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MINOR MENTIONS

The river is free and no ice floating. There were three Sunday lodgers in the house. The new engine house is progressing finely and work is being pushed right along. Webb's New Orleans minstrels open to-night. Iowa Wyoming coal handled only by J. W. Roderer, No. 26 Pearl St. Justice Baird has tied the knot, binding Andrew Anderson and Miss Mathilda J. Smith for life. Builders say that in their line this city was never so lively and never so full of the promise of better things as now. The lithographic heads of Anna Dickinson are now displayed in the show windows as an honoring her appearance here on the 20th inst. The pastors of the several churches of the city meet every Monday to talk over the times talked about the day before, and various features of the church work. There have been three confidence tricks turned here within a week, but no arrests have been made. Two of them occurred at the transfer, and the one yesterday in the heart of the city. Frank R. Levin, the cigar-maker and well known freeman, has fitted up a new and very neat place four doors west of his old stand on Broadway, making quite an improvement in the size and appearance of his establishment. Landlady Wheeler, of the Revere house, had about all she could do to entertain school people over Sunday, he having about twenty-five of Uncle Tom's Cabin company, and about an equal number of Wel's Minstrels. A number of the young bloods made night hideouts by throwing empty oyster cans about Broadway, leading and whooping, and a big all sorts of language. The gang was pounced down upon by the police, and one or two were cooled off in the cooler. The jury in the Mayes-Turley case in the circuit court, yesterday rendered a verdict in favor of defendant. The case of Cross vs. Gray was taken up yesterday it being an attempt to collect for certain services rendered as a physician. Mayne & Co. have added machinery to their broom factory, for sawing out blocks for hand and lathes for turning the same. The new machinery started up yesterday, and the factory turns out its own handle, a decided addition to the enterprise. Dr. Harchett missed his horse Sunday and had quite a hunt for it. He was called upon to visit a patient before daylight, and leaving his horse hitched went on foot to see some patients near by. On returning his steed was gone. It seems that a policeman had his attention called to the horse by parties who thought it had been hitched there all night, and took him to a livery stable for safe keeping. A traveling man for an eastern house was yesterday taken in tow for being too drunk on a boat and carrying concealed weapons. He was booked at the station under the name of Smith, and after settling \$18 worth of fines, strolled off again, and when last seen was being successfully steered about by a young colored blood. Colonel Keatley is still pounding away at the police. The facts have been stated and stated again, and he has had look enough, but the public are getting wearied of repetition and desire something fresh. The colonel seems to weaken, however, on his charge that the police are assessing prostitutes and collecting under the threat of pulling the houses. He said he could prove this charge, but since the denial of Chief Field's lips no word more about the matter. The public will be much more interested in the result of a thorough investigation than in the mere accusations and denials. Complaints are made about the way in which sidewalks are being occupied in various places by merchandise, building material, etc., and in cases where such occupancy is no needed accommodation to the owner of the goods, and a great inconvenience to the public. One second-hand store keeps a lot of old iron and rubbish on the walk when it might as well be in the basement. Another store keeps barrels standing day after day on the walk. In several cases of building, bricks are piled up taking about half the walk, and proving stumbling blocks and causes of profanity to wanderers on a dark night, when the whole might be easily avoided.

TOO CONFIDING.

A Big Grove Young Man Pays Well for a Lesson in Life.

Yesterday a husky young man from Big Grove was seeing the city. He struck the acquaintance of another young man who went the rounds with him, treating and being treated, until in the course of their wanderings they reached a saloon just north of Do-han's opera house. In the course of talk there the city young man suddenly found himself short of change and borrowed \$14 of the Big Grove representative, putting up as security a check for \$300, which he proposed to get cashed as soon as they could walk down to the bank together. Before starting for the bank the city young man stopped out of the rear door into the alleyway for a minute. The minute proved one of the longest minutes in the Big Grove man's experience. It hasn't come to an end yet. The loser by the old game says it is a new one to him, and that he had never read anything about any such doings. It was quite a time before the young man could be made to realize that the money was gone forever and that the check was worthless.

