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COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTIONS

The Turn Verein have their masquerade this evening. Pat Quinn, for being on another of his noisy drunks, is safe under lock and key. The literary society, known as the Round Table, expects to resume its meetings soon. In the circuit court yesterday the case of Brandt vs. Plumer occupied the time and attention. There is about \$500 due on saloon licenses, and the delinquents are to be punished up with a long stick. Annie Henry, for slapping another girl's face, was called on to shatter a \$10 bill before Squire Burke yesterday. A noisy fellow, giving his name as Wheeler, gave such loud talk on the street as to necessitate his hiring a hall of Chief Field.

The young people of the Congregational church are to have a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nicholas, this evening. A young man named E. Points is now lodged in the bars on the charge of trying to squeeze out of a board bill due at the Burlington house. Webb's New Orleans minstrels is the title of the company organized here, which is to open at Dohany's next week, giving entertainments Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The remail of young Widner, brother-in-law of T. H. Stewart, have been taken to Clarinda for interment. The deceased was ill only a few days, an acute throat trouble being the cause of death. The case of young Haggan, charged with burglarizing the Coy house, was called before Justice Trainey yesterday morning and continued for one week, some of the witnesses for the state not being on hand.

The great two-ring show, known as Smith's double Uncle Tom's Cabin company promise a instance and an evening's entertainment next Saturday, and the public promises to crowd the hall to overflowing. It is one of the best drawing and most popular shows on the road. A man hailing from Pueblo, and who claims to have successfully avoided the wiles even of Leadville, got nipped for \$35 Tuesday night at the transfer depot, by a stranger who wanted to borrow that amount for a few minutes to satisfy the demand of an alleged expressman. The old story with a new victim.

Mr. Tuer, who moved into this city from Minden about a year ago, died suddenly yesterday morning. He had been ill for less than three days, and was considered much easier the night previous to his death, but in the morning passed away almost without warning. He had been hauling ice, and it is thought exposed himself causing congestion. More Herdies have arrived and it is announced that the mayor will set them to running as soon as the streets are in condition. Other vehicles are able to make trips around the city now, and if there is any time when public carriers are needed it is when the walking is bad. Perhaps he is waiting until some more of the tickets bought long ago by the people are used up by the babies, to whom they have been given to play with.

Constable John Fox and ex-Deputy Sheriff J. J. White now stand charged with malicious mischief. The latter got a writ of replevin for certain property in the possession of Nat. Long, living in the country, and the two went there and took the property. Long claims they broke down the table door, and had had them arrested, the warrant being issued by Justice Frainey. White took a change to Justice Bird, and the affair is still waiting adjustment.

Yesterday forenoon a young man named Brown was quite seriously injured by a runaway. He was employed hauling dirt on Union avenue, when his team broke into a run. The wagon collided with a telegraph pole and threw him out. One wheel passed over his head, and when he was picked up it was thought he was in a dying condition. Dr. Mason was called and found that the man was not so badly injured as he appeared, though his wounds were serious. The wound was a severe cut of the scalp, extending over the head almost from ear to ear, and allowing the scalp to hang down over his face, but no fracture was discovered. One hand was also badly injured. The team succeeded in dashing up against Mr. Niles' barn, demolishing one corner of the building.

A meeting of colored voters was held Tuesday night at McMackin's hall, at which about seventy-five voters were present. Charles Curtis was elected chairman, Charles B. Jones secretary, Allen Forbes treasurer. A club was organized on behalf of officers to be known as the Colored Independent Political club. The object of the meeting was to make preparation for the coming election. Charles Curtis made an eloquent speech, claiming that the colored voters had been ignored for the last six years by the political parties in this city, and that they had never received any favors, except the appointment of two colored policemen. He present pledged themselves to support no party unless friendly to the colored people, and willing to recognize the two hundred colored voters as entitled to some favors.

J. W. Roddefar, has opened a new coal mine and owing to the superior quality of the coal, he has named it Iowa Wyoming, and it will be known by that name in the market hereafter. No. 26 Pearl street. Feb 7-4f

HEPBURNE'S HOPE

Cheerful Tidings Concerning the Prospects for a New Government Building.

The Facts Concerning Like Attempts and Like Progress in the Past and the Needs of Prospects.

The receipt of the following telegram from Congressman Hepburn gladdens and revives the hopes of those who have so long been striving to get a government building in Council Bluffs:

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 7, 1882.—PHIL. ARMOUR: The Council Bluffs court house and postoffice bill has been favorably reported by the committee on public buildings.

W. P. HEPBURN. That the bill has reached such a stage is cheerful tidings, indeed, to the citizens here, all of whom are so interested in the success of the measure, and Congressman Hepburn is justly entitled to praise for what he has accomplished, and hearty support in the furtherance of the measure to a successful passage.

The Nonpareil in seeking to give him credit, however, shows its school-boyish spite against those who have in the past won equal credit, and as usual, wantonly butchers the truth to satisfy this spite. While THE BEE would add to, rather than take from, any praise given to Congressman Hepburn in this matter, it deems the public as entitled to the real facts, and in view of these facts it becomes apparent how far the Nonpareil will go to satisfy its personal spleen, and how ready it is to deceive its readers.

