### THE MYSTERIOUS MAN IN BLUE and heard Smith's statement, corrobo-rates Williams' testimony. Charles A. Coutant, another Chicago

Ruhle's Supposed Marderer Arrested by the Police To-Day.

BIERI IN A BAD BOX

The Facts of the Case-Local Laconics-Robbed His Chum-Another Sensation in the Smith-Lowy Case, Etc.

### Is He the Murderer?

At noon yesterday the nolice made the arrest of another man charged with the murder of Chris Ruble in this city on the night of May 18, last. The man arrested is John Bieri, who was suspected of the crime according to the theory of Harry Siddall's which was published in the BEE a few days ago. Bieri walked into the City hotel a few minutes before 12 o'clock yesterday gand was at once recognized by Fritz Wirth as

"THE MAN IN BLUE,"

who was the companion of Ruhle just previous to the latter's bratal murder. Wirth at once notified the police and Bieri was arrested and placed behind the bars of the city jail. The arrested man is a Swiss, above medium height, square snouldered, and will weigh about onehundred and eighty-five pounds. Ho wears a heavy black slouch hat and a blue suit of clothes. He talks badly broken English but when arrested seemed very anxious to explain the suit of clothes are talked by the second second by the second b

seemed very anxious to explain HIS RELATION TO RUHLE. He said that he knew Ruhle well. He claims to have lived in Kansas City from April, 1885, until he came to Omaha in May of this year. His story is that he met Ruhle and made his acquaintance. They were together a good deal, drinking and taking in the town. He stopped at the City hotel, where Ruhle paid for his board. He did not know anything about the murder of Rhule, he claims, until a the marder of Rhule, he claims, until a week after it happened. He left Omaha on the evening of May 14 in company with a brewer named Fritz Miller. They went up the Union Pacific track till within two miles of Papillion, where THEY SPENT THE NIGHT,

and the next day they went on to Elk-horn, where they found work on the sec-tion. Miller worked for three days and left. Bieri says he has been at work over since, only losing a half day until yesterday, when he quit, and came to Omana this morning.

NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. If Bieri can prove that he left Omaha on the evening of May 14, four days before the murder of Ruhle was committed, the case against him will doubtless be dropped, but even his own testimony on this point is not entirely clear. He does not state definitely on what day he left Omaha, but

REFERS TO HIS TIME BOOK in which is made an entry that he com-menced work at Elkhorn on the morn-ing of May 15, 1886. The police place but little faith in his statement that he left here on the date named. The entry in the book referred to is made in deli-cate hand writing while the rest of the work in the book is in a rough scrawling hand scarcely readable. The "May 13" entry looks to the police very much like a manufactured date. REFERS TO HIS TIME BOOK manufactured date

THE WATCH FOUND ON RUILE. Another fact to which considerable importance has been attached is that the watch found on Ruhle's person the morning after the murder has been iden-tified as the property of Bieri. He says that he pawned the watch to Ruhle for four dollars.

### WIRTH'S STORY.

Fritz Wirth, proprietor of the City hotel, feels sure that the right man has been found in Bieri, and says he has numerous witnesses who will swear that Bieri and Ruhle were in the city on Tues-day evening, May 18, the night of the murder, drinking together at the differ-ent saloons in the city. Chris Worth, who was working at the California house at the time, will swear that Bieri and Ruhle were in that hotel on the day that Ruhle left Omaha; and that BIERI SOLD HIS SLEFVE AUTORN

man, makes an affidavit that both Smith and Tenny tried to buildoze him into signing an affidavit containing many false things, amongst, others the state-ment that he (Contant) had told Lowy that Smith could not possibly last longer than July 1 and had advised said Lowy to purchase his goods. When Coutant refused to sign this, Smith and Terny

Some Interesting Interviews-Anroke out into an abunye tirade against Another affidavit from a man who knew Frank Mories, Snith's manager and first lieutenant, is annexed to the issue of the

Police News of July 25, 1885, which con-tains the picture of Motes, describing him as a swindler and the head of a swindling concern. This is to be taken as showing the kind of company in which Smith as-sociated

