#### THE OMAHA DAILY BEE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1886.

## PICKED UP ABOUT THE CITY.

The Gas Company Makes Threats and City Attorney Connell Suggests a Possibility.

THE THURSTON HOSE TEAM.

Their Trip to New Orleans-Smuggled Presents-The Great German Chorns-A Pleasant Anniversary-Police News.

#### What Might Be.

It now appears that the gas company intends to disregard the lately passed city ordinance lowering the price of gas to \$1.75, and will make out its bills next month at the rate of \$3 per 1,000 feet. The company's position is well defined in the expression of Mr. George Barker, the secretary, to a reporter. He said:

"Yes, we are making out the bills at the old rate and if we do not hear from Philadelphia before next week we shall present the bills and collect where we can, and if the people who have meters refuse to pay their bills we shall take out the meters. This is the only thing that is left us as we believe the city haw is is left us, as we believe the city law is most unwarranted."

tention of City Attorney Connell to day he laughed and said: "I hardly think that the gas company will pursue they that When the matter was called to the atthe gas company will pursue the policy of turning off the gas, because the people refuse to submit to the old rate of \$3 per thousand feet. That policy would be suicidal. Individuals sometimes make the mistake of cutting off a nose to spite the face, but corporations rarely. A monopoly is always operated to make monopoly is always operated to make money, and you may depend upon it the gas company will think twice before it "cuts off the light." "What defense or retaliation would the city have if the gas company were to shut down on the supply of gas?" "Why, the company would forfeit the charter which it claims to have secured from the old gas corportion, and would

from the old gas corportion, and would lose all the rights which it has ever se-cured from the city. We could not take possession of their lots or gas retorts, but we could restrain them from removing their pipes or in any way interfering with them. A new gas company could soon put apparatus into working order, and the old pipes could be used-actually confiscated. So that in a few weeks the supply of gas would be ready again (in the meantime we could afford to burn coal oil) and the old gas company would be completely barred out. This is my view of the matter, and I might add that I believe, in case it were necessary to form a new company as I have indicated, all the stock would be snapped up in less than twenty-four hours."

#### FLEET RUNNERS.

#### The Thurstons and Their Trip to New Orleans-The Ball.

evening the Thurston Hose This team will leave for New Orleans to attend the national tournament which is to be held there the first two weeks of March. The team is composed of 22 men, all of whom are first-class runners-possessing every qualification of speed and endurance. Among the number are some runners who have gained a national reputation. All of the members of the team have been training actively, and they are in good trim to capture some of the im-

portant prizes of the tournament. portant prizes of the tournament. The following gentlemen will accom-pany the team to New Orleans: Council-men Fred Behm, Patrick Ford, Ed Leeder and Charles L. Goodrich, and son, Byron Clark, Ed Ainscow, John Roeder, Goodly Brucker, John Hoey, D. W. Lane, J. C. Pentzel, H. B. Kennedy, Frank Parmalee, J. J. Galligan, Tony Herrold and George Médiock and wife. The trip will be made in a special excur-sion coach over the Missouri Pacific, via sion coach over the Missouri Pacific, via St. Louis. Two weeks will be consumed for the round trip and stay in New Orleans. The team realized considerable money from their last mas-querade ball, and Tuesday night the city council appropriated \$300 toward paying the expenses of the trip. The cost of the journey, however, will of necessity be very heavy, and in order to make up the desired amount, another masquerade ball was given at Turner hall last evening

Kroeger and Wm. Hoffman. The mem-bers have been in practice for the occa sion for several weeks past, and some fine music is assured. The concert is followed by a ball, to both of which the tickets of admission are but fifty cents. The proceeds will go to the German-American school.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

Judge Philip Andres and His Friends Enjoy His Anniversary. Judge Andres celebrated his 42nd birthday and the 30th anniversary of his admission to the Turners, with a grand 'commerz'' at Germania hall last night. About seventy-five gentlemen were present and a jollier evening never passed. Mr. Louis Heimrod filled the office of president and from the head of the table ruled with the iron hand of a king. Toasts to the excellent judge, songs and humorous declamations

made up the evening. Perhaps the best thing of the whole evening was afforded by Prof. Kemple. The good professor started off with an eloquent toast to the judge, which was drunk with a cheer. He then delivered a funry German poem, and closed by introducing his trained commit. As henced, the anouncement camel. As he made the announcement, the "ship of the desert" statked in, made up of two men, with a broom for a neck, a mask for a head, etc. The capers and performances of the camel took the house by storm and the hall rang for an hour with shouts and shricks of laughter.

wishing Judge Andres countless returns of occasion and a long life in the com-munity where he is known but to be respected.

