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MINOR MENTION.

City council to-night. See J. Reiter's spring goods. Additional local on seventh page. The county board gathers to-day. The spiritualists had a pleasant social Saturday evening. The last story of the Creston house is being concluded. A needed lamp-post has been placed on Madison, above Pierce street. It was too wet for the printers yesterday and they held no meeting. The little boy found by Jim Wilson has been reclaimed by parents. James Craigmire and wife were given a genuine surprise by their friends Friday night. All railroad tickets bought of D. W. Bushnell are guaranteed, also all rebate orders given by him. The high school scholars are taking special interest in Shakespeare, and propose soon to give a character party. Dr. Archibald's blooded stallions, who were at the driving park here for some time, have been shipped to Bismarck, Dakota. Chief of Police Skinner has purchased the Ochsenhein property at the head of Broadway and will proceed at once to take possession. The case of Holly Lewis comes up before the district court at Des Moines this week, but will probably not be tried, as a change of venue is proposed. The filling has nearly covered up some of the lamp-posts. It is a novel sight to see a letter-carrier get down on his knees to get the letters out of a mail-box. At the rink to-night there will be the second special contest for the Michael B. medal to be given to the one making the fastest mile on rollers. John Epeneter runs before. On Saturday morning there was the largest attendance of any morning yet. The rink opened at 10 o'clock and by 10:30 over a pair of skates in the house were in use. The Bee incidentally spoke in a recent paragraph about "unreliable newspapers," meaning democratic flicker wherest the eye and shouts "that means gets very wrahy, ke the jacket. Among the buyers of short-horns at J. X. Griffith's sale at Shenandoah last Tuesday, was T. P. Tra \$140; Lady Hos- who bought Rosy Lee at Wild Eyes for \$105; Louan 5, and Bopnie Lady for \$60. The Shenandoah Reporter devotes a half column to an enthusiastic end-off for A. B. West, the C, B, & Q. age nt there, and formerly general agent of a o him here. The Reporter wants to see as to the democratic nominee for congre beat Hepburn. The steady drizzling rain of yester did not help the mud any, and what fe citizens did peep out of doors get the- oughly discouraged and retired disquisd. The river rose quite rapidly and more water than ever settled around as the bottoms. The work of excavation for the foundation of the new government building has been completed, and Postmaster Armour, who is the disburasing agent, paid off the men Saturday night. As soon as the streets dry up sufficiently to allow teams to draw the stone to the ground, the work will go on. J. C. Morgan, who was for so many years editor and proprietor of the Globe, is now to start a democratic paper in Kearny, Neb., to be known as the Buffalo Courier. Mr. Morgan is an experienced newspaper man, and has many friends here who not only wish him success, but have confidence that he will win success. As Haverly's minstrel band was playing on the streets Saturday a team belonging to a farmer named Heck, and standing in front of Healer's barber-shop, on Broadway, became frightened, and the owner in trying to hold them by the bridle was thrown down and stepped on. He had his leg somewhat bruised, but was able to get into his wagon and drive home. Since Mr. Baldwin, living near Plumb Hollow, Tremont county, has lost fifteen head of his cattle from being bitten by a mad dog, there has been much excitement in that vicinity. Mayor Reed, of Fremont City, has proclaimed instant death to all unmuzzled dogs within the limits. It appears that Council Bluffs dogs are not the only ones who are proclaimed against. The proclamation here is not being obeyed very closely, however, there being a large number of unmuzzled who have the freedom of the city. Next Wednesday night the benefit for W. W. Chapman occurs at the rink. Mr. Chapman has won much popularity and success while manager of the rink, and his many friends will gladly unite in making his retiring benefit a great success. His management merits high praise. The rink has been so regulated that the better classes of citizens have found much healthy pleasure there, and

