

THE DAILY BEE

Wednesday Morning, March 11.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Charles F. Carlson and Miss Frida Jacobson, of the city, were married Saturday evening by Rev. J. A. Hultman.

A marriage license was issued in the county court yesterday morning to Andrew J. Shepherd and Jennie L. Johnson.

The council meeting last night was not very important, but the many petitions and resolutions presented were rushed through with great speed.

Monday's local freight receipts from the west, via the Union Pacific, were: Corn 22 cars, merchandise 11, coal 9, billion 7, flour 1, stone 1, lumber 1, c. l., hay 1, or hogs 1.

Mr. E. Motz is the father of a handsome boy, which has just put in appearance at his home. Both mother and child are doing well.

Officer Crawford performed yeoman service yesterday afternoon in shooting a vicious dog belonging to a South Tenth street grocer. The animal had bitten a seven-year-old boy, named Bauer.

Westbrook and Hacker, professional bicyclists, have returned to Omaha, after a few weeks' trip through the other states. Westbrook has received a request from Woodside to accompany him on a trip to Cuba, but thinks that he will not go.

Special preaching services are being held this week in the Third Congregational church, just organized, the pastor being assisted by clerical brethren of the city. Rev. Mr. Sherrill will preach this evening. Hour of services, 7:30. All are invited.

Mr. Chas. B. Weston has purchased the share of his partner, Mr. M. G. Macleod, in the business of the Grand Union Tea company, which leaves Mr. Weston the sole proprietor. Mr. Macleod's future business operations are not yet known.

The three-story brick, adjoining the steam laundry of Wilkins & Evans, 22,300 feet, with basement, on Eleventh street, between Farnam and Douglas, is rapidly approaching completion. It will be finished in about twenty days and be an ornament to that locality.

The plumbers of Omaha have some cause for grievance, they say, and in order to get at them and legislate fairly, if any legislation is necessary, the city council determined to meet next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock and hear, in committee of the whole, the whole of their complaints.

Before Judge Anderson yesterday morning John Anderson began suit against John Knitson and Johanna Knitson, tenants, who have leased property from him near Irvington. Damages are claimed for fruit trees demolished by the defendants, and for general injuries received by the property during the period of lease.

Yesterday being the anniversary of the late Bishop Clarkson's death, was fitly observed by the people of Brownell hall. The holy communion was celebrated by the rector in Trinity Cathedral at 7:30 in the morning, and a special service, suitably commemorative, was held in the school at 9:30 o'clock.

About 9 o'clock last night Officers Donovan and White arrested and put in jail two women, Lydia Haines and Blanche Smith, charged with stealing from Frank Hogbert \$60 in money. The officers searched the parties and found only \$1.85 on the person of Lydia, and nothing on that of Blanche, Whisky at the bottom of it.

The county commissioners intend to send the Adams girl, who was brought from Lincoln Saturday night, and left in this city in a very critical condition, to Kansas City, where she claims to have friends. The action of the Lincoln authorities in doing as they did about the matter is regarded as highly reprehensible, and there is some talk of investigating the case further.

About four o'clock Monday afternoon a man whose name could not be learned in attempting to escape a passing freight train, ran across a track on which another one was passing. He was hit in the head and sustained frightful bruises, but fortunately was not knocked off his feet. His wounds were dressed by Dr. Darrow, in Bell's drug store.

A communication has been received at this office, addressed to the city editor, written by two gentlemen who have made a wager as to the best record made by a torrier, in the matter of killing rats. One of the disputants claims that seventy rats per minute have been killed, while the other claims that such a feat is impossible. Sorry to be obliged to confess it, but the local editor of this sheet is not authority on the subject of rat killing. He has always had an insatiable and soulful yearning to study that branch of classic knowledge, but alas! his aims and desires were thwarted by unfeeling parents who opposed his devoting much time to rat killing records. Now indeed is the folly and degradation of such a course made painfully manifest.

The Luranie Boomerang thus tells of Charles Sloan, the U. P. detective: A very flashy dressed Chinaman attracted considerable attention on the street yesterday, and upon inquiry it was learned that his name was Charles Sloan. He is the interpreter of the Union Pacific railroad, and also acts as a detective. He carries a very fine gold-headed cane, valuable watch, and sports a costly diamond pin. A gentleman who has known him a great many years, informs us that he has a very pretty American wife living in Omaha, and says he is very wealthy, owning considerable real estate in Nebraska and Wyoming, including valuable coal property in the vicinity of Rock Springs. He has been west spending the Chinese New Year, and looking after his interests. He left for Cheyenne this morning.

