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MINOR MENTION.

See Joseph Reiter's spring styles. Additional local on seventh page. Some sneak thief has deprived J. W. McElroy of a new coat and vest.

The hallway which was the scene of the incendiary fire the other night, is being repaired. The Methodists held a pleasant social last evening at the residence of Mr. T. E. Carlin.

The barbecue being arranged for the Fourth will be one of the striking features of the day. Peter Bechtels's new hotel is reaching into the third story now and is certainly a great improvement.

John Harker, arrested by Officer Leonard for being drunk, was fined the usual amount yesterday, and paid cash.

Permit to wed was yesterday given to Leonard Crouse, of Des Moines, and Julia E. Ripout, of Council Bluffs, Neb.

Broadway presents a busy appearance, there being a large number of men employed digging the trenches for the burying of the water mains.

Officer Clough arrested Dr. Cady for being drunk, driving recklessly and abusing his horse. The case has been continued until this afternoon.

Council Bluffs has an attractive program for the coming Fourth of July, and many strangers will be drawn to the city by the celebration. George Wittling, of dug-out notoriety, was up again yesterday morning for being drunk, and was fined \$7.00, which he was, of course, unable to pay.

A. B. West, the general agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, is building a pony telegraph line from his office to the depot, to facilitate the transaction of business which is so on the increase as to necessitate it.

In Justice Schurz's court yesterday a case was tried in which Constable Edgerly, of Omaha, sued the former Deputy United States Marshal, Stuart, for fees in serving some papers. The arguments are yet to be made.

Some fine sport is promised at the driving part on the 4th and 5th of July. There is the assurance that the number of entries for the race will be large, while the other features of the Fourth will draw a crowd, and please them, too.

Miss Mamie P. Vaughan, a niece of W. R. Vaughan, has just finished an excellent portrait of little R. A., the son whom C. S. Clark, of the Nonparade, lately lost by sickness. She has also done an excellent Madonna in crayon for Rev. Father McMenomy.

Prof. Oker is on the war path after the reckless reporter who stated that it was his team which got tired of waiting for him and run away. As rightly stated in The Bee it was a team belonging to Mr. Dohany, and was not in his charge at the time they skipped.

There was a quiet wedding in a double sense at the institution of the deaf and dumb yesterday, the bridegroom being George W. Ramsey, the foreman of the shoe-shop, and Jennie Hancock. His home is in Brooklyn, Poweshiek county, and hers in Gildred, Carroll county. He is a mute and she a semi-mute. There are many friends of both to congratulate them on their happy union.

J. N. Baldwin and G. A. Holmes were exchanging some rather sharp words yesterday, in the trial of a case before Justice Schurz, and the words were having got pretty warm and personal, the justice started to check them, saying: "Come, gentlemen, this won't do," but changed his mind and remarked: "Oh, well, never mind. I know you lawyers don't mean half you say, anyway." The crowd roared and the bantering was more effectively stopped than a sharp reprimand would have done.

A colored woman appeared at police headquarters yesterday in great anxiety of mind, and poured forth her troubles. It seems that she got Martin, the expressman, to haul a little pile of wood a few blocks, and because she did not have the 50 cents to pay him, he hauled the wood away somewhere. Chief Fields heartily allowed and he took the half dollar out of his own pocket, and gave it to her, with instructions to tender it to Martin and have him deliver the wood.

Sneak-thieves visited the home of Mrs. Booth, on Stetson street, Wednesday night. The family, on going up stairs to retire for the night, found the beds pulled apart as though searched, and the contents of a trunk scattered about, but nothing was missed. It is thought they were after a sum of money, which was in the house, but which was too carefully secreted for them to find. The strangest part of all is that in one of the rooms chloroform had been spilled by the thieves, and one of the lamps had been burning, as it was still warm when one of the family started to light it.

