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MINOR MENTIONS.

Prang's Easter cards at Seaman's. A new floor is being laid in the hall of the court house. A number of prairie schooners entered the appearance of Broadway yesterday.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian church are preparing a sort of Oscar Wilde entertainment, to be given at Do-haney's, Thursday evening of next week. The barn of Charles Shields, in Hardin town-ship, is reported as having been destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning, together with four horses.

Among those who were yesterday taxed the amount of \$8.85 by Judge Aylesworth for being drunk were S. J. Jeffrey, Sweden, and Alex. Stewart. The remains of young Decher, who was killed at the yard of the Chicago & North-western road the other night, was yesterday sent to Appleton, Wis., where the widowed mother lives.

A slight blaze is reported as having occurred at the residence of Mr. Davis in Keg Creek early yesterday morning, by which the house was somewhat damaged. The prospects of a prosperous Young Men's Christian Association in this place are very bright. Already over fifty names have been secured in support of the enterprise.

John Piersons, who claims to have seen Snoddy's assault and rob Mrs. Hubbard, has not only got himself into trouble on the charge of perjury, but it is said that the officers have got hold of evidence pointing to him as the one that robbed a man of about \$15. Piersons would evidently have done better to have kept his mouth shut.

The case of the state vs. Porter, in which a decision was given by the supreme court yesterday, is rather a sensational one. Dr. Porter, of Iowa, was charged with assault with intent to commit rape on a respectable young lady of that city, and was tried, convicted and sentenced. The supreme court reversed the rulings of the judge and sent back the case for a new trial.

William Onglum, living on Mr. Everett's farm about four miles northeast of the city, met with a singular accident while proceeding homeward Wednesday evening in a farm wagon in which were also two others. Among the purchases made in the city was a pound of gunpowder, which became ignited by spark from a pipe, and exploded. Mr. Onglum was slightly injured, and his comrades got somewhat alarmed.

There is a strong feeling in favor of a high license system here, and a pressure is being brought to bear on the committee to place the amount as high as \$1.00. The low license and laxity in giving licenses have caused a marked increase in the number of disorderly places and low dives, and there should be a change which will force the degenerate out of existence. The present council is expected to make a radical change in favor of law and good order, and one of the most important of the steps leading to this change is a great raise in the amount of license required.

A special agent of the postoffice department was in the city lately, looking at the postoffice facilities here, and an attempt was made to secure some larger and more convenient building, but none could be found which was deemed suitable. It was therefore decided to retain the present building, and to use all of the main floor for postoffice purposes. The book store has removed, and other changes have followed. Yesterday the Pearl street entrance was closed permanently, in order that the western portion of the building might be fitted up for the use of the clerks, thus giving only one entrance to the public, that being on Main street. The change has been made by order of the department, so that if any one is disposed to grumble they should find fault with the powers that be. There was much surprise and not a little grumbling heard yesterday among those who have been in the habit of using the western entrance to the postoffice, and who found themselves compelled to go around the block. The change makes a block's difference to many in walking, but while they are thus inconvenienced, the postoffice employees will have more room in which to handle the great amount of mail matter which crowds this office daily.

ROBBING CHINAMEN. Some Bad 'Melicans Get Away with His Trunk, Money and Jewelry. Johnny Chinaman who keep a laundry on North Main street near the creek, was victimized by burglars some time Wednesday night. They succeeded in forcing up his window, and took out his trunk, carrying it onto Washington avenue, where they proceeded to ransack it. They found in it about five dollars in money and a gold watch, together with some trunks and clothing, for which they seemed to have no use. The money and watch are still at large as are also the plunderers. The Chinaman was yesterday carrying on an excited hunt, but with not much success.

CRUELLY CRUSHED.

W. J. Phillips Instantly Killed While Coupling Cars.

A Mild Censure Inserted in the Coroner's Verdict.

The second fatal accident which has occurred in this city this week by coupling cars befell W. J. Phillips yesterday afternoon, in the yard of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway company. Phillips was engaged in coupling cars at the time of the accident. There were two cars coming down the switch without an engine. S. F. Willey, another employe, was standing on the end of one of these cars, and Phillips stood by the track changing links. Willey called out to him to be careful or he would get caught, and the next he saw of him, Phillips was caught between the brake and the deadwood, and fell. One wheel ran over him close to the thigh and the other wheel ran on him. When Phillips was taken up he was found to be already dead and badly mangled.

Coroner Ford was summoned and inquest was held. Mr. Willey testified substantially as above, and C. F. Tuttle, the only other one who saw the accident, corroborated his statement in full. He heard Willey call to Phillips to look out. It was brought out in the evidence that the cars which Phillips was coupling were of the eastern make, coming together very closely, and one not familiar with their peculiar build was very liable to be pinched between them in attempting to make a coupling.

The coroner's jury consisted of M. B. Brown, C. S. Clark and C. I. B. at. The verdict was: That the said W. J. Phillips came to his death by being caught between two cars and run over, while in the act of coupling in the yards of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad in said city. No blame attaches to the railroad company, except in the use of foreign cars, which the jury regards of unusual dangerous construction to those not familiar with them.

