

THE DAILY BEE

Monday Morning Nov. 22

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A man with a will was found on 17th street this Saturday in a heavy state of intoxication. He was hauled into the city jail.

The jury in the Behm case came into court at 11:5 Saturday reported that they were unable to agree. The jury stood ten to two for acquittal.

In police court Saturday one distributor of the peace was fined \$3 and costs; one person for committing a nuisance was fined \$1 and costs and a poor, harmless crank was discharged.

The "Golden Fleece" society of the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, will meet at the residence of Mrs. Locke, No. 127 South Twenty-fourth street, on Monday evening next, at eight o'clock. All church friends are invited.

A citizen of Schuyler named Heldt was on Saturday last lured into this city by the hope of a reward had out to him by an enterprising detective of the Union Pacific railroad, and while here was arrested for an attempt to wreck a train near the capital of Colfax county some two months ago.

Tuesday evening November 25th, Gen. Howard will lecture on Egypt, and the proceeds go to the Woman's Christian Aid association, to be used for the poor of this city this winter. Tickets at the Opera House, Max Meyer's and Edholm & Erickson's.

Messrs. Markel & Swob have been given supervision of all the existing houses on the Union Pacific railway system. These gentlemen are both well-known, and their names are a sufficient guarantee that the existing houses will be conducted in a highly satisfactory manner to all.

Judge Deady has granted an injunction against the Northern Pacific railroad restraining it from electrically Wells Fargo & Co., express and allowing them to do express business over the entire length of its road.

A clerk in Spaulding's went to the post-office Saturday and cashed a post-office order for \$36. While he was talking to the post-clerk in regard to a package his pockets were picked. Two young fellows were arrested by Officer Knight and are now held upon suspicion that they are the thieves.

Saturday Judge Baldwin appeared in district court and stated that he was counsel for the defense in the case of Haller vs. Haller for divorce. He had filed an answer and he wished to withdraw his answer and also to withdraw from the case. He continued, "that the case would be tried before another court and in another county, beyond the dark river" (whereupon Judge Neville remarked, that he (Baldwin) would not appear as counsel. A smile broke over the countenances of the assembled lawyers and Mr. Baldwin left the room.

The second choir of St. Philomena's Cathedral, with a membership of twenty-five, are preparing to produce Dishi's charming opera, "Dress Rehearsal," under the leadership of Miss Francis Arnold, at the Ninth street parochial school, next Thursday night. There will also be instrumental solos and vocal music. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the school fund, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. The young ladies who participate in "Dress Rehearsal" are being thoroughly drilled and present indications give promise of a finished artistic exhibition.

The sidewalk thief and the coal pile thief are uncommonly numerous just now in the south side of town. Every sidewalk plank that comes loose disappears and the snags go into the yards of lawns and carry off every stray piece of wood or chunk of coal unheeded. Thursday night eight feet of a three-foot sidewalk in the yard of a residence near the Leavenworth street school walked off, and at other times an axe, wheelbarrow and other novelties, took wings. The owner has an itching desire to meet his nightly callers and tender them the mighty sympathy of his mighty sole, double thickness, No. 9, hung to a 200 pound trip hammer.

MAP OF NEBRASKA Showing all cities, towns, railroads, counties, to wharves, just out mailed, any address for 15c. J. M. Wolfe, 120 South 14th street, Omaha.

"THE GREAT REPUBLIC." A Good Performance of the Allegory at the Boyd.

The entertainment given at Boyd's opera house Saturday night was a very instructive and pleasing one. The lower part of the house was well filled with friends of the children and school and when the curtain rose for the first time a beautiful scene was presented to the gaze. About four hundred children, ranging in age from six years to eighteen years, were seated or standing in lines rising gradually from the footlights to the rear of the stage, until the heads of the topmost ones were almost lost to sight in the scenery overhead. The costumes were all very neat and pretty and many of the little girls were arrayed in white, with floral wreaths and bouquets.

"The Great Republic" was given in this city two years ago, but the performance Saturday was vastly better, and everything passed off more smoothly than when before produced. It is an allegory representing a chain of interesting events in the history of our country. The participants were nearly all members of the high school and each and every one to whom was intrusted a speaking part acquitted him or herself nobly. There were so many that it would be almost impossible to give each a personal notice. It was under the direction of Mr. Hagar, who has proven himself to be most successful in the drilling of children.

A Man Reported Shot. Saturday morning at 2 o'clock the night hall at Drexel & Maul's undertaking establishment was ransacked several times. Coroner Maul, who was sleeping in a room above, hurriedly dressed himself and hastened to the door, but upon opening it found that the caller had taken his departure. A block watchman who was standing near the place, told Mr. Maul that the man who had rung the bell had said something about a man having been shot, but he was so excited that nothing definite as to who the wounded man was or where the shooting had occurred could be learned from him. He could not wait for the coroner to open the door and had started around the corner on F. 15th street on a run.

