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MINOR MENTIONS

Yesterday was not much of an ice day. Police circles are quiet, free lodgers being the chief source of annoyance. The new engine house is being sheathed and roofed, and the work is progressing rapidly. The outgoing train eastward this afternoon starts out over the Chicago & Northwestern. The Cartland-Murray company give a matinee this afternoon and closing entertainment this evening. Eisman & Co. are refitting their store, putting in a new skylight and making other improvements. Those interested in the special meetings being held at the Broadway Methodist church report a large attendance and deep interest, with several seekers and a good prospect for a revival. At the Broadway Methodist church tomorrow there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. P. T. Breesee. Morning subject—"Jeicho Captured." Evening subject—"The Condition of the Permanently Stiff."

CITY CONCERNS.

The Aldermen Quietly Tuck the Oakland Avenue Matter in a Pigeon Hole.

A Howl Raised by an Ordinance Provided for Vaccinating Every Body.

An Execution Against the Mayor and Aldermen Calls for Their Pocketbooks.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held Thursday evening, at which the mayor presided, and all the members were present except Alderman Keller. Among the matters to be especially considered was the grade of Oakland avenue, which has caused some ill-feeling and a wide difference of opinion. The matter was very quietly disposed of, there being little talk and no discussion. A petition favoring some change in the grade was presented from property owners there. It was received and placed on file, and a committee, consisting of Aldermen Fonda, Rain and Spetman, appointed to report hereafter upon it. Alderman Phillips reported that the council as a committee of the whole had visited this avenue and had reached a unanimous conclusion, which was embodied in an ordinance which he presented, said ordinance repealing the one recently passed, and virtually leaving the grade as of old. This ordinance was referred to the same committee. From private remarks made by the aldermen it is understood that the intention is to leave the matter resting quietly as possible until after the coming election, when the responsibility of settling it will be upon the new council.

The question of sending two delegates to Washington to look after the interests of Council Bluffs in securing an appropriation for a government building, was disposed of by selecting as those delegates J. W. Chapman and Robert Percival, and \$200 was appropriated toward defraying their expenses.

The mayor called attention to the fact that once before two delegates were appointed to go from here and money appropriated. The delegates did not go, and one of them returned the money and the other amount had failed to get back into the treasury. The mayor wanted the matter investigated, and a committee consisting of Aldermen Fonda, Phillips and Spetman were appointed to look into the affair.

Although no names were mentioned it is understood that B. F. Montgomery was the person referred to, as Col. Sapp, the other delegate, put back his part of the money at once. It is understood that Mr. Montgomery offset his amount by a bill for counsel fees in cases in which he served the city.

It was decided to have the stumps removed on Vaughan avenue; also to continue work on Union avenue. On motion of Alderman Phillips it was decided to take the teams from Union avenue and use them in filling up Main street, after which the teams shall go back to work on Union avenue. The price per load for dirt on Main street was fixed at 22 cents, 3 cents less than on Union avenue.

The plan of the new engine house was so changed as to have the stairway on the outside at an extra expense of \$112.

James Matheson was allowed \$12 per month extra pay for lighting the gasoline lamps until the old council shall dim its own light, and the new council could then make a new contract.

Alderman Churchill stated that most of the business men on Fifth street were desirous of having the name of that street changed back to its old name of Main street. An ordinance to that effect was therefore passed, so that now it is legally christened Main street.

A committee consisting of Dawson, Aldermen Unthank and Fonda was appointed to take charge of Indian creek and do such work there as from time to time shall seem necessary to prevent trouble from overflows.

Fluming was ordered put on Willow avenue, between Bluff and Fourth streets, to keep the water from washing out the roadway.

Alderman Churchill introduced an ordinance providing for the creation of a new ward, to be known as the Fifth ward, and to embrace that portion of the Second and Fourth ward lying west of Eleventh street. It was given a first reading, and a suspension of the rules being refused by Aldermen Dawson, Fonda and Rain voting against it, the ordinance stood over under the rules.

