

IT IS AN OLD STORY NOW.

The Election Contest Attracts no More Attention in Lincoln. SEVERAL WITNESSES SAY LITTLE. They Indulge in a Great Many Words—A Religious Manic Breaks Loose in York—Caught in the Cutter.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The taking of testimony in the election contest fails to attract any attention in Lincoln now. Today the session lasted only two hours and was devoted exclusively to the benevolent contest. The taking of testimony affecting the other state officers was postponed until Friday of next week. The first witness examined today was A. N. Wyckoff, chairman of the Lancaster county committee of the third party. The only thing of interest which he testified was that the committee had spent \$400 for tickets in favor of the amendment, also for speakers and printing matter.

The next witness was John Stewart of Kearney county and treasurer of the state non-partisan league. He most unwillingly testified as follows: There was altogether \$4,651.21 raised for political purposes by the league. Of this \$1,000 was spent for prohibition literature, including the Lincoln Call and New Republic. About \$400 went to the secretary. The greater portion of the remainder was paid out to speakers and their hotels and their bills and the printing of tickets favoring the amendment. An even \$500 was given to the Swedish conference to work up prohibition sentiment through a weekly publication. There are about eighteen thousand Swedish voters in the state, and two-thirds of them voted for prohibition. In Kearney, Phelps, Saunders, Burt and Valley counties the Swedish vote was the strongest.

L. S. Ellsworth, deputy clerk of the district court at Holdrege, Phelps county, was called in behalf of contestees. At the invitation of Mr. Harwood, witness read the record of declarations of intention to become citizens filed in Phelps county within