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A Brief Sketch of His Career in This City.

At 5 o'clock a.m. yesterday, Hon. S. S. Caldwell died at his residence No. 1922 Davenport street, at the age of fifty years.

Mr. Caldwell was born in Marion, Wayne county, N. Y., September 4th, 1834. He was educated at Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., of which institution he was a graduate.

In the spring of 1859, Mr. Caldwell, at the age of 25 years, came west and located in Omaha. Here he became connected with the banking firm of Barrows, Millard & Co., which firm was soon succeeded by Caldwell, Hamilton & Co. A few months ago the firm of Caldwell, Hamilton & Co. was organized into a national bank under the name of the United States National, Mr. Caldwell becoming the vice president.

During his residence in Omaha Mr. Caldwell took a leading part in nearly all the enterprises that have aided in developing and building up this city. He was one of the builders of Caldwell block, which was erected in 1866, and which remains one of the largest and best business blocks in Omaha. It was his personal efforts that induced the property owners to unite and erect the block at one time. In those days it was regarded as a great enterprise, and gave a great boost to Douglas street. It had the effect of inducing property owners on the south side of Farnam street, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth, to put up similar structures, called Central block. The idea of giving to the people of Omaha a suitable place of amusement originated with Mr. Caldwell, and he accordingly built the Academy of Music in Caldwell block, which in its day was regarded as a little gem of a theatre.

Mr. Caldwell was one of the prime movers in the organization and building of the Omaha & Southwestern railroad, now an important link in the B. & M. system, and which proved of incalculable benefit to this city. He was one of the leading spirits in the Grand Central hotel scheme, and at one time owned a large interest in the hotel, which burned down in 1877. The site now occupied by the "Faxon," in the bridge and transfer fight he was a member of the committee, to negotiate terms with the Union Pacific, and to his credit, he was always of a less compromising turn of mind than any other man in protecting the interests of Omaha. In every enterprise that he engaged in he seemed to regard his personal interest less than the public good. Had he lived it was his intention to have erected for the United States National bank a magnificent building that would have been an ornament to the city. He was always one of Omaha's most prominent citizens, and was one of our shrewdest and most level-headed business men.

Mr. Caldwell never took much part in politics. The only public office of any importance that he ever held in this city was that of mayor, to which he was elected by the republicans in 1871. He filled this office for one term.

Mr. Caldwell was a fine scholar, an extensive and constant reader, and a ready writer. He possessed a large and well-selected library, in which he spent a great deal of his time. He was well versed on every important subject of literature and science, and was one of the best posted men in Omaha. He accumulated a handsome fortune estimated at over \$300,000 in the course of his business career. He leaves a wife whose maiden name was Henrietta M. Bush, to whom he was married in Tioga, Pennsylvania, in 1865, and two sons, Victor Bush Caldwell and Smith Samuel Caldwell.

THE POLITICAL FIELD. Blaine Taking an Active Part in Campaign Management.

Washington Special to the St. Louis Globe Democrat. Several members of the national republican committee are on the committee to notify the nominees of the result of the convention, and while they were at Augusta they had a conference with Mr. Blaine. He proposes to take an active part in the management of the campaign, and has prepared a brief of a plan which he submitted to the national committee at its meeting in New York on Thursday by Mr. Elkins. Mr. R. W. Jones, a wealthy iron manufacturer of Pittsburg, is to be chairman of the national committee. He is Mr. Blaine's personal selection. Mr. Blaine has also selected the executive committee, naming gentlemen whom he knows and in whose political ability he has confidence. It will be composed of Elkins, Clarkson of Iowa, Church Howe of Nebraska, Rollins of New Hampshire, Davis of California, Hooker of Vermont, Conger of Ohio, Lawson of New York, and two others. Mr. Blaine has not decided to take the stump, but will do so if his personal character is not so generally accepted as he will make speeches in several of the larger cities of the country. He is receiving a great many letters suggesting topics to be considered in his letter of acceptance, and some of them from men who are said to be opposed to him.

By a Physician. Sleep in a well-ventilated bedroom, if you wish to spend healthful happy days. The bed and the bedclothes have a deal to do with the amount of sleep one obtains. It would be impossible to lay down rules that would suit the cases of all my readers, but I may just say that people in good health ought to sleep on not-too-soft mattresses. The feather bed is not by any means a healthy one, but unless it be put under the mattress, it is one that is conducive to sleep. The bedclothes should never be heavy, but they ought to be warm. An under-down quilt is a capital thing, but it is too hot for the summer months. Paper quilts can now be had, and they are very excellent in their way. The pillow on a bed should be particularly well arranged for comfort. One ought to be very large, so as to quite support the shoulders, and it should be elastic and not too yielding, it is an uncomfortable feeling that of sinking in a pillow. Hot water bottles or hot sand bags do good in many cases, while in others they do injury by inducing a nervous, feverish condition of the body. Young ladies and boys who have no business with any such luxuries. Curtains around beds are objectionable, they keep away the air.

And silence conduces to sleep.

COUPLING CONTEST. An Evening of Sport at the Opera House During the July Tournament.

Mr. E. Chandler, of Chicago, writes to Chief Engineer Butler stating that a coupling contest can be announced for any evening during the State Firemen's Tournament in this city in July. He says the Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph company will give to the winners a badge valued at \$40. Also that the winners are to have fifty per cent of the gate receipts; the second best thirty per cent, and the third best twenty per cent, after all expenses are paid. The contest will take place in the opera house and will doubtless be a very spirited one.

Following are the rules governing coupling contests: RULES FOR COUPLING CONTEST. Coupling--To be a standard service screw coupling, eight (8) threads to the inch, three (3) full turns to break and three (3) full turns to make coupling. Coupling must be up water tight before breaking and after coupling.

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SELECTMEN SUSTAINED. Their Decision of Guilty Against Rev. Stine Affirmed Yesterday.

The judicial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church called to meet at Omaha by Bishop Merrill, of Chicago, to be presided over by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Minneapolis, concluded its labors yesterday. This body was composed of elders, seven of whom were from the northwest Iowa conference, seven from the Nebraska conference, and seven from the north Nebraska conference. The case of G. W. Brand having been disposed of on Wednesday, the case of Rev. C. A. Stine, of the southwest Kansas conference, was taken up yesterday forenoon.

The Rev. Stine, whose case was disposed of yesterday, was charged with dishonesty and falsehood. The case came before this judicial conference on appeal from the select members of his own conference, by whom he was found guilty of the charges and specifications proffered against him, which decision of this lower court was affirmed by the body in session here yesterday. The effect of this decision is to expel him from the ministry and the membership of the church.

The appellant, Mr. Stine, although he had perfected his appeal, did not appear in person, and Rev. Bennett Mitchell, of the Northwest Iowa conference, was appointed by that body as defendant's counsel, who conducted the defense for the appellant.

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