the novel features introduced from time to time show constant thoughtfulness and untiring enterprise on the part of the management, and have resulted in making the place a very popular resort. The complimentary tendered W. W. Chapman and to take place next Wednesday evening, is to be a fancy dress carnival, and will without doubt be the finest affair of the season. Invitations for those wishing to skate in fancy costumes are in the hands of the committee, and it is intended to make the gathering quite select so far as the skaters are concerned. The public generally are invited as spectators, the admission to be twenty-five cents. It is expected that a number of the Omaha skaters will be in attendance also. One of THE BEE men is about discouraged trying to comply with the mayor's proclamation. In order to save a fifty-cent dog he bought a seventy-five cent muzzel, and turned the pet howler loose; but two days had not passed before some fellow had stolen the muzzel off the dog, and the third day some other fellow stole the dog. If the last fellow had only kept him it would have been all right, but the dog chawed off the rope by which his kidnapper had tied him up, and came flying home to get another muzzel. If that proclamation isn't rescinded soon, the dog will be sold for taxes by its owner. Mr. Michaels, the jeweler, went to Omaha Friday night to attend the opera and on returning late tried to get into his store. His big bull dog seeing him ran up stairs where a clerk and Dave Friedman were sleeping, and with more intelligence than gentleness, he pounced upon Friedman, who thus aroused called for his bedfellow to take the dog off before he killed him. The dog was sent down stairs again, but came up soon, more excited than ever, and the clerk thinking something must be wrong went down and found Michaels himself waiting to get in. That dog evidently has sense enough to muzzle himself without any order from the mayor. Foster, the florist, on Harrison street Council Bluffs, has the largest stock west of the Mississippi. Send for catalogue. Changing Chiefs. The discussion concerning a proposed change of the chiefs for the fire department has died out somewhat of late, but as the city council meets again this evening, many are curious to know whether it has also died out with the aldermen. The proposed change is acknowledged to be largely a mere political move and that is why there has been so much indignation expressed at the mere suggestion. The Western Fireman, a journal which speaks not merely as one having authority in such matters, but as one which gathers up what may be gained by the experience of not one but many cities, in its last number makes some general editorial comments, which, while not intended for Council Bluffs especially, apply very closely to the situation here, and should be perused by every alderman. It says: "These charges are especially numerous about the time of spring and fall elections, indicating, unfortunately, that in many cases political reasons enter as a consideration into the plans of those who determine the policy of thocity. The existence of these influences and the changes which result from them must be regarded as among the chief causes of the fire department inefficiency. When a man has taken the lead of a fire department for a number of years, and has secured the confidence and co-operation of his men, it would be a very cogent reason indeed which should induce his removal. A reason which should invariably have more foundation than a politician's whim. There is, or should be, so close a relation between a chief and his men that his removal would break a strong bond of union, and make for a time at least, a organization that would be perilous to the city in need of constant and watchful supervision. A change of leaders means, usually, a change of methods, and undoes the chances to be at once and decidedly for the better, it is likely to be disastrous at first. Whether it be chief assistant, or the lowest man in the ranks, if he fills his place well, and has proved by gallant conduct, or faithful performance of duty, worthy of confidence and esteem, it is generally speaking, a very short-sighted policy which would for trivial reasons, make a change with the uncertainty of an improvement to be accompanied by an unworthy political design."

