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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co.

Gleason coal.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal.

Thatcher coal, 114 Main street.

Carbon Coal Co. wholesale, retail, 10 Pearl

A divorce has been granted in the case of B. E. Sherwood vs Nathan Sherwood.

A single anti-prohibitionist monopolized the attention of the police judge yesterday morning.

The change from horse power to electricity will be made on the Sixteenth street line in a few days.

Examinations are in progress in the public schools this week. Promotions will be made next Monday.

The case of State vs Frank Kane, for assault with intent to kill, will be heard before Justice Barnett tomorrow.

Evening meetings are being conducted at the Herean Baptist church this week, conducted by Rev. T. F. Thickstun.

Augustus Murphy died at 10:30 last night of Bright's disease. He was twenty-eight years old and leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Freeman are the happy parents of a girl baby, which came to their home on First street yesterday morning.

The supreme court of the state has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of T. W. Rosenthal & Co. vs Peter C. Miller.

Manager Dohany yesterday booked "The Paymaster" for the 10th and 11th of February. It is one of the best staged plays on the road.

Arguments were commenced in the case of Kilpatrick-Koch vs Yoder in the district court yesterday afternoon. The case will probably be submitted tonight.

Papers have been filed in the district court in a suit against the Council Bluffs insurance company for insurance due on a packing house burned last July at Lake, Cook county, Ill.

George Phillips, the ice man who was stabbed by Frank Kane at Lake Manawa last Monday, died last night. Kane was arrested on a charge of assault, which will now be changed to murder.

The Danebo society will give its twelfth annual masquerade ball at Hughes' hall on Broadway this evening. Great preparations have been made and the affair will no doubt attract a large number.

There was not a quorum of members of the real estate exchange present yesterday at the 11 o'clock session, and no business was transacted. There are several important matters that will come up today, and a good crowd can be entertained.

Plans for an elegant residence for Mr. Frank S. Stelling are being prepared. The location is the lot on South Eighth street between the residences of W. W. Loomis and J. A. Murphy, recently presented to Mrs. Stelling by her father, Hon. J. M. Palmer.

The Congregational sociable will be entertained at the residence of Mrs. F. Grass, corner Washington avenue and Sixth street, Friday evening. Mrs. Grass will be assisted by Mesdames Hollis, Haile, Harkness, Churchill and Hewitt. A musical and literary programme has been prepared.

Articles of incorporation of the Omaha land and improvement company have been filed for record. The principal place of business is at Council Bluffs, Ia., and Omaha, Neb., and the capital stock is $1,000,000. The incorporators are Francis D. Cooper, James Lovett, James A. Woodman, L. B. Williams and J. W. Rodefer.

The supreme court has reversed the decision of the district court in the case of Hazard vs City of Council Bluffs. The plaintiff sued for $2,000 damages caused by the loss of a valuable horse, the animal having broken a leg by falling through a culvert at the corner of Pierce street and Park avenue. On the first trial before Judge Thornell the jury disagreed. It was then tried before Judge Deemer and a verdict returned for the city. This finding is reversed and the case sent back for another trial next term.

F. Keenan is fitting up a restaurant in elegant style at No. 503 Broadway. It will be strictly first class and will be without exception the finest place of the kind ever opened in the city. He is negotiating for the lease of the large store room in the rear of the Council Bluffs Savings bank on South Main street, which he will fit up for ladies and regular boarders. The place is being entirely remodeled at an outlay of several thousand dollars. A new plate glass front will be put in and a great many changes made. The kitchen will be located on the second floor and an elevator is now being placed in position to connect it with the restaurant proper. First class rates will prevail, and the establishment will be in every respect as fine as can be found in any city in the west.

If you want a newmarket, English walking jacket, plush jacket or coat, quietly step into the Boston Store and save 50 to 100 per cent from what other unscrupulous dealers ask. Council Bluffs.

Drs. Woodbury have removed their dental office to 101 Pearl street, up stairs.

The acknowledged leading photographer in Council Bluffs is Schmidt, 220 Main street

The water runs when Bixby plumbs.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 527 Broadway.

Bush & Gert's pianos, 538 Broadway.

Enterprise and energy displayed at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs.

Personal Paragraphs.

