

PICKED UP ABOUT THE CITY

Charles K. Taylor Will Plead Guilty to the Charge of Forgery.

THE RAPIDLY RISING RIVER.

Feeding a Wife Poison—A Very Reckless Tramp—Police and Court Local—Odds and Ends—Other Local.

Will Plead Guilty.

It developed yesterday that C. K. Taylor, the ex-clerk of the county board of commissioners, who is charged with forgery, has consented to plead guilty in order to secure a mitigation of punishment.

Since Taylor's arrest his friends have been moving heaven and earth to secure a compromise which would get Taylor out of the scrape.

County Attorney Simeral and the county board of commissioners steadily refused, however, to "let up" on Taylor. They claimed that it would be putting a premium on dishonesty to release him.

Since then Taylor has made up his mind to plead guilty to the charge, with the understanding that the lightest possible sentence of the court be given him. Both County Attorney Simeral and the commissioners have agreed to invoke the clemency of Judge Neville in his behalf, provided that he will plead guilty.

County Attorney Simeral said yesterday afternoon: "I am willing to have Taylor let off as easily as possible, if he pleads guilty."

County Commissioner Timme said yesterday afternoon that he would be willing to go before Judge Neville and ask that the sentence of Taylor be made as light as possible.

THE RIVER'S CHANGES.

Ice and Rising Muddy Water Moving the Channel in Precipitous Being Taken.

Yesterday the river was nine feet two inches, having fallen since the day before. Yesterday, about noon, it was eleven feet ten inches, having raised two feet eight inches. It is very turbid and covered with floating fragments of ice. The indications are that a gorge has been created in the river between Omaha and Bismarck which lowered the river's surface here and at all points below the gorge.

This evidently has broken and is flowing down, and thus raising the river. Lumbermen and others having interests along the banks are actively engaged in making arrangements to secure their property against any loss which the water may cause.

Near Florence lake the action of the river has invited the most earnest attention from the county commissioners, who paid it a visit yesterday. The river is eating away the land which divides it from the lake. The commissioners claim that the height of the bank offers no security on account of its sandy composition.

They predict that the river will work its way through the east half section 35 and run into the river to the south. The land east of section 35 will thus be cut off, and the river would run into Florence lake and across into Cut Off lake, thence into the present channel.

HE WOULD REFORM.

William Tracy Tells of a Brief Experience as a Crook.

"I'm going to reform, pardner, and quit this yer life!" This pointed announcement was made yesterday morning by William Tracy, a vagrant who was arrested Thursday by the police. Before the prisoners were arraigned in police court a reporter had a few moments' talk with him and learned from him his somewhat remarkable story.

Tracy was up to six months ago a cook employed at the Silver Moon restaurant in St. Louis. A waiter in that somewhat noted cafe, named Phil Morris, was imbued with ideas of a Dick Turpin life in the wild west, gained from reading yellow colored novels. Tracy caught the fever, and throwing up his position, determined to enter upon the career of a robber and highwayman, with his friend Morris.

Their adventures, after leaving St. Louis, would make a volume of very interesting reading. Of course an account of them is impossible here.

The two young men—neither was over twenty-two years of age—struck out for Chicago. Here they were detected in a burglary piece of robbery and were sent up to the "Bridewell" for twenty days each. When that sentence was served out they started from that city with the intention of coming to Omaha. They beat their way on a freight train to Burlington, Ia., where they remained for several days, until the police became suspicious and drove them out. It was while there, Tracy says, that they accomplished their first successful piece of work. They "beat up" a man on the outskirts of the town one night, and compelling him to throw up his hands at the point of the revolver, robbed him of a gold watch and chain and about sixty-five dollars in money.

A day or two later the adventure took a turn which very much disgusted Tracy. They struck the Burlington road and started in the direction of Omaha. At Creston they got off to prospect and see if there any chances for "fine work" there. That night they slept in a second-class hotel, and when Tracy awoke the next morning it was with a feeling of stupor, as though he had been chloroformed. He found that his partner in iniquity, Morris, was missing, and with him the gold watch and chain and about \$50 in cash—the result of the Burlington "job."

Tracy made his way to Omaha as best he could, and has since tried to get honest work here. He has not been successful, and the police have looked upon him as a vagrant. He was released yesterday by Judge Stenberg and started out again to look for work. He says he is heartily sick of the life he entered upon, and after he left St. Louis and proposed to reform. He announces, however, that if he ever meets Morris he will not hesitate to wreak vengeance upon him in the most summary fashion.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

They Meet in Lincoln to Consider Various Important Subjects.

