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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Reiter, tailor, Fall goods cheap. There was not a victim in the police court yesterday morning.

Justice Barnett will render a decision at 2 o'clock to-day in the case of Jones vs Keller for assault and battery.

John Lange, of Manila, and Minnie Stearns, of Sioux City, were yesterday united in marriage by Squire Schurz.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's Episcopal church held their holiday festivities at the Royal Arcanum hall last evening.

The city council holds an important meeting this evening and the question of the majority is expected to be up for consideration.

The three men, Keough, Setley and Ward, charged with vagrancy, yesterday had a hearing before Judge Aylesworth and were discharged.

Charles Maginnas died at his home on South Seventh street Wednesday night, from the effects of a fall received a short time ago. He was sixty-two years of age.

The little ones at the Home of the Friendless had their Christmas entertainment yesterday. The tree and distribution of gifts was yesterday afternoon, and in the evening the children gave a charming concert.

A false alarm of fire was turned in from box No. 25, at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight house yesterday afternoon by Alderman Wells, for the purpose of testing the Richmond fire alarm system in cold weather. The working was as perfect as could be desired.

The Apollo club, of Omaha, is to give a concert at the opera house Friday evening, January 6. The club will be assisted by the St. Cecilia quartette, of this city, consisting of Mrs. Winkler, Miss Newell, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Evans. Mr. Brigham, of Omaha, is also engaged for a solo.

On Wednesday evening last the Baptist Sunday school elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: Superintendent, W. C. Garmon; assistant superintendent, C. A. Loucks; treasurer, Miss Emily Trevorton; librarian, Harold McNeill; secretary, Virgil Bergen; organist, Miss Grace Brown.

At the Congregational pew renting Wednesday evening quite a number of sittings were disposed of. There are, however, a number of desirable pews not taken. Any persons wishing to secure seats for the coming year, who have not already done so, will be shown a diagram of the church by W. S. Homer, 23 Main street.

The Coming Mayor. The name of M. F. Rohrer is announced with considerable enthusiasm as that of the coming mayor of the city. He is a young man of large property interests, of a great deal of energy and push, and it is believed that he will be chosen to fill the vacancy caused by Mayor Groneweg's resignation.

"About all I know about it is that I was approached on the subject with the query as to whether I would accept such a position, if the council chose me. At first I did not see how I could afford to do it. I was not looking for that or any other position. I know that there is a big drain on the time, strength and money of any man who acts as mayor of this city. The salary is a mere bagatelle. A man in my circumstances cannot afford to spare the time from his own business. Still, the compliment is one which ought not to be tossed aside by any man. I concluded that if the position was given me, I would try to fill it the best I could for the short time until a mayor could be elected by the people. I don't know any more than you do, and perhaps not so much, as to whether I will be chosen or not. I haven't sought it, and so should not be disappointed at some one else's choice. I have merely replied in answer to a query put to me, that if chosen, I would accept for sixty days, or whatever time it may be, until the spring election."

"But how about your running for the full term?" "Oh, that is a matter which does not need to be decided now. I do not see how I could afford to do it. My present feeling is that I could not do it, even if the position was at my disposal, to serve as mayor for more than a short time. It is not needed to consider any such question as that, however, and that question even isn't here yet. No, what I've said is just my personal feeling in regard to the matter. I think Council Bluffs is on the eve of a big growth, a boom in fact, and if this city will seize its opportunities in 1888, the future prosperity can not be foretold. If it lets these opportunities slip by, I'm afraid they will be gone forever. I am willing to help any way I can, whether as a short term mayor, or a long term citizen."

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Holiday Rates. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway will sell excursion tickets to all stations at one fare for the round trip, on Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, also Jan. 1st and 2nd, 1888, good to return on or before Jan. 3rd.

T. B. Baldwin sells lots. One of the largest real estate transfers, or one that represents the most capital, was recorded yesterday. The sale was of blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25 and 32, and lots 1 to 12 inclusive in block 31, 1 to 12 and 16 to 24 in block 26, 1 to 9 and 13 to 24 in block 28, Ottumwa park. The property is, or was, in the hands of several non-resident persons, and this deal is doubtless for the purpose of clearing up the title so to place the property upon the market in saleable shape. The deeds show that John Barrett sold to Lesser Franklin the undivided one-half of this tract in block 28, and Barrett sold to H. A. Hay two-thirds of the same tract for \$100,000, and that Israel M. Hay, Hattie A. Hay, his wife, and Lesser Franklin sold to Barrett the whole of the tract for \$125,000. Mortgage deeds are also recorded reconveying the property, in several parcels, from Barrett to Hattie A. Hay. This gives a total of eighteen blocks and sixty acres for \$125,000.

