

The Daily Bee.

THIRTY-ONE INCHES

STORM AND STEAM.

OMAHA.

Saturday Morning, Feb. 17.

Weather Report.

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

WAB DEP' U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE, OMAHA, February 15, 1888. (1:45 p. m.)

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

LOCAL NEWS.

The "Karl" company arrived yesterday and registered at the Millard hotel.

The heavy fog which prevailed all day Thursday was scattered by the four wind at eight.

The baby which has been the bone of contention in the county court for so long has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the district court.

A chimney burning out on St. Mary's avenue Thursday called out the department and No. 1 hose cart had the misfortune to dash a wheel on the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas.

Various firms who were burned out by the recent fire in the Caldwell block, are actively preparing to resume business.

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The German-English School association have purchased of the Merchants National Bank a lot on Harney street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, for their proposed school building and gymnasium, which is expected to cost about \$6,000.

The Department of Emigration, G. A. R., Department of Nebraska, will assemble in Lincoln on the 20th.

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In case any of our young lady friends want to make a good match for life they had better procure an introduction to his royal smallness—without letting the cat out of the bag, we can't truthfully say that there "is many a mulla" in town whose sole admiration centres on a few smaller men than General Decker.

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Of Perpendicular Humanity, and a World of Intelligence.

The Little General Now on a Visit Here.

Some Facts About the "Pigmy Prince" That Rides Behind the Band With the Gardner Troupe.

The most distinguished arrival the Millard ever had since its hospitable doors were opened, was that of General Charles E. Decker, the smallest man in the world, who decorated the register yesterday with his sign manual.

The man of mind, who very appropriately looks to the Nebraska legislature for the smallest man in the world, must remember that while the general stopping at the Millard is only 31 inches high in stature,

In mental abilities, and his educational attainments are superior. He is a courteous, affable little gentleman, and while in the physical sense he has to look up to everyone that addresses him, in the better qualities that go to make the man, General Decker has to look up to no one.

General Decker saw this mandarin sphere in 1855, 28 years ago, and it will be seen that for many years he was a bigger man than old Grant. He was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and his parents were ordinary statured people, as well as his brothers and sisters. Indeed, the male portion of the Decker family were "double doers" as far as height is concerned.

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There is nothing dwarfish in his composition except his perpendicular, and weak-kneedness, who are five times as tall, and yet he is not five times as fat.

With Gardner, who is without doubt the best German burlesque artist on the stage to-day, General Decker has very little to do. He leads the band in the laughable plebeian scene, and gives the people of today a picture of what the Skidmore guards were years ago.

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The Railroad Blockade Resumed on the Union Pacific.

Some Interesting Items of Railway News.

The storm which began in Omaha early yesterday raged at all points along the Union Pacific main line, as far as Cheyenne, Thursday, and this city only got the small end of it.

The train from the west was not so regular. No. 4, due in this city at 3:25 p. m., did not get off North Platte until 10 o'clock. The high wind, snow and the ice on the tracks are the causes of the detention.

The Denver train, due at 7:35 a. m., did not arrive until noon, train No. 32 was an hour late, and No. 38 was three hours late.

A railway publication has the following interesting article in regard to the dangers of railway travel and rail way service:

Some very interesting and also some startling deductions may be made from the table of railway accidents in the United States, reported by the census bureau for the year ending June 30, 1882.

Through their own carelessness: Killed—Passengers—82, or 1 to every 2,378,834; 1 to every 3,287,601; Employees—693, or 1 to every 632; Injured—Passengers—82, or 1 to every 1,265,649; Employees—2,613, or 1 to every 160.

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From this it will be seen that the dangers of railway travel to passengers, they use ordinary care, are astonishingly small, only one passenger being killed by fault of the railways to each 4,419,400 who traveled during the year, and only one injured to each 1,265,649.

The number of casualties from the carelessness of passengers was somewhat greater, but still very small compared with the vast number transported.

Death of Mrs. Fitzmorris.

At 4:20 o'clock yesterday, Mrs. Mary Fitzmorris, wife of Michael Fitzmorris, died at the family residence, No. 1314 California street, after a lingering illness of over twenty months.

