

THE DAILY BEE
COUNCIL BLUFFS.
Tuesday Morning, Feb. 10.
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CRUEL NEGLECT.

A Pest House Patient Tells How He Was Treated.

A Sad Showing of So-Called Christian Civilization.

Lack of Bedding, of Food, of Heat, and of Medicine.

MINOR MENTION.

11-4 bed quilts, 75c, at Cooke & Morgan's.

Young Wheeler who was shot by Jeffries is reported as getting along nicely with a good prospect for recovery.

The council had no meeting yesterday afternoon, Alderman James being in Chicago, Alderman Keating in Chicago, and Alderman Mynter sick.

At an early hour yesterday morning Mr. Goldstein was arrested by hearing some one trying to break into his pawnshop, on upper Broadway. The fellow skipped out in a hurry.

The daughters of Rebekah had a happy social Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. E. Burhorn, on Sixth avenue. They have made arrangements also for a ball on the evening of the 26th.

The circuit court opened yesterday, with Judge Connor on the bench, this being the first chance the people have had to see him in that position. There was little done of public interest, the calendar being called, and cases assigned.

This evening at 8 o'clock the regular weekly and literary social of the Y. M. C. A. will be held. A good programme will be presented. Both ladies and gentlemen are invited to be present. These gatherings have become very popular, and an evening can be spent to advantage to all coming.

A boy named Jo. Hills, who left his home in Breckenridge, Col., and came to this city where he has a married sister living, was yesterday started back again at the request of his folks, who want the needed money to pay his way back. Chief Skinner went with the boy to Omaha, and saw him safely started on his journey.

The Evening Herald man has already gained enough of a reputation for being gullible, without having been confided into believing and publishing that there was a plan on foot for running a gas main over from Omaha to supply this city with gas, unless the quality of gas here was improved. Who in the world has been filling up the Herald man again.

L. Harris, the well known Broadway merchant, on Saturday evening gave a supper to about twenty of his male friends. The time was a merry one indeed, and speeches as well as refreshments were enjoyed heartily. Mr. Harris leaves this evening for New York city, where he will in a few days lead to the hymeneal altar one of New York's fairest daughters.

Mr. McClurg has returned from Chicago where he has been attending a meeting of the cracker manufacturers. At this meeting a western association was formed, and it is understood that as soon as it gets in good working order the price of crackers will be advanced. It is said that to secure a uniformity of price, each manufacturer puts up \$1,000 to be forfeited in case he cuts price, and that this amount will go to the person detecting the cut.

Bob Bardette lectured at the opera house last evening, to one of the largest and best made-up audiences ever gathered there. His delivery is poor, but what he had to deliver is good enough to make up for that. It is an almost hopeless task for a man to meet the expectations of an audience, who expect to hear the faintest sort of a man, and who have lanned to have all their buttons shaken loose by their convulsive laughter, but urdette comes as near it as any man. The lecture was not only sparkling of wit, but full of pathos and sentiment.

Beckman & Co., 225 Main street, will have oil harness cheap, now.

PERSONALS.

Norman Green is very ill with pneumonia. Miss Nettie Kincaid is visiting friends in Crescent City.

Jan. P. Organ, of Neola, arrived at Bechtel's yesterday, to attend court.

Frederic Benjamin of Avoca, was at the Pacific yesterday, and attending court.

Jno. T. Hinkley, of Ashland, Nebraska, came in from one of his trips yesterday.

James E. Woolley, the business manager of the Edwin Clifford company, was at the Pacific yesterday.

J. M. Priest, who, notwithstanding his name, is an insurance man, and a good one, is at the Bechtel's hotel.

Miss Tompkins, of Omaha, who has been a guest of Miss Lizzie Brown for the past week has returned across the river to her home.

Dr. Montgomery was called to Omaha yesterday for consultation with other physicians in the case of L. Kinnehan, whose foot was recently crushed by the cars. Mr. Kinnehan is in a very precarious condition, and his many friends are very anxious about him.

A Slight Burn.

Yesterday about 1 o'clock the fire department was called out by the discovery of a blaze at the residence of John H. Clark, the court reporter, on Fifth avenue just west of Pearl street. The fire was quickly put out, the damage being but nominal. The cause was a defective stove.

HORSES AND MULES FOR SALE.

Two car loads of horses, mules and mares just received, for sale at the stables of Schluter & Boley, Kiels barn, corner Fish avenue and Fourth street.

