THE DAILY BEE.

Wednesday Morning October 15.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—J. J. Howard, from Chicago, completed the South Omaha Fourteenth street sewer yesterday. He put in the first and last brick in the masonry.

—Monday evening there was a lively fight in the Union Pacific freight depot between two men named Hays and McCormick. McCormick grabbed Hayes by the ears and pulling him down, bit a chunk out of his chin. He then knocked him down and kicked him several times.

—Just before noon yesterday the fire bell gave a series of taps, and there was a general rush for the engine houses, but the department did not turn out. A man up on Eighteenth street was chopping down some trees; and one of them fell across the fire alarm wires and one or two of the wires were broken.

—Mr. Lawrence Barrett will shortly produce three new plays, "The Blot Upon the Escutcheon," by Robert Browning; a drama by Charlie Osborne, founded upon the tragical death of Thomas A. Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, and a play illustrative of Puritan rule in New England.

—Commencing yesterday the employes of the Union Pacific will be paid by the superintendent of the various divisions instead of by the paymaster direct as formerly. The paymaster will make out the checks as formerly and take them to the superintendent instead of handing them directly to the men.

—A lady operator will now be on duty in the telephone office nights instead of a gentleman as heretofore. A special gong has been placed in the police station and it will only be rung when the lady operator at the telephone office is in need of a policeman. When the gong rings it will be understood that a man must go post haste to the central telephone office.

—Notice to Irish-American Blaine and Logan Club:—There will be a rousing meeting of the club in the city hall to-night. All Irish citizens interested in the integrity and perpetuation of republican institutions are invited. Good music will be in attendance. The meeting will be addressed by Hon. John Rush, F. M. Macdonagh, "Little Mac," H. Estabrook and other prominent speakers.

—On last Saturday evening the friends of the Chatauqua to the number of thirty met at the residence of John Morrell, 1222 Saunders St., and organized a C. L. S.C. for the northern part of the city. This new circle starts out with the following officers, viz: For president, Rev. F. S. Blaney; vice-presidents, Mrs. John Morrell and Rev. B. L. Marsh; secretary, Mrs. John Shill; treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Thomas. The circle will meet twice each month.

—Deputy Sheriff Grebe returned Sunday morning from Sidney. He had gone thither to arrest the man Hill for the purpose of bringing him to this city. The intended prisoner, it will be remembered, sent a request to this city over the name of Byron Clark, asking the latter's bartender to send to Sidney $150 for Mr Clark's use. He was arrested to answer for this act. When Mr. Grebe reached Sidney he found Hill under arrest, charged by the American express company with forgery, the complaint being based upon the signing of Byron Clark's name to the money receipt book of the company mentioned. To answer to this charge the Sidney authorities propose to hold Hill. Mr. Grebe, therefore, did not bring back the accused.

GEORGE HAS GONE.

Strange Disappearance of George Mac Crea, an Ambulance Driver.

Last Friday morning about 6 o'clock, George MacCrea, a man engaged in driving an ambulance for the government, was called from his home, 1517 Davenport street, by the government, nightwatchman to make an early trip.

He got up and dressed and left the house and has not been seen around these parts since. His wife has not heard a word from him since his departure and she is at a loss to understand what his strange actions mean.

A BEE reporter called upon Mrs. MacCrea yesterday and was told the following story. She said that she was married to MacCrea about five years ago and that they had always lived quite happily. About four years ago MacCrea went to work for the government and has since been steadily employed as a driver. They had one child born to them, which is now thirteen months of age. They have not had any trouble of a serious nature, but once in a while they would have a little spat. On Thursday last she wanted her husband to go and pay the rent and gave him money with which to do it. He did not want to go, and they had a few words over it, and he finally left the house with the money in his pocket. He did not return until 12 o'clock Thursday night, and then went to bed without a word to his wife. He got up Friday morning and went away as above stated, and has not been seen or heard of since.

Mrs. MacCerea does not seem at all worried about her absent husband, and wound up her remarks by saying that "a bad penny always returns," and then said that she did not mean that, as George had always used her well.

MacCrea is about medium size, light hair and mustache and blue eyes. He had on when he went away a light pair of pants and blue coat and vest. He is twenty-seven years old.

Smoke Seal of North Carolina Tobacco.

BRUTTO BROUGHT BACK.

An Old Paxton Hotel Porter Arrested in St. Louis and now in the Toils of the Law in Omaha.

Last spring in the early part of April the Kitchen Bro's employed a sleek young fellow who gave his name as George Brutto as a porter in the Paxton hotel. He had not been at work more than three or four weeks in that hostelry until he became a shadowed man. Mr. Richard Kitchen while making his nightly perambulations through the hotel saw him in places that aroused his suspicion that all was not right. After watching him a couple of weeks and being confirmed in his belief that all was not right the new porter was discharged by the Kitchen Bros.

About this time the trunk of a traveling man named Wertz who was making his home at the hotel was missing. Inquiry of the employes elicited the fact that Brutto had been offering for sale a couple of fine suits of clothes and other luxurious articles of wearing apparral. Brutto stated he had been married only a short time before and these were his wedding clothes. This fact led the Kitchen Bro's to send out a tracer for the absconded porter. A reward of $30. was offered by them for his apprehension information to this effect was sent to DeLong sheriff of Pettis county Mo. where Brutto formerly resided.

De Long afterwards went to St. Louis and joined the railroad secret service under Detective Furlong.

Last Friday DeLong ran foul of his man and took him into the custody of the law in the Missouri metropolis. This information was telegraphed to Omaha and word was sent back to DeLong to bring his man to this city which he did, arriving here Monday night.

Brutto was delivered over to the Douglas county authorities and is now in jail. The grand jury now in session will probably investigate the case, and make a presentment against him.

The trunk with its contents was valued by its owner at $350. The Kitchen Bros to avoid litigation satisfactorily adjusted the claim of Wertz against them.

Brutto in certain places traveled under the alias of Miller, by which name it is said he is better known in Missouri.

Police Court.

J. W. Wilson, a colored gemmen, was the first man called to the front in police court yesterday. He was a tony individual, with lavender kid gloves upon his hands, and he was very indignant that he should be charged with disturbing the peace. He pleaded not guilty, and his case was continued.

Ed. Bennett said he was a stranger and that the Omaha whisky was too much for him and he was knocked out before he knew it. He was fined $5 and costs.

Jonn Dickinson (colored) was assessed $5 and costs to help sustain the city schools. He had been drunk.

A. L. Bagley it seems can't get sober. He has been arrested two or three times within the past week. He was fined $5 and costs yesterday morning.

George Henry, the man who was slugged at the corner of Thirteenth and Farnam street Monday night, was fined $5 and costs for being drunk.

Nicholas Ball and Michael Leika were arrested for disturbing the peace. They pleaded not guilty and their cases were continued.

Mrs Travis and Mag Grey were each fined $5 and costs for disordely conduct upon the streets.

James Peterson was arraigned for striking Joseph Brophy over the eye with a beer glass. He pleaded not guilty and the case was continued.

Y. C. A. Annual Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian association was held last evening. The vice president, Dr. O. S. Wood, presided. The report of the reception committee showed that members of the committee had served nineteen evenings and had welcomed 276 visitors. The committee on employment reported that positions had been procured for two persons during this month and three during the last. The devotional committee reported four regular meetings held each week, viz.: Bible class, gospel meeting, jail service and young men's prayer meeting. The committee on credentials reported nineteen applications for membership, all of which were accepted.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, P. C. Himebaugh, re-elected; vice president, Warren Switzler; recording secretary, C. E. Reynolds, re elected; corresponding secretary, G. A. Joplin; treasurer, C. F. Harrisson. Directors to represent the following churches were then elected: First Congregational, Mr. M. M. Marshall; Lutheran, Dr. P. S. Leisenring; Baptist, Dr. O. S Wood; United Presbyterian, Mr. J. E. Davidson; South M. E. N. W. Merrill; First M. E. J. J. Toms; Christian. G. E. Ferry; St. Mary's Avenue Congregational, Jay Northrup; Second Presbyterian, J. S. Kennedy; Southwest Presbyterian, S. L Welshan; North Presbyterian, Rev. F. S. Blayney.

After the election twelve delegates were chosen to represent this association in the state convention, which meets in Omaha, November 6-9. A committee to make necessary preparations for receiving and entertaining the delegates was appointed, after which the association adjourned.

Grain Receipts and Shipments.

Following are the receipts and shipments of grain at the Union elevator for the past twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday.

Receipts—Corn, five cars; wheat, nineteen cars; oat, two cars; rye, one car. Total number cars received 27.

Shipments—Oats, five cars.