

The Daily Bee. OMAHA. Friday Morning, May 4.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Attend the benefit concert at Saratoga to-night. In the police court today there was one drunk only and he got three days in jail.

The advertising car No. 1, of Robinson's circus, was anchored on the siding south of the U. P. depot yesterday. Anybody wishing to adopt a bright, free looking boy, age five months, communicate with F. P. this office.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Estabrook and Mrs. Squires assist at the benefit concert at Saratoga. Uncle John Stanton claims that since the departure of the Nebraska giant the bill of fare at the free lunches has greatly improved.

George Popp, a cooper by trade, died Wednesday, May 2d, of pneumonia, aged 23 years. His folks in Milwaukee have been telegraphed. A meeting was held at the Baptist church last evening under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to continue the work commenced by Mr. Hogan.

A large ditch on the west side of Franklin street, in north Omaha, which had been filled up with brush and other stuff, was badly washed out by the recent rain and the bridge as well as the brush carried away. Alex. Swan, the well known cattle man of Wyoming, is shipping from Missouri and Iowa between 10,000 and 15,000 head of yearlings and two-year-olds to northern Nebraska, over the Sioux City and Pacific railway.

The annual state convention of the woman's suffrage association will meet at Grand Island May 9 and 10. Miss Hindman, Mrs. Haggart and Mrs. Gossar will attend the convention and will address the people at Liederkreis hall in the evening. All delegates will be entertained by the citizens and it is hoped every county will be represented.

Barney McAuley appears at the opera house, Frid and Saturday, in "Uncle Daniel a la Jersey Man." Tickets - Hospe's to the benefit concert at Saratoga. Puerpural Fever Again. OMAHA, May 2, 1883.

Since the subject of Puerpural fever has been broached an additional word may not be amiss. The occurrence of so many successive cases in the practice of regular physicians is something astonishing as well as alarming, and as a means of prevention of future cases I might suggest the following questions to be put to physicians before entrusting them with cases of child birth: First—Are you now treating any cases of scarlet fever, erysipelas or other contagious diseases?

Second—Have you recently attended a post mortem examination? Third—Have you had during the past two months any case of puerpural fever? If the physician is in a position to give a negative reply, well and good; if not, and other medical aid is not at hand, it might be asked whether the physician has employed the necessary means for thorough disinfection of his person, by discarding infected clothing and bathing in boric water or other antiseptic solution after his attendance in such cases.

The above might not be a very agreeable proceeding, but it might do good. Over ten years ago—as the writer can testify from personal knowledge—students were instructed in medical colleges to put to themselves these questions before going to a case of child birth, and the developments of the past ten years will confirm the wisdom of such teaching.

MEYSTRICK'S MADNESS.

He Applies the Torch to His Own Dwelling

And Defends it From Rescue With a Shotgun.

He is Arrested for Insanity and Lodged in Jail.

One of the Craziest Freaks Ever Perpetrated in the City.

During the storm Wednesday night, between 12 and 1 o'clock, there was an enormous glare of red in the south, and an alarm was turned in from box 26 after a long run the search for the burning building was abandoned, it being believed that the fire was in some of the small towns south of us.

As the facts developed yesterday it proved that the fire was about a half a mile south of Boyd's packing house, and was outside the city limits entirely. Also that it was the result of a crazy man's freaks and that he applied the torch to his own building and prevented the neighbors from doing anything to save it by standing guard over the burning pile with a shotgun.

The name of this man is Frank Meystrick, and about five years ago he was an inmate of the Ohio asylum for the insane. After his discharge he came to Nebraska with his family and did quite well here. He was a carpenter by trade, and having secured a site south of the city limits he went to work and built himself a splendid house, two stories high, of lumber shipped out the river, during the big flood. The house is fine in appearance and its value was estimated at \$2,000.

For the last few weeks Meystrick has been scaring the neighbors by continually firing off his shotgun, and has committed various acts which indicated that his mind had returned with greater violence than ever. Last night about the time the storm commenced he took an ax and tried to chop the house down, but as that appeared to be too big a job he gave it up and turning his wife and four children out of doors set fire to the house, and stood guard over the place preventing his neighbors from interfering to save the property.

It burned with great fierceness for over three hours and was totally destroyed, together with furniture and contents. There was no insurance on the place whatever, and its loss will fall quite heavily on the family, who also lose the presence and aid of the husband and father. The wife, who, with her children, had taken refuge at her brother's house, came into town early this morning and secured the services of Officer Pat Hinchey, who went to the scene of the conflagration and arrested Meystrick, who was still on the spot, bringing him to town and lodging him in the county jail.

A charge of insanity has been preferred against the unfortunate man, and he will be brought before the commissioners of insanity. THAT LIBEL SUIT. Anthony Reis Sues The Bee For Ten Thousand Dollars Damages.

A suit was yesterday begun in the District Court by Anthony Reis, of North Platte, against the Bee Publishing Company for ten thousand dollars damages for alleged libel. The plaintiff alleges in his petition that he has always borne a good character in the community in which he resides, and has never been suspected of being an embezzler or of stealing money and abandoning therewith, or of defrauding any person or society; but on the contrary has always been reported to be a honest man.

He further alleges that at the time of the publication of the article hereinafter mentioned, in the OMAHA DAILY BEE, he was secretary of the North Platte Building Association, and was the custodian of the funds of said society and intrusted with large sums of money, for all of which he honestly and faithfully accounted, and never suspected or attempted to defraud said association.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant well knowing all this and maliciously intending to injure him, said plaintiff, and bring him into public scandal and disgrace and to injure and defame him among his friends and neighbors and to render him infamous in his said office and wholly ruin and destroy his name and credit, did on the 27th day of April, 1883, publish in THE BEE the following "false, scandalous, malicious and defamatory libel." Then follows the special dispatch published in THE BEE at the time named.

