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MINOR MENTIONS.

The city council meets again tomorrow evening. Iowa Wyoming coal has led only by W. Rodefer, No. 26 Pearl St. Anna Dickinson appears as Hamlet at Dohany's this evening. The Mannerer club masquerade is to be given tomorrow evening. The Bluffs City masquerade ball is to be given at Bloom & Dixon's hall this evening. The public library has been moved into its new rooms and in three weeks will be ready for business. The ephebeians hold their primaries tomorrow evening and their city convention on Wednesday afternoon. The announcement is made that the grand jury will be called upon to investigate the Stockdale mystery and the relation of the police thereto. Sunday passed unusually quiet in police circles. The cold weather drove in a few lodgers, but as a rule from the monotony was not unbroken. The Owl Club had a very pleasant party at the Ogden house last Friday night, in which a goodly number joined. The next social will be two weeks from that time at the same place. J. R. Wray, a druggist at Hillsdale, Mills county, was brought before United States Commissioner Key on Saturday, charged with selling liquor without a license. He waived examination and gave bonds in the sum of \$300. One of the inmates of a house of shame in this city gave birth to a babe the other day. The mother and child still find shelter there, while scenes of sin surround them. That innocent child thus placed by nature in the very lap of lust is one of the mysterious shadings of justice, and the incident affords a startling text for those whose duty it is to preach upon the social evil and its results. There are a goodly number of applicants for positions of teamsters for the fire department. The fire lads believe that the council should select men who have already worked in the department for years, and without pay, rather than give the positions to outsiders. The companies have decided in the ones they prefer, and the council will doubtless acquiesce in their desire in their meeting next Tuesday evening. The charge that the workmen are ignorant and do not read is about on a par with the claim that none but the present mayor is in favor of public improvements. Public improvements must go on, and the workmen are not so ignorant as to be duped by the cry, "Elect me lest ye starve." To hear Vaughan talk, one would think that he was supporting the working people out of his own pocket. The money which is paid out for improvements is no lie, but the people, and the aldermen, as well as himself, have something to say about it. Mayor Vaughan is trying to impress the people with the idea that he has made the city boom, and that he alone can carry on improvements and give labor to the working people. As the council and others have had something to do in this matter, it may be difficult to determine exactly how great his management has been, or how beneficial. In one enterprise, however, he is going it alone, and the extent of his management is clear. That is the Herdic coach enterprise. If he could show up the Herdies as a success, and give the people a chance to see the tickets which they bought long ago to help the enterprise along, it would show a little better management. The coming election may bring them out, though only for a short time. The Clifford company draw good sized audiences at its entertainments the act of which was given Saturday, during which was presented "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl." The company is one of good average strength and the entertainments given by it are of the kind which please the masses. Miss Olive West, Fanny Mathias and Edwin Clifford are the prominent in the company, and their support being made up of good material. Andy O'Donnell, a constable of Rockford township, saw what he deemed to be an occasion for him to serve as a peace officer in this city Saturday, and accordingly interfered in a row and caused Ed. T. McCarthy to be lodged in the station. McCarthy in turn complained of O'Donnell as representing himself to be an officer, when he wasn't, and had him arrested. Both will air their grievances in court today.

As Seen By Others. As has already been shown up in THE BEE, the Nonpareil went far out of its way the other morning to unjustly fling at Col. Sapp. It seems to have stirred up the Avoca Delta considerably and it winds up a half column editorial with the following tender tribute: "Why did not the Nonpareil pummel the colonel when he was a member of congress? Simply because he held the loaves and fishes, and had the ability to punish his enemy and reward his friends—consequently it was not profitable to be classed among his enemies. It is just such turn serving pap-suckers, who can never be square and manly in their opposition to a man, but must sneak behind invulnerable to vent their spite. It is presumed God made such people, therefore let them pass for men, but it is only presumption."

The school board of Muscatine has adopted the Robinson temperance text books, by furnishing them to teachers with instructions to give fifteen minute lessons in the form of an oral exercise about twice a week. These lessons give the scientific view of alcohol in its effects on the human system.

BIDGE BUILDING.

Another Meeting to Take Steps Toward Securing a Wagon Bridge Across the Missouri.

