

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBIA

The Pending Trouble Gets Into the Courts.

A PETITION IS FILED THIS MORNING.

Judge Haas However Withholds a Restraining Order Declaring That He Understands the Order is Simply Waiting for Necessary Proof to Pay or Contest the Alleged Claim—Balfour Suit Ordered Dismissed.

The trouble in the Knights of Columbia has gotten into the courts, an injunction being asked against the supreme lodge and officers. A temporary restraining order was granted this morning, but was withheld as related below, and the preliminary hearing set by Judge Haas, of the district court, for Thursday, July 26th.

The Knights of Columbia organization is a large and prosperous order, controlled by directors of high standing with state reputation. The organization was founded by Colonel George W. Reed about three years ago. There are nearly 200 lodges in Kansas and Colorado under its jurisdiction.

The supreme officers are: Col. Geo. W. Reed, commander, W. J. Stagg, recorder, A. L. Redden of El Dorado, treasurer, Dr. J. C. McClintock, medical director, T. A. Beck of Topeka, Joseph E. Riggs of Lawrence and A. E. Riddle of Minneapolis, chairman of committee.

The injunction asked is against the officers and Geo. W. Reed, Jr., who is a clerk in the recorder's office and is to prevent them from acting as supreme lodge officers while the suit is pending, collecting any assessments on debts, suspending subordinate lodges or disposing of any of the funds of the order.

The suit is brought on behalf of Carlton J. Balfour, a minor, by his mother, Eliza A. Balfour of Colorado Springs, Col. The petition alleges that C. J. Balfour of that city joined the Knights of Columbia in 1891 and took out beneficiary certificates for \$3,000, but before the certificates were received Balfour died. The claim is made that he was regularly initiated into the order. The constitution gives any one who has been initiated and whose application has been approved by a regular district director the benefits of the insurance feature. The charge is made that the supreme officers refused to levy an assessment to pay the death claim.

A list of nine members who have died and whose death claims, it is alleged, have not been paid is included in the petition and there is also a list of four members who have been totally disabled and who, by the constitution, are entitled to one-half the face of their beneficiary certificates, who have made proofs of total disability but have, it is asserted, have never been paid.

It is set up in the petition that the supreme officers are diverting the fund received from assessments to other uses, and cites the case of a member of the order at Emporia, who died, and the holder of his beneficiary certificate, was deprived of it to the amount received in the assessment, and was forced to compromise at about one-half the proceeds received from the assessment.

The charge is also made that the present supreme officers were never elected in a lawful manner by the supreme lodge, and that the constitution was violated in the organization of the order. The petition was filed at a meeting of delegates called to meet in North Topeka to elect supreme officers, but when the meeting assembled, Colonel Reed made an agreement to call a regular delegate convention and the convention adjourned without making any action. The convention was then called to meet in Kansas City, August 15, while, it is alleged, the constitution of the order provides in so many places for such a convention.

In granting the order this morning Judge Haas stated that he had been informed that E. J. Beck and Jos. E. Riggs, on the part of the supreme lodge had gone to Colorado Springs to investigate the matter and that if Balfour was a legal member of the order the supreme lodge would take steps to pay the beneficiary certificates, and therefore he would withhold the restraining order until they could return and report.

Col. Reed was seen by a JOURNAL reporter and said that the whole thing was trumped up to embarrass the order. "Mr. Beck and Mr. Riggs," said Col. Reed, "are now at Colorado Springs investigating the claim and it will be paid if it is found to be just. It had been understood that Mr. Balfour was not a member of the order at the time of his death."

"Although charges have been publicly circulated about the order for weeks, apparently to damage it, it is worthy of note that the present month's business has been one of the best in the order's history."

"This shows a gratifying confidence and faith in the directory which is made up of some of the best men in the west. You will see the Knights of Columbia come out of this ordeal stronger and better than ever and established as one of the greatest of fraternal benefit associations."

Suit Ordered Dismissed. At 4 o'clock this afternoon Col. Reed received a message from J. E. Riggs, from Colorado Springs, saying: "Balfour suit has been ordered dismissed."

WILL HE GET OFF?

A Report That a Populist Congressional Nominee Will Withdraw.

A story has been in circulation for a few days to the effect that F. A. Willard, the Populist congressional nominee in the Second district, is likely to get off the track in the interests of Col. H. L. Moore who has been renominated by the Democrats.