The Colleen Bawn. The famous drama, the Colleen Bawn, will be produced at the opera house next Saturday evening, as a benefit to Stago Carpenter Booth. The play will be handled by local talent carefully drilled for the occasion. The following is the cast: Mylie-Na-Coppalen.....Mr. P. Fallon; Hardie O'Grady.....Chas. McDonald; Danny Mann.....E. A. O'Brien; Kyrie Daly.....C. K. Orsille; Father Tom.....W. Sander; Mr. Corrigan.....D. Sanders; Bettie O'Moore.....Hon. Wm. Tuttle; Hyland Creagh.....J. W. Evans; Servant.....W. Henshaw; Corporal.....J. H. Withnell; Eily O'Connor.....Miss Genevieve Ingersoll; Annie Chute.....Miss Ella McBride; Mrs. Cregan.....Mrs. J. W. Evans; Sheelah.....Miss McDonald; Kathleen Creagh.....Miss Woodford; Duca Blennerhasset.....Mrs. W. Henshaw.

Scoring the Canucks. KINGSTON, Ont., March 10.—A prominent military officer received a letter informing him there were 2,500 fanatics at Buffalo drilling with a view to making a raid on Canada.

FRANK BURNS AND HIS PAL.

They Attempt a Confidence Game on a Stranger and are Jailed.

During yesterday forenoon about 8 or 9 o'clock Mike McClean, a young man from Perry, Iowa, came over to Omaha from Council Bluffs. He was looking along the route west for work, intending as he stopped at different places to make inquiries as to prices of land for persons in Iowa. About 10 o'clock he fell into the company of Frank Burns, who is well known in police and criminal circles, having been indicted, along with McClelland as a participant, for the Duke hardware robbery which by some technicality he escaped. Burns is a notoriously bad character. He proposed to McClean when he learned that he wanted work, and had some money, that he should go to work for him (Burns) on a farm. McClean did not fancy Burns' appearance and manner, so he refused the offer. Burns left him but soon met his confederate, J. P. Benton (who is not well known to the police) and told him of the game he had flushed. Benton lost no time in meeting with young McClean and telling him that he heard he was looking for employment, offered him one of two jobs at Lincoln, as farm-hand at \$25 per month or as clerk in his grocery at \$40 per month. Benton's appearance, a decent business man deceived McClean, and the two went from Tenth street to the B. & M. freight house on Eighth and Howard. Arriving there, Benton told McClean to remain outside a moment until he returned from inside the house. Meantime Officers Burdick and Mastyn happened along. McClean approached them and told them of the facts as stated here. Presently Benton came out but found the officers there, much to his surprise, and was at once taken into custody upon suspicion. Upon searching him the officers found besides some valueless papers, a knife and watch, one \$100 and one \$500 confederate note, which were carefully folded and stowed in his pocketbook. Benton had told McClean that he would get him a ticket and send him right on to Lincoln; his programme was the old one of getting his cash, either because he had no change, or until he could get one of these notes broken. By an unsuspecting person these notes would, nine times in ten, in a hurry at a ticket office, be mistaken for good money. Benton is in jail.

Frank Burns, when he left McClean and put his "pal," Benton, on his track, kept within convenient distance until he saw the two officers, then he moved off. But McClean told the officers of Burns' movements, and they went to arrest him also. He resisted the officers vigorously, and obliged them to use their clubs to take him. He is not seriously hurt, but is safe behind the bars where it is to be hoped he will be properly dealt with. The timely appearance of the police saved McClean the loss of all he had, as it is almost certain that in a few minutes more Benton would have freed him. As it is they got nothing from him.

AN IMPORTANT LAW.

The New Enactment Requiring a Meeting of the Assessors in March - Salary Changed.

The recent legislature placed upon the statute book of Nebraska a most important law touching upon the duties of assessors. An emergency clause was attached to the law which put it in force from and after its passage.

The fact that this law changes the time for the meeting of the assessors at the office of the county clerk, for the purpose of consulting as to the values of the various kinds of property to be assessed by them, and to receive from the clerk the necessary books and blanks for such assessment, from the first of April to the third Tuesday of March, requires that it should be particularly mentioned and noted.

