

STROETZEN'S SEDUCTION

The Details From Denver and Additional Documents.

The Frantic Mother Tries to Kill Her Boy.

Hopes Still Entertained That the Doctor Will Marry Her.

Her Farewell Letters, Release and Receipt.

Doctor Dietrich Denies Some of the Tribune's Statements.

The announcement in THE BEE yesterday concerning the charges made against Dr. Edward Dietrich, of this city, created no little surprise. The majority were inclined to judge fairly and await both sides of the story before expressing an opinion one way or the other, but there, jealous perhaps of his success and out of patience because he dreamed a little better than some others or held his head too high, said: "I told you so. He was flying too high."

The Denver Tribune of Wednesday gives the other side of the story as follows:

INSANE AND PENITENT. Inmate, penniless, and among strangers, and with an illegitimate child, Miss Ida Stroetzen lies ill in this city, at 2834 Nineteenth street, where she is being kindly cared for and everything possible is being done to alleviate her physical sufferings and mental anguish. Her case is sad in the extreme, and one which places a prominent citizen of Omaha in a bad light and brings down upon his head the condemnation of all persons acquainted with the facts. This man is a practicing physician in the city mentioned—Dr. Dietrich. The details in the case have been suppressed for a few days out of charity to the unfortunate woman, but affairs have taken such a turn that it is no longer possible to keep the matter hushed up.

THE STORY.

About four months ago Miss Stroetzen came to Denver from Omaha, and went to the house of a friend and to her confidant that she was in a delicate condition. This greatly astonished her friend, but she explained that all would be made right and that soon she would be married to the man who had taken advantage of her confidence. She kept up a correspondence with Dr. Dietrich, and he was profuse in his promises to do anything to sustain her soul character and, so far, unswerving reputation.

A BRIGHT BIRTH DAY.

Things went on smoothly until recently, when she was taken sick. She did not appear to fear the result, but relied upon the promise of her seducer that he would marry her. On Sunday morning, the 7th instant, there was born to her a bright, baby boy. The mother was well and happy, and a letter was immediately dispatched to the doctor in Omaha, informing him of the birth of the boy, and calling upon him for money, of which the mother was greatly in need. The answer was one which might have been expected, but which was entirely unlooked for by Miss Stroetzen. The letter contained a lengthy statement, regularly drawn up, and with a blank for a signature.

WHAT WAS DEMANDED.

The statement was one exonerating the doctor and stating positively that he had never promised to marry Ida Stroetzen, and therefore had never been shown any favors because of such promise. With this statement came the request that the victim of his lust sign and return it to him, in order that he might have means of defense in case any trouble grew out of the matter. If this was done, he would immediately send money; if it was not done, he would not send one penny. The letter was decisive and final, and she was to sign it in her own hand. It meant dishonor for the woman whether or not she signed it.

DRIVEN TO INSANITY.

The effect was terrible. The woman realized that she had been duped and turned upon the rough side of every thing held dear. At that moment her mind wandered and she became oblivious to everything transpiring about her. She took a dislike to her unfortunate but more content babe, and sometimes went so far as to strike him—unknowingly of course. It was a terrible picture for those who waited upon her. Yesterday the little one was taken from her, it being feared that she would injure him; when she had calmed down he was given back to her, and she received him with demonstrations of joy. She calls him "my baby," and she is not violent, as is lavish with her affections as a mother can be.

"NO MISTAKE."

The Tribune then goes on to say that letters were found from Dietrich in which were "promises of marriage, and declarations showing plainly that he had seduced her under promise of marriage. There was no mistaking it—it was so written and signed by Dietrich."

AFTER CONSTRUCTING A THEORY OF THE CASE, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES:

"Her reputation for chastity was gone, and she only knew how she could set her right before the world basely refused to do so. The terrible blow wrecked her mind, and she is to-day an object of pity and commiseration."

PROTECTIVE FRIENDS.

