

THE LOCAL NEWS BUDGET

Officer Ormsby Surprises a Gang of Old Time Crooks.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Mrs. Kelley's Death—Robbed While Drunk — Marshal Cummings' Bluff — Police News and General Local.

Appraised the Crooks.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning Officer Ormsby saw a crowd of old-time crooks congregated in Johnny King's saloon, near the corner of Thirteenth and Douglas. He recognized them as the gang of confidence men, thieves and cracksmen who worked the city during fair week. Ormsby made up his mind to corral the crowd, and immediately looked around for some policeman to help him. He failed to find one, however, and fearing lest the gang might escape him, he stepped into the saloon determined to arrest the crowd single-handed, if possible. The moment he appeared in the doorway, however, the bartender whispered to the man, "Get out of here! The cops are after you!"

The crowd bolted for the back door and before Ormsby could reach it, had rushed into the alley and locked the door on the outside, so as to prevent the officer from coming through. One of the men failed to make his escape and was placed under arrest by the plucky policeman. It turned out that he was H. W. H. and he is known to his "pal" as "Frenchy." Upon being brought before Judge Stenberg yesterday morning he was fined \$50 and costs.

The other members of the gang are Will Walker, Michael Carroll, E. T. Gateley, E. N. King, Ed Boylan, J. H. Retan, W. H. Devlin, Charles Davis, Billy Orr, and others. They were the principal gang without a doubt in this case, that is now operating in Omaha, "holding up" citizens on the highway, glorifying stores and residences and playing confidence tricks on the unwary.

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ROBBED WHILE DRUNK.

A Railroad Contractor's Disastrous Experience in Omaha.

C. K. Bucknum, a sub-contractor under Mallory & Cushing, railroad graders, appeared at police headquarters yesterday morning in a very disconsolate frame of mind. He reported that he had been robbed of \$180 in cash. According to his story he landed in Omaha Thursday morning to see the sights, and fell in with a stranger in a saloon on Douglas street. The stranger was very affable and cordial, therefore it did not take Bucknum long to make friends with him. The stranger finally offered to take Bucknum to a free-and-easy place on lower Capitol avenue, where they could enjoy a pleasant tête-à-tête with two pretty girls. Bucknum of course consented and the two were soon in the company of the fascinating young women aforesaid. While Bucknum was in the room of one of the young women after a few glasses of beer, when he awoke late in the day, he found that his male companion had disappeared and with him his pocketbook containing \$180. An unfortunate feature of the affair is that the railroad contractor was so befuddled with drink Thursday that he cannot clearly identify the stranger's features. It is therefore hardly probable that he will recover his money.

A man named Lewis was arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion of having stolen the money.

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CONSTABLE'S TROUBLES.

properly yesterday afternoon. The gentlemen who are doing this important work are Matt Patti, Charles Dewey, W. L. McCague, S. A. Orchard, Nathan Shewell and Richard Kitchen.

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Hastings.

The Mo. Pacific and Northwestern have submitted propositions for bonds which will be voted sure. J. D. Riley, the real estate broker, has great bargains in business lots and acre tracts. Daves & Foss' Addition a specialty. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 Opera House.

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

How a Young Surveyor Was Saved from Death in Quicksand.

A young man named Bert Palmer, who belongs to the surveying corps of the Nebraska Central road, which is now surveying a bridge site on the bottoms, had a narrow escape Thursday from a horrible death. Palmer's duties led him upon a sand-bar near the shore, which was apparently dry and comparatively solid. Young Palmer, however, was not sufficiently careful, and planted himself upon a portion of the sand which was less than quicksand. He began to sink rapidly. Vainly he tried to extricate himself. The more he struggled the faster he sank into the depths below. He shouted for help. One of his companions, who realized that Palmer would soon be beyond all human aid if something were not quickly done, hastily procured a rope and threw it to the sinking man. Then planks were thrown over him and after many human efforts he was extricated from his dangerous position. A delay of but a few moments would undoubtedly have sufficed to have buried him alive.

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HIS BLUFF WAS GOOD.

How Marshal Cummings Went Into the Wrestling Match—A Funny Feature.

A funny feature of the wrestling match at the exposition hall Thursday night was the manner in which the ticket taker at the door demanded himself. He was a very smooth but very fresh young man, with a shiny, plug hat. He was bent on making as much out of the match as could possibly be made. For instance, Officer Donovan came along and started in past the turnstile.

"Hold on here," shouted the young man, "where's your ticket?"

"Shucks, an' I ain't got none," replied the officer.

"Can't get in then, step aside," said the ticket man.

"Ach, murther, but don't ye see the star in me britt?" gasped Donavan.

But the man at the door was stubborn and would not admit him.

Marshal Cummings came along next and started past the turnstile.

"Step aside, son," said the young man with the tall silk hat. "Show up your ticket please!"

"Ticket?" asked the marshal, wondering.

"Yes, ticket; you can't go in without one," was the reply.

"If you don't let me in," replied the marshall, "I'll force my way in and when you're in there, I'll stop your exhibition."

This threat brought the young man to terms, and the marshal was allowed to pass in.

