

THE DAILY BEE.

Tuesday Morning, June 3.

PRINTERS WANTED.

A number of good printers can find steady employment at this office.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The assessors returned their books to the county clerk yesterday, and to-day the board of county commissioners will sit as a board of equalization.

Smith, the prize-fighter, was fined \$15 and costs yesterday p.m. for an assault upon a Chinaman one week ago Sunday.

An exciting game of base ball was played Sunday in South Omaha, by the Little Shamrocks and the Nalworks nine, in which the Nalworks nine were defeated. The Little Shamrocks will play a game of ball in the Bluffs next Sunday.

In police court yesterday, John Merritt, Albert Cox, William Williams, Thomas McGuire and John Wilson were each fined \$5 and cost for disturbing the peace, by being intoxicated. Bella Sanford was held on a charge of disorderly conduct until witnesses could be procured.

Mr. Jensen, a blacksmith at No. 913 North Sixteenth street, received a present from his wife in the shape of a girl baby, weighing eleven pounds, who arrived on the 1st of May. Having had four boys before the girl was unusually welcome. Mr. Jensen says that in fourteen years from now she will be cashier of his business.

Hank Pettit, who has been engaged in running a ferry boat across the Platte river at Oresopolis, has disappeared and it is supposed that he is drowned. The river has been dragged but as yet his body has not been recovered. He had attained considerable notoriety by his lawsuit with Dr. Black, through which he lost a nice farm near Plattsmouth. When last seen he was trying to remove a drift of logs from the B. & M. bridge across the Platte river.

Burglars entered the store of D. J. O'Donohoe Sunday eve. They went through the stock pretty carefully and selected out such as they wanted to take with them and had it all piled up ready to start. Luckily for Mr. O'Donohoe, but unluckily for the burglars, the janitor of the building appeared on the scene and frightened the fellows away. They didn't stop even to take what small change was in the drawers. Had they not been frightened away they would have made a good haul as they had selected some of the finest goods in the store.

PERSONAL.

A. Meller, Chicago, is at the Metropolitan. G. S. Carnes, of Chicago, is at the Metropolitan.

Sam Reist, Holyoke, Mass., is at the Metropolitan. George Burk, of North Platte, is at the Metropolitan.

L. D. May, Detroit, Michigan, is at the Metropolitan. J. Cavanaugh, of Atchison, Kansas, is at the Metropolitan.

T. J. Floyd, of Verdin, Neb., is registered at the Metropolitan. J. C. Mitchell, of Burlington Junction, Mo., is at the Metropolitan.

George W. Martin, of Maryville, Mo., is stopping at the Metropolitan. J. B. Davis, the fat and genial editor of the Wahoo Independent, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Davis came to Omaha to accompany his wife this far on her trip to Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y., where their son is now attending school.

Rev. J. A. Hultman, Minister of the Swedish Mission of Omaha, left Saturday afternoon over the C. M. & St. P. Ry., in company with his wife, for Red Wing, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., where the young people will journey for the next three weeks.

Mr. T. R. Boons, of Rochester, N. Y., spent the Sabbath at the Millard hotel. Mr. Boons is in the merchant tailoring business and has come out west to look at the country, and if he finds a location that suits him he will move his business out this way. We are sorry that Mr. Boons cannot see in Omaha just his ideal of a city, but are confident that after he has traveled around all over the western country he will return to this city and say, "Verily, this is a land flowing with milk and honey," and at once locate among us.

GLEEFUL GERMANS.

The Colossal Concert at Germania Hall Last Night for the Benefit of the German-American School.

Last evening one of the grandest concerts that has taken place in this city this season, was given in Germania hall for the purpose of raising funds for the German-American school. There was a very large attendance, among whom were some of our most prominent German citizens.

The entertainment opened with a brilliant overture by the musical union orchestra, which comprised twenty musicians. This was followed by one of Mendelssohn's masterpieces entitled: "The Song of the German in a Foreign Land," sang by the choir made up of the four leading singing societies of Omaha, namely, the Concordia, the Maennerchor, the Turner quartette club and the Swiss choral society. The effect produced was very fine and they were vociferously applauded. Mr. E. Hohnstein gave a bass-solo in a very pleasing manner and the Concordia society led by Prof. Harding treated the audience to a beautiful selection by Beethoven, "Vespers." Messrs. Meyer and Doreis evoked much genuine mirth by their telling rendition of Restori's celebrated "Cock Duet." The Maennerchor, under the leadership of Prof. Ravon, closed the first part of the programme with "The Theresa Waltz" from Faust.