AGAINST AVOCA.

A Further Move to Prevent the Latter's Proposed Division of the County.

A meeting of the Bar association was held yesterday morning at the court house to take further action concerning the proposed holding of terms of court at Avoca, thus dividing the county into an eastern and western judicial district. The committee appointed at the last meeting reported the facts which they had gathered, showing why no such court should be established at Avoca. These facts have been already presented in THE BEA, they being mainly in regard to relative taxation and to the amount of court business done by the eastern and western portions of the county. The showing is that not one-tenth of all the cases arise in the eastern portion, and that most of these are unimportant. In fact there is not enough business which would naturally fall to the court of Avoca, to warrant the extra expense and the trouble. In regard to taxation it is shown that the eastern portion of the county receives far more than it pays, and it is an advantage to be linked to the western portion. The judiciary committee of the legislature, to whom is referred a memorial requesting the establishment of these terms, and the division of the county into judicial districts, is to meet this afternoon in Des Moines to consider the matter and hear all sides of the question. In order that the facts might be shown as viewed by those in the western part of the county, and as gathered from the records might be properly presented to the judiciary committee, a number of delegates were chosen this morning to go to Des Moines to attend the meeting this afternoon. Those thus chosen were Judge James, N. M. Pusey, John Baldwin, C. R. Scott, Marshall Key, F. B. Hart, Jacob Sims, D. B. Dailey, George Garson and Joseph Lyman. The committee have a statement of the judges that there is no time to be given to such terms of court as are proposed, as there is more business now than can be properly attended to. It is probable that such an array of facts and figures when clearly presented will cause the memorial to die a natural death, and that no more action will be needed.

DOOMED TO DEATH.

Such Seems to be the Fate of One Family.

Last fall a family named Cornet was living happily in Leadville, when by a sudden accident in a mine the husband and father was killed, leaving a wife and two interesting and rather prepossessing little girls, one about thirteen years old and the other much younger. A few days later a sudden illness laid low the mother, and she, too, passed away, leaving the girls orphans. Mrs. Livingston, a sister of their mother, took the little girls in charge and came with them to this city, and renting a modest house on Main street proceeded to earn such a livelihood as she could for herself and them by fortune telling. A short time ago she sent the girls to a private school at Plattsmouth, where they could be looked after by an uncle living there. Last week she received a telegram stating that Myrtle, the elder girl, was very ill with diphtheria. She hastened to her bedside, arriving but a few hours before death came. Now there remains but the younger girl of the entire family, who within a few months has been robbed of father, mother and sister.

PERSONAL.

L. Winston, of Springfield, Ill., was in the city yesterday. W. S. Shoemaker, of Colorado, is making a flying trip to his home here. Mr. Alexander, one of the liveliest traveling salesmen running out of Chicago, is in the city on his return trip from Cheyenne. A. Overton left yesterday for Washington, to look after a claim he has against the government for a boat destroyed during the war.

IOWA ITEMS.

Oreston wants a board of trade. Sioux City has harvested 20,000 tons of ice. There are 196 children at the asylum at Glenwood. The coal fields of Iowa cover an area of 18,000 square miles. There is a probability of introducing Herdic coaches in Burlington. Ottumwa women find the small-pox scare there very convenient in getting rid of tramps. The ice in the river at Sioux City was strong enough to sustain loaded wagons last Saturday. Scarlet fever prevails at Cedar Rapids and Cole college has been closed in consequence thereof. A vein of coal seven feet two inches inches in thickness, at a depth of 139 feet, has been struck near Okaloosa. The expenses of Keokuk county last year were \$31,639, of which sum \$9,908 was expended for bridges. Mr. John V. Farwell, of Chicago, will address the young men's mass meeting at Burlington Sunday afternoon. A Dubuque company owning 6,000 acres of land near Spirit Lake, will put in 4,000 acres of that this coming spring. Keokuk county paid \$31,629.27 for all its county expense last year, and of this \$9,908.05 was for the luxury of bridges. Dubuque and Burlington school boards have been served with papers in a suit for infringement of patent on folding seats used in the schools. Last Thursday morning, a Mr. J. Kronig, a dairyman, living a short distance outside of the city limits of Des

Moines, was making his rounds, he was suddenly stricken by a stroke of apoplexy and died in a few minutes thereafter.