S. Farnsworth is confined to his home by illness.

John Boyle of Pacific Junction was in the city yesterday

J. F. Record and M. H. McCluskey of Glenwood were Bluffs visitors yesterday.

Sheriff Delashmutt of Mills county was in the city yesterday for the first time since his recent serious illness.

Just as Advertised.

Everything as advertised at the Boston Store. No catch advertisement schemes as has been heretofore customary in the Bluffs. Boston Store, Council Bluffs.

How Is It?

C. H. Titus has been appointed traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific, with headquarters in Denver, vice H. J. Ritenberick, resigned.—Republican.

We understand Mr. Holcomb promised the conductors of the Nebraska division last spring, when a certain committee waited upon him, that he would not go outside for any men, but would fill all vacancies from his own line, and from the above notice he has taken a man from a connecting line who was dismissed last August and promoted him over all the men on the Missouri River division. How is it, Mr. Holcomb?

FAIR PLAY.

Cheviots and flannels at the Boston Store clearing sale.

The handsomest and cleanest market, best meats and lowest prices, J. M. Scanlan's.

The Ross Investment and Trust company.

C. B. steamdye works, 1013 Broadway.

Save 50 per cent on tombstones and monuments. Design sheet and price list free. L. Kelley, 203 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Iowa lump coal, spot cash, $3.50 per ton. Council Bluffs Fuel Co.

The Boston Store leads them in the Bluffs.

National Farmers' Congress.

The convention of farmers which the real estate exchange is endeavoring to secure for Council Bluffs next summer is the National Farmers' congress, and not the National alliance, as was reported in yesterday's BEE. The two bodies are separate and distinct. The last convention of the congress was held at Montgomery, Ala., and Iowa was selected as the state in which the coming meeting should be held, leaving the selection of the city to the secretary, Hon. B. F. Clayton, of Maccounia, Ia., who is at present in the city on business. This congress of farmers of the United States is a very important gathering, comprising one delegate from every congressional district, together with the secretaries of the state boards of agriculture and presidents of state agricultural colleges.

Dr. H. S. West, Dental Surgery, No. 12 Pearl st., over BEE office.

School books and school supplies at Kelly & Youngerman, 102 Broadway.

Mrs. C. L. Gillette's closing out sale of hair goods at Mrs. Pfeiffer's, No. 14 Main street, is attracting a great deal of interest among ladies who desire to make purchases. Mrs. Gillette had the largest stock of these goods ever brought west, and she is selling them less than half wholesale prices.

The clearing sale at the Boston store is now in full swing, don't fail to attend and share a portion of the bargains; Council Bluffs.

The Council Bluffs insurance company's average annual income since organization has been $120,000.00. Disbursements since organization for losses and other expenditures now exceeds $1,000,000.00. Risks written since organization, $12,770,545.00. Every property owner should patronize this home institution, and in that way encourage and build up our city. J. B. Allen is the city agent of this company, and a more honorable, reliable and trustworthy man can not be found. The directors of the company are Hon. W. F. Sapp, H. L. Shugart, F. M. Gault, John Renners, M. C. Brainerd and J. Q. Anderson.

Linens and sheetings at the Boston store clearing sale, Council Bluffs.

Block Versus Brick.

The council has been debating of late what material shall be used in the future in paving the streets. After spending nearly half a day in session as a committee of the whole, they have decided that they will do some paving the coming year, but have not determined just how much. It was agreed to see the property holders on certain streets and get their views on this question, and if they favor paving, to see what material they preferred. The prevailing sentiment favors wood, but there is a decided preference on some streets in the residence portion of the city, where there is little heavy traffic, for brick. None of the aldermen, however, are in favor of wooden paving, as it not only wears out quickly but is unhealthy and expensive in the end. The only thing to recommend is the first cost, and property owners are already beginning to realize that it is far from being a permanent paving. The rapidity with which the blocks are decaying on streets that were paved three years ago, together with the fact that eastern cities have declared against them, has set many of the citizens to thinking quite seriously. It is evident that the streets paved with blocks will have to be repaved before the last assessment for the present paving becomes due, and this has called for considerable figuring on the part of several property owners.