### LOCAL LACONICS. Brief Interviews Gathered on the

Streets, Judge Stenberg: "The amount of re-ceipts from the social evil ordinance, this month will fall off about one-third on account of the change that was made by the city council. In course of time of course the system of collecting fines will recover of a sensation which has just been from the demoralization caused, but it

developed by the resignation of Chief Butler. It is nothing less than that offi-cial has, in all probability, appropriated to his own use the funds of the city. About two years ago, on the 25th day will be several months before that occurs.' Fire-Chief Butler: "There have been eighteen fires so far this month. This is 20 per cent more than in any month preof March, when Chase was mayor, an ordinance was passed, creating a board of inspection for the issuance of permits vious, and there is still a week of the menth remaining. Yet there has been no serious fire here within the past year." for buildings. This ordinance made the fire marshal the head of the board. After E. R. Donny: "It is a shame that the going on to define his duties, it gave a scale of fees to be charged as follows :

street lamps have been supplied with signs in such a disgustingly, shiftless manner. I was walking up Farnam street, between Tenth and Twenty fifth, the other night, and I noticed that fully one-half of the lamps had their signs on the wrong side. For instance, at Twen-tieth and Varnam the Twentieth street the trend would be on the Farnam street lettering would be on the Farnam street side and vice versa. All over the city this thing is noticeable, and makes the signs awfully misleading to the stranger, for whose benefit they were latended " *Lieu. D. R. Kingman*—"I have just returned from Fort Robinson, where I went

to investigate a rumor that some settlers were squatting upon the timber claims of this post. I found the report without foundation. The crops in that section are greatly refreshed by recent rains.

## RAILROAD RIVALRY

they are working on their return trip.

When, however, the depot was reached,

this work was discontinued, because the

Union Pacific set out a number of men to

whether he ever turned the same over to Displayed in Securing the Patronage the city treasurer. of the G. A. R.

HAD PAID HIM MONEY. The intensity with which the different A prominent Farnam street architect as first approached. He at first deroads running to the coast have been elined to talk, but upon pressing con-cluded to deciare himself. "The fact is," looking for the Grand Army business was well illustrated on Sunday last when the he said, "I am a friend of Butler's, and New England excursionists were passing I don't care to get myself into this through the Bluffs. There were not less scrape. But there is no doubt that than twenty railroad representatives from he has been collecting money under this all parts of the country about the depot. ordinance "You have paid him money?" Some of them had come with the excursionists, and endeavored on the way to in-

On all over \$2,000, \$5,

sadi ices

this ordinar

"When?" "At different times during the past two years, up to the time when Whitlock duce them to patronize the roads for which was appointed building inspector." "In what amounts did you pay him?" "Generally, about \$5 at a time."

Fire Department.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

other G. A. R. Delegation-Police

Court-A Horrible Accident at

the U. P. Shops, Etc.

Charges Against Butler.

"We know enough about Chief Butler

to send him to the penitentiary." This

expression came from (a prom-

council yesterday morning as he

On all buildings costing over \$200 and not xceeding \$500, 82. On all buildings costing over \$500 and not

oxeeding \$1,000, \$3, On all buildings costing over \$1,000 and not exceeding \$1,000, \$4,

The fees realized from such permits herein authorized shall be held by the chief engineer of the fire department, subject to the order and disposal of the city council and said, chief engineer shall keep a careful and he-curate record of all fees and of the disposal of such ices.

This makes the chief of the department

directly responsible for the collection and turning over of the fees collected under

In order to fuily investigate this matter, a reporter was directed to determine 1, whether Butler ever collected any money under this ordinance, and 2,

The ordinance then prescribed:

city

made

inent member of the

"Do you know how much you have watch the rival agents and prevent them paid him? from soliciting business. This was done "I can't say exactly. I remember different times when I have given him sums that would foot-up to between \$25 and. under the authority of a local ordinance \$50.

