

THE DAILY BEE. COUNCIL BLUFFS. Friday Morning, July 17, 1885. SUBSCRIPTION RATES. By Carrier - - - - - 30 cents per week. By Mail - - - - - \$10.00 per year.

MINOR MENTION.

Relter, merchant tailor, for fine goods. The city council is to hold an important meeting to-night. Permit to wed has been given Charles Avery and Ada M. H. Symes, both of this city. James Ward yesterday paid good money for the privilege of pleading guilty to being drunk.

The congregationalists held an enjoyable social last evening at the residence of W. W. Wallace. In Justice Hendricks' court yesterday the momentous question was being discussed as to whether dogs are property or not.

The M. L. S. D. is arranging for other entertainments, and among those being talked up, is a lecture by Stephen Douglas, jr. Regular meeting of Fidelity Council, No. 156, R. A., this (Friday) evening. All members are requested to be present.

The alumni banquet and reunion of the high school takes place this evening at the Bloomer building, and promises to be a heavy affair. Two of the colored help at the Pacific house had a boxing match yesterday, which got too dead in earnest, resulting in both getting arrested.

Two vags were yesterday put at work on the streets, they being found hanging about the Northwestern round house, stealing stray wood, and building fires by which to cook their feasts. The Graun Oper company is to be here on Monday and Tuesday of next week, presenting Monday night, La Mascotte, Tuesday afternoon, Pinafore, and in the evening, Queen's Lace Handkerchief.

The mayor is reported as having told one of his friends that he would stay in Washington until August, if necessary, to procure some appointment, but he expected to have his hopes realized before that time. The public scales at the city building are now disused, the city weighmaster finding that the other scales got all the business, and his office proving unprofitable he is said to have embarked in the saloon business in Weston.

The examination of the Johnsons, the colored family on Pierce street, charged with keeping a disorderly house, resulted in their discharge, the judge warning them to preserve better order, and to avoid so strong appearances of evil. An attempt was made Tuesday night to burglarize the residence of Eugene Motz, on Graham avenue, but the dog inside the house frightened the fellows away, and aroused the family. The burglars had torn away a part of the window screen.

Sara M. Bachelor, who recently got injunctions preventing the use of the slaughter houses in the railway addition, has commenced suit against Conrad Lamsdorfer, claiming \$8,000 damages, on account of the stench arising from his slaughter, which she claims has driven her from her home, and caused her to be ill. Another grand concert is promised the music lovers of Council Bluffs. It will be an organ concert given by the celebrated Louis Falk, of Chicago, assisted by Mrs. Louis Falk, who is one of the finest sopranos in the west. The well-earned reputation of these gifted artists will cause the Presbyterian church to be crowded.

Walter Dougherty and Charley Bates while taking a ride were thrown from their little go-cart, the pony being frightened by a dog. The Dougherty boy was kicked by the pony, but no bones broken. The Bates boy, a son of Deputy Marshal Bates, had his lip cut open and received some head bruises. Mrs. Samuel Porterfield, in coming down the steps of the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening, fell, and was injured so badly that two physicians had to be summoned, and she was taken to her home, No. 707 First avenue. She is still in a suffering condition, and it is feared that the injuries will prove very serious.

City Whittlesey has sworn off fishing on Sundays. After patiently brooding in the hot sun all day, he got a bite, and pulled out a frog. Then he shut up his fishing rod, and tucking it inside of his umbrella, came sneaking into town, and tried to make folks believe that he had been off to a mission Sunday school in the country. Yesterday afternoon a deaf and dumb boy in trying to steal a ride on a Broadway car fell off, landing on his head in a soft spot in the pavement. The little fellow was more scared than hurt, and it was amusing to hear a sympathetic stranger urging the boy not to cry, the pleading and comforting words being falling in vain on the boy's ear.