The lady was an estimable person, and her friendship in life was sought by her acquaintances, who in common with her own family will sincerely mourn her loss.

The funeral will take place on Sunday next, at 9 o'clock in the morning, from the church of the Holy Family.

The volunteer firemen's convention at Lincoln.

A convention of delegates from volunteer fire companies of the state met Thursday at three o'clock p. m. in the rooms of the Fitzgerald Hose company in the Academy of Music, in Lincoln.

The following delegates were present: J. C. Cleland, chief of department; Fremont; G. Babson, assistant chief of department; Seward; A. C. Lederman, former Pacific base, No. 1, Grand Island; Adam Menche, Fitzgerald, No. 2, Lincoln; I. L. Lyman, former Merchants No. 1, Lincoln; Chris Conkey, chief of department, Plattsmouth.

The objects of this association are, the protection and promotion of the best interests of the firemen of Nebraska; the collection of information regarding the practical working of the different systems of organization; the examination and inquiry concerning the merits of the different kinds of fire apparatus in use, and the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the different departments of the state.

Chief J. C. Cleland, of Fremont, was elected president; Adam Menche, of Lincoln, first vice president; Chris Conkey, of Plattsmouth, second vice president; E. L. Lyman, of Lincoln, secretary; A. C. Lederman, of Grand Island, treasurer; members at large of the executive committee, G. Babson, of Seward, and Fred Mabel, of Grand Island.

The following departments and companies paid in their entrance fees to the secretary: Merchants' Hose company, No. 1, Lincoln; Fitzgerald Hose company, No. 2, Lincoln; Always Ready Hook and Ladder company, Grand Island; Pacific Hose company, Grand Island; Department fee, Seward; Water Witch, No. 1, Plattsmouth; Lederman moved that the first tournament of the association be held at Lincoln, provided that city offer satisfactory inducements to the executive committee.

The convention then adjourned to meet at the time and place of holding the first tournament.

A magnificent banquet was held late at night at the Silver Moon restaurant.

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A BURGLARY.

The Residence of Mrs. T. A. MoShane Entered and Bobbed.

The Police Extend the Custody Assistance.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock Thursday the residence of Mrs. T. A. MoShane, next to the corner of Twenty-third and Cumings streets, was entered by a burglar. The man opened one of the parlor windows in the front of the house and crawled in. He made his way into the second story and entered the servant's sleeping room. The noise awakened the girl and she called out "who is there, and what do you want?"

"You had better shut up, and go to sleep," responded the burglar in a gruff tone of voice.

Thoroughly frightened, the girl laid quietly in her bed until the fellow finished ransacking the room and went out. Then she raised an alarm and awakened the occupants of the house.

The man who had been burglarized, Mrs. MoShane is in very feeble health, and the excitement caused by the affair was distressing to her weak nerves.

The Denver Tribune of Thursday says: A fearful accident occurred on the Colorado Central railroad yesterday afternoon by which one of the most valued employees of that road was killed.

The accident occurred at Louisville, at 3:30 o'clock. Some cars were being let down a coal chute, to the main track, and Mr. Frank Farrell was entrusted with safely guiding them.

The remains were placed in a casket and taken to Golden, where they now lie awaiting the icequest of the coroner.

Frank Farrell was 52 years of age, and was one of the pioneer railroad men of Colorado, being known by all travelers in the state.

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FOR SALE - Six room cottage with barn and half lot on Chicago street, near High School Only \$2,000. MCGUIRE.

FOR SALE - A one story second hand piazza. Call at 1513 Farnam St. 97-171.

FOR SALE - New Map of Omaha, just completed. ready for delivery. Price, \$1. A 4 cent wide by 7 feet long. Largest and most complete map of Omaha ever published. Official map of the city. See column.

FOR SALE - Double house for sale - \$9.00 per 1 1/2 lots, yard 1 1/2 lots, etc. It is a first class south of 8th Avenue road. LOREZO DIBBLE, 705-4.

FOUND - A middle aged man to be stolen. Inquire of George Lacy, at Steel & Johnson's, Grocers. 168-101.

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DUPRENE & MASON ARCHITECTS advertisement with text: REMOVED TO OMAHA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.