

THE DAILY BEE. COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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MINOR MENTION.

John Peters, charged with assault, was discharged yesterday. Phil Noonan now suffers from a foot which he cut severely by an adz while at work.

The city council has ordered Ninth street from Fifth avenue to Tenth avenue put in better condition.

The enrollment at the teachers' institute has now reached 160, and new names are being added daily.

Lewis James, of the C., B. & Q., says the new-comer not only a boy but a twelve-pounder. Good enough.

Burglars made a raid on Mrs. Weirich's house on Washington avenue Saturday night, but got no very valuable plunder.

H. N. Watch was watched by the night watch, and caught carrying concealed weapons. He was yesterday fined in the police court.

The war between the evening papers continues. The old one weakens apparently and has dropped its price to meet its young competitor.

A number of Omaha citizens have been writing and interviewing W. R. Vaughn in regard to planting a grove of Druidas there, there being none yet organized in Nebraska.

Gideon Mayne, who has lately moved here from Missouri, has begun the construction of a two-story frame residence at the corner of Sixth avenue and Ninth street, which he will occupy himself.

Anna Lewis, a lady of color, was yesterday fined for "becoming drunk and disorderly by an indecent exposure of person." An odd way of becoming disorderly, but a new way of becoming drunk.

The case against Andy Davy and Jack Shields, for assaulting McGill, was called yesterday. Shields has not been found yet, and the case against Davy was dismissed. Davy was fined, however, for carrying concealed weapons.

M. P. Brewer, the well known attorney, is said to be very seriously contemplating a removal to Minneapolis. It is to be hoped that he will not carry the plan into execution. Council Bluffs needs such men too badly to lose even one such.

A young man, giving his name Hickman, was caught breaking into a freight car east of the city on the Rock Island road, and was brought to the city by the train men. They turned him over to Officer Clough, and he is held here for trial.

There was a little rump for marriage licenses yesterday. Among the recipients were Thomas H. Johnson and Rena Myers; P. O. Moad and Phoebe J. Fenton; W. J. Stevenson and Mervia Shavan. All but the last named couple belong here. They were from Omaha.

The dome of the Bluff City steamer got injured in the car going over to the Omaha tournament, and has since been needing repairs in that respect. Yesterday the work was commenced and will be soon completed. In the meantime the steamer will be in just as good condition as ever to attend fairs, but will not be worth much for dress parades.

Another continuance has been given in the case of those arrested for assaulting Mr. Oleson at a dance, his condition still being such as to prevent his appearing in court. The wound he received in the melee are more serious than was at first supposed, and he will be extremely fortunate if he lives through and regains usual health and vigor again.

There is a big bundle of papers on file in the clerk's office in the divorce case of Ernst Kelsey vs. Laura B. Kelsey, which is to come up at the coming term of court. The ground of this divorce proceeding is that Mrs. Kelsey was altogether too intimate with one Sherman, whom it will be remembered was tried at the last term of the district court, found guilty and sentenced. One of the greatest bones of contention between Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey seems to be the possession of the two children, each claiming them.

The county, through its attorney, has notified the city council that the county now owns the new bridge on Union avenue, and intimates that the county does not propose to let the Union Pacific use the bridge, even if the city does give the Union Pacific the avenue for its side track. The Union Pacific can afford, however, to buy the bridge of the county, and to pay for some of the avenue which has never been paid for by the city. It gets the \$40,000 of city improvement for nothing. It can afford to spend a little itself.

N. H. White, who owns the property occupied by E. L. Cook, objects to the paving of the alleyway between Main and Bancroft, and claims that the city has no need for the land, the alley being given as such on condition that it would be no expense to him. He objects to the paving of the alley when charged to the property adjacent thereto, and that that is a violation of the contract. He has fenced up the alley by his property. The city council ordered the marshal to remove the obstruction, and yesterday it was taken down. The paving will probably be finished in a few days.

Church's Condition. The man Church, who delivered himself up as a defaulter wanted in Virginia, still continues in jail here although a telegram has been received from there stating that he was not wanted. He is in a very nervous and rather depressed condition, and is now awaiting the arrival of his brother from Winona, Minn., with whom he expects to return there, and after a little go back to Virginia. A letter was yesterday received from Sheriff Kyle, of Cabell county, West Virginia, saying: "There are no charges of any kind against John W. Church in this county. He is a man that stands fair in this community for morals and respectability. Does he need any assistance? If so tell him to write me, and he can get any assistance he may want."