The second portion of the programme commenced with an entrancing waltz by the M. U. O. and Mr. Henry Haubitz by the celebrated Restori's quartette club made a success of one of Marshall's lively choruses. Miss Fanny Arnold received quite an ovation for her truly artistic rendering of Schubert's "Ständchen" and Taubert's "Vom Bauern und den Tauben."

The Swiss Singing society, which was only organized last January, was enthusiastically applauded for their masterly presentation of "The Warrior's Farewell." Prof. A. Cajori is to be congratulated on the high degree of efficiency that his young choir has attained. After a concert solo by H. T. Irvine the musical part of the entertainment closed with a magnificent chorus in which all the society took part.

The entertainment proved eminently successful in every way, and quite a large sum of money has been raised for the benefit of our German-American school.

THE CONVENING OF COURT.

Several Decisions of Importance Rendered by the Bench.

The Grand Jury Empaneled, Sworn, and Instructed by Judge Neville.

District court for the June term convened yesterday morning with both judges on the bench. The court immediately after its assembling proceeded to render several decisions upon cases argued and submitted at the last term, notable among them were the cases of Richards against McClure, and Parker against Kuhn, the amount in controversy in these two cases approximating a quarter of a million dollars. As the evidence in these two cases went back into the early times of Douglas county, a brief history of them will doubtless be interesting.

In the suit of Richards against McClure a creditor's bill was filed to set aside certain conveyances made by McClure to his wife. The property was purchased by defendant in 1865 in his own name. The money which paid for the property came from his wife's estate, and the conveyances were made to place the title in his wife, whose money paid for the property and upon which they resided from that time to the present as a homestead. The court by its decree set aside these conveyances to McClure's wife as fraudulent as against the creditors, but sustains the homestead claim, the law at the time this indebtedness was contracted being unlimited in amount. The defendant will appeal to the supreme court. The property in controversy in this case is 44 feet of real estate on Harvey street, between 11th and 12th streets, and is valued at \$15,000. This amount of the creditor's bill is \$2,200.

In the case of Parker against Kuhn, it appeared that in 1857 the Florence Land company, a corporation in which James H. Parker, then a banker at Florence, was a stockholder, chartered by the territorial legislature to speculate in land, entered several thousand acres about Florence. This Florence land company was similar to the one known at that time as the Nebraska Land and Ferry company which claimed to own the town site of Omaha and the lands around it. In 1857 John M. Kuhn loaned the Florence company between \$2,000 and \$3,000 as was evidenced at that time by a note. In the same year this company mortgaged to Cook, Sargent and Parker nearly all their lands. This mortgage was foreclosed and the land was bought in by Parker who held it in secret trust for various members of the Florence Land company who were not parties to the mortgage and whose interests nowhere appear. Subsequent to the mortgage Kuhn brought suit on his note, obtained judgment and bought about 2,000 acres; the sale not being confirmed until 1880, he supposing the Parker mortgage was bona fide and took all the property.

The present suit was instituted by Parker to have the Kuhn deed by the court declared a cloud on his title and removed. The defense of Kuhn is that the mortgage is fraudulent as to him and void, which fraud was not discovered until 1879 and consequently his remedy is not outlawed. His Honor Judge Neville ruled a prima facie case of fraud had not been made out, and consequently it was no defense. The suit will be appealed to the supreme court. This real estate in controversy lies just out of the city limits north of town and comprises about 2,000 acres, worth at the present time between \$160,000 and \$200,000.

After rendering his decisions the docket up to case No. 201 was called by the court. Of these first 200 cases 54 were set down for trial, the remainder being passed to the foot of the calendar or continued. The court then appointed the Hon. James W. Savage, G. M. Hitchcock, O. S. Montgomery, Isaac E. Congdon, and H. D. Kalabrook a committee to examine applicants for admission to the bar.

The excuses of jurors who wished to be dismissed from serving the present term were then heard by the court. John D. Creighton, S. P. Morse, F. D. Cooper, Sam Cottner, R. E. Livesey, M. Dunham and O. F. Davis were excused from the petit. From the grand P. Y. Rarough, Joseph Hockney and Henry Ker, their places being filled by Charles Childs, A. D. Jones and Arthur Remington.

The grand jury, after having been sworn, were instructed by Judge Neville, who referred to the great amount of crime in the city, enjoined secrecy upon the jury, exhorted its members to do their duty, assuring them he would do his. Court then adjourned to this morning at 10 o'clock.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed for record in the county clerk's office May 31, and reported for the Buz by Ames' real estate agency.

