

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Black Swan, the noted western cattleman passed through Omaha Sunday night on his way to Cheyenne.

The boulevard and park committee will hold a meeting Wednesday night at the city hall, to which all the citizens are invited.

Henry Voss is engaged in superintending the erection of two-story frame houses in Waterloo and Elkhorn precincts to cost \$6,000 each.

Rabbi Benson, of Owensburg, Ky., will arrive here, Friday, and enter upon his duties as leader of the Hebrew congregation.

Other Burdick had a lively chase down Farnam street yesterday after Ed. Carroll, a vagrant, the victim was finally captured in an alley on Twelfth street.

M. Parr, the Tenth and Howard druggist is jubilant over his first born. It is a boy, weighs ten pounds and came Sunday. The havanas are circulating freely in that locality.

There is a movement on foot to secure Canon Farrar to lecture here in November for the benefit of the Childs' hospital. Nothing definite in the matter, however, has been accomplished.

Coroner Drexel shipped to Waverly, New York, yesterday the trunk containing the letters of Jennette Schaefer who committed suicide here some three or four weeks ago.

Yesterday being the last day allowed in the courts' order, it was supposed that the Bell Linas attorneys would file their motion for a rehearing, but Mr. Woodworth had gone to New York and Mr. Pritchett was also out of town and nothing was done.

Mr. and Mrs. McCuire, of Newark, Conn., wish to thank their Omaha friends for the many tokens of sympathy and kindness extended to them in their great bereavement on account of the death of their only son, Thomas L. McCuire, lately a clerk in the E. & M. freight and ticket auditor's office here.

The "opening" given in the Paxton hotel bar in honor of the lately completed decorations of the room was a most pleasant occasion. A large number of gentlemen were present during the evening and were served to an excellent spread prepared and set quite in banquet form. Messrs. Frank Durieux and Chas. Leonie attended to the call for refreshments with a skill and courtesy which met all demands and pleased every guest. The barroom of the Paxton is a perfect parlor and must rank among the handsomest of similar establishments throughout the country.

It will prove of interest to the speculative to learn that the prevailing weather of yesterday so accurately prognosticated by the signal service bureau twenty-four hours previous, was months ago predicted and put on record in print. A reference to Vemor's almanac for this year will reveal the following noted for the week beginning August 23: "Early of week warm—Sudden change, probably cool and perhaps frosty—Windy, warm and rainy—Week is likely to end cool and fine." So far the prediction is verified, and if the remainder of the week bears it out, the new science of astro-meteorology will have scored a big point in popular credit.

Draining Swamp Lands. Among the business discussed yesterday by the county commissioners was the matter of draining 36,000 acres of Platte valley swamp land in Waterloo precinct. It will be remembered that about four years ago the county commissioners undertook the task of draining some of these bad lands and did accomplish the digging of some nine miles of ditching in the swampy Platte valley region. The dirt excavated was used in the making of roads.

The work was dropped on account of scarcity of funds, but the commissioners propose now to resume it, and yesterday afternoon decided upon digging three ditches, four miles in length altogether, in this section of the Platte valley.

"The land is the richest in America," said County Commissioner Corilas, today, "and when we finish this work it will be thoroughly available for agricultural purposes. The cost will be borne partly by the county and partly by the benefited property owners."

Police Docket. Judge Stenberg disposed of the following cases in police court yesterday morning:

J. J. O'Brien, Pete Pigh and J. Brewl, drunk and disorderly, \$5 and costs. O'Brien paid and was released. Pigh and Brewl committed in default.

Tom Carl, disturbance of the peace, \$5 and costs.

Jack Pakore, fighting, \$20 and costs, committed in default.

Peter Bomgat, fighting, \$10 and costs.

John Caldwell, disturbance of the peace, \$5 and costs.

Fred Saunders and Chris Saunders, fighting, \$5 and costs.

Sam Sawahar, keeping gambling house, \$10 and costs.

"Slim" Ryan, suspicious character, discharged.