Church still says that he is a little behind in his accounts there, but that he can fix that up all right. He realizes that he is in bad shape, physically and mentally, and does not want to leave here alone, and hence will await the arrival of his brother.

BACK PAY.

The City Council Concludes to Take Some for Themselves.

Can the Aldermen Vote Themselves a Salary?

The city council at its meeting on Friday night, adopted unanimously a strange sort of a resolution, which reads as follows:

"Resolved by the city council of the city of Council Bluffs, that the chairman of each committee, including the mayor, shall receive the sum of \$25 per month, from the first day of April, 1888, as services for committee work."

As each alderman is the chairman of some committee, the above resolution simply means a salary of \$25 a month. The alderman also receive one dollar for each meeting of the council, the whole amount not to exceed \$50 however for the year. They also receive pay for meeting as a board of equalization and extra for meeting as a board of health.

These amounts taken all together may not make a princely salary, and may not be more than enough to pay for the time spent, the wear and tear on patience in the hearing of complaints, and the depreciation of piety by being assailed by fault-finders. The salary made up of all these amounts may not be large enough compensation, and yet the increase made in this way is evidently contrary to the understanding or implied contract with the people at the time of election. There has been no trouble in finding plenty of aspirants for the position at the old figures, and it has not been demonstrated by the present council at least that an advanced rate of wages has secured an advanced grade of statesmanship.

The great question that arises, however, is whether the city aldermen have any right to raise their own pay. They have included in the resolution the mayor too, apparently to find no cause for dissent or objection from the presiding officer. The following sections of the code should be read in connection with the unique resolution passed by the council by which they raise their own pay \$25 a month, and the mayor's salary \$300 a year.

SECTION 490. No trustee or member of any council shall during the time for which he has been elected, or for a year thereafter, be appointed to any municipal office which shall be created or the emoluments of which shall be increased during the time for which he shall have been elected, except in the cases provided in this chapter; nor shall any such trustee be interested directly or indirectly in the profits of any contract or job for work or services to be performed for the corporation.

SECTION 505. The compensation of the council or trustees shall not exceed one dollar to each member for any regular or special meeting of the board, and shall not exceed fifty dollars to each in any one year.

In this connection, too, it is interesting to note the provisions made by the city ordinance passed March 15, 1882, defining the duties of city officials and their compensation. This ordinance fixes the salary of the mayor at \$600 a year.

It also provides "The members of the city council shall receive one dollar for each meeting of the city council, provided such compensation shall not exceed \$50 in any one year to any one member of the council."

It is understood that Des Moines' aldermen have drawn back pay and increased wages by such a course as that pursued by this council, and hence Council Bluffs aldermen can do the same thing. The query naturally arises, if they can increase their salary \$25 a month, what is to prevent their increasing it \$100 or a \$1,000 a month.

There are some of the aldermen who have lost enough time in attending to city matters to demand more than an increase of \$25 a month, and others have lost enough reputation to demand as a bribe in Gillad about ten times that increase for the rest of their natural lifetime, but whether they are justified in raising their own pay to their own notions of what they ought to receive is a question which each citizen after reading the provisions of the law, may readily determine for himself.

J. W. Rodefer having been elected secretary and treasurer of the Mercantile Loan, Trust and Improvement company of Council Bluffs, has accepted the position and assumed the management of the company's business. The following named persons are on the board of directors: T. A. Kirkland, C. S. Letters, J. W. Rodefer, I. A. Miller, E. L. Shugart, T. A. Kirkland, President.

Real Estate Transfers. The following deeds were filed for record in the county clerk's office, July 30, reported for the Bee by P. J. McMahon, real estate agent:

Sheriff of Pottawattamie county to Columbus Reynolds, w. s. n. w. 17, 74, 30--\$1,189.44.

Jerry Longnecker to James L. Woodhouse, Part of lots 13 and 14, block 13, Walnut--\$104.

Jerry Longnecker to Israel T. Spangler, part of lot 14, block 13, Walnut--\$110.

Total sales, \$1,397.44.

Saloon for sale No. 218 Broadway.

YANKEE ROBINSON. He is Exercised Over the Experiment of One of His Protoges.

