CATHERED FROM THE CITY.

The Citizens' Committee Making an Investigation.

THE SLOCUMB LIQUOR LAW

How it is Enforced-Thieves at Work -Rail Notes-Mr. Burkley's Appointment-Other Local,

Sunday Closing of Saloons. The citizens' committee appointed to take action in reference to closing saloous on Sunday-back doors as well as those in front-are actively at work. A meeting was had on Wednesday, at which Police Judge Stenberg and Marshal Cummings were present by invitation, and the situation was discussed at length. Judge Stenberg stated that last summer several weeks' time was devoted in his court to the hearing of liquor cases, some twenty-five complaints having been filed by the law and order league and Marshal Cummings: that the best men in Omaha had been selected as jurors in some of these cases, lawyers for the prosecution being hired by the law and order league and others, but the outcome was generally unsatisfactory, conviction being had but in few cases, and where appeals were taken to the district court no attention was paid to them by the district attorney, all of which was very annoying to the city officials, who really desired to have the law enforced. The Slocumb law provides for the issuance of a license to sell liquor, penalties being affixed for violations of the law by those so licensed. In view of the fact that a strained construction of the law in its application here permits saloon men to pay the \$1,000 license money in quarterly in-stallments of \$250, the license being actually issued upon payment of the last instailment, parties arrested claim they have not incurred the penalties aforesaid because they are not "so licensed," though claiming the protection of the law in carrying on business after paying the first \$250. Thus far tais defense has availed with juries, though occasionally one is found of different libre, and a conviction, fine and an appeal to the district court follows

Judge Stenberg also complained or the lack of efficiency in proceedings in his court on accourt of there being no one to prosecute, police officers frequently chipping in to pay a lawyer to perform that duty in cases of unusual importance, which state of affairs he characterized as disgraceful in the extreme. Violators of law are fully posted in this regard. and take advantage of the situation. Judge Stenberg said that the absolute necessity of an assistant city attorney, who will attend every session of the po-lice court, cannot be denied. His salary could be paid ten times over by the increased revenue from fines. This is a matter which should be considered at the bar meeting, to be held to day even-ng, to consider amendments to the city

Marshal Cummings was asked whether he intended to enforce the order, or suggestion, rather, of Mayor Boyd in reference to closing the front doors only of saloons on Sunday and very promptly replied in the negative. He then gave a detailed account of his talk with the mayor on the subject of Sunday closing, closing at midnight, etc., the conclusion being that it was left chiefly to his discretion; he had made an effort to enforce the midnight law, however, whereupon sa-loon-keepers had complained that it rehouses of bad repute and that the prose cution of that class of cases had generally resulted in appeals to the district court, where they are quietly sleeping and will probably continue to slumber. He said that when he had prodded District Attorney Estelle up in regard to those and other liquor cases where appeals had been taken, that official had replied that the proof was too weak to secure convictions. As to the closing of front doors of saloons and allowing back doors to remain open, he considered such a scheme absurd and . impossible to carry out—that saloons must be closed entirely on Sunday or left to run full blast. He was in favor of strict enforcement of the law in reference to demanding the payment of the ful-\$1,000 before being allowed to sell at all, and said that if that were done it would be equavelent to adding fifteen men to

police force. A sub-committee of three was appointed for a special service, and the committee adjourned subject to the call

of the chairman. The following named constitute the full committee:
George W. Doane, J. S. Gibson, J. S. Richardson, L. B. Williams, A. L. Pollock, John T. Bell, P. L. Perine, C. E. Yost, W. T. Scaman, W. G. Shriver, S. R. Callaway, G. M. Hitchcock, Frank Mor-rissey, M. R. Risdon, James Creighton. George A. Joplin.

TRACK TOPICS.

The Daily Grist of Rail News, Personal and General. The B. & M. Ashland branch is still un-

completed. All the grading has been done and the bridges are in place. But three miles of track laying remain to be done. The contractors state that three or four days of good weather will enable them to complete the work. However, it is very doubtful now whether trains will be running over the "cut-oil" much before the first of the year.

The passenger and ticket departments of the Union Pacific have removed from the fourth floor to their new quarters in the southeast part of the building. The two departments now occupy the large office jointly, but will be separated as soon as the rooms in the rear are com-

The weather reports of the Union Pacific road for the past two or turbe days show that the temperature at Omaha has been lower than at any other point along the line. At present all trains of the Union Pacific and B. & M. are running

on schedule time. Mr. Jennison, superintendent of con-struction for the Western Union, has returned from a trip over the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road, looking after the construction of new lines in the

territory traversed by that road.