Did he ever say anything to you about what he did with the money?

which prohibits a rival agent from in-trading upon depot grounds. One of the representatives was C. B. Kinnan. He is the general agent of the passenger department of the Nothern Pacific, and was several times seen to speak to Grand Army of the Re-nublic mon when he was represent not what he did with the money?" "No, but I saw things which led me to believe that he was going to get into this trouble. I expected that it would come out long ago. I had a good many rea-sons to suppose that all this money he 'knocked down' instead of turning it over to the aits." public men, when he was promptly noti-hed of the fact that if he did not desist, to the city." Another architect said: "Butler has been keeping a very loose record of the permits which he issued—if, indeed, it could be called a record at all. I know

permit fees?"

HAS BUTLER KNOCKED DOWN? Serious Charges Against the Head of the

AT LAST The West Block (No. 5) of Hawthorne Is for Sale-J. B. Evans & Co. Are Sole Agents.

These 14 lots front east on 85th st., running back 151 feet to 36th st., are high and sightly, with gentieslope to the east. Lies just north of West End, and is for sale at lower prices than any surrounding property. Terms, one-fourth cash, 1, 2 and 3 years on balance. Home-seekers and investors should see this property. The cable bne west on any street, doubles these prices within three mouths.

Opelt's Hotel, Lincoln Neb., opened March 15th, first class in every respect.

After the Rioters. Justice Berka, yesterday mor-

ning issued half a dozon warrants for the arrest of people engage in the riot at Paul's park on Sunday last. Two of these have been issued at the instance of Jean Holtslander, of which is directed against William Stevenson for assault and the other against three parties whose names are unknown. Senf, the proprietor of the park also swears out a warrant for the arrest of Stevenson, whom he charges with having malicious ty broken some glassware belonging to the place. No arrests have thus far been

## An Early Car.

Superintendent Smith, of the horse car ine, has put an extra car on the Thirteenth street line, which leaves the car baras on Vinton street at 5:45 o'clock in the morning. This enables the shop men to ride down to their place of labor, and get there before 7 o'clock, which they claimed they could not do with the first car which formerly started later. The ac-commodation is appreciated by the mechanics in the southern part of the city, and will soon become remunerative.

GREAT EARTHQUAKES.

### A List of Those Most Disastrozs to Life and Property.

New York World: The scientific world has been speculating over earthquake and other ruinous results during the long gest island of the Ægean sea, made its first bow to geological circles after vio-lent upheaval about four centuries before Christ. From that on down to the disasters at the island of Java, in 1883, and the more recent convulsions in Spain the more recent convulsions in Spain during the cholera season of 1885, history records a fearful loss of life from these volcanic fits of the earth. The pagan philosophers held the idea that these earthquakes were produced by subter-raneous clouds bursting into lightning, which shook the vaults that confined them. The French philosopher, Des-cartes, supposed there were many vast cartes, supposed there were many vast cavities under ground which abound with water, some of which communicate with each other, others with exhalations arising from inflammable substances like niter, sulphur, etc. Dr. Priestly, of England, thought earthquakes were caused by electricity. They are now generally believed to be due to steam gener ated by subterraneous heat.

There is no space to give a detailed list of recorded earthquakes. Many were of small consequence and occasioned but a trifling loss of lite. Below are the most disastrous fatalities from this cause:

Destruction of Herenlaneum and Pom-peit in A. D. 79. The loss of hife was comparatively small, but the two eities were totally destroyed by the accompa-nying cruption of Vesuvius. In 742 over 500 towns in Syria and Pal-estine were destroyed, and the loss of life

could never be calculated. In 1137–15,000 were buried under the ruins of Catania, in Sicily.

In 1158 20,000 perished in Syria. In 1268 60,000 were destroyed in Cilicia.

## THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR THE

# New York and Omaha Clothing Company

WHO WILL OPEN WITH AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK AT

# 1308 FARNAM STREET.

# On or about Sept. 1st, 1886.

is thought that it will have the effect of reducing the demand for postal notes, which have the elements of cheapness without the safety of a postal order. There is no reduction in the rates of other amounts.

### A New Bridge.

The bridge over North Omaha creak at the foot of Cass street, was finished Monday. It is built of wood and iron, and of the Howe truss order, costing \$250. This is intended to enable wagons loaded with refuse to cross the creck or slough and reach the dump boat which is moored on the river's bank at that point and drop it into the water.

A False Alarm.

