GATHERED ABOUT THE CITY.

Items Culled from the United States Court —An Important Verdict.

WANTS AN INVESTIGATION.

Marshal Cummings Will Appear Before the Council—Police Points —House's Salary—Other Local Matters.

United States Court.

Judge Dundy was engaged yesterday in hearing the case of Sacoski vs the Union Pacific, a suit for $2,000 damages.

The case is rather a curious one. Two years ago the Union Pacific was considerably troubled with coal thieves in its yards at Columbus. A watchman was set to guard cars, and one night, according to his story, he saw three men coming out of the cars with bags of coal. He pursued them and they fled. He then called upon them to halt, as he says, and they refused to do so. He drew his revolver and fired three or four shots in the air, hoping to frighten the fellows. This did no good, and the watchman then fired at Sacoski, hitting him in the heel. The injury laid up Sacoski for three or four months, and he wants damages in the sum of $2,000. Sacoski's story is that he was not stealing coal when the watchman found him, but was crossing the tracks and in doing so had to crawl through one of the cars.

The grand jury re-commenced its session yesterday afternoon.

The jury in the case of John I. Blair vs. Cuming county returned a verdict today of $25,337.25 for the plaintiff. This suit was brought by Mr. Blair to recover the principal and interest on bonds purchased from Cuming county.

Judge Brewer arrived yesterday morning and was engaged yesterday in setting cases for trial. Yesterday afternoon he rendered a decision, denying the motion for a new trial in the case of Fortune vs. Smith.

The application for an injunction to restrain the state of Iowa from collecting the state tax on the Pullman Palace Car company will come up before Judge Brewer on Thursday.

TRACK NOTES.

The Daily Grist of Rail Notes and Personals.

Superintendent Kerrigan, of the Missouri Pacific arrived in the city yesterday. The object of his visit is to arrange for the running of trains on the Belt line. It is said that the system will be completely arranged for within the next two weeks.

General Manager Callaway, of the U. P. went west yesterday forenoon.

Yesterday a new passenger train was put on the Republican Valley road between Beatrice and Maryville. It connects with the train which runs to Beatrice from Valley on the arrival in the evening at that place of No. 5, or the Grand Island train going west. Heretofore the Valley train connecting with the evening Grand Island, west, ran only to Beatrice. The extension to Maryville now gives two trains daily to that place, the other being in the morning connecting with the 10:55 Denver, west.

All the trains entering and leaving the U. P. depot, yesterday morning, were behind time, yet the delay was not occasioned by any disaster.

The Grand Island train came in with about fifty passengers. This train is now generally well patronized and there seems to be no doubt that it will become much more useful and convenient as time passes.

The remodelling of the Union Pacific depot, so far as that part east of the waiting room is concerned, is now almost completed, and in a few days work will be commenced upon the latter, which will require much more attention. The lunch room has, under Mr. Truesdell, been decreased in size, yet in doing this only the superfluous space of the apartment has been utilized. East of this a small room is being prepared for the buffet department under Mr. Wiley Dixon. This will, hereafter, have an opening on the front platform, instead of the rear, which it has long had.

It was cold yesterday morning at the depot, much colder in fact than it was on the street, because the wind from the west rushed through it like a blast through the Hoosac tunnel.

Yesterday morning, by very dexterous work, the Union Pacific tore up the pavement on the north side of Jones street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, and laid their track in the space mentioned. This will cross Ninth street, and will be of some assistance in enabling material to be delivered for the new freight depot. It is also intended for the accommodation of warehouses which are to be built there next season, one of them, at least, by Fred Ames, of Boston, who has purchased the corner of Ninth and Jones.

JOINED HANDS.

Ladies and Gentlemen Now Working for the German-American School.

