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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. The directors of the Young Men's Christian association have postponed the election of a secretary until next Monday evening.

A special train came in over the Northwest at 4:40 last evening, bringing President Adams and several of the directors of the Union Pacific.

Captain B. W. Light, census supervisor of the district, will remove his office from his present quarters to the room in the government building recently occupied by Judge Shiras.

For Mason, the boy arrested for shooting at a dog that attacked him, was yesterday discharged by Judge McGee, who held that the charge of discharging firearms inside the city limits was rather far-fetched under the circumstances.

W. J. Gratian, late organist at St. Paul's, will be united in marriage this evening at 7 o'clock with Miss Warren of this city. The ceremony will be public and will be performed at St. Paul's by Rev. T. J. Mackay. No invitations have been issued.

Theodore Brown, one of the members of the chain gang, was released yesterday morning from Officer Wyatt, who now has charge of that department of the city service. According to the present order of the city, all men who are released to go to work are to be released for a week or ten days.

Four vagrants were arrested yesterday in the Northwest yards, where they were amusing themselves by playing cards. They were taken to the police station and the interior of the freight cars. Master Mechanic Hutchinson discovered what was going on, and watching their opportunity, he locked the doors of the freight cars. The patrol wagon was then sent for and the quartette was transferred to the city jail.

The payroll of the police department last month amounted to \$1,480.03, and that of the fire department was \$1,262.20. This is the first time that the payroll of the police department has been larger than that of the firemen in the history of the city. As the cost of maintaining the police force in all large cities is more than is required to keep up the fire department, it is to be inferred that the Bluffs has taken a decided jump in the metropolitan direction in the past thirty days.

The jury in the case of Neill Brothers vs. Mynder & Lindt returned a verdict yesterday morning for the plaintiffs for the full amount of the claim, \$38.28. The defendants were satisfied with the result and that other parties should also have had their names on the note. The case of Butler vs. Western Union telegraph company was on yesterday afternoon and was adjourned. The plaintiff wants damages because a telegram misstated the price of hogs, and he sold his hogs for 15 cents per hundred less than he supposed he was doing.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer are each the happy recipient of a beautiful present. On Monday afternoon Miss Katie was delighted to receive a Weber grand piano, while yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Stelling were made happy by the arrival of a grand baby weighing eight ounces and half a pound.

"Reddy" Jones, a colored porter employed at the Manhattan, failed to return with a \$10 gold piece that he was sent out to get changed and is in jail in Omaha charged with larceny. He will be held there until requisition papers can be secured, as he refuses to return to Iowa soil without them. It is stated that the case will be dismissed if he will return the money, but even this has thus far refused to do.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance union will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the rooms of the union in Merriam block. This is expected to be an unusually interesting meeting, and a full attendance is desired. Prof. Hitchcock will deliver an address.

Daniel E. Bandman opened a two nights' engagement at Dobany's last evening in "Shylock." There was a very small attendance, and the presentation was distinguished by a lack of animation that was perhaps accounted for by that very fact. "Hamlet" will be the cue this evening.

Wallace McFadden is preparing a list of the deceased soldiers whose remains are lying in Fairview cemetery. It will be printed in a few days and any names omitted should be reported at once, as the list will be used on Memorial day in the decorations, and it is desired that none should be slighted.

The S. W. alliance will give a social in the Young Men's Christian association rooms next Friday evening. A literary and musical program will be presented and refreshments will be served.

John Burlew, 115 Twenty-fourth avenue, is in destitute circumstances, and too ill to earn a living. This is a case worthy of attention on the part of charitable people. He is a member of Aba Lincoln post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Desirable dwellings, located in all parts of the city, for rent by E. H. Sheafe & Co., Broadway and Main street.

If you wish to sell your property call on the Judd & Wells Co., C. B. Judd president, 606 Broadway.

Choice residence property centrally located for sale by E. H. Sheafe & Co.

A Newspaper Man's Experience. "Hello, Bob, have you just got through work?" Bob said he had, and he also volunteered the information that he was glad of it, and was going to get to bed as quickly as possible. He was about to proceed when a gun was poked unpleasantly near the end of his nose, and he was invited to hold up his hands.

Anyone intimately acquainted with R. B. Wescott, city editor of the Nonpareil, can readily believe that under such circumstances his hands went up without any hesitation, for Robert is inclined to be very prudent in cases of this kind.

