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Nebraska brigade, U. R. K. of P., will attend divine service at St. Paul's church tomorrow evening.

The members of the Chautauqua here

at an important meeting Monday night at the trade rooms.

Unity Guild will meet in regular session this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. M. Weatherbee, Fourth street.

A ten-pound boy took up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. H. Friedman last Thursday night. If you want to see "Fried" smile just hold him this evening.

A special meeting of the board of trade will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Business of much importance. By order of the President, B. Zevely, secretary.

Bell Banks, one of the quartette arrested on Pierce street Tuesday night, and who was to appear yesterday for trial, was unable to go so, being in jail on the other side of the river.

The Woman's Relief corps of this city will give their pink sash at G. A. Hall this evening. A good supper and ice cream will be served. An interesting programme is in course of preparation.

The German Catholic ladies gave a very successful party at Aragon last evening. A large number were present, and the evening was passed very enjoyably. The ladies netted about \$800.

The city engineer is putting in sewer flushing tanks at the corner of First and Willow avenues and Pearl street. They are being placed along all of the sewers which are not sufficiently used to keep them in proper condition.

Dr. Montgomery left last evening for Osgo, Ia., to bring home his wife and daughter, who have been taken sick while visiting friends. The doctor expects to return Monday or Tuesday, as soon as the weather is more favorable.

W. H. Ware received a fine red fox yesterday morning from Mr. Thomas McDermott, of Ottawa, Ill. The animal was taken to the farm of J. J. Johnson, east of the city, where it is the intention of the coursing club to breed the animals for sport in future.

Yesterday afternoon the watchman in the Rock Island yards notified the police that a young man was in that locality endeavoring to sell three pairs of new pants for a dollar, and when asked where he obtained them, could give no satisfactory answer. The man gave the name of Charles West, but refused to answer any other question. He was seized with suspicion and vagrancy.

Constable Covault raided the saloon at No. 808 West Broadway yesterday afternoon. His warrant stated the place as the west end for the lot, but he extended jurisdiction sufficiently to cover the entire building, and seized a box of beer found there. Charles Liebold claimed the ownership, stating that he bought it preparatory to going on a fishing trip, but the officer was not satisfied, and took the liquor along with him.

James Saguin has petitioned the court for a writ of habeas corpus, but failed.

Samuel S. Smith, of Council Bluffs, Ia., the cause for this action, based on the fact that she has become an inmate of the insane asylum at Mount Pleasant, which insanity was brought on by the constant use of morphine. He charged her also of needlessly spending his property, and, in view of her mental decline, and the fact that she had a son, he asks that the court set aside all her rights to interest in his property and to give him full control of it, not subject to her rights of alimony.

George A. Holmes, secretary of the democratic convention, has sent a circular calling on the county to meet at the Hotel next Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

The primal object is to determine the date for holding the county convention. As the date of the state convention is set down for September 10, it is proposed that one county convention ought to be sufficient, and delegates to the state convention and candidates for county offices can all be chosen at one session. The central committee will consulted the matter, however.

The death of the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Memaroff, at Crescent, was a sad blow to the parents, who died in an accidental manner.

The child had been suffering for several days, and the medicine being used contained laudanum. The bottle was left near the bedside, and the little one managed to get it and drained it. As he lay there, a drop of laudanum, a slender, and some time elapsed before the parents noticed what had happened, when medical attendance could not arouse her. The funeral occurred yesterday morning.

Dexter, employment.

S. B. Wadsworth & Co. loan money.

J. H. Smith, drugs, medicines, paints, oils, glass, 609 Main, near John Mergen's.

Kerr & Gray, real estate, 505 First avenue.

Personal Paragraphs.

F. A. Larkin and wife are visiting at Marengo, Ia.

Dick Ricketts is able to be out again after a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Peter Tholl are residing at Colfax, Ia.

Miss Clara Flammant, of Munneola, is visiting friends in the Bluffs.

Mrs. J. M. Lamb is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Miller, in Ottumwa.

Mrs. S. A. Brown is to be married to-morrow for a private visit at Los Angeles.

Miss Grace Graham and Miss Anna Morgan have returned from a southern trip.

W. J. Gratum has returned from a two months' visit to his old home at Alton, Ill.

R. L. Williams returned yesterday from Portsmouth, where he has been for several days.

C. E. Davis has returned to Ithaca, N. Y., where he will continue his studies at Cornell university.

Dr. M. H. Chamberlain has been called to the northern part of the state on a professional trip.

Colonel D. B. Dailey has returned home from Cedar Rapids, where he delivered the address at an old soldiers' reunion.

Frank S. Pusey arrived in the city yesterday morning from New York, and left on the "Overland" last evening for Denver.

J. F. Evans and family and Mrs. F. H. Evans returned yesterday from an extended pleasure trip through Colorado and Wyoming.