John H. McShane to the public, plat of Irving place in sec 24, t. 15, r. 13. Alvin Saunders and wife to John F. Hein, lots 5 and 6, block X Shinn's 3d addition, w. d. \$1000.

Alvin Saunders and wife to H. D. Jones, lots 3 and 4, block X, Shinn's 3d add., w. d. \$1,100.

J. W. Bedford and wife et al to H. D. Jones, lots 6 and 7, block 2, Hawthorn's add., w. d. \$1850.

J. W. Bedford and wife, et al. to Geo. S. Joslyn, lots 7 and 8, block 1, and lots 1 and 2, block 7, Hawthorn's addition w. d. \$2200.

John I. Redick and wife to W. H. Herbert, n. 1/2 lot 4, block 4, J. I. Redick's sub. w. d. \$650.

Mads Toft to H. E. Powers and J. D. Porter, lots 13 and 14, block 5, Hancock Place, w. d. \$1750.

Joe P. Scott to Ed L. Howe, a 66 ft. x 132 ft. lot 33, Redick's second addition w. d. \$500.

L. M. Bennett and wife to R. H. Harris, lot 6, block 52, Omaha, w. d. \$800.

John I. Redick and wife to George M. Redick, sec. 31, tp. 15, r. 13, w. d. \$1000.

James W. Logan and wife to M. S. Martinovich, lot 16 Elizabeth Place, w. d. \$2,300.

M. S. Martinovich and wife to James C. McKinley, lot 16, Elizabeth Place, w. d. \$3,000.

Samuel D. Curtis to the Public, sec. 33, tp. 16, r. 13, Belvedere.

Rev. Ingram's Farewell Sermon.

Rev. J. W. Ingram preached his farewell sermon at the Christian church Sunday morning, to a large audience, composed of both members of the church and their friends, who had come out to hear Rev. Ingram's last sermon before his departure for his home on the Pacific Coast.

FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED.

The Condition of the Board of Education at the Present Time.

Abortive Attempts for Relief Made at the Meeting Last Night.

The regular meeting of the board of education was held last evening at which members Points, Long, Parker, Hall, Copeland, Conroyer Specht and Livesey were present. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

From city treasurer: Giving the financial condition of the school district. The report shows \$5,927.81 cash on hand, \$14,523.56 in sinking fund and \$49,000 bonds on deposit.

From Reno E. Hamilton, Hattie S. Eddy and Jennie Wilson asking permission from the board to use certain rooms during vacation in which to keep private schools. Granted.

From C. M. Conroyer: Presenting his bond as secretary of the board, with Ferdinand Streitz, William Mack, M. Elgutter and W. M. McHugh as sureties. Approved.

On claims: Recommending the allowance of \$7,907.70 as teachers' salaries and janitors' wages. Adopted.

On claims: Stating the accounts of the secretary for the months of April and May had been examined by it and found correct. Filed.

Buildings and property: Recommending that the Jackson street school be not used for religious purposes. Adopted.

On rules, forms and printing: Recommending the suspension for one year as regards those principals who are at present acting in that capacity, of section 91 of the rules. A motion was made to adopt the report. The point was raised by Points that the partial suspension of a rule was out of order. The point was held good by the chair. An appeal was taken from the decision, but the chair was sustained.

A resolution was presented by Conroyer instructing the president and secretary to draw a warrant for \$5,011.25 for the payment of the semi-annual interest on \$100,000 bonds held by the 4th National bank of New York. This resolution called out debate upon the question of license money now held by the city treasurer. A motion was made that the board meet again a week from next Wednesday evening in the hope that the city council may render assistance to help the board out of its present financial embarrassment. The resolution was then laid over until that time.

A resolution by Copeland was introduced, that the janitor of the Long school be allowed \$15.00 per month to rent a house. The sum of \$10.00 per month was allowed until the rooms in the school building are habitable.

On motion of Mr. Points the janitor of the Leavenworth street school was allowed the privilege of working out of doors until the next meeting of the board.

A resolution by Gibbon was introduced instructing the secretary to notify the mayor and city council to make provisions to pay the interest due in New York July 1st on high school bonds of this city, and carried.

On motion of Mr. Points it was decided to employ eminent council for advice as to the best means to be used to obtain control of the license moneys now in the hands of the city treasurer.

Under the head of unfinished business it was moved to repeal sec. 91 of the rules. After some debate the motion was lost.

