THE LOCAL NEWS BUDGET.

Swift's Packing House Welcomed as Another Mark of Progress.

A BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

In the Field of Sports—The Libel Case—The Dives Must Go—A New Building—Other Local Notes.

Swift's Packing House.

Hon. John A. McShane has returned from Chicago. During his stay in that city he did a big stroke of business, which will be of great benefit to Omaha. It was the making of the contract with George F. Swift, the extensive packer, for the construction of an immense packing house at South Omaha. Work will be begun at once, the plans having already been drawn. The new packing house is to cost $250,000, will be completed and in operation inside of four months. Meantime Mr. Swift will send his buyers to the South Omaha Union stock yards, where they purchase stock and ship the same to Chicago, until the Omaha house is completed.

A DARING DEED.

A Highway Robbery in the Center of the City—Drugged and Robbed.

One of the boldest highway robberies on record was perpetrated Tuesday night in broad gaslight in front of the new Ramge building on Fifteenth and Harney streets. The victim was Mr. A. L. Claflin. He had been out walking and was returning to his room in the Goos hotel on Fifteenth and Jackson about ten o'clock. Just as he was passing the place indicated two men stepped out of a dark recess. One of them pulled a revolver, cocked it and placed the muzzle to Mr. C's head with the command:

"Hold on here!"

Mr. Claflin obediently stopped, when the fellow resumed:

"Don't make any noise and you'll be all right.

"I suppose you want to get all I have," said Mr. Claflin.

"That's it," returned the robber, "and all you've got to do is to keep still."

The victim was very obedient in this regard. While one man held a revolver to his head the other went through his pockets, taking his purse, which contained $26. That was about all the fellows secured. Mr. Claflin, very fortunately, had left his $100 gold watch in in his room before he went out, or he would undoubtedly have lost that too. After cleaning him out the two fellows went down the alley between Harney and Howard, disappearing in the darkness. Mr. Claflin went around by way of Howard to Fourteenth street and then up Farnam, looking for a policeman. Of course, he failed to find one until it was too late to follow the highwaymen. One of them he describes as a tall man about six feet in height, with a sandy moustache and wearing a slouch hat. The other was a short, thick-set man, with a stubby growth of black beard, and wearing a stiff hat. The matter has been reported to the police.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

It has been reported to the police that R. W. Hyde, a wealthy cattleman from Malvern, Ia., was drugged and robbed on Sunday last. Mr. Hyde came to town last week, and on Sunday started out to see the town. He dropped into several saloons, one of which was on the corner of Twelfth and Douglas streets, and another at the corner of Eleventh and Douglas streets. He met several strangers and took a number of drinks. In less than half an hour he had lost consciousness. When he woke up, it was far into the next morning, and he was lying very near a steep cliff or bluff by Boyd's packing house. If he had rolled but a few feet in his stupor, he would have fallen over the cliff and met a horrible death on the railroad tracks below. He found that he had been relieved of $12,000 in notes, drafts and checks, $50 in cash, and a gold watch and chain valued at $150. Carriage tracks leading up to the spot where he was lying showed that Mr. Hyde had, without doubt, been carried to the spot in a hack, after being drugged and robbed. It is understood that the first man Mr. Hyde met was a well-known character about town, while two others were hackmen. Whether they will be arrested is a question. Mr. Hyde has gone back to Malvern and stopped payment on the draft and checks.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS.

The Gun Club Meeting—The New Rifle Club—Notes.

A well attended meeting of the Omaha Gun club was held last night at Penrose & Hardin's gun store. W. S. Dimock, H. C. Kellogg and D. T. Stubbs were elected to membership in the club. The matter of preparing a programme for the tournament which will be held in this city, probably the second week in June, was left to Messrs. Penrose & Hardin to present a report at the regular meeting of the club. It was decided to commence the regular weekly shoots of the club on Tuesday afternoon next and continue them on Tuesday of each week until after the tournament. Penrose & Hardin will offer a fine medal to the member of the club making the best average during the season.

THE NEW RIFLE CLUB.

The Omaha Rifle club met at Collins & Gordon's gun store yesterday evening and completed their organization. The club starts with eighteen charter members as follows: Judge Lake, president; J. R. Clarkson, vice-president; O. H. Gordon, secretary; Charles Parrotte, treasurer; Col. Guy V. Henry, captain; Paul Lietz, first lieutenant; C. S. Montgomery, second lieutenant, and Messrs. B. E. B. Kennedy, Wm. Kennedy, Walter Kinnear, M. S. Lindsay, Luther Wilbur, J. M. Thurston, H. A. Worley, R. W. Patrick, A. C. Wakeley and R. S. Berlin. The club has secured an excellent range at Bellevue. The B. & M. will run special trains to the range on the club's practice days which will be on Wednesday of each week from May 4 to October 1. The club will be governed by the rule of the National Rifle association and has adopted the Hinman target. The management of the entire affairs of the club is in the hand of a club committee.

