

The Daily Bee.

OMAHA.

Wednesday Morning, Jan. 17

Weather Report.

(The following observations are taken at the same moment of time at all the stations named.)

WEATHER DEPARTMENT, U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE, OMAHA, JAN. 16, 1883. (1:45 p. m.)

Table with columns: STATIONS, Barometer, Thermometer, Direction, Force of Wind, State of Weather.

Read from at Omaha, from 8 at Yankton, 10 at Council Bluffs, 12 at Des Moines, 14 at St. Paul, 16 at Chicago, 18 at St. Louis, 20 at Kansas City, 22 at St. Joseph, 24 at St. Charles, 26 at St. Louis, Mo., 28 at St. Louis, Mo., 30 at St. Louis, Mo.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—Omaha Glee Club rehearsal last night. —The coroner's office has become a nuisance. —It is predicted that several small business houses will soon "bust". —Hon. Geo. W. Frost lectured before St. George's Society last night at Knights of Honor hall. —Rev. W. J. Harsha Monday united in marriage Mr. John A. Worthen, of St. Louis, and Miss Ella Huntington, of this city. —Mr. William Lewis, the expressionist, is confined to his house by illness, and will probably be some time before he is able to be out again. —A magnificent turnout, a four-horse sleigh, driven by Mr. Ned Patrick, and occupied by a party of his lady friends, attracted a good deal of attention on the streets yesterday morning. —A little girl named Knight was hurt Monday while coasting on 22d street, North Omaha, by a collision with a passing sleigh. She was hurried home by a couple of her companions. —Mrs. Aph. Cox returns thanks to all those who assisted her by taking part in the raffish for her watch. The number winning the watch was held by her father, who presented her with it again. —A horse tied in front of Schlack & Prince's store Monday, disappeared suddenly with the buggy to which he was attached. Whether it was theft, runaway or a practical joke is not known. —Three men were run in as vagrants Monday, and two were discharged, and the case of the third continued for one week, giving \$100 bail for his appearance. Two plain dresses were sent up to jail. —A fall of light, dry snow began early yesterday and continued most of the day, forming a splendid covering for the icy roads and improving the sleighing greatly. The weather reports did not indicate that the snow would continue very long or be heavy. —Owing to unavoidable circumstances the banquet of the Central club on the 25th inst. will be held in Central hall instead of Masonic hall as announced in invitations. Those receiving invitations will please note the change. —The sledge hammer, brace and chisel used in the attempt to burglarize the Lewis & Co.'s safe Sunday morning have been identified by Mr. Pat Hammond, the blacksmith, and have been returned to him. They were stolen from his shop Saturday night by parties who entered through a side-window and went through both stories of the shop. A larger sledge was carried off, but dropped in a neighboring yard. —An accident occurred near Warner station, on the St. Paul road. The first track of the engine on the incoming train jumped the track, and in this way the engine continued to run for ten rods, the wheels cutting the ties at every turn. The train was stopped as soon as possible, and the engine was then got upon the track again. —Fred Davis, the assignee of R. Stearns, the 13th street grocer, is a creditor of the house in the sum of \$1,000. The stock was attached before the assignment was filed by Paxton & Gallacher for \$339, by Meyer & Havpe for \$21; and after the assignment attachments were sued out by H. G. Clark for \$185, and by Millard & Peck for quite a large sum. An appraisement shows the stock to be worth \$963 as against an indebtedness of \$2,000. —A couple of big cases of goods, too large to be put in the cellar windows, were opened up on the sidewalk by Cruickshank & Co.'s store yesterday as a Bex reporter passed by, and was attracted by the forcible marks, odd nails, etc. The contents were a valuable lot of lace curtains imported by the firm direct from Glasgow. The duties paid on them at the Omaha custom house amounted to \$27.4

OMAHA HOTELS.

They Are as Safe as the Average from Fire.

A Description of the Different Houses.

