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## MINOR MENTIONS.

The Herdies will probably be at election day.

The wagon factory enterprise seems to move along slowly.

The tower of the new engine house is about completed.

The Royal Arcanum holds its second annual reunion this evening.

Iowa Wyoming coal has led only by J. W. Rodefer, No. 26 Pearl St.

Yesterday being Ash Wednesday, appropriate services were held at the ritualistic churches.

The case of *Slayer vs. Reel* continued to take up the time and attention of the circuit court yesterday.

"Some years ago" is the introduction of alleged free local news given by the patent medicine bulletin.

The school children had a glorious time yesterday, the books being laid aside in observance of Washington's birthday.

J. P. Green got his hand pinched while coupling cars the other day and now has a sling, but fortune delayed lost no fingers.

Steighing was livelier than ever yesterday on the streets, the prospect for the snow going away causing everybody to improve what seemed a last chance.

The police station is highly besieged by applicants for free lodgings, the cold weather driving them in. There is an average run of about six successful applicants a night.

The young people of the Baptist church have perfected an organization for giving a series of entertainments and to do other work to help along the cause in a practical way.

The republicans have set up as their aldermen, James Golden and William Siedentopf, Alex. Wood, P. C. De Val, F. C. Newell, and E. L. Shugart, the first two being for aldermen at large.

Jerry Black did not quite have his speech out yesterday morning when he paid his fine and was set free. Yesterday afternoon it took two officers to lead him in again on the same old drunk.

Two dusky youths were having suspiciously around the Oregon House woodpile, and as the fuel has been disappearing more rapidly than the ordinary demand seemed to warrant, they were arrested and locked up long enough to scare them, but no prosecution was pressed.

M. Gill, the cripple whom Dowdy assaulted and who in turn fired upon his assailant, now proposes to begin suit against Dowdy for damages. Dowdy now seems to have about all the lawsuits on hand which he can attend to.

All members of the Grand Army of the Republic who intend visiting Missouri Valley at the camp fire on Saturday evening, next, are requested to meet at post headquarters at 5:30 p. m., on that date. They can procure tickets at the office corner of Pearl and Broadway at ninety cents for the round trip.

It keeps the democrats pretty busy now keeping the city ticket together after it is made. One nominee for aldermen has dropped out, and now John Beno, who was nominated for treasurer has dropped by the wayside, and a dash fills his place on the ticket. Others will drop out after election, if not before.

John Lindt, commander Abe Lincoln post, G. A. R., of this city, E. J. Abbott, aide-de-camp of the department commander, and J. J. Bolin, chaplain, will represent this city at the grand encampment at Des Moines, which is in session to-day and tomorrow. They expect to stop over at Stuart, where the grand army boys have prepared for a jolly good time, such as this order known to all like unanimity.

The nomination of a city marshal came next in order. J. W. Morse, E. W. Jackson and Joseph Spaulding were named. An informal ballot was taken, resulting: Jackson, 14; Morse, 12; Spaulding, 4; Thurman, 4; Field, 1; Mottis, 1. A formal ballot followed which gave E. W. Jackson the nomination, receiving 21 votes. Morse receiving 3 and Thurman, 4, these seven votes coming from the third ward. Mr. Jackson's nomination was made unanimous.

For civil engineer Mr. Thomas Tostiven was nominated unanimously for alderman.

Capt. J. P. Williams was likewise unanimously nominated for superintendent of markets.

Charles M. Honle was unanimously chosen as chairman of the city central committee, after which adjournment was taken.

The convention was very harmonious in its workings, and attended strictly to the business in hand, there being little or no time wasted in speech-making, and there not being even the semblance of a wrangle.

The convention was characterized, however, by that good nature and enthusiasm which is ever an indication that confidence is felt that that the work of nomination will be heartily approved by the voters at the polls.

## CAREFULLY CHOSEN.

The Republicans Nominate Dr. Lawrence for Mayor.

Other Good Men Named Upon the Ticket.

A Harmonious Convention and Its Results.

The republican city convention met yesterday afternoon at the court house in pursuance with the published call. C. M. Harie called the convention to order.

Mr. N. M. Pusey was chosen chairman, who in taking his seat called attention to the fact that the wisdom of the change by which the city would be under the general charter instead of the special charter depended almost altogether on the character of the men placed in office. He trusted that wisdom and sound judgment would prevail in the deliberations.

Mr. J. H. Arthur was chosen secretary, and the names of the delegates chosen at the primaries, and as published, were accepted without any reference to a committee on credentials, each delegation being allowed to cast a full vote.

On motion of J. W. Rodefer the convention proceeded to an informal ballot for mayor, C. S. Hubbard and W. A. Wood being named as tellers.

Mr. Rodefer named for mayor N. D. Lawrence, and Mr. Everett moved that he be nominated by acclamation, which was done by a unanimous vote.