Mr. John E. Simpson, chief clerk assistant treasurer's office, B. & M., has re signed his position, and will enter Fairbault university, Minn., for the purpose of studying for the nunistry. Mr. Simp-son has a host of friends in railroad circles, all of whom wish him success in his new departure.

No. 3 on the Union Pacific going west yesterday morning was three hours late. It waited in the Bluffs for the delayed trains from the east.

A DEMOCRAT REMEMBERED.

Vincent Burkley Commissioned Deputy Surveyor and Customs

Inspector. Yesterday morning it was officially announced that Mr. Vincent Burkley, of this city, had been appointed deputy surveyor and inspector of customs. This is a position auxiliary to that now held by Mr. Jordan. Its latest occupant was the present Deputy Sherift Phillips. He held the place under Mr. Campbell, and when the new administration asked the latter what could be done to economize in the matter of official salaries, Mr. Phillips was permitted to retire. As a crease of 27 per cent.

consequence Mr. Campbell did all the work, the principal feature of which is to inspect bonded goods in transit, a large amount of which work is done at the transfer, where goods by rail from beyond the coast are transferred. Mr. Jordan has been attending to all this to-gether with his regular office work since his incumbency. This has frequently kept him away from his place of onsiness greatly to the disadvantage people who have business in. Some time ago, he was rewith him. quested as to what the necessities of the office were, and his reply suggested the reappointment of an assistant. Accordingly, Mr. Burkley was scleeted.

VASSAR'S GIRLS.

How They Remember Their Old Academy and Try to Aid It. This afternoon and evening there will be a unique entertainment at the residence of A. J. Poppleton in the way of a fair for the benefit of the Vassar fund. This is being raised by western graduates of the well known institution, and is known as the western Vassar scholarship fund.

The first entertainment of the kind was given at the residence of Judge Whitney, Grand Rapids, Mich., and was managed by the graduates of Vassar in that state. The next was held in the residence of Judge Cooley in Dubuque, In. where it was under the patronage and auspices of the former students of the college in Iowa.

In one respect the fair to day will differ from those already held, in that all the western graduates are interested and will take part in its success. It will be under the management of the general committee, as follows: Wisconsin, Miss F. L. Durand; Michigan, Miss E. M. Whitney; Minnesota, Mrs. Whiteman; Iowa, Miss Mary Cooley; Rockford, Ill., Miss Lillian Jacoby; Evanston, Miss Marian Burke; Chicago, Miss E. W. Whitney and Miss E. W. Tower. Several ladies of Omaha are especially interested and will lend their assistance. "The fair will consist solely of the sale of articles upon the tables. Invitations will be issued and the patrons of the fair will be entertained as guests. Omaha people who have long known all about the Vassar scholarship fund, will be glad to learn that the first scholarship is nearly completed. Already applica tions are coming in from young girls who are eager to take the competitive examinations. People begin to realize that the scholarship is a fact. The last contribution was a town lot in the city of Pierse, Dak. It will be a pleasant social event and an inspiring impetus to the good cause for which it is given.

THIEVES AT WORK. They Break Glass and Escape Uninolested.

Burglars took advantage of the bad weather Thursday night to perform or rather attempt to perform, two Djobs, neither of which "panned out" richly. Himebaugh & Taylor's place on Douglas and Fourteenth streets was entered. The thieves broke in by smashing in a heavy plate glass door. They were probably frightened away, as very little was taken. The only loss so far discovered is that of about ten revolvers and a few knives. What makes this robbery a strange one is that the officer on that beat did not catch the thieves in the attempt. When the plate glass was broken terrific noise must res 1 ed which ought to have been heard at least two blocks. Casey, who was supposed to have been patrolling this beat, from Thirteenth to Fifteenth,

A NOTORIOUS THIEF.

Gerstenberg Refuses to Come

must have been strangely deaf not to have heard this noise.

Omaha Without a Requisition. Captain Cormack went to the bluff's yesterday morning to interview Fred Gerstenberg, a notorious Omaha thief, who has just been captured in that city. Gerstenberg, it may be remembered, stole a watch, cap, pair of shoes and \$2 in money from a man named Limburg, who had allowed the fellow to sleep with him . He was closely questioned by the cap-tain and practically admitted his guilt. He positively refused to come back to Omaha without a requisition. As his crime is hardly of sufficient magnitude to warrant a requisition, the matter will probably be dropped. Gerstenberg is a well known thief, and was on trial a few weeks ago in the district court on a charge of grand tareeny. He was nemitted on a technicality.