The members of the German school association have decided to allow themselves to be assisted in a manner which must be of advantage to the institution under their charge. The new adjunct are the German ladies of the city. These met and organized a short time since, and subsequently the trustees met and ratified the intention of the ladies by permitting them to assist in the management and success of the institution. The latter will work for it with German parents, and when money is required will in various ways, by subscriptions and otherwise, see that it is secured. The ladies have styled their association the German Ladies' school society, and have placed it under the management of the following officers: Miss Lucke, president; Miss Augusta Perry, secretary; Miss Stella Rosewater, treasurer; executive committee, Mrs. Louis Heimrod, Mrs. W. Segelke and Miss Nettie Richards.

The committee of the German school association, to act in conjunction with these, for the benefit of the school consists of F. A. Spetman, John Baumer and Louis Heimrod.

The first effort of the ladies for the purpose mentioned, will be a ball in Germania hall, Thursday, December 2. The committee in charge of arrangements is Mrs. L. Heimrod, Mrs. Wm. Segelke, Mrs. Lange, Miss Augusta Perry and Miss Nettie Richards.

MARSHAL CUMMINGS.

He Will Demand An Investigation of the Moffatt Affair.

"I propose to demand a full investigation of the affair," said Marshal Cummings yesterday when asked what he proposed to do about the charges preferred against him in connection with the Moffat matter.

It is quite probable that the marshal's name will be brought up in connection with this matter, to-night outside of any effort which he may make to lay the affair before the council. But if it is not Marshal Cummings will take care that the council does not altogether overlook the matter. He will appear in person before the body and demand that the absurd charges which his enemies prefer against him be given a full investigation. It is a well known fact that through no fault of the coroner, important witnesses who should have been present at the inquest were not there. Without their testimony a fair conclusion could not be arrived at. Certain facts which bear directly on the treatment of Moffatt by the police were not brought out, and when all the evidence is in the enemies of Marshal Cummings may change their tune. This at least is the feeling of many who know something about the matter.

THE MOFFATT CASE.

Statement of Mr. Thieman.

To the Editor of the BEE: Will you allow a man who has been grossly wronged to protect his position and reputation among his fellow-citizens? I have lived in the city of Omaha since 1869, and all I possess on earth is here with me. I believe I hold the confidence and esteem of that portion of this community who are acquainted with my public and private life, and when my conduct or character is assailed I, like other men, owe to my friends the duty of repelling an unwarranted attack.

I have been wantonly charged by a coroner's jury in the case of the late Mr. Moffat with a crime. If that charge were true I should be locked up. I should not be bailed. I should then have lost in a moment what it has taken me years to build up and sustain—my character. Hear the facts:

October 1, 1886, Mr. Moffat rented the floor of my residence for light housekeeping. His family consisted of a wife and child. They were total strangers to me, but received at my hands every consideration of courtesy and respect. The floors rented were already furnished. Mr. Moffatt was taken sick Oct. 30. He became delirious Nov. 6. My wife nursed him and did all in her power for him from the very day he was taken sick. I assisted her in whatever way I could. Mrs. Moffatt herself was sickly and without strength, and seeing this we did all we could to alleviate and soften his troubles. On the night of Nov. 6th, after having retired I heard a noise above me in Moffatt's rooms, it increased and I was about to get up when Mrs. Moffatt came rushing into my room and begged me to go up to her husband who was worse. I hurried up with her. When I entered their bed room, Mr. Moffatt with the madness of a maniac, ordered me out of the room and threatened to kill me. Mrs. Moffatt then left the house. I spoke kindly to him and endeavored to soothe him. He sprang from his bed and before I could retreat seized me and knocked me down. I got away from him. Then he turned upon my wife who had followed me up stairs and he attacked her. Mrs. Moffatt ran out of the house and we escaped. I also at once sought my neighbors; Mr. Wilson came but was soon frightened from the premises, and did not return during the night. I then sent for Dr. Hanchett, Mr. Moffatt's physician, and he would not come. I then sent for a policeman. Three of them came. Moffatt had then quieted down. I then told them I did not wish to send him away, but I could not possibly manage him, and I must have help. They agreed I could not manage him alone. At this time Mr. Moffatt expressed sorrow for what he had done; he was then quiet and rational.