The mangled remains of the unfortunate man were placed in charge of his brother and taken at once to the home of the deceased on Pierce street. Mr. Phillips was a young man who had many and warm friends in this city, and the community throughout will sympathize sincerely with the wife and children upon whom this blow has come so suddenly. Mr. Phillips was an active member of Phoenix hook and ladder company, and was also an honored Knight of Pythias. He has been for some time switchman in the employ of the C. R. I. & P. railway company, and was proving himself a honest and faithful employe. The extent of his acquaintance and the number of his friends causes the accident to give an unusual shock to many.

OFF FOR PRISON.

The Escaped Convict, Tom Ingalls, Starts Back to serve Out His Term.

J. McEwen, one of the officers of the Wisconsin state prison, arrived in the city yesterday, to take back with him Tom Ingalls, the escaped convict, who was found in this city by the instrumentality of THE BEE. McEwen proceeded to the jail to see his man, and make sure that he was the one wanted. Ingalls had no idea that an officer was coming after him, and was completely taken back when McEwen stepped into his cell. He eyed him an instant, and recognizing him at once, exclaimed, "Well, Jim, is that you? Well, I'm glad to see you anyway," and he proceeded to inquire all about it, when and how he was to be taken back. He expressed a readiness to go, having got tired roaming about the country dodging officers and picking up a precarious living by all sorts of crooked work. At least, this was the substance of his talk. The officer at once took him in charge, and started by the first train back to Wisconsin, where he has several years yet to serve. Ingalls has been at work in this part of the country for a short time, and has been connected with other thieves and crooks, and pretended to give more or less "pointers" regarding various others, but as his want of these were woven from his own imagination and for the purpose of blinding the officers and screening his companions rather than any help in bringing them to justice.

JUMPED FROM JUSTICE.

The Calaboose Fails to Hold Its Inmates, and Those Who Want to Light Out.

A few weeks ago some of the prisoners locked up in the city calaboose made a successful break for liberty through the rear door. Yesterday noon another jail break occurred. The officers were all at dinner and advantage was taken of their absence by one of the prisoners taking a case knife, furnished at meal time, and by inserting this through the crack of the door, succeeded in tilting the bar, thus unfastening the door. This let the prisoners out into the office, and throwing up a window, two of the prisoners crawled through, dropped to the ground outside and hurried off. They were noticed crawling out of the window, but those seeing the occurrence did not interfere with them, and they had no trouble in getting away. The two who thus got away were named Whiting and Propell. Whiting was arrested the day before by Officer Barbys, charged with being drunk. Yesterday morning, on being brought before Judge Aylesworth, he pleaded not guilty, and his trial was set for two o'clock in the afternoon, but he did not wait for it.

Bill Propell, the other one who escaped, is better known as "Dutch Bill," and was arrested yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. It is understood that he was also wanted for getting away with a roll of bills from a man sitting asleep in a saloon, and the evidence was being gathered for this. There were four other prisoners in the calaboose serving out terms for drunkenness and other minor offenses, but none of those seemed disposed to take the chance offered them for escaping. After the horses were stolen the stable was locked, of course. The man fastening the bar and which has fallen into disuse, was immediately stored to its usefulness, and will prevent any further escape of this kind, but some other part of the calaboose will next be found weak enough to puncture. The city needs some better and cleaner place to keep its prisoners. The present hole justifies anybody in breaking out, and as a cage it is strong only in its smell.

MISSOURI VALLEY MATTERS.

Serious Accident in the Railroad Shops - Petition for Mason.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., March 22.—A painful accident occurred last evening at the S. C. & P. shops here to Mr. Frank Stevens, a young machinist. While beating some heated iron a splinter flew off and struck him in the right eye, cutting the ball in two. He will lose his eye sight entirely in the stricken eye. Charles Taylor, a car repairer, while coupling in the Northwestern yard today had his right fore finger badly mashed. A petition to President Arthur, asking the pardon of Sergeant Mason, was put in circulation to-day by the Northwestern's young man, Mr. Porrow, and was signed by a long list of gentlemen, embracing almost every prominent business man in town. Of all to whom it was presented only two refused to sign it. FAY.

Opposing the Bridge Enterprise. The Nonpareil, of course, objects to the proposed wagon bridge across the river, connecting this city and Omaha. This opposition surprises no one familiar with the policy of that paper in opposing enterprise and progress, and in especially opposing any enterprise which its master, the Union Pacific, discourages. Neither is it a surprise that the Nonpareil seeks to stir up ill feeling between the two cities, when there is a growing sentiment in favor of union in all matters which will help both cities. It says: "It is safe to say, however, that Council Bluffs is in a fair way to see many more years of experience and public sagacity pass over her municipal head before her sister city has succeeded in convincing her that it is a wise move to endorse and aid in carrying out the pet scheme of Omaha's shrewd people."

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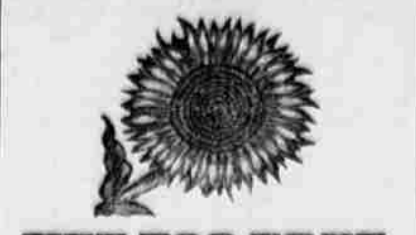
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