Sheriff Giltner started last evening for another trip to Fort Madison, taking two prisoners with him, one Cook, sentenced for two years on one charge of larceny and thirty days in jail on another. He will take his jail sentence after he serves his two years. The other prisoner was Lyons, the O. B. & Q. car burglar, who goes for eighteen months. There are still four prisoners to take across the state, making ten in all for this term of court. The fact that all tried only one was acquitted is rather remarkable, and shows up well for the term.

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HIS LAST TRIP.

A Traveling Man Poisons Himself at the Pacific House.

He Leaves a Business Like Note But Assigns no Cause.

Several Pawn Tickets Indicate Bare Sliddng.

About noon yesterday the discovery was made that one of the guests of the Pacific house was lying dead in his room. He proved to be a stranger who came to the hotel Wednesday morning and registered as "H. C. Francis, N. Y." When found he was quite cold and rigid, and had apparently died sometime during the night. There was froth about his mouth and indications of having been poisoned. He was a fine looking man, apparently about thirty-five years of age, rather dark complexioned and of a full beard, trimmed rather close. Upon the table was a pad of writing paper, on the first sheet of which he had written in a round, firm hand, very business-like, the following words: June 13.—"My real name is Harry F. Crane. I have been traveling for the Jewell Belling Co., Hartford, Conn. I have poisoned myself. I have a trunk, the check for which is in my pants pocket. It is at Transfer depot. Telegraph Jewell Belling Co., Hartford, Conn."

Under his pillow were four little bottles of morphine pills. His clothing was hanging up in the room, and in his pocketbook were found railway checks and a number of business cards of Field & Welch, quarry men, of Quincy, Mass. There was also a post-office order for \$10, dated Charlton, Iowa, June 4, and payable at Quincy, Mass. Two pawn tickets were also found, both belonging to Omaha. One was for a diamond pin at Lehman's, on which \$44 was due July 12, indicating that he had pawned it about the 12th of this month. The other pawn ticket was at Fred Madsen's, for a gold watch and chain, on which \$27.50 was due, the date of the loan being June 12. Both tickets have the name of Travis instead of Crane. These tickets indicate that he was in Omaha Tuesday last, and for some reason got short of funds, and pawned his jewelry. There was found in his pocketbook \$27.80 in cash.

Coroner Paul was notified and a jury impaneled, consisting of H. J. Henry, E. H. O'Neil and Charles D. Parmelee. Mr. Ferguson, the proprietor of the hotel, testified as to the man coming to the hotel, but he had not noticed anything peculiar about him. He was up and down stairs, and about the office much the day before. In the evening the man wanted a boy to go to a drug store, and the boy went over but could not get what he wanted, and the man seemed quite angry and went himself.

From the testimony of Dr. McKuse it appeared what he went for. He said that the boy came to the store first and wanted some morphine for a man at the hotel. The boy was told that they could not give it to him, but that the man himself must come after it. Soon the man appeared and requested some morphine. He was interrogated as to what he wanted it for, and said that he suffered greatly at times from neuralgia, and wanted it for that. He was going out west, where he could not get any very well, it being out in the mining district, and wanted two bottles. The bottles were sold to him, and he signed the register, as is usually required when poison is bought. The fact that four bottles were found in his room, indicates that he must have purchased two more at some other place. What he wanted of so much for suicidal purposes is a mystery. The porter, J. G. Penman, testified that he was in the evening looking for a pitcher of iced tea, and said he wanted to get fixed for the night. He said he had sent over to get some medicine, and acted as though in pain. Dr. Cook testified that there was about 2 1/2 grains missing from one bottle, and that one-half a grain would cause death ordinarily. The body was taken care of by Mr. Connell, the undertaker, and telegrams sent as directed in his last note.

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Family Troubles. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Martha Mason caused the arrest of her husband, Charles Mason, on a charge of adultery with a woman named Belle Harris, for whom a warrant was also issued. The latter was not found, but Mason was, and not being able to give bonds, was taken to jail to await the hearing of the case before Justice Vaughan this morning. Mason stoutly denies the charge laid at his door, saying that he does not know the woman Harris, and that his wife has been set up to it by relatives.