There is much complaint among citizens, and justly, about the prostitutes being allowed the freedom of the city, and the run of the streets. The action of these women is so bold and often so disorderly that the city is disgraced, and decent women dread to appear on the streets in the evening. The police have made some feeble attempts to make them behave themselves, but when arrested they are let off, with a chiding, or with a

promise to pay a fine, a small one, and there seems to be little improvement in their street manners. It is high time that this dull dallying came to an end, and that those in power took prompt and firm action as to correct the abuses. Decent citizens have some rights as well as those who contribute by fines to the police fund. Among the articles attracting attention of those passing by a pawn broker's place on Broadway is a policeman's uniform complete, club and all, with no man inside of the clothes either. To the credit of the city police it should be stated that the uniform is that of a Denver policeman, who getting short of money while here some time ago, thus disposed of the uniform. The marriage of Jim Snodderly to Miss Mary Harecher is an event the announcement of which will cause surprise to the social circles in which they are so well known. The wedding was a very quiet one, and the invitations were confined to the immediate friends and relatives. The happy man is prospering in business, and as now seems he meets with like prosperity in love. Arrangements are made for the next commissioners to go to Island Park next Saturday afternoon, to inspect that charming new summer resort and picnic ground, and see about the contemplated improvements. The commissioners will be accompanied by a number of the business men, and by the representatives of the press, so that the facts of this new enterprise may be properly inspected and chronicled. W. B. Somers has just returned from a trip to his old home in Galeburg, where, on the second of this month, his sister, Miss A. W. Somers, was married to C. W. Dann, one of the instructors in Knox college, a young man who was formerly with the Council Bluffs insurance company, and who has many friends here to congratulate him on having won so worthy a bride. Mr. and Mrs. Dann have gone east on their wedding journey, and will return to make Galeburg their home. The new ordinance in regard to the police has been prepared ready for submission to the council to-night. It provides for one chief, one captain, and eight patrolmen, two from each ward. It also provides for twenty special police, five from each ward, to be paid only for such time as they may be called on for service. The new ordinance provides for paying the police the same salary as is now fixed by the ordinance, and that the council shall set aside certain monies for a cash fund with which to pay the men, but that the council may, if deemed necessary, arrange by resolution to pay a portion of the salary by a system of fees.

A MODERN BLUEBEARD.

A Tale of Many Talks Concerning an Old Resident.

The Recent Mysterious Death of One of His Wives.

The Coroner Investigating.

The report of the sudden and rather mysterious death of a woman named Mrs. Hall, in Boomer township, has caused Coroner Connell to make a trip there, and to make some informal inquiries concerning the matter. It seems that he has struck a nest of sensational reports, all concerning the man, Hall, and if half the things told of him are true he is certainly as hard a citizen as ever escaped the gallows. This man Hall formerly lived here, and even so far back as thirty years ago formed the theme of many a bit of unsavory gossip. In these early years he was connected with the ferry here, and among the first sensational chapters in his life is reported his

KILLING OF A LITTLE INDIAN BOY. It seems that the boy peered through the window of Hall's house one evening, and Hall spying the dusky face of the lad, fired at him with a shot gun, blowing off the whole top of the boy's head, killing him instantly. Mr. John Keller, who still lives here, was among those who saw the boy after he was thus shot. The affair is said to have been settled, and hushed up, the affair being presented with a few sacks of flour to atone for the loss of her son. HIS FIRST WIFE. The wife whom Hall then had was an invalid, and has long ago died and her sufferings ended. Hall had the reputation of being a very passionate man, and it is said that while the poor sick woman was under a physician's care, and had to be brought in a lumber wagon from her home up town to the doctor's office, she was not allowed to make even these trips in peace, but that the husband's actions were at such times so disgusting and terrible to bear narration. It was also reported that his treatment of his children was alike any thing but fatherly.