While brick is the choice of the majority, it is apparent that the brick thus far used is not the proper article. It is a question whether really first class paving brick can be manufactured here. Trials thus far made, while they resulted in the production of much better material than the ordinary hard building brick, have not turned out anything that can compare with the celebrated Galesburg brick. The local brickmakers claim to be able to produce an article that will give satisfaction, but it is not yet forthcoming. The $50,000 plant that was promised in case certain contracts were let has not been put in, and there is no indication that it will be. The paving question is one that will soon have to be solved permanently, and it is of sufficient importance to attract considerable attention. It is worthy of careful consideration.

The Leaders

of fine watches and jewelry in the city, and the place to buy the best goods at the lowest prices is the establishment without rivals, the most reliable firm of

C. B. JACQUEMIN & Co.

Travelers, Hotel Jameson is first-class.

Dr. C. H. Bower, 536 First ave. Tel. 229.

Two cottages for rent, nicely located, city water, sewerage, all modern conveniences, one block from motor. W. E. Johnson, 101 Pearl.

Blankets and comforts at the Boston store clearing sale, Council Bluffs.

Without a Secretary.

It is no longer Secretary Zevely of the board of trade. At a meeting held Tuesday evening Hon. George F. Wright introduced a motion to dispense with Zevely's services and it carried. As has been previously stated, the relations between Mr. Zevely and some of the members of the board have not been of the most cordial nature, and matters finally came to such a pass that several of the members refused to continue as members of the organization if he was retained in the position of secretary. Officers were to have been elected some time ago, but in view of the existing trouble it was deemed best to postpone it for awhile and see if the storm would not blow over. It failed to blow, and it became evident that the board to trade would drop into innocuous desuetude if the wait was prolonged until those demanding a change submitted to the wishes of the minority. Accordingly the desired concession was granted in the interest of harmony.

So it happens that Mr. Zevely will be able hereafter to devote his full time and attention to the real estate exchange, of which he is also secretary, and to newspaper work, in which he indulges more or less for recreation. Whatever Zevely's faults may be, or however much ground there may be for the charges made against him, it is certain that he has made the board a most efficient secretary. He has worked most zealously in the interests of the city and the board may find it difficult to get a more energetic and progressive man for the place. It is possible that he will be re-elected to his old position when the board effects a new organization in the sweet subsequently, but the indications are not promising. It is generally understood that the position will not again be offered him. Since it became doubtful whether or not a new organization could be effected the charter members of the old board have been rather uneasy. It was argued that if Zevely was not dismissed, and the new board did not materialize, he might possibly hold them for another year's salary, and they did not take kindly to the idea. For this reason they were quite anxious to have the relation severed, that they might feel relieved of any responsibility. This had very material weight in leading to the discharge of the secretary. It is stated that the board now has fifty members ready for business this year, and they will shortly meet to elect new officers.

Inventory clearing sale at the Boston store, Council Bluffs.

F. Janssen teaches zither music. Terms reasonable. 927 3d avenue.

The Manhattan sporting headq'rs 418 B-way.

Full line of homeopathic medicines at Ellis'.

Water Rents.

The water supply will be cut off from all premises where the water rent is not paid on or before Friday, January 31, 1890. A charge of $1 will be collected before water will be turned on again. Office will be open Friday evening until 9 o'clock.

COUNCIL BLUFFS CITY WATERWORKS CO.

Clearing sale at the Boston store, Council Bluffs.

Good Manners.

It is in subtle ways in which social selfishness crops out. The old-fashioned division of society was into superiors, equals and inferiors. One of the rarest things in American society is genuine courtesy toward superiors, says the Chautauquan. Todyism there is plenty of, and it is a distinguishing habit which it is unnecessary to condemn here. The more common and less conspicuous mistake is withholding through selfishness the deference which is due superiority. Let a person of a little more culture, a little better position, larger experience, be thrown among us and we too often assume a cold dignity. The glorious doctrine of the equality of all men we quote in self-defense. Unselfishness would alter this manner and tell us to do the honest thing—and the only polite thing—give his worth its due and ourselves the opportunity of gathering what we can from his broader life. This principle is constantly ignored in our villages and towns. The sharp lines which are drawn between cliques are really often, if not as a rule, the fault of those who feel their social position to be less than that of another set and who assume a rigid formality when thrown into their company. The manner which shows deference combined with self-respecting independence is one of the most charming good society sees.

