

The Daily Bee.

A CROSS-EYED CRIMINAL.

OMAHA.

Friday Morning, Jan. 19

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

WAR DEPARTMENT, U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE, VICE, OMAHA, JAN. 18, 1883, (1:45 p. m.)

Table with columns: STATION, Barometer, Thermometer, Direction of Wind, Force of Wind, State of Sky, and State of Water.

River frozen at Omaha, frozen at Yankton, Mississippi frozen at Davenport, frozen at St. Paul, frozen at Duquoy, frozen at La Crosse, frozen at St. Louis.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

It will be seen elsewhere that Omaha carried off a good many officers in the elections by the various state societies Wednesday.

A coyote created some consternation on 10th street yesterday, but was captured by its owner at last.

Some splendid lithographs of Miss Detton, who will sing in the forthcoming Glee Club concert, have been received and will soon adorn the usual windows.

The snow is still with us, and the storm yesterday is the worst of the western country.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give a Japanese festival at their vestry on Thursday eve, 25th inst.

The remains of the late Sam Houston will arrive from Lincoln today, and the funeral will take place at 3 p. m. from the residence of Mr. John Evans.

The hall of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company, in the city hall, is draped in mourning for the late Fuller K. Smith.

The Royal Hand Bell Ringers, which appear at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday next, have been spoken of in the most lavish manner wherever they have appeared.

Old "Billy," the veteran horse of the Merchant's Express line, is dead. He was twenty years old and has been in the express service twelve years.

Mr. Thos. McShane, brother of John A., and Felix McShane, late grocer on the corner of Gating and 23rd streets, died at his residence, after a protracted illness, yesterday.

Manager D. O. Freeman, of the B. & M. telegraph office at Farnam and Twelfth streets, has arranged to bulletin the Senatorial vote each day within a few seconds after the result is declared at Lincoln.

Pools on the senatorial race are being sold at the old base ball pool headquarters of J. E. Blake. The sales are such as to indicate little confidence on the part of the buyers upon their candidates.

Mr. B. F. Gross, of the Nebraska fence works, fell through a trap door a distance of twelve feet Wednesday, struck on his neck and shoulders on a pile of lumber, being so badly bruised that he will be kept in-doors for a few days.

The Denver Tribune says: The time for the completion of the Utah division of the Denver & Rio Grande road is rapidly approaching. A huge excursion will be organized to visit the capital of Mormonism when the time arrives.

The show case in front of Mrs. Keith's millinery store was recently robbed of goods valued at \$30; Martin, the tailor, was robbed of some valuable cloth, and the New York store is also a sufferer from petty thieving.

Edward Walsh, who is well known to every citizen of Omaha is rejoicing today in the arrival of his first born, a little girl, who put in an appearance about 1 o'clock yesterday. It is a fine baby and the fact that it pulls down the beam at ten pounds, it is a different sort of a ten pounder from those which were on the dump and the grocer will probably not fall obliged to call out the militia.

Our readers will remember that S. P. Morse & Co. offered a large lot of blankets and comforts very cheap. Some of the lines are broken, but what are left are being sold at a ridiculous figure. A ten-foot white blanket at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$2.00 that are being sold elsewhere at double the money, are bargains that every housekeeper ought to take advantage of. This is certainly bargain month at Morse's.

T. A. McSHANE.

Death of a Well-Known Citizen of Omaha.

The news was received at a late hour yesterday afternoon of the death of Mr. Thos. A. McShane, who until quite recently was engaged in the grocery business on Gating street and was a popular man with all classes of citizens and in all parts of this city.

A Horse Thief and Alleged Tennessee Murderer.

How a Barber and a Doctor Disguised Him.

One Cutting His Hair and the Other Curing His Eyes.

A Big Reward for His Capture and a Hot Chase.

The BEE yesterday contained an article in regard to a couple of horse-stealing cases, and since that time some facts have come to light which indicate that one of them was of more than usual importance and that the last has not been heard of yet. This was the case of the man arrested by Sheriff Bob Gregg, of Fremont, for stealing a horse from a Blair farmer.

It now appears that the prisoner was not the thief at all, and in fact had but little to do with the offense charged. The story as now told is a complicated and curious one.

According to this, a young man appeared in this city some weeks ago and registered at the hotel de Coos, claiming to be an unemployed countryman. He was cross-eyed, or cock-eyed, or something of the kind, and put himself in charge of a prominent oculist of this city, who eventually removed the deformity and made his eyes as good as new.

Several days ago the young fellow said he was going out in the country to see his folks and went away, being absent for some time during that time confounding the horses from Blair. This he brought to Omaha, and desiring to dispose of it took it to a lively stable proprietor on Sixteenth street and offered it for sale.

The buyer was cautious, and the ex-cross-eyed young man, whom we will call John Doe, called in his friend, Richard Roe, an honest, hard-working fellow with whom he had become acquainted at the hotel to identify him and show his ownership of the animal, upon which the sale was consummated.

Soon after on Friday morning John Doe took his trunk away from his hotel and disappeared. In addition to having his crooked eyes made straight he had, since his advent in Omaha, also had his long hair cut off to a feather edge and was therefore no longer in appearance that his own mother would not have recognized him.

On Monday morning at 3 o'clock Sheriff Gregg obtained the horse as related yesterday and Richard Roe was arrested for harboring for John Doe's honesty, and lodged in jail where he still remains.

A reward of \$25 for the lost animal and \$25 for the thief was offered, but this was not the only inducement which stimulated official zeal. It is claimed that Don answered exactly the description of an escaped Tennessee murderer, upon his arrival here, before his eyes and hair were renovated. For this murderer a reward of \$500 was offered, and he was therefore a rich prize. The missing murderer was cross-eyed, long haired, and had above his left cheek bone a scar where the brother of his victim had hit him with the butt of a gun and tried to kill him on a subsequent meeting in Missouri. The officers say Doe had this scar and all the other marks which would "nail him to the cross." It is proposed that he has been stealing horses in this neck of woods for some time and it was thought that he was the man who stole Wm. Nelson's horse from him in St. Paul & Pelee's the other day. He was traced to Council Bluffs, where one of the demitons told the Omaha officers that if they wanted to find him he would be sharing her couch at 1 a. m. One or two officers and detectives are after him red hot, and he may yet be brought in. His unfortunate abettor in the Blair horse's sale will probably be discharged.

Another Failure. Philip Lang, the Boot and Shoe Man, Makes an Assignment.

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