

MOVING THE FEDERAL COURT.

The Migration to Lincoln—The Leighton Insurance Jury Goes Along.

TWO DIVORCE SUITS STARTED.

Reorganizing the Thurston Hose Team—The Omaha Panorama Company—General Court and Police News.

United States Court.

The exodus of United States court authorities for Lincoln was completed yesterday. Clerk Frank, his assistants, etc., had already gone down. Judge Dudley was held back by the stubborn conduct of the Leighton-Clarke insurance jury, which went out on Friday. The court is determined not to again undertake the toilsome task of trying the ponderous case and will make no further attempt at an agreement if possible. As a verdict was not reached yesterday afternoon, the jury was locked in a special car and taken to Lincoln. There are only eleven jurors in the panel, the twelfth having mysteriously disappeared during the trial, and the vote stood five to six. The jurors have been having a hard enigma of it and were worse than in jail. City was taken upon them Sunday night and some mattresses and quilts were sent into the room. Three times a day the marshal has led them out to their meals and back again to their deliberations.

Deputy Marshal Allen had charge of them on the trip down to Lincoln last night and also took with him D. Yumit, one of the Denver jail swindlers, and E. B. Heath, the embezzling postal officer from Kearney. Yumit goes to be sentenced and Heath to a trial.

The bar adjourned to Lincoln last night and the city will be in a large measure depopulated of lawyers for the next few weeks. Judge Woodcock will file the documents for nine new suits he intends to file.

DESERTED BY HUSBANDS.

The Stories of Divorce Petitions Filed in the District Court Yesterday.

Mrs. Lena Harden filed a petition in the district court yesterday a divorce from her husband, John Harden.

According to the story of her documents Mrs. Harden was married to her husband in Omaha, August, 1879. Soon after the marriage the wife discovered that her husband was a hard drinker. He soon commenced to ill-treat her in every possible way. She still clung to him, and tried to induce him to reform his ways. Two children had been born of the marriage, when in 1882 the husband fled to Atchison, Kansas, deserting his wife and children. Mrs. Harden gathered together all the money she could and followed him to Kansas. She succeeded in finding him and reconciliation was effected. The husband and wife lived together for two years, when in 1884, for some mysterious reason, Harden again deserted her, coming back to Douglas county, Nebraska. Mrs. Harden returned to follow him up and selling all her furniture and much of her clothing, raised enough money to pay the passage of herself and children to Omaha. She came here, never succeeding in finding her husband. He refused to have anything to do with her, however, and she was compelled to fall back upon her own resources for the support of herself and children. Since that time she has been living alone, earning her own living as best she could. She asks for a divorce from her husband on these grounds, and the custody of her three children.

Another married woman who seeks divorce from her husband is Mrs. Lena Messir. Her husband's name is Eugene, and the petition in the case, which was filed yesterday, alleges that he deserted her and went to Turkey, never returning from that far-distant country. As he has been gone for several years, Mrs. Messir asks that she be granted the divorce and the custody of her only child.

Mrs. Marion Scott filed her answer yesterday in the divorce case started against her by her husband, William Scott. Scott claims to be better known to the jury commission recently. His wife denied all the allegations contained in the petition and sets up counter charges of cruelty on his part.

RUNNERS IN HARNESS.

The Thurston Hose Company to Enter the New Orleans Tournament.

The National Firemen's Tournament takes place in New Orleans in March next. Manager Pentzel, of the Thurston hose team, is preparing to enter his men in the principal races. In conversation with a reporter yesterday he said that he was preparing to reorganize the team, with twenty-two men, all of them with first-class records and speed of ability. The team will be ready for the middle of February, and two weeks active training will put them in good condition to enter the races. Mr. Pentzel will leave no stone unturned to put his team into first-class shape and is confident that they will come very near reaching first place. The Fitzgeralds, of Lincoln, have been making loud boasts to the effect that when the training so directed that when the time came for the tournament they would simply be unconquerable, and furthermore that they already had a heavy mortgage on the principal prizes that are to be contested for. It might be well to state right here that with two weeks of training the Thurstons can accomplish more than the Fitzgeralds can with two years of training. The Thurstons will attempt to run down the Fitzgeralds, will return from the Crescent city, a very sick and sad lot of men.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

Articles of Incorporation for the Omaha Panorama Company.