The kind friends with whom she found an asylum aided her all they could, and will not forsake her. They kept the matter quiet, hoping that Dietrich would repent and marry the woman. "We still have an idea that he will marry her," said the lady who befriended her to a reporter. Miss Stroetzen is now alone and without even enough money to pay for the room she occupies. The attending physician is of the opinion that she would have easily and quickly recovered from the effects of her confinement had it not been for the great mental strain to which she was subjected and which completely deranged her mind.

THE FAREWELL LETTER.

Dr. Dietrich yesterday afternoon the above article, and in response produced the following document, the first of which was written by the unfortunate young woman just before leaving his house, and was handed him by her. It was as follows:

THE LAST LETTER.

Yesterday I went to the priest and told him the circumstances from beginning to end. He advised me not to marry you. I should take the child as a reminder of what I had to repent for. I must not marry you unless you will return to the Catholic church. I can tell you that you will give me a couple of hundred dollars. It will satisfy me, and pay the expenses of my confinement. I told the priest that you would not do that; that you

had two children who were baptized Catholics and I would raise them for heaven as an atonement. The priest made no satisfactory answer to this, but said that if you would turn to a Catholic I might marry you. Your letter this morning indicates that you would not be willing to marry me on account of what I have done, and now I have confessed it would be much easier if we could

MUTUALLY RELEASE EACH OTHER.

I have said what you accuse me of, and I hope you will forgive me for doing so. I am very sorry I have made you so much trouble. Had I been more true to you and followed less around the neighborhood, it would have been better, but I have learned a lesson now that will me last all life. You can marry now, but as for me, it is all over I can never marry. I wish I had been more frank with you. I shall never bring suit against you, but if you will give me anything I will be pleased to accept it. I will say to you and your children that God may prosper you in all things. If you should come down write me a few lines, and I will meet you at the depot. Should you not be willing to do anything else for me please forgive me from the kindness of your heart, and I will say

FAREWELL FOREVER,

with the best of wishes for your welfare. Give my regards to the children.

Yours in Sincerity,

IDA STROETZEN.

After the receipt of this letter, the doctor went to Crete, and got before a justice of the peace, and set up the following, which both signed, and of which a copy was taken up by each:

RESOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

"Articles of agreement entered into this 11th day of April in the year 1882, between Edward Dietrich and Ida Stroetzen, of Omaha, 13 eighth county, Nebraska. The said Edward Dietrich, do hereby covenant and agree with the said Ida Stroetzen to do and perform the matter and things following:

HE WILL FROM THIS DAY RELEASE

the said Ida Stroetzen from all claims or obligations, whatsoever, which he now has or ever had, growing out of a promise of marriage made by him to the said Ida Stroetzen to do and perform the matters and things following:

First—She will from this day release

the said Edward Dietrich from all claims and obligations whatsoever that she has or ever had growing out of a promise of the said Edward Dietrich to marry the said Ida Stroetzen. In witness whereof the said Edward Dietrich to marry the said Ida Stroetzen.

And the said Ida Stroetzen do hereby

release the said Edward Dietrich from all obligations growing out of the promise of the said Edward Dietrich to marry the said Ida Stroetzen.

Witness:

T. A. C. BEARD.

Then follows the acknowledgment of T. A. C. Beard, as justice of the peace.

A RECEIPT IN FULL.

The following receipt written in German is attached to this paper:

"I hereby testify that Edw. Dietrich for the promise of marriage and the consequences which may arise out of the same, has satisfied my mind, and that I in future have no further claim against him and release him from everything for the sum of \$200, which has been paid out to me this 11th day of April, 1882."

[Signed] EDWARD DIETRICH, IDA STROETZEN.

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failed after four months of idleness. The miners now believe that the demand for coal will be so heavy at that time that the operations will be compelled to grant the increase.

The Jeannette Inquiry.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—In the Jeannette board of inquiry, Danenlower was recalled, and asked the following question: "Do you know of anything in the management of the Jeannette which subsequent experience proved prejudicial, and which could have been avoided?"