Other transfers are as follows: F. McGee to J. M. St. John, lot 1 in block 13, Brown's subdivision, \$150. J. E. McGee to R. S. Richardson, lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 3, Brown's subdivision, \$50. M. Lundgaard to A. J. Mandel, lot 6 in block 1, and all that part of lot 7 in block 1 not taken by the above, \$1,200. C. B. Judd to Anna E. Hume, the north 50 feet of lot 3, block 3, Huntington's subdivision, \$850. M. Lundgaard to Mary Lundgaard, 5 in block 12, Hyatt's subdivision, \$1,500.

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The Ogden House. One chapter of controversy over the Ogden house property is drawing to a close. The owner of the property, Mr. Stout, claims the furniture under virtue of a landlord's writ of attachment, and Mr. Baldwin claims it by virtue of a chattel mortgage. While the controversy has been going on in court the furniture has remained in the hotel, and Mr. Stout has been in possession of the house, which he owns. He has been unwilling to proceed with any permanent arrangements in regard to leasing the hotel, or fitting it up anew, because he could not tell what disposition would finally be made of the furniture. He has been anxious to have the furniture sold and the proceeds kept until the controversy was decided in the courts. On the other hand, Mr. Baldwin opposed the sale of the furniture, claiming that if sold by the sheriff it would enable Mr. Stout, to whom the furniture would be worth more than to any one else to buy it in at a song, there being few, if any, to bid against him.

Under the law the sheriff can call upon the court to appoint a jury to determine whether property held by him should be sold or not. It is sometimes better to sell property than to hold it, especially when the property is of a nature, or so situated as to be liable to depreciation in value. The sheriff advised himself of this provision, and the jury has been appointed, the arguments and evidence have been heard and the decision reached. It is to be expected that the sheriff should sell the furniture between now and the 23d of January.

In accordance with that finding the sheriff will sell the furniture of the Ogden house on the date named. The sale will doubtless cause matters to assume a new form at this old and popular hotel of the city. If Mr. Stout bids in the furniture, he can then go ahead with his improvements and his arrangements for opening the hotel in first-class style, without any further or other arrangements interfered with by having the furniture removed, or changes made by later decisions. If the furniture is sold to some one else, and removed from the hotel, then he will be in condition to act accordingly, and can rent the hotel completely new. It will enable Mr. Stout to go ahead with his plans, whatever they may be, and the public may expect to see the Ogden take its place as one of the best hotels in the west.

A GHOSTLY WEDDING. Two Spectres Join Hands and Are One.

New York Correspondence: How remarkably the evidences of the existence of a spiritual sphere about us accumulate. Still they come, those spectral messengers, to teach us that there are more truths under the sun than science takes cognizance of. Here is another. The village of Farmingdale, Queen's county, L. I., is a suburb of the rapidly growing city of Brooklyn. It's people are of the most conservative nature, mostly descended from the Dutch and English fathers, who came here before the revolution, and Presbyterians almost to a man. All are very much excited at present over the occurrence of a remarkable spiritual manifestation that came to light without the aid of any medium in their midst of a medium. Three days ago the Enquirer correspondent received a letter from his aunt, who lives in the village mentioned, requesting him to come down and hear the remarkable story. On arriving in Farmingdale the following is the story which he heard, and which is authenticated by the persons before whose eyes the strange event occurred.

John P. Powell, esq., is civil magistrate for the village, or rather he is justice of the peace. He is a member in high standing of the church, and every way reliable. He is married and has several grown children. He lives in a large, old-fashioned house, surrounded by tall spruce and elm trees, with a high stone wall around the house. Last week, one night, he had retired to bed and got into a doze. Mrs. Powell was sleeping soundly. There was no light in the room, but the moon, half way up the sky, was sending a broad beam of ghostly light into the chamber window. Everything was as still as a country town usually is, but a slight moaning wind that tossed about the leafy spruce tree boughs. Suddenly Mr. Powell awoke with a start from his doze. He had heard a door open. What could it be that had made the noise? He thought of thieves and quickly arose, and was pulling on his clothing when he heard a light tread of feet to his door. He stopped breathing in his anxiety for he thought he was about to be robbed. On came the tread to his door, which was quickly thrown wide open, and in an instant almost was closed again. Did anyone enter? Mr. Powell asked himself, for he could see no one; but the doubt was soon settled in the affirmative. Something, at least, did enter, for he still heard the light tread of footsteps approaching him, but could see nothing. Did his eyes belie him, or did he see two feet, without body, approaching? He says, he tried to get up, and his spine verily crept—a nameless horror seized him. Ghosts, thought he: is it possible that there are such things? Suddenly the tread passed into the broad moonbeam from the window. Now was the moment when he saw the greenish moonlight lit up the outlines of two persons—shadows that were perfectly transparent, and seemed to reveal a ghostly gleam only on their outlines. A man and a woman—both young, both handsome, both dressed in the forms of the past, but materialized on passing out of the moonlight. Mr. Powell thought he could recognize both their faces. Soon he was sure of it, and in a moment more they both confronted him, no longer looking like ghosts, however, but as one seeing them then would have believed that they were not entirely human; in fact, dwellers upon earth. In spite of what he had already seen, Mr. Powell began to think he was being played a trick, but on a second look again, after rubbing his eyes, he saw that they could not be human, as both, to his certain knowledge, had been dead nearly a year. This only increased his horror, but he gathered strength to speak to them, which somehow he remembered was the proper thing to do on such an occasion.

