

A STAR CHAMBER SESSION.

Republican Councilmen Secretly Assemble in Seclusion to Condemn.

BUT A BEE REPORTER WAS THERE

And Tells What He Heard—St. Catherine's Academy—Fatal Tom-nation of the Florence Shooting—Other Local News.

A Factional Case.

Having accidentally learned that there was to be a meeting of the republican members of the city council last evening, a reporter of the Bee was promptly on hand at the city hall to take in the proceedings. A light was burning brightly from the marshal's office, and the reporter ascended the steps and boldly entered. What was his surprise to find out that the meeting was strictly a star chamber affair! He was summarily bounced from the building, but not before, with a sweeping gaze, he had taken in all who were present. There were Marshal Cummings, President Bechtel, of the city council, and Councilmen Furay, Lee, Thrane, Goodman, Behm and Bailey. Leader was not there, being the only member of the "solid eight" who did not put in an appearance.

When the Bee man was bounced he did not give up his contract in despair, but resolved to hear what the august gathering had to say. In looking around for a point of vantage, a doorway was discovered leading past the marshal's office. The windows were open and the reporter saw his opportunity. He grasped it, and dropping on his knees began to steadily mount the stairs. Two steps only had been ascended when the reporter, glancing upward, discovered another form on the stairs. It was prostrate, but seemed to be gliding upward and making frantic efforts to increase its speed. The Bee man stopped in his ascent and watched the gliding form above him. As first he could not make it out, but as his eyes became accustomed to the darkness he recognized the round shape of a reporter on an opposition sheet. Quickly recovering from the shock of his discovery, the journalistic signal was given, and the two men quietly advanced toward each other, one on his knees and the other on his stomach, carrying his shoes in his hand. Not a word was spoken, but the two shivering wretches sat them down at the open window and proceeded to report the meeting.

"Gentlemen," said Marshal Cummings, "I have invited you all here to sit on me and my actions. You know there have been charges put on me and many stories about my administration and whether you were going to support me or not. Now, what I want to know is, do you want to kick me in the posterior, or do you want to kick me out? If you want me to go, I want to go. I don't want to stay in any place where I am not wanted."

"Hold on, marshal," chimed in Councilman Furay, "we want to ask you a few questions. It's this midnight closing order that's raising all the disturbance. Tell us all about it."

Marshal Cummings then related all the facts about the midnight order from its inception until the present. Shortly before it was issued, he said, he was summoned to the mayor's office, where that official told him that a complaint was being made about the saloons being allowed to run all night. The mayor had made up his mind that if there was a sufficient sentiment in support of him, he would order the saloons to close. He accordingly asked the marshal to circulate a paper among the saloon men in order to find out their sentiments on the subject. The marshal complied, and when he returned to the mayor, the mayor, it showed conclusively that the saloon men themselves were, by a large majority, in favor of closing the saloons at midnight. The marshal told the saloon men to strictly enforce the order after giving the saloon men due notice and allowing them one day to get their objections to the marshal carried to the mayor's office. Numerous arrests have followed, the complainant suffering most in this direction being C. S. Higgins, because he defied the law and refused to comply with the order.

"Now," said the marshal, "you have heard my story. Do you support me?" Councilman Furay, "But perhaps some of the gentlemen present will not agree with me and so I suggest that the marshal withdraw and let everybody to express their opinions."

With head erect and firm step that dignitary walked from the room and left the seven to talk at their own sweet will.

Then the discussion commenced in earnest. The first thing that came up was Mayor Boyd's famous order closing the saloons at midnight. Some of the members present thought the action was unjust to the saloon-keepers, and should not be enforced. Mr. Bohm thought the mayor had acted unwisely, and that in many instances the order was not enforced. Mr. Furay believed that it was not the intention of the law to make the saloons close promptly on time. They ought to be allowed sufficient opportunity to get rid of their customers after the hour of closing had arrived. And if a party of men were in the place, engaged in playing cards or other games, he believed that they should be allowed to remain in the back and front doors of the saloon were locked and no one else allowed to enter. Some of the others present thought that the saloons should be allowed to run all night and that the mayor's order was all wrong.