Mr. Hall then read the contract of the board with Messrs. Simeral & Estabrook, as attorneys, to prosecute the case now pending in the supreme court to compel the wholesale liquor dealers to take out licenses. The merits of this suit were fully discussed, Specht finally moving that a compromise on fees be made with these attorneys, and the action in the court be dismissed.

Mr. Conroyer said he was in favor of the motion, as it did not seem right that outsiders could come here and sell liquors to the people of Omaha. He moved that a license of \$10.00. Mr. Hall gave it his opinion that foreign dealers selling liquors in Nebraska could be compelled to pay the statutory amount. The motion was lost.

The board then adjourned.

GRAND ISLAND'S JOY.

The Completion of the B. & M. Extension From Lincoln to Grand Island.

The Grand Island folks are now exceedingly happy because of the completion of the B. & M. extension from Lincoln to that place. This gives to Grand Island four railroads and makes of that prosperous and lively little city quite a railroad center. The B. & M. folks will not stop at Grand Island but will push up into the north-west to secure a portion of the immense cattle trade of that section.

In speaking of the completion of the Grand Island Independent of Saturday says:

The B. & M. railroad and track and telegraph lines were completed to Grand Island last evening, and the crossing of the U. P. will be made to day. The depot is pushed toward completion as rapidly as possible, and within a few days everything will be in shape and trains will be running regularly. At the completion of the track to the U. P. track last evening the B. & M. boys had quite a jubilation, a "hog rail" being tapped and a number of boxes of cigars opened. There is no mistake but what quick work has been made of building the new line, which included a bridge across the Platte river. It took almost as long for the city council to take action on the ordinance as it did the entire distance. There has been no foolishness about the building of the road, the company showing that it meant business from the word go, and the contractors pushed things for all that was out; and when one considers the amount of low lands they had to go over, the usual amount of wet weather and extra heavy grade in places, we must give credit for great energy displayed in completing it as soon as they have.

An excursion train will be run from Grand Island to Omaha and return next Saturday, June 7, over the new road. The train will leave Grand Island at 7 a. m., and will stop three hour in Lincoln, and about the same time in Omaha, and will return to Grand Island about midnight Saturday. Excursion tickets returning will be good on any train until Monday, and until that time will be good for stop-over at any station on the line. There is no doubt but that an immense crowd will take advantage of this opportunity to visit Lincoln and Omaha via the new line.

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DEDICATED TO GOD.

The South Presbyterian Church Opened Sunday for Worship.

Eloquent Addresses by Several Ministers of that Denomination.

To the number of Presbyterian churches in this city another was added Sunday, in the southern part of our city, where there is no other church to conflict with the work, yet a large enough territory to make a strong organization.

A good gathering assembled at this new centre of church work, and a large representation of Presbyterian ministers, Rev. McCandlish, Dr. Harshe and son, the Revs. Blaney and Hall, and a German Presbyterian minister, who represented the German element of that locality.

The choir of the Southwest Presbyterian church furnished the music at the dedicatory service, which church may well pride with, while yet in her infancy, at an offering which has so much promise. The first selection by the choir was exceedingly appropriate and beautifully rendered.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Blaney, thanking God for the manifestation of the extension of the church of Christ, and praying that the Holy Spirit might rest upon the work in the new field.

Mr. McCandlish spoke of the early church, when it was confined to the Jewish nation, and of its condition at the present. It was told to David that a temple would be built and dedicated to the worship of Jehovah, which temple was built by Solomon, and its beauty and grandeur exceeded all other places of worship on the face of the earth. But the time came when Jesus said that neither in Jerusalem nor on the mountains of Samaria must we be compelled to worship, but in any place we may call upon God and preach his gospel to frail humanity.

Mr. Harshe said, When he came to this place of worship he saw another type of civilization from that which he saw before him in the church now. In both the family was represented by father, mother and children, in both they had an aim, in both they received a reward, and both types were having a great influence upon those who in various ways became associated with them. This type in question was supported by the votaries of pleasure, they drank their chalice to the god they worshipped, and danced in his honor while those at the church looked not at the pleasures which would cease, not at the god which was mockery, but to a pleasure which the king of righteousness would grant them, and which would last for ever.

"Your idol of pleasure, is worthless, its pleasure, But we have the treasure, God gives in great measure."

