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MINOR MENTIONS.

—The hotel arrivals are remarkably light at present, all around.

—Iowa Wyoming coal handled only by J. W. Rodefer, No. 26 Pearl St. F11tf

—In the circuit court yesterday the case of Billwiller Bros. vs. George W. Parker was on trial.

—The funeral services of the late Perry Smith will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence.

—Alice Oates comic opera company arrived at the Ogden house yesterday and last night gave a pleasing entertainment at Dohany's.

—Four horses are now required to pull the heavy loads, omnibuses and street cars through the streets, which are in a horrible condition.

—There was a rush at the entertainment given by the Alice Oates opera company last evening. Almost every seat in the house was taken in advance.

—Political talk is getting warmer and warmer. One of the latest and biggest bubbles was a young man standing in front of the Pacific house waving a $500 wad and shouting that he would bet that amount that Bowman would be the next mayor. He shouted in vain.

—There was a constant stream of new names pouring in yesterday upon the board of registry, almost flooding them at times. From the number already enrolled and the way the names are still coming in, it is evident that there will be polled one of the largest votes ever cast in the history of this city.

—To-night the Cecelia club give a concert, the leading attraction in which will be the part taken in the programme by Miss Fannie Kellogg. Her many old friends here will be glad, indeed, to have this opportunity of hearing her. She intends to start to-morrow for Boston.

—One name has already dropped out of the Vaughan ticket. G. M. Washburn, nominated as alderman at large, declines. The boast was made at the last meeting that the written acceptances of all those nominated were in the hands of Vaughan. How is this?

—Dr. Lawrence poohs at the idea that he is going to Europe. If elected mayor he proposes to stay here and attend to its duties. He has served three terms and those who know of his faithfulness in previous terms all join in a laugh at this bugbear raised by his opponents that he wants to go to Europe as "mayor of Council Bluffs." Such a charge only shows how scarce amunition is with the opposition.

—The many friends and acquaintances of Sheriff Dan Ferrel, of Mills county, will be startled on learning that while after some desperadoes in Wisconsin he received two or three pistol wounds in the struggle of capturing them, none of which will, however, prove serious. He reached his home in Glenwood yesterday. Despite the deperate fight made against him he succeeded in caging his men.

—A report was started yesterday morning afresh that Dr. Lawrence had withdrawn from the mayorality race. That gentleman yesterday stated to THE BEE that, though his friends had urged him to accept against his personal inclination, yet having put his hand to the plow he should not turn back. He should stick first, last and all the time, and reports to the contrary could be denied with safety.

—It must be admitted that Vaughan is consistent in one thing. He has charged the workingmen with being so ignorant that they did not read the papers, and could only gain needed information from him. He apparently concluded that the workingmen were also too ignorant to make up a ticket to suit themselves, and so he framed one for them, being careful to suit himself. No convention was called, no committee properly appointed, no chance to do anything but to accept what he chose to offer. In treating them in these respects as though he thought them too ignorant to act for themselves, Vaughan assumes much for himself. The working people are intelligent enough not only to read but also to frame a ticket for themselves.

—Jo Spaulding, the independent candidate for city marshal, seems to develop considerable strength. Many are drawn to his side by the fact that he has had such bad luck. As most know he fortunately escaped any crippling in the service, but unfortunately lost an arm at home, while firing a cannon on the day of Garfield's funeral. Being a mechanic, this injury took away his means of gaining a livelihood. He is a republican, and stood a good show for being nominated by the convention, but his public announcement that he was a candidate anyway destroyed his chance. Of course public offices should not be given on the ground of charity, but Jo's circumstances in life cause many to be inclined to vote for him, and he promises to show up strong when the final count is made.

TALKING TEMPERANCE.

Rev. P. F. Bresee Gives Plain Talk to a Large Audience.

There was a very large audience gathered at Broadway Methodist church last Sunday evening, every seat being taken, and among the hearers being many who are in the habit of attending other places of worship or none at all. The pastor, Rev. P. F. Bresee, took up the temperance question, and handled it without gloves, telling plainly and boldly what he believed, and exciting admiration for his frankness and fearlessness even among those who did not endorse all of his views.

One of the prominent points urged in his sermon was that the present license system made every citizen a partner in the liquor business. The traffic was legalized, and the mayor and council were partners with the man in the saloon. The saloon man paid his license into the treasury as the city's share of the profits, and the men who were made drunk were fined, these fines going into the city's treasury. The city thus being a partner, and drawing a part of the proceeds of the sale of liquor, spent its part in building sidewalks and various city expenses. He therefore held that to the city government, even more than to the saloon men, belonged the responsibility of the whole matter. Every property-owner and citizen being concerned in the city, was whether he wished or not, a partner in this business. The speaker for one protested against being forced into this kind of a partnership.

He also went fiercely for those men who had no opinion or at least would express none on the subject. There were many who claimed that it was nothing that they had anything to do with, either one way or the other. Such men were of no account. The business was one which did concern everyone and everyone should frankly show where they stood.