The State Teachers' Association will hold their twenty-first annual meeting at Lincoln, March 29, 30 and 31. The opening exercises, reports and the president's address, and reception will occupy the first day. Governor Thayer, Superintendent Geo. B. Lane and the retiring president, W. W. Jones, will aid President H. M. James at the reception.

"The Importance of the Three R's," "Institute Work for 1887," "The Grading of District Schools," and "Nature Teaching," will be discussed by Superintendent Brewer of Douglas, Mrs. Minnie Harwood of Platte and others on the second day. The third and final day Miss Fannie Wood of Omaha, A. M. Buman, industrial instructor director in the city schools and Superintendent Parrall, of the State Institute for the Blind, will discuss "The Importance of Eyes and Hand Training." "The Executive Work of the Educator," and "Educational Co-ordination" will be considered by Miss C. C. Corey, superintendent of the Howard county, and President J. E. Miller, of the Campbell Normal University of Kansas. Governor Thayer, Chancellor Mannat, President McKaig, President King, and others will deliver addresses.

FEEDS HER POISONED CAKE.

Chinamen Tell Tales on San Goon. The Chinese brethren of San Goon, the South Tenth street notion merchant, are persecuting him unmercifully. They do it for no other apparent reason than that he is somewhat sharper and shrewder than the common run of Mongolians, and has attained a measure of prosperity which few of these saffron-hued gentlemen enjoy. Furthermore, ever since he married a white wife they have been indignantly jealous of him. For it is not every "Chinney boy" that can draw such a prize in the matrimonial lottery.

The latest story started by these fellows is that San Goon is in the habit of feeding his wife poisoned cake. They say that San is so jealous of her that he does not want her to leave his sight, and that to prevent her from leaving the house he gives her cake which, being poisoned, makes her sick. They claim to have proof positive that he purchases drugs from an Indian doctor for the express purpose of mixing them with the cake which he blandly offers his spouse. San Goon denounces this story as false, while his persecutors declare with equal vehemence that every word of it is true. There is war in Chinatown and some Omaha undertaker may soon have a chance to conduct a first-class Chinese funeral.

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A choice corner on 16th at 60x66 for 25,000
66x88 n w cor 23d and Cummg, 15,000
44 feet on Harney between 14th and 15th, 35,000
66 feet on Howard between 15th and 16th, 35,000
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Getting Nearer and Nearer. The city council of Council Bluffs has decided to take active steps at once towards improving lower Broadway, which will include parking, curbing, paving, etc. This is preparatory to direct communication with the proposed wagon bridge. The contract for this structure will be let before the 30th of April, and work will be commenced before the first of May. This is an enterprise of the greatest moment to both cities and the sooner the work is commenced the better.

Bear in Mind That there are lots in South Omaha, purchased within three years, for less than five hundred, that are now worth over ten thousand dollars. There will be more packing houses, factories and railroads there before 1888. These mean increased population, and increase of population means increase of value to real estate. There are plenty of good lots still left in the original plat of South Omaha. Why go out into additions a mile away from the center when you can still buy in the old plat at reasonable prices? Do not forget that we control all sales for the Omaha Land Co. The C. E. Mayne Real Estate & Trust Co., N. W. Cor. 15th and Harney.

The Water Was Too Cold. William Butler, the young man who left the Buckingham Thursday afternoon and went down to the river to commit suicide, was still in the land of the living yesterday. He had altogether changed his ideas about the propriety of suicide.

"Why didn't you jump in the river before the policeman got hold of you?" said one of the ladies of the Buckingham of Butler. The fellow replied promptly:

"The water was too cold. I thought I'd wait till July."

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County vs Railroad. County Attorney Simeral has given to the county commissioners an opinion, in answer to a communication addressed to him of date March 21, in regard to the county road along the right of way of sec-10, township 15, range 11, east near Waterloo. In his opinion the railroad company does not take the 200 feet on each side of the center of the road, and the county has a perfect right to locate its road on the place where it now is. He believes the courts should settle the matter if the railroad desires to contest the question. Mr. Poppleton has been informed to this effect.

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Robbed in a Saloon. The police are looking for Bill Smith, a colored gambler, who is said to have robbed J. T. Armstrong, a cattle man from the west, of \$150 in checks and \$20 in cash. Armstrong was taken in tow by Smith, and either dragged or filled up with whisky so fast that he was very short time before unconscious. The robbery was accomplished in a prominent saloon. Armstrong has returned to his home and Smith has left the city, it is supposed. He is believed to have gone to Kansas City.