The party adjourned at a seasonable hour

#### A COLD, DULL DAY.

#### The Sudden Polar Wave-Speculations of Impeded Traffic. It was a cold and dull day.

The north wind swept down like the wolf on the fold and set the policeman shivering with cold, and the pot plants left out on the previous day, by morning were frozen and withered away. The youth who confided that summer had come and soaked all his wraps to increase his income, goes knocking his knees through the ice-laden draft, while through his scant whiskers the frigid winds waft. This "ode to an unexpected cold day" husband. mas modestly left on the front stoop of this office sometime during the early morning, between the hours when the night shift knocks off and the day men report. There was no one around and the sublime effort must go rattling down the ages uncredited. It was very

appropriately designed for this day, how-ever, and probably tells the whole truth. There were few who basked in the spring fever temperature of yester noon who thought that by night the wind would be toying with icicles on the thaw-ing eaves, and that by morning the me-cury would have contracted far down

into the teens above zero. One of the noticeable features of the day was that the public seemed more sensible of its severity than during the days of intensely bitter weather in January, and although the mercury at no time fell below 13° above, half the people on the street would have given odds that it was a dozen points below. This cold wave is general, and gives no sign of immediate relief. The black flag still flies, and the official indications are for cold and clear weather. Following was the sunrise temperature at various

points of interest, as reported to the signal office: North Platte, Neb., 26° abova Cheyenne, Wyo., 14° above. Denver, Col., 22° above. St. Paul, Minn., 40° above. Des Moines, Ia., 13° above. Kansas City, Mo., 25° above. Bismarck, D. T., 6° below. Helena, M. T., 34° above. St. Vincent, Minn., 17° below "Did you ever contrast the appearanes of the street on cold and pleasant days?" asked an observing citizen of a reporter yesterday morning. The reporter had done so and acknowl-edged the fact. Well, did you ever speculate on the why

the speculation I can put to the question

leaves me in the mire of doubt and un-

certainty. Is it possible that the progress

of this great and thriving city is measur-

views on this important question." The prevailing high winds have some-

BALL RECEIPTS.

-Resolutions of Thanks.

Wholesale Notion House. Messrs. Vineyard & Schneider have

#### A STRANGE STORY. A Young Woman Charges Her Mother

with Inhuman Treatment. woman's frightful screams drew large and excited crowd in front of the union tea store on Douglas street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth, about 7:30 o'clock last evening The sounds emanated from a room on the second floor of the building, and as shrick fol-

lowed shrick the excited people rushed up the stairs under the impression that a murder was being committed. Just at this moment Officer Bellamy put in an appearance and made a violent demon-stration at the door, which resulted in its being opened by a woman. As the officer rushed into the appartment he discovered a young woman in the arms of a man with her hands clasped about her head. She was strugging and panting, but on seeing the policeman she quieted down. The woman who had opened the door explained that the girl was her daughter, that she was insane, and that the man was a doctor, who was

examining her condition. The young woman, however, denied that she was insane, and accused her mother of knocking her down with a poker and ctherwise ill-treating her. poker and ctherwise ill-treating her. She said that she was married, her hus-band being George Fuller, a telegraph operator, who was until reccatly em-ployed in this city, and is now in the service of the Western Union at Missouri Valley Junction. The cause which had led to her abuse by her mother was that she wanted to go to her husband. Her wanted to go to her husband. Her mother did not want her to go and re-fused to let her take her trunk, saying she was indebted for board. Then when she started to leave without her trunk her mother assaulted her, and when the noise attracted the neighbors the old lady

horse attracted the neighbors the bld lady said her daughter was insane. To prove her assertions the young woman dis-played several large lumps and bruises on her head and arms. After careful questioning Officer Bel-lamy believed Mrs. Fuller's story, and when the mother ordered her daugter to leave the house, Bellamy also told her to

set out her trunk. This she at first refused to do, but when a cab was called and the officer and cabman came for the trunk the woman submitted. Mrs. Fuller was driven to the St. James hotel, where she stopped for the night, intending to take this morning's train

for Missouri Valley Junction to meet her THE NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

A Base Ball Meeting to be Held in St Joe-Omaha's Position.