L. Varsky, vagrant, discharged.

George Washington and Mrs. Will Davenport, fighting, \$5 and costs.

Fourteen vagrants were arraigned and ordered out of town.

Rushing Fair Notice. Business is rushing at the office of Secretary Wheeler of the Omaha fair and exposition, necessitating the employment of additional force to take care of the enormous number of entries that are arriving every day. The work of classification has just been begun, and is being pushed as rapidly as possible. Already there have been 2,230 entries from abroad, and they are still arriving at the rate of 275 daily. In addition to the entries from abroad applications have been received for space from home manufacturers for nearly 2,000 exhibits. This will crowd the space provided to almost its utmost capacity, and there are still several fair associations which have made applications to exhibit their entire display, which they will bring to Omaha at or before our fair closes. The entry books will not be closed until August 31st, and it is expected that at the last minute there will be more applications for space than can be accommodated.

Drowned in a Tub. A child of a Mr. Brewster, living on the Papillon road near Irvington, this county, Sunday fell into a tub of water and was drowned. A little brother of the child was the first to discover the hoiking accident. The case has been reported to the coroner.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Castell and Farnam Street Structures Going up Rapidly—Getting Ready for Opening of School.

"Work on the Castell street school is progressing rapidly," remarked Secretary O'Connor to a reporter yesterday. "The work was suspended for a week on account of the failure of the council to grade the adjoining streets as they had agreed to do, but the ordinance was passed last week, and work on the building has been resumed. It will be ready for occupancy about November and will be a handsome two-story brick structure with a basement. The Farnam street school (on Twenty-eighth), is now enclosed and under roof. It will be ready to be moved into in October."

In addition, the school board are having extensive repairs made to some of the buildings throughout the city, preparatory to the opening of school in a few weeks. In the Long and Leavenworth schools, new blackboards are being put in all the rooms, in place of the old ones which are very badly worn. Besides this other necessary repairs are being made throughout these buildings.

The Hartman school has received two additional rooms in the basement, one under the old frame structure and one under the new brick building. The basement was excavated without moving the building and the rooms fitted up in comfortable style with but little expense. This will serve to relieve somewhat the crowded condition of this building, the capacity of which was too greatly tested last year.

Some improvements will also be made in the Izard school this month, the nature of which has not yet been determined. The committee on buildings and property will hold a meeting to-morrow to discuss in a general way the matter of making further repairs before school opens.

In the Central school the merry music of the saw and hammer can be heard ringing through the empty rooms. Prof. Bunnam is busied superintending the work of preparing the apparatus, benches, etc., etc., to be used in the manual training department which will be opened for the first time this year. The rooms for this department are situated in the basement and are large and airy.

Secretary O'Connor said to-day that he thought the school board would have to have two or three extra rooms in the central part of the city to relieve some of the crowded schools. Nothing in that direction has as yet been determined upon, however.

They Disobeyed the Law. "Three saloon men to look after to-day," said Captain Sullivan yesterday morning to a reporter, holding up three warrants, "Higgins kept his curtains down as usual after midnight last night, and it was nearly 2 o'clock before John Brandt, of Turner hall, closed up this morning. John Hoffman, of Bohemian hall, on South Thirteenth street, sold liquor over his bar until one o'clock Sunday morning."

With a few exceptions, most of the saloon men are obeying the mayor's order strictly. It was noticeable, however, yesterday, that some of the saloons did not have closed doors.

DIED. OLSEN—In this city, August 24th, the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Olsen, aged two weeks.

Funeral will take place to-day at 10 a. m., from the residence, 1719 Mason street.

HUITT—In this city August 23d, Robert Huitt, aged 45 years.

Funeral will take place August 25 from McCarthy, Dannehy & Co. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

DORSETT—In this city August 24, at one o'clock p. m., Willie L., son of Henry and Mary E. Dorsett, aged 2 years.

Funeral will take place to-day at 10 o'clock a. m., from the residence, Fourth street near Walnut street.

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