It was about 2:30 yesterday morning, and the newspaper man was at the corner of Fourth street and First, leaning against his couch with \$14 and a double acting Smith & Wesson in his pocket, when he was accosted above. There were two of the robbers, and one of them wore two of the victim's pockets. The ugly looking revolver was first flashed out, and the cartridges were extracted, and then the other was produced, and remarked, "Why, there's no more than two guns like this in town. We don't want that, and the weapon was replaced in Wescott's pocket. A word of his name was extracted from his vest pocket, and even his spectacles were lifted from his nose. "They ain't even gold rimmed," said the partner. "We don't want anything like that," and the glasses were also returned.

"Now then Bob, where do you live?" Wescott accounted for his residence, only half a block away, when first he was asked, "Well, it ain't very far, but you had better trot along. We will see that nobody hurts you and that you get home all right."

"Say, ain't you going to divide with me?" Inquired the victim. "I don't strike such a graft as this very often in Council Bluffs. Just think of a newspaper man with \$14 in his pocket," and both of the robbers wrenched open their countenances and bowed with delight. One of them stuffed his mouth long enough to "circulate" "Gits," and Wescott checked so well that there is no report of what the two factious highwaymen did afterward. "Bob" had a good view of both of them, but is not certain that he could identify them.

For Sale—Horses and Mules. Just received 30 heavy work mules and 10 draft and work horses. Call Paul Bouquet & Co., livery and sale stables, No. 604, opposite P. O. Council Bluffs.

J. C. Kirby, steam heating, sanitary engineer, 343 Life building, Omaha; 302 Merriam block, Council Bluffs.

They Call It a Nuisance. The citizens in the vicinity of Ninth avenue and Eighth street are joining in a petition to the city council to abate the nuisance of using

the grounds between Ninth and Tenth avenues, near Eighth street, as a dumping ground for manure and refuse matter. The coming on of warm weather is making a terrible stench and render life unbearable. The city authorities will doubtless listen to this wall of the people.

Great Refrigerator Sale. One car load at special cut prices. Genuine oak ice palace at Cole & Co., 101 Pearl st. Don't fail to get our prices before buying.

Good paper hangers at Crockwell's. Do you want to sell your row boat? If so address S. V. H., 101 Pearl st., Council Bluffs.

The gasoline stove is more dangerous than the unloaded gun. Save life and property by using the C. B. Gas and Electric Light Co.'s gas stove.

McGee's Victims. In police court yesterday Tom Ryan and James Gorman, two vagrants, were each fined \$10 to which they will have to work out on the streets.

George Haines was given a similar dose for intoxication. Philip Oyatole was charged with conveying whisky to prisoners. He was caught Monday night by Marshal Templeton in the act of sending up a quart of the stuff to the four female prisoners who are serving out sentences on the second floor of the city jail.

The "girls" had let down a string, which the gallant Philip had tied about the neck of the bottle, and the incarcerated fair-haired fraul ones were actively hoisting it up when the officer discovered what was going on. The booze peddler was promptly yanked inside and locked up. The story was told to Judge McGee yesterday morning and he promptly assessed a fine of \$15.30 as a lesson that prisoners in the charge of the city marshal are not to be supplied with even if that official does neglect to supply them with Iowa's concentrated fluid.

J. G. Tipton, real estate, 327 Broadway. The Manhattan sporting heads, 418 Broadway.

We want you to list your rental property with us and we will secure you good, reliable tenants. Rents collected and special attention given to care of property. E. H. Sheafe & Co., Broadway and Main st., up stairs.

Dr. H. S. West, porcelain crown and bridge work, No. 12 Pearl.

Talking About Paving. T. J. Evans and George F. Wright have returned from an eastern trip. At several places, and especially at Ottawa, Ill., they investigated the matter of brick paving quite thoroughly. The paving bricks there being used are far different from ordinary bricks. They are of different size, shape and make. The visitors examined a large number quite critically and were greatly pleased with their uniformity. Each seemed perfect—no cracks, soft spots or other blemishes, and no difference in weight was apparent. So uniform were they that one brick could not have been told from another. Some of these bricks have been in use at crossings for six years and show no signs of wear. The process of making is peculiar. They are placed under great pressure and the kilns are so peculiarly constructed that each brick is subjected to a five heat and they are burned so long as to completely vitrify them.