Two of the officers departed, leaving Mr. Fahey and myself at the house. Fahey said: "Mr. Thieman and I will be in the next room if you should want anything." In about about an hour Mr. Moffat swung open the door and coming into the room we were in, threatened us both. We saw the spell had come back upon him, and he was mad again. He jumped fiercely upon the officer and clinched him. Moffat was a very large man, and hard to subdue.

Finally the officer got him on the floor, when we tied him. It was then 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning of Sunday. The officer, while lying locked with him on the floor, said: "For God's sake, Thieman, help me to tie him. If he gets the chance he will kill us;" which I am sure he would have done. Officer Fahey treated him kindly and bore all his punishment without a murmur. After we had secured him we did not know what to do with him. In this extremity it was thought best to take him to the police station and thence to the hospital. This was done, but he was made as comfortable as circumstances and the occasion would permit. Ample bed clothing was wrapped about him and the ride made as smooth as possible. I followed them shortly after down to the station house. There was a good warm fire, and the man was resting easy, and I found that I could not do anything better for him. He was taken to the hospital that afternoon. I visited him there. I found him tied in bed. Any statement that either my wife or I assaulted Mr. Moffatt is untrue. Think of it. I was alone in the house with two frightened and helpless females. This man, crazed by disease, would have killed any one of us. What was I to do? Place myself within his reach and allow him to murder me? Give him admission all over the house to destroy whatever happened in his way, and probably burn down my house as well as my neighbors'? Am I to be censured for calling upon the neighbors, and when they refused me help, demanding aid of the officer in such an emergency as this? If they found it necessary to tie him at the hospital, was it unreasonable in us to tie him before he was taken there?

When the people learn the full facts I am sure they will exonerate me from all blame. What was done was only what we thought best in this trying struggle. God knows I have never wronged a fellow creature in my life, sick or well. I have written you at length because my character is at stake, and that of my wife. I have given you the simple truth so far as my connection with the sad event goes, and I feel deeply pained that circumstances have urged me to go before this community to show how unjust an aspersion has been cast on me and mine.

CHAS. A. THIEMAN.

Police Court.

"I believe that Sam Jones' big meeting Sunday night had something to do with the light business this morning," said Judge Stenberg yesterday as he disposed of the last case on the docket."

Twenty drunks and peace disturbers—one-third of the usual Monday number were arraigned. Ten were fined $5 and costs, and the rest were discharged. Of three cases of vagrancy, two were discharged and three were ordered out of town.

Morris O'Hara, a suspicious character, was given fifteen days in the county jail. He was a tough looking customer, with his nose and ears almost chewed off, and and one of his arms in a sling. He explained his dilapidated condition by saying that he had been in several fights lately.

C. R. Hanna, a man who had been arrested for intoxication, was not in a condition to be tried and was sent back to jail. He is a cattleman from the west who has been here a week on one protracted spree. He is said to be worth a half million dollars.

Fire Notes.

The last of the dangerous walls of the Barker block were torn down Saturday, leaving standing but the first story. The red stone of this is in good condition, but the elaborate stone water table, including the the huge circular ornamentation at the corner, is badly chipped and will have to be removed. The interior wall, which is a relic of the old building, will also, doubtless, be torn down because it is in a badly scarred condition.

Workmen are now engaged in rebuilding the Davis building, adjoining the Barker, while Ames' office will soon be in first-class condition.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Brief Interviews Gathered on the Streets.

"I want to tell you that our German friends are doing a good deal to advertise Omaha in this section of the country," said a merchant yesterday. "They have had two conventions here this year, which brought from many of our best cities a number of leading citizens, all of whom have been treated with liberality and good cheer. They have also been shown everything we have to show and gone away with an impression which makes them talk Omaha whenever they get an opportunity. Then again, when our turners went to St. Joe and took away all the prizes, it gave us, in addition to a name for metropolitan strength the reputation of being devoted to muscular development in keeping with our municipal importance. I like to have this kind of advertising continue."