Manages George Kay, of the base ball park, received yesterday a telegram from St. Joseph, Mo., calling him to that city upon matters connected with the northwestern league scheme. This important meeting is to be held to discuss the situation, and in all probability it will be decided whether the northwestern league plan shall be carried through or definitely abandoned. Mr. Kay will either send a representative to St. Joe or will attend

himself. The cities which will probably secure representation in the league are St. Jo-seph, Omaha, Duluth, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and possibly Leaven-these points are all at worth, Kansas. These points are all at short distances, so that the clubs would not be compelled to make long jumps from place to place. The following extract from a letter

received by Mr. Kay from the manager of the St. Joe Reds explains the feeling in that city.

"We are interested in the North-western League, thinking it much than the Western League. Our rea-sons for thinking so are better that it is composed of much better towns than the Western League. We have seen Leavenworth and they are willing to enter. If you folks are looking at it as a business

for the first one, occurring on next Monday night. The choir will be assisted by the Lotos glee club, a new organization, composed of Messrs, Bartlett and Brigham, Reed and Wilkins. The church choir itself is a quartette formed by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Estabrook and Mrs. C. E. Squires and W. B. Wilkins, with Will T. Taber as organist and director. It is intended to give some of the best quartette singing ever heard in Omaha. These concerts are given for the church organ fund.

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#### A Jewish "Barmtizvah."

To-morrow morning Rabbi Benson will officiate at a scene of unusual interest at the Jewish synagogue, it being the occasion of the "Barmitzvah" of Abraham Kalish, son of S. Kalish, of this city. This is the ceremony of a religious confirmation of every male Hebrew which invariably takes place on the first Sab-bath of his thirteenth birthday. Although the confirmation exercises of male and female, which are solemnized on the Jewish Pentecost or "Shebuoth," is largely in vogue, yet this time-honored custom amongst the Hebrews of admitting the male precisely upon the first Sabbath succeeding his thirteenth birthday is more strongly adhered to, boy who is to be confirmed will deliver an address upon the occasion of his ad mittance to the faith of his fathers.

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#### Personal Paragraphs.

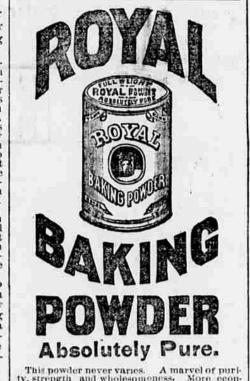
Miss Laura Reinhackle, of Plattsmouth, s in the city, the guest of Miss Anna Long. H. Birdsall and B. M. Ford, of Nebraska

ity, are in the city, stopping at the Paxton. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stephens enter-tained Mr. E. D. Moore of Kansas City yesterday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Elijah Stoddard and Mrs. N. O Adams have just returned after a visit o four months in Massachusetts. Mrs. J. A. Baker, of 1711 Chicago

street, is entertaining as a guest, Mis Lottie De Groot, of St. Paul, Minn. A Bad Man.

Otto Richter, arrested for beating board bill at the Paxton, is still in jail. and will be held until the Denver authorities come for him. The following dispatch from that city will show what kind of a man he is:

DENVER, Feb. 24.—Otto Richter, who was arrested at Omaia Tuesday, is wanted here for a number of confidence games which he has played and for which several indict-ments are pending. He was formerly an employe of the Palace theatre, and later he band a don on Scanthauth strain whas he kept a den on Seventeenth street, where, be-hind a cigar and ticket broker's sign he roped the unwary. It is only recently that he quietly decamped to avoid arrest.