District Court. The case of McWhorter & Rollins vs. Cooper now before Judge Wakeley, about a year ago, was heard by Judge McCulloch, where it was brought to secure \$200 from the defendant. It seems that sometime before the commencement of the suit Cooper stepped into the office of plaintiff and purchased 40,000 bushels of wheat, putting up as a margin on any possible decline the sum of \$700. Grain took a tumble that day and when noon had come the \$700 was gone. Cooper, who works in the Union Pacific headquarters, was tele-phoned the condition of affairs and or-Pacific dered his agents to close out the deal. As considerable time elapsed before this could be done, wheat had sunk still lower and the 40,000 bushels were unloaded at a sacrifice of \$900. Cooper refused to make good the balance, \$200. According to Judge McCuiloch's decision Cooper was

tion. The case was given to the joury

New Firms. Blake, Bruce & Co., a wholesale drug firm of Ottumwa, Ia., are about to remove to this city. They have completed all arrangements and will probably be ready to do business in Omaha by January 1 at the latest.

not obliged to pay the balance in ques-

The firm have with Sloan, Johnson & Co., the wholesale grocery house, rented the six-story building of McGavock on Ninth and Leavenworth streets and will jointly occupy it with them. Blake, Bruce & Co. will have the west side and Sloan, Johnson & Co. the east haif. The latter firm, it may be remembered, moved here a few months ago from Peoria, 11l. Their business has increased so that they find their present quarters at Tenth and Farnam entirely too small.

Counterfeit Notes.

D. W. Losey, representing the National Bank Note Reporter, is in the city. He says that during last year the value of counterfeit five and ten-dollar bills deteeted in this country was \$305,580. A great many plates were selzed and de

C. & N. W. and C. & R. L. Calendars. The Rock Island and Northwestern roads sent out their calendars for 1887 yesterday. Each design is beautiful and embellishes a very practicable and an indispensable feature of every home and counting room.

Postoffice Sales.

The sales of stamps and envelopes for the month of November, were as follows: Envelopes, \$2,312.01; stamps, \$10,441.24. The sales of the same month last year amounted to \$10,207.11, showing an in-

RUNAWAY CARS. Two of Them Smashed at the Thir-

teenth Street Railroad Crossing. Yesterday morning two accidents happened at the Thirteenth street car line at the Union Pacific railroad crossing. Car No.8 slid down the track beyond the power of the driver to control it, and when it reached the railroad crossing ran into the passenger train from the west, which was backing to the shops.

The horses were jerked aside and thus saved from death, but the front of the car was stove in and the whole structure was stove in and the whole structure strained from the collision. There were but a few passengers in the car at the time, and they jumped before the train was reached. Car No. 3 on the same line, a few minutes later also ran away from its driver at the same place, and dashed down the hill and across the Union Pacific tracks with tremendous velocity, breaking the truck mendous velocity, breaking the truck frames add disabling the vehicle. A few buckets of sand would have averted the

danger and loss. WANTED, A SECRETARY.

One to Succeed D. H. Wheeler in the Omaha Fair Board.

The next annual election of the officers

of the Omaha fair board will take place on the second Tuesday of next month, the 11th. This meeting will be one of importance, for the reason that it will be re quired to select a successor to the present secretary, D. H. Wheeler. It is known that this gentleman has stated that he will not again be a candidate for the office. To fill the place requires a man of no un usual ability, because incompetency could do just as much toward making a fizzle of a fair as the elements have, in part done, with Omaha's venture, the past two years. The board is now east ng about for a good man, and it s also understood, is considering upon is also understood, is considering upon whom rests the financial responsibility for Jackman's robbery. The latter was engaged, it is understood, by Mr. Wheeler, and it is reported that he has said if he is believed to be responsible for the shortage he will readily make it good.

A NEW PLAN.

Judge Stenberg's Scheme For Dis posing of Objectionable Characters.