A LOST NATION. A Mysterious Letter Purporting to Be From a Man Kidnapped by Bandits. A Strange Story Exciting Shenandoah. Some time ago a man named W. T. Nation, well known in Shenandoah, suddenly disappeared and no traces have since been had as to whereabouts. The first heard of him is a mysterious letter which has been received by Jim Noble, and has been promptly sent on to Mr. Nation's family, who now reside at Aurora, Neb. This letter contained such a strange story that it is believed by many to be a mere blind, a poor attempt at an April Fool joke, but others claim that the handwriting is surely that of the missing man, and that it is worthy of credit. According to the letter as given by the Shenandoah Reporter, it appears that Mr. Nation, who was out on business on horseback at the time of his disappearance, had grown tired riding, and dismounted and allowed his horse to follow behind him. But the horse got away and ran for home. He then pursued his journey on foot, and when near Cato was overtaken by two persons, one on foot and one seated in a buggy driving a team. He was accosted by the man on foot with whom he walked and talked. Presently the man who sat in the buggy incidentally suggested to the one on foot that they exchange places, that he was tired driving and would like to walk. To which the other assented. The team stopped, and the man in the buggy alighted and coming forward to the heads of the horses, where Mr. Nation and the other man were standing. Presently they seized Mr. Nation, bound and blindfolded him, and put him in the buggy. They then got in and placing a pistol barrel to his temples, informed him that his life depended upon his silence. They then drove rapidly, where he could not see. For eleven days and nights the journey continued, the party halting at log cabins in the thick brush and timber, laying over in the day and traveling at night. At length, after enduring the fears and horrors of this worse than death-ride, he found himself in the mountains, and was ushered into a cave, where he has been ever since. One of the robbers was sick in the cave, and Mr. Nation nursed him while ill. In return for this kindness he furnished Mr. Nation with writing material for this letter, and promised to post it for him. When Mr. Nation asked him the reason of his capture, the robber informed him that he resembled one of their band who had turned traitor and informer against them, and was the occasion of having several of their band arrested, tried and punished by imprisonment. That they held him captive until the return of their captain, who would identify him if he was the man, if not he would be let go. Baby Carriages. Have you seen the Wakefield Rattan Co.'s carriages? If not, don't make your purchase until you have seen them. L. C. BRAKETT. PERSONAL. James Madden, who has been wrestling with the rheumatism, is able to be out with the aid of a cane. L. C. Baldwin now starts on a trip to Cheyenne to look after his stock interests in that vicinity. Hon. Chas. Bullock, of Dennison, member of the legislature from Crawford county, spent Sunday in the city under the care and guidance of H. N. McGrew, the Cedar Rapids insurance man, who is a good one to introduce him to the Bluffs. Judge Looftowrow spent Sunday at the Ogden. H. W. Graves, of St. Louis, is at the Ogden. R. R. Murdock, of Chicago, arrived at the Ogden yesterday. D. A. Starrett, of Chicago, well known to the lumber trade, was at the Pacific over Sunday. J. W. Barley, Jr., of Eagle (Grove, Iowa), was at Bechtel's yesterday. R. Voele, of Philadelphia, was a Palm Sunday guest at Bechtel's yesterday. Fremont Benjamin, of Avoca, rested from his legal labors at the Pacific yesterday. L. A. Devine, the Buckeye man, spent Palm Sunday at the Pacific, having just returned from St. Louis, where he had the pleasure of congratulating in person his relative, Mrs. Metcalf, on having twins. Barr Shelton, of Chicago, the extract man, spent his Sunday at the Pacific. G. W. Coffe and Frank Haddock, of Atlantic, were in the city yesterday and dined at the Pacific. G. P. Fritze, of Dubuque, Staidayed at the Pacific. GATHERED IN THE VALLEY. Arrest of a Council Bluffs Young Man - A Ruined Girl. MISSOURI VALLEY, Iowa, April 5.-A young man named Lewis, from Council Bluffs, was arrested here last night, on what charge is not known, and taken to Sioux City. He had been expecting a telegram from some party in Sioux City all day, and had been waiting at the Western Union telegraph office. During the afternoon the marshal received a telegram from Sioux City, to arrest him and arrested him in the telegraph office. The manager of the office had received the message while Lewis was waiting, and quietly handed it to the messenger boy, and the man was greatly surprised at his next capture. Quite a sensation was created here last evening by the arrival of a respectable old lady from Dennison in search of her wayward and missing daughter. The girl had fallen into the hands of an old procuress from Council Bluffs, one Mrs. B., who threw her into the hands of a young man on the train. The girl was remarkably handsome brunette, and from all facts in the case little doubt exists that she was ruined. Allen's Brain Food botanical extract strengthens the Brain and positively cures Nervous Debility, Nervousness, Headache, muscular losses, and all weakness of Genesive System; it never fails. \$1 pkg.; 6 for \$5. -At druggists or Allen's Pharmacy, 315 First Ave. N. Y. Go to the Knickerbocker for fine photographs and tin-types.

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