JACK O' LANTERNS.

Which Are Palmed Off on This City for Gas Lamps.

Dipped and Moulded Candles, Electric Burners in Comparison.

How the City is Being Hoodwinked by the Gas Company.

A Plain and Potent Parley with Gas Inspector Gilbert.

"Has the council acted upon your report and recommendations yet?" was the morning salutation of a Bee reporter to gas inspector Gilbert.

"Not yet," was the reply that accompanied a cordial shake of the hand. "Not yet, but I am sure the aldermen will at the very first opportunity, for a reform in the management of lighting the city is of the greatest importance. It means a large amount of money saved, increased comfort and convenience to the citizens and above all it is a necessary step toward the economical administration of municipal affairs. Yes, the city father cannot be true to the interests of their constituents unless they overhaul the entire gas business. The fact is the company has not lived up to its contract with the city at all."

"What was the condition of the lamps when you assumed your official duties on the 5th of October last?"

"Decidedly dilapidated," replied Mr. Gilbert. "In fact out of the 300 lamps for street lamps in the city there was scarcely one fit to light the respectable Omaha through dignity's way. Fully three fifths were really useless because of broken glass and clogged burners, the latter being the main cause of defect. You see the lamp-glass so readily formed by the vapory generation from this water gas had completely clogged the burners making their five inch capacity less than three inches and in many cases shutting out all chance of illumination. The lamps in use in this city have no ventilation and where the pressure is the strongest there is sure to be a breakage of glass every time they are lighted. I have already shut off 275 lamps for which the city was paying and receiving of course no equivalent whatever. The city's contract with the gas company expressly states that the latter must furnish the posts, put them up wherever directed by the council and provide gas lamps that cost not less than \$4.50 apiece. Instead of complying with this requirement we find that the city itself has been paying for the lamps and the expense of setting them up. In fact the Omaha street lamps are not gas lamps at all, but common coal oil lamps, arranged to set on wooden posts and would hardly be tolerated in a well regulated village. Still the gas company is paid \$33 per year for maintaining these illumination apologies. Formerly the lamps were hardly ever soiled, an indifferent attempt to do so being made about once in five weeks when in reality justice would not be done if the lamps were gone over every other day. The fact is, the present inferior style of lamp and the inferior quality of gas furnished precludes all possibility of keeping the glass clean. I found the five careful experiments in this matter and in one instance I found that a lamp lighted to-night would be almost unfit for use to-morrow night on account of dirt."

"How much does the city pay the gas company for erecting the posts and furnishing the lamps?"

"They pay \$22 apiece, while the actual cost of the lamp is but \$10 for each post, \$1.50 for each lamp and \$1.50 for putting up the posts and lamp."

"Who has to stand the brunt of the breakage in glass?"

"That's what takes the wind out of my sales completely, was the reply. "We are believed in, the city has to foot the bills for all the broken glass, and I give you my word that there is a new lamp broken every night on St. Mary's avenue and the high places where the pressure is greatest. Among my recommendations to the council is one to the effect that the gas company stand this expense. I also advised that fifty new lamps be added to the present number, and that on the principal business streets the egg-shaped, or boulevard lamps, similar to that in front of the opera house, be used, the old lamps being moved to the other wards. These boulevard lamps will cost only a trifle more than the old style, and they will repay the difference in a very short time. By the terms of the contract the gas company was to furnish the gas lamps, or others of equally good quality. I don't find any of this grade here, and the substitutes are a miserable failure in every way. Any one, no matter how little his knowledge of gas illumination, can tell by the usual sparry flames on our street lamps that there is a few somewhere, and the lights are by no means what they ought to be if by the company was held to the terms of its contract. I understand that the contract has about four years to run, and you can readily see how much the city will be out of pocket if this state of things is allowed to continue. I am confident the council will take action very soon--if it don't before the cold weather sets in look out for a plenty for the lights in this city will be winking and blinking like will of the wisps in a southern swamp. But I must go my rounds. It keeps my old horse and myself on the go all the time trying to keep the lamp burners straight and if the council will only take prompt and decisive action in the premises we may in the course of time be able to get a few lights on the street corners strong enough to make an opaque object cast a shadow."

The gas inspector and the reporter broke up their curb stone inquisition and the latter being to think how smoothly municipal machinery would operate if those in charge of public affairs only gave one-half the attention to their neglected duties as they do to their contract of private business matters.

A High Compliment. The following letter in regard to the standing of Mr. William G. Whitmore among his acquaintances in Massachusetts speaks for itself:

SOUTH DEXFIELD, Mass., Nov. 17, 1884. Mr. Editor--During the session of the Massachusetts legislature of 1877 your correspondence was colleague and room mate with Wm. G. Whitmore, one of the representatives elected from your district to the Nebraska legislature for the approaching term. I would add but a line to the testimonial of its worth to which you have already referred. His constituents may well pride them-

FREDERICK'S FIRE.