All the Second district Populists employed at the state house emphatically deny that there is any possibility of Willard getting off the track. They admit that the Democrats would like to have Willard withdraw, but say there is more likelihood of Col. Moore's withdrawal than of Willard quitting the field.

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THE SENATE MUST YIELD.

Conclusion of Senator Hill's Speech Made Today.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—"Even in the senate," continued Mr. Hill in his speech in the senate this afternoon, "every Democratic member of the finance committee had announced himself as personally in favor of free coal and free iron ore. The senator from Maryland (Mr. Gorman), on the other hand, with that frankness and boldness which was his nature, had boldly thrown aside the mask on yesterday and had proclaimed himself in favor of a tariff on coal and iron ore."

"A revenue tariff," suggested Mr. Gorman, quietly. "A revenue tariff as you will," replied Mr. Hill, "but nevertheless a tariff. You," continued Mr. Hill, "looking Mr. Gorman straight in the eye, did not, like your colleagues, set up the childish defense that you had been lured into supporting a duty on coal and iron."

"When Mr. Cleveland saw the senate bill placed a duty on coal and iron ore, the property of the rich," said Mr. Hill, "and removed the duty from wool, the product of the farmer, he would have been false to himself, false to his pledges and false to his party had he not called attention to the discrimination and inconsistency. He spoke too candidly; too earnestly. That was why he was criticised. Did not these very senators who criticised Mr. Cleveland yesterday go to the president and plead for the passage of the bill? That old tract might be read by those who acted independently of all outside influences, but it came with poor grace from those who stood here and admitted that they had themselves sought the interposition of the president to save them."

"I do not often defend the president," said Mr. Hill, raising his voice until it rang through the chamber, "but today it is my duty to do so, and I hope I am broad-minded and liberal-minded enough to defend him when he is unjustly criticised and attacked."

As he was saying this, there were demonstrations of applause in the gallery that broke finally into applause. A suggestion from Mr. Hawley that the galleries should be cleared upon a repetition of the offense was jeered and hissed.

Mr. Gorman said on yesterday, in characterizing him (Hill) as an opponent of this bill, that he could dance a waltz down the aisle with the senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Aldrich). Mr. Hill said he was not aware that he had been waltzing with Mr. Aldrich, but he remembered last summer when Mr. Gorman was waltzing down the aisle with Mr. Sherman in the light to repeal the Sherman silver law. The New York senator said this with biting sarcasm and then recalled the fact that his colleagues who were now professing the defeat of this tariff bill were then loudly proclaiming that unconditional repeal could never pass; that the struggle must be compromised.

The president was then the bold and unflinching champion of unconditional repeal. "You said it could not pass," said Mr. Hill, turning to the Democratic side, "but it did pass, and I tell you now that while his compromise bill may pass I do not believe it will."

Better Keep Away from White House. He then referred to Mr. Gorman's assertion yesterday that the Maryland senator, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Smith had promised the Louisiana senators a duty on sugar during the campaign of 1892. He doubted their authority to construe platforms. "He for one," would refuse to be delivered. He thought that if Mr. Cleveland's interference was complained of the best way to avoid such an entanglement in the future was "to keep away from the white house as I do."

"The idea that these old political foxes went to the white house and misunderstood the president is absurd." At 8:30 p. m. the senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

He Saw It Later. "Woof!" gasped Mr. Wigglesworth, mopping his forehead furiously as he stropped to pass good morning with the minister. "Hot, ain't it?"

The minister in the cool, white necktie calmly acquiesced. "But one thing's certain," Mr. Wigglesworth hopefully pursued, "this hot weather can't last always."

The minister shook his head with an air of uncertainty. "I haven't seen you at church for more than two months," he said, with grave concern.

It wasn't till along in the afternoon that Mr. Wigglesworth saw the application of it.—Rockland Tribune

The First Cloud. Mother—You can't stay in this hot city. Why don't you tell your husband you must go to a summer resort? Bride—I—I don't dare.

"Why not?" "I will be miserable because I can't go, and if I say 'Yes' I will be miserable because he can live without me."—New York Weekly.

Premature. "Don't ever speak to me again," she cried angrily. Her flames shingled his shoulders. "Be not hasty," he pleaded. "There are yet!"

He moved a step nearer to her. "Several details of our wedding which cannot be satisfactorily arranged without consultation."—Detroit Tribune.

All Paid For. The following was overheard between a Columbian student and his best girl: "Oh, Will, what lovely flowers! They look as if they had just been gathered. Why, there is a little dew upon them." Will (slightly embarrassed)—Not a cent, I assure you, not a cent.—Christian Register.