At least twice before a similar bill has reached just the position which the present one is, a fact well known to the Nonpareil, notwithstanding its assertion that previous attempts "have failed in every particular." In the Forty-fifth congress, Col. Sapp, then the representative, introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a government building here. This bill was unanimously reported favorably upon by the committee on public buildings, thus reaching the exact position of the present bill. It was further placed on the calendar of the committee of the whole. Judge Humphreys, of Wisconsin, and others joined in the attempt to get a suspension of the rules for a consideration of this bill and others, but the attempt failed to secure the two-thirds vote necessary, and had to await its turn in the regular order. The bill was not reached before adjournment, and went the way of all such bills.

In the Forty-sixth congress a like bill was again introduced by Congressman Sapp, who was so rigid that it was the first bill introduced for a government building, and it was hoped by thus being early it might be crowded in successful passage. The committee to whom it was referred desired certain facts, on which it wished a report from the mayor of this city, and stated that if the facts reached there the bill would be reported on favorably at once. Mr. Sapp called on Col. Cochran, the mayor, for this report and was promised it, but no report was made, came home from Washington in person to get it. He got J. W. Bond, esq., to hunt up the facts, and N. W. Pusey, esq., made out the report, and it was signed by Judge Jones, after he became mayor. The report was sent to Washington, and in less than a week after receiving it the committee reported unanimously in favor of appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a government building here. Col. Sapp moved a suspension of the rules to take up that bill out of its order on the calendar, but failed to secure the two-thirds vote necessary. The bill had to bide its time, and not being reached in regular order on the calendar, was killed by adjournment.

Thus, it will be seen, that twice before a like bill has reached this cheerful point of a favorable report from the committee, just as Congressman Hepburn's has now. The present outlook is, however, more favorable. On both of the previous occasions the democrats had control of congress and had a majority of the committee, making it more uphill work for republican members to get their will and wish. Now the latter are in the ascendancy.

A further fact is worthy of consideration. At the times of the previous attempts to pass such a bill there was no United States court held here except the district court. During the Forty-sixth congress Congressman Sapp introduced a bill providing for holding the United States circuit court at times and places where the district courts were held, there being Dubuque, Keokuk and Council Bluffs. This became a law, and now gives an additional claim for having a government building here, and is a point in favor of such a building which did not exist before.

Previous attempts had been made to secure the passage of such a bill providing for United States circuit courts, but had failed. During the Forty-fourth congress Judge McCrary introduced one, but failed to get it through. Judge Sampson, of the Sixth district, of Iowa, made a similar attempt, which failed in the Forty-fifth congress, and in the Forty-sixth congress the bill introduced by Col. Sapp passed. All about that it is not only an important law, but it is a strong point now in favor of the present appropriation bill.

In view of which has been done, it does seem despicable for The Nonpareil, knowing the facts, to go out of way, while justly praising the present representative, to slyly slap his predecessor.

There is one strong reason why the citizens of Council Bluffs should increase their activity and rally so far as practicable to the support of Congressman Hepburn's bill. A bill has been introduced by Governor Carpenter, providing for a division of the state into two judicial districts. This bill has been also reported favorably upon by the judiciary committee. It provides for United States district and

circuit courts for the southern district to be held at Davenport, Keokuk, Des Moines and Council Bluffs, and for the northern district at Sioux City, Fort Dodge, and Dubuque. It will be seen by this that if this bill passes congress, courts will thereafter be held at three new places, Davenport, Sioux City and Fort Dodge, and there will be five places for holding court where there will have to be government buildings provided, instead of two—Council Bluffs and Keokuk—as now. It behoves the citizens of Council Bluffs, therefore, to give to Congressman Hepburn all the aid they can to get his bill through before the Carpenter bill becomes a law, for if the latter passes first it is doubtful, in fact almost impossible, that the needed appropriation could be secured, for there would be five cities with a like claim, and the number of government buildings asked for would outnumber those of any state in the union. It is to be hoped, therefore, that Congressman Hepburn will be cheered on and help given him, if needed, to secure the passage of his bill.

A HISTORIC BUILDING

It is the Scene of a Happy Surprise Party, Reviving Recollections of the Past.

A number of the friends of the family of John Templeton gave them a pleasant surprise on Tuesday evening by gathering en masse and taking possession of his home in the Phoenix block on Upper Broadway. Cards, music and dancing, were among the happy features of the evening, and the enjoyment kept up all about midnight when a bountiful supper was served, after which dancing was resumed until all were content to retire.

The building where the party was held is full of historic interest. In 1856 the rooms were used as the United States land office, while the store room below, now occupied by G. T. Smith, was then used by Babbit & Robinson, and the third story was a hall, where more than a quarter of a century ago, the parents and grandparents of those who there danced the other evening, were wont to step to the music of Field's band, just the same as their descendants on this occasion moved to the measures of the same violin still in Chief Field's hands.