SPORTING NOTES.

Bullock and Ashinger race at the exposition on Saturday.

The wrestling match between Charles Moth and Col. McLaughlin is billed to take place at the exposition annex next Monday night.

Collins & Gordon have received already an installment of the Reach ball, adopted by the Western league. The ball is a good one, but is not apt to replace the old reliable Spaulding for general use.

As yet Clow has failed to accept or refuse to accept the challenge of Frank R. Glover, of Chicago, for a fight to a finish. Indications are that he will take refuge behind the excuse that he does not want to fight anyone until after he meets Dempsey. Of this there is no immediate prospect. Dempsey has degenerated into a blowhard and Clow knows it, and if he is spoiling for a fight he can be accommodated by Glover.

James McMichael and George Ketchum have returned from a hunting expedition to Phelps, Mo., loaded with ducks.

A LIBEL CASE.

The Suit For Criminal Libel Against A. B. Moore.

In the case of A. B. Moore, arraigned before Justice Anderson, but two witnesses were examined on the part of the state, and the case was adjourned until this morning. It is a libel case, being the following poster: "$300 Reward! I will give the above reward for any deed or other legal conveyance, by myself to the following named parties or either of them, M. Rossenwasser, John Ainsfield or A. Rosewater, to the following described land: A part of the southwest quarter of section 26, township 15, range 13 east, and now called 'Ainsfield's Addition.' I own said land (and have for some time) and this whole scheme of sale by Rossenwasser, Ainsfield and A. Rosewater is a fraud and a swindle, and they know it. For further information see county records, at city engineer's office in basement of court house, or agency at No. 117 South Sixteenth street, Omaha, or A. B. Moore at room 5, Cozzens hotel.

A. B. MOORE."

Mr. A. Rosewater testified as to the appearance of the article posted upon telegraph poles on Farnam street especially, and in the city generally. Mr. Connell objected to proof of title, which defendant's attorney proffered, offering an abstract of title. The court sustained the objection. Editor Hitchcock, of the World, testified as to the posting of the libelous article.

The defendant endeavored to create a commotion just as the examination commenced by claiming that Mr. Rosewater was armed and asking that he be searched. Justice Anderson said that he did not think it was necessary and the request was denied.

A NEW BUILDING.

The Structure Which Drexel & Maul Will Erect.

Mr. M. O. Maul returned last night from the east, where he went to secure plans for a new three-story building which the undertaking firm of Drexel & Maul proposes to erect in place of the present structure at 1417 Farnam street. This building will be after the model of famous Sampson building at Pittsburg, Pa., and will include the usual rooms for carrying on the business, in addition to which there will be a morgue and a chapel. The latter will be called into play very often, as it frequently happens that some victim of a disaster has neither relations or church friends to bury him, and has to be buried without church or chapel ceremony. The morgue will be for the private use of the firm, in connection with the business of the coroner's office.

The building will be built of brick with sandstone front, and will be of extremely ornate design.

A JEALOUS CHINAMAN.

How Sam Ling Disposed of a Supposed Rival in Love.

Sam Ling, a Chinaman who runs a laundry on one of the principal streets of this city, adopted a novel expedient lately to get rid of a rival in love. Sam, like several other Chinamen in this city, is impressed with the superiority of a white woman over the Mongolian article. Accordingly he has been wooing a blue-eyed maiden of this city, who it is said has received his suit with favor. But Sam Ling's courtship has not been one of uninterrupted smoothness. A young man, well known about town as "Corky" Keller, was feared and hated by the Chinaman as a rival for the affections of the blue eyed maiden. Sam brooded over the matter a long time and finally concocted a scheme to dispose of his rival at "one fell swoop." He would show Mr. K. that he was nowhere in the affections of the girl. Accordingly he took the young woman to a photograph gallery on Sixteenth street and ordered the artist to take their pictures together. The photograph was struck off. It showed the girl standing beside her Chinese adorer, with one arm coiled lovingly about his neck. Altogether, it was well calculated to illustrate the tender relations which existed between the pair. The Chinaman mailed this to his supposed American rival with a slip of paper, which contained a large number of skulls and cross-bones. The note, which was very hard to decipher, read somewhat as follows:

"You looke out! White gal like Chinee boy, no likee Melican man same as Chinee boy! You fool eround her too muchee you gett killed. Chinee boy shoot yur hed off!"

The recipient of the note and picture was completely taken by storm, as it were, and is convinced that he had better keep out of Sam Ling's road. The Chinaman will probably be allowed to continue his courtship unmolested.

THE RIVER.

It is Stationary, But Has Been Falling—A Probable Gorge.