The showman whose name, Yankee Robinson, has been before the public for about forty years, was in the city yesterday, his show having passed through here the day before, bound east. He has this season a sort of perambulating opera house, and a circus, without any horses, the entertainment being confined mainly to the stage, the presentation of Uncle Tom's Cabin and other popular plays, and various athletic and gymnastic feats. Yankee Robinson seems hale and hearty than ever, and fatter even than in his youth. He was not in such a merry mood yesterday, however.

He had "somewhat on his mind," and as he pushed his hat a little further over onto the left corner of his forehead bespoke war. He says that a sort of crank who has been with his show was bounced for incompetency, and for grave misdemeanors, including challenging to mortal combat several of the company. This fellow it appears had persuaded a little girl, one of Yankee's proteges, to elope with him

and promised her a position in a troupe which he pretended to have secured the stage management. Yankee says the most of all is that the fellow has a wife and children in St. Louis, and that they are suffering from poverty, while he dressed in purple and fine linen is lavishing his affection upon the little girl with whom he has eloped. Yankee didn't think this was exactly right, but didn't say what he proposed to do about it.

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PERSONALS.

E. J. Abbott, John Dunn, T. J. Cady, H. C. Barnes, Louis Kelle, Chris. Stramb, Fred Herman, and others have returned from the Denver reunion and report a grand time. Dr. McKune, A. C. Graham, B. S. Towillinger, Dan Elcher and others will be a little later, they having taken the Santa Fe trip.

Ex-Sheriff Perry Reed was in the city yesterday. J. A. Gregory, of Chicago, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Pacific. George H. Joss, of Lancaster, O., was a Pacific house guest yesterday.

Sheriff Guittar has returned from Denver. He says it's a good country but he wouldn't trade Iowa for all of it.

T. T. Hinckley of Ashland, Neb., was in the city yesterday and dined at the Pacific.

W. B. Huntington, representing Potville post; J. H. Jacobs, representing Hargeton post; E. C. Tice, representing Mount Carmel post; J. P. O'Donnell, representing Heckscher-ville post; A. Hohl, representing Philadelphia post; Postmaster Gilder, representing Shamokin post; J. Gould, representing Mount Carmel post, all of the old Keystone state, while enroute for the Denver reunion, stopped over here to have a handshaking with their old friend R. L. Williams, formerly of The Bee office.

Acting City Attorney Hunter has gone to Leon, Iowa, for a few days, and in his absence J. C. Beem will attend to the prosecution of the poll tax cases, of which there are fifty to come up to-day in Vaughn's court.

H. M. Young and wife, of Le Mars, visited Council Bluffs yesterday.

J. H. McNamara, of St. Louis, was an Ogden house guest yesterday.

J. H. Skoggs and wife, of Shenandoah, were in the city yesterday.

Dr. H. M. Harrison, A. M. Stocking, George M. Seacot, of Bushnell, Ill., and Dr. T. M. Harrison of Bryant, Ill., arrived at the Ogden yesterday.

John D. Shearman, of Cincinnati, was at the Ogden yesterday.

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IOWA ITEMS. Mr. Wm. Swartz is about to start a large stock farm in Mills county. He has 560 acres in Ingraham township, to which, for a consideration of \$10,000, he has added by purchase 280 acres.

Sixteen prisoners languish in the Scott county jail. So far \$5,000 has been raised for a city hospital at Cedar Rapids.

In Des Moines the regulation fine for a plain drunk is \$10 and costs. The Keokuk pickle company has 500 acres of cucumbers under cultivation.

Experts from the agricultural bureau of Washington are investigating the grape rot at Keokuk.

A reservoir to cost \$60,000 and to hold 4,500,000 gallons is to be built for the Davenport water works.

Hardin county is overrun with cloth peddlers, lightning-rod men and all the other members of the tribe that talk farmers into giving notes.

Two a night is the average of residence burglaries at Dubuque. A nest of car thieves has been unearthed at Britt, Hancock county, by Detective Broderick, of the Milwaukee company.

The first mowing machine accident of the season happened near Carroll last week. The 13-year-old son of Louis Eltgrath got in front of the mower his father was driving. One foot was cut almost off at the ankle.

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A Tribute. Cincinnati Commercial. There are several ways of paying tribute to a dead man. The usual way is to give prominence to his virtues and say little of his faults.

Once in a while a man dies whose name stands for so much that still lives, that his enemies think it essential to their own well fare to pursue him into his grave.

President Garfield had a remarkable assortment of such enemies, and the bitterness and pertinacity with which he is assailed is a tribute to the strength of the man which became representative of forces that exist.

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