The provision regulating the pay of assessors is so amended as to make the pay three dollars per day while engaged in making the assessment and two for each day of the time necessarily employed in attending the meeting of the assessors and making returns to the county clerk of his assessment book and the statements and schedules of personal property. While doing this work mileage at the rate of five cents per mile is allowed them.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Martin Flanagan left his home in Danison, Ohio, on the 9th of January last, intending to seek work with Mr. Elmore, contractor, some place in Iowa. Any information regarding his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his anxious mother, Mrs. Catharine Kennedy, Eleventh and Leavenworth streets, Omaha, Neb., or at this office.

The Cuming street Fight. About nine-tenths of the property owners and citizens along Cuming street and Thirteenth street have for the past year been trying to secure the passage of an ordinance to change the grade on the Cuming street extension, commencing at Division street and cutting west to Charles street, which would make about a ten foot cut at the deepest point, and fill the mud hole west of Charles, where the low place is now cut three feet as far as Brown. This would have made a seven foot rise at Line street in place of a three foot ditch, as it is now, where the entire water of the hills is emptied, and runs for quite a distance through the street, making it virtually the bed of a creek, walled three feet on either side. Those who favor this work had the damage properly appraised, and to those not wanting damages the money was tendered and placed with the city treasurer. These parties claimed that they had promise from a majority of the council that the ordinance would pass long before this.

Another party, consisting of a few people on the hill, back of Cuming street, on Idaho, and at the corner of Cuming and Idaho, oppose every grade except one that would make the crown of the hill at Idaho street, but they did nothing to bring about such a change of grade. Still another party, composed of persons living along the cut on Cuming street, opposed any cut whatever, unless Cuming street should be filled six or seven feet at the low point, in front of C. Connors' Furry's barn, at the military bridge, making a gradual rise, and when that is done they say they are willing to submit. Hathaway's plan, to fill from Twenty-

second street west to Division street, cutting from Division to Charles, and filling from Charles to Brown, is in fact the best proposition, if it could be carried out. The next best seems to be the first mentioned plan. The cut which makes the crown at Idaho street, damaging everybody, leaves the mud hole at both ends, and in no way subserves the public interest and ought not to be adopted. Councilman Furay, who was elected on the issue of making the cut first mentioned, has failed to have it done, and his constituents urge that the south end of town and Farnam street could secure an expenditure high up in the thousands through the influence of their councilmen, while this important business thoroughfare, Cuming street, has not been able to get a small out and fill, the total amount of damages and expenses of which would not be over \$3,000. After repeated delays and petitions on the part of those who secured the waiver and paid the damages for the first grade, the matter has been deferred from time to time by gentlemen who have a majority bag in their ear and now after a promise from a special committee, consisting of Councilmen Hasall, Bechel and Furay, it is said that they have agreed to ignore the petition of the various interests, return the money to the owners, adopt the grade commencing with a crown at Idaho street, slaughter everybody as far east as Center, let the city pay the damages, as there is no waiver on that grade, and leave the mud hole unfilld west of Idaho. The result will be excessive expenses in the way of damages, an incomplete street, a hill with a mud hole at each end, nobody benefited, and everybody disgusted. It is understood that the citizens are going to have a meeting very soon and probably these matters will play a very prominent part in the next election.

BIRTHDAY FESTIVITIES.

The Little Folks of Walnut Hill Congratulate a Companion.

The eighth instant being the seventh anniversary of the birth of little Miss Mary Taggart, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taggart, the first named so familiarly and favorably known especially in the railway postal service, there was quite a congratulatory gathering at their residence, Walnut Hill, West Omaha precinct. Twenty-five little ones graced the occasion, and a merrier collection of innocent youth has seldom been seen in these parts. Of course some of the old folks had to be on hand to live over in memory, at least, the happiest days of their lives, and one noticeable feature of this birthday party was the presence of Mr. Connell Furay and his estimable wife, grandparents of the little hostess, whose honored lives have passed their four-score milestones, while gently sleeping near by was the baby Fink, another grandchild, scarcely half a year in this world. Of course Uncle John B. Furay had to be on hand or the birthday party would have lost half its interest. The alderman was as lively as the liveliest and made more innocent fun for the assembled children than a circus. He says his relatives are increasing so rapidly in number that it will not be long before he will have to attend two birthday parties per day in order to take them all in. Altogether Miss Mary Taggart had a right royal reception, and it is the earnest wish of a host of friends that she will live as long as her estimable grandparents—who from their present hale and hearty appearance will most probably celebrate their "ninetieth."

A little but not nice Schenectady girl plays this game: She rings a house bell about dusk. When the door is opened, she sobs violently, saying that she has lost five cents near by, and wants a lantern to look for it. Instead of a lantern, which she does not want, she is given the five cents, which she does want. Then she goes on to the next house.

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