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AN AWFUL TIME.

What the Morning Paper Had in
Running Down a Suspicion.

JOHN T. STAFFORD'S ELIGIBILITY

Will be no Disposition to Seek an Office
Where There is the Least Question In-
volved—An Amusing Campaign Incident
Yesterday Afternoon.

THE ARGUS last evening spoke of the question which had been raised during the day as to the eligibility of John T. Stafford to the office of assistant supervisor, for which office he was nominated by the democratic city-township convention Monday evening. Although a native of Rock Island, and most of his life has been spent here, he resided in Chicago five years prior to July 15 last, when he came back to his first love. This city is now his home, but the statute prescribes that "No person shall be eligible to any town office unless he shall be a legal voter, and have been one year a resident of such town." While the section is susceptible of different construction, Mr. Stafford is not seeking an office where, as stated last night, there is the remotest ground for belief that he is not legally entitled to it, and hence last evening he sent his resignation to the democratic city-township committee, which by virtue of the resolution adopted at last Monday night's convention is empowered to supply the vacancy.

Chasing Up the Rumor.

When the point was first discovered that Mr. Stafford was possibly not eligible yesterday by Deputy County Clerk John Binck, the fact was quickly communicated to the Union. There it had a decidedly exciting and consequently unique effect. The city editor quickly assigned two reporters to the development of which he also decided to devote his own energies. The plan was to interview Mr. Stafford as promptly as possible by making him compromise himself as much as possible. The first reporter who approached Mr. Stafford, however, discovered that there was no use for further efforts. Impressed with the importance of his mission, the man in search of information employed all the diplomacy at his command. First he spoke about the weather, and inadvertently told of how delightful the atmosphere was. Now he ventured upon the subject of the coming election and incidentally congratulated Mr. Stafford on his nomination. Then, cautiously as the feline makes ready to spring upon its unsuspecting prey, casually asked Mr. Stafford something about when he moved back to Rock Island. And there is where he got the knocker that left no occasion for further attempts to pump the nominee.

"Now, see here," was Mr. Stafford's prompt response, "I am not evading any statutory provision that may apply to me, if that is what you are trying to get at. Yes, I have heard of the question that has come about as to my eligibility. I voted in Chicago for five years in succession previous to last spring, and moved back to Rock Island July 15 last. If that bars me from being a candidate I am out, that is all there is to that. I will say, though, further, that I have not looked up the statute yet and did not know until a few moments ago that there was any possibility of my being ineligible. If there is a question about it, you need not worry about my continuing my candidacy."

And forthwith the crestfallen representative of the Union withdrew. In the meantime the wires had been kept hot with Chicago in order to learn just when Stafford had last voted there. There had not been such an exhibition of energy in the Union office before for many days—and all for naught. Stafford had spoken frankly and there was no occasion to run him down further.

The City-Township Committee. The city-township committee is to meet at the office of C. B. Marshall in the Mitchell & Lynde building this evening to provide for the vacancy on the township ticket, occasioned by Mr. Stafford's withdrawal.

Discharges the Jury. Judge Lucian Adams today discharged the 12 men impaneled as a jury to decide the case against John Ornsberg, of Moline, charged with assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon, because they could not arrive at a verdict. The case went to the jury Monday afternoon—and the question of what to do with Ornsberg has been hanging fire in the jury room night and day since. It is something unusual for a jury to remain out so long on a case even if it were of greater importance than this. Judge Adams puts it this way: "These picked-up juries are becoming tiresome. There are some men who have nothing else to do and would just as soon lounge in a jury room a week. If the old idea of allowing jurymen only bread and water while deliberating would be reestablished it would not require so much dilly-dallying to reach a verdict."

Both Agent and Wheel Reliable. Charles Wolf, the pioneer gunsmith at 121 Eighteenth street, is the local agent for the Majestic bicycle, made by Hulbert Bros. & Co., of New York, the well known makers of firearms. The Majestic is one of the handsomest and most reliable wheels made and retails for \$85. Mr. Wolf can furnish wheels from \$50 to \$85 and also does repairing. He is a thorough mechanic and any work entrusted to him will be certain of the closest attention. He also carries a line of bicycle sundries.