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Sidney W. Hopkins, Esq., of New York, president of the Council Bluffs City Water Works company, arrived in Council Bluffs on Tuesday morning last. Harry Birkinbine, the supervising engineer of the company, met him at the depot, and so eager was the president to see what progress had been made since his last visit, that he sent his baggage to the Ogden house and accompanied Mr. Birkinbine in his carriage over to the works.

Mr. Hopkins appeared to be disappointed at the slowness with which the work has progressed during his absence, but he showed evident satisfaction at the character of the work done since he was last in Council Bluffs. It was explained to him that during the month of May rain had fallen on twenty-eight days, and he could not therefore expect much progress during such weather. The fine weather of the past few days has, however, enabled the engineer to augment his force and the result is apparent in every department of the work. The pipe layers on Broadway have reached Bancroft street, and if the weather continues favorable all of upper Broadway will soon be piped.

At Glen avenue the slight damage done by the late storm to the gate house has been repaired, and the new work has been nicely added, with fresh sand and the terrace is now complete with its verdure of green that everywhere meets the eye. Puddling is progressing steadily on the surface of the inside embankment of the storage reservoir, and each day shows a satisfactory rise towards the top of the embankment of the clay material now going into the work. As the horses pursue their monotonous rounds, dragging behind them the heavy iron rollers used to pack the material into solidity, one can see how slow is this process of lining the inner surface of the embankments, which is so necessary to make a perfectly tight water basin. With that done, the company can put in place the brick lining, and the reservoir will be ready to receive the water.

All the land occupied by the company which surrounds the reservoir at Glen avenue has been fenced, and the intruders, both man and dog, are kept from interfering with the work or marring the grounds, which now look so beautiful.

The sodding of the outer surface of the embankments of all the reservoirs was done so early in the season, and so well done that no effects upon them of the recent rains are anywhere perceptible. Although the expense of ornamenting the work in this manner has been large, it is questionable whether the cost has been anything near the expense of repairing the embankments had they been left unprotected when the recent severe storm visited the city. The engine house at the river begins to show how solid and beautiful a structure it is to be, the walls are up nearly to the point necessary for putting on the roof, and if the present favorable weather continues, in a very few days more the roof will be in place. We are informed that the pumping machinery was shipped from the east last Monday and will arrive on the ground sometime during the latter part of this month. Arrangements are perfected to set it up in the engine house as soon as it arrives. All the remaining hydrants, we are told, were also shipped on Wednesday of this week and will reach the city early next week.

The engineer informs us that he intends to take advantage of the present favorable weather to complete the work to the utmost of his ability. The almost daily rains in May prevented a satisfactory prosecution of the work last month, and there is an evident intention now to make up for time lost from that cause.

The Jewett refrigerator at Cooper & McGee's.

Real Estate Transfers. The following are the real estate transfers, reported June 14, 1883, by Rose & McMahon, No. 4 Pearl street, Council Bluffs, Iowa:

E. A. Gammon to Lewis A. Hatwell, \$4,000, 26, 74, 39; \$960. Wm. Garret to Robert Boyd, part of sq. n. 1/2, 17, 75, 43; \$90. Jas. F. Jamieson to district township of Valley, part of sq. n. 1/2, 9, 76, 89; \$150.

S. E. Dana to Michael Phalen, sq. n. 1/2, 31, 74, 38; \$1,600. Wm. McGee to F. S. Bolander, sq. s. 1/2, 7, 75, 39; \$1,200. Total sales, \$4,000.

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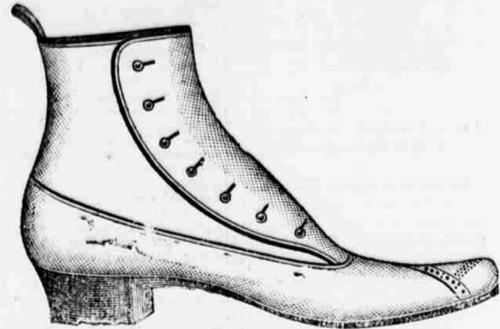
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