The plaintiff alleges that by reason of this publication he has been brought into public scandal and disgrace and has been damaged in his reputation and character in the sum of \$10,000, for which amount he prays the court to give him judgment against the defendant. Real Estate Transfers. The following deeds were filed for record in the county clerk's office May 2, reported for THE BEE by Ames' real estate agency: Charles L. Van Camp to Andrew Marbury, w. d., part lot 31, 34, 15, 13—\$350. A. J. Hanson to J. A. Parsons, w. d., lot 20 and n. h. lot 19, block 18, Hanson place—\$100. Timothy Moriarty and wife to Terrence Boyle, c. o. d., s. h. n. w. 1/4 sec 1, 16, 12—\$2. N. Spielman and wife to E. J. Openheimer, w. d., lot 6, block 1, Dwight & Lyman add.—\$350. Terrence Boyle, c. o. d., to T. Moriarty, r. h. of s. w. 1/4 sec 1, 16, 12, \$200. Homer O. Merchant and wife, w. d., to O. R. h. of s. w. 1/4 sec 1, 16, 12, \$200. Catherine Lohliene and husband, w. d., to Mary Need, parcel in 34, 15, 13, \$300. Catherine Lohliene and husband, w.

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THE BLACK HILLS.

Arrival of the First Steamer of the Season.

From St. Louis to Bismarck and Fort Benton.

The steamer "Black Hills," which left St. Louis a week ago Sunday morning, arrived in Omaha at 8 a. m. yesterday and tied up at the levee near the foot of Douglas street.

The "Black Hills" was built in Pittsburgh in 1877, and is a vessel of 369 7/8 tons burden. She has fifteen state rooms and thirty berths, with a capacity for carrying 150 passengers. She is provided with two high pressure engines, 13-inch cylinder and 5 feet 8 inches stroke. Her two boilers are 24 feet long and 34 feet in diameter. The cabin is neatly and handsomely fitted, and the whole steamer bright and attractive, having undergone a thorough course of repairs during the winter. The officers are as follows: Joseph H. Todd, captain. Mr. Gilles, mate. W. G. Tingo and Wm. Perkins, pilots. Mr. Wilson and Charles Gilliam, engineers. Robt. Hazen, carpenter.

There are about eighteen men employed on the deck. The officers report having found the river in its first condition, very few changes having taken place in the channel since last season when the boat went down. There were no accidents or interruptions during the trip which was an excellent time, the distance from Omaha to St. Louis being 800 miles. The steamer is provided with the electric light, but does not run after night, tying up always at some available spot on the river bank. The only stops made were at Kansas City, St. Joseph and Atchison, considerable freight being taken on at the latter point. Wednesday the Black Hills laid over in "the Channel Bluffs cut-off," opposite B. J.'s packing house, and came to Omaha quite early. There were no freight or passenger for this point but a quantity of freight was received here and a few passengers. The load on arrival consisted of about 300 tons of freight, including almost everything that could be thought of, agricultural implements, empty kegs, household goods, and so on. There were also eight cabin passengers, four of whom were ladies. Three of these came from Atchison and the fourth from St. Louis. All are going through.

On arriving at Bismarck the steamer will at once take its place in the Powers line and will ply between that point and Bismarck, making probably six trips during the season. The distance from St. Louis to Bismarck is given at 1,225 miles; Bismarck to Benton 1,000 miles; Omaha to Sioux City 233 miles. This is probably the only steambot that will come up this season.

AF IL MORTALITY.

The Report of the City Physician for Last Month.

The mortality report of the city for the month of April as furnished by Dr. P. S. Linsenring, the city physician, shows a total of 52 deaths and 58 births, the balance in trade being in favor of life. Of the deaths there were from scarlet fever 1, diphtheria 1, fevers 3, puerperal diseases 3, diarrhoeal diseases 3, dysentery 1, infantile 2, cancer 1, pulmonary diseases 10, heart disease 3, hydrocephalus 1, meningitis 2, convulsions 6, enteritis 1, B. infant's disease 1, cyanosis 1, convulsion of the lungs 3, other causes 6, paralysis 1, accidents 3. Ages: Total under 5 years 18; between 5 and under 25, 8; 25 to 50, 18; 50 to 80, 7; over 70, 2. First ward 10 second ward 16, third ward 2, fourth ward 5, fifth ward 4, sixth ward 6 hospitals 5. Colored 0. Male 27, female 25. Colored 0. Married 17, unmarried 29, widowed 6. Interments: Holy Sepulcher 12, Prospect Hill 19, Casady's 1, County 9, Pleasant Hill 2, German Catholic 2, Laurel Hill 3, Removed 8. Births: White 58 colored 0; males 23, females 35. One pair of twins.

Died. OLSEN—An St. Joseph's hospital, May 3rd, 1883, John Olsen, aged 52 years. The deceased was a member of Omaha lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F. Funeral notices hereafter. BOY D—Miss Caroline Boyd, daughter of Louise Boyd, May 3rd, aged 15 years. Funeral will take place from No. 520 S. 11th street, near Jackson, May 4th, at 3 o'clock p. m. Friend all invited.

Thousands Say So. Mr. T. W. Atkins, Girard, Kan., writes: "I never hesitate to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers, they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known and will positively cure Kidney and Liver complaints. Purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They will save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills every year.

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