

A STRUGGLE IN THE DARK.

An Exciting Scene in a Douglas Street Boarding House Early Saturday Morning.

A BURGLAR CORRALLED.

A Talk With a Morphine Victim—A Young Girl Lured to Her Ruin—Court Matters, Etc.,

A Burglar Bagged.

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an hour. Now they want to work nine hours a day, and at the same time get the extra forty-five cents for the hour's work which they do not do. The consequence is that the cost of building is proportionately increased, and a building which cost say \$5,000 last year, will cost \$6,000 this season. The masons and carpenters say that they want to sacrifice the extra hour so as to give employment to the large number of men now out of work. That is all very well, but why don't they sacrifice the extra pay? So far as I can see, they have no more right to ask ten hours' pay for nine hours work than I have to ask them to do ten hours work for nine hours' pay."

COME TO THE FIDEL.

An Appeal to the Omaha Carpenters to Join the Union.

To the Editor: The action of the carpenters and joiners of Omaha, at a public meeting Tuesday evening, March 23, in resolving to adopt nine hours as a day's work and eight hours for Saturday, fifty-three hours for a week, wages by the hour, was an important step taken in the right direction, in keeping with the other building trades of the town. Our craft is between six and seven hundred strong in Omaha, but for the want of thorough organization we have not attained to that point in our craft equal to that of our associate neighbor builders in their craft, viz: the brick masons, plasterers, stone masons and granite cutters. They have succeeded in perfecting organizations adapted to their special crafts, and secured fair compensation for their labor as the result of organization. They say it pays them to maintain an organization. Before they were organized they were at the mercy and control of the contractor, and their employers at a disadvantage, who dictated what the price of their labor should be and the number of hours for a day's work, which was a much lower wage as a result of their employer's power. We see that our neighbors are getting better wages than we are as carpenters. Even bond-carriers are getting better pay. About two miles had been organized when hundreds of carpenters are getting to-day in Omaha. Why is this? Is our labor less necessary, and theirs more important? Or is it not because they unite their labor for the purpose of organization, and take money whatever is offered? That this is so is our own fault. Look at our condition as carpenters and joiners. We are not getting any more from it any more than Prometheus could get away from Mount Caucasus, where he was ordered to be chained, and for 30,000 years a vulture was to feed upon his liver. We are not getting any more from it any more than Prometheus could get away from Mount Caucasus, where he was ordered to be chained, and for 30,000 years a vulture was to feed upon his liver. We are not getting any more from it any more than Prometheus could get away from Mount Caucasus, where he was ordered to be chained, and for 30,000 years a vulture was to feed upon his liver.

FORCED SALE.

Between Beatrice, Nebraska, and Marysville, Kansas, on the Blue Valley Railroad.

The town site of Grover, Marshall county, Kansas, including 300 acres of land and \$5,000 worth of cattle, horses, hogs, corn, wheat, oats, and other personal property, will on Thursday, April 1, 1886, be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The farm consists of 300 acres of first class bottom land, watered by the Big Blue river, and 100 acres of good upland improved with farm implements, barn and other buildings, together with an orchard of 700 growing trees, 300 acres of said land is under fence. Don't forget this is a forced sale and the date is April 1, 1886. Wm. H. Atcheson, Receiver of property of Westcott & Ashby.

Delayed By the Snow.

The heavy snowfall of the last two days has been quite extensive west of Omaha, and trains yesterday were considerably delayed. Train 20 on the Union Pacific in the morning was nearly seven hours late, and No. 4 last evening was over two hours behind time. No. 1, going west, however, left nearly on time last evening, the snowfall in Iowa not being of sufficient depth to delay rail traffic.

The Union Pacific passenger business still continues to be heavy. No. 2 overland came Saturday with two full sections, and No. 1 overland went out Friday night, with two sections also.

The O. & N. V. branch was opened Saturday for the first time since the recent washout.

Another Victim.

A confidence man got in his work on a rustic at the Union Pacific depot, Saturday morning. The granger took a bogus check for \$1,300 as a security for a loan of \$5. The whereabouts of neither the "con man" or the \$5 are known the rustic now.

Footpads at Work.

A man, name unknown, was "held up" near Sixth and Pacific streets early Saturday morning by footpads. He was robbed of \$15.

Want!

Hake & Palmer, Howard and Fourteenth streets, will offer for sale on and after April 1 the largest stock of horses and mules in the city.

Wanted to exchange for stock of Hard ware and general merchandise, 500 acres of fine Thayer county (Nebr.) land; live lots in Geneva (Nebr.); good stone building (best corner) good dwelling (best location) in Essex (Iowa); also eighty acres one-half mile from town of Essex (Iowa), seeded in blue grass. For further particulars, address John Linderholm, Central City, Nebraska.

Personal Paragraphs.

Frank M. Dinniny, of Tecumseh, is a Paxton guest.

G. J. Sawyer, of Green River, is stopping at the Paxton.

Mrs. G. J. Perkins and son, of Virginia City, Neb., are guests at the Millard.

Mr. H. Friedman, of Detroit, is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. M. Friedman, in this city.

Miss Tillie Sonnahl, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister Mrs. Goldsmith, of this city.

Mr. M. Holst, of Chicago, representing the State Steamship company, is in the city on business.

Charles Watson, of San Francisco, is in the city visiting his old friend and schoolmate, Frank Riley.

Schae, E. Evans and wife and William Hoey and wife, of the Parlor Match company, spent Sunday in Omaha, stopping at the Millard.

Mrs. Nobbs, Grand Island, Neb., Jules Merle, Portland, Oregon, E. O. Tarrant, Fort Worth, Texas, J. W. Blakeslee, New Haven, Conn., are at the Knickerbocker.

General J. E. Smith has been prostrated for the last three weeks with a severe attack of typhoid-malarial fever, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. W. H. Hanchett she is now convalescing rapidly.

Honoring the Dead.

At a meeting of the Erie King engine company No. 2, of the old volunteer fire department of Omaha, held Saturday evening, arrangements were made to attend the funeral of Col. E. F. Smythe, who was for many years an active member of that organization. Joseph Foshag, president, and a committee was appointed to notify Pioneer hook and ladder company and the Durants to attend the funeral, and thus testify their regard for the willing service Col. Smythe always performed for the Omaha fire department. The members of these companies will meet in the chief's office in the city hall to-day at 1 p. m., in citizens' dress.

Omaha's Mardi-Gras.

The Musical Protective Union held a meeting yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, at the rooms of Julius Meyer, and made final arrangements for the grand carnival which takes place on April 1. About one hundred merchants and wholesale job-

bers have signified their intention of being represented in the street parade by wagons, appropriately decorated. All merchants who have not been invited by the committee are requested to send in their names, as "the more the merrier."

Looking for a Prisoner.

Marshal Guineilla and Jailer Mullen, of Council Bluffs, were in Omaha Saturday. They were looking for a man named Lawson, who escaped from jail Friday night, by means of a sewer trip. Lawson was awaiting trial on a charge of burglary.

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