The recent hotel fire in Milwaukee accompanied with such a great loss of life has created a feeling of fear in the minds of the greater portion of the traveling public. Whatever has been said about the Newhall house being a fire and death trap might probably be as truthfully said concerning hundreds of other hotel structures in the country, particularly in the west. Some houses certainly are constructed with the greatest care in order to insure them against a calamity by fire. But a desire to have a large house with a big capacity for guests often leads the builder, with comparatively limited capital to cut on the substantiality of the building, and erect with a view of making the hotel look imposing and grand, when in reality it is nothing more than a tender box, which when the torch is applied will vanish into the air in the shortest possible time. After the building has been burned, and the fire has been attended with a loss of life, the wisecracks are around saying, "I told you so." This does not help the matter. A Chicago drummer was interviewed by a reporter in that city a few days ago, and in answer to an inquiry said that he could name at least twenty-five hotels in the west which were equally as unsafe as the Newhall had been before its destruction. A Bex reporter yesterday made a tour of the Omaha hotels to learn from personal observation and inquiry whether the drummer's assertion had any application to them. Mention was made in yesterday's Bex that the management of the Paxton had commenced to adopt additional precautions against fire. A door has already been cut from the third floor of the western wall to the roof of the adjoining building. It is contemplated to cut another on the fifth floor and to have a stairway leading down into the roof of the building on the west. In addition to those hatchways will be cut into the floors of the portions on the fourth and fifth floors of the front. Permanent stairways will lead from each floor to the others, so that escape may be made on the exterior of the building. The exterior walls of the Paxton are very good and the interior divisions fair. The hallways are wide enough for all practical purposes. The stairways of each floor are roomy and have a sufficient width. The trouble with the Paxton, as with all other hotels which are not absolutely fire proof, is that the partitions and the interior divisions are in a great part made of wood, which, when on fire burn rapidly. The egress by way of the stairs in case of a fire would be difficult if the flames originated in the lower stories, and this is generally the case. It has been demonstrated many times that about the only means of escape is from the exterior walls, and on this account probably the management of the Paxton have deemed it proper to have the escapes made by means of the porches. The interior of the Paxton is about like that of the generality of hotel buildings. It is built with the inside walls facing on the street or open spaces so as to give light and air to the interior rooms. The halls running through each story are about 10 feet wide and, if in case of a fire it were possible to escape by means of the stairs the hotel is amply provided. As is well known the elevator becomes useless as a means of escape for the flames quickly catch the elevator shaft and the opening for the fire as good as a death for the fire as the most elegantly constructed chimney could. In some states statutes make it compulsory with hotel proprietors to have iron doors on each floor of the elevator way which are closed at night so that no draft can be created in the shaft in case of fire. None of the Omaha hotels are thus furnished. THE MILLARD. The Millard is rather peculiarly constructed and the manager, Mr. Shears, claims that this peculiarity adds to the safety of the building. The dining room portion fronting on Thirtieth street is two stories high and the roof might be utilized in case of fire as a place to jump from from the main building. The kitchen and servants' department is a detached building, on the northeast portion of the hotel property, and is connected with the principal structure by bridges on the different floors. The hallways are ten feet wide on each floor, and in themselves are all right, if the fire started that they could be made use of. The area or corridors of the Millard is a bare expanse of walls with no balconies or other means of exit on the interior side of the building. In conversation with Mr. Shears, the gentleman informed the reporter that the walls of the buildings were for the first and second floors twenty-one inches in thickness, while the third, fourth and fifth were eighteen inches. It is said that the two partition walls running north and south and the two running east and west put the building virtually into four compartments. The reporter asked an architect whether these were so constructed and utilized that they afforded any real protection against fire. He did not think, with all doors dividing the different parts, that they would. This has not been done. Aside from the means of jumping from the main structure to the roofs of the dining room and the servants' apartments there are no external fire escapes on the Millard. There has been no drilling of the servants and only a partial one in the Paxton, although the latter house seems to have had this more in mind than the Millard. It has been said that the interior ar-

OLD SETTLERS.

The Mysterious Disappearance of Their President.

The Way to Get a Grist Ground Out Quick.