Articles of Incorporation for the Omaha Panorama company were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday by the following incorporators:

Daniel H. Wheeler, E. Pierpont, D. F. Hamon, A. Montmorency, W. J. Tompkins, H. W. VanSickle, C. Barney, Harry C. Olney, James Casey, A. L. Strang, M. H. Goble, J. F. Markel, O. O. Howard, O. C. Campbell, Hugh G. Clark, Wm. H. Mcgarry.

The capital is set at \$30,000, and is to exhibit a panorama picture of the battle of Gettysburg. Ever since the time some several weeks ago a man came here from the east and began writing up that round structure now in progress of construction of the St. Mary's avenue base ball grounds, it has been known that some such project was afoot. Few however, have been aware of the fact that a large number of prominent citizens were engaged in the enterprise.

A reporter called on Maj. Wheeler, whose name is first on the list. The major laughed when the interviewer expressed surprise that he should go into the show business.

"It's quite a scheme," said the major, "and will be an ornament to the city as well as a source of profit. I trust, to the shareholders. Yes, the panorama is going to be first class and will be a counterpart of the one in Chicago. The act is as much. The only difference is

REMINDER OF A HOT FIGHT WITH MONTANA HORSE THIEVES.

George E. Bartlett, an Indian trader on the Flat River reservation, is in the city yesterday on his return from a trip to New York and the remote east. A reporter met him in the office of the Omaha Detective association.

"Do you see this weapon?" said Mr. Bartlett in a tone of conversation, as he produced from his satchel a heavy revolver, holster and cartridge belt, the sight of which the reporter acknowledged in reply to the trader's query. "Well, this gun has seen plenty of service and has drunk human blood. It will carry to a line at 100 yards and at the proper elevation will drop a ball a mile away. I had this pistol with me when I was in Montana serving as a deputy sheriff. A horse thief of bad character had been caught up in the north country and the sheriff was bringing him home alone. He had occasion to stop at a station where I can see a telegraph pole for me and another deputy to meet him up at Little Missouri station. The station consisted of one house, a saloon and a cafe. There were about thirty men stopped at times. Six fellows led by one of the numerous rascals who were called themselves 'the Kid' were there in readiness to rescue the prisoner. We arrived at the place about 9 o'clock in the morning, and the sheriff shortly came in with his man. We had been in the station ten minutes when the rescue was started. With a yell and a yell the six fellows swooped down upon us and carried off the prisoner. A fight resulted on the spot and I worked this pistol right and left until I emptied it and then I pumped into them with my hands sure of every mother's son of them, and when we picked them up we weren't any too particular to investigate whether they were living or not. We had the seven of them in a gravel pit there, and they are taking their eternal rest."

FIRE AT PAPIILLON.

A Big Blaze Yesterday Morning in the Business Part of the Town.

From passengers on yesterday afternoon's Republican Valley train particulars are learned of an extensive fire at Papillion which occurred this morning, destroying a considerable portion of the business part of the town.

The fire started in a barber shop about 10 o'clock and spread rapidly that in a few moments it had reached the grocery store adjoining, a harness shop, another grocery store and two other buildings were wrapped in flames. Despite the frantic efforts of citizens to check the progress of the fire and rescue the contents of the buildings from destruction, not a thing was saved. When the fire was discovered in the barber shop the entire interior of the building was a mass of flames, and before anything could be taken from the building in which the postoffice was located, the fire had reached the harness shop and had destroyed everything from the place. Not a single letter was saved, and the stock of goods was also entirely destroyed. From the harness shop only one pair of leather boots were saved. It is feared that the whole town would burn, but by almost superhuman efforts the flames were checked before they reached the bank building. A fire had been made to remove the safe from the building but it had failed, and if it had been destroyed the loss would have been much greater.

The cause of the conflagration is supposed to have been an attempt of the barber to start the fire in his stove with kerosene, and leaving the can by the stove the oil exploded, thus scattering the fire to all parts of the town.

It is said that there were several valuable registered letters in the post office which were destroyed. Had it not been for the heavy snow on the roofs of the buildings it may have been in possibility to confine the fire to the buildings which were destroyed. All the structures were of wood and burned like tinder. The telegraph wires were prostrated, and a force of men have been employed to get them up. The amount of the loss could not be ascertained.

IN THE TOILS.