The speaker further urged that in the city election votes should be cast for men of known temperance principles, and any politician who said that the question did not concern him should be buried out of sight. Men should be chosen who not only were outspoken and bold but whose lives by their consistency backed up these avowments.

Mr. Bresee also handled the claim that prohibition did not prohibit. It was claimed by some that where a prohibitory law was passed the sale of liquor increased rather than decreased. He pressed the question that if this was so, why did those interested in the liquor business clamor so against such a law. If they could sell more liquor under prohibitory laws they should favor such laws. He also handled the claim that law could not be enforced.

The earnestness and frankness of the speaker caused the audience to listen closely. The music on the occasion was unusually good, a quartette doing some excellent work.

STILL ALIVE.

Such is the Latest From the Victim of the Masked Robbers.

The German farmer, who was robbed and shot at his home in Keg Creek township last Friday night, was reported yesterday as being still alive but with no prospect of recovery. His name is Theodore Sturtenbacker, instead of Stroetbeck, as first reported. The ball was removed on Sunday from his back, it having passed nearly through his body. The men who attacked him are still at large, but officers are still on the hunt. The neighborhood is very much excited, and there are talks of lynching in case the desperadoes are caught.

VALIANT VETS.

Some of their Late Doings and the Roster of the Grand Encampment.

There are few posts of the Grand Army of the Republic so wide awake, full of fun and enterprise as the Abe Lincoln post of this city. Saturday night about forty of them went in a body to Missouri Valley to warm themselves by a bright camp fire there. They took their drum corps with them, of course, and at least one canteen, Wall McFadden went along on a special invitation to startle the music lovers of Missouri Valley by one of inimitable bass drum solos. The veterans were cordially received and most hospitably cared for. The occasion was a highly enjoyable one, the speech making, story telling and music being decidedly enlivening and the rations of camp life order, being beautiful and well served.

Among the interesting incidents was a presentation made to Commander French, of the Missouri valley post. E. J. Abbott, of this city, made the presentation speech, and handed over to him a mysterious parcel, which on being opened by pulling off wrapper after wrapper, proved to be a whale, a happy reminder of a jovial visit made to this city by Commander French, when the big whale was on exhibition here. Lively speeches were made by Mr. French and Judge Harris, of Missouri Valley; also by John Lindt, the commander of the post in this city. The Glee club of Missouri Valley, sang some rousing songs.

Reminiscenses of army life were revived amidst applause and laughter and all went jolly. The rest of the night was spent in eating, in drinking coffee served cold from a canteen, and in generally demolishing the army supper. Among the causes of regret was that the visitors did not have a chance to greet Paul Vandervoort, and to hear a speech promised by him, he being necessarily absent from the jolly occasion.

In connection with the doings of the veterans may appropriately be given the official roster of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Iowa, for the ensuing year, as chosen at the encampment in Des Moines last week:

Department Commander—Geo. B. Hogin, Newton.
Senior Vice Commander—Frank Duford, Stewart.
Junior Vice Commander—G. L. Wright, Dennison.
Assistant Adjutant General—G. Townsend, Newton.
Assistant Quartermaster General—W. R. Manning, Newton.
Judge Advocate—Edwin J. Abbott, Council Bluffs.
Inspector—S. L. Tyler, Keokuk.
Chief Mustering Officer—Robert Arton, Des Moines.
Medical Director—Alf. Hammer, Des Moines.
Delegates to National Encampment—John Lindt and J. R. Powers.
Delegate at Large—W. L. Wilkinson.
Alternates—W. D. Lucas, J. W. Hatton and W. W. Phillips.
Council of Administration—W. F. Conrad, P. V. Carey, M. L. Bowman, of Des Moines; J. J. Bolin, Council Bluffs, and A. Brown, of Fayette.

IOWA'S SOLONS.

The Work of the Legislature During Its Session.

Legislation. Past, Present and Prospective.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.]

DES MOINES, February 27.—Forty-seven of the usual sixty days allotted to legislative sessions have been passed, and the record is conspicuous for its vacuity. Much is done that ought not to have been done, and more not done that ought to have been done. In looking over the bills which have passed into laws, the fact is disclosed that nearly all are private laws to legalize irregularities of persons and corporations. Not one-half a dozen public laws of any importance are on record. The most important of these is that changing the general election in even-numbered years to November. This will settle all dispute in the year of presidential elections, and save the democrats the trouble of going off by themselves to hold an election on the sly, so as to go down to Washington and contest the seat of some republican elected in October. Thus one by one the chances for democrats to get office in Iowa is ruthlessly cut off, and the opportunity now presents itself to do so still more. The new congressional apportionment bill gives Iowa two more delegates to congress, and just now every member of the legislature is figuring out a congressional district—or rather eleven of them. Some of the districts run along the trunk line railroads; some of them are up and down, especially along the Mississippi and Missouri; and some are without any regard to georgraphy or good sense. Of course, the democrats are considerably interested to know with whom they will be put to bed. So, the greenbackers, who make considerable bother in one or two districts. They would be pleased to be colonized but it is not likely they will be gratified to any extent. They may safely expect to get their claws clipped, if mathematical calculations can do it. A party with 80,000 majority would be remiss in duty to itself if it did not see to it that every delegate to congress was a republican and the election of a democrat made impossible. This, on the correct assumption that the democrats would do the same if they had a chance without the least compunction of conscience.