It is reported that the Omaha National bank people propose to add two stories to their building, making it one of six stories. They refuse to talk much about the matter, although they say that they have contemplated such a thing for two years. Architects say that the building will stand two additional stories.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Stray Leaves From a Reporter's Note Book.

Omaha wheelmen are figuring on chartering a special car to convey them to Minneapolis to witness the six days' bicycle race which is soon to occur in that city. It is probable that quite a number of local riders will attend the event, particularly if one of the Omaha professionals participate therein. Omaha will also be represented in St. Louis in May.

"If I could find the man who put my picture in the Police Gazette, representing me standing behind the bar with the urn containing Kaehl's ashes in front of me, I should most certainly shoot him on sight," remarked Ed Wittig, the other day. "What I object to most being represented as laid head. See my hair? It's all there and just as thick as when I was twenty years younger."

"The fact is," he added, "Kaehl never made any request that his ashes should be placed on my bar. If he had, I would have most certainly carried it out."

"The boys" tell a good story on old Uncle John Stanton, the venerable sport, who is now passing the winter at the poor farm. Several years ago Uncle John had a room on North Thirteenth street. He was delinquent with his rent, and his landlord was continually threatening to put him out. "Uncle John" thought the matter over, and finally struck a scheme for retaining the room, which worked to perfection. He determined to "hoo-doo" it. He told ghastly stories of the nightly visitors—ghosts, hobgoblins, spooks—that were in the habit of invading the room. "I've seen strange, unearthly noises were to be heard in the apartment from dusk until dawn. In fact, he succeeded in creating a general impression that the room was haunted. It became unrentable, and Uncle John Stanton was allowed to remain in it until he was ready to give it up.

Surveying parties are now using iron stakes with tin tabs to mark their lines and bounds, instead of the old wooden pegs and corner-stones. The consequence is that the land around this city that has been divided into lots resembles immense diamond fields these fine mornings when the sun gets its eye on the tin. The effect to the uninitiated is startling at first. Even horses and cows are much disturbed about the presence of these glittering "strangers" on the prairie slopes and pastures, and sage old crows have been seen to make a dive for the tin tabs like game-fish for a "spoon" on the rippling waters.

Feast of the Annunciation. Yesterday was one of the most prominent feast days in the Catholic church, being that of the Annunciation, more commonly called "Lady Day." It is commemorative of the announcement of the conception of the Saviour to the Virgin Mary, thereby being the foundation of one of the leading dogmas of Catholicism. It was duly celebrated in all the Catholic churches of the city, and although this is Lenten season and observed strictly by this church an exception is made in favor of the Feast of Annunciation as a great Catholic church holiday.

J. W. Eller returned yesterday from the mining districts of Arkansas and says there is great excitement there over the extensive finds of lead, gold and silver. There are many Nebraskans in the camps.

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NOTE—See Article "A Day in Surrey" with Wm. Morris, in Century Magazine July, 1886.

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UNION PACIFIC. Depot 10th and Pierce sts. Pacific Express, 7:50 am 8:30 pm Denver Express, 5:20 pm 10:55 am Local Express, 11:00 am 5:05 pm

B. & M. R. R. R. Depot 10th and Pacific sts. Mail and Express, 6:25 am 6:00 pm Night Express, 10:00 am 7:45 pm Lincoln, 8:30 am

C. B. & Q. R. R. Depot 10th and Pacific sts. Mail and Express, 6:25 am 6:00 pm Chicago Express, 7:10 pm 9:20 am

K. C. St. J. & C. B. Depot 10th and Pacific sts. Via Plattsmouth, 7:10 pm 9:20 am Lincoln Express, 7:00 pm 10:45 pm

C. St. P. M. & O. Depot 15th and Webster st. Sioux City Express, 5:45 pm 8:15 am

MISSOURI PACIFIC. Depot 15th and Webster st. Day Express, 6:25 am 11:10 am Night Express, 6:00 pm 9:10 pm Lincoln Express, 11:50 am 6:10 pm

UNION STOCK YARDS TRAINS. Leave Omaha Leave Omaha

U. P. BRIDGE TRAINS. Transfer Omaha. 7:15 am 6:55 am 8:15 am 7:55 am 9:25 am 8:40 am

CONNECTING LINES. Leave Transfer depot Arrive Transfer depot

C. R. I. & P. All trains run daily. 7:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 5:25 pm 6:40 pm 7:00 pm

C. & N. W. All trains run daily. 9:15 am 9:15 am 6:40 pm 7:00 pm

C. B. & Q. All trains run daily. 9:15 am 9:15 am 6:35 pm 7:00 pm

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