"I have been a theatre goer for twenty years, and in that time have seen more plays than perhaps 500 people in this city, and yet, I never saw the Black Crook until last Friday night," said a physician this morning. "If I had gone to see it when it was first announced about the number of years ago mentioned, when it was first produced, I presume I would have been enchanted with both story, action and scenery. I supposed I would be delighted anyway, even though I had learned to distinguish the tinsel from gold, the paint from the flesh tint, and the padded leg from the silk entwined limb. But wasn't. The story was indefinite, with little beginning, no medium point of interest and without an ending. Buffoony, mediocrity, and rags in equal parts made up the compound, and now I wonder what it is people want to see the Black Crook for."

The trials and tribulations of the average hotel waiter are too many to be recorded. He is expected to please everybody and anybody under any and all circumstances. If he doesn't succeed in doing this to a remarkable degree of satisfaction, off goes his head.

A good illustration of the fact occurred the other day at one of the large hotels. One man was kicking vigorously at a waiter because his dinner did not come as quickly as he thought it should. At the same time another man who was eating a plate of soup commenced to curse the waiter for bringing in his dinner, before his first course was finished. The darkey stood it as long as he could and then broke out, "By ——, I can't work any longer in such a place. One of youse fellahs is kicking because you get your dinner to soon, and the other is mad because his doan come in soon 'nuff. I'm through here." And suiting the action to the word, he indignantly jerked his apron off and walked out of the dining-room.

"The board of trade should practice what it preaches," said a business man yesterday. "One of the prime objects of the organization, as I understand it, is to encourage manufacturing enterprises in the city. I noticed a sample of their encouragement the other day. We have in Omaha a safe manufacturing establishment that makes a safe that is second to none. When the board of trade met to award the contract for the construction of their safes and vaults a few days ago they found the Omaha manufacturer's bid was only $80 higher than that of a Boston firm. It would have been an encouragement of a home manufacturing enterprise to have accepted the bid made by the Omaha firm. Instead of this the board of trade accepted the bid of the Boston firm. This is encouragement with a vengeance."

HOUSE'S SALARY.

A Contractor Tells Why That Gentleman is Well Enough Paid.

There is a certain interest displayed by a number of people in this city as to what report will be made at the next meeting of the council by the committee to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the proposition to raise the salary of the chairman of the board of public works. Mr. House is at present receiving $1,800 per year, and besides enjoys an allowance of $70 per month for clerk and horse hire. It is proposed to do away with the allowance of clerk and horse hire and raise the chairman's salary to $2,500, which is but a small amount less than that now paid both as wages and incidental expenses. Those people who have been watching this move are somewhat surprised that it has been made. They claim that the salary of Mr. House is now as great as it should, be especially as the winter is approaching and much less work will naturally fall to his lot to be attended to. Said one of these people to-day: "Mr. House has now a good and easy thing of it, and he has had that all this summer. He took things easily, and in riding around to inspect the public works which were being carried on, he did not hurt his horse, or his rented horse, whichever it may be, by fast driving. As for clerk hire, I would like to know to whom that half of seventy dollars per month went. I know I've been in House's office a dozen times and I never saw a clerk. The only person I ever saw doing clerical work was either Mr. House, himself or Mr. Bruner. Besides, I've been to Mr. House's office fifty times and couldn't get in. He had "office hours" nailed up on his door and he was rarely in his office except during those periods. But while he could say he was attending to business on the street, what could he say about his clerk? Was he, too, engaged on the street? If money was paid by the city for clerk hire, so far as the people are concerned who had business at Mr. House's office, and there were many of them, there were none who experienced the accommodation which an office open all day, with a clerk, at least, to receive strangers, would have occasioned. So far as I am concerned, the committee ought to consider that Mr. House is now being paid well enough."

