

THE DAILY BEE. Thursday Morning, July 16.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Parry Powers, the lad who received such a severe cut in the neck Sunday evening, is still living but the doctor still expresses doubts about his recovery.

Judge Stenberg will probably move into the newly furnished police court today. The remodeled quarters are certainly a great improvement on the old dingy den, and the difference will be vastly appreciated by the court officers as well as the prisoners.

The ladies of the South Tenth Street M. E. church will give a social with ice cream and other refreshments, at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Seward, southeast corner Center and Eleventh, this evening. The fund is for repairing the church building. The price of ice cream will be 10 cents.

The base ball management have failed to secure the Prichy Ash team of St. Louis to play the coming Sunday, and are now endeavoring to secure the Red Oak club to play two games here Saturday and Sunday. It is quite probable also that a game will be arranged between the U. P.'s and the base ball club of Haverty's minstrels, to take place Sunday, July 27.

The four double-deck boats of the rowing association arrived here Tuesday, while the large pleasure barge is expected here today or tomorrow. This will complete the number of boats to be ordered by the association or the present, though some of the members will order private boats of their own. A meeting of the board of managers will be held immediately to fix upon the opening night.

The Omaha Veteran club held a very pleasant meeting Monday evening. The exercises were of a literary nature and were greatly enjoyed. Comrades Rattlett, O'Neill and Bloom gave select readings. Comrades Kyner and Coxson related interesting war incidents. Messrs. Kyner and Parker sang several songs in the old army style, the evening's entertainment closing with a debate. Subject: "Fraternity among old soldiers," in which Comrades Erdman, Kyner and Clark took part.

Mr. Richard Shannon has just returned from Indiana where he attended the burial of his brother. Of the deceased, the Hendricks County (Ind.) Republican says: John Reed Shannon died at his residence north of New Winchester, last Saturday evening and was buried on the following Sunday. Mr. Shannon was a noble soldier during the war, and while in the service of his country contracted a disease which was in all probability the cause of his death. He was an upright man, a good neighbor, and respected and honored by all who knew him.

WARMER AND WARMER

Grows the Fight Over the Smith Stock--The Latest Phase of Litigation.

The fight over the Smith stock of dry goods still continues.

Tuesday afternoon Lewis Cole, who holds under the sale made by Smith, brought in the district court his action in replevin to secure from Sheriff Miller the stock of goods. The replevin papers were issued late in the afternoon and placed in the hands of Coroner Drexel, that official being able to conduct such proceedings against the sheriff. The papers were served by Coroner Drexel in the afternoon, and he took possession of the stock. He appointed Messrs. George Ames and D. J. Donahoe as appraisers to make a re-valuation of the stock. All persons were excluded from the store by Coroner Drexel except the watchman, the appraisers and their clerk. The work of appraisement was then conducted with locked doors. A rumor became current toward evening that the appraisement gave to the stock a valuation of \$65,000. Immediately measures were actively taken to throw suspicion upon the action of the appraisers, because the amount of valuation was not up to that found by the attachment appraisers. Coroner Drexel was not satisfied with the appraisement as made, and rejected it, as well as the bond tendered him by Mr. Cole. He then appointed new appraisers.

Meanwhile the plaintiff in the replevin proceedings has removed the case into the United States court. New papers in replevin have been secured. Very soon in all probability Marshal Bierdover will step in and take possession and Coroner Drexel will step out. The charge of improper practices in the matter of the appraisement by Messrs. Ames and Donahoe was met by counter-charges made by Mr. Cole and Mr. Lowy against the justice of the appraisement made on the attachments. These gentlemen charge that Smiths selling mark was taken by the appraisers as the value and that they acted under the direction of merchants in Omaha who wished to pay the value so high that no bonds could be given for the stock. The stock might be kept out of the market. These statements are in accordance with theory told by Messrs. Cole and Lowy, who claim that they have been greatly misrepresented about the matter in local print. Thus the plot thickens, and the end is not yet.

Police Court. John Bennett, a patriarchal-looking stranger from Weeping Water, stood up before Judge Stenberg this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication. He said that he was an adept at counting railroad ties, and was discharged on a promise to leave town immediately. He has no money and will be compelled to foot it back to Weeping Water. Morris Sammers, an individual of exceedingly tough men, was arraigned as being the thief who burglarized the houses at the stock yards Monday night. He was held to await evidence. Jerry Kernan, the nice little boy, whose only misfortune is that his good and noble traits are not thoroughly understood by the police, faced the judge to answer a charge of disorderly conduct and using obscene language. He was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail, which sentence was suspended on condition that he leave town immediately. John Doll, disturbing the peace, was held for evidence. He had been heard to threaten the life of Officer Bloom, and when arrested by that policeman, had a big rock in his pocket. John Dymms, the man whose arrest created such a sensation last night on Douglas street, on account of the terrific manner in which he struggled and howled, was fined \$10 and costs.

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Interesting Statistics. Mr. Sayre, the assistant to County Clerk Leavitt, has compiled a few statistics from the assessment rolls of Douglas county relative to the number of acres now in grain, fruit trees, etc., that will be of interest. Following is the table:

Table with 2 columns: Crop/Category and Acres. Wheat 2,414; Corn 49,362; Oats 8,242; Barley 139; Meadow 25,338; All other under cultivation 9,269; Total improved lands 95,638; Unimproved 98,981; Total acreage land in county exclusive of incorporated cities and villages 194,605; Number fruit trees 62,874; once forest trees 2,038,828; Total 2,098,222; Number grape vines 27,268.

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There is a gang of cracksmen at work among the stores of this city. Sunday night a safe in St. Felix's grocery was blown and Tuesday night the gang made a raid on the safe in Enewold's grocery store, at the head of St. Mary's avenue. They bored holes through both the front and back doors of the store and had everything in readiness so that they could make their escape either way in case they were surprised while at their work. They then drilled a hole into the safe door, close to the combination lock. The first hole did not do the business and they drilled another one and this time succeeded in cutting off the bolt which held the combination. The safe was then easily opened and the drawers rifled. Only about \$4 in money was in the safe and this the thieves appropriated. They did not take anything else, and they probably consider themselves very poorly paid for their night's work. They left behind them several tools which were used in the performance of their work.

At Fort Russell several of the Shoshone and Banack Indians came down to the post, while he was there, and protested violently their intentions of peace and friendship for the white man. Indeed Gen. Howard thinks there is no further trouble to be apprehended from the Indians in that quarter of the department, and that the redskins in fact throughout the department are in a settled and easy condition.

In Utah, and especially in Salt Lake, said Gen. Howard, in answer to a question of the reporter, "I found things in a very