Mr. Evans has for some time been enthusiastic over brick paving, always conditioning his expressions "If we can get the right kind of brick." He sees no reason why the city of Council Bluffs will not make as good paving as any section of the country. While in Ottawa he made arrangements by which the clay can be easily and practically tested. It is proposed that if a small quantity of Council Bluffs clay is shipped to Ottawa, bricks will be made of it as a test. If the clay proves all right for this purpose, then it seems that citizens would be warranted in investing the necessary capital for the requisite plant. The experiment would cost but a trifle and its results would be of practical interest.

The advantages of securing some home paving material are apparent. At present the money expended in paving is nearly all sent out of the city and goes into the pockets of folks far away, there being but a small percentage left for home labor.

"But, Mr. Evans," suggested one, "suppose we should put \$15,000 in such a plant, and after we get to making good paving brick what assurance would we have that the city would give us any streets to pave?"

"Well, Mr. Evans," replied Mr. Wright, "if you goods man when he puts his money into a stock of goods might as well ask for some assurance that he would be able to sell them, or when a man proposes to build a brick he might inquire of the city guaranteeing he would not get that isn't business?"

"On these sides are heard many expressions of distrust as to the brick paving. Predictions are freely made that some streets will need repaving by the time the paving tax is paid. There is no assurance that other streets will be repaved, and the city is not to be held responsible for entering into further contracts for paving. One objection raised is that while the city makes the usual requirements to have bidders place specimens of their material in the engineer's office, that only one has so far complied. It is urged that with such specimens in possession of the engineer and inspector they have some standard by which to judge whether a contract is lived up to or not. Otherwise they are at sea.

Altogether the matter of paving is proving as perplexing as ever.

Boston Store Sale Prices for the Week. WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT. American satens, 25c; 25c, 25c. New designs in domestic challies, 25c, 25c. Anderson Scotch gingham, 12 1/2c, 25c for 25c.

One new challie beige sold for 5c. We will sell 12 yards for 75c. Apron gingham and seersuckers 7c, usually sold for 8c. Indigo blue and shirting prints, choice for 5c.

Our importation order of wash goods in exclusive dress patterns, such as the new cashmere ombre, Whyte's Scotch, zephyrs, French's satens, which other stores sell 35c and 45c, our price for the same this week 25c and 45c.

FOTHERINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO., Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

S. B. Wadsworth & Co., 207 Pearl street, loan money for Lombard Investment company.

First National Bank Taxes. The question of the equity of certain assessments made against the First National bank of this city has been pending for some time. The assessments in dispute cover the years from 1881 to 1887, and the taxes for this period amount to \$7,203. The payment of these taxes has been resisted by the bank officials, who claim that they were in excess of what other banks pay taxes during the same period. The amount claimed, if added to what the bank paid, would make their taxes from 1871 to 1888 over \$15,000. During the same years the taxes paid by both the Council Bluffs savings bank and Officer & Pusey's bank were \$15,400. The First National insists that it is not fair to tax them \$2,000 more than the two other banks combined for the same period of time.

The matter came up before Judge Deemer yesterday, the suit being that of the county vs. the First National bank. On a question of the admissibility of certain evidence, the court wrenched open their countenances and bowed with delight. One of them stuffed his mouth long enough to "circulate" "Gits," and Wescott checked so well that there is no report of what the two factious highwaymen did afterward. "Bob" had a good view of both of them, but is not certain that he could identify them.

Important to Horsemen. Large line horse and turf goods. Profile, 102 B—3, C. B.

Blue Grass Educators. The convention of county superintendents of the blue grass region of southwestern Iowa, held in this city, is well attended. The superintendent of the present are J. S. Crawford, Cass county; J. L. Adams,

Adams; J. J. Harris, Fremont; W. F. Kopp, Ida; J. L. Kelly, Mills; B. F. Ross, Monticello; W. W. Moore, Council Bluffs; J. H. Cooper, Pottawattamie; Edward Dreyer, Sac; C. F. Swift, Shelby; Irene McCloud, Taylor.

Residing there were the following, who are not superintendents, but are directly or indirectly interested in school work: "City Superintendent James McNaughton of Council Bluffs; J. H. Miller of Topeka, Kan., representing D. C. Heath & Co.; C. E. Taylor of Des Moines, representing the Iowa Reading circle; W. F. Mater of St. Louis, representing D. Appleton & Co.; James A. Edwards, manager of the Iowa National Monthly, published at Dubuque; E. R. Smith, general agent for Porter & Coates of Chicago, and Major S. H. M. Myers of Oskaloosa. The latter gentleman is the author of "Iowa in War Times," a work which is very popular among the public school teachers and which is fast making a reputation for its author.

