Missouri river levee, and objects strenuously to that being placed in the general fund and used for other purposes. It is understood that the association has notified the city authorities that an application will be made on the 19th inst. for an injunction to restrain them from using this special fund for any other purpose than those for which the fund was collected.

PERSONAL.

Capt. D. B. Clark is reported as being quite seriously ill. J. M. Campbell and Mr. Griffith, of Sioux City, are in the city on business. O. P. Whittier, of Red Oak, Iowa, was greeting acquaintances here yesterday. J. Mitchell, one of R. S. Cole & Co.'s collectors, has just returned from a successful trip. Col. Teal, of Portland, Ore on, and well known here, is lying in this city very ill. Mrs. J. T. Clark, wife of General Agent Clark of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, is spending a week with friends in Chicago and expects to return to-morrow. W. D. Robinson, of Dunlap; T. B. Draper, of Red Oak, and A. P. Gramer, of Avoca, were among the representatives of Iowa quartered at the Pacific house yesterday. Attorney Ed. C. Russell, of Corning, Iowa, passed through the city yesterday, en route for Dakota, stopping long enough to call at THE BEE office and give a word of cheer. Gov. Grover, foreman of Wayne & Co.'s broom factory, has gone to Nevada, Iowa, to purchase broom corn, and from there will go to his farm on Allen creek, Harrison county. R. I. Scott, of Des Moines; B. Grant and J. R. Boyall, of Boone; H. H. Roulter and W. K. Lusk, of L. gen, and T. G. Cusack, of Ottumwa, were among the Iowans at the Ogden yesterday. A. F. McGarg, proprietor of the Western lithographic company, Des Moines, was in the city yesterday, sending business with the pleasure of meeting friends and relations here.

MIDNIGHT MUSS.

A Slight Scrimmage on Union Avenue in which Knives Cleaved but Failed to Cut. Shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning there was for a few minutes a lively racket among a party of Frenchmen, who had received their pay and had been investing freely in a celebration. A quarrel arose among them and knives were drawn, and a little fencing bout occurred, whilst the blades clashed two or three times. Before first blood could be called Officer Stirling's star twinkled on the crowd and they scattered on the run. He nabbed two of the party, but one broke away. The officer fired a couple of shots after him, which served only to increase his speed, and he escaped. The only one of the party captured was lodged in jail and allowed to go free in the morning on paying a fine for being drunk and disorderly. One resident in that vicinity claims that later than this he heard another altercation

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Such is the Conclusion Concerning Matthias Ryan.

The Facts as Found by the Doctors and the Coroner's Jury.

He Wanders About with a Fractured Skull Until Death Meets Him Here.

Some of the details of the case of Matthias Ryan have already been chronicled in THE BEE. Death has now added another chapter to the record of the crime, and there remains only the detection and punishment of the criminal to finish the narrative. Ryan came to this city on the 5th inst., and took quarters at the Creston house, informing the landlord, Max Mohr, that he intended to stay a week. On the 11th he complained of his head hurting him, and had it wrapped in a wet cloth and went to bed. It was then noticed that he had received in some way a blow upon the head, the wound being apparently nearly healed. That night he hallooed so with pain that doctors were summoned, and the next day he was removed to the hospital of Drs. Lyman and Pinney, who attended him until his death on Sunday. The coroner secured what verbal evidence he could, and a verdict has been rendered that the man came to his death from this blow upon the head. From an examination of the dead man's effects, made yesterday, and from various other sources, have been gathered facts showing that Ryan was a railroad contractor, in partnership with a man named Moran, and that before reaching here he had been at work in and about Audubon, Iowa. He had some property in teams, wagons, etc., and heavy pay rolls in his valise show that he carried on an extensive business. He had financial troubles also, as is evidenced from various notices of suits, and a notice of attachment on one of his teams of mules. All of these papers indicate Audubon county as the resort center of his operations, and that he was handling much money and many men in railroad building.