SHE SAW GHOSTS. After the death of this wife, he is reported as having taken to himself a woman who had no better reputation than he had established. This woman remained with him but a short time, and then left, she claiming that the ghost of the first wife haunted the house, and she could not stand the nervous strain. THE THIRD WIFE A THUMPER. Then according to the tradition, the man took to himself a third companion, and with his new wife moved on to a farm in Boomer township, where he was known as "Sabbie," having returned from his vacation. Miss Blanche Oliver has been secured as leading soprano in the choir of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha. She is winning her way by her voice, and Council Bluffs is the only city that is enthusiastic over her singing. Mrs. E. F. Wagner, whose husband formerly was clerk at the Union Pacific hotel at the transfer, but now of Fremont, Neb., is in the city on a visit to her parents. Cy Parker, the letter carrier, begins his two weeks' vacation to-day, and H. S. Witter takes his place as substitute, Dave Witter, for whom Sloed was "sabbie," having returned from his vacation. Miss Blanche Oliver has been secured as leading soprano in the choir of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha. She is winning her way by her voice, and Council Bluffs is the only city that is enthusiastic over her singing. Mrs. E. F. Wagner, whose husband formerly was clerk at the Union Pacific hotel at the transfer, but now of Fremont, Neb., is in the city on a visit to her parents. Cy Parker, the letter carrier, begins his two weeks' vacation to-day, and H. S. Witter takes his place as substitute, Dave Witter, for whom Sloed was "sabbie," having returned from his vacation.

THE NEXT MATRIMONIAL VENTURE. Of this man appears to have been to marry a Bohemian woman, a widow with several children, who was engaged in raising and selling vegetables in and near Missouri Valley. This was the Mrs. Hall, who has recently died so suddenly. Two weeks ago last Monday she was in usual health, and had been hoeing potatoes all day. About 2 o'clock the next morning she was dead. The only ones in the house that night were the man and woman, and a boy. Between 12 and 1 o'clock in the night, Hall woke the boy and sent him over to a neighbor named Clark, to get help. Mrs. Hall being taken suddenly ill. When the neighbors came, they found the woman lying on the front steps, in an insensible condition, and a bloody froth foaming from her mouth. Hall was holding her head, and was unable without assistance to get her into the house. He explained that about midnight his wife complained of being sick at her stomach, and getting out of bed she went out of doors. Not returning so soon as he expected her, he got up to see if anything had happened to her, and found her lying in this fit on the doorstep. The woman after being taken into the house lingered in this condition until death came about 2 o'clock. BUSINESS ON THE BODY. Among the neighbors who came in were John Casey and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield. Mrs. Casey and another woman laid Mrs. Hall out, and they declare that they found an abrasion on her head, and broken on her side. Hall explained these marks by saying that she must have received them when she fell in this fit, but in view of the many other reports concerning Hall, and his treatment of other wives, the tongues of all were set wagging with indignation. The next morning the bereaved husband hurried off at daylight for Missouri Valley to get a casket, and telegraphed her children, who live in Omaha, and his daughter, who is a very worthy woman living here. Hall arranged for having the woman buried the next day at 10 o'clock, about thirty hours after her death. The neighbors had their suspicions aroused that something was wrong, and sent for Justice Yarrington, who is of Harrison county, and who, therefore, had no jurisdiction here, but who nevertheless came and looked into affairs some. None of the neighbors cared to take the responsibility of making any formal charge, for fear that they could not convict Hall, and they claiming that they were afraid that in such an event he would wreak violent vengeance on them in some way. The justice thought that if anyone had occasion to find fault it should be the children, and they not feeling so disposed the matter dropped. The woman was buried as arranged, in the burying lot on Hall's farm, beside that of his other dead wife, and where he has several children buried also. PROMPTLY CONCEALED. A day or two later Hall is said to have brought a new wife home from Missouri Valley, at least it being given out in the neighborhood that she was married to him. This woman had a child, a boy about four years old, and she answers the description quite well of a woman who with her little boy was recently stopping at a house of ill repute in this city, and who went from here to Missouri Valley. This new alliance does not seem to have been a long one, for in the course of three or four days, the woman and child left him and returned to Missouri Valley, she saying that she could live easier and happier as she was before.

added another chapter to the scandalous history. It seems that she was in a deplorable condition, and being taken unexpectedly sick, the children wanted to go after their grand-mother, but the man restrained them, and did not attempt to get any help until it was too late, a doctor being sent for from Neola, but arriving too late to be able to save the woman. While there was no attempt to fasten on the man the direct responsibility of the death of his wife, yet it appeared to the neighbors to be at the best, a cruel neglect.