"I haven't any fault to find with the marshal personally," said Furay, "but he is influenced by Councilman Sullivan. That's where the whole trouble lies." "Yes, that's so," chimed in Lee and Thrane.

"It is the man that's kicking up all the fuss," continued Furay. "He hasn't got a friend on the force, hardly. And the saloon men are down on him. He must be got rid of. He's too strict about the early closing and makes himself unpopular. Sullivan is the bone of contention in the whole business."

After considerable discussion of a similar character, it was decided to elect the marshal and inform him what decision they had reached. When he entered the room, Councilman Furay, who acted as spokesman, said:

ment, for there he is efficient and has always given satisfaction."

"Captain Sullivan is an honest man, an efficient officer and is the best man that has ever been on the force," interposed Marshal Cummings. "Have you any charges against him?"

"None whatever," responded Furay. "But Mr. Sullivan has so many enemies on the force that he can never get along with them. Oh, wad some power the gittie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us. And if Sullivan could see how his friends he would be free from many a blunder."

"But he nee took a cent that didn't belong to him, did he?" asked the marshal.

"I don't think he ever did," said Behm. "And now I want to tell you something. I have had a chance to make some money out of this business. I received three letters without any signature, asking me to call and see Mr. Higgins. But I know what he wanted and didn't go. But he met me one day, and after a talk offered me \$300 if I would engineer through the council a scheme to allow him to run all night. But I refused to take it. I did, I say, though. Mr. Higgins, if anything comes up in the city council and I can help you to secure the right to run all night, I will do it. I want to tell you all that so that if anything does come up of that character you may understand the reason of my vote."

After a few more remarks by the gentlemen present, the meeting adjourned, and the result of their action will probably be visible at the city council meeting next week.

An Excellent Academy.

One of the most pleasant hours that a reporter of the Bee has spent in a long time was in the company of Mr. James Croighton yesterday afternoon visiting St. Catherine's academy, at the corner of Eighteenth and Cass streets. The institution is in charge of the Sisters of Mercy, and was erected by them for the education of young ladies. The building is a spacious one, with large airy rooms, well lighted and ventilated, and everything arranged for the comfort and welfare of the pupils.

The reporter was greeted at the door by Mother Burkman, the superior in charge, who kindly consented to the scribe's request to be shown through the building. Upon entering the first room, both scholars and teacher welcomed the visitor with a bow, and the choir sang a hymn. The principal of the academy, in the person of the reporter, was given the honor of the first glance of approval which the guests bestowed on them. In all the rooms visited the greeting was the same, showing that the sisters in charge not only train their pupils in intellectual but teach them to be courteous and polite.

The principal object which drew the reporter to the academy was the news that to some of the exhibits of the scholars at the school at the New Orleans exposition had been awarded premiums. The exhibits in drawing and painting have excited the greatest interest from the exposition judges, a certificate of merit which was richly deserved. In this branch of art the scholars are very proficient, and their work which fell under the reporter's eye, both in finished state and in course of completion, proved conclusively that they are in charge of thorough instructors and are making excellent progress. In addition to the certificate of merit, the academy also received a document from the women's department of the exposition, which records that the fancy work exhibited by the pupils of the school has secured the second honorable mention. Of this tribute to the efficiency of their work both teachers and pupils are justly proud.

The visit to the music room was one of the most enjoyable features of the occasion to the reporter. This branch of instruction is in the efficient charge of Mother Burkman, whose skillful training has made her pupils highly proficient in both instrumental and vocal music. Here the Bee man had the pleasure of listening to a piano solo, "Irish Diamonds," by Miss Etta Reighon, which was beautifully rendered and highly executed. Then Miss Grace Williams seated herself at the piano and favored the guest with "Home, Sweet Home," with variations. Her playing was accurate, and her rendition of the piece was expressive. This was followed by an instrumental duet by the same young ladies, which showed remarkable skill in its execution. For the reporter's benefit Miss Etta and Miss Reighon, composed of Misses Barks, Flannery, Burkhauser, Riley, Croighton and Durr, accompanied on the piano by Mother Burkman, espiously rendered a selection. The young ladies all have excellent voices, and sing in perfect harmony, their song exhibiting careful and efficient training. At its close the reporter thanked them for the pleasure they had afforded him, and left the room with regret.

