

THE OMAHA BEE

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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Council Bluffs Lumber Co. The Olvette club will give a dancing party next Wednesday evening at the Royal Arcanum parlors.

Miss F. A. Sletter, Lincoln avenue, Friday evening, October 31.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Samuel V. Fitzsimmons and Nellie May Johnston, both of Davis city.

Married—Mr. Robb Parks and Miss Cora McCormick, both of this city. Rev. W. J. Levick of the Bethany Baptist church officiated.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian hospital will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. H. Atkin at 2:30 this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of Mrs. Dr. Green.

There will be a regular meeting of St. Albans Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, Monday evening, October 21, at their hall. Visiting knights welcome. By order of chancellor commander.

A gold ring has been found by the police. It has a device on the inside of the motto, "Virtus quilibet, mors non separavit." The name, "Franklin P. Zimmer" is also engraved on it.

Mrs. S. J. Lee, who works at the Eagle laundry on Lover Broadway, had one of her fingers pinched so that it had to be amputated, by being caught in the steam roller.

The ladies of the Christian church gave a social Friday night at the residence of L. M. Shubert, 323 1/2 Avenue G. About 100 were present. Music and dancing were the order of the evening and an enjoyable time was had.

Miss Lydia Wirt, the young lady who fell from the fourth story of the deaf and dumb institution may have sustained some internal injuries such as were feared having manifested themselves.

Mrs. Clara Hoffman of Kansas City will give a free lecture in Hughes hall next Tuesday evening, October 21, at their hall on Main street. Applications should be in the hands of the secretary or treasurer by Wednesday evening. It is a meeting of the largest meetings ever held in this city.

Minnie Dixon, who goes by the names of Murdoch and Gibson, was arrested yesterday on the charge of receiving stolen goods. She is charged with receiving stolen goods from a man named Tracy some time ago. She is out on bonds.

The Ladies' exchange will this week move its headquarters to 317 Broadway. This change is necessary because their hall on Omaha of Mr. Showers, who has been furnished their store room for six months past, has been vacated by the owner. The ladies will continue their charitable work for the poor of the city out of the profits from the sale of home-made food.

A young man named Murray left a pair of shoes at a Broadway shoe store yesterday afternoon, saying he would call for them later. He called, but in the meantime some one had been in the store and had taken the shoes away. Elmer Brown was arrested on suspicion of being the guilty man and was slated with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

A house at the corner of Thirty-eighth street and First avenue burned yesterday morning. Mrs. Williams, who lived there, was sitting up in bed when the fire started. She was awakened by the smell of smoke and saw the flames. She fled to the street and was rescued by a neighbor. The house was insured for \$500 and was owned by Mrs. Williams.

St. Paul's guild met with Miss Mary Davenport Monday evening at their hall on plans for their work in the church for the coming year. About forty responded and a very enthusiastic meeting was held. Hereafter the meetings will be held on the first Tuesday in each month at half past 8 o'clock and will be entertained in the form of a musicale. The next regular meeting will be with Miss Mary Davenport on First avenue, November 1. Anyone not a member of the guild may attend these musicales by paying 10 cents admission.

If you don't want to buy hard coal you had better see Bixby about those oil burners. They are adapted for use in air furnaces, water heaters and hot water boilers, with no coal or ashes to handle.

Big line of hanging lamps, stand lamps, hall lamps at Lund Bros. Have you seen those beautiful hand-painted jardiniere at Lund Bros?

Call on Messrs. Day & Hess and ask to be shown the Klein tract of 400 acres now on sale in five and ten acre tracts. They will show it free to all.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Miss Mary Grenell left Friday evening for Iowa City to visit Miss Ida Wallace, who is attending the medical department of the State university.

C. E. Fickett of Waterloo, Ia., was in the city yesterday for a visit with Thomas E. Cassidy, his former classmate at the State university at Iowa city.

Mrs. Knowles and son, Charlie, of Topeka, Kan., visited the city yesterday. They are the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Evans. Mrs. Knowles is a niece of Mrs. Evans.

25 dozen gents' heavy gray undershirts during this week for 15c each, worth 33c. Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Save your hard coal; use wood, and call on H. A. Cox, 10 South Main street. Best Missouri wood \$5.00 per cord, delivered.

Will He a Big Parade. The indications now are that the parade next Friday afternoon in honor of "Columbian Day" will be the largest ever seen in this city. The city will be filled with visitors from a distance, drawn here by the grand lodge of the Odd Fellows, and it is a matter of local pride that there be as fine an appearance as possible. Almost every teacher and pupil in the public schools will be in the procession, and it is hoped that the different organizations of the city will be equally well represented.

Just to hand, another case of 60 pairs of wrapper blankets, the latest novelties for wrappers. Only 75c a pair, Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Wanted to Buy. Improved property. Will pay cash if prices low. H. G. McGee, 10 Main street.

Cattle Went Mad. A curious disease has broken out among the cattle in Garner township and is taking them off rapidly. It resembles hydrophobia in many respects. The cattle afflicted with the disease die in a few days, and the carcasses are so offensive that the people who come near them. An officer was sent to the farm where the trouble is and killed several of the diseased cattle. The state veterinary surgeon has been notified and will make an official investigation of the case.