Yesterday morning the fire bell beat the he demon's tattoo in response to the crossing of the wire, made, it is supposed, [ by some telephone or telegraph wire repairers. For a few minutes everybody on the street was on the lookout for the 'engines.'

Grading Park Avenue. The board of public works has let the contract for the grading of Park avenue

cubic yard. There are 21,840 cubic yards to be removed.



# UNION STOCK YARDS, OMAHA, NEB.

REFERENCES: Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, David City, Neb.; Kearney National Bank, Kearney, Neb.; Columbus State Bank, Columbus, Neb.; McDonaid's Bank, North Platte, Neb.; Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Neb. Will pay customers' draft with bill of lading attached for two-thirds value of stock



Property of every description for sale in all parts of the city. Lands for sale in county in Nebraska. A complete set of Abstracts of Titles of Douglas County kept. Maps of the City. State or county, or any other information desired furnished frace of charge junction applications. free of charge upon application.

C.S. RAYMOND. RELIABLE JEWELER,

Watches, Diamonds, Fine Jewelry, Silverware

Douglas and 15th street, Omaha

the large stock of

Boots and Shoes,

And Gents' Furnishing Goods

614 and 616 S. 10th St.

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GOODS

was discussing with a reporter for the BEE the resignation of the chief of Omaha's fire department. The gentleman referred to had nothing more to say about the matter, but, upon further questioning closed up tightersthan a clam. The reporter, however, having this as a "pointer," went to work and secured the facts

BIERI SOLD HIS SLEEVE-BUTTONS. and a eight-holder to John Frank, pro-prietor of the hotel, for \$3, and remarked at the time that when that money was gone he would have "to do something else to get money." He is confident that this was either on Monday or Tuesday. BIERI STILL CONFIDENT.

Bieri, later in the afternoon, had recovered from the excitement that was noticed when he was first arrested and is contident that he can prove an alibl. He in-sists that he left Omaha on Thursday of sists that he left Omaha on Thursday of the week before the murder and com-menced working for Thalken, boss of the section, on the Saturday before Rahle was killed. His companion, Miller, he says, is still working for the Union Pa-cific somewhere and an effort is being made to discover Miller's whereabouts. BIERT'S BAGGAGE. When Bieri was arrested he had a

When Bieri was arrested he had a small, heavy gripsack, which was taken in charge by Wirth and carried to the city jail. Wirth was sure, from the weight of the grip, that it contained some heavy instrument of murder, and he was careful about seeing that it was placed in the bands of the authorities. The grip was opened and its contents revealed in the shape of a stone jug filled with an inferior quality of tangle-foot. The arrest has created considerable ex-

ment and all the clues that point to Bier, and his partner, Miller's, connection with the murder are being worked for all they are worth.

BEIRI'S CASE LOOKS BETTER. STINE Further developments in the case against Beiri indicate that the police have got the wrong man again. The books in the paymaster's office of the Union Pa-olie show that Beiri worked on the section at Elkhorn for thirteen days in May. This would require him to have been at work on the day the murder was com-mitted in this city. Mr. Thalken, boss of the gang in which Beiri worked, has been telegraphed for and will arrive in the to-day bringing a more detailed account of Beiri's time in his employ. One thing is certain. "The man in bine" mystery has been cleared up.

### SMITH WAS HEAVILY BRIBED.

#### So Says a Sensational Affidavit in the Lowy Case.

For some time past an expectant pub-He has been wondering what steps the Lowy-Cole side of the great dry goods stock fight would take to recoup themselves from the stunning force of the Smith affidavits which tended strongly to show that the transfer of the stock to Lowy had been a fraudulent one. The counterblow came yesterday in the shape of affida-

vits, the purport of which is that Smith was deliberately pribed to make the con-fessions which he did. These affidavits were filed with Clerk Frank, of the

United States court. The first is from Charles C. Williams, a Chicago man. He swears that he met Smith in the Palmer house on the 20th of July and that worthy told him that Law-July and that worthy told him that Law-yer Tonney, representing his creditors, came to him and wanted him to make oath that the transfer of the stock to Lowy was a fraud or a blind. He (Smith) had refused to do this unless his creditors would release him from all indebtedness to them, and would, forthermore, furnish him with a good line of goods to com-mence business with again. They se-ceded to these terms and Smith swore to the affidavit that Tenny wanted him to. Thomas Moore, another Chicago man who was in the hotel at the same time

business in question, and the Union Pacific is not a little nettled that the Northern Pacific will have the greater part of the return business.