St. Catherine's academy now has seventy pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of sixty-five. In the musical department there are twenty-five pupils, and twelve young ladies take lessons in painting and drawing. The facilities are excellent in all departments, the tuition low, and the institution is worthy of a large patronage.

Powell's Bullet Proves Fatal.

News was received by Coroner Drexel last evening that Charles Leslie, the young man who was shot by R. L. Powell, at Florence, on Sunday, November 1, had died from the effect of his wounds. As the hour was late the coroner could take no action in the matter last night, but will proceed to Florence this morning and hold an inquest. Leslie, the victim of a new-fangled bullet, struggled hard for his life. Two or three times in the last week he was thought to be dying, but rallied and was supposed to be on the road to recovery. His vitality, however, was exhausted by the struggle, and he finally succumbed to his injuries. Powell is still confined in the county jail.

Wanted—A Father.

There was a very spicy suit on trial before Judge Neville yesterday the case of Bruno Wozak, who charges Charles Mason, a colored barber on Sixteenth street, with being father of an illegitimate child of hers. The plaintiff, who is also colored, was on hand with her child and ordered some damaging testimony against her alleged seducer. Mason's plea is that the paternity of the child rests upon other shoulders. The testimony introduced on both sides was of a decidedly rare character.

Ladies' Charity.

The II new Ladies' Sewing society meet this afternoon at the synagogue for the purpose of sewing for the poor. This association is doing much good, as is expected, having organized a successful benevolent institution. The officers of the association are energetic in their efforts to make the objects of the same success.

They Deny It.

Officers Horgan and Shields say that it is not true that they have ever been in the habit of employing the boy Nugent for a day, but on the contrary have always discountenanced his habit of being out all night. Both officers are well known and competent men and are able to do their work without the help of small

THE SHORN LAMBS.

The Approaching Winter and the Public Poor.

This cold snap is reminding of the county commissioners and Poor Commissioner Pierce that they must begin moving to minister to Douglas county poverty. Throughout the entire year the public had taxed more or less to support indigent people, not including the occupants of the almshouse, but as winter comes on apace, throws on its chill mantle and indulges in other disagreeable performances, the cry for help swells to a grand "Misere," and a heavy rain is hastened upon the treasury.

LAND FOR THE PEOPLE.

Senator Van Wyck and the Colonization Scheme.

A delegation of Knights of Labor called upon Senator Van Wyck at the Paxton hotel Tuesday night, and submitted to his judgment the maturing project of that order, known as the "Colonization Scheme."

So much has been said concerning this project that it must be almost thoroughly understood by the public. It is proposed that the government make appropriation of a tract of land in the public domain which the poor laboring element of the city can colonize.

ARMY NOTES.

Returning Officers—Gen. Schofield's Instruction About Rock Springs.

Lieut. Ladd of the Ninth cavalry stationed at Fort McKinney, arrived in the city yesterday, and will leave on tonight's train for the east. He was four days and three nights in traveling from Fort McKinney to the U. P. railway by way of Fort Fetterman, on account of heavy snow storms which are now prevailing in Wyoming.

In Memoriam.

[Written by N. L. Benson.]

SINCERE—Died on the 10th inst., in the forty-third year of her age, Rosa Sincere. Even before an individual finds her head heavy with the frost of seventy years, she often realizes the melancholy sensation of the poet—

They Want to Eggs-act Damages.

An interesting case is on trial in the court of Judge McCulloch yesterday the title thereof being Troxell & Williams vs. E. Marony.

It appears that some time last summer a fly and festive speculator who sails under the name of Mooney came over to this city, and was engaged in selling eggs. He made his headquarters at Marony's, though as alleged, having no connection with the firm. He bought up large lots of eggs, and among other firms, Troxell & Williams.

A Big Injunction.

An injunction suit was brought in the district court yesterday by the First National bank to restrain the Pacific Telegraph company from erecting a pole in the district of the bank building at the corner of Tenth and Farnam streets.

To a Distinguished Visitor.