A young lady in Council Bluffs who had been vaccinated on one of her lower limbs, circulated the report that she had recently become possessed of a "legacy," and her beaux became so numerous that she was compelled to tell them the joke.

Iowa has 227 coal mines in operation, which produced during the census year 1,461,116 tons of coal, valued at \$2,507,453, while 5,024 men were employed in said mines, whose wages aggregated \$1,555,697. The report of the railroad commission shows that during 1881, 108 persons were killed and 194 injured upon Iowa railroads. Of these two passengers and twelve employees were killed from causes beyond their control, and five passengers and fifteen employees from their own misconduct or want of caution. One passenger and four employees were killed at station or highway crossings, five passengers and eighteen employees stealing rides, and twenty-eight passengers and twelve employees trespassing on track. The commissioners recommend an enactment to prevent people from exposing themselves uselessly to dangers from walking on tracks.

The Railroad Lands.

Some eighty-five thousand acres of the land originally granted to the St. Paul & Sioux City railroad company to aid in constructing a road from Sioux City to the north line of the state, has elapsed to the state because of the failure of the company to build the road within the specified time. The State Register is in favor of the granting and using the same lands as originally designed, to secure for the people of the north-western portion of the state necessary railroad facilities. In the language of the Register, "And if they can be used to gain for them the introduction of a new system of railway into that part of the state they should certainly have the chance. So says The Reporter, especially the new system. We think it about time to use the public property or domain for public purposes, and cease to make large land grants to private corporations to construct railroads for private profit. The land grant referred to will go far toward constructing and equipping the proposed road. Would it not be a wise thing to do, for the people to take those lands and build a road for themselves, for the public, and receive the full benefit, as they should in every time of a public nature, instead of giving away the public domain, or subsidizing of any character to corporation for private profit. Let the people or the government take control of railway transportation of this country. Public interest demand that the "New System" be adopted.

THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

A Letter Written From the Field Five Days After the Great Fight. A gentleman near Guthrie, Ky., sends the following original of which is in his possession. It is addressed to "Maj. Abram Maury, near Franklin Town, Tenn., and reads as follows: "CAMP FOUR MILES BELOW ORLEANS, Jan. 13, 1815.—DEAR SIR: Since the affair of the 8th inst. our army and that of the enemy have occupied their former positions. Their loss on that day was terrible, greatly exceeding what we had at first supposed it to be. From the most correct estimates which we have since been able to form, it exceeds 2,500. I know the world will be incredulous when they hear the story that, with a force inferior in number, in discipline and in all the preparations for war, we should have remained for twenty days on open plain, within cannon shot of such an enemy, and in one engagement have repulsed the most terrible host which our part and so many a one on our side. I agree it is a case without any parallel in history, but be assured it is nevertheless true. It has thrown the enemy into perplexity from which I believe they would be glad to extricate themselves, but know not how. Whether they are at present awaiting the arrival of re-enforcements, or preparing to return to their shipping and abandon an expedition so unfortunate in its beginning, I know not. This, however, is certain: A part of the fleet, among which are one bomb and one rocket-vessel, was, three days ago, just below our Fort of St. Phillips, seventy-five miles below this, manifested a disposition to pass. All day yesterday we heard a tremendous firing from that quarter, and in a few hours expect to receive certain and important intelligence from there, intelligence upon which the fate of the expedition must greatly depend. The enemy before us however, are busily engaged in strengthening their batteries, and still exhibits a very formidable force. We have made them however, abandon several of their batteries and spike many of the cannon. Does not this point to a retreat? If the enemy shall return to their shipping, we are bound to attempt a further attempt I am bold to say this army will have accomplished more than any other army ever did in the same time under the same circumstances. It is true that their commander-in-chief, Sir Ed. Paclingham, was killed in the action of the 8th, and Maj.-Gen. Keon and Gibbs badly wounded. Gen. Lambert, a junior officer, is the person with whom Gen. Jackson has corresponded. Admiral Cochrane, who is on shore and a mile or two back, is much more complaisant than he was when in the Chesapeake; he seems disposed to agree to fair terms as to the exchange of prisoners, and in truth neither the land nor the naval forces have as yet been guilty of any excesses here. All the prisoners, by their looks and questions, expressed their astonishment and admiration at the resistance we have made. I am, most respectfully, JOHN REED, "Adj. Gen. to Gen. Jackson."