John S. Prince, the bicyclist, was the next to apply for free admission which was denied him. He was very indignant, claiming that Moth had been allowed to witness all his entertainments free of all charge. He claimed that Moth had invited him to the wrestling match, telling him that he would be admitted free if he admitted at the door, and had then left orders with the ticket taker that no one was to be admitted free. Prince was very indignant over this as a breach of professional courtesy.

This is the second time the complaint has been made against Rustin, who is a constable at Fort Omaha. The first complaint was withdrawn, since which time, it is alleged, the parties have been on friendly terms. The cause of the latest attempt to prosecute is not known.

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WHAT!

The most expert players of this "first of all games" say that the little book containing the principles and rules of the modern scientific game of Whist, as explained and compiled by a well-known Milwaukee lady, and published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, as a clever advertising medium for that great institution, is a true guide for the beginner, and a better standard for reference for the amateur Whistler than the game than the treatises of "Pole," "Cavendish," and others. No family circle or Whist club can feel properly equipped without a copy of "Whist and How to Play It," which can be easily obtained by enclosing TEN CENTS in postage, with your full name and address, to A. V. H. Carpenter, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis. A few sample copies can be had from Andy Braden, 1401 Farnam, as a clever advertising medium for that great institution, is a true guide for the beginner, and a better standard for reference for the amateur Whistler than the game than the treatises of "Pole," "Cavendish," and others. No family circle or Whist club can feel properly equipped without a copy of "Whist and How to Play It," which can be easily obtained by enclosing TEN CENTS in postage, with your full name and address, to A. V. H. Carpenter, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis. A few sample copies can be had from Andy Braden, 1401 Farnam,

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DR. RAMACCIOTTI APPOINTED.

He Has Been Made Assistant State Veterinarian.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Barnhart, of the state live stock commission, arrived in town and in company with City Veterinarian Ramacciotti, examined and killed a gladdened horse which they found on Park avenue.

The state live stock commission has convened a meeting upon Dr. Ramacciotti, that of assistant state veterinarian. He will act as assistant to the state veterinarian, Dr. Gerth, of Lincoln, and attend to all cases in this part of the state.

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How to Talk to 60,000 People For Forty Cents.

Taking the established average of only four readers to each paper issued about 60,000 persons read every issue of THE BEE, A four-line advertisement in the special column will cost but 40 cents (and 28 cents for each subsequent insertion). Try it. The rates are 10 cents a line for the first day, and 7 cents per line per day thereafter.

Eight Ward Republicans Attention—They will be a public meeting on Saturday evening April 16, at 22d and Cummings St., for the purpose of nominating a ticket for the May election.

THE NEW LAND COMMISSIONER.

He Arrives in the City—Railway News in General.

Mr. B. McAlaster, Sr., who has been land commissioner of the Kansas Pacific land office, arrived in Omaha yesterday morning to take charge of the consolidated Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific offices in this city. The entire force of the Kansas Pacific land office will be removed to this city, but this will not cause the old force of the Union Pacific department to be reduced. Among those who arrived with Mr. McAlaster yesterday morning were B. McAlaster, Jr., W. D. Crawford and C. C. Edson.

MR. JONES CAN'T GO.

General Passenger Agent Morse of the Union Pacific, speaking of the rumored appointment of his assistant Sam B. Johnson as acting director of the new commission, said, "While I can't say anything about the matter of Mr. Jones' appointment, I will say this: He is too valuable a man to lose and the Union Pacific can't afford to let him go. Moreover, we shall not let him resign."

GENERAL MANAGER CUMMING.

General Manager Cummings, of the Union Pacific in the east. He left here with the intention of conferring with the directors in the east concerning matters of importance to Omaha, such as the building of the new union depot, freight houses, etc.

MR. JOHNSON'S STENOGRAPHER.

It has transpired that Mr. Phil Warrack, chief clerk of the freight department, did not go west to attend a meeting of cattle men, but for the express purpose of being married. The young lady in question is Miss Georgia Warrack, formerly a stenographer for Assistant General Freight Agent Johnson. Some time ago she left the office and went to California. Mr. Johnson was anxious to get her back and asked his chief clerk, Mr. Warrack, to telegraph for her. Mr. W. graciously consented to bring her back and started after her in person. Mrs. Warrack was not a little surprised when he learned that Miss Taylor would return as Mrs. Warrack and not as his stenographer.

APPRAISING PROPERTY.

The Nebraska Central appraisers began the work of appraising condemned

WHAT WE CLAIM

For our Spring Overcoats will be confirmed by everybody who has bought one from us last week, viz: THAT THEY ARE WORTH TWICE THE MONEY PAID FOR THEM. The bargains we are offering are of so extraordinary a character that the mere mention of prices or reductions is entirely insufficient to convey any correct impression of the values we present. The goods are all of this season's production and are models of excellence in fit and style. Come and see them.

We have again replenished our stock of Spring Suits by several new invoices received during the past few days, and call particular attention to one line of beautiful Cheviots in 2 colors—grey and brown—which we offer at \$8.90 per suit, fully worth \$14.00.

We regret our inability to wait on all those who visited our store last Saturday and invite them to call again. We have increased our force of salesmen and are now better prepared for a rush.

All goods marked in plain figures and at one price.

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