The mayor stated that he had been informed that the old fence around the park had been wrongfully appropriated for private purposes by some of the citizens and wanted the matter hunted up.

Mayor Vaughan also called the personal attention of the aldermen to the fact that an execution had been issued against them for costs in the recent election contest about counting the vote. It would take about \$5 each to settle the matter.

Alderman Churchill moved that each alderman pull his weasel-skin and pay up. No second.

prevention of the spread of the small-pox. It provided that all citizens should be vaccinated and every one coming to this city to stay more than five days should be vaccinated; also providing for a pest house and quarantine; also providing for the vaccination of all children and preventing their attendance upon school or church privileges unless so vaccinated; also providing for the vaccination of all indigent people at the city's expense. The penalty for violating the ordinance was a fine not exceeding \$10.

Such an ordinance naturally called for a protest. Alderman Fonda gave due notice that he would never allow a member of his family to be taken to a pest house under any circumstances. [Applause from the lobby.] Alderman Phillips objected to the provision for vaccinating strangers visiting the city. As for himself, he would rather pay \$10 than to be vaccinated.

The mayor thought the ordinance very ably drawn, but thought there were 10,000 people here who could not afford to be vaccinated. To purchase their arms would cost the city \$5,000. Alderman Fonda noticed no provision for exempting those who have been vaccinated in this city. He had been vaccinated three times this year. The Union Pacific ordered all its men vaccinated. Then all were re-vaccinated on whom it did not work. He seemed to think this was overdoing a good thing.

As a result of this and like talk the ordinance was referred to the committee on health. The mayor called attention to the proclamation he had issued calling for an election. He called particular attention to the fact of its being called as a special election and the polls closing at 4 o'clock. He desired the aldermen and city attorney to satisfy themselves that this was correct, or notify him to the contrary, as he wanted them to bear the responsibility of any illegality that might have crept in, though he thought none existed.

A TENDER TRAMP. A Six Year Old Wanderer Who Ought to be Cared for.

A little youngster giving his name as Willie Lewis, has attracted some attention in this city, and evidently needs still further attention. He claims that he is six years old, and his size seems to corroborate this statement, but his head is much older, almost one and twenty. He is a mere mite of a fellow but is astoundingly well posted as to the ways of the world. He appeared here about three weeks ago, and attracted the attention of the police, he having apparently no friends or means of support. He said he was hunting for a family here, the children of which he desired to visit. Chief Fields kept him at his own house over night, and in the morning guided him to the family which he was seeking. He remained here about a week and then disappeared. About that time inquiries concerning him came from Omaha where it seems he has a father or mother, or both. Since then a telegram was sent here from Schuyler, Nebraska, stating that a boy of that name and description was in the hands of the officers there as a homeless wanderer, who claimed this city as the home of his parents. Word was sent to Omaha for his friends there to look after him, but nothing more was heard of the matter.

Thursday night the little fellow turned up here again and was nonchalantly smoking a cigar, which in comparison with his diminutive size looked like a policeman's billy in his mouth. He had much to say of his journeyings to and fro. He had traveled over a large part of Nebraska, and was seeing all of the world that he could. His tender age and small size were sufficient passports to the hearts of the housewives, landlords and railway men, and he had not needed for food the crumbs of their journeys. He claimed to be an orphan and spent a great many yarns in which fiction was evidently the biggest part.

He spent the night at the police station and word was again sent to Omaha for his friends, if he had any, to take him in charge, but no reply being received the little fellow stalked forth again yesterday morning, getting up at peep of day to continue his journeyings. The little fellow is evidently ripening too fast, and ought to be placed under the control of some one before he becomes confirmed in the habits which are fast fastening themselves upon him.

PERSONAL. Lon Mahon, one of the merchants of Wellington, Kas., was in the city yesterday.

Attorney John P. Organ, of Neola, has been in the city for a day or two on legal business, and the guest of Attorney J. J. Stewart. He left for his home last evening.