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## Rail Notes,

An accident occurred about one and a miles east of Papillion at 5 o'clock yesterpay morning, which tresulted in a freight

they had obtained." BUCK KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT. Treasurer Buck was next approached and questioned as to whether Butler had ever turned in any of these fees to him. He said that the chief had not. "Further-more," he went on to say. "I never even knew that Butler had any power to col-lect such fees. He never said anything to me about it. I am certain that he never turned over any such fees to me train being pretty badly wrecked. Train No. 22, while going down an incline, broke in two. Several of the front cars of the second section were provided with air brakes and stopped suddenly. The rear cars were not so provided and piled in upon the front cars, smasling the drawheads of about a score of cars. The wreck has been cleared away. never turned over any such fees to me, because I have examined our accounts of the general fund, the fire fund, and the

Mr. M. Timmons, a Chicago man, has been appointed advertising clerk in the general passenger office of the Union Pacific. special cash fund, and 1 find no entries of any such moneys turned over to me by him. I am therefore positive that if he him. I am therefore positive that if he has collected those fees that he has never turned them over."

"Of course you know nothing as to whether he has collected these building Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Jones leave for San Francisco to-day.

J. B. Holmes, passenger agent of the Union Pacific at Des Moines, passed through the city yesterday en route to Salt Lake City.

On last Sunday freight train No. 21 of the Union Pacific broke into three sec-tions on nearing Gilmore, and all the parts soon came together again with a tremendous force, throwing several off the track, and driving one of them into and demolishing the station. Agent Knapp saved himself by jumping through the window. the window.

Bond Opening. City Treasurer Buck at noon yesterday opened bids for \$100,000 of paving bonds drawing interest at 4 per cent and running twenty years. Spencer, Trask & Co., of Providence, \$100,500; Spitzer & Co., Toledo, \$100,538; Elijah Coffin, New York, \$100,510; Omaha Loan & Trust Co., \$100,000; W. O. Cole & Co., Chicago, \$100,351; Bowler & Merrill, Bangor, Me., for \$55,000, \$25,100; Blake Bros. & Co.,

for \$55,000, \$25,100; Blake Bros. & Co., Boston, \$100,659.
Also district paying bonds, \$102,500 6
per cent, due in from one to nine years: Sponcer Trask & Co., \$106,999,75; Splizer & Co., \$107,627; Blake Bros. & Co., \$108,414,25; Harvey Fisk & Sons. New York, \$108,435.50, delivered in New York; W. O. Cole & Co., for \$15,000, \$46,651; F. J. Day, Council Black for \$25,000

J. Day, Council Bluffs, for \$25,000, \$25,512.50. Curb and gutter bonds. \$13,400, 6 per interest, due in from one to nine years: Spencer, Trask & Co., \$13,985.26; Spitzer & Co., \$14,000; Blake Bros. & Co., \$14,301.02; W. O. Cole & Co., \$13,861; Bowler & Merrill, \$15,951. The bonds were all awarded to Bleke Bros. & Co., of Boston.

### Personal Paragraphs.

W. B. Johnson, Ord: H. J. Clark, Wahoo, are at the Canfield. Joe Ellis left for his home in New Jer-

sey yesterday morning. Miss Jessie Kennedy of Bloomington, Ill., is visiting here with her sister, Miss Kate Kennedy, of the Ichi Ban.

The Rev. F. Duncan Jandon, rector of Christ church, P. E. parish, Dyersville, Iowa, is visiting his friend, General J. E. Smith, of Omaha.

of different clients of mine who have In 1456 40,000 perished in the great paid him money. I never paid him the fees myself, for I don't consider that any

earthquake at Naples. Lisbon has been twice visited. In 1531 of my business. He must have made a regular practice of collecting these fees, because he would frequently come to me over 30,000 were buried in the rains, while fully 50,000 perished in the terrible upheaval of 1755, when the town was completely engulfed in a few minutes. At the same time 12,000 Moors perished and growl because some of my customers had failed to pay him for the permits they had obtained."

in Morocco. In 1693, Sicily was nearly wrecked by an earthquake. Fifty-four cities and 300 villages were overturned, and the loss of life reached 100,000.