Now that the small pox scare is over, and the pest house has been closed and quiet has been restored, there is time for a careful and complete investigation of the charges floating through the air, as to the treatment of patients. The facts cannot be changed now, nor can any investigation do any particular good to those whose have suffered, but an investigation may result in causing public officials to use different methods and take different measures in case there should be any such cases arise in the future.

Small pox cases are difficult to look after, because of the fear of contagion, but there should be some measures adopted so that hereafter there will be no difficulties, and prepare care promptly given those who are thus called upon to suffer, and to be shut off from the rest of the world.

One of the patients at the pest house gives the following sworn statement as to his experience there, and certain it is that if the statement is true, it is a sad showing of neglect, as should never be permitted again in any community claiming to be civilized:

To the Editor of THE BEE: In order that the public may know exactly the facts in the case, I desire to make a statement as to how I was treated at the pest house. I was taken from the Coy house on the 25th of December last.

I was not broken out then, and was not even sick. Mr. Kirkendall, the nurse at the pest house, came for me, by the orders of the county physician, Dr. Bellinger. I was taken in an open wagon. In the evening, and it was very cold. Before leaving the Coy house Mr. Kirkendall told Dr. Bellinger in my presence that there were no bed clothes nor mattress at the pest house for me, and the doctor promised to send some out the next morning.

That night Mr. Kirkendall gave me his two quilts, very thin ones and an old broken down cot to lay on. There was no fire in the room, and I lay there shivering all night. The next day there was no fire, there being no stove for that room. The next night I lay there shivering all with no fire and with no more bedding than on the first night. The next day I began to break out some, and felt so sick that I had to keep in bed. That day Dr. Bellinger came out, and ordered Emma Kirkendall, who was helping her father nurse the patients, to have me come out to his buggy to see him. I got up and went on in the cold and snow, to the doctor sitting in his buggy. He asked me how I was getting along, and when I told him that I was sick, he told me to go into the kitchen. To reach that room I had to go around the house, outside in the cold, that room being cut off from the other rooms. Mr. Kirkendall came myself again, and asked the doctor to send out those bed clothes, but they would not come, and the doctor would get the same order the next time he came. All the excuse he gave for our not having provisions was that the city board of health and county officials were quarreling, and he could not get any provisions when I was out. There was nothing provided by the county that I, in my sick condition, could eat, from the 25th of December to the 5th of January. There was bacon, flour, potatoes, buck wheat, rice, and a little oatmeal, but nothing to make any of these into palatable dishes, no milk, or anything of that sort. The doctor said that he could not get any milk from the county.

On the 5th of January, when Dr. Seybert and the city board took charge of affairs, there was a speedy change for the better. From that time on we had plenty, and of such a kind as a sick man could eat.

So far as medicine was concerned Dr. Bellinger did not give me any. I got some oil once from him for my face, but it burned my face so I had to throw it away, as I could not use it. He said it was sweet oil, but with alcohol. That was all I got from him. He would come to the pest house and enter the room where I was, pull his coat about him, put the crabs between his legs and say, 'Mr. Colman, you're looking mighty healthy. You've only got a slight touch of the varioloid.' Then he would get in his buggy and go off. He would not charge his clothing, and I never saw him use disinfectants. He never examined my pulse, looked at my tongue, or anything of that sort.

I kept getting worse and worse, and finally my palate went down, so I could not swallow, and even the sugar and water, which was all the county furnished me, would come out of my nose instead of going down my throat. Mr. Kirkendall, as well as myself, told the doctor what a horrible condition I was in, and yet he did not come out to see me for two days, or give me anything to relieve me. Then through my own skill and assistance of Mr. Kirkendall, I succeeded in getting up, so that I could swallow a little nourishment. I was as near death's door as any man could be and not die, and yet was allowed to lie there in that dying, helpless condition, for two long days, without even so much as the sight of a doctor.

Another instance of how affairs were managed. After I had been in the house three or four days, and had broken out, the doctor sent out some clothes for me and the nurses, with orders for us to clean up and come into town, as the pest

house was to be closed up. Mr. Kirkendall sent word back that I was broken out, and asking the doctor to come out at once. He did not come until the next evening.

