

The Daily Bee.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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Republican County Convention.

The Republicans of Pottawattamie county will meet in delegate convention at the court house in Council Bluffs, Friday, June 22, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting 18 delegates to attend the republican county convention at Des Moines, June 27.

The primaries in each township, unless otherwise ordered hereafter by the township committee, will be held June 18, at 7 p. m. By order of JOHN W. BAIRD, Chairman Co. Rep. Con. Com.

MINOR MENTION.

See Joseph Ketter's spring styles. Additional local on seventh page. The Missouri is in declining health.

To rent—325 High School avenue; \$8 per month.

The board of equalization meets to-night for a final hearing.

The mason work of McClurg's new cracker factory has commenced.

The bluff City horse cart got slightly damaged in running to the Churchill fire.

Permit to wed was yesterday granted to Samuel Faba to Mary Leanna Slaten, both of Crescent.

A grand Fourth of July barbecue is being arranged to take place on the farm of Edward Barbridge, in Boone township.

Another death by a falling bluff will soon have to be chronicled, if more care is not taken in the work of excavating.

Prof. Slatery, of the St. Joseph's Academy, received the sad intelligence yesterday of the death of his brother in St. Louis.

Rev. Mr. Rogers is expected to fill the Congregational pulpit next Sunday, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hamlin, being absent from the city.

Juliet Severance, M. D., of Milwaukee, will lecture on spiritualism in Spiritual hall on June 17th. Subject, "This World and the Next."

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There is to be quite a delegation from here to attend the Saengerfest to be held at St. Joseph, June 14th to 18th. They have engaged the Harmony band to go with them.

THE BEE is the only Council Bluffs paper which has enterprise enough to have a representative at the Atlantic races to send the news, which the others greedily copy.

There was a slight smash-up at the Northwestern depot yesterday, a freight car colliding with a pile driver. The wreck delayed travel on Broadway a little, but it was soon dragged out of the way.

Henry Paschal is putting up a small brick building on Broadway, next to the site of the old Sioux City house. It is too bad that the whole vacancy there could not be filled by a three-story block.

Justice Abbott was yesterday holding a reception of Minden people. The chief attraction was the Bill case. The charge of carrying concealed weapons was dismissed, and that of assault is to be tried to-day.

In the district court yesterday the case of Kapp vs. the Sioux City road was opened up. The plaintiff was an engineer in the employ of the company and was injured in a railway accident. He claims \$12,000 damages.

Miles Mullen was arrested by Officer Warner yesterday afternoon for stealing a check from the Union bakery on Main street. His assets consisted of a revolver, three knives, chain, keys and twenty cents. The check he had sold, but it was recovered.

About 10 o'clock last night an alarm of fire was sounded, caused by the explosion of a lamp in the residence of Mr. Boyle, on Washington avenue. The fire department turned out promptly, but their services were not needed. The damage was small.

PERSONAL

Hon. L. R. Bolter, of Logan, was at the Pacific yesterday. J. C. A. Turner, of Faribault, Minn., was at the Pacific yesterday. R. McGovern, of Missouri Valley, is at the Pacific. Attorney Joy, of Sioux City, is attending court here. John Gibson, of Creston, was at the Ogden yesterday. W. W. Macomber, of Monroe, Mich., is at the Ogden. F. W. Stephenson, of St. Paul, booked at the Ogden yesterday. E. Van Wagner, of Milwaukee, reached the Ogden yesterday. Will A. Fry, who is a commercial tourist in the interest of Reed, Jones & Co., Omaha, was in the Bluffs yesterday. O. B. Frederick and wife, and Mrs. Turner, of Missouri Valley, were in the city yesterday. Mrs. Dr. Davis and Mrs. E. Nicholas, from Mapleton, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. Nicholas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam. E. Weirich. Open for work, Pryor's BEE Job Printing Office, 7 Pearl street.

TAX TROUBLES.

Property Owners Grumbling and Threatening to Enjoin Collections.