The Incorporators Named, and Various Opinions Expressed.

In accordance with the announcement made, the joint committee of the Council Bluffs and Omaha boards of trade met in this city Saturday afternoon to take further steps in the matter of getting a wagon bridge across the river. Col. Sapp presided and Thomas Gibson, secretary of the Omaha board of trade served as secretary. The Omaha board was also represented by its president, H. G. Clark, and by John Evans and Joseph Sheely.

The following were agreed upon as the ten incorporators from each city, whose names are to appear in the bill to be drawn up for presentation to congress. OMAHA—Herman Kuntze, Henry P. Smith, Samuel R. Johnson, Charles F. Goodman, Frank Murphy, James E. Boyd, M. Hollman, Thomas Gibson, H. G. Clark, J. A. McShane. Council Bluffs—W. F. Sapp, A. C. Graham, T. W. McCarger, J. T. Hart, M. Key, E. L. Shugart, L. C. Baldwin, H. H. Metcalf, M. E. Smith and L. Everett.

Some inquiries were made concerning the Saunders bill, mentioned in telegraphic reports, but no one present seemed to be able to give any very definite information regarding it. It was stated that letters had been written to representatives at Washington, asking about the bill, but no reply yet received.

It was suggested that the next step should be toward the forming of a bill which would provide for a high or low bridge, with contracts attached to each, so that those who furnished the capital for the enterprise might elect either. The question of toll coming up, Mr. McCarger suggested that some estimate should first be made of the expense of building a bridge, so that the rates might be fixed in the bill at a reasonable rate.

Mr. Clark expressed it as his opinion that the feeling in Omaha was much in favor of a railroad and wagon bridge combined, but on hearing that Council Bluffs was moving for a wagon bridge, they recognized the benefits arising from such a bridge and would co-operate in that.

Mr. Gibson suggested that the Milwaukee & St. Paul company was desirous of crossing the river, and perhaps that company might build a wagon bridge in connection with a railroad bridge.

Mr. Evans thought that perhaps a railroad bridge could be built so that it would cover the cities nothing for the wagon portion.

Mr. McCarger thought that if a railroad company was to have a bridge it would only be a repetition of the present bridge. If built by a company, and the terms did not suit railroad companies, they would not use it, and it would be an elephant on their hands. The railroads would have the two cities by the roof.

Mr. Evans did not believe it could be built successfully as a wagon bridge only. He believed that at the meeting of incorporators and committees that enough safeguards could be put into the bill, so as to control the enterprise and prevent any hardship to the people, and secure all the advantages which they had started out to gain.

Mr. Hart said that the main object was to get a bridge over which the people could cross at any time, easily and cheaply. He moved that the conference suggested in regard to framing a bill be held in Omaha next Thursday, at 2 p. m. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Graham was in doubt whether a charter could be got for a railroad and wagon bridge within a mile or so of the present bridge. Mr. Clark asked concerning the feasibility of a pontoon bridge. Col. Sapp said he did not believe that congress would grant a right for a pontoon bridge. The engineers objected because it would interfere with improvement and also with navigation. There was difficulty, too, in securing a pontoon bridge on account of the sandy and shifting nature of the banks, and the treacherous character of the channel.

The secretary was instructed to give notices to those not present concerning the meeting in Omaha next Thursday, and adjournment was taken until then.

investigation led to the discovery that the alleged victim had pawned a knife the day before the alleged robbery took place, and the inconsistency of a man having considerable money pawning his knife, made the police take little stock in this charge. Other charges, however, of allowing irresponsible characters to frequent his house led to his arrest.

Some of the neighbors have objected all the time to this saloon being located there. Among them was Thomas J. Gillis, a cripple, living next door. He being among Dowdy's opponents, Dowdy nailed up an opening in the fence, through which Gillis and others were in the habit of passing in going after water. Gillis, on returning home, in the evening and finding the fence nailed up, proceeded to tear it down. Dowdy objected and a row ensued, in which Dowdy struck the cripple and the latter fired two shots at Dowdy, the bullets passing through the latter's hat, but causing no wound. Gillis was arrested and brought before Recorder Burka. A change of venue was taken to Justice Frayn, and by him the case was continued until next Tuesday.