The great strain on this principle undoubtedly comes from association with equals. A man is polite to his daily associates in proportion as he lays aside his own claim for consideration and substitutes theirs, but it must be spontaneous, natural, unpretending unselfishness.

Montana, Oregon and Washington.

A correct map of the northwest will show that the Northern Pacific railroad traverses the central portion of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Washington for a distance of nearly two thousand miles; it is the only railroad reaching Jamestown, Bismarck, Miles City, Billings, Livingston, Bozeman, Missoula, Cheney, Davenport, Palouse City, Sprague, Ritzville, Yakima, Ellensburg, Tacoma, Seattle, and in fact nine-tenths of the northwest cities, towns and points of interest.

The northern Pacific is the shortest trans-continental route from St. Paul and Chicago to Helena, Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Spokane Falls, Walla Walla, Dayton and Portland, and the only one whose through trains reach any portion of the new state of Washington. Land seekers purchasing Pacific coast second class tickets via the St. Paul and the Northern Pacific have choice from that point of free colonist sleeping cars or Pullman's tourist furnished sleepers at charges as low as the lowest.

For the benefit of settlers the Northern Pacific also gives a ten day stop over privilege on second class north Pacific coast tickets at Spokane Falls and each and every point west, including over 125 stations in Washington, thus enabling persons seeking a home to examine this vast territory without incurring an expense of from $6 to $25 in traveling on local tickets from point to point.

Insure for yourself comfort and safety by having the best accommodations afforded, thereby avoiding change of cars, re-checking of baggage, transfers and lay overs en route. Money can be saved by purchasing tickets via St. Paul or Minneapolis and the Northern Pacific.

For maps, pamphlets, rates and tickets inquire of your nearest ticket agent, any district passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, or Charles S. Fee, general passenger and ticket agent, St. Paul, Minn.

BREAKING UP A COLD.

A Time-Honored Remedy Which is Considered Efficacious.

The practice which is known as "breaking up a cold" appears to have arisen, says the Toronto Globe, from a popular belief that a cold consists of an incrustation of solid ice somewhere in the system and that this can be got rid of only by the application of divers hot liquids, a process analagous to the thawing of frozen water-pipes. The practice, as we have heard, is something like this: About 10 o'clock at night the patient declares that, by George, he has got an awful cold and that he means to break it up. He then disappears and shortly returns with a bottle of some kind of medicine, which is certified by the label to be four or seven years old, according to the degree of mendacity of the bottler. Water is then heated to about 112° Fahrenheit, poured into tumblers and mixed with sugar, lemons and other articles intended to remove the flavor of the medicine, which is declared to be extremely unpleasant. It is customary for the friends of the patient to partake of the mixture, in order to show their sympathy for him, and to some extent to share his sufferings. While the patient is drinking his bed is prepared with unusual care. It is covered with an abnormal number of blankets, intended to give aid and comfort to the hot stuff in its conflict with the aforesaid icy incrustation. A tendency to kick the clothes off is resisted by fastening flatirons and other weighty articles to the coverings. The patient wakes in the morning covered with a perspiration which he confidently believes to be the remnant of the conquered cold.

Far be it from us to cast any doubt upon the efficacy of this time-honored remedy. We are informed, however, that many persons regard the principal ingredient in the hot mixture with dislike and even loathing, and that were it not for the extreme danger of neglecting a cold they would never partake of it. We have, therefore, much pleasure in being able to state that the opinion is gaining ground that this nauseous mixture may be discarded and that the cold will yield as readily to the enlivening hot lemonade and the toothsome gruel. This advice is all the more valuable because lemons and oatmeal, unlike the other ingredient to which we have alluded, can be procured at a grocery store which does not possess a license.

The Proper Thing for Evening.

In the matter of evening dress it is safe to say that there will be no radical change as far as the average man is concerned, but a very pretty and novel suit is apparently destined to become popular among very swell young men during this spring says the Chicago Tribune. The newest feature about it is that the trousers are made of a very pale lavender cashimere. There is very little that is old fashioned about the coat.

The material is a dark blue undressed worsted. The front is made with a shawl roll and is faced with quilted silk. The skirts are similar to those of a cutaway coat. The cuffs are covered with finely-quilted silk. The waistcoat is double-breasted, embroidered, and made of white satin. The shirt is frilled and embroidered. The linen collar worn with this dress suit is peculiarly interesting. Although turned down, it stands as high as an ordinary stand-up collar. The bow is tied by the wearer and the ends are left outside the collar. On this account the tie has to be made specially for the neck it is to grace, else it would not rest neatly outside the collar.

Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills.

An important discovery. They act on the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new principle. They speedily cure billiousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles and constipation. Splendid for men, women and children. Smallest, mildest, surest. 30 doses for 25 cents. Samples free at Kuhn & Co.'s, 15th and Douglas.

A BAND OF HUMAN VAMPIRES

Horrible Practices of a Religious Sect in Kansas City.

CALL THEMSELVES "SAMARITANS"

And Advocate the Drinking of the Blood of Members of Their Order Who Will Submit to the Ordeal.

A Kansas City Fad.

For some time rumors of a new religious sect, which has found birth in the territory adjacent to the Blue river, just east of this city, have been afloat and have reached the ears of the police, who have been asked for humanity's sake to interfere with the rituals, says a Kansas City special to the Denver Republican. The matter was referred to the humane officers, who gave the reports no credence, as they were too horrible to believe.

According to these reports the rituals were founded upon the scriptural injunction to do good to the sick. This injunction has been followed to the extent that the sect has degenerated into a band of human blood drinkers, those who are well allowing themselves to be bled for those who are ill.

The district in which these horrible rites are practiced is within the new city limits and the chief of police sent Human Officer Marran to investigate the case, which was reported in the following letter received by Humane Secretary Huckett:

"Mr. Huckett: There is somethin I think ought to be called to your attenshun at once which I think is bad for a civilized community. their is John Wrinkle and his 2 children He has been sick and he is crazy on religion. his little girl Minnie is 13 year old and his boy John is 11. Wrinkle has hero that people drink blod at the sloughter houses for their health an he said he believed in the bible that it preached that the well should make sacrifises for the sick.

"He did bleed his little boy and girl until they are reeks and he did drink the blod. It has leaked out an unless somethin is done by you the neighbors will take the matter in their own hand and that quick too He lives in a little piece of land near the new city limits. yours respectfully GEORGE WEST.

"p. s. send some officers."

Officer Marran's investigation of the matter proved that the letter to Secretary Huckett had not told half of the horrible practices in vogue among the people who believed in the savage rites. About a year ago there appeared among the people of that neighborhood a man named Silas Wilcox, who went about the country preaching the doctrine of doing good for the sick. It was not long until he had a sufficient number of adherants to his theories to warrant him in founding a sect which he called the "Samaritans." Gradually he widened his teachings to his little band, until he openly advocated the drinking of blood for all diseases, giving as authority for such action the fact that the bible taught that the blood was the life. Almost daily pilgrimages were made to the packing houses by those who were ailing, and there they drank the blood of the freshly killed beeves.

It appears, however, that Wilcox was not satisfied with the blood of these animals, and he soon advanced the doctrine that it was well to show belief in the teachings of the good book by giving up human blood for the sick and suffering members of the band. This idea was gradually established, the human vampire being the first to profit by the horrible practic. Wilcox apparently became very sick and was unable to make the pilgrimage to the packing house. He called upon the faithful members of the band to volunteer to save his life. A woman named Nancy Dixon was the first to show her belief in the doctrine, and she bared her arm for the extraction of the life-giving fluid. Wilcox sucked the blood from her arm and the effect was marvelous, for he recovered from his illness the same day. This visible manifestation of the truth of doctrine made a great impression on the members of the band, and the result has been that from that day the habit or practice has increased and is now a regular practice among the sect of Samaritans.

At the home of John Wrinkle, mentioned in the letter, were found two emaciated children as the letter had said. On the bed lay Wrinkle, who was apparently in the last stages of consumption. When questioned about drinking the blood of the children he strenuously denied having done so, and the children also said that such had not been done. Their bloodless appearance, however, excited the suspicion of the officer and he compelled them to show their arms. These members were in a terrible condition, being covered with scars around the inside of the elbow joint, showing plainly the effects of the bleeding. When confronted with this evidence of the truth of the accusation, Wrinkle acknowledged that he had availed himself of the opportunity and the children had willingly given their blood to restore him to health. The man was in such a condition that he could not be moved, but the children were taken from the house and placed in the children's home. Chief Speers is anxious to put a stop to the vile practice, but it appears there is no law which covers the case and nothing can be done except to protect the children from the habit.