"This reply was: 'It is a question of judgment which is called for by court; and when I embarked on the expedition I was to abide by the judgment of the commander, and I do not wish to be opposite in my judgment to that of the commander, or others, unless it is absolutely required of me.'"

The court was cleared for consultation.

After half an hour's conference the doors were reopened and the witness was asked:

"Are there any material facts relating to the management of the Jeannette coming within your own knowledge which you have not stated?"

Answer—"No, sir."

The witness stated that the canned goods were generally bad, and had been destroyed from time to time.

Must an Army Officer Pay His Debts.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—The secretary of war has submitted to the judge advocate general for an opinion on the question whether persistent refusal on the part of an army officer to pay his just debts does not make him liable to trial by court martial upon the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Three Men Killed.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

MEMPHIS, October 19.—It is reported here that at Knoxville, Tenn., this morning, Joseph A. Mabry and George W. Mabry were shot and killed by Major Thomas O'Connor, and that he, in turn, was killed by the Mabrys. Particulars have been telegraphed.

Death of an Old Printer.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

BUCKNER SPRINGS, Va., October 19.—John D. DeFrees, late public printer of the government, died this morning.

He Must Go.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

TRIESTE, October 19.—A drunken man arrested some time since while he was manufacturing bombs, has been sentenced to death.

Worthy of Praise.

As a rule we do not recommend patent medicines, but when we know of one that is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart the information to all who are afflicted with the disease. Electric Bitters are such a valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Complaints, even when all other remedies fail. We know of no other medicine that will cure so many ailments, and so freely recommend them to all. Each—sold at fifty cents a bottle, by C. F. Goodman.

The Colored Voters.

On Tuesday evening a mass meeting of colored voters was held at J. R. Simon's residence, at Twenty-first and Izard streets.

G. Young was elected chairman, and Mr. Brown secretary.

Remarks of a political character were given made by C. D. Bell, E. S. Clemens, Mr. Johnson, A. Brown and C. W. Porter.

Mr. Young made a strong speech in favor of supporting the republican party and the entire ticket, and endorsing the platform of the state convention.

J. R. Simon, C. D. Bell and others, spoke in the same strain.

On motion of J. R. Simon, a committee of three was appointed to select a man as a delegate to the next county convention. The committee was as follows: C. W. Porter, Mr. Johnson and Mr. J. Lindsay.

Committee reported as follows, that Mr. Young was their choice to represent the colored people in the county convention. Mr. Young declined the nomination.

On motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. J. R. Simon was nominated and Mr. Simon nominated Mr. C. D. Bell.

A vote was taken and Mr. Simon was unanimously elected as representative from the Sixth ward in the county convention.

Mr. Harris moved for permanent organization, which was unanimously carried.

E. S. Clemens was elected president; C. W. Porter, vice president; J. R. Simon, secretary; Mr. Harris, marshal.

Mr. Young suggested that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simon for the use of their house for the meeting which was unanimously assented to.

Meeting adjourned, subject to the call of E. S. Clemens, president, and A. W. Parker, secretary.

In countries where malaria is prevalent, or where the climate is subject to sudden changes—should be found in every house Brown's Iron Bitters.

STATE NOTICES.

Lincoln has three public reading rooms.

Fillmore county votes at the coming election on a proposition to build a \$60,000 jail at Geneva.

R. G. Oldham and Eliza Worley, both of Cass county, eloped on the 15th and were married at Henry.

Thomas H. Ashton, of Syracuse, Oke county, sent to Lincoln for exhibition a stake of corn 16 feet 3 inches high.

The show window of L. Lipps' millinery store at Lincoln was damaged by fire on the 17th to the extent of \$250. A lace curtain blew against a light.

J. D. Warner, of Hubbard, lost his barn by fire last Friday, together with his wife's pony and a valuable hay horse, and all his harness, wagons and cultivators. A young man by the name of George Hildesheim also lost a valuable mule, and two other were burned to severely that it is thought they will die.—Herald Express.