Which of these two classes will be the successful one? Which will cause the world to bow to its influence? Where there is one Christian and the Lord Jesus Christ, there is a majority. This church may be small now, but in twenty, forty or fifty years it may be a large one and a large edifice, having its influence felt in this immediate vicinity and indirectly, through various channels, upon the world. No one need take the work in charge unless he has the spirit of a martyr, but after bearing the cross for a time he must expect his reward. It may not be riches or honors of this world, but it will be the honors of the world to come; and, by the influence of the Holy Spirit, who manifested himself as a dove, he may expect his power and his reward.

The choir then sang "Am I a soldier of the cross?" Rev. W. J. Harshe stated that the money for the building of the church was raised by the labor here who were interested in the work, and that four or five hundred dollars was yet to be raised. A lady, after his morning service at his church, had kindly promised an organ and carpet. A collection was then taken for the removal of the remaining indebtedness. The collection was being taken. Mr. Todd sang a selection well adapted to inspire christian zeal. Mr. Blaney said that this work was a commencement which would never end. A few years ago there was not a passage way across these plains, but now we see everywhere great centres of influence and while we establish a centre here to-day, we can tell what the future will unfold. Each centre is an idea linked to the chain of divine truth, having a beginning, but no end. Few will pass the day, who see the Saviour here worshiped, without having his life to a certain extent changed, and that change will be felt through his life and forever.

The hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea," was then sang by the choir and congregation.

Mr. Hall, said, among the Adirondack mountains he saw a rock which had extended its feelers over a rock and found moist ground, and that it then fastened its roots and became stronger than it otherwise would have been. So the church is sending forth little branches, although it may seem at first a waste of energy but in time it will be seen that the church at large is strengthened, but no end. Few will pass the day, who see the Saviour here worshiped, without having his life to a certain extent changed, and that change will be felt through his life and forever.

The German minister, after speaking in the German language of the love of God and our indebtedness to him for his love, closed by pronouncing the benediction.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Crazy Man Kills a Comrade With a Hatchet and Shoots Himself.

A Horrible Tragedy Enacted at Bethlehem at an Early Hour Yesterday Morning.

The little city of Plattsmouth is all worked up over a horrible and bloody tragedy which was enacted just across the bridge in the little town of Bethlehem, yesterday morning at an early hour.

Nick Bright a horse-trader, chopped to pieces the head of a man named Williams, a watchman on the B. & M. bridge, and then shot himself through the heart.

The two men had been friends for some time past, and on last Wednesday evening they were over in Plattsmouth and were drinking together. Williams stated that he wanted so get some medicine for Bright as he (Bright) was a little off in the upper story.

Yesterday Williams went to Bright's room, when he had been ill, to see him. Immediately upon his entering the room Bright rushed upon him with a hatchet and struck him a terrific blow upon the head, crushing his skull and felling him to the floor. The man then chipped his head into an almost unrecognizable mass. After having completed this he laid dead, he procured a revolver and placing the muzzle against his own breast he pulled the trigger and fell to the floor, a corpse, shot through the heart.

A large crowd soon gathered and a physician was called to attend to Williams who was not yet dead. His case was pronounced hopeless and it would only be a question of a few hours, the doctor stated, when he would die.

Bright had long been looked upon as a lunatic but he had never been regarded as a dangerous man and had always been a warm friend to Williams and would do pretty much as Williams dictated, and this sudden change is unaccounted for.

JOHN S. McCORMICK.

He Died Yesterday Morning at Four O'Clock.

On Saturday evening, at half past eight o'clock, John S. McCormick, who died yesterday morning at four o'clock, was struck with apoplexy, from which he died yesterday morning at four.

Mr. McCormick was one of the old settlers of Omaha, coming here in 1856. From 1856 until 1870 he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business. He built the first elevator over built in this city, and which was destroyed by fire in 1880.

He was born in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1821, and at the time of his death was 63 years of age. He leaves behind him three children, a daughter and two sons. He had been very successful in business and had succeeded in amassing a handsome property.

The time of funeral will be announced later, as it depends on the arrival of friends.

INVESTIGATED.

The Council Investigating Committee Completed its Work Yesterday Morning.

Yesterday the committee appointed by the city council to investigate the charges made against Councilman Kaufman by Councilman Ford in regard to the B. & M. ordinance, met in the city hall building.

Several witnesses were called, and a stenographer took all the testimony, from which a report will be prepared. All witnesses denied knowing anything about the matter, and it has narrowed down to a question of truth and veracity between Kaufman and Ford.

Ford says he did, and Kaufman says he didn't, leaving people to draw their own conclusions.

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