The programme as arranged is being strictly followed out, and several other interesting matters have found their way into the discussions. The session will close today, the afternoon being devoted to a visit to the public schools of the city.

A good horse reel free with every 100 feet of hose purchased at Bixby's.

Finest photo gallery in the west—Sherraden's new place, 43 and 45 Main street.

Scott house, Council Bluffs; \$1 a day.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. H. L. Shepherd has gone to Chicago on a brief business trip.

W. V. Thomas, a former member of the Bluffs police force, but now engaged in farming near Castana, Monroe county, is in the city. He is one of the parties who were instrumental in driving the gambler out of Union driving park at the firemen's tournament last June, and the case will come up at this term of the district court.

B. S. Josselyn is again greeting his many Council Bluffs and Ottumwa friends with a hurried business trip in the interest of the Denver & Rio Grande, which he is car accountant, with headquarters in Denver.

Orrin Hitchcock, the well known carman and driver of St. Julien, is in the city with a car load of fine horses. He leaves today for the east.

Mrs. Caroline Sprink and Mrs. P. J. Erie have gone to Shokoree, Minn., being called thither by the serious illness of a relative.

Judge Hubbard of Cedar Rapids is attending district court.

Great Reduction Sale of Furniture. The Council Bluffs Furniture Co., 407 Broadway, for the next 30 days will make a sweeping reduction in the prices of all goods in line. If you are in need of any article of furniture don't lose this chance to secure a bargain as goods will be sold at much below regular prices. Our stock is complete with reliable makes and latest styles. You can find a distance will find it to their advantage to come and see us and get prices during this great reduction sale. Haynes & Bell, 407 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Woodworth's "Blue Lilies" or "Pearl of Savoy" will satisfy the requirements of a refined taste for exquisite perfumes. Ask your druggist.

If you want the best Wall paper go to J. D. Crokwell's.

Sewing Machine Works Binger. ELIZABETH, N. J., May 6.—The Singer sewing machine factory was discovered on fire late tonight. The entire fire department responded, but their work so far has had little effect, and at midnight it was feared the main building, which covers an acre of ground, will be destroyed. The works employ 3,500 persons.

At 2 a. m. the main building was nearly destroyed and the fire spread under a special levy, and if it were otherwise we would deem it necessary to call for a special levy. A third inspector in this sidewalk service, for it will be remembered that the mayor and council are appointing a sidewalk inspector, had been here two on duty now, which we deem an ample number, if competent and efficient.

We most respectfully ask your attention as to the whole subject, and respectfully, S. A. D. BALCOMBE, Chairman.

Mr. Wheeler moved that all of the communications in the matter be referred to the committee on judiciary and the city attorney. Mr. O'Connor moved that a committee of five consisting of Blum, Foster, Osthoff and Morsarty be appointed to investigate the charges made by the board of public works against the sidewalk inspector, and to report to the council.

Mr. O'Connor stated in plain English that Mr. Wheeler wanted to bulldoze the case through the council and was not disposed to give the matter any further consideration. Mr. Wheeler denied the soft impeachment. O'Connor was sure that some of the members of the council if they were on the committee would give the inspector the worst of it.

Mr. Davis moved as a substitute that the chair appoint the committee.

Mr. O'Connor then again began a tirade against the chairman of the board of public works. "They call him a chairman," he said, "but he is not a chairman. He is a man who has one egg in a basket. If I had some eggs I wanted set, I would have set them on a chair warmer."

Mr. O'Connor was called down before he had time to tell what he would do with the eggs, and the roll was called on Mr. Davis's substitute.

Mr. Osthoff in explaining his vote gave Major Balcombe a parting shot by remarking, "He should write more for his office and less for the newspapers."

Mr. Davis's motion was adopted and the matter appointed Davis, Lowry, Osthoff, Madison and Blumer as the investigating committee.

Mr. Shoemaker, assistant city attorney, presented a communication requesting the passage of an ordinance authorizing the police to search houses in which gambling is supposed to be carried on. A motion was made that the city attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance. A motion to lay the matter on the table was carried by the following vote: Yeas, Blum, Donnelly, Ford, Kaspar, Lowry, Morsarty, O'Connor, Olsen, Osthoff, Sander, nays, Crook, Davis, Madison, Shriver, Wheeler, Chase.