Some of the Facts and Figures of the Assessment.

It is no unusual thing for property owners to grumble about their taxes, but this year there seems to have been a more than ordinary rumpus raised. Assessor Stone has taken much pains in getting at the property and placing a value upon it, and he prides himself on having made one of the most accurate and just assessments of his whole official career. In fact he takes his reputation on its being the best work he has ever done. The aldermen, meeting as a board of equalization, have gone over the work very carefully, item by item, and their aggregated items thus spent amounts to as much or more than that spent by the assessor. The board has decided that a large number of assessments should be raised, thinking them too low, and he notified the property owners interested that the board will to-night make a final decision. It is among those whose property is to be thus raised that much commotion is caused, and there are threats made of trying to enjoin the collection of the taxes. The claim is set up that the aldermen, meeting as a board of equalization, cannot increase the assessment, but can only equalize it; that they can only increase on some as much as they take off on other property. It is expected that there will be more than the usual storm raised about the aldermanic case, and yet there has been no assessment in making or reviewing which more time and care has been shown. The hue and cry is not raised on account of carelessness, but on account of the alleged absence of equity.

There are some strange facts connected with the assessment. There are running from Main to Pearl streets several business buildings, one owned by Mrs. Knepper, occupied by the Boston Tea company; another two by Alderman James, occupied by John Bono & Co. and by Bushnell & Brackett; another occupied by Harte, McCune & Co. and owned by Sam Haas, and two others occupied by Stewart Bros. These buildings, with ground, are doubtless worth \$10,000 and the rentals pay a big interest on this amount. These have been assessed at \$3,000 each, but Alderman James' buildings, which are of the same sort and value and apparently worth a little more, as the upper part is furnished into offices, has been reduced to \$2,500.

Alderman James' property where he lives is a fine piece of land, composing a whole block, and has three good houses upon it. He is said to have been offered \$27,000 for the property. It was assessed at \$7,800, and the board reduced it to \$5,000. On the other hand Mrs. Sherraden, who owns half as much land west, not nearly so valuable, and with three houses, one which was moved on to the land twenty years ago, and two other one-story buildings, was assessed for \$1,500, but it is proposed to raise her property to \$2,500.

The thirty acres of ground owned by Foster, the green house man and florist, all in a fine state of cultivation, and well improved by buildings, is assessed at \$40 an acre, while the five acres of hollow and bluff, on which is located the little powder house, it is proposed to raise to \$100 an acre.

The elegant home of Mr. Crittenden, with twenty-four acres of land, the house probably costing \$8,000, a new barn, etc., is placed at \$2,500. A St. Louis man, a "for-golner," a non-resident, has four acres between Crittenden & Siedentop's piece of land, which is very broken and unimproved, is to be raised to \$125 an acre. Alderman Siedentop's property with buildings which are rather old, was placed at \$150 an acre, and the alderman made no protest.

The Ogden house and Pacific house are assessed alike, \$15,000 each. The Union Pacific is assessed for about \$360,000. The building owned by M. Bennett and occupied by Van Brunt, Thompson & Co., was assessed at \$4,000, and is to be raised to \$6,000, while the Shugart implement company's building assessment is not \$500 different. Bennett's building is 60 feet square, while the Shugart building is by 100, and both are three stories.

SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN AT CARDS.

A Momentary Misunderstanding Between the Colonel and Major.

From the Chicago Herald. On the train between Montgomery, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn., there were a dozen of us chatting away in the smoking-car, when one of the men drew out a pack of cards and proposed a game of euchre. He soon found a partner, and after a few hands they began playing for \$1 a point and ten points for a game. Naturally enough we were all interested, and more or less excited. By and by there was a slip somewhere, and by one of the colonel remarked: "Major, hands off the cards!" "Beg your pardon, Colonel, but the trick is mine." "Major, I hope you will excuse me for calling you a liar." "Oh, certainly, Colonel, but I take that trick with the king of spades." "If you do, Major, I'll take you with this!" said the Colonel, as his shooter came out. "Ah! let me see, Colonel—let me see. You led the nine of spades and I put on the king." "No, Major; I led the nine of hearts and you refused suit." "That's so—that's so," said the Major, as he looked over his cards. "Colonel, I beg your pardon for having taken you for a blackleg." "Oh, don't mention it. Excuse me for having hesitated to shoot you when I believed you to be a Chicago gambler. It's your play, Major!"