As to the bedding, while I was in the house, there were only two quilts for each cot. These quilts were cheap ones, woolen rag clippings being used for filling, and far from warm, the filling working apart so that you could see daylight through them. Mr. Kirkendall, part of the time had to use his overcoat for a covering for himself, and lay across two chairs.

Even Mr. Kirkendall's horses, which were kept there for the county's use, were allowed to go two days end nights at one time without food, and thirty-six hours at another time, the county neglecting to keep their agreement to send out food to them. The food was ordered time and again through Dr. Bellinger, but in some cases, like the provisions for the patients, it failed to come.

In making those statements I do not desire to cast any reflections or blame upon Mr. Kirkendall or his daughter, who served as nurses. They were kind and attentive, day and night, and did all in their power to make me comfortable, and to secure provisions, bedding, etc., for the house. In Ella Kelley's case, Mr. Kirkendall would ask her time and again what she wanted, and then would order it for her, but it would not come, and the poor girl would tell Mr. Kirkendall often before her death that she did not blame him for not having the things needed.

After Dr. Seybert took charge of affairs, there was nothing lacking. He assisted me as often as necessary, furnished medicine, and saw that there was no lack of provisions or other comforts. In fact, I have great cause for expressing thanks to him and to the nurses for having lived through the discomforts and destitution of the first part of my stay at the pest house, and being kindly nursed back to life again. City Marshal Connelley has also been very kind, and I desire to publicly thank him. For those who left me to die like a dog, I have no harsh words, and do not desire to do them ill, but I make this statement in the hope that hereafter there may be no such neglect of small-pox patients, and that the public will hereafter see to it carefully that none but kind-hearted and competent persons are placed in charge of such important public trusts. If any witnesses are desired, or further facts, I will gladly produce them at any proper time and place. D. G. COLLAMER.

Sworn and subscribed to before me and in my presence by D. G. Collamer, this 9th day of February, 1885.

N. SCHURZ, Justice of the Peace.

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The City Improvements.

To the Editor of The Bee: As the time is about at hand for the tax payers of this city to look around for some one to represent them, in the capacity of alderman, I think they should be very careful who they are. It is true this city has made large improvements at a great cost, and how have they done it? Let every tax-payer answer for himself. It is true we have Broadway and Main street paved, with good material, but was there even less brains used by any set of councilmen on machinery. A street like Broadway paved with the material it is, with side gutters ten to twelve inches deep with the center of the street so that the water runs in like a gutter, and nota crossing from one end to the other. Also Main street. Think of a paved street so flat that you have lakes and ponds on it, so that citizens want a raft or a boat to cross it with. Look at the skill displayed in Indian creek. I say, tax-payers, look out and see you get such men for your aldermen that will give you all the needed improvements necessary to the best interest of the city. We want aldermen that when they let a contract that will take time to see it is done right, that it is in accordance with the contract, and that the tax-payers get the benefit of their money.

Look at the work on Sixth street. I wonder if ever an alderman inspected it once, if so, I should think they would be careful how they let contracts. Let every taxpayer examine the cutting around Bagley park and see what they have for their money. I do not wish to change the present councilmen, but they have driven some things too fast, they have made the burden of taxation too heavy and more particular in the filled district. The burden of filling and raising buildings was enough for one year without being compelled to put down curb stones and balling walks, so I say let us look for men that will have some mercy for us, and not for some selfish motive of their own. A large amount of money goes somewhere, and the taxpayers should try to inform themselves where it goes, therefore, come out and get good material for our aldermen. A TAXPAYER.

Parting With a Pastor. The Congregational church of Sandwich, Ill., has passed the following resolutions in regard to Rev. G. W. Crofts, who has resigned to accept the call to the Congregational church of Council Bluffs.

Resolved, That this church has received with deep regret the resignation of its pastor, Rev. George W. Crofts, and accedes to the same only in view of the imperative necessity of a change required by his impaired health.

Resolved, That the church, with gratitude to our common Lord and Master, deeply appreciates his services to itself and this community for the past eight years in the cause of religion and truth, and hereby places on records its high estimate of him as an able preacher of the word, a firm defender of the faith as it is in Jesus, and a tender sympathizer with the bravest and the afflicted, as well as a kind and genial friend in the social walks of life.

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Crofts will carry with him the cordial love of this people, and that they will do all in their power to make his future life useful and happy, and we hereby most heartily commend him to the generous confidence and love of the people of his new charge, invoking upon him and them the divine favor and blessing.

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