HATCHET MEN.

The Secrets of the Chee Kung Tong Society.

How the Members are Initiated—Some of the Wise Sayings and How They Plan for Rascality.

When a Chinaman applies for admission into Chee Kung Tong and inquires its objects and benefits he is told that it is a secret organization for the mutual protection of the Chinese, and that it is governed by the wisest and best of moral laws and aims especially at the elevation and improvement of its members. The initiation fee is ten dollars, the society claiming to be maintained solely by subscriptions. In its temple is posted a series of twenty-two rules for the information of members and applicants for membership; also a number of Chinese maxims, such as, "We are as bright as the sun," "Wisdom is wealth," "Instruct yourselves ere you teach others," etc. On entering into the organization the Chinese FORSWEAR ALL KINDRED, and henceforth become known as members of one serving family, the officers of the society being styled "mothers" and the members "children." Each Chinaman when admitted into the Chee Kung Tong is given a certificate of membership, composed of a strip of linen or silk four inches wide by eighteen inches long, on which is the name of the member and the name of the society and its thirty-six laws or commandments, embodying all its minor principles. An ordinary knowledge of the Chinese language does not suffice for the full and correct translation of these commandments, which are written in cipher and taught only to members of the society.

BY DEGREES.

One of the striking principles announced in these commandments declares that "we shall defend and protect our members, right or wrong." The remaining commandments, so far as can be ascertained, contain nothing very startling or aggressive, but are deftly constructed for the apparent purpose of concealing their real meaning which is made known only to the most advanced and trusted members of Chee Kung Tong, and is zealously kept from the knowledge of all outside barbarians. Several of the certificates previously described are now in the possession of Officer Avan, who has taken them from members of the society whom he has often had occasion to arrest. A code of secret signals is in vogue between the brothers of CHEE KUNG TONG, by the use of which they are enabled to recognize and communicate with one another. The winding of the queue around the neck is a well comprehended and useful signal, and whenever an officer spies one of the brothers without his queue so fixed, proving without one of the byways of Chinatown, he at once orders him to halt and throw up his arms while he searches him for plunder, burglars tools or concealed weapons. A year since Chee Kung Tong removed from Washington street into a new and elegant temple located on the east side of Spofford alley, south of Washington street. The temple was erected by the society, which purchased the lot on which it was built at a total cost of about \$15,000, including the furniture, etc. It is in this temple that the society holds its its secret sessions and acts as a board of arbitration in nearly all cases of Chinese criminals.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company has now sold the balance of its lands east of Des Moines river, about 30,000 acres in Kosuth, Palo Alto, Humboldt and Emmet counties, in Iowa, to N. C. Frederickson and Valdemare Hansen, of Chicago. Mr. Frederickson, together with a gentleman from Milwaukee, sold last year some 20,000 acres of land in Kosuth and Emmet counties to actual settlers, mostly Scandinavians and Germans.

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