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THE POWDER HOUSES. A Number of Complaints Filed in Order to Get them to Move.

The City in the Meantime Stores its Gasoline Where it Can do the Most Hurt.

The annual nervous spasm about the position and condition of the powder houses within the city limits is passing over the public. It is a fact that these powder houses are inside the city limits, and the ordinance is no doubt being violated in some ways by some of the dealers. The ordinance provides that no person shall keep or store gun powder in any house, store or warehouse inside the limits, unless the same is in a fire proof magazine to be located and approved by the mayor and chief engineer of the fire department, the penalty for each offense being \$100. This is not made applicable, however, to retailers of gun powder, who are not allowed to keep more than 25 pounds in their stores, and this must be kept in tin cans, not containing more than five pounds each. All retailers, too, are required to keep a sign on the front of their doors, "Gunpowder for Sale."

The first complaint entered was against Oliver & Graham. They claim to be agents simply for powder company, and that the company purchased five acres in the outskirts of the town, and erected in a ravine a fire proof brick building, placing it in the center of the five acres, thereby complying in all respects to the law. It seems that within a day or two there have been one or two bricks knocked out of the corner of the building, and they intimate their belief that this was done to help the prosecution make out a case and to sustain the charge of its being an unsafe building. It is claimed by them that the powder houses are as safe as in any city under the sun, and that if the council forces these powder houses out of the city, the companies owning them must go to other cities to do business, and leave Council Bluffs entirely. The ordinance provides for the erection of powder houses in the city limits, under certain conditions, and the mere resolution of the council ordering their removal is not enough to repeal this ordinance.

Complaints were also filed against Miller & Co., Stewart Bros., Gronow & Schontgen, and Emplie Hardware Company. All these cases were continued for two weeks in order to give time for correspondence with the companies who own the powder houses. It is talked that an arrangement may be made by which the companies may get a piece of ground and build all the powder houses upon that. In that case an explosion would be an explosion indeed.

While this hurrah is being raised about the powder houses, the city authorities should be looked after a little also. It is common talk that the gasoline bought by the city is after stored in large quantities in the cow pound, right in the heart of the city, where it is liable to be set ablaze at almost any time. Now that cautionary measures are the rage, let the city look out for its gasoline.

Remarkable Escape. John Kuhn, of Lafayette, Ind., had a very narrow escape from death. This is his own story: "One year ago I was in the last stages of consumption. Our best physicians gave me up. I finally got so low that our doctor said I could not live twenty-four hours. My friends then purchased a bottle of Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs, which benefited me. I continued until I took nine bottles. I am now in perfect health, having used no other medicine."

FOUND AT LAST. A MORTGAGED TEAM DISCOVERED AFTER SIX YEARS' DISCOVERY.

Deputy Sheriff Clatterbuck has captured in Harrison county a team of horses which have quite a bit of history. They were found in the possession of William G. Hulman, who claims to have bought them in Missouri. The horses were identified by David Duffinbaugh as the team formerly owned by S. Richards, in Mills county. Richards gave Duffinbaugh a mortgage on the team to secure a loan of \$150. This was six years ago. The team disappeared and could not be traced. Richards soon after moved away, and is now living at Eastport, Neb. A short time ago the team was recognized in this city, attention being called to it by the fact that Scofield & Gorin had a mortgage on the team and proposed to take it on the mortgage, but the matter was fixed up and the team allowed to go, the mortgage being satisfied. The team was traced thus into Harrison county, and the officer proceeding thither took possession of the horses, and they will now be sold in Mills county to satisfy the mortgage given Mr. Duffinbaugh six years ago. It is not known whether Mr. Hulman will commence any proceedings or not to protect whatever interest he may have in the team.

Iron in a colorless state and Peruvian bark, combined with well known aromatics, make Brown's Iron Bitter, the best medicine known. Election of Officers. At the council meeting last night an informal ballot for street supervisor gave Mr. Hardin 3, C. R. Mitchell 3. The formal ballot elected Hardin by 4, to 2 for Mitchell. On the informal ballot for sidewalk commissioner, A. E. Avery received 3, J. Mitcheo 3; formal ballot elected Avery unanimously. On the informal ballot for poll tax collector, Frank Hunter 4, David J. Hunter 2. Hunter was elected unanimously on the formal ballot. Adjourned till to-night.

PERSONAL. General Dodge and wife, accompanied by his daughters Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Annie, arrived at their home yesterday and will remain here several weeks. It need hardly be remarked that they are all most heartily welcomed by scores of friends here.