An investigation into the rites of the sect shows the following facts: The band of Samaritans numbers about twenty and holds regular weekly meetings at the houses of the different members. At these meetings the sick or ailing members ask for assistance from the well ones, and these are detailed to give their blood according to their condition of health and strength. When a member becomes very sick the well ones take turns in supplying him with the life-giving fluid. They claim that they have as much right to do this when the blood is a voluntary contribution as the physicians have to transfuse blood from one person to another.

Nervous debility, poor memory, diffidence sexual weakness, pimples, cured by Dr Miles' Nervine. Samples free at Kuhn & Co.'s, 15th and Douglas.

Self-Playing Cards.

The Listener of the Boston Transcript noticed a very odd placard in a Washington street widow last evening: it read: "Self-play-cards." At the time he hadn't curiosity enough to go in and find out what self-playing cards are, but the further away he got from the sign the more his curiosity was aroused, and the more he was impressed with the notion that the inventor of these articles had got hold of a very good thing. Real self-playing cards that would sit up at the table and play themselves would be an unspeakable boon to thousands of people. With such an invention an invitation to a card party would not be quite so desolating as it generally is now. The cards could be set at work playing whist or euchre, and the guests, with a great load off their minds, could go in and have a good time. That eccentric friend of the Listener's who, when he and his wife get an invitation to a whist party, accepts it, but with the proviso that is wife is to play whist while he goes down cellar and puts in his time sawing wood, would be mightily pleased with this new arrangement, because it would let him out of the wood-sawing—and he isn't at all fond of sawing wood. And after all, what would there be more absurb about games of cards played entirely by machinery than there is about hiring men—human machines at that—to play our athletic games for us?

Ringing Noises

In the ears, sometimes a roaring buzzing sound are caused by catarrh that exceedingly disagreeable and veryco mmon disease. Loss of smell or hearing also result from catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is a peculiarly successful remedy for this disease, which it cures by purifying the blood. If you suffer from catarrh, try Hood's Sarsaparilla, the peculiar medicine.

TAPPED ON HER ARM.

A Nebraskan's Ingenious Way of Talking to His Deaf Daughter.

"James V. Dorpman and daughter, Lodge Pole, Neb.," is written in a bold hand on the register at the Ridgeway house, Market street and Delaware avenue, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Mr. Dorpman is a tall, well built man of sixty years, with a long beard, strongly tinged with gray. His daughter is about eighteen years old. She has a pretty, intelligent face and the brightest and bluest kind of bright blue eyes.

When Mr. Dorpman and his daughter first came to the Ridgeway house they attracted the attention and curiosity of the guests by their strange behavior. Whether in the parlor or in the dining-room Mr. Dorpman always sat on the left-hand side of his daughter and tapped her left arm constantly with the fingers of his right hand, as though playing on a typewriter. His fingers skipped nimbly at random from the girl's wrist almost to her shoulder and back again. At intervals he paused and the girl smiled, nodded her head, or else tapped her left arm in the same manner with the fingers of her right hand, the old man closely watching their movement.

The strange actions of the couple were subjects of continual comment and speculation among the guests. Finally some one noticed that the father and daughter were never heard to exchange a word. They always sat quietly when in each other's presence, and were always drumming on the girl's left arm as if it were a pianoforte. The girl kept away from the other guests of her sex, and was never seen in conversation with any one. At the dining table Mr. Dorpman gave the orders to the waiters both for himself and his daughter. When Proprietor Butterworth met the young woman on the stairs last Thursday and said, affably, "Good morning," she never answered the salute. The strange actions of the couple occasioned such widespread comment and curiosity among the guests of the house that finally Proprietor Butterworth approached Mr. Dorpman while he was standing at the cigar counter one day, and after a few minutes of general conversation asked him to explain the cause of his constant tapping on his daughter's arm.

"So you've noticed that, eh?" said Mr. Dorpman with a laugh. "Well, that is how I talk to Hattie. She is deaf and dumb."

Mr. Butterworth asked him how he was able to converse with his daughter by simply drumming on her arm.