# LEAKED O SOME WAY.

Although in vain it was intended to be kept a secret. But murder will out, and while this matter continued to work for the benefit of those who took a hand in it, some one took the pains to investigate, and found the true state of affairs and reported a full statement to several prominent clothing dealers of Omaha, who interested themselves in making a thorough investigation into the matter, and found the truth staring them in the face, that the Only Misfit Clothing Parlors, III9 Farnam street, are selling goods under prices, and they are baffled to understand how it is done, as they say they are offering clothing as low as any eastern market prices. Yet the Parlors are selling merchant tailor made garments less in price by 35 per cent than they can sell their goods at by the investigation, they found

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#### LOST PRESENTS.

Michael Huse Claims That They Were Confiscated-Police Pickings.

The most interesting case in the police court yesterday was that of Michael Huse, who had been arrested for theft on the complaint of Michael Ripple. Neither plaintiff or defendant spoke English very well, and the services of an interpreter had to be secured. After considerable wrestling with the vernacular of the fatherland, it was developed that Ripple accused Huse, who had just come over from the old country, of appropriating to his own use a lot of cloth which the mother of Ripple had entrusted in his care, to be taken to her son in America. Ripple says that he did not know anything about the theft until he had received a letter from his mother regarding the matter, and then he suspected that something was wrong. When he came

something was wrong. When he came to investigate he discovered, as he claimed, that Huse had disposed of the cloth for his own benefit. Huse, on the other hand, explained through his interpreter, that he had in-deed agreed to take the presents from mother to son, but had been intercepted by the custom officers, while passing the borders of his native country. He was charged with snuggling and the goods, intended for Ripple, were confiscated. He told a straight forward story which differed totally from Ripple's statement, above every item of expense, leave a net differed totally from Ripple's statement, and the judge was inclined to believe that he was telling the truth. Accord-ingly he dismissed him to appear again April 1st, by which time further facts will have been obtained from Ripple's

will have been obtained from Ripple's relatives in Germany. James McGuire, who was found with a beer fancet in his possession, stolen from Ed Leeder's saloon, was sent up to the county jail for lifteen days on a bread and water diet. McGuire claimed that he traded a Waterbury watch for the beer fancet, but the judge would not be-lieve his story. Geo. Whitney had stolen some clothes from a line in the yard of Councilman They allowed the management the free use of their messenger service during the past two weeks, and on the night of the ball deputized a number of boys for duty in the cloak rooms and at several points about the hall without charge. Messrs. Potter and Megeath, the stenographic firm, who backed the

from a line in the yard of Councilman Thrane. He was fine \$5 and costs for his rashness and in default went to the coun-ty jail.

#### The Grand German Chorns.

The "Massenchor," or mass chorus of all the German singing societies in the city, for which elaborate preparations have been made, occurs next Saturday night at Germania hall. This prom ing the proper claimants. ises to be one of the greatest musical events participated in exclusively by local talent, which the community had seen so far this seaopened a large wholesale notion house at the community had seen so far this sea-son. The chorus is made up of the Con-cordia, the Turner Quartette club, the Sweitzer Verein, the Maennerchor, the Plattdeutscher Verein and the Arion club. The committees consist of Messrs. John H. F. Lehman, Louis Heimrod, George E. Stratman, Adolph Meyer, Ernest G. Grube, William Stoecker, A Altendorf, B. Evers, August Schaefer, A. Bauert, F. Metz, jr.; Max Becht, Gustave 1006 and 1008 Farnam street, in the B. & M. headquarters building. They cartied on the same business at Blooming-ton, Ill., for seven years, but their busi-ness being largely in the west it was thought best to move further west, and bers of the firm come highly spoken of, and have come to stay.

Leavenworth and they are willing to enter. If you folks are looking at it as a business venture it seems to me that you will readily see the advantage that the Northwestern League has over the Western. There is to be a meeting at Eau Claire, Wis., on the 1st day of March, and ot course we would like you to have a representative there if possi-ble. We received a letter from there on Sunday, and they said everything looked very favorable for is. We expect to start a man for your town to-night. He will call on you to morrow. We sincerely hope you will join us order to raise and start the strongest Northwestern League that has ever been thought of. Our representative will fully ex-plain to you first how we stand and what we are prepared to do." The feeling in Omaha with regard to placing a club in the Northwestern league appears to be that if the necessary and wherefore of the apparent difference in business activity? Now, yesterday the streets were filled with people rushing about despite the sloppy pavements, as though intent on matters of saving importance. Today you see only those whom the direct necessity forces out of doors and they dash along through the howling wind with no thought but to reach shelter. Do you ever wonder eague appears to be that if the necessary

funds can be subscribed for a strong stock company, the venture will be a whether business in general is less to day than it was yesterday, and do you ever think that people who are driven into the house success. In the event that the subscrip-tions cannot be secured it would not be worth while to organize a club on an uncertain basis. by a cold snap must have very unimport-ant missions in this world? I do, and all