A NEW TRICK.

A Woman Arrested for Being in the Confidence Business.

A Denver Lady is the Victim.

Another confidence trick was turned at the Union Pacific depot yesterday. There is nothing particularly startling or new in that fact alone, but the new feature of the case is that the victim was a woman, and the woman who turned the trick was a woman, too. If the woman are going into the business, then there will be much mischief to pay. The victim is a very pleasant appearing lady, named Mrs. Baatson, who was en route to her home in Denver, having been on a trip east, accompanied by her little daughter. At the Union Pacific depot here she fell in conversation with another woman, and the two started to walk along down towards the Drovers' hotel, just as the male confidante and victim have done before. On the way they met a man, who demanded of the confidence woman some money, saying he had got the goods. After some talk the victim was induced to lend the other woman \$50 taking a check of \$400 for security. The confidence female walked back toward the depot with the man to see about the goods, leaving the Denver lady to walk along slowly until overtaken. It did not take long for the victim to have her suspicions aroused, and soon confirmed, that she had been deceived. She secured the services of the police, and in company with Officer Mallen started in search of the swindlers. They soon got track of the supposed confidence woman, though dressed in different clothes, having apparently changed her dress. The Denver lady identified her, and had the officer arrest her. On being taken to the police station the woman gave her name as Mrs. Susan McLanahan, and claimed to be entirely innocent of any knowledge of the transaction in any respect. She was stout in her assertion that it was a case of mistaken identity. The check on which the money was borrowed was very bunglingly filled out. It was dated Topeka, April 27, 1882, and was drawn on the First National Bank of Topeka, in favor of Mrs. Mary E. Wells, or bearer, for \$462, and signed "Oscar B. Manewell, Secy." The number of the check was 14 487, and it was endorsed "Mrs. Mary E. Wells, counter signed and registered April 27, 1882."

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"What about?" "The Orleans. Steam's up. It looks to me as if she was going to make a trip." "It did not take many moments for the sheriff to reach the scene, where he found a sailor meddling with the moorings. "Let that alone," commanded the colonel. "Who are you?" asked the sailor. "I'm the sheriff of the county. Get away from there as quick as you can. The sailor roared the state of affairs to Capt. Wakeman, who thought he could do what the seaman failed to accomplish. He came forward for the purpose. "Wakeman," said the sheriff slowly, "you must let that line remain where it is." "Suppose I choose to cast it off, what then?" "It will kill you," returned the sheriff in a low tone and the same even voice, but there was no mistaking the look in his eyes. The two men—Greek joined Greek—about equally matched in resolution and daring, looked steadily in each other's face for about a minute. Wakeman, with his hand on the hawser, and the sheriff with his on the butt of his pistol. "I believe you would, by—!" said the captain at last. The steamer remained at the wharf.

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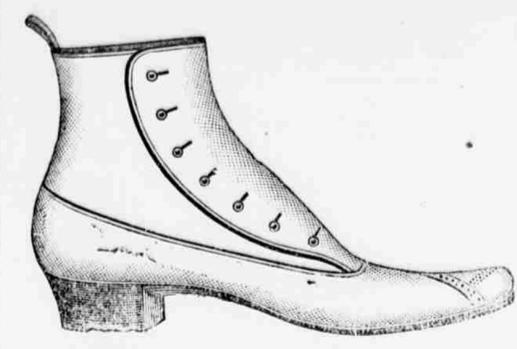
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