

THE DAILY BEE. COUNCIL BLUFFS. WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 17. OFFICE, NO. 12, PEARL STREET.

Delivered by carrier in any part of the city at twenty cents per week. H. W. TILTON, Manager.

MINOR MENTION. Pants to order, from \$5 up, at Reiter's.

The city council will make a try for a meeting Saturday afternoon. Miss Rosa Rief was the fortunate holder of No. 24, which drew the elegant crazy sofa cushion.

Permit to wed was yesterday given to W. W. Boswell and Alma Morgan, both of Omaha. Fred Hock and Olga, of Nebraska, Charles Reed and Sarah Rambo, both of Nebraska.

To-morrow (Thursday) afternoon Mrs. A. T. Rice and her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Jackson, are to give a ladies' lunch at 3 o'clock at their residence on Fourth street, corner of Willow avenue.

The fourteenth of the series of the Married Ladies' Progressive Euchre club meetings will be entertained on Friday evening at the residence of W. C. James on Third avenue, by Mrs. James and Mrs. F. L. Clark.

The committee to sell tickets for the charity concert on Saturday evening will start out to-day. The price of tickets is within reach of all, they being only fifty cents. It is proposed to give one of the finest concerts ever held in the city.

The establishment of a board of examining surgeons here, as announced in yesterday's Bee, has caused many expressions of satisfaction. Heretofore all persons had to go across to Omaha, or go to Des Moines. The location of a board here will prove an accommodation to many. The surgeons appointed as members of the board are well known and recognized as fully capable.

Interesting revival services are being held nightly in Smith's hall in the southern part of the city. Rev. Dr. Cooley, of the Baptist church, preached Monday night. Rev. Mr. Bates, of the Presbyterian church, last evening. To-morrow evening Rev. Mr. Crofts, of the Congregational church, will preach and Rev. Dr. McCree, of the Methodist church, Friday night. All are invited to attend these city meetings.

Wirt & Dugnette, the wholesale fruit and confectionery house, have made arrangements to add a commission department to their business. They have made arrangements with S. S. St. John, formerly of the commission firm of J. M. John & Co., to take charge of this commission department. His experience and acquaintance render him a valuable man for this position, and the wide acquaintance and known reliability of the firm will cause the business to speedily assume large proportions.

For first class Missouri wool call on Gleason, at his coal office, 26 Pearl street.

A Blunder Discovered. The county board of supervisors met in special session yesterday. The principal business calling them together was the discovery of an error in the levy made on the independent school districts of Carson and Oakland for school purposes.

It seems that in figuring out the levy the total amount of personal property was taken as the basis instead of the real and personal property together, and this made the number of mills necessary to meet the requirements altogether too high. When the taxes were carried out on this basis it was found that the taxes were too high, and the districts were raising about twice as much money as was needed. This clerical error was corrected by the meeting of the board yesterday.

The board also considered the corner question, which is by no means a dead one, as there are three claimants for the office. The board simply prepared to have its interests looked after in the courts, and to continue the corner question, which is by no means a dead one, as there are three claimants for the office. The board simply prepared to have its interests looked after in the courts, and to continue the corner question, which is by no means a dead one, as there are three claimants for the office.

Personal Paragraphs. G. M. Washburn is on the sick list. Frank Shinn, of Carson, is in the city attending court.

E. H. Odell was taken quite ill yesterday with a bilious attack. E. A. Babcock, of Aroosa, was among those in attendance at court yesterday.

Col. C. R. Scott, now of Omaha, was in the city yesterday attending to matters in the circuit court.

W. T. Wilcox, of Oakland, is in the city attending to the interests of his clients in the circuit court.

E. R. Sadler, shipping clerk for Deere, Wells & Co., received a fine Valentine Sunday evening. It was a bouncing baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Clark start to-day on a brief visit to Omaha. Mr. Clark, who is locating engineer for the Union Pacific, is now taking a few days leave of absence. When he next starts westward he will go to the Yellowstone park.

300,000 brick for sale. C. Straub, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Money to loan by Forrest Smith.

Charity Concert. The move for a charity concert, to raise further means for the relief of the poor, is meeting with much encouragement. A number of the best local musicians have consented to lend their services to make the entertainment an enjoyable one. Mr. Dohany has generously offered the opera house free, Mr. Eaton agrees to furnish the gas free, Mr. Olfner donates the electric lights, and all the expenses being covered by such donations, the entire proceeds will be given to the poor. The following committee has been selected to sell tickets: J. W. Perogy, chairman; V. L. Keller, B. T. Connors, O. D. Kiplinger, G. H. Ferguson, M. F. Rohrer, W. C. Unthank, T. E. Cavin, George Keckline, George F. Smith, A. M. Wirt, D. J. Rockwell, E. R. Fonda.