A. U. Hancock, attorney, Papillion, Neb. A WIDE DIFFERENCE.

How Contractors Figure on Grading -- Murphy vs. the City.

ed from day to day by the weather? I wish you could draw out some thought-The case of Murphy et al vs Omaha occupied the attention of Judge Wakeley ful, astute individual to communicate his in the district court yesterday and will continue on trial this morning. The suit what retarded railway traffic to-day, no is brought by Thomas L. Murphy & Co. trains either from the east or west arrivto recover \$7,000 claimed to be due from ing on time this morning. No snow is reported from any point except at Chey-enne, where a very slight fall is reported. the city on a contract made in 1883 for grading on certain streets. Murphy was to receive a stipulated price for removing the dirt, and extra compensation for hauling it over 500 feet to a fill. No Forty-six Hundred Dollars Realized specifications were made, however, as to

The executive committe of the charity the manner of measuring the overhauls, and on that point the contractor and city disagreed, the former claiming some \$7,000, which was not allowed by the ball have completed the task of auditing accounts and the result redounds immeasurably to the credit of the openeity, Mr. Murphy thereupon sued the hearted people of Omaha. The receipts,

The case is being closely watched by the county commissioners, as its decision profit of \$4,600, a sum exceeding will cover some questions which have that of last year nearly twofold and discounting by \$500 the amount realized on the charity ball at Chicago several weeks ago. In completing their work the committee passed resolutions of thanks to several parties who gave their aid and co-operation gratis to ensure the success of the enterprise. arisen in regard to the letting of the contracts for county grading. Contractor Congdon and the commissioners have disagreed on the manner of measuring the overhauls, the commissioners being desirous of measuring from the center of the cut to the center of the fill, and Mr. ensure the success of the enterprise. Messrs. Rheem and Donnelly, manager Congdon figuring on measuring from end of cut to end of fill. On account of this and superintendent of the American Dis-trict Telegraph, are warmly thanked. They allowed the management the free disagreement the contract has not yet been let, the commissioners holding that measured as Mr. Congdon desires his bid is some \$700 in excess of Mr. Knight's. Just what action the com-missioners will take in the matter they have not yet decided, and have asked an expression of opinion from City Engineer Rosewater, County Surveyor Smith, and other engineers.

#### A Delicate Operation.

the stenographic hrin, who backed the envelopes in the extensive correspond-ence required, had their generous ser-vices gratefully recognized. Acknowl-edgments were also voted to Messrs. Rathburn & Dailey of the Omaha Com-mercial college who filled in the names on the tickets and coupons. The methods of distributing the finds have not yet Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Iliff, of Fairfield, Neb., are in the city with their little 8year-old girl, upon whom a delicate operation was performed yesterday by a of distributing the funds have not yet been decided upon but the executive committee will meet in a few days to act prominent oculist of this city. The little girl was hit in the eye a few days ago by a piece of cartridge, which was exploded upon the matter. Various articles of val-ue left in the building are in the charge of the steward of the Omaha club awaitby a farm hand employed by Mr. Iliff. Since that time she has been suffering in-tense agony, and it was found that the only relief lay in the removal of the injured eve, before the other one became affected. This was accordingly done

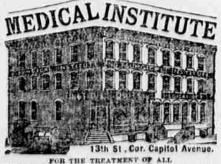
and the little patient is now suffering but little pain. Mr. and Mrs. Biff return in a day or two to their home in Fairfield. Congregational Choir Concerts.

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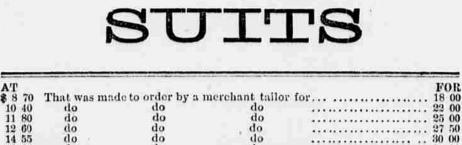
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