THAT FERRY FRANCHISE.

The City Has Felt Power in the Premises.

The fact that both the city and the county are, under the incorporation laws, empowered to license ferry boats and fix the rates of toll for the same, has led to some misunderstanding as to the necessity of confirmative action on the part of the county should the council grant the new Twin-City Ferry company the privilege it seeks. From closer investigation of the law, it is clearly apparent that the city has all the essential powers vested in it. The law which gives to the city and the county the same right to license and fix the tolls, evidently intended that the discretionary authority should extend to the county where licenses may be applied for outside of the limits of a city. It is not the purpose of the law, therefore, that the observance of both its provisions shall be mandatory. If such were the case there is ample ground for conflict between the two in the matter of fixing the tolls and are only expected to apply where the other does not.

The council, it seems, need only be guided by the city's best interests in the premises. It is certain the old company has not cooperated cheerfully in public improvements, either in the approaches to its docks, or otherwise. On the contrary those interested have been more disposed to furnish an impediment to public improvements and in fact at this very time are among those putting the city to needless expense in attempting to block the progress of public improvement on Twelfth street. THE ARGUS believes the city should be most friendly to those who are its friends where, all things being equal, it is in a position to do so.

SHE KEPT HER PROMISE.

And After Thirty-nine Years of Wedded Life John Griffin Wants a Divorce.

When Mrs. Jane Griffin warned her husband against further indulgence in stimulants and threatened a wind-up to their matrimonial happiness as a consequence he of course thought she was only giving him some talk. But she wasn't. And John Griffin appeared before Judge Bigelow in the circuit court yesterday as an applicant for separation on the grounds of desertion. The judge took the matter under advisement.

Thirty-nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were joined in wedlock in this city. He was a mine worker and they lived apparently happy until five years ago. Mr. Griffin has several years since passed the half century mark, and Mrs. Griffin is one summer his senior. The estrangement came in this way, so it is declared: Mrs. Griffin was overtaken by an illness of a nature which required the application of alcohol a couple of times a day. Mr. Griffin made the applications and in three months his wife came around all right again. She then became suddenly hostile to the use of liquor by any of the household. Mr. Griffin took an occasional bowl, but he was informed that his next bowl would mean desertion.

So one evening Mr. Griffin came home with a load of peaches. The next day she left accompanied by their 4-year-old son. This all occurred five years ago. Mr. Griffin told Judge Bigelow that he had used every means to persuade his wife to return, but he was given the marble heart every time. Mr. Griffin now lives in Moline. They have three married children, with one of whom Mrs. Griffin is now stopping in Cable.

Police Points. Fred Cook was taxed \$3 and costs for a last evening's drunk. He was picked up on Eighteenth street and ushered to headquarters in the hurry up.

The patrol wagon was called to Eighteenth street and Third avenue yesterday afternoon to arrest a couple of men who were engaged in an ugly fight. But when the wagon arrived at was serene. The battle was between a young man named Ziegler and one William Robinson. The former has his left eye bandaged up today. No arrests.

Sam Is for Style.

Sam T. Arndt, of the Crown restaurant, has been exhibiting his pride and public spirit of late by introducing some metropolitan features into his popular Second avenue eating house, having in addition to repainting the exterior, provided entire new furniture within, such as up-to-date metropolitan counters, etc., and a decided advantage is a gas range and gas broiler, which completes his equipment. There is nothing too good for Sam Arndt and his customers—he deservedly carries the Crown among tri-city eaters.

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WHO OWNED THEM?

Clothes Found at Bastian Farm by Peter Grampp.

THINKS THEY WERE LAUDERBACH'S

Some of the Results of Yesterday's Sale—Rumor of Another Missing Man—Jasper Markett's Sensational Story Developed Yesterday.

Among the attendants at the Bastian sale yesterday was Peter Grampp, the old friend of John Lauderbach. Mr. Grampp expected that he might be able to find some of the property of Lauderbach about the premises, and while he did not enter the house, he discovered some old clothing packed away in a cattle shed, some of which he thinks belonged to Lauderbach, but he is not certain enough to swear to it.