E. B. Leonard, formerly night clerk at the Clark, the Upper Broadway commission merchant.

Mrs. A. J. Stephenson has returned from Goshen, Ind. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Meader, who will remain several weeks.

A. J. Dyer, ex-captain of police, leaves Monday morning for the West, will make the trip across the state in regular "prairie schooner" style, in the hope of benefiting the health of Mrs. Dyer, who has been ill for some time. Stops will be made at Spruce Lake and numerous points of interest along the route.

Charles Nicholson, assistant chief of the state police, has spent the past few days in absence at Denver, for which he may be leaves this morning. The attractions of the tournament there are furthered by old associations, he having spent some time in Colorado ten years ago.

S. T. French will next week go to Salt Lake to look over the resources of that city, with a view of settling there. Mr. Olmstead, also of Sixth avenue, has already made some investments there, and other Council Bluffs citizens are looking with favor on the coming Salt Lake boom.

Mr. B. L. Burt, for many years manager of the Western Union Telegraph company's office here, is in charge of the Salt Lake office. He is quite enthusiastic. Mr. Graham, live stock agent of the Rock Island, lately returned from a trip there, and also gives some reports.

Night Providers Aboard.

The burglars have again commenced operations after a vacation of a few weeks, and start out this time with two jobs to their credit within twenty-four hours. Thursday afternoon they visited the residence of A. J.

THE NEWS ABOUT THE BLUFFS

An Official States That the City Water is All Right.

THE DANGERS OF SEWER GAS.

Everybody and His Relations as Found in the New Directory—Burglars at Work Again—Personals.

Sewer Gas and City Water.

The water question continues to agitate the public mind, and several communications regarding it have been received at this office. The majority of them are of an inquiring tone, one inquirer voicing the sentiments of many in his anxiety to know "if there is really anything in it." Another of the comments is as follows:

To the Editor of The Bee: An editor is supposed to know a little more than anybody else who doesn't know anything about it. So Mr. Editor, will you tell me about sewer gas? What is there more fatal about it than the gas that escapes from an ordinary sewer? Is your gas cleaner than our water? Is there any danger from gas where water only from your kitchen sink is carried through a trapped pit to a deep vault?

There is a professional sanitary engineer in this city or town who knows one kind of gas better than another. Who can prevent sewer gas from invading our dwellings?

Is there a chemist here who can analyze water, and ascertain its impurities, and let the people of Council Bluffs know what kind of water we have, and how it differs from what was furnished by the water company six months ago?

To the water company do not afford us pure water, and cannot afford to do it, and deny that its water is impure, let the city come to our rescue. The methods of some life men in examining the methods of use in water with water, as well as the character of the water so supplied. No time is to be lost in the matter. Six months ago we had the best water of any city in the world, and there is no good reason why we should not have it now. In conclusion let me say, we should either have pure whisky or pure water.

The writer of the above is evidently one of the many citizens who have been considerably disturbed during the past few weeks by the change in the character of our water, not furnishing as pure water as might be expected, and that the company was rather indifferent as to the condition of the setting basin at the foot of Broadway.

Numerous inquiries similar to the above have been received, and the writer of the above is of the opinion that a careful investigation is now required.

The subject of sewer gas is one concerning which much has been written, still its insidious properties are seemingly but little understood. The general public understands that it is dangerous, but they do not know exactly to disease and epidemics. There is also a prevailing idea among property owners that traps should be provided in all sewer pipes to prevent the gas backing up from the sewers to the houses with which they are connected. However, the writer of the above is of the opinion that the responsibility lies with the plumbers, and that they rest a large degree of responsibility.

With this very scant knowledge on the subject, the public evinces a disposition to be perfectly satisfied, and in the majority of cases no further investigation is made until the subject of type is mentioned. In such cases calls attention to the fact that something is wrong, when the "malarial atmosphere" is finally decided upon as the source of the trouble, and again the writer of the above is of the opinion that the cause is a sewer. Under these circumstances it is forced back through the water in the sewer traps, which at such times are obviously inadequate to the task allotted them. In view of this, there are hundreds of sanitary engineers who believe that the sewer trap alone is not sufficient protection against the encroachments of sewer gas. They advise the placing of a vertical pipe, running above the roof of the building, which will convey the gas from the sewer traps beyond the reach of the water, and thus prevent the escape into the rooms.

By means of this escape pipe the danger of explosion is obviated, and all possibility of the gas backing into the house is done away with.

The writer of the above is asked concerning the peculiar fatal properties of this gas, and his opinion was expressed as follows: "The disease most commonly produced by sewer gas is typhoid fever, and thus disease is spread more widely by this means than by any other. For instance, the sewers would completely guard against carrying an epidemic. The typhoid germ is very minute, and is carried into the sewer by the water. It is so small that our best authorities assert that it rises with the sewer gas, and thus spreads the disease over a wide area. It is not to be expected that the sewer gas will be able to carry it far, but it is to be expected that it will be carried over a wide area.

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