For police justice, or judge of the superior court, George Carson and W. S. Mayne were named. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Mr. Mayne, who received 15 votes, while Mr. Carson received 14. There being some misundersstanding as to whether this ballot was a formal or informal one, the question was put to a vote and the convention decided that it be considered an informal one. A formal ballot was accordingly taken, and it resulted in reversing the preceding one, Mr. George Carson receiving 15 and Mr. Mayne 13. The nomination of Mr. Carson was then made unanimous.

The next nomination was for city solicitor. A. T. Fleckinger, Jacob Sims, W. S. Mayne and John Lindt were named. An informal ballot was taken, resulting Sims 14, Fleckinger 5, Mayne 6, Lindt 3. No choice. A second formal ballot was taken, resulting in giving Sims 12, Mayne 8, Fleckinger 5, Lindt 3. There being no choice a third ballot was taken. It resulted in a break, and in the nomination of W. S. Mayne, the vote standing, Mayne 16, Sims 7, Fleckinger 3, Lindt 2. Mr. Mayne's nomination was then made unanimous.

The nomination of two aldermen at large followed. James Golden, J. H. Churchill, Mr. Gerner and William Siedentopf were named. Mr. Churchill withdrew his name. An informal ballot was taken for the nomination of two at the same time. It resulted, Golden 26, Siedentopf 13, Gerner 14 and Churchill 3. A formal ballot resulted, Golden 26, Siedentopf 22, Gerner 7. Mr. Golden and Mr. Siedentopf were declared nominated as aldermen at large, and on motion the same was made unanimous.

On motion of Phillips, O. M. Brown was nominated as city treasurer unanimously and by acclamation.

F. A. Burke was nominated for city auditor in a like manner, and with like unanimity.

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The Republican Primaries.

The republican voters of the several wards held their primaries Tuesday evening, at which nominations were made for aldermen, delegates chosen to the convention held to-day, and also committeemen from each ward. The following were those thus chosen:

First Ward—For alderman, Alex Wood. Delegates, Wm. Seidenhoff, A. J. Bump, H. Van D. Bogert, C. G. Curtis, Wall McFadden. As member of the city central committee, E. B. Gardner.

Second Ward—For alderman, P. C. De Val. Delegates, J. H. Arthur, P. C. De Val, C. S. Hubbard, C. W. Brown, Theo Bray, Chas. B. Jones and J. C. Taylor. As member of the central committee, C. M. Harie.

Third Ward—For alderman, F. C. Newell. Delegates, W. A. Wood, J. Haworth, W. E. Havercroft, G. F. Smith, F. O. Gleason, N. C. Phillips and L. Kirch.

Fourth Ward—For alderman, E. L. Shugart. Delegates, J. W. Rodefer, W. J. Hancock, Phil. Armour, J. P. Goulden, Leonard Everett, S. H. Foster, N. M. Pusey, W. H. Campbell, John Morgan. As member of the committee, W. S. Ament.

A WALKAWAY.

The Prisoners Break the Boose and Escape.

A Crook Wanted Badly Gains His Liberty.

Officer Bartholy on opening the door of the calaboose Tuesday night, to put in a vagrant lodger, was surprised to find that the birds supposed to be there caged had flown. An examination showed that the exit had been made through the rear door, which opens upon a yard enclosed by a board fence surmounted by barbed wire. Some outsider had risked tearing his clothes by climbing over this fence, and with a monkey wrench had taken off the nut of the bolt which

holds the bar fastening the door. This bolt being taken off, all the prisoners had to do was to pull the bolt out, loosen the bar and swing open the door leading to the outside world. The monkey wrench was found in the yard, the unknown liberator having left it there after it had served his purpose. There was also left a torn coat, which was recognized as belonging to a barber who has been lately locked up there for drunkenness.

The barber and his torn coat were sent out of jail the day before, and the coat having thus mysteriously reappeared led the officers to suspect that the barber was the outside friend who thus released the prisoners.

It further appeared that the coat and hat of one fellow, who was lying drunk in the calaboose, had been stolen, leading to the conclusion that the barber who had before insisted on the officers giving him a new coat to replace the one torn by them in arresting him, had come back determined to get a better coat, even if he had to break into jail and steal one.