His Last Request. "If you have any last wish," said the clergyman to the convicted man in the electric chair, "tell me, and I will try to carry it out." "Yes," replied the poor wretch, "I want to learn to play the piano."—Boston Post.

IN TODAY'S COURTS.

Jeff Davis Bound Over on the Charge of Libel.

A VERY PECULIAR CASE IN COURT.

The Plaintiff Ross Secures a Verdict Assessing the Defendant With Costs Which the Plaintiff Has to Pay.

W. E. Ross, a Santa Fe fireman, began a suit for divorce from Mary H. Ross in the district court today. The petition is quite lengthy and goes into the details of a turbulent domestic life. They were married over in Missouri five years ago. The petitioner says he had not been married long before he began to see evidence of a temper and other undesirable traits of disposition, the existence of which he had not suspected before. His wife began to scold him and call him "mammy." She used to tell him when he started out on his run that she wished he wouldn't live to get back. After that Mary is said to have become negligent in her household duties. She would go off on a visit to neighbors and compel Mr. Ross to prepare his own meals, wash the dishes and make up his own bed.

The climax was reached when Ross got an order one day to haul a circus tent, an assignment that would take him away for seven days. His wife protested, but Ross had to go or lose his job, so he went. After he had gone Mrs. Ross swore out a warrant for her husband, charging him with disturbing her peace. He was tried and acquitted and the costs amounting to \$35 were taxed against Mrs. Ross. Then he, in order to keep his wife out of jail, had to pay the \$35. After that it is said she hit him over the head with a stove-poker and deserted him.

Mr. Ross asks for the custody of their four-year-old child, May. Among the Courts. Jeff Davis, the colored "silver-tongued orator" was given his preliminary hearing before Justice Furry last evening on the charge of criminal libel. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$300. Davis had circulated hand-bills charging Rev. G. D. Olden, pastor of the colored Baptist church, with embezzling the funds of the church of which he was formerly pastor in Tennessee.

J. B. Larimer sitting as judge pro tem in the district court today is hearing a motion for a new trial in the case of French vs. Becker. A warrant charging George Gayton with disturbing the peace was sworn out in Justice Grover's court today. R. T. Stewart a farmer who lives east of town charges Gayton with being the instigator of a row last Sunday growing out of a dispute of a leg of mutton.

A. D. Hubbard, a journal clerk of the district court, returned last night from a ten days outing in the Neosho Valley near Iola.

ALL DISCHARGED.

Five Innocents in Police Court This Morning Were Let Loose.

"Three little vags from Africa, loaded" around the Santa Fe," as recorded, were all there were of the yesterday's haul to amuse Police Judge Easminger this morning. Officer Caplan and Cunningham found these three colored boys hiding behind a freight car in the Santa Fe yards, at the rather unseemly hour of four o'clock this morning, and ran them in. They gave their names as Will Brown, Jesse Fairbright and Robert Plunk. The charges of vagrancy placed against them were a mere nothing to their sensitive organisms, and they resented it with all the vehemence the dignity of the court would allow.

The story of the evidence was that the boys had been sleeping with a friend in North Topeka and as they had to go to work early in the morning, had taken at 3 o'clock in order to get over in time. There was no explanation as to how they got into the Santa Fe yards and hid behind a freight car, but as the judge remembered one of them as a boy that worked across the street from his house he let them go, and they had a drink.

The continued case of the drug clerk was next called. It will be remembered that his appearance in court was due to the overbearing vigilance of Mr. Hicks, he of the brunette complexion, the putting lips and the corduroy brow. The witnesses for the prosecution were not procurable, but the young man in question had his there, and also his attorney, Mr. Ienhardt. The three witnesses examined, the hack driver, the gentleman friend that was in the hack and a colored friend of the driver that was also along, brought out the fact that the trouble was all about a copy of that sometimes most necessary of articles in the middle of the night, a nursing bottle. The most commendable delicacy displayed by the two men who stopped the hack in refusing to divulge the name of the object of their desires in the presence of the young lady in the hack, was the direct cause of the clerk's refusal to grant their request. It was shown that the prisoner did not use boisterous or abusive language, and after Mr. Ienhardt had given the court a little customary advice, which seemed good, Judge Easminger discharged the prisoner.

The young lady in the case was next called to testify to the same charge of disturbing the peace but as the evidence in her case would have been exactly the same as in the other she was discharged without further examination.