"What do you want?" stammered he. "We want to be married!" was the answer which the more greatly horrified the squire.

"Married!" he echoed. "Yes, married, and quickly, in the most binding form known to the law. We haven't any time to lose, either." "But you must be sane, or at least, one witness," said the squire, hoping he had found a good idea. "Well, then, take Mrs. Powell," said the would-be ghostly bridegroom, and not waiting for the squire to do so, he approached the bride and shook her hand. Powell's arm quite sharply. She at once awoke, and on seeing so strange a sight, gave a piercing shriek. "Be still," said the ghost. "You will not be hurt; you are needed for a few minutes." By this time she was awakened, and was looking at her husband. He returned her gaze as he says, "without flinching," and said, "My dear, those people want to be married, and you are needed as a witness."

"What! Katie Baylis and John Van Sise here to be married! Lal! I thought they had died more than a year ago!" "Well, however, they are here now, and I'm going to hitch them as soon as I can, dead or alive," said the squire, growing desperate. "Shall I light the lamp?" "No, no!" said the ghosts, "for you cannot see us if you do, but proceed at once with the marriage."

"Squire Powell told the ghosts to join hands and stand before him. Then he proceeded with the usual formula until it came to 'until death do us part,' which was left out as unnecessary. Then the groom produced a blank marriage certificate, which all present signed and which the bride put into her bosom. "Is that all there is to it?" said the groom. "Yes," answered the squire; "except the magistrate usually kisses the bride," added he, forgetting the ghostly character of the contracting parties, and remembering, perhaps, occasions in which he had married himself of this privilege. "Then the bride must be kissed," said the groom. This at once brought the squire to his senses and made his hair raise again. "Kiss the bride!" he echoed. The bride stepped forward at this evidently thinking it an invitation. She brought her face to his, and with a desperate endeavor he gave her a proper kiss. As his lips met hers, he says, a terrible coldness seemed poured into him. He felt as though he was dying, but almost at once recovered himself. "Is there anything else?" asked the groom. "Nothing," answered the squire faintly. "And now I suppose you would both like to know the reason why you should not. You already know the story of our guilty intercourse while we were alive on earth, and that it resulted in our deaths. We are now in the spirit world, which is far more like the earth than is usually supposed, and we have greater privileges and powers, but the man who does not marry while on earth cannot marry in the spirit form, and must live apart from all the married, who inhabit a higher sphere and will in the unmarriage, but I can't explain this as it is not to be revealed. However, when we died we left our souls, born to shame, and without our marriage, which you have solemnized to be illegitimate forever. As we are now for the first time being married, we are able to contract marriage by the laws of mortals, and this marriage will

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be recorded as perfectly lawful by the Almighty." By the time he had finished this long speech he had perceptibly grown less material, and in a few minutes both bride and groom had faded away. Such is the story which Mrs. Powell told on the next day, and her husband confirmed it every particular. The story of the lives of John Van Sise and Katie Baylis is quite romantic. John Van Sise was the son of a poor farmer in the neighborhood. Katie was the daughter of a well-to-do country gentleman, a retired merchant. They fell in love. Their parents were dead against their marriage, and it was a long story that followed. Love was too strong for parents or any other bonds. They met constantly. At last Katie gave birth to an illegitimate child, still alive. She died in child-birth. John died soon after of what was called by the neighbors hasty consumption, but his friends knew it was of broken heart. How strange fate works!

The Young Ladies Dancing club had a pleasant gathering on Wednesday evening at the home of Alderman Wells, on Oakland avenue. The occasion was in honor of Miss Barnard, of Moline, Ill., who is a guest in the family of Mr. Wells.

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