Grand Fall and Winter Open ing.

A matter of much interest to the ladies of Omaha is the fact that the Western Fair will exhibit her latest French patterns and bonnets on Friday and Saturday the 20th and 21st of this month. All are cordially invited to attend. No cards.

I. O. O. F.

The Grand Encampment of the State in Session at Fremont.

The Grand Lodge Follows With Its Annual Session.

The grand encampment and grand lodge, I. O. O. F., of the state of Nebraska were in session at Fremont on Tuesday and Wednesday. The encampment met on Tuesday, about forty members, representing ten subordinate encampments, being present. Nearly all the officers were present and the reports show a healthy condition of the order in the state. Grand Representative C. C. House, who was in attendance on the annual session of the sovereign grand lodge at Baltimore last month, reported that the patriarchal uniform degree for encampments had been adopted and the work will be sent to the grand encampments all over the world as soon as they are published. This is a new feature in Odd Fellowship, and one which has long been agitated and strongly advocated by the leading Odd Fellows in the various countries of the world where Odd Fellowship has a foothold.

After a secret session, in which Representative House exemplified the secret work, the encampment adjourned until Wednesday morning. Upon re-assembling on Wednesday morning, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

George Weber, of Lincoln, G. C. P.

J. M. Schnellbacher, Plattsmouth, G. H. P.

L. G. Johns, of Seward, G. S. W.

D. A. Cline, of Lincoln, grand scribe.

Samuel McClay, of Lincoln, grand treasurer.

J. H. Wheeler, of Grand Island, grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

After reports had been received and acted upon, and other routine business had been transacted, the grand officers elect were installed. The secret work was exemplified, and the grand encampment adjourned.

The grand lodge assembled in its twenty-fifth annual session at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with the following officers in attendance:

J. T. Hedrick, of Tecumseh, G. M.

W. N. Curtis, of Pawnee City, D. G. M.

H. J. Hudson, of Columbus, G. W.

D. A. Cline, of Lincoln, grand secretary.

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J. H. Wheeler, of Plattsmouth, and J. H. Wheeler, of Grand Island, grand representatives.

The session yesterday promised to be one of the most interesting ever held by the order in this state. An important matter to be considered is the report of a committee appointed a year ago to revise the constitution and general laws of the order in the state. Their report is ready, and promises to make the session a very lively one, as there are diverse opinions regarding some of the changes proposed.

Kidney Complaint Cured.

B. Turner, Rochester, N. Y., writes: "I have been for over a year subject to serious disorder of the kidneys, and often unable to attend to business; I procured your Blood-purifier, and was relieved before half a bottle was used. I intend to continue, as I feel confident that they will entirely cure me." Price \$1.00.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

A Little Gratuitous Advice From Mr. Ed. Leader to His Friends.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

I replied to the card signed "Sarantoga," in this morning's Herald, and I wish to announce to all interested in road houses, through the columns of your paper.

First, that I was not, in any manner, shape or form, connected with the arrest of any of the parties for selling liquor without license.

Second, that this statement I can prove by District Attorney Burnham.

I have been, as hundreds of other citizens have, in the habit of driving out on the road, and when I wanted to drink patronized the "places," and was, perhaps unfortunately, called before the grand jury to testify to this fact, as any other citizen might have been.

When before the jury I told the truth. That I should be heralded as an informer in this matter is unjust and unwarrantable. The city authorities should protect men who abide by the law and pay their outrageous license fee, and as is evident have been trying to do so. The transgressors now feel the grip of the law, and wish to lay the blame on a law-abiding citizen, who is entirely innocent of anything in connection with the same, except being brought before the jury to give testimony. I consider it a dastardly and mean piece of business to try and frame public opinion that I am an informer. I advise my slanderers to walk up to the captain's office, pay up, and look pleasant, and stand off lying about other people to try and send somebody to make laws that they will not feel inclined to break.

Edw. LEADER.

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