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MINOR MENTIONS.

The Herdies will probably be out election day. The wagon factory enterprise seems to move along slowly. The tower of the new engine house is about completed. The Royal Arcanum held its second annual reunion this evening. Iowa Wyoming coal has been only by J. W. Rodefer, No. 26 Pe. r. St. (111)

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 of the published call. C. M. Harle 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 misunderstanding 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 7, Mayne 5, Lindt 2. A formal ballot followed, resulting as follows: Sims 13, Fleckinger 6, 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 Mr. 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. 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, 4; Spaulding, 4; Thurman, 4; Field, 1; Mottis, 1. A formal ballot followed which gave E. W. Jackson the nomination, he 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 by acclamation. 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, too, by that good nature and enthusiasm which is ever an indication that confidence is felt that the work of nomination will be heartily approved by the voters at the polls.

A WALKAWAY.

The Prisoners Break the Boose and Escape.

A Crook Wanted Badly Gains His Liberty.

Officer Barhyte 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 being 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 a long-sought and much wanted one. He was arrested here three or four days ago on 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 so 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 was known as 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 bird 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 arduous task of catching him again, which will be no easy task, as the fellow has doubtless put a goodly 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 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 save to be relieved from further confinement until morning.

THE MODERN ROMANEOUR

The Size of the Seven Hilled City in Southwestern Iowa.

The Characteristics of Her Ancient Prototype Partly Imitated.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

BLANCHARD, PAGE COUNTY, IOWA, February 18, 1882.—Two or three years ago, when the Wabash railroad was constructed across the southwestern part of Page county, new towns 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 Vatican hill, across the valley, are the elegant residences of the noble families, the official dignitaries, the chief pontiff, 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, is the advantage given to it by the stopping of some trains here which do not stop at some other small town, 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 to and from this station and new buildings erected this season and to be built this spring and summer

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, planting match, and a wager of a new hat that it will 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. Behtell, and a new building for Cole, the "boss contractor," as well as new residences for Os Krimpton, Robt. Biggerstaff, Harve White, Mrs. Oler, 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 end they have secured the services of Prof. W. P. Danforth, who organized a home company and drilled them in the cadet drill, "Father, the Beautiful Green," 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 a fine perception of the delicate and difficult part they rendered and a graceful 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 such as will be the hope of the state.

The two large elevators, a good bank, three farm implement houses, six or eight stores of general merchandise, two hardware, three drugs, four of groceries, two hotels, churches, schools, lumber yards, ivory stables, jewelry and furniture stores, several law, real estate and insurance firms, a half dozen good physicians, a wide-awake independent newspaper that reaches out for the job work as naturally as a Nebraska farmer does for justice. There is a good barber shop, blacksmith shop, wagon and machine shop, harness shop, a good mill, brick yard, brass band, restaurants, shoe shops, bank, fair association with a good track and a half dozen horses in training; the trades and professions well represented, good water within thirty feet, coal and stone conveniently, good wood at \$4 per cord, a rich soil and healthy climate, an industrious and intelligent class of citizens, and business active and growing as shown by the banking business, all proclaiming with no uncertain sound, that Blanchard is a good place for a happy home and has an enviable future. THE BEE reaches a large portion of the business men and farmers, while the commercial agent usually asks for THE BEE first in the hotels. The Commercial House has been open to the public, under the present management, less than one year, and yet has the satisfaction of being the home of the traveling man in the true sense of the word, and the young firm of F. M. Thomson & Co., which has just opened in the grocery business, offers to try the race in competition with the older houses, in a way that was them plenty of friends. The Masonic fraternity, Odd Fellows, and Ancient Order of United Workmen, are all well represented here, and include the larger portion of the business men, the Odd Fellows having a membership of over seventy, with a good hall, while the boys have organized a rifle team which is expected to become renowned "before the idea of November." The town needs a good dentist and photographer, a creamery or cheese factory and manufactories.

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