Other papers and letters show that his home was in Mankato, Minn., and a tiny one of a woman and little boy is doubtless the picture of his family. One letter states that his wife is in need of money. Another states that he is plying about in his business there. Among the strangest features of the case is the fact that a telegram had been sent to his wife, dated January 8th, informing her that he had died in Nebraska, and signed by a Minnesota man, who two days later wrote to Ryan at this point. Such are some of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the case. While here, and while still able to speak intelligently, Ryan said that at some place east of here he was in a place when some one struck him with a mallet, knocking him senseless, and while in this condition one of his men in charge of a team of mules skipped out with them for Nebraska, and he had been hunting for him there, which accounted for his presence in Council Bluffs, he having just returned from that search. A man named B. F. Waterman says he knew Ryan in Waukato, Minn., and that he saw him in Audubon a short time ago in charge of the sheriff of that county, who had taken him up as insane. Two or three days later he was released, seemingly all right. Ryan told Waterman that, while talking with a saloon man there, he was struck with a mallet, which caused the wound on the head. The physicians who attended him and who made a post mortem examination declare that he came to his death by reason of this injury on the head, received some time ago, probably two or three months. The examination showed that the blow fractured the frontal bone about one inch from the median line on the left side, and about one inch below the line of the hair or scalp, the fracture causing an abscess of the brain directly back of it. The forming of this abscess, and the gradual accumulation of pus, kept the poor man in a constant state of pain and bewilderment. The authorities here have taken steps to follow up the traces gathered from broken history of the man as revealed by his own talk and the contents of his valise, and it is expected that ere long the perpetrator of the deed of death will be in the hands of the law. No word has yet been received from his family, and it is uncertain whether there existed an estrangement between him and them, or whether the mysterious telegram informing his wife of his death long before it occurred, has caused them to sink into silence coming from the belief that he had died in Nebraska ten days ago.

MASH FOR HASH.

William Quinlan Arrested for Thus Trying to Settle His Board Bill—Another Boarder in Trouble.

A slight difference of opinion seems to have sprung up between Bradford Smith, the proprietor of the Biggs House, and a young man named William Quinlan, who boarded with him. In settlement, or rather non-settlement of accounts, Smith kept a firm grip on Quinlan's baggage, and the ill-feeling broke out Monday evening in an assault. Smith was sitting in the Phoenix saloon, when Quinlan without word or warning let out a right-hand square in Smith's face. Smith's nose was split, and his face so badly mangled that it seemed as if the striker must have had something more

than a human fist as a weapon. Quinlan was arrested and gave \$100 bail to appear yesterday morning, when the case was put over until this morning, the bonds being increased to \$300, and the accused, not being prepared to furnish that amount, was locked up in jail, the charge lodged against him being assault with intent to do great bodily harm. FURTHER TROUBLE IN COLLECTING. Landlord Smith, who was the sufferer by the above assault, seems determined to wage war upon all whom he deems inclined to wriggle out of paying for the board he has given them. He has caused the arrest of a man named N. Strong, who he claims came to his house in company with several others, for whose credit he vouched. The party remained long enough to run up a \$17 bill, which landlord Smith for. Strong was before Justice Abbott yesterday and gave \$100 bonds to appear on Thursday morning, until which day the case was adjourned.

IOWA ITEMS.

The street railway at Red Oak is about completed. The ice men of Creston are working day and night to harvest the crop. The Sioux City postoffice did a business of more than \$20,000 last year and the business is growing rapidly. Two young and wayward girls of Red Oak secretly left their homes last week to see the world, and reached Creston before their friends found them. They are only fourteen years old and belong to respectable families. The youngsters should be shingled. H. O. Cornick, of Masonville, while under the influence of liquor cut his wife's throat, entirely severing the windpipe, and then attempted to cut his own. At last accounts the woman was still living, but with no chance of recovery. He has long been a terror to his family on account of his dissipated habits. Information has been received from what is regarded as a reliable source that the Central Pacific will not build east to the Missouri river, but only to the Wyoming coal field, and send a branch from there south to the Union Pacific line somewhere near Green River, and take through passengers and freight there. The same informant says the Southern Pacific is making contracts for transportation of California wheat to England and New Orleans at the same rate as was paid for all sea routes. Wheat cars will be fitted up to carry emigrants west, and a fare of \$30 from eastern points to California is promised. A story comes from Oacola, says the Red Oak Express, that for cruelty ranks high in the annals of crime. A man and his wife by the name of Clay, abandoned their children, two small boys, aged respectively three and five years, and left for parts unknown. No provision whatever for the children was made by the parents, and they went without food for some time, until their condition was discovered and made known to the board of supervisors. They were taken in charge by the officials and provided for. The grandfather of the children refused to let them remain under his roof a single night, and they were taken to the poor farm. Subsequently Mrs. Clay returned and said that she was seduced by extreme poverty, to do something honorable or dishonorable to alleviate her sufferings. When Iowa college assembled on the first day of the present term, the president, Rev. George F. Magoun, after remarking on the progress of education and the growing liberality of school regulations, announced the abolition of all the cumbersome rules which have hitherto retarded the college, and the adoption of the Anherst system of government. This does away with all marks, compulsory attendance on church and chapel, and the restrictive regulations on personal conduct. It is the plan which has proved so eminently successful in all respects at Anherst and Harvard, and Iowa is to be congratulated on adopting the first western college to adopt the improvements of the age. Marks for deportment and scholarship, and the distribution of places on the graduating programme by proficiency in studies are relics of the dark ages. They should be relegated to the past.