There is another element in this business which is perplexing. Certain men with congressional aspirations, are interested in having such counties grouped in a district as will enhance their chances for success. Altogether there will be a lively contest over this matter, and, not a little sharp management. This is really one of the most important measures before the legislature, and it has not yet come before it in a formal manner. Somebody however will shy his slate into the ring this week as a starter. One thing is certain the "big Ninth" district will be narrowed down somewhat, and one additional district will be carved out of a portion of it, and and the adjoining districts. This will necessitate a change throughout the entire state. It is not probable the district will remain as it now is.

The prohibition amendment is set for Wednesday in the senate as special order, when a long debate may be expected. The opponents of the measure have been nursing their wrath for some time. The state brewers have come to their help, with a remonstrance in which will furnish new material for argument, but probably without affecting the result, as there are from twenty-eight to thirty of the fifty votes in the senate in favor of the amendment. The house will waste no time on it. In fact, it has already adopted it and sent it to the senate, but with some irregularity about it, by which the senate will not take it up, but will proceed de novo with its own.

None of the appropriation bills have come back from the committees yet. They will doubtless turn up during the week. With these and the congressional bill out of the way, there will be clear sailing for the geological survey, state board of industry, state board of charities, state entomologist, state board of school examiners, et al.

DES MOINES, February 27.

During the week the following

BILLS PASSED THE HOUSE:

Providing for the payment of outstanding county warrants in the order issued.

To require the seal of the clerk of the courts to certificate of records transcribed by him in certain cases.

To regulate the practice of dentistry by requiring a certificate from the state board of examiners or a diploma from some college.

To amend section 930 of the code relating to notice of establishment of highway.

To insure more complete and correct rendering of accounts by guardians.

To require railway companies to keep highway crossings in good order.

To make attempts to procure abortion punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than two years.

To amend the statutes relative to trials of equitable actions.

To reduce the interest on school fund loans to 7 per cent to the borrower and 6per cent to the counties.

To authorize cities under special charters to levy taxes to maintain paid fire departments.

To legalize certain conveyance of lands for cemetery in Logan, Harrison county.

To legalize certain acts of Josiah Doane as mayor of Fort Dodge, and also to legalize the printed ordinances of Fort Dodge.

To reimburse Geo W. Bemis for money lost by the failure of West's bank while state treasurer.

To legalize reorganization of town of Princeton, Scott county.

To increase the support fund for the Girls' reform school.

To create a state board of examiners and encourage the art of school teaching.

To authorize school directors to insure school property.

To require the presidents of boards of school directors to preside at all meetings, draw all orders, sign all contracts, and administer the oath of office to other officers and members of the board.

To fix the fees of mayors in second class cities in state cases tried before him.

To protect railway passengers from rowdyism on trains.

To provide for taxation of telephone companies.

The following bills during the week

PASSED THE SENATE

To provide for a geological survey of the state.

To legalize incorporation of the town of Spencer, Clay county.

To legalize the organization of the independent school district of Volga.

To require the planting of trees on school house grounds.

To prevent railway accidents and protect railroad property. It provides a penalty for detaching locomotives or cars from trains, or running hand cars on the track.

To legalize the incorporation of Dayton, Webster county.

To exempt sewing machines from attachment or execution.

To fix the salary of district and circuit court judges at $3,000.

To annul section 3,072 of the code relating to exemptions.

To reimburse ex-State Treasurer Geo. W. Bemis for money lost by failure of West's bank.

To pay certain creditors of Fort Madison penitentiary.

To apply the same rule which now applies to the state treasurer to county treasurers in the cancellation of county warrants.

To provide for the election of assessors in cities and towns that lie in parts of townships.

To provide for superior courts in certain cities.

To require all able bodied men in cities to pay poll tax, and if not paid before September the tax becomes a lien on all property, and no property or wages are exempt from execution therefor.

To reduce the interest on the school fund loan to seven per cent. This is not the bill passed by the house.

To provide for printing the report of the state board of health.

To authorize school directors to build roads to school house sites.

To legalize contracts heretofore made by school officers for insurance of school property.

To empower first class cities to purchase grounds for parks by levy of two mills tax.

To legalize certain sewer ordinances of Burlington.

To legalize defective acknowledgement of deeds.

To legalize the sale of certain school lands in Buena Vista county.

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