"I have a scheme which I think could be worked successfully by the city and county, in disposing of these vagrants and suspicious characters who are infesting this locality," said Judge Stenberg yesterday. "I am in favor of shipping these men away, instead of boarding them at the county's expense. Send them to St. Louis or Chicago, it makes no difference where, just so you get them out of the county. It would be a much more effective way than to sentence them to a term of imprisonment in the county jail, and at the expiration of this to turn them loose. So far as the cost is concorned, we could ship a man to St. Louis at half rates, the expense being con-siderably less than it would be if the fellow were sent up for ten or fifteen days to board at the county's cost. For ex ample, a ticket to .St. Louis would not cost more than \$5.50, while to board a man for, say ten days, would cost 25 per cent more than that. St. Louis and Chi cago send their paupers and tough cases to us. Why shouldn't we send them back?"

Yesterday morning Judge Stenberg fined James Daily, an old vagrant who has been on a spree, \$10 and costs. He had hardly any clothes on him when picked up by the police.

Ed Collins and Wm. Crawford, two sus-picious looking characters, who had been seen trying to sell an overcoat which was undoubtedly stolen, were sent to the county jail for thirty For twenty days of this they will feast on bread and water. William Crandall, the hotel beat, had his case continued. It is said that he has succeeded in swindling several other hotels besides the Paxton. Jack Taylor, a confirmed thief, was shipped to Dunlap, Iowa.

PLUMBERS TALK.

What Messrs. Wood and Fitzpatrick

Have to Say. A reporter for the BEE, yester lay morning asked Wood the Sixteenth street plumber, what progress had been made in the strike contemplated by the journeymen of his trade. "Well," he said, "I have two men out, but they are not on a strike. 1 left them go because they were devoting to their union, time that I was paying

'How much do you pay your men?" "I pay them \$4 per day for ten hours' work, but I don't get any more than eight. It is impossible for men to put in more than eight hours a day the way the

sun is now."
"What demand have they made on "Well they haven't exactly made any demand on me yet. They have been confining themselves to going for Fitzpatrick. I expect they'll come for me soon. It's rather leaked out that they three cents an hour more than I am now paying. If nothing else will preyent it, I will close up my shop.' D. Fitzpatrick was seen and said that the bosses would have to take some steps to protect themselves, because he knew

WILLING WORKERS.

They Net a Little Purse in a Pleasant

the men were preparing to enforce their

Candy Pull. Thursday evening the Willing workers of the Christian church, at the corner of Capitol avenue and Twentieth, held a sociable and candy pull in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. The affair was attended by about one hundred and twenty-five people, each of whom passed the evening in a most agreeable manner. From the sales of the eardy about twenty dollars were secured. This will be applied to complete the the donation of \$25 pledged by the Workers to the Cynthia church at Walnut. At a former entertainment \$10 was obtained.

A FLASH FROM BELVA. Not Willing to be a Candidate in

1888-Her Admiration for Mrs. Cleveland. A New York Herald dispatch from Buffalo says: Belva A. Lockwood, the lady lawyer and ex-candidate for president,

arrived in Buffalo this morning en route for Conneaut, O., where she opens her lecturing season. In conversation with a Herald correspondent she said: "I am not a candidate for renomina-tion in 1888. It has been suggested that I should run with St. John, but I should

have to be the head of the ticket. I have nominated Matilda Joslyn Gage, of Syracuse, to be a United States senator from New York and I think she ought to suit the District of Columbia. I was born in Niagara county and never renouned my residence there. May be I'm all right yet. If you can fix it for I'll ron. I have a very strong admiration for President Cleveland on account of his democratic way of being accessi-ble to everybody. He sees everybody, except while writing his message to con

PRAISE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE LADY.

"I have also a very good opinion of Mrs. Cleveland. She has held her position admirably. I allude to her in every lecture as a typical American woman. She is not a great beauty, but still very good looking, what I should call a hand-

some woman, graceful in form, with natural dignity and tact. The southern people are greatly, pleased with both the president and his wife. It is quite the thing now for excursion parties to come to Washington from Richmond, Norfolk, Alexandria and other cities, and they all

ROLAND REED ON A JURY.

Deawn Suddenly While Making Tour Through Maine State.

When Roland Reed was playing in Lewiston, Me., this fall he had a queer adventure. The company arrived in the town early in the day, and Mr. Reed was writing a letter at the desk of the Dewitt house when an official looking individual approached and tapped him on the shoul der, with the query:
"Is your name Reed! They said it was

at the office."
"Then they said what was correct," replied Reed. "Reuben Reed?" asked the official look-

ing man. Either misunderstanding him or from indifference, Reed replied impatiently:
"Yes! yes! What of it?"
"What of it? Well, you just come

along with me to the court house and you will see. I've been hunting all over this blessed town for you. Come on, Mr. Reed was a little alarmed, thinking maybe some of his anti-Sunday school escapades had been detected.

