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MINOR MENTION

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Episcopal members of the Second Presbyterian church last Sunday by baptism.

Alfred Winand of Sioux City and Family Bacon of Council Bluffs were married yesterday afternoon by Justice.

F. H. Evans entertained a number of gentlemen friends from Crescent at a high-five party last Saturday evening at his home on Sixth avenue.

Judge Thornell, who returned from his home at Sidney, where he spent Sunday, states that there was a fall of a foot of snow there day before yesterday.

The funeral of Christina Thompson will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Scandinavian Baptist church, corner of Seventh street and Seventh avenue.

Hattie Kynerson, 62, died yesterday of consumption, aged 34 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the South Omaha branch of Council Bluffs, and to Frank Steen of Council Bluffs and Henrietta E. Orton of Omaha.

The case of F. J. Day against the Union Pacific employees, which has been on trial in the district court for several days, was completed yesterday and taken under advisement by the court.

Papers filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday in connection with the assignment of F. G. Knotts, show the liabilities to be \$1,156, while the assets, according to the inventory, are \$1,200.

Mrs. Mary Wheeler died Sunday at 12 o'clock, aged 84 years, after an illness of five days. The funeral will occur at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence, 1115 North 24th street.

The monument to the late Horace Everett has arrived and is now being put in place over the grave at the south end of Fairview cemetery, where the funeral services were held.

The second ward Republican club will meet in the evening tonight at 7:30 to elect a president and secretary and transact other business pertaining to the coming election. All voters in the ward are requested to attend.

The police are of the opinion that the brass and lead fixtures which they overhauled came from a place in Omaha, and they expect to have it identified today. There are 1,000 pounds of lead and 200 pounds of brass in the lot.

About 300 men are kept working at the new Missouri river bridge. Work is pushed at night now as well as in the day time, for fear that the ice will soon break up.

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When the testator died, a second wife which he was 22 years of age and quite feeble. He died in a couple of years. When his will was opened, it was found that he had left all his property to his wife. Mrs. Webb claims to have spent several hundred dollars on the place in the way of improvements with the understanding that at the death of her father she was to have the place.

The most interesting thing about the affair is the statement made by Mrs. Webb in a paper filed yesterday, in accordance with an order of court requiring her to state who it was that had influenced her father unduly in the matter of devising who should be his beneficiaries. She states that it was the second wife who prejudiced her father against his children and other relatives, and by means of flattery induced him to favor her to the exclusion of all the other heirs.

She also claims that Mrs. Biggs, who is a niece of the testator, persuaded her husband that she had had direct communication with his first wife's spirit, and that the spirit had told her that it was her wish that she (Mrs. Biggs) should have all the property herself.

The speaker was greeted with a round of applause as he arose to address the 300 members of the business and professional men of the city with whom he has been so long and so prominently connected. Dr. Miller ran hastily over the early days of the struggle and related some of the incidents under which the Union Pacific bridge was located where it now spans the Big Bluffs.

The doctor then spoke enthusiastically and of considerable length of the Platte river canal and its possibilities.

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