Gentlemen, the finest line of fall goods in the city, just received. Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway.

Boston Store closes every evening at 6 p. m., unless Mondays and Saturdays.

Judson, civil engineer, 325 Broadway

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Stockholders of the Union Depot Company Hold a Secret Meeting.

NEWSPAPER MEN WERE STRICTLY BARRED

Details of the Meeting Slip Out, However, and Are Caught by an Attentive Reporter—Schemes Advanced to Pay Off the Indebtedness.

A meeting of a part of the stockholders of the Union Depot association was held in the council chamber last evening. It was a star chamber session, and reporters were strictly barred, the janitor of the city building being stationed outside the door with a large wooden club and instructed to batter the head of any newspaper man that appeared above the landing. The transom over the door was hermetically sealed. Unfortunately, however, one of the windows had been carelessly left open and the sound of what was going on within was allowed to sift through the fly screens, finally reaching the ground in a somewhat strained condition, and therefore very pure.

Plans Discussed. The meeting was held for the purpose of talking over schemes for liquidating the indebtedness on the depot property so as to enable the association to carry on its work awhile longer. E. L. Shugart had an interesting plan and one that occasioned considerable favorable comment from the members. It was to have the city council condemn the ground owned by the depot company for park purposes and hold it for five years, with the understanding that at the end of that time, if no depot had been secured, it should be converted into a park. If, however, the roads should meet with a chance of heart and decide to come into the depot scheme it should be disposed of for that purpose.

Another suggestion was that those who were unwilling to go on with the depot project be induced to donate their stock to a committee of twenty or so and have this committee hold the property, pay off all accruing taxes and do the wrestling with the railroads on their own hook. None of these plans were adopted but merely laid before the stockholders in order that they might think over and adopt or reject at the next meeting, which is to be held next Saturday evening.

Keeping It from the Papers. Another plan was to borrow the money necessary to pay off the taxes in case the city council could not be induced to remit them and pay off all other indebtedness. Just before adjourning Mr. Shugart asked the meeting how much of the proceeds should be given to the newspapers. "How would it do," said he, "to tell them that we had held a meeting to devise ways and means for raising the necessary money to pay off the indebtedness, and let it go at that?"

"No," replied William Siedentopf, "I wouldn't tell them anything. I think that the more secrecy we observe about such things the better. To tell them anything would only be to put people on their guard, and we don't want that."

"That's right," said E. H. Morriam. "There isn't any corporation that thinks it necessary to let reporters into their private meetings."

"Excepting the school board," interjected somebody.

"Gentlemen," said L. Everett, "we have done right in excluding reporters. No man is going to give expression to his full and free opinion and run the risk of being slandered and vilified by these newspaper reporters."

And then they sang a hymn and went out.

CAUGHT ANOTHER. Confidence Men Get in Their Fine Work on a Rustic.

John Heigenton, a young man who lives at Silver City, bears the distinction of having worked off on him what is probably the oldest, mustiest, and silliest of all confidence games. He came to Council Bluffs yesterday morning and while engaged in reading the signs on the business houses became acquainted with three young men on whose faces he thought he saw indications of a certain kind of cunning. They were looking at the signs and enjoyed one another's society for some time, when one of them pulled a queer looking padlock out of his pocket and offered to bet that none of his companions could open it. It is order to liberate their real confidence men, the three young men tried to open it, but they were unable to do so. They then saw that the padlock was a very fine one, and they decided to buy it. They were sure of having the property advanced in value so that if they ever want to sell they can do so at a profit. Then they have a good many outsiders, who do not know that they are quietly investing in Council Bluffs and who are doing so not only because they see sure money in it, but for purposes of improvement, or residence, or business here. Yes, young men, Council Bluffs is a very fine place now and for the future. If you say anything don't say 'boom,' for there isn't going to be any. Council Bluffs property don't need any windy advertising or crazy talk, any more than government lands do. They are a very wonderful thing in our own business, and the steady increase that real estate bonds will yield a good many times 4 per cent. They are a very fine thing, and are regular sure bargains, and they are being snapped up rapidly by those who are shrewd enough to see that they are regular bonanzas. They are going so fast that they will soon be scarce, and you will all want to buy at real market value will make hand money, though of course they won't make as much as those who are shrewd enough to catch up these snags. Though they may not make as much, they'll be shrewd enough to satisfy any reasonable man."

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"Is most of the increasing activity due to speculation or to a bona fide demand?"

"A very large percentage of our buyers and inquirers are among the home builders. Many wage workers, clerks and others are planning to secure homes of their own. Many are from Omaha, and they are coming here to live more cheaply and comfortably on this side of the river, and be as near or nearer their work. They can buy a lot and build a house for what they pay for rent in Omaha, and in the end they have the property and the land. They can see for themselves that they are sure of having the property advanced in value so that if they ever want to sell they can do so at a profit. Then we have a good many outsiders, who do not know that they are quietly investing in Council Bluffs and who are doing so not only because they see sure money in it, but for purposes of improvement, or residence, or business here. Yes, young