Rev. Mr. Harsha, of Omaha, has been affording excellent help in the union meetings held at the Baptist church here this week. He has given several able sermons and earnest exhortations.

Courting Under Difficulties, Keokuk Gate City. "The course of true love never runs smooth," and this was exemplified lately by the experience of an aged awain who resides at Vinona, and "sparks" a buxom lassie in Missouri. Last Saturday the aged lover crossed the Des Moines river in a skiff, "ast up" with his innamorata as usual, but when he returned to the river to cross over into his native state, he found it covered with ice that was too thick to permit of the passage of a boat, and too thin to walk on. There was but one course to pursue, and the victim pursued it. He walked to Wayland, Mo., took the train there to Keokuk, and from Keokuk returned to Vinona last night, a waddler if not a wiser man.

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

The Cartland-Murray Combination Have a Successful Week.

This evening the Cartland-Murray company closes its week's engagement here. During this week the company has added to the popularity gained during its first visit to this city, and has so gained upon public favor that a welcome will be gladly given to any future return. Miss Grace Cartland has shown herself to be an artiste of versatile ability, and in some lines of work remarkably strong. She gives promise of still greater conquests in this art, and if she continues to develop her powers, will command a very high rank. Mr. John Murray, her leading support, is an artist of no mean ability, and he is of great strength to the company. In Rip Van Winkle he showed especial talent and won much praise. Mr. H. W. Mitchell is also a strong member of the company, and the others are so well chosen that they bala ce well and afford a good support. The company opened here Monday evening last with "Poor Nance." Tuesday evening they gave "The Avalanche," Wednesday evening "Rip Van Winkle," Thursday evening, "Camille," and last evening, "Romeo and Juliet" was given, which will be also given at this afternoon's matinee. To-night "Pamelson and Gaiety" is to be given. The St. Joseph Herald says that "Miss Cartland as Galatea, an animated statue in the 'Worthy World,' is the equal of Mary Anderson in her happiest times." This praise may be overdrawn, but there is little doubt that she is certainly fine in this.

A Terrific Villain. The Walnut News rises to a dizzy attitude of dignity and moral disgust, and unearths its vials of wrath in the following style: "Rev. D. C. Wertz, a lecherous old leper who used to desecrate the house of God in Walnut, has lately come to grief by the exposure of his naked villainy. He was, until lately, the moral shepherd of a little flock in Union township, Lucas county, and once a week he raised his impious voice to heaven in prayer, but it is probable that there was no one in or else the devil answered him. For a long time this moral shepherd has been accused of being partial to the ewe members of his flock, and finally some one preferred charges against him and he was tried, convicted, and turned out of the church. He showed others the rough and thorny road to heaven, whilst like a puffed and bloated libertine, himself the primrose path of dalliance tread, and reeked in his own road. It is stated that he has left the country, but the curly-headed old villain will turn up inside of a year. The old man was 'bad medicine.' Beware of anyone who is 'bad medicine.'"

IOWA ITEMS. Creston is promised marble works. Decorah has a Norwegian newspaper with a circulation of 6,000. Benton county is to have a new jail to be located at Vinton, at a cost of \$10,000.

Boone is rejoicing over the report that the Northwestern will enlarge its shops at that point. Red Oak boasts of its ability to supply several frontier towns with an assorted stock of wickedness and still have enough left for home consumption.

The Iowa State Poultry show which was held at Ottumwa last week was pronounced to be the most satisfactory exhibition of the kind ever held west of the Mississippi.

The Marion county agricultural society at a recent meeting appropriated \$100 to be given as premiums at the next fair to scholars in the public schools for work done during the year.

A thirsty and sleepy Algona man got out of bed one night recently and got to the cupboard stiffened up a cupful of starch and water which his wife had prepared for a different use.

The citizens of Boone are making arrangements to give the poultry tansers a banquet and ball during the fair at that city, and Thursday, February 16, has been fixed upon for this event.

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