Ed. Tostage, who is at the residence of E. Rosencrans, and who belongs to St. Albans lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Druids, is very ill, and it is not expected he will live many days. E. E. Salisbury, of Shenandoah, arrived in the city yesterday, and is at the Pacific. Miss Mamie Vaughn has arrived here on a visit to her uncle, Justice Vaughn. Mrs. Dr. Harvey, of Neola, arrived in the city yesterday. J. P. Wallace, of Peoria, arrived at the Ogden yesterday. O. Tucker, of Philadelphia, dined at the Ogden yesterday. J. B. Stett, of Chicago, is at the Ogden. J. H. McMorris, of Omaha, was on this side yesterday. J. C. Clark, of Lincoln, spent yesterday at the Bluffs. R. H. Wellington, of St. Paul, is at the Pacific.

The situation in Colorado. The railroad situation in Colorado is one which will bear the closest scrutiny. The Colorado of to-day, speaking in a railroad sense, is not the territory of ten years ago, any more than it is in any other sense. Then in order to reach any place in the mountains a wearisome ride in a stage coach, on the back of a freighter's outfit, or the only means at command; now all this has changed almost every mile can in Colorado is generated by the railroad, and parties on business or pleasure intent can lounge in elegant cars while they roll through the canons or climb the sides of the mountains and experience no more discomfort than when traveling through the most populous eastern states. Then there were but two lines of railroad from Denver to the Missouri river and there are five, or what is equal to that number, in addition to the New Orleans.

With this idea in view it is perhaps pertinent at this time to say something relative to railroad construction in Colorado. Although the past two years have witnessed the building of more miles of road than any other two years, yet the building has not been stopped but will be pushed on. The Tribune last week gave an account of the proposed line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy to Utah, and a week before that ground was broken in Kalastah canyon for another line into Middle Park.

And yet, with all these railroads and with traveling reduced to a science, when the trip to Chicago can be made in one-half the time of ten years ago, railroad men are trying their best to do this, the youngest state in the Union with a view to building new lines or extending old ones, believing that the future will warrant the move. Certainly, if the next ten years do as much for Colorado as the past ten have, there will be a demand for more lines, and who does not believe in the force of the states? No one who has watched her come up and take her place alongside her older sisters, can for a moment doubt that the prosperity of the past decade will be equaled, and even exceeded, in the next.

These, it is true, are schemes, but the signs indicate that the lines will be built. The Rio Grande is pushing its branches into the remote parts of the mountains, and has surveys made now for extensions which, if local probability, will be built at an early date. The Red Cliff branch is in all probability to be extended into the new mining districts of Garfield county, and the Silverton branch will probably be pushed to a junction with the main line at Montrose.

The South Park road also has eyes on the Garfield districts, and may, at a moment's notice, push a line from Leadville to that district. 'No extensions are now in progress of construction, both from Gunnison city, one being to the coal banks of Co. Carbon and the other to Crested Butte. The New Orleans is making operations for an extension into New Mexico from Pueblo, and the chances for an early start in this direction are considered good. In reference to new lines from the city to Denver, it looks very much as if a central branch would be built within twelve months if it can be purchased by the Missouri Pacific, which now controls it by lease. The Island is another road which is coming, and considerable excitement has been created regarding the fact that the Northwestern was to its line in this direction. Immediate. These rumors cannot be denied, and it would not be surprising to hear at any time that one or two of these roads had or was about commence the construction of a Colorado line.

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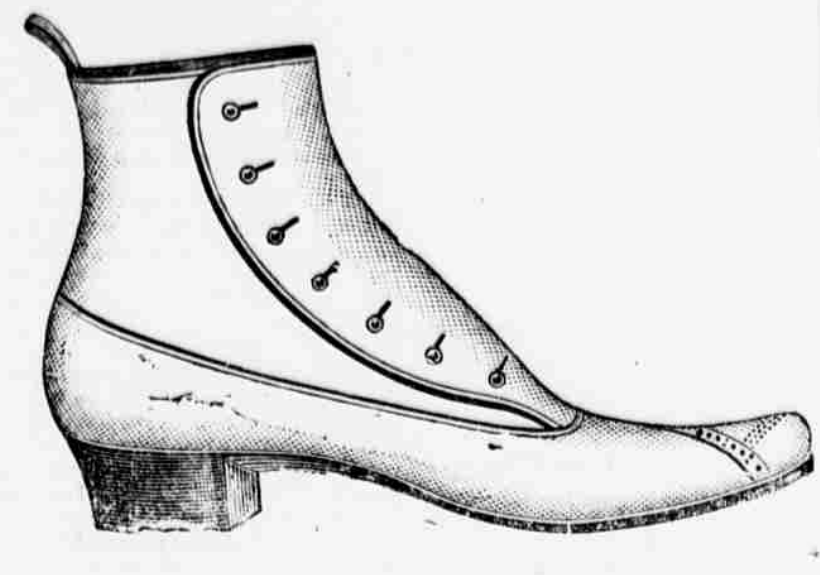
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