"You'll think it is easy after I tell you," he answered. "You must remember that we came from an obscure part of Nobraska, settled there with my wife a quarter of a century ago. Eighteen years ago when Hattie was born, there was not a house within a mile of us, nor a city within sixty miles. As the child grew older we discovered that she was deaf and dumb. We were at a loss how to communicate with her. We were far away from a civilized community, and no one we knew was familiar with the sign language of the deaf mutes, so that the baby grew up to be a child before we could devise some scheme to talk to her.

"Finally my wife hit upon a novel idea. She got a clever young fellow who worked for us to tattoo the alphabet on Hattie's arm. The letter "A" began just above the wrist and the letter "Z" ended just below the shoulder blade. Hattie was then six years old. In less than a year by this means my wife had taught her the alphabet.

"Then we began to spell out words touching each letter very slowly with our fingers. As the child learned we became faster, and when Hattie was twelve years old we were able to talk to her as rapidly as a person can spell out words on a typewriter. Hattie, too, learned to answer us by drumming on her tattooed arm. Of course for several years at first, when we wanted to talk to her, or she to us, she had to roll up the sleeve of her left arm. Gradually her sense of touch became so fine that she knew without looking just where each letter was located, and her mother and I, by constant practice, were enabled to strike these letters with her sleeves rolled down.

Beethoven's Last Piano.

The "Beethoven's house society," Bonn, has recently acquired Beethoven's last piano. It was made by the court piano maker, Konrad Graff, who died in Vienna in 1851, says the London Standard. He went to that city in the beginning of this century, and soon gained a reputation by the excellence of his pianos. The instrument in question was expressedly ordered from him by Beethoven. In consideration of his deafness it was made with four strings to each key instead of the usual three. Owing to the strength of its tones Beethoven used it almost exclusively in the last years of his life. After his death it passed into the hands of the bookseller, Frank Wimmer, of Vienna, and after the marriage of his daughter to a Swiss clergyman named Windmann it became the property of the Windmann family in Berne. Its genuineness is proved by a document and confirmed by the authority of Johannes Brahms. It is now to be placed in the house in which the great composer was born at Bonn.

Instant Loss of Sight.

A middle-aged man, with slightly gray hair and moustache, standing in the Post counting-room last evening, his crippled legs reinforced by a pair of crutches, was suddenly, without a second's premonition, stricken stone blind, says the Washinton Post. He was Mr. Henry Dodge of 911 Fourth street. He had just got a copy of yesterday's paper, and had scarcely rested his eyes on it when the paper dropped from his hands and he covered his eyes with them and cried: "My God! I'm struck blind."

He leaned on the counter and sobbed, his shoulders shaking, and tears from his sightless eyes streaming through his fingers.

Mr. Dodge wears on his breast the bronze emblem of the Grand Army of the Republic. A wound he had received in the army had injured his spinal cord.

From the effects of the wound he has never recovered, and some time ago he suffered a partial stroke of paralysis. His sudden blindness probably is attributable to the same cause. He felt no pain, he said, but his eyes were as sightless as though they had been plucked out. Policeman Boyce was summoned and Mr. Dodge was taken home in a cab.

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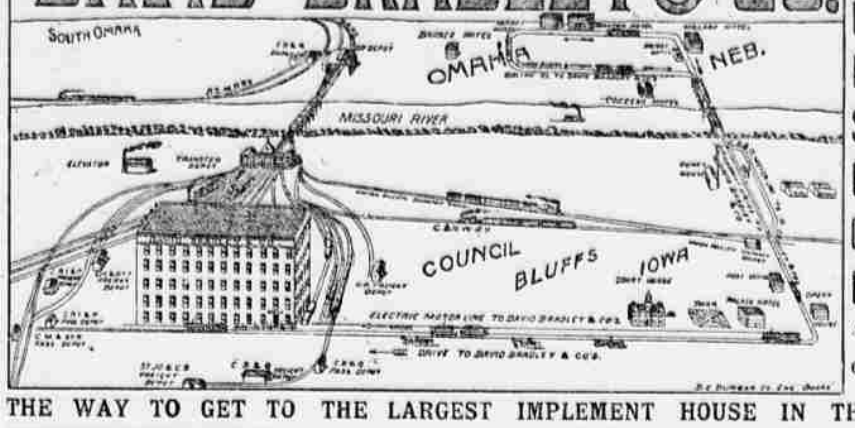

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