For several days past a call for a regular meeting of the Old Settlers' association has been published in the various papers, to be held at the board of trade rooms, last evening. At the appointed time about twenty or twenty-five had assembled, including Dr. Harvey Link, the patriarchal member from Millard, who braved the storm to meet the old comrades who braved the dangers of the frontier with him a quarter of a century ago. The hour set apart for the meeting was 7.50, and as 8 o'clock came on and the president, Mr. Alf. D. Jones, came not, the members were no longer. He was the one who had called the meeting and he was known to have been particularly urgent in regard to having a fair attendance. In the afternoon he had cancelled another engagement on purpose to attend, and was known to be punctual in keeping every engagement at the meeting. At length the meeting was called to order by choosing Mr. John Evans as chairman and J. W. Ostrom secretary pro tem. The chairman expressed his fears that some accident had befallen brother Jones and Mr. Gibson was appointed a committee of one to repair to his residence, just around the corner, and learn the cause of his absence. In the meantime inquiries as to the object of the meeting elicited no response except from Mr. Geo. W. Homan, who thought it was to fix the date for an annual meeting, supper and good time generally. Pending the return of the committee sent for Brother Jones, Dr. Harvey Link, of Millard, being called upon, told a good story about his experience in getting a grist of flour ground in the earlier days, when he used to bring the miller with a half pint of good flour to grind his grist, and not keep him fifteen days in waiting and causing two trips between his home and the mill, which was at Calhoun. During the speech Mr. Gibson returned and reported that Mr. Jones left the house between 6.30 and 7 p. m., and had said that he was going to attend the old settlers' meeting. The announcement of this news filled the audience with consternation, and all were sure that some untoward accident had occurred to prevent Mr. Jones from being present. It was moved that the association adjourn, and it was the determination of all to resolve themselves into a committee to search for the lost official. Upon adjournment those present gathered in little knots on the street corner and discussed the mysterious event, for which they could find no explanation. One of the number went so far as to visit the police headquarters and leave word that Mr. Jones was missing. The association then adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary. Late in the evening it was ascertained that Brother Jones had been at the hall and opened it up. The search finally resulted in finding the lost man, who it appears got out of humor on account of a late appearance of his friends and had gone to the Odd Fellows' hall to enjoy his meeting there. He was alive and well and, as in many other instances, the sensation dropped with his re-appearance. PERSONAL. J. T. Wertis has returned from Ohio. D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln, is in town. C. F. Gardner, of Stanberry, is at the Paxton. Harry Bolton, of Schuyler, is at the Millard. Dr. M. W. Stone, of Wahoo, is at the Millard. L. D. Hopkins, of St. Joe, is at the Millard. Fred L. Goeng, of Sioux City, is at the Paxton. Mrs. D. H. Prener, of Hiawatha, is at the Millard. George M. Hobart, of Philadelphia, is at the Paxton. Mrs. and Miss Clark, of Bellevue, are at the Paxton. W. H. Sumner and wife, of Schuyler, are at the Millard. Misses Snow and Tripp, of Lincoln, are at the Millard. Seth Mobley, of Grand Island, was in town yesterday. H. A. Bolles, of Council Bluffs, was in the city yesterday. L. H. Kent, of Orleans, registered at the Paxton last evening. J. N. Reynolds and wife, of Nance county, are at the Paxton. Henry Buckley, of Binghamham, England, was a guest of the Paxton yesterday. Mr. J. V. Berry, representing Falley & Hoos, of Lafayette, Ind., is in the city, a guest of the Paxton. Tested by Time: For Throat Diseases, Colds and Coughs, BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES have proved their efficacy by a test of many years. Price 25 cents. A MAD MONGOLIAN. China and Africa at War Over a Shirt. There was a speck of war on the horizon about Harney street Monday the storm being averted finally by the interference of the armed police. At the scene of the trouble a Celestial laundry is conducted by some of the praiseworthy children of the Orient, and it was on this occasion invaded by a couple of ebullient descendants of the Queen of Sheba. The colored gentlemen, whose names are respectfully Chas. Finlay and W. R. Brown, went to the laundry and demanded some clean clothes

A MISSING MAN.

His Team and Outfit Disappear With Him.

Marshal Angell has received notice, dated January 15th, of the mysterious disappearance of Sylvester W. Bird, of Maple Landing, Monona county, Iowa, with a request to look out for him and if any traces are found communicate with his grief stricken family.