Best coal and wood in the city at Gleason's, 26 Pearl street.

Saloon Injunctions. The cases in which injunctions are sought against several saloons in this city were called up in the circuit court yesterday but were passed. It will be remembered that there was a motion to have the cases sent to the United States court, but the federal court has refused to entertain them. This decision has not, however, been officially communicated to the circuit court, and it is not known whether the cases will be sent back to his court. There will be no action taken in these cases until such official notice is received. This may delay the hearing and decision of these cases for a time. It is predicted that when the cases are brought up for a decision that the injunctions asked for will be granted.

Mules for Sale. I have for sale thirty-six head of fine mules, running from fifteen and one-half to seventeen hands high. MASON WISE.

A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER.

He Fails to Receive Expected Financial Help and Skips.

THE TEXAS MURDER TRAGEDY.

A Blunder on the Tax Books—The Saloon Injunctions—Honor to Hancock—A Thief Gets Off Easy—Charity Concert.

A Man of Mystery. Last week there arrived at the Pacific hotel a large built, smooth faced, silk tided gentleman, who presented his card to P. F. Pierce, Keokuk, Iowa, Special Manager Home Life Association, Des Moines. He had neither scrip nor wallet, grip or trunk. He seemed to be rushed with business, however, and had a young man with him, whom he soon sent away to some other part of the field, over which he was supposed to preside. He informed the hotel folks that he had no money with him, but would have a draft by Saturday. They concluded to take their chances on him for a few dollars, and let him have a room and meals. He soon employed a boy to circulate some doggers for him, and represented that he was an attaché of Buffalo Bill's show. To the boy he claimed that his name was Frank Weller, and some letters were forwarded to him from Lincoln, Neb., bearing that name. When the Buffalo Bill company reached the city and stopped at the same hotel, no more was heard about his being connected with the show, and he did not seem to be acquainted with any of them. On Friday he visited some of the printing offices and sought to get some extra and circulars struck off, but after inquiring prices left without giving any orders. He was heard of in one part of the city as soliciting members for a sort of "graveyard" insurance, that is, it was a company the members of which could, by the payment of \$5 and a small annual fee, be entitled to \$100 for funeral expenses in case of the death of anyone in the family, and the money was not to be over live in the family.

Saturday morning was the time when he expected to have money, and when the landlord suggested to him that it was time to settle he angrily replied that he would have a draft for \$150 before sundown and would then pay all his bills. The amount he was looking for was peculiar and the money check was several times during the day he inquired for a telegram which he was expecting, and late in the afternoon a telegram did come. He read it and at once started to tell his boy that he had money to go to the Union depot. That was the last seen of him. On the same evening that he disappeared, Mr. Dohany, the proprietor of the opera house, received a letter from Keokuk, purporting to be written by the wife of this mysterious man, urging him to go to the hotel and find this man, and pay him \$150, "rather than have him go. This mysterious letter puzzled Mr. Dohany greatly, and the mystery grew still greater when it became known that Rev. B. P. McMenomy, of the Catholic church, had received a letter, asking that he should see to it that the man who had been in the opera house, was not to be taken to the Union depot. Mr. Dohany made inquiry at the hotel, and there learned all that was known of him there. The man had gone, and had not returned since. It is not known whether he would not have received his \$150, at least from either of these two gentlemen, who were entire strangers to Pierce.

It is difficult to gather from what could be learned of the man, whether he was a crank or a beat, or both. He succeeded in mystifying this community, by the help of the police so strangely sent here by a stranger from a stranger. Mr. Dohany, on learning the facts about the man, took the pains to answer the letter purporting to come from the wife at Keokuk, and perhaps the letter may bring a response which will throw some light upon the man's strange actions while here. So far as learned no one has lost anything by the fellow, except the hotel folks and the boy, who was employed by the man, and who was taken across the river, but by this time no may be far off on some other mysterious mission.

There was no quorum at the city council last night. A meeting will be held next Saturday afternoon.