Dowdy got into still further trouble on Saturday. It appears that while living in Hamburg in 1870 he was fined for violating the revenue laws, and the fine had never been settled. He was accordingly arrested Saturday, brought before Commissioner Key and committed to jail. Dowdy's place is the same where a confidence game was turned the other day, by a high country young man for \$15. In fact, there seems to have been no end of the trouble which has arisen in and about the place.

CITY CRUMBS.

Gathered from the Aldermanic Table at their Meeting—Further Financial Troubles.

The city council met again in regular session Friday evening, all the members being present except Alderman Phillips.

An unusually large batch of bills were presented, the total being about \$4,000. Among them was one of W. H. Brown, calling for \$135 for household goods burned in the suppression of the small pox. Richard Boecher presented a bill for \$15 for clothing also burned. Both bills were referred to the judiciary committee.

The petition for a sidewalk on the west of Stutsman street was granted. A petition was presented calling for the establishment of a superior court to be submitted to a vote of the people at the coming election. The petition was granted, and the mayor announced the city would prepare a proclamation in accordance therewith.

The city attorney reported that he had settled the condemnation of seven lots on Union avenue, and asked that the warrants be issued to the parties upon their giving quit claim deeds and abstracts. The warrants were ordered issued. Churchill entered an objection against quit claim deeds, preferring that the city should receive warrants deo.

The question of paving Main street from Broadway to Sixth avenue was brought up by the city engineer, who reported one sealed bid as received. By a previous resolution of the council it was decided not to award the contract for paving until the first meeting in April. This action was taken because it was deemed better to have the water works company lay their mains before paving was done. Alderman Spetman, after reviewing these facts, moved that the previous resolution deferring the bids, be rescinded and that they be opened at the next regular meeting. This motion was adopted. Aldermen Churchill, Fonda, Kaine and Spetman voting aye, and Dawson, Keller and Unthank voting no.

The committee of investigation of the police reported, exonerating the chief. Alderman Churchill recommended the filling up of Main street as fast as the railway track is raised, and that Union avenue be leveled off. It was decided that the council, as a whole, shall visit Main street, Union avenue, the creek and other improvements, and meet next Tuesday night.

Alderman Dawson called up the bill for the new horse cart. The manufacturers were dunning for the money, and there was no money in the fire fund with which to meet the bill. After some talk it was decided that the finance committee shall devise ways and means for securing the money, and forward it to the committee.

The band boys were granted the free use of the hose company's room on Broadway twice a week for rehearsals, as long as the company was satisfied. A committee consisting of Messrs. Brown, Levin and Trumbull appeared in behalf of the Revere fire company, and announced that they had unanimously chosen Mr. Voorhis driver of the new steamer, and Mr. Keykendale as driver of the hose cart, and desired to have the council confirm their action. On motion the whole matter of choosing teamsters was deferred until next Tuesday evening. Adjournment was then taken until that time.

DEMOCRATIC DOINGS.

A Charge Made of Bulldozing the Second Ward Voters. At the ward primaries held by the democrats Saturday evening the following candidates for aldermen and delegates to the city convention next Tuesday afternoon were chosen:

First Ward—For alderman, John C. Lee. Delegates to the city convention, P. Lacy, James Wickham, Geo. Guanello, R. Rain, Jesse Walters, G. A. Holmes and John Linder. Committeeman, F. H. Guanello. Second Ward—For alderman, Peter Bechtel. Delegates, R. V. Phillips, J. C. DeHaven, T. B. Lacey, John R. Stagg, James Mithen and Ed. R. Bates. Committeeman, J. B. Phillips.

Third Ward—For alderman, Geo. Blaxinn. Delegates, F. W. Spetman, John Dohany, C. Graham, M. C. Griffin, C. Geise, C. Gregory, A. and D. S. Starr. Committee, M. Keating. Fourth Ward—For alderman, J. J. Brown. Delegates, C. R. Mitchell, W. H. M. Pusey, C. Wesley, J. P. Weaver, W. C. James, O. P. Wickham, E. A. Troutman, Samuel Haas and Wells Cook. Committee, E. A. Troutman.

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