In 1703 Yeddo, the capital of Japan, was ruined, and over 200,000 lives were

In 1716, 20,000 perished in Algiers. In 1754, Grand Cairo was swailowed up,

with 40,000 inhabitants. In 1797, 40,000 people were buried in one second between Santa Fe and Panama.

In 1822, at Aleppo, 20,000 people were

In 1868, 25,000 were destroyed in the upheaval in Ecuador and Peru. In 1881, the town of Scio and 4,000 in

habitants were destroyed.

Circus Slang.

Circus Slang. The circus fakirs call everybody "guys." Some-the most important persons-are designated as "main guys." Countrymen are 'jays' and "hayseeds," "blokes" and "suckers." Money is "bunt," "in" or "cases." Beer or other drinks are spoken of as "lush," clothes as "togs" or "harness," food as "grub," conversation as "weekings," the verb to see is rendered "stag." eyes are called "ogles," a hat a "dicer" or a "cady," while ladies are spoken of as "dames," girls as "molls," argument as "guff," clowns as "joeys," and bank bills as "fimsies."

Hereafter, the rate for postal orders for five dollars will be but five cents, instead of eight cents as heretofore. The reduction went into effect yesterday. It



ity, strength and wholesomeness. More econ-omical than the ordinary kinds and cannt be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight alum or phosphate powders. Sold ony in cass. HOYAL HASING POWDER CO. 468 Wall st., New York.

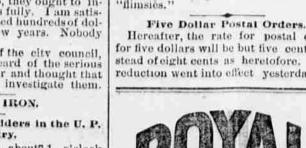


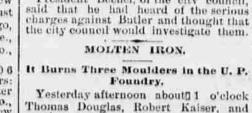
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"THE CEDARS" A Home and Day School for Young Ladies, ro-opens OCT. I. Delightfully situated on Georgetown Heights. Large grounds. En-kersed accommonations. on Georgetown Honors. harged accommodations. Mis: EARLE, Iolaith St., Washington D.U lydde odii)t





'No, sir, I do not. I never had any oc

THE ACTION OF THE COUNCIL. It will thus be seen that all evidence so

far obtained warrants the belief that But-ler has certainly collected these fees, and almost as certainly has pocketed them.

Inasmuch as a very scanty record of the office business of Butler, as building in-

spector, has been kept, the amount of such moncys collected will probably never

be known. "The council will probably accept But-

ler's resignation," said a member of the

easion to investigate the matter."

another man, moulders in the foundry at the Union Pacific shops, were painfully burned by the upsetting of a pot of molten iron. The helpers were pouring the liquified iron from one kettle into another, when through ignorance of the business, one of the kettles was overturned and the iron spilled upon the men mentioned. Douglas was dreadfully burned about the abdomen and feet, and

# was carried home, Eighteenth and Burt streets, suffering intensely. Kaiser was also severely injured, and the wonder is that they have escaped with their lives. Robbed a Friend.

C. R. Williams is held in the city jail on a charge of robbing a man named E. A. Huling, who came here with him from Clarinda, lowa. They arrived in this city Sunday, and proceeded to get on a spree together. Williams insisted on the other man drinking "heavy tire" whisky, etc., even against his desire. Finally etc. even against his desire. Finally Williams proposed a trip to Hans-com park, and Huling readily assented. They got into a cab together and went out there. When Williams was requested by the driver to pay cab hire he reached into Huling's pocket and pulled out his purse containing \$25 and pulled out his purse containing \$25 and pulled out his purse containing \$25 and pulled out his purse in the balance to Huling he put it into his own pocket. The next day he refused to

# "but before they do so, they ought to in-vestigate these charges fully. I am satis-fied that he has pocketed hundreds of dol-lars during the last few years. Nobody knows how much." President Bechel, of the city council,

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