The Texas Tragedy. Yesterday morning's Bee contained a dispatch announcing that T. J. Preston and Captain H. Hawser had been attacked by bandits in Mexico, Hawser being killed and Preston being wounded in the arm. The dispatch stated that both men were from Council Bluffs, and both largely interested in mining. At the late hour at which the dispatch came, such inquiry was made here as was possible, and although inquiry was made of several old residents, not one could be found who knew either of the couple. It was concluded that they did not belong here. Later investigation shows that Mr. Hawser was a resident of Silver Creek, in this county. Preston is said to belong to Kansas City. Hawser has lived on a farm in Silver Creek township for years, and left for Texas last fall to look after mines, in which he was interested with R. T. Bryant, Louis Hawser and one of the owners of the city. He was about 35 years of age, and has a wife and several children. A letter was received yesterday from which the following additional particulars are learned of the affair:

Mr. Hawser and Mr. Preston were en route from Farall to El Paso, and had stopped for dinner. While eating they were approached by a couple of Mexicans. Mr. Preston warned Mr. Hawser to hold his gun in readiness for use for he believed the Greasers meant mischief. Hawser drew his revolver from its scabbard and laid it beside him on the ground. The bandits approached and made some inquiry about work cattle. A friendly conversation had taken place, and while Hawser's attention was temporarily attracted, one of the Mexicans sprang forward, snatched the revolver from the ground and shot Hawser in the back, inflicting a mortal wound, and then shot Preston through the arm. Preston returned the fire and drove the bandits off without inflicting any appreciable injury.

Substantial abstracts of title and real estate loans. J. W. & E. L. Squire, 101 Pearl street, Council Bluffs.

Shipping Out Easy. Dr. Rice feels rather sore about the comments that have been made in regard to the discharge of George Christ, who was arrested for stealing a microscope from his office. There seems no doubt but that Christ stole the microscope, and when the police arrested him the microscope was found in his hands. The Nonpareil scored Dr. Rice sharply for not prosecuting the fellow. Dr. Rice has a different story to tell, which shows how easy it is for crooks to get free. He says that some of the police came to him and desired that he should swear that the instrument was worth more than \$20, so as to send the thief across the state. He would not do this. Perhaps this angered the police. On the other hand Dr. Rice was besieged by colored friends

of the prisoner, who begged that he might be let go on account of the illness of his wife, on account of poverty, and because the fellow was suffering from heart disease. Dr. Rice says that Albert Mynter came to him, and begged him to let up on the fellow, and told him that if he insisted on prosecuting the case, it would have to be dismissed, as the information was faulty, and that it only piled up costs on the people for nothing. To all these solicitations he declared that the matter was in the hands of the court, and the court could do as it saw fit. He went up to the court room three different times, to be present to testify, having been subpoenaed, and when the case was finally called up, Judge Gylesworth remarked that he understood that Dr. Rice did not care to prosecute the case. The doctor was about to explain that he had nothing to do except to testify, as called on, when the case was summarily dismissed. Then the criticism of the press was directed against Dr. Rice for not prosecuting. The fact that the police had taken the fellow with the stolen property in his hands, and that they were able to secure other evidence sufficient to have found the fellow guilty, makes the dismissal of the case look peculiar. Dr. Rice does not propose to stand having the suspicions, whatever they may be, directed toward him, for he did all that could reasonably be required of him. He had the fellow arrested and appeared in court in response to a summons, ready to testify, but he was not the prosecuting attorney, nor did he care to show any special eagerness to have the fellow convicted, deeming the matter in the hands of the authorities, and not a private concern of his.

Honoring Hancock. At a meeting of Abe Lincoln post, G. A. R., the following resolutions were adopted, as prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose:

Whereas, Our late comrade, Major General W. S. Hancock, has been called from the battlefield of life to the peaceful bivouac of death.

Resolved, That in his character we recognize that greatness and excellence which have made his name a household word, and that the American soldier and honorable distinction to the life of American citizenship. Resolved, That we cherish in his memory as one of the noblest sons of the republic, whose services in war added a new luster to the glory of the nation, and whose death in peace gave nobler dignity to his manhood.

Resolved, That we recognize in him the model soldier, citizen and man, one grand and heroic before the grave, and one noble and loyal beyond the grave, one to whom the past gave its tribute of appreciation, one to whom the present gives its testimony of reverence, and one to whom the future will tender its perpetual remembrance.

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. Hancock our sympathy in this, her hour of dark affliction, that she may feel we stand in the shadow of her overwhelming grief with sorrow and sympathizing hearts, ready to extend that aid and consolation which comes within the gift of those who were once her husband's comrades in arms, and one to whom the future will tender its perpetual remembrance.

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