Claire, the Bigamist, Horse Thief and Forger, Captured.

H. Hays Claire, alias J. H. G. Clear, the school teacher, lawyer, horse thief, bigamist, forger, etc., whose criminal history was recounted in the Bee of Saturday evening, was caught at the Union Pacific depot that night. With all his experience he was fit enough to bite at the commonest bait set for rogues. Sheriff Gorman, the Indiana official, discovered that Claire was in Stuart, Iowa, and from here he wired a note to the fugitive, purporting to be from his wife, and asking him to come to Omaha. Claire was lured to the city, and as he stepped from the train the officer took him in. Gorman had all his papers and without a moment's delay hustled him to the county jail. Claire was a healthy, permanent and extensive growth in population and extent, would be a work of interest and value, and it is to be regretted that in consequence of the time necessarily required in the negotiations and arrangements now perfected for the erection of a board of trade building, and the consideration of many important measures for the improvement of the city and protection of interests in such a report. Very truly,

FREDERICK B. LOWNE, Acting Secretary.

LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A special meeting has been called to consider the proposition to assist in the organization of a steel nail works company as proposed by Mr. G. T. Walker. The night was so cold that a large attendance was not given and Mr. Meyer, the president, adjourned the few present without action.

Mr. Walker stated that a meeting for the purpose of the call was not necessary, and that having already received the advisement of the board and conferred privately with the members, he was satisfied that all the assistance needed would be forthcoming. The capital stock of the new concern will be \$100,000, with half paid in. Mr. Walker states that \$50,000 will purchase the old plant of the Omaha nail works and start the new mill. No alteration in the machinery will be necessary for the new process. A thought of moving the works to another part of the city, as has been rumored, has never been entertained.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The Increase in Postoffice Receipts in the Leading Cities of the Land.

OMAHA AT THE TOP OF THE LIST.

Her Per Cent of Increase Eclipses All Others—The City's Importance From a Trade Standpoint.

A Few Facts and Figures.

Postmaster Contant has just completed a comparative statement of the receipts at the Omaha postoffice for the past six months with those for the corresponding period in 1884. This statement shows a most flattering increase in the receipts, the per cent of increase being 22.9. The statement would, however, show a still larger proportion of increase if made for the last five months, as the rate for that period is 27.2. The following is the comparative statement by months:

Table with columns for Month, 1884, and 1885. Rows include July, August, September, October, November, December, and Totals. Shows a significant increase in 1885 across all months.

This is a remarkable showing, and the increase is by far larger in proportion than in any other office in the country. The postoffice for the next year record is at St. Paul, which shows a rate of increase of 18.5 per cent. The following are the statements, as received by the Omaha office, of the leading postoffices of the country showing the increase in the revenue of the postoffice department (excluding postage on second-class matter) for the six months ending December 31, 1885, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year:

Table with columns for Amount, Increase, and Per cent. Lists cities like Omaha, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, etc., with their respective revenue increases.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Election of a New Secretary—Too Cold for a Meeting.

The board of trade, at a meeting held in its chambers yesterday afternoon, elected as secretary Mr. G. M. Nattinger. There were several names advanced, and the selection was made on a close vote. Mr. Nattinger is at present connected with the cashier's office of the Union Pacific, and is also secretary of two of the building associations in the city. He accepts his new office, and it is understood will retire from the service of the Union Pacific to give it his complete attention.

THE GRAND JURY.

Judge Wakeley Says That It Could Be Dismissed—Other Points.

A reporter for the Bee yesterday waited upon Judge Wakeley for the purpose of drawing from him if possible an expression of opinion regarding the grand jury question, which is at present uppermost in the public mind.

"The law providing for the filing of presentments by the district attorney, under their new system," said Judge Wakeley in answer to the leading question of the reporter, "says that it shall be optional with the judges of the district court whether a grand jury shall be called or not. This term there are some important cases to be considered. Hence I have not been able to give you an opinion as to whether it is best as a matter of precaution to call a grand jury."

"What do you think of the personnel of the body?"

"I don't care to express an opinion on that point—it would hardly be right for me to do so. I am personally acquainted with but few of the members. I know that what I have heard through the papers."

"Is there any law which makes it illegal for a grand jury to make a presentment on a case drawn, at any time before ten days from the opening of the term?"