Read Judd & Smith's offer of \$1,000 reward in another column. Real Estate Transfers. The following are the transfers of real estate as recorded in the office of the registrar, and reported to the BEE by A. J. Stephenson, for Thursday, July 16th, 1885: Sarah R. Reed to N. P. Dodge, trustee, lots 2 and 3, block 59, Riddle's subdivision, \$200. Alexander Ritter to Christian Straub, part of lots 11 and 12, block 4, Jackson's addition, \$3,400. C. E. Thoma to W. B. Reed, lot 8, block 12, Pierce's addition, \$800. Total sales, \$4,400. Substantial abstracts of title and real estate loans. J. W. and E. L. Squires, 101 Pearl street. SPECIAL NOTICES. NOTICE—Special advertisements, such as Lost Found, To Loan, For Sale, To Rent, Wants, Boarding, etc., will be inserted in this column at the low rate of FIVE CENTS PER LINE for the first insertion and FIVE CENTS PER LINE for each subsequent insertion. Leave advertisements at our office, No. 1 Street, near Broadway. WANTED—Immediately, two dining room girls at Ogden House, Council Bluffs. FOR SALE—Lands improved and unimproved. If you want a farm in western Iowa, Kansas Nebraska or Dakota, let us hear from you. SWAN & WALKER. FOR SALE—Houses, Lots and Land. A. J. Stephenson, 503 First avenue. TO EXCHANGE—B, G, P, N, D, S, are hotels in different parts of Iowa. For sale or for lease. B 138, special bargain; 4000 improved farm worth \$18,000, price for a short time \$12,000, will trade for low priced Western lands. Swan & Walker. B 191, splendid hardware manufacturing establishment, stock and machinery, value \$7,000, for western land. Swan & Walker, Council Bluffs. B 203, stock of dry goods, groceries and hardware, value \$10,000, for good eastern Nebraska town or land. Swan & Walker. B 204, stock of general merchandise in a good Western town, value \$4,000, wants an improved farm in western Iowa. Swan & Walker. B 205, stock of hardware in Stuber's Co., Indiana, for land, value about \$4,000. Swan & Walker. B 206, new stock of hardware in a live Nebraska town for land, value \$2,000. Swan & Walker. B 207, stock of agricultural implements and sheet iron hardware, value about \$5,000, wants a good improved farm. Swan & Walker. B 209, a \$10,000 stock of clothing in a good Western town, in lands and balance cash or improved stock. Beautiful store room at low rent. Swan & Walker. B 210, stock of mixed hardware in a live western town, for cheap land, value \$2,000. Swan & Walker. B 211, fine brick block, rents well, in a live central Iowa town, one occupied with general stock of goods, wants an improved farm, value building \$10,000, goods \$7,000. Swan & Walker. B 212, stock of boots, shoes, hats, caps and clothing, value \$2,000, in one of the best towns in Neb., value \$10,000, for land. Swan & Walker. B 213, a \$2,000 stock of clothing, wants land in North Western Iowa, for \$6,000, and will pay difference. Swan & Walker. B 214, an \$8,000 stock of drugs in central Iowa for land. Swan & Walker. B 215, another stock of drugs value from \$500 to \$700 with store building and lot value \$100 in a good Nebraska town, wants partly improved land. Swan & Walker. For full particulars, write to or call on Swan & Walker, Council Bluffs, Iowa. ANYTHING, tell S. W. about it. Swan & Walker, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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stastically and successfully, and certainly merits some rest and recreation, while with his keen observation and intelligence he will doubtless gather much from the trip of which his hearers will in future get much benefit. The following Council Bluffs folks are at Spirit Lake: Col. Tulleys and family, J. V. Brown, George H. Keelins, Bert Evans, Oscar Keelins, William Sherman, mother and sister; Thomas Gavin, Richard Green and brother, John T. Oliver, Theodore Loakowski, Herman Burdorf, B. M. Sargent, and John Phillips. Read Judd & Smith's offer of \$1,000 reward in another column.

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