Later the upper story was transformed into a theatre, and it was here that the legitimate drama was first produced in this city. The second floor became the council chamber. Until later the upper story was changed into a printing office, and it was here that the daily Bugle was born during the throes of the rebellion. Since that time it has become the property of Mr. G. T. Smith, who, by a singular coincidence, was one of the original company who opened the theatrical season with the "Forest Rose," during the memorable winter of '56.

FURTHER FACTS.

Showing Why the Best End of the County Should be Satisfied.

Some New Light Upon the Problem of Division.

The proposed division of this county into two judicial districts by establishing terms of court at Avoca has little in fact or reason to give it strength. It is understood that this measure is but another phase of the old question of dividing the county, and forming a new county out of the eastern portion, and in this view the entering wedge for such a split is more than of passing importance. It has already been shown that only one-tenth of all the court business comes from the eastern portion of the county and that these cases are small ones and not generally litigated. It has also been shown that the carting of records backward and forward would be impracticable and annoying. It is also evident that the extra expense would be great, and, further, that there is no time for holding such a court as is proposed. In fact, all the facts thus far gathered point to but one conclusion, that the move is impracticable and ill-advised.

It is doubtless convenient for some to come from the eastern portion of the county to this city, but it would be equally inconvenient for those from here who would be called upon to attend court at Avoca, and those in the eastern portion could not avoid making trips here, even if the court was established as desired, for the bill introduced does not effect the question of our county seat, and all the county records and officials would center here then as now.

For the satisfaction of those in the eastern portion of the county who feel that they are inconvenienced, facts have been gathered showing some of the advantages which they have derived from being in the same county with the eastern portion and with this city. In the matter of bridge building, an important factor in the improvement of this county, there was expended in 1881 by this county \$15,246, and of this amount two-thirds \$10,027—was expended in the eastern portion. The largest part of this money, too, came from the western part of the county. The total valuation of property in this county in 1881 was \$9,482,602, and that of property in the eastern portion only \$3,086,755, hardly any more than the valuation of Council Bluffs alone, which was \$2,929,200 for the same year. In other words this city alone paid as much to the bridge fund as the whole of the eastern portion of the county, and the eastern portion received two-thirds of the money thus raised.

The bridge tax for 1880, for the

county, amounted to \$8,594. Of this amount the east end of the county paid \$2,027, very nearly as much as the entire eastern portion. The same ratio of figures is shown by the bridge tax for 1881. The east end of the county was taxed \$6,173 and Council Bluffs alone \$5,858. The total bridge tax of the county was \$18,965, so that while paying less than one-third of the bridge tax, the east end has received two-thirds of the fund.

Such are but samples of the benefits derived by the east end by its present relationship. In view of these and other figures of a like nature, it seems that the benefits of what inconvenience may arise to a few lawyers and witnesses, by not having a court established right under their eaves.

BENEATH THE BED

There is Where a Would-Be Thief Hides Himself and is Captured.

At the Creston house on Tuesday evening a singular attempt was made to rob the landlord, Max Mohr. About 8 o'clock in the evening he accompanied his wife and child to their room, and after seeing them snugly in bed, turned the gas down a little, and on going out locked the door and took the key with him. Mrs. Mohr heard a mysterious noise under the bed, and thought it must be a dog who had got into the room, but as the rustling kept up, and the cause of her alarm crawled out from under the bed along the floor, she became satisfied that it was a man. She succeeded in partly opening another door against which a bed stood, and screamed loudly. This summoned several from the office below including her husband, who entering the room captured the fellow, and took him down stairs, where he was detained until Officer Brooks arrived, who took him to the station.

The fellow who was captured was at once recognized as a young man named James T. Stockdale, who has been boarding at the house for about two months. He was armed with a revolver and on being searched was found to have a key to Mr. Mohr's room. He admitted that he had gone to the room to "make a raise," and said he had crawled under the bed about 7 o'clock in the evening and had been there about an hour, when Mrs. Mohr and her children went to bed, and that he got so chilly that he had to crawl out.

About six weeks ago Mr. Mohr's room was burglarized one night and \$70 in cash and a watch were taken. He naturally suspects young Stockdale of being the one who committed that crime, but the latter denies that in full, and also denies that he had any accomplices. He is a young man aged about 23 years, and his home is in Muscatine, Iowa. His family are said to be very respectable and worthy people, and the news of the son's disgrace will be a sad blow to them.

IOWA ITEMS.

Audubon county has eighty-three schools in session. Last month thirty-six arrests were made by the Clinton police. A prohibition constitutional club has been organized at Hastings. Improved farms are selling in Montgomery county for \$25 and \$30 per acre.

The annual report of the society for the increase of the ministry records the receipt of \$5,000 principal and \$41,250 interest from Iowa during the past fiscal year, 1880-82, and reports no students from Iowa.

The late Hon. W. E. Webster, representative from Page county, was a member in good standing in the Odd Fellows, Free Masons and United Workmen, in which orders he held life insurance to the amount of \$9,500. The final settlement of the estate of the late Clarissa C. Cook, of Davenport, will result in leaving about \$75,000 to the trustees of funds and donations for aged and indigent clergymen and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the Episcopal diocese of Iowa.

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