"No, there is no such law. We could dismiss the present grand jury at any time before ten days from the opening of the term. The law simply states that the grand jury shall not be drawn during a term, or with reference to the present panel, we have not taken any step toward the dismissal of the present panel. I cannot say that we intend to do so, inasmuch as there have been no formal charges preferred yet."

To comment on the grand jury case, decided after examining all the witnesses in the latter case, that there was not evidence to warrant the holding of John Laurer on a charge of murder, this year, presented filed by Mr. Estelle, according to the new law, be sufficient to hold him notwithstanding?"

"That is a difficult question to answer without a full knowledge of the facts and the facts of the case. I cannot undertake to deliver an off-hand opinion on the matter."

Judge Wakeley, in speaking further concerning the law regarding the filing of presentments by the district attorney, said that it was so worded as to be unsatisfactory and in many points indefinite. For instance, he concluded, "according to the terms of the law, it is very doubtful whether the district attorney can file a presentment against a prisoner unless he (the prisoner) has been held to the district court by some examining magistrate, such as the police judge. In other cases it is a question whether a presentment would be a sufficient ground for trial. The law will certainly have to be amended in some way."

A TRAMP'S STORY.

A Bit of Interesting History—Merchant, convict and vagrant.

"People can get such a kick out of it," said an ancient-looking, seedy "bum" to a reporter yesterday, "but tramps have a certain feeling of manhood and are entitled to some consideration. I myself was ten years ago as respected and respectable a man as was in the state of Illinois. I have had misfortunes and now am what you see."

The speaker was evidently one of the genus tramp himself. His clothes were worn and torn, and his face gave evidence in its hard lines and general expression, that its owner had seen a good deal of the "world." He was standing in the middle of a depot warning his going to the hands and nearly speechless as he delivered himself of the utterance quoted above. Seeing that the re-

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Business Transacted at the Meeting of Last Evening.

The regular session of the board of education was held last evening, President Points in the chair, and present Members Conover, Coburn, Copeland and Long. The meeting was a short and quiet one, no lengthy discussions being indulged in.

A communication was received from M. W. Hartigan, saying that he had a note due for \$20 for material for the high school boiler, and asking that the board take up the note. The communication was placed on file.

The committee on teachers and text books submitted an opinion by Hon. George B. Lake in regard to the employment of substitute teachers in the schools. Judge Lake held that such employment was contrary to the school law. The report of the committee was accepted.

Chairman Copeland, of the committee on supplies, stated that the committee had been unable, on account of the weather, to secure photographs of the buildings which were necessary to make cuts of the same to be printed in the annual report. It would be almost impossible to secure the cuts in less than two months, and it was the opinion of the committee that the report should be printed without the cuts this year. Superintendent James was also of the opinion that the report should not be delayed any longer than it possibly could be. The matter was taken in the matter except to grant the committee further time.

Mr. Long presented to the board a statement in regard to securing additional ground for the school. The school lot at the east side of the school could be bought for \$2,000, and Mr. Long thought it would be a good investment. This would give an opportunity of drawing the school grounds out to away with the necessity of renting the two rooms now used outside of the building for the use of scholars.

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Mr. Gibson introduced a resolution directing the secretary to advertise for proposals for the purchase of a lot at the corner of Woolworth street and Georgia avenue at a cost of \$20,000. The motion was withdrawn and a substitute introduced that the school lot at the corner of Woolworth street and Georgia avenue in case it can be secured at a price not in excess of \$20,000, be purchased, after which the board adjourned.

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THE FAIR FINANCES.

Report of the Condition of the Association Treasury.

The following is the report of the financial committee of the Omaha Fair and Exposition association, submitted at the last meeting.

To the share holders of the Omaha Fair and Exposition association. We, the committee appointed by the president, according to article 5, section 1, make report as follows:

There were 517 shares of stock originally subscribed for, aggregating \$51,700.00. There were three assessments made aggregating 25 per cent all of which was paid promptly, except the sum of \$1,185, of which there is \$405 that is beyond a doubt not available to the association.

The total cash receipts are as follows: Assessments \$17,350.00, Special subscriptions 1,520.00, Gate receipts 6,945.00, Amphitheater and quarter stretch 2,134.50, Privileges sold 3,018.50, Speed entrances, stall tickets, premiums and other sources 3,651.05, Sale of admission tickets by railroads 1,522.70.