The mayor presented a veto of the resolution instructing the city attorney to confess a dilapidated condition of the Bag and company, E. M. Earl and Mrs. M. B. Cook against the city. The vetoes were on the ground that the resolution adopted did not cover the case of the Bag and company, and resolutions covering the cases prepared by the mayor were adopted.

The expected veto of the ordinance declaring the necessity of grading Hamilton street was presented. The veto was made because the ordinance failed to provide for the assessment of the property benefited. The resolution the mayor stated that he had been requested by a number of councilmen to return the ordinance for correction, but not to veto it. The veto was sustained.

The action of the council in granting J. E. Riley and H. T. Clarke \$1,642.92 for grading California street was vetoed by the mayor. He held that the work had been done without a contract and the work should be settled in the courts. The veto was sustained.

The city attorney reported adversely on the proposed ordinance for grading California street, which he lost through the agency of the ex-pandment.

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On motion of Mr. Wheeler the contract with Mr. Stult was declared void, and the chairman of the board of public works was instructed to advertise for bids for the work to be done at the expense of the city. The city owners of \$500 which accompanied Mr. Stult's bid was returned to him.

The street commissioner's payroll for April, amounting to \$1,807.66, was approved and ordered paid.

The plans of the proposed bridge to be erected over Sixteenth street by the Missouri Pacific railway company, were approved, upon recommendation of the city engineer and the board of public works.

There were two bids for furnishing the city

TO INSPECT THE INSPECTOR.

A Council Committee Will Examine Mr. Bermingham's Doings.

MAJOR BALCOMBE WOULD FIRE HIM.

The Hamilton Street Grade Ordinance Vetoed—Mr. Stult's Check Returned—The Omnibus Grade Ordinance.

Mr. Balcombe, chairman of the board of public works, and Mr. Bermingham, sidewalk inspector, had their little fight in the council chamber yesterday. Mr. Balcombe made his attack through a letter to the city solons, and Mr. Bermingham's defense was led by O'Connor and Osthoff, the fifth ward representatives.

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J. E. Knowles had a contract with this city, approved July 1, 1889, for the construction of sidewalks on the block between Hamilton and Twentieth streets, from July 1, 1889, and January 1, 1890. Under the provisions of the ordinance No. 10,000, providing for the appointment of a sidewalk inspector and defining his duties, it was provided that the sidewalk inspector should exercise a general supervision over all sidewalk construction, and upon completion of the same to measure up all walks and report the amount of sidewalk laid, and the amount of sidewalk to be laid in front of each lot to the city engineer.

This ordinance was in force until March 22, 1890, when it was repealed by the approval of the board of public works. It was replaced by the ordinance No. 10,000, which is now in force, and which provides for the appointment of a sidewalk inspector and defining his duties, it was provided that the sidewalk inspector should exercise a general supervision over all sidewalk construction, and upon completion of the same to measure up all walks and report the amount of sidewalk laid, and the amount of sidewalk to be laid in front of each lot to the city engineer.

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with ice. The Kimball ice company offered to furnish reservoir ice at 30 cents a hundred pounds. Asst. City Engineer J. H. Cooper offered ice cut from the river at the foot of Grove street at 25 cents a hundred pounds. The contract was awarded to Asst. City Engineer J. H. Cooper for the month of April.

Count Arthur von Pinski, keeper of the dog man's kennel, reported the receipt of 77 dogs from March 30 to May 5, dogs reduced 96 dogs destroyed 638, fees paid for dogs redeemed \$115.

Mr. Ford wanted to know if any one was keeping cases on the count. "The office," he said, "is better than that of a United States Senator." The report went to the comptroller.

The estimate of John F. Coats for work on the city hall, amounting to \$13,245.17, was approved and ordered paid.

The claim of Walter Brades for \$250 for damages as tenant by the construction of the Tenth street viaduct was referred to the board of public works.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway company was given permission to stretch a sign across Farm street from the Commercial National bank building to the chamber of commerce for one week.

The reports of the appraisers on the omnibus grading ordinance were received. On 10th street and two streets no damages were awarded. On other streets damages were awarded as follows: Martha, Twenty-ninth to Lyman, \$150; Martha, Twentieth to Twentieth, \$2,300; Blaine, Tenth to Thirtieth, \$100; Ninth, Hickory to Dorcas, \$300; Nelson, Institute boulevard to Love avenue, \$100; Ford wanted to know if any one was keeping cases on the count. "The office," he said, "is better than that of a United States Senator." The report went to the comptroller.

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