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CRESTON'S PROGRESS. Steady and Substantial Growth of the Town--Business and Personal Notes.

Correspondence of The Bee. Creston, Iowa, April 5.--It is a rainy day in Creston, and yet the sidewalks seem full and there are many teams on the streets, so we wander from street to street looking for the news and noting the improvements and prospective growth of the city.

On the next corner from the First National bank a large brick is being constructed; the Summit house is to have a three-story brick addition on the west side with a 40 or 50 foot front, at a cost of about \$20,000. G. W. Cartlich will immediately begin to rebuild and enlarge his opera house. Harsh & Burch are to build two brick blocks, similar to and joining the one they built last season, at a cost of \$25,000. Kelly will put up a new two-story brick, 66x100, for three stores, just west of De Voe's block, on the southwest corner of Maple and Montgomery streets. C. S. Rex & Whipple are to build a large brick just west of the Eagle block, the foundations being already laid.

The country business has been bought up by eastern capitalists, and is being consolidated into a strong and working condition. The Outer studio will soon be in new quarters, erected especially for their higher class of work, which is fast becoming celebrated as the finest photograph and portrait work in Southwestern Iowa.

The new car works and the new machine shops for the railroad company, new stores, offices, and fine residences without number are everywhere talked of, and the Revier house keeps up its popularity under the management of Mr. Yancy, although his partner has been on a "stick leave" for some weeks.

The new mayor, Mr. J. B. Harsh, brings to that office again a large experience and executive ability, as well as an unselfish desire for the prosperity of the city, and in different quarters we hear of his efforts to secure and organize his executive officers into an efficient and thorough working force; and there is every prospect that his administration will be the means of leading the city out of some of the dilemmas it is drifting into.

The city will now have a thorough system of sewers, the plans having been already drawn and put into book form by Richard Stroud, the chief engineer, and \$10,000 of the general fund will be used in addition to the private contributions. The water supply for the city will be maintained by the railroad company, and the city fathers are about to extend all the works in the city so as to be able to furnish the whole town with water and meet the "fire fiend" half way when he makes his appearance.

Senator McMill has been at his home in Alton for a few days, and I only heard him spoken of in terms of the highest praise, which, in a measure, rather rare among our ambitious Americans. Plenty of Creston people and Creston money are going to Wynora, Nebraska, and among others, Brother J. J. Steadman, formerly editor of the Gazette, but now the official postmaster, is pooling with some other substantial parties to open a bank there, while they are investing largely in real estate, and that young city need not look for better citizens or more enterprising business men than this trusty "advance guard" of "Hawkeye energy."

The city of Creston has just been captured by storm by the followers of Channing and his religious views, and as every church should be for the better, we hope it will bear fruit in creating a more healthy moral influence, which shall sweep the city until it is clean and orderly as the Park house of Corning, which is said to be the most cozy and pleasant hotel along the line. BUCKEYE.

IMPORTS OF GREEN FRUIT. The Arrivals Last Year--Increase of the Trade at this Port. New York Evening Post. Customs Inspector J. H. Bostwick has just prepared his thirteenth annual report of the trade in foreign green fruit at the port of New York. It shows that in the year 1881 the importation of Mediterranean fruit at this port consisted of 117 cargoes by English steamers, and 25 cargoes by Italian and Norwegian sailing vessels, in all comprising 819,223 boxes and cases of oranges, and 860,241 boxes of lemons. On comparison of these figures with the reports of 1880, the result shows an increase of 12 cargoes by steamers, and 6 cargoes by sailing vessels. This increase in the number of cargoes is represented by an increase of 204,488 boxes and cases of oranges and 20,092 boxes of lemons. The total number of oranges imported in 1881 comprised 225,220,720, of which 90,488,288 perished on the voyage, a loss of 40 per cent., and the total number of lemons imported in 1881 was 285,879,530, of which 56,775,906 perished on the voyage, a loss of 20 per cent. As a whole, the Mediterranean fruit trade returned but little profit to the importers.