"The river is almost stationary at a depth of ten feet and three inches," said Signal Observer Hagen yesterday to a reporter. "It is rising just a trifle, but for the past few days has been falling slightly."

The explanation for this remarkable state of affairs—namely, the falling of the river at this point while the upper portion is on a terrific rise—is found in the probability that there is a big ice gorge between Omaha and Bismarck. As soon as this bursts the river at this point is bound to rise rapidly.

Suing the County Attorney.

In the county court yesterday Adloph Kline commenced suit against John Perry, J. S. Long and E. W. Simeral for $500 damage for the unlawful conversion of property by the defendants. Kline's statement says that on March 12 Perry came into his place of business and asked to see some watches. A number were shown him, among them a fine gold hunting case watch valued at $450. When Perry saw this he motioned to Long and Simeral, who were outside, and they came in. Perry then claimed the watch, and Kline asserts that when he objected to his taking possession of it Mr. Simeral told him to shut up or he would have him arrested. The three men then left the store with the watch.

Criminal Cases.

The case against Fred Rice, charged with assaulting George Hall, the watchman in Hammond's packing house in South Omaha, will be called in the district court on Monday.

The case against Herman Mitteman, charged with the killing of George Durham at Millard, will be called for trial before Judge Neville on Tuesday.

A Sneak Thief Caught.

A colored fellow named Harry Williams was arrested yesterday afternoon for the larceny of a number of silk handkerchiefs from S. P. Morse & Co.' When searched at the jail three gold rings were found in his possession which were identified as the property of C. S. Raymond, the jeweler. The colored fellow was in Raymond's store yesterday morning and is supposed to have stolen the rings at that time.

What Does It Mean.

Mr. Swift, of Swift & Armour, the largest beef packers in the world, has been here for the past three days, and the greater part of the time has been spent at South Omaha or with members of the South Omaha Land Co. We are not going to tell you what it means, but you don't have to be a Yankee to guess as easy a one as that. About the time a thousand men commence work killing beeves for Swift & Armour in South Omaha you will be saying "what a fool I was," unless you go soon and buy more lots in South Omaha of C. E. Mayne Real Estate and Trust Co., N. W. Cor. 15th and Harney.

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Personal Paragraphs.

Colonel King and family, of Milwaukee, are in Omaha, visiting military friends.

W. S. Widener returned yesterday from a trip to Jonesboro, Mo., to inspect lumber for the Union Pacific.

Alma E. Keith returned yesterday from New York city, where she purchased her stock of new spring millinery.

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The Dives Must Go.

The council has refused to grant the stay of proceedings asked in the matter of removing the houses of prostitution from Capital avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets and has ordered the marshal to go ahead and have the houses vacated at once. The respectable residents of the vicinity are jubilant over the proposed riddance of very bad rubbish, while decent people on neighboring streets are filled with fear and trembling lest the occupants of these dives will settle in their locality.

Mention was made in the BEE Tuesday of the trouble between the McCarthy's and Schwartz's on Sixteenth street. A long communication has been received from Mr. Schwartz in which he lays the blame of the trouble upon Mrs. McCarthy who assaulted his wife, because the latter called her a servant. It is claimed that the McCarthys were up before Judge Stenberg at a previous time, but were released upon giving bonds to keep the peace.

The notion store of San Goon, the Chinaman, on South Tenth street, was invaded by a sneak thief the other day, who sought to steal some tobacco while the Mongolian's back was turned. San Goon discovered the fellow, picked up a big bottle of ink, and deluged him with the black fluid. The thief dropped the tobacco and ran dripping out of the shop.

Ex-Governor Will Cumback of Indiana will lecture at the First M E. church Monday evening, March 28. Subject, "The Invisible Somebody."

Mr. I. S. Smith, a prominent railroad man, from the east, is in town visiting with his sister Mrs. Charles B. Westren.

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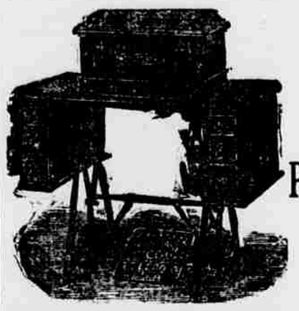

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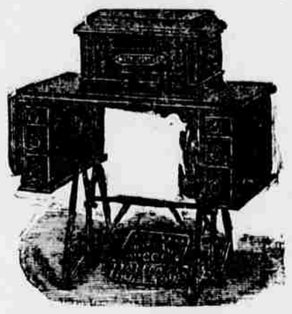

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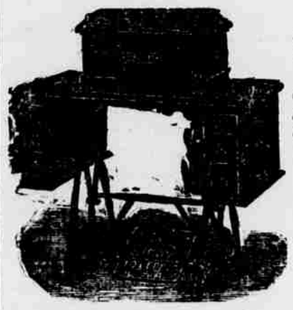

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