A complimentary dinner and conference is to be given at the Omaha club room Saturday evening to the Hon. J. V. Farwell, of Chicago, in the interests of the Young Men's Christian association.

Look Out for Him!

Information was lodged at police headquarters yesterday to the effect that a religious head-beat was working the town, calling himself Ross Stetler. His game is to work the charity racket among members of the Lutheran church by pretending that he is a convert to the faith of Martin Luther, with a wife and about two more children to support.

Officers Installed.

At the annual meeting of Douglas Grove, No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: Herman Rosenzweig, N. G. H. Mossmann, V. J. G. Eickhoff, W. J. G. Mossmann, D. A. Saly, secretary; William Eschle, I. G. S. Sauter, O. G.

He Paid His Fine.

Haas Young man, who was arrested yesterday and tried to have the complaint against him dismissed. He failed

to assault their sponsors, and who carefully avoid interference with the criminals infesting our city, should have their stars removed. Mr. Meinrath was handled in the most outrageous manner because, forsooth, he put some paper boxes into the receptacle provided for their deposit. Anyone could see that Mr. Meinrath was a gentleman; an orderly, responsible business man, attending to his own affairs, but he was seized, ran across the street by the officer, who constantly assaulted him, though he repeatedly cried out that he would go along without any further hindrance. The threats made by the officer, in the presence of the marshal, showed him to be wholly unfit for his position. Let us have at least one change in the police force. JUSTICE.

HE THOUGHT HE GOT

THE WORST OF IT!

Until he made comparisons; he then found that the same Garments, made up in the same style, would cost him just double the amount he paid for them at The Only Misfit Clothing Parlors; he now heartily endorses every garment that is made by them, and invites his friends to pay one visit and see for themselves. There will be found

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Table with 12 columns of prices for various pantaloons styles.

And others which space will not permit a mention. We are at all times only too happy to show you through our departments; our great attractions are found

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in the attempt, however, and plead guilty to both charges. He was fined \$100 and costs on each charge by Judge Stenberg, and on each fine Mayor Boyd remitted \$25, so that Hans will really be acquitted in the sum of \$50 and costs only.

Boat Club Talent.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Omaha Boat club was held in F. Conroy's office last evening, for the purpose of taking some action regarding an entertainment which the club proposes giving some time during the winter. After a short discussion it was decided to name a committee to confer with the directors of the club, and canvass the members as to the best means of giving a successful entertainment. The prevailing opinion among the gentlemen present was that a minstrel show or a comic opera, given exclusively by boat club talent, would be the most successful attraction that could be arranged.

Personal Paragraphs.

S. S. Stevens and wife left for the east yesterday.

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The Durant House company will give a ball at Cunningham's hall this evening.

On the 11th inst. Rev. Willard Scott married Mr. William A. Wilbur and Miss May C. Lazar.

Eugene Bach, of New York, has arrived in this city and taken a position with Max Meyer & Bro.

Judge McCulloch married, yesterday morning, Mr. Geo. Reiss and Miss Anna Egges, both of Douglas county.

C. J. Dixon, Schuyler, L. E. Wheeler, Beatrice, J. M. Hill, Grand, S. L. Gray, Norfolk, John O'Keefe, Plattsmouth; J. F. Montgomery, Minden, are at the Cambell.

A small boy, Geo. Leavitt, was brought into police court yesterday on a charge of having assaulted Edwin Davis, Jr., with a slingshot. He was reprimanded and released.

Harry Hall, traveling agent of the Burlington route, has returned from an extended western trip, which occupied five weeks and covered Utah, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington territory. He is "clock full" of interesting stories of his adventures in the wonderful west, and can entertain his friends for hours, at a time with his descriptions of scenery and observations among the Pacific coasters.

A New England Dinner. The Ladies' Aid Society gave a New England dinner, with an excellent, wholesome bill of fare, in the Bushman block, yesterday. Large numbers were present and partook of the feast.

Fine Soaps at Cheney & Olson's drug store.

Attend Calhoun Bros' special underwear sale to-day, Friday, and to-morrow. This week only. Great reductions in prices.

Gen. Pass. Act. U. P. Ry., Omaha

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