The buggy driven by Bastian on the fatal night, and in which Kuschmann's body was carried to the Weigle house, was sold to Chris Heber for \$10. The horse Kuschmann is alleged to have ridden was bid in by South Rock Island people. It was stated yesterday the farm included 250 acres. It should have been 160 acres.

Now Is This Another One?

What has become of Marshall Lewis, who worked for Henry F. Bastian in 1892?

Lewis, like Kreinsen, and Lauderbach and Kuschmann, was a farm laborer in Bastian's employ. Before being engaged by Bastian he worked for Jasper N. Markett, of Coal Valley township. When he left the latter he had some money coming to him, and he also permitted his clothes—or part of them—to remain at Mr. Markett's house, saying he would return later and settle up. He has not been seen since. Mr. Markett lives on one of William Killing's farms in Coal Valley township, and after Lewis had been gone some time he went over to Bastian's and asked about him. Bastian told him that Lewis had gone to milk and he guessed he had skipped out, as he had never seen him since—neither has anybody else. The Lewis case has not been run down as yet as closely as those of Kreinsen and Lauderbach, but Mr. Markett, who was seen yesterday, relates the facts as given, as far as he is concerned.

DEATH OF JACOB WILLMS.

Passes Away Today After Several Weeks' Suffering With Typhoid Malaria.

Death came to Jacob Willms at 11 o'clock today after several weeks' suffering with typhoid malaria. Mr. Willms had attained his 42d year. Reared at Holstein, Germany, about twenty-two years ago he sailed for America and immediately took up his residence in Rock Island, which he made his home until overtaken by death. For many years he conducted a cigar manufactory on Fourth avenue between Seventeenth and Eighteenth street which he gave up several months ago to embark in the saloon business at 1918 Third avenue.

Mr. Willms was a member of Isl and City Camp 309, M. W. A.; Krakenverein, and Plattsche Brothers. With his wife are left six children, averaging between 10 years and 17 months of age. Mr. Willms also leaves a brother, Henry Willms, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Steffens, of Traer, Iowa. The funeral occurs from the home on Third avenue Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be under the auspices of the societies to which the deceased belonged.

The Time for Holding.

Up the system is at this season. The cold weather has made unusual drains upon the vital forces. The blood has become impoverished and impure, and all the functions of the body suffer in consequence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great builder, because it is the one true blood purifier and nerve tonic.

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and give a pair of Silk Hose with each Corset. Style 516 in colors white, black and drab, cork pad, the finest made, worth full \$2.50, now at \$2, and the Hose thrown in. Don't ask us how we can afford it. The makers are bound to sell a P. N. Corset to every lady in this neighborhood.

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Twenty dozen Merrimac Percalé Shirts, neat stripes and checks, collars and cuffs laundered, look all of 75c, commencing today, 50c.

Fancy striped Percalé, extra well made, collars and cuffs laundered, should be \$1, commencing today 75c.

Some of the very dressiest colored bosom Shirts, white bodices, one pair of link cuffs to match bosom, they bring \$1.50 elsewhere, you shouldn't miss them, only \$1.

A small lot of four-in-hand ties, silk lined, regularly 38c, commencing today 19c each.

MCCABE BROS. 1720, 1722, 1724, 1726 and 1728 Second avenue.

Time Tables Tell Tales.

Take a bunch of time tables of the different railroads and open them up. Inside each one you'll find a map. Look at the different maps and what do you see? Between any two prominent cities in the country where two or more roads run, each map will show you that this particular road is the most direct route, and all the other roads go in a round-about way. Take the figures then and look them over, and you'll see that some one particular road is shorter than the rest, or its trains do get there ahead of the others. True, you can get there by any of the roads, but there's always ONE BEST WAY. It's like this in reading about goods. Every store blows its own horn. They each claim to give you more or better for your money than the others. How can you tell? Look at the FIGURES. See how they all "get there." Go in and see the results in the different stores. See what you can get with your money. There's always One Best Store in every town. See if you can get a good suit for your boy as our \$9.50 all wool Knee Pant Suit. See if \$5 will get your big boy as good a suit as we are showing these days. Look into these things for yourself. It pays whether you're buying Tickets or Clothes.

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