There were 47,000 barrels and 10,000 half barrels of grapes imported, on which there was a loss of 25 per cent. Compared with the imports of 1880, there was an increase of 5,946 barrels and a decrease of 466 half barrels. The importations of oranges from the West Indies in 1881 consisted of nine full cargoes and several parts of cargoes by sailing vessels; also, 119,497 barrels of oranges by 114 steamers. On comparison of these figures with the imports of 1880, the result shows an increase of 44,230 barrels and 12,455,706 oranges, over the imports of 1880, also an increase of 21 steamers engaged in the trade, and a decrease of eight sailing vessels. Of the increase of 44,230 barrels of oranges, 38,319 barrels were from Kingston. The orange crop of the Island of Jamaica in the last year was very abundant, and oranges generally sold at remunerative prices. Some of the oranges imported from Nassau

were seriously affected by the destructive parasite which has recently made its appearance in that region. The oranges from Kingston were also more or less affected from the same cause. The importation of pineapples from the West Indies consisted of 33 full cargoes by sailing vessels, and parts of cargoes by 70 steamers, making a total of 3,056,019 pineapples, of which 514,004 perished on the voyage--a loss of 25 per cent. On comparison of these imports with those of 1880, the result shows a decrease of 29 cargoes by sailing vessels, and 1,181,933 pineapples during the last year. The large decrease of the number of pineapples is mainly owing to the failure of the productiveness of the soil on which the pineapples are grown, its strength having become exhausted from long and continued cultivation, and also to the large number of pineapples required for canning at different establishments in the West Indies. The deficiency was partly made up by the receipt of 255,222 pineapples from Florida, from which state a largely increased number of pineapples is expected the present year.

The importations of bananas from the West Indies the last year consisted of 92 full cargoes and parts of several cargoes by sailing vessels, and 70 cargoes by steamers, making a total of 424,281 bunches, showing an increase of 81,634 over the imports of 1880. Of the above, 84,856 bunches perished on the voyage, a loss of 20 per cent. The trade in West India bananas did not prove profitable to the importers, but resulted in some considerable losses. A large part of these losses was sustained by the importers of bananas from Baracoa, and was principally caused by the long and severe drought which prevailed in that part of the island of Cuba last season. The importations of bananas from Aspinwall largely exceeded those of any previous year, and consisted of 67 cargoes by steamers, comprising in all 460,961 bunches, of which 85,139 bunches perished in the voyage, a loss of 18.47 per cent. There was an increase of 14 cargoes, and of 163,881 bunches of bananas over the imports of the previous year. The importations of coconuts were imported from the West Indies, etc., to the number of 11,378,829, which constituted the cargoes and parts of cargoes of 114 sailing vessels and 92 steamers. Of the above, 907,200 perished on the voyage, a loss of 8 per cent. On comparison of the above with the imports of 1880, the result shows an increase of 1,340,849 coconuts for 1881. The importations of limes comprised 1,805 barrels, on which there was a loss of 30 per cent.; 1,110 shadocks, loss 10 per cent.; 13,000 grape fruit, loss 10 per cent.; 47,525 mangoes, loss 65 per cent.; 24,300 plantains, loss 10 per cent.; 3,330 sapodillas, loss 40 per cent.; 400 Avocado pears, loss 30 per cent. The following table shows the value of the foreign green fruit entered for consumption at the port of New York in the last thirteen years, with the amount of duty collected thereon:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total Value, Total Duty. 1869: \$1,381,581, \$340,499.20; 1870: \$1,730,515, \$45,196.45; 1871: \$2,098,028, \$50,138.20; 1872: \$2,904,415, \$70,138.20; 1873: \$2,085,840, \$47,201.70; 1874: \$3,025,474, \$111,611.90; 1875: \$2,072,720, \$54,482.20; 1876: \$3,061,603, \$64,110.30; 1877: \$3,148,992, \$66,016.60; 1878: \$3,735,650, \$90,441.20; 1879: \$3,693,410, \$88,437.20; 1880: \$4,192,381, \$75,437.20; 1881: \$4,383,086, \$72,326.90. Total: \$40,151,744, \$7,023,088.80.