The Deutscher Club.

Contracts were signed yesterday morning by the president and secretary of the Deutscher club, the new German association which was recently organized in this city. These contracts provide remodeling and decorating of the rooms in the upper story of Germania hall on Harney street, for the accommodation of the association, which has rented them from the German American School society, at a rental of $60 per month. This rent will be increased year by year, as the property increases in value. The cost of the contemplated alterations and improvement and furnishing will be between $4,000 and $5,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

Dumas' "Monte Cristo" in German at Boyd's Opera House.

Nothwithstanding the grand entertainment provided for the delegates of the turn bezirk Sunday night, there was an excellent audience at the Boyd to witness the production of "Monte Cristo" by the German comedy company. The play has a fascinating interest for most people, because, while revealing startling situations, it moves along with a steady stride of interest with a tale which is replete with intensity and fervor. The play has been made famous in recent years in English, and the version in German, while differing slightly from that used by actors of this country, loses none of its strength and but a few of its situations. It was this version which was produced last night. It called for the full strength of the company, the cast including Messrs. Baureis, Puls, Schmitz, Koch, Lindemann, Lutch, Ebert Denicke, Ebert, Hesse, Weiler, Mmes. Puls-Ahl and Baureis, and Misses E. and F. Saly and A. Muller.

Mr. Koch in the title role did the finest leading work that has been credited to him since his arrival in Omaha. Mr. Schmitz gave considerable thought to his character, while Mr. Baureis made himself generally useful, and at the same displayed his versatility in minor parts. Mr. Puls was an acceptable Fernando and Mrs. Baureis satisfied the requirements for Mercedes.

Next Sunday night will be produced Dr. Faust's "Zauberkappchen."

Want Gold Badges.

The visit of the Omaha councilmen to Denver filled them with a desire to do and appear as did the councilmen of the world's sanitarium. They saw the supervisors and the lower municipal house of that city wearing on their breasts gold stars on which were embossed words denoting the city and the body to which they belonged, while in the middle, in large characters, was the word "police." This latter was intended to denote that the wearers are possessed of police power and may exercise it at discretion. These are pretty things to have on one's breast, and it seems the local councilmen have been seized with the idea of decorating themselves after the manner of the Rocky Mountaineers. Max Meyer has presented to them, for their consideration, a number of designs and prices of these ornaments, and the council to-night will probably act upon them.

Charleston Turners.

The earthquake at Charleston destroyed, among other things, the hall of the turn verein of that place, and out of sympathy for their brother turners, the Missouri Valley turn bezirk Sunday recommended to all the vereins composing the same, to give a benefit for the relief of the injured ones. This benefit will take place in this city, on Sunday next at 2:30 o'clock, when a magnificent concert will be given, by the entire Musical Union orchestra, assisted by Mrs. Martin Cahn. The price of admission will be only twenty-five cents.

A Hotel Robbery.

Hubert Liesin, a guest at the Southern hotel, reported at police headquarters yesterday that his room was entered by thieves, Sunday night, who stole a silver watch, three rings and some clothing, including pants, coats, vests, overcoats, etc.

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Lip and Lipp.

Judge Berka was engaged yesterday in hearing the interminable case of S. Kailsh vs. Valentine Lipp for receiving money under false pretenses. The case has now dragged for nearly three days.

Stray Horses.

The police have picked up within the last twenty-four hours a team of horses and a bay horse, evidently runaways. The owners can secure information upon enquiring at police headquarters.

Major Bell.

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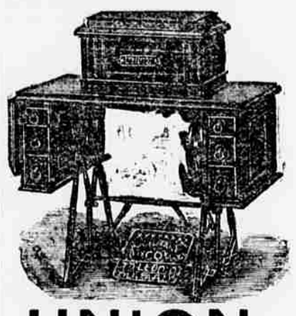

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