Mr. Bird had been selling honey at LeMars, and left for home in the evening, driving a team of dark brown horses with silver-mounted harness, and a new Molino wagon, marked M. L. Jones, Southland. He is supposed to have had several hundred dollars on his person, which would have proved a rich haul for road agents. He is about 45 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height, dark complexioned and had a roman nose. He wore a brown overcoat and dark clothes. Information may be sent to A. C. Bird, Maple Landing, and a liberal reward will be paid. BROCKLIN'S ARNICA BALM. The Best Salve in the world for Ooze, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures them. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by C. W. Goodnow. Free of Cost. All persons wishing to test the merits of a great remedy—one that will positively cure Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, or any affection of the throat and lungs—may request to call at C. F. Goodman's Drug Store and get a trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, King's ointment, which will show you what a regular dollar-size bottle will do. WHIRLING OVER THE WIRES. A Great Crowd of Stragglers Above Central Park. Glance at the Drivers. New York Tribune. Thousands of sleighs were out on "The Road" yesterday. When "The Road" is spoken of by horsemen that part of Seventh avenue is meant which begins just above Central Park, at One hundred-and-tenth street, and stretches for exactly two miles north until Macomb's dam bridge is reached. This is where the rich men of New York who love fast driving appear every pleasant day. Among the many persons who watched the fast teams go by yesterday afternoon there was one veteran who is well known to all old horsemen. This was "Pop" Sherwood. As he sat on Caowood's porch, chatting with a Tribune reporter, he looked vigorously enough to leap into the twentieth century. He has owned many fast horses, the most famous being Flora Temple. "I sold Brock brooding company, with \$24,000. It is believed that the assets will be nearly half a million. A meeting of creditors will be held next Monday. Hurst's Acid Phosphate. AS A BRAIN FOOD. Dr. F. F. NEWCOMER, M. D., Greenfield, O., says: "In cases of general debility, and torpor of mind and body, it does exceedingly well." A Bank Failure. Special Dispatch to THE BEE. WASHINGTON, January 16.—James J. Chapman, a book seller and stationer has failed. The liabilities are heavy. The assets are small. SPECIAL NOTICES. MONEY TO LOAN.—Call at Law office of D. L. T. Two as room 3rd floor Bex. MONEY TO LOAN.—On chattel mortgage real estate. A. L. Tuttle, No. 1516 Douglas street, room up stairs. MONEY TO LOAN.—At 8 per cent. Sherwin's Real Estate and Loan Agency, opposite postoffice. \$250,000 TO LOAN.—At 8 per cent interest in sums of \$5,000 and up, on first class city and country real property. DENNIS REAL ESTATE AND LOAN AGENCY, 15th and Douglas Sts. HELP WANTED. WANTED.—Man to work in timber. Apply for particulars to this evening's BEE. MANN & HELLER. WANTED.—A girl in a family of two, 2475 Davenport street. 724-15. WANTED.—A girl for general house work. Apply to Mrs. Phil Methane, Convent St., near St. Mary's church. 724-16. WANTED.—Girl for general housework to go to Council Bluffs. Small family, good wages. Apply 419 Douglas street. 724-17. WANTED.—A party cook and dining room girl at the Union Hotel. 724-18. WANTED.—A girl for general housework. Small family, 104 S. 14th st., corner Dodge. 724-19. A girl about 12 to 15 years of age wanted to take care of little child. Inquire a 315 E. 13th St. 724-20. CALVER WANTED.—A young man of good address, who is a native of Iowa, for the position of a clerk. THE RAILROAD CO. WANTED FOR CASH.—Cheap residence lot with three books of street cars. No fancy price paid. The lot is in prime. Address "Residence Lot," Bex office. 724-21. WANTED.—Salt of furnished rooms with board for self and wife in strictly private family, first class location. Best of references given. Address M. A. Armstrong Private Hotel Omaha. 724-22. WANTED.—Every one to have orders for BEE. 312 E. 13th St. 724-23. WANTED.—To leave for long time, to take care of a child. Inquire at 315 E. 13th St. 724-24. WANTED.—A few very respectable Agents & Salesmen, will pay experienced men \$3,000 a day as a new team from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Address: Irving Green, Western Agents Supply Co., Kansas City Mo. 724-25. WANTED.—One or two boarders and roomers at 1610 Davenport st. 724-26. WANTED.—Furnishing and plain sewing at 1412 Farman St. Prices moderate. 724-27. SITUATIONS WANTED. DRUGGISTS.—Wanted understands thoroughly to draw prescriptions, etc., with employment. Address "a. b. c.," office of this paper. 724-28.

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