Unmerited Abuse. To the Editor of The Bee. A much abused citizen desires to thank you for the fair statement of facts given on your Council Bluffs page this morning in regard to himself. During the late campaign both seemed to serve as fair game for the partisan press. A reader of your new paper for two years. I feel that you will allow all me a brief space for a few additional facts, which furnish a fitting addenda to your clever article of to-day.

I was city marshal of Hamburg for some time and an auctioneer with a fair business. I came here with my little family to establish myself as an auctioneer, and as a temporary expedient I took the restaurant near Dohany's opera house, and added a small beer saloon to the west end, which was applied for license as you state, which was granted, but subsequently enjoined by Dohany, who swore no saloon should come near his temple to the gods. The building I occupy is owned by Dohany's personal enemy, who was a candidate for mayor in the late campaign. During "show nights" at the opera house, questionable characters of both sexes would visit my restaurant for lunch, and sometimes half-drunken men would apply to me for beer to drink, which was always refused. At another time a careless girl was thrown out of a buggy on Bryant street, sustaining severe injuries. She was brought to my place. I sent for Dr. Cook, and she received every care.

As soon as the owner of the building became a candidate for mayor, Dohany and a candidate for marshal on the opposition ticket, named Stone, renewed their attack upon myself and business in order to obtain votes against the owner of the building, a candidate, as I have said, for mayor. Things mentioned above and other business transactions of less moment were magnified into crimes, and the police were made to believe by these ancient gossips that I kept a terrible place. I have been an officer myself, and know how easy it is at times for policemen to act thoughtlessly upon hearsay evidence. I was arrested, as you say, for keeping a saloon without license, but as the injunction was pending in the higher courts, and the money was always ready, this charge was dismissed, as were all others in due time. I had no thought or intent of violating any law, and must here compliment the marshal and his excellent force for the excellent judgment used in matters which would necessarily smirch the veracity of some of their best friends.

I had hoped this abuse and misrepresentation would end with the campaign. I was surprised to find it re-

newed in a recent issue of the twilight twinkler. I now feel constrained to ask to be let alone. My saloon has been closed for over two months, and I have resumed my old business as an auctioneer. Now that the ill feeling of the late campaign is over, I hope by-gones may be by-gones, while I try in my new business to deserve every man's good will. Truly yours, H. C. Dowdy, Council Bluffs, Ia., April 17.

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IOWA ITEMS.

A contract will soon be let for the erection of a thirty thousand dollar normal school building on the state's grounds at Cedar Falls. The mayor of Creston has warned the gamblers, bunco men, etc., of that city to show visible means of support or get up and get. "Support or slide" is the motto of the mayor. The Whitebreast mine, in Lucas county, is the largest single coal shaft in the state.

In Pulaski, Davis county, over thirty new houses have been built this spring, a flouring mill has just been completed, and a creamery will soon commence operations. Lenox has a nicely organized and equipped fire company of nineteen members. Clarinda claims the banner boom team of young ladies.

A woman at Ottumwa, last week, gave birth to five children, part week and part dog. The freak of nature is the subject of much wonderment and comment. The Milwaukee road is apparently a strictly temperance line, as they forbid the opening of saloons in any of their new towns along the Council Bluffs extension. The Mayor of Creston has ordered the total suspension of all kinds of business on Monday. The kicking is loud and vigorous.

Clerk of courts at Sioux City states that more than 75 per cent of the marriage licenses issued during the past three months have been to foreign born citizens, mostly Scandinavians. At Ottumwa good husbands readily sell out from \$140 to \$200; mediums, \$80 to \$120, and plugs from \$40 to \$60. During the first three months of the year the treasurer of Monona county collected \$5,654.48. Theodore M. Davis, of New York, has made a gift of \$5,000 to Gratiot college, Davenport. The money is to be kept in trust, and the interest used to assist worthy young men who, desiring an education at the college, do not mean to obtain it.

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