The court then took a recess till tomorrow morning.

SUFFRAGE CLUBS.

Some of Them Made up Entirely of Men.

Mrs. S. A. Thurston who has charge of the arrangements and speakers for the Kansas Equal Suffrage association, said today that there is a great demand for speakers from all over the state and that many clubs are being organized. The suffrage campaign under direction of the association will not open until about September 1, and the time until then will be taken up by preliminary work, organizing clubs, etc.

Mrs. M. E. Haynes of Augusta, is now working in Osborne, Mitchell and Jewell counties, and Mrs. Thurston says, she has organized a suffrage club at every point but one where meetings have been held, and that some of the clubs are made up entirely of men.

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JULY INVENTORY SALE

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS of fresh, seasonable merchandise has gone out among our customers since this sale was inaugurated and as many more will be brought to the front, regardless of their cost, till every department is cleaned up and room made for new arrivals of Fall Goods.

2,500 yards more of those Beautiful Tinted Ground Chiffonettes, new patterns, formerly sold at 74c, only 3 3/4 CENTS, Or 38c for a dress pattern.

Our regular customers know what a magnificent line of Printed China Silks we have shown all season at 50c. Come early to get your choice at 25c PER YARD.

Our full line of 32 inch Printed Japanese Silks, always retailed at 89c, and a few of Cheney Bros.' \$1.00 goods the world over will be on the center tables in our annex at 69c PER YARD.

Buy a dress and put it away for next spring. 1,500 yards black and red oil boiled, fast colored prints 3 3/4 CENTS.

Our 65c and 50c all wool Imported Challies, artistic designs, 29 CENTS. 500 yards 12 1/2, 32-inch, Cotton Pongee, 5 CENTS.

Our 15c Pongees, Dimities, Lama Cloths, Persian Lawns and Fancy Figured Swiss at 10 CTS. Our entire line of (25 patterns) Satin Organdies, always sold at 20c, 12 1/2 CENTS. 36-in. piece dyed Chambray in the leading colors, always sold at 20c, 12 1/2 CENTS.

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Our \$1.25 Ladies' Waists in white and colors, 78 cts. Our 85-cent Ladies' Waists, 68 cts. Our \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Ladies' Waists, \$1.00

Our \$6.00 Spring Weight Jackets, \$2.50 Our \$5 and \$10 Capes, \$3 and \$5

Our 75-cent elegant embroidered Night Shirts, (shown in baskets) 50 cts. One case Ladies' Ribbed Vests, out of three bought, our 10c quality, 7 1/2 CENTS.

50 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests, Egyptian cotton, taped neck and sleeves, our 18c leader, for 12 1/2 CENTS.

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Trains of the Fish.

Senator Joe Buckburn was some years ago traveling through Indian Territory in a not very thickly populated section, and although he started with a generous quantity of liquor the supply, with the exception of a single quart flask, became exhausted. While in this condition he met a Cherokee Indian, who asked him to extend the usual courtesy to a fellow traveler. The courtesies were promptly extended, and as the brand was the finest Kentucky the senator was hardly surprised when the Indian, who was mounted on a beautiful horse, eagerly offered him \$5 for the remainder of his bottle. The offer was declined, whereupon the Indian offered his saddle, his bridle and finally his horse, but all without avail. "Did you ever hear of a thirt like that?" the senator inquired of the friend to whom he told the story. "Why didn't you take the offer?" was asked. "Great heavens, no!" exclaimed Blackburn. "It was the last bottle I had on earth!"—Argonaut.

He Was Bewildered. He read the signs with the various ill-lung names which were displayed on and about the soda fountain. He was visibly impressed with the elegant combinations of syllables and the suggestions of refined luxury which they implied by their very sound.

"What'll ye have?" said the youth in the white coat. "This business has advanced a good deal since I was in town last," he said reflectively as he laid his carpetack down and put his foot on it.

"Yes, we keep up with the times on fancy drinks. What's yours?" "I dunno, what's ye've got any of what I want or not," he went on in an apologetic way.

"Well, let me know what it is, and if we have none we'll send out and get it." "I hain't seen nobody drink it, an' I don't see no advertisement of it in yer shop."

"Well, tell me what it is, and I'll do my best. You're keeping people waiting." "Oh, excuse me! What I came arter was a glass o' soda water. Jos' common soda water. But if ye don't keep it genuine suthin' that's like it or more ye hain't, we we'll call it square."—Washington Star.

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