Light on a Dark Subject.

The following extract taken from the Clarinda Star, may be of interest to many of our readers: Mr. Editor—We hope that we may find grace and favor in your daily to announce the death of a venerable old lady, Sister Charlotte Hall, who departed this life on the morning of January 7. She was a devoted Christian lady, and came to her death at the age of eighty-one years, like a ripe shock of corn, ready for the harvest. She was sick nine weeks and on one day, during which time she was a constant sufferer, and appeared to meet her afflictions with the patience of Job. I wish now to make known two very peculiar incidents that were witnessed by my wife and children. During the third week of her sickness there was a visible appearance of the Holy Ghost between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, shining right over her head about the brightness of the sun. It was visible to all that were in the house. Her son, Mr. Carter Hall, a man whose reputation for truth and veracity cannot be called into question, saw the great Shechinah, as did others also. The venerable Christian mother exclaimed, "Must I shout, and must I sing, for the heaven is ringing with His praises!" In the sixth week of her sickness, there was again a visible appearance, and those that bear witness were three adults and one child. The light entered the house in the form of a star and went and stopped right over her head for several minutes. Sister Hall was once a slave, and was freed by the emancipation proclamation. She embraced religion when quite young and has lived a devoted Christian. I would be glad to write more, but time will not permit. Rev. J. V. BOLIN.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

The Board of Trade Anxious to Have a Wagon Bridge Across the River.

The Standing Committee Named for the New Year and Sundry Other Matters Considered.

The adjourned meeting of the board of trade held last Monday evening was not so largely attended as it should have been, and as the importance of the question discussed demanded. The men who thus met to put time and thought together for the advancement of the prosperity of this city should be heartily supported by the presence and opinions, freely expressed, of others who are equally concerned. The meeting was presided over by the president, L. C. Baldwin, and J. W. Baird served as temporary secretary. The committee on the revision of the constitution and by-laws was granted more time. That on examining the accounts of the secretary and treasurer reported all matters as correct, which report was approved by the board. The following were chosen as the several standing committees for this year: Telegraphs, Railroads and Public Carriers—N. M. Pusey, L. Everett, J. H. Keatley. Streets, Highways and Public Works—J. T. Baldwin, J. W. Rodifer, J. R. Davidson. Immigration and Manufactures—J. W. Baird, J. C. DeHaven, H. Eisenman. Agriculture and Commerce—T. C. Newell, J. T. Hart, George A. Kelme. Advertising and Memorials—J. W. Chapman, E. H. Odell, A. T. Elwell. Statistics—E. H. Odell, M. Key, A. T. Fleekinger.

The question of having a wagon bridge across the river was brought up and talked over, bringing forth many expressions of favor, and showing a sanguine feeling concerning the success of such a project. The convenience and desirability of such a bridge was conceded by all, and there seemed only to be considered how it could best be procured. It was decided to have a committee to confer with the board of trade at Omaha on this matter, said committee consisting of W. F. Sapp, J. T. Hart, T. W. McGarg, M. Key, and A. C. Graham.

The necessity and desirability of a government building here was also a theme of talk, and preliminary steps were taken looking toward the securing of this. Two applications for membership were received and other business transacted of the routine nature, at the close of which adjournment was taken until next Monday evening.

Time for January. Professor Tice makes the following predictions for the remainder of the month of January: 17 and 18, clear or fair and cold; 19th to 23d, cloudy, threatening weather, with rain or snow storms; 23d to 25th, clear or fair; 25th to 29th, cloudy and threatening weather, with heavy storms; 29th to 31st, clear or fair and very cold, if heavy storms have occurred. On the 31st the barometer will fall from the Mississippi west to the Rocky mountains. The comparatively warmer days will be about the 20th, 26th and 30th. The comparatively colder days will be about the 17th, 23d and 29th.

Short Breath. O. Bortle, Manchester, N. Y., was troubled with asthma for eleven years. Had been obliged to sit up sometimes ten or twelve nights in succession. Found immediate relief from THOMAS' ELECTRIC Oint, and is now entirely cured. 9-1w

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