There was only one important prisoner who thus effected an escape, and he is supposed to be the long-sought and much wanted one. He was arrested here three or four days ago in a description and photograph, being wanted in several places for crooked work, and supposed to belong to a gang of thieves. He was noticed in this city, acted suspiciously, found to answer the description, was arrested, and gave very unsatisfactory accounts of himself that it was determined to hold him here and investigate further. He had several aliases, one being Al Morris, another Kennedy, and the names of Frank Wood, Fleckhouse and Taylor were also used by him on different occasions. He was wanted at Clinton for malicious mischief, at Des Moines for larceny, and at Omaha for breaking into freight cars. The chief of police has telegraphed to these places, and holding the bid in the meantime, Omaha promised to send over for the young man, but delayed doing so, and word came from the other places to hold the man and they would see to him. If any of them had come promptly, they would have had the man, but delays are dangerous, and this one gave him time to perfect an escape. The officers will now have the delightful task of catching him again, which will be no easy task, as the fellow has doubtless put a good distance between himself and the places that once knew him. It is thought that the barber who so kindly helped him to his freedom belonged to the same gang, and has gone with him. One of the prisoners, who also escaped, was in for being drunk, but he returned this morning, paid his fine, gathered up what effects he had been taken from his pockets when arrested, and went forth square with justice. He was a resident of the city, and had no object in skipping away to be relieved from further confinement until morning.

THE MODERN ROMANTIC.

The Size of the Seven Hilled City in Southwestern Iowa.

The Characteristics of Her Ancient Prototype Party Imitated.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

BLANCHARD, PAGE COUNTY, Io., February 18, 1882.—Two or three years ago, when the Wabash railroad was constructed across the southwestern part of Page county, now town sprung up along the line, for there were none from Shenandoah, on the Hamburg & Red Oak branch of the "Q" to Burlington Junction, on the Villisca branch of the same road, and the most important of these young cities is Blanchard. Whether the town was located by chance, by railroad or other business interests, or by some "student in life's great school," who, with visions of the Latin emporium before him, laid out the town as a second Rome, we are informed, but certain it is that it bears, in many features, a resemblance to that seven-hilled metropolis, whose founder is reputed to have been saved in infancy from a watery death in the Tiber, and suckled by a she wolf. Rome was said to have had only two streets for heavy wagons, as all the rest were unpleasant alleys. In the centre, on Capitol Hill, stood the Forum, chief trading house, the seat of justice, and we suppose, the printing house and postoffice, but entirely without lofty pinnacles and glittering spires which break the outline of most modern cities; northward on Vatic Hill, across the valley, are the elegant residences of the noble families, the official dignitaries, the chief pontiffs, the temple of the gods, and the "basilica," which may mean school house, for most of the children seem to think it a basilica, while stretching away from the business centre to the river is the campus martius, or Plain of Mars, given over to the amusements and sports of the people, the circus, the games, and, we suppose, the county fair. Here, as in that classical city, it was outside the walls, and, as the republic faded, and the advancement of the great city and people developed into an empire, the plain campus was decorated with buildings, so here we see timber on the ground to fence in the trotting track. Rome in its infancy was composed of Latins and Sabines, the former were the stronger, and the latter were just as honorable. So here we have an Iowa village and a Missouri settlement, together forming a city of perhaps six hundred, which is too active and ambitious to stay in one state, but tries to occupy two. This, perhaps, and the advantage given to it by the stopping of some trains here which do not stop at some other small towns, may be the cause of envious rivalry, and is looked upon with Roman pride by the prosperous burgers on the state line. The large amount of freight handled by and from this station and new buildings erected this season and to be built this spring and summer

tell, in no uncertain way, that the town is rapidly growing. A new brick union school building, costing \$6,000 or \$8,000, is nearly ready for occupation, and is a credit to the people and an honor to the school board as well as the school system of the state. Ferguson Bros. & Wood have built a large building in which to store the farm implements they offer for sale. They are practical farmers, and propose to keep the best of a full line of such articles, including the improved grass seeds, probably the largest stock of farm machinery in this section, and also maintain a branch office at Northboro. Among the novelties they have introduced, is the Cassidy riding plow, which they have kept in "close confinement" since its arrival, hoping to get up a trial plowing match, and a wager of a new hat that it will not require less draft than a walking plow, for the boys need one or two new hats. We notice also a new building for John Jefford's new store, and some new firms taking a trial of the mercantile business. A new office for Dr. J. V. Bechtel, and a new building for Cole, the "boss contractor," as well as new residences for Os Kempten, Robin Biggerstaff, Harve White, Mrs. Oster, and Mr. Palmer, the lumber merchant, while the spring season will see the foundation for a new Methodist church, and numerous other buildings now being looked for. So far this village has worshipped in one meeting house, which is owned by the United Presbyterian church. The citizens of the place have been exerting themselves to get a good bell for the new school house, and for this they have secured the services of Prof. W. P. Danforth, who organized a home company and drilled them in the cantata, "Easter, the Beautiful Queen." Their public rendition of this piece was a grand success. Notwithstanding the difficulty of many of the parts, Mrs. J. L. Zanoni, Mrs. A. B. Campbell, and Mrs. McCord, particularly, exhibited fine perception of the delicate and difficult part they rendered and a dramatic and musical ability indicating a refinement and cultivation that could not be shown in many of the other characters, and this leads us to notice how the public schools in Iowa grow, while they become the pride of the people and as such will be the hope of the state.

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