Total \$30,292.75. Disbursements were: Secretary's salary \$99.95, Printing and stationery 140.00, Permanent improvements 6,350.00, Advertising 2,329.40, Speed premiums 2,522.25, Other premiums 1,215.00, Police 645.00, Secretary's clerks 297.00, Superintendent of race and gates 315.00, Treasurer and ticket sales 375.00, Driving Park Association rents 1,009.00, Insurance 155.15, Contingent and unprovided for 392.50, Fair expenses during fair 1,402.50, Membership in National meeting 81.00, Balloon ascension 500.00, General superintendant 120.00, Printing and stationery 120.00, Land expenses 317.50, Fire works 115.45, Miscellaneous expenses 327.00.

Total \$30,292.75. Balance in hands of treasurer \$ 713.69. There is now due the association from the C. St. P. & O. Ry Co from sale of tickets \$296.

The committee carefully examined all the vouchers and find that all the bills have been passed upon, either by the executive committee, or the board of directors.

We have examined the treasurer's accounts and find them correct as follows: Total cash received \$30,292.75, Vouchers paid 29,579.06, Unpaid vouchers not presented 65.00.

Balance in treasury \$ 713.69. Leaving a net balance of \$713.69 cash on hand with no liabilities.

HOW IT WAS DONE. An Official Report of the Stage Robbery.

Gen. Howard received yesterday a report from Lieut. Mackinnay, of Fort Robinson, who was sent out to follow up the stage-coach robbery. Through the robbery Gen. Howard committed a week ago, the robbery crew has not been struck, and it looks as if the road agent was going to make good his escape.

Lieut. Mackinnay's report, which is a careful and detailed one, throws some additional light on the transaction. It seems that the driver of the stage coach was going along the highway, on the road to Fort Robinson, when suddenly he was overtaken by a party of robbers. He was told to "Hello, there!" He was muffled up, so that even his eyesight was obscured. He threw his reins into his left hand, and with his right pulled the emergency brake. He then saw a man lying by the road-side, partially concealed by a ravine, and having a double-barrelled shot-gun levelled straight at him. The highwayman shouted to him that "Throw off that box. The driver at first paid no attention to the command but drove straight on. He concluded, however, to try to get out of the highwayman's hand, and he threw the box overboard. The driver then paid no attention to the command but drove straight on. He concluded, however, to try to get out of the highwayman's hand, and he threw the box overboard. The driver then paid no attention to the command but drove straight on. He concluded, however, to try to get out of the highwayman's hand, and he threw the box overboard.

Work for the Vagrants. The city is remarkably clean of vagrants, a reporter yesterday remarked Judge Stenberg to a reporter yesterday. "Work is plenty, and if a man really wants employment he will have no trouble in getting it. Hitherto I have been sending the vagrants out to work on the Burlington & Missouri extension, and this have been able to dispose of all who have made a plea that they could not find anything to do. I have a new scheme which I propose to carry out when the spring crop of tramps comes on. There is a stone quarry in the Platte valley, and I have twelve or fifteen miles, and I shall make arrangements for any number of men I may send down there to secure work. So that if a man tells me he would work I will find him something to do so, I shall give him an opportunity to quarry stone. If he refuses to go, or drifts back to town again he will have the pleasure of a term of imprisonment in the county jail. That way I think I can keep the number of tramps and vagrants way down to a minimum."

Wants Damages. Marcus McFadden began a suit in the county court yesterday to recover \$100 from Guy C. Barton and S. H. Clarke, according to the petition Marcus is, or was, the owner of a fine dog which he valued at the sum named, while Messrs. Barton and Clarke are owners of a large hole, located on a piece of property owned by them jointly. This hole, or empty well, it is alleged, is located near the highway and is not fenced in at all. One day Mr. McFadden was leading the horse along the road when it broke loose and started on a gallop across the field. Before the animal could be caught it had fallen into the empty well of which Messrs. Barton and Clarke are the owners and proprietors. The horse was killed by the fall, and Mr. McFadden thinks that he is no more the cost of the animal, from Messrs. Barton and Clarke.

A Judgment for the Contractor. Judge McCulloch of the county court yesterday rendered a judgment of \$147.50 for the trustees of the First Congregational church against the contractor, Gustav Schell. The trustees of the church claimed heavy