"Oh, it must be a mistake," he said.
"No. taint: Judge Wheeler sent me after yer, an' you'd better not give me any more trouble Thinking that the mistake would thus be most quickly and easily rectified, Roland repaired to the court room, his honor remarked:
"Well, sir, we've waited long enough

for you. I've a great mind to fine you for contempt of court and impeding the cause of justice. Thoroughly excited. Reed said: "But, your honor, there is some mistake here.

"No, sir; no, sir. No mistake at all. You should have been here an hour ago. There, I'll hear nothing more from you, Call the first case, and do you, sir, go to your place and to your duties." When Roland recovered from his sur-

prise he found himself in a jury box. After awhile he regained his wits and managed to write a note to his manager while listening to the case—some suit for damages on account of a defective country highway. All the morning he sat there, wondering how long the case there, wondering how long the would last. It seemed interminable. recess he managed to get the ear of the ourt constable and explained matters to him. Meanwhile Reed had been taken with the rest of the jury to dinner and Manager Hine in great trepidation had sought out the judge and explained matters to him. He, too, laughed heartily, and promised to arrange things someow so that Roland could play that night. When the court reassembled, the judge called Reed to the desk and apologized. Reed begged him not to mention it, and said he wanted to thank the county for a good dinner. His honor explained matters to the counsel, and as there was little doubt as to the verdict being a just one. the lawyers agreed to accept eleven jurors in place of twelve.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were filed Dec.

with the county clerk: Charles Banks and wife to T Ii Blackburn, art of lot 33, Redick's 2d add, w d—\$1. Harriet S.C Noteware to Win H Alexander, Harriet S.C. Noteware to Win H Alexander, lot 6. Rees' Place, wd—\$5,000.

Harriet S C Noteware to Win H Alexander, part of lots 21, 15 and 13, q c—\$1.

Win Coburn to George H Doane, lot 7, in subdivision of block O, Shinu's 2d add—sheriff's deed.

City of Omalia to George H Doane, 20x132 feet adjoining lot 4, block 47; also 20x132 feet

deel adjoining lot 4, block 47; also 20x132 feet adjoining lot 5, block 47, a c - \$2,000.

George T Mills to R P Jensen, lots 3 and 4, block 2, Clarendon, w d - \$1,500.

Augustus Kountze and others to John P Moore, lot 10 and part of lot 11, block 7, Kountze 4th add, w d - \$540. Kountze 4th add, w d—\$540.

Augustus Kountze and wife to W F Flynn, lot 18, block 8, Kountze's 4th add, w d—\$750.

W F Flynn and wife to Bridget Healy, lot 15, block 8, Kountze's 4th add, w d—\$1,100.

Minerva A Bailey and husband to George M Bailey, lot 2, block 11, Waterioo, w d—\$500.

John T Bell and others to Alonzo B Hunt, south is of lot 18, block 4, Horbert's 24, and south 14 of lot 10, block 4, Horback's 2d add,

wd-82,000.

John A Gordon and wife to Frank D
Brown and others, lot 9, block 6, Shiun's dd, w d-S4,000. A C Jones to S R Wilinski and others, un divided 4 interest in 20 acres in sw 4 sec 19, 15, 13, w d-\$3,200.

Vesta Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S. The regular meeting of Vesta Chapter will be held this (Saturday) evening, for the transact ion of important business and the election of officebearers for the ensuing year. A full attendance of the members is requested.

JAMES B. BRUNER, Secretary.

The Old Cont Shed. The coal shed of the Union Pacific on South Thirteenth street, near the track will be torn down in a few days, and the

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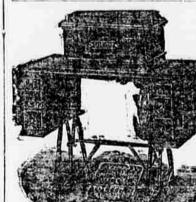
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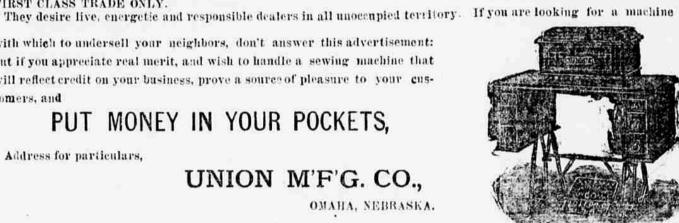
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