A Sunday Morning Blaze Causes a Loss to this Well Known Hatter.

Several Buildings and Contents on 15th and Farnam Partially Destroyed by Water and Flames.

A feeling of insecurity pervaded this community upon its retirement Saturday evening that it would be aroused by an alarm of fire. This premonition, which arose from the dangers of the first cold weather of winter, was well founded.

Yesterday morning about half-past five a well-known sporting man of this city, upon going home from a night with cards, saw, near the corner of Thirtieth and Farnam streets, smoke curling up from the rear of the cigar store occupied by Stevens Bros., immediately in the rear of the Commercial National Bank. Word was at once given to the police and an alarm of fire turned in from box 42 by Officer Buckley. The fire when first seen by the police had gained considerable headway, the whole store being lit up by the flames. The department upon its arrival was unable to open the nearest plug, and some time was lost in futile efforts. Two streams were finally turned into the burning store from Thirtieth street. The fire by this time had communicated with the adjoining buildings, and fears of a general conflagration in that corner ensued. A line of pipe through the alley was next laid and a stream turned against the building from their rear. Water was also thrown through the front of the store occupied by General Frederick, which, with its contents, was also ablaze. After working for about one half hour the department got the fire under control, and before an hour had elapsed it was entirely extinguished.

THE PLACES DAMAGED. The numbers damaged by the fire are 217 South Thirtieth, occupied as an office by the Nebraska Coal and Lumber company, Barker & Mayo real estate agents, Stevens Bros. cigar store, 1223 Farnam, occupied by the Commercial National bank, 1222, by C. H. Frederick, the hatter, and 1220 by H. E. Swayland as a cigar stand.

As the buildings partially destroyed were all frame and not more than two stories high, the loss to the property owners will not be so great. Some of the buildings were old and it is doubtful if the one occupied by Stevens Bros. can be rebuilt under the ordinance which prohibits frames from being repaired when they are damaged to exceed fifty per cent. The greatest loss as is usual in such cases falls upon the occupants. C. H. Frederick, the hatter, suffered the greatest loss. His damages arise more from water than from fire. He had just received his winter supply of furs etc which he had shelved in the rear of the store, and these were attacked by fire. These were all thoroughly drenched, and many of them will be utterly ruined. His stock of goods valued at \$9,000, is insured for \$5,000 which will considerably more than cover his loss.

Stevens Bros. are the next greatest sufferers by the fire, whose loss will not exceed \$800 or \$1,000. Barker & Mayo and the Nebraska coal & lumber company are damaged also to the extent of \$200 or \$300. The Commercial National Bank upon two sides of which the fire at one time was burning, escaped with a little damage from water. Mr. Swayland's place was also damaged by a thorough drenching.

THE ORIGIN OF THE BLAZE. Where the fire started is not definitely known. When first seen it was in the rear of Stevens Bros. cigar store, where those who are damaged by the fire believed it originated. The general opinion is that it was communicated to the building from a hard coal stove situate in a small room in the rear of this building. It is said this room was occupied until about 2 or 3 o'clock Sunday morning, and is thought to have smoldered there for a couple of hours before breaking out into a blaze. It is just one year ago that a cigar stand situate in this same building was totally destroyed by fire which was checked before it could spread to adjoining tenements and which originated in the same manner as this one is presumed.

A FICIN FOR SNEAKS. Late yesterday afternoon a colored boy named Allen Jefferson came into Patrick's saloon, on Tenth street, having in his possession several hats and seal skin caps and being able to give a satisfactory explanation of how he had them, they were given him by Tom Green and Joe O'Brien, two colored boys, for whom the police have been making a search, but have not been able to find. The property is supposed to belong to General Frederick.

THE STANFORD PARTY. The C. P. President Passes Through Omaha En Route From a Trip to Europe. Mr. Leland Stanford, once governor of California and now president of the Central Pacific railway, arrived in Omaha yesterday morning accompanied by his wife and niece, Miss Lathrop, Mrs. Dr. Newman, of New York City, and his private secretary, Mr. H. C. Nash. This party, traveling in two private cars, is en route to San Francisco, the home of Mr. Stanford. Mrs. Newman, who accompanies Mr. and Mrs. Stanford, is the wife of the great New York diviner who preached in the Congregational church in this city several weeks ago, and who is now in California awaiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford, their niece, and Mr. Nash are on their return from an extended trip through Europe, where they went in May of 1883, going to New York from California by the southern route. Their return home, however, is not marked by that cheerfulness and joy which was wont with them on their journey to foreign parts. They were accompanied from this country by Mr. Stanford's only child, a boy then fifteen years old who died in Florence, Italy, after a brief illness, in March of this year. His remains were laid away in a vault in that city and when the party started home were taken out and are now being escorted to their final resting place by the sorrowful parents.

After the burial of his son's remains Mr. Stanford will again assume the active duties of the presidency of the Central Pacific. He has been absent from this country nearly two years and his

THE COUNTY'S CURRENCY.

Clerk Leavitt Submits a Report of Expenditures for Nine and One-half Months.

County Clerk Leavitt has just submitted to the county commissioners his statement of accounts allowed by the board between January 13th and October 22d. These accounts have been classified by the county clerk as nearly as possible and are as follows:

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes sections for GENERAL EXPENSES, COURT EXPENSES, and MISCELLANEOUS.

A NOBLE DEED.

County Clerk Leavitt Treats a Lot of Newsboys and Bootblacks to a Good Dinner.

The city may be searched through and through and no more generous hearted or sympathetic man can be found than H. T. Leavitt, the county clerk. His latest act of benevolence consisted in his giving a dinner to about fifteen bootblacks and newsboys Saturday.

The Tenth street mission ladies had been serving lunches and dinners in Falconer's hall for two days past in order to raise funds to pay off some debts of the association and to further their work during the coming winter. Mr. Leavitt desired to help the work along and desiring to help in two ways, conceived the idea of giving the newsboys and bootblacks a dinner and accordingly did so.

The happy faces of the little fellows as they stood away the good things in enormous quantities, was reward enough to Mr. Leavitt, and who knows but that kindly words spoken and this christian act may not be the means of awakening in the bosoms of some of these little street Arabs thoughts of manhood which may ultimately lead them on to future greatness and renown.

In after years, long after the occurrence of Saturday has faded from Mr. Leavitt's memory, the little fellows who had thus befriended will rise up to call him blessed, and he will be called upon to realize the truth of that saying, "cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall return to thee after many days."

Seal of North Carolina Smoking Tobacco is the best.

PERSONAL. Mrs. R. N. Wittenell and daughter will return home on Monday, after a month's absence in the east.

C. H. Dettich, John M. Ragan, Hastings; E. F. Warren, Nebraska City, and Hon. A. S. Paddock are at the Paxton.

W. F. Post, general agent of the Sioux City & Pacific and Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroads, Norfolk, Nebraska, is in town.

Mr. T. J. Potter, of the R. & M., his private secretary, Mr. S. L. Keith, and C. E. Phelps, of Chicago, came in from a western trip on their road and are stopping at the Paxton.

Mr. W. H. Jams, clerk of the district court, was confined to his house Saturday with rheumatism. Deputy clerk Joseph Megath is handling the business during Mr. Jams' illness.

Miss Walbridge, cashier of the Paxton hotel, who has been visiting relatives in the Keystone state for several weeks past, has returned and assumed the duties of her old situation.

W. H. Temple, Red Cloud, C. C. Charles, Holdrege, Rufus B. Warren, Stanton, E. E. Wibley, Leola City, J. A. Campbell, Seward; A. T. Gilchrist, Harvard, F. N. Dorock, Schuyler, registered at the Millard yesterday.

F. T. Moore, Tekamah, C. D. Smith, Hartington, Neb. T. P. Parker, Dochester, F. D. Snyder, Maryville, Mo., J. I. Dillon, H. C. Bruner, Meringo, Iowa, C. C. Bishop, Burlington, M. M. Erickson, Minneapolis, B. Pitman, Greston, Iowa, and A. M. Moore, Kansas City, Mo., are at the Metropolitan.

Mr. William Hayward, who has represented Wagner Bros., commission merchants of Chicago, at the Omaha stock yards for some time, has just returned from an extended western trip in their interests. Mr. Hayward will hereafter be identified with the firm of W. W. Brown & Co., and will prove a boon to them, as he is one of the best judges of cattle in this section.

BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

The Usual Number of Accounts Allowed by that Body.

A meeting of the board of county commissioners was held Saturday last with members Knight, Corlies and O'Keefe present.

The county clerk was instructed to return the amount deposited in road 306 B to John Wells.

The following accounts were allowed out of THE GENERAL FUND.

Table with columns for name and amount. Lists various individuals and their respective amounts.

Arrested and Released. Mr. Ed Sayre, who has charge of the abstracting for Mr. Ames in the county clerk's office, met a gentle surprise in the way of an arrest Saturday night.

Mrs. Bishop's Closing Lecture. Mrs. S. E. Bishop closed her lectures in this city last night. She has lectured here for the First Society of Spiritualists for the past four months in a very acceptable manner.

Imported Beer. Erlanger, ... Bavaria; Cimbacher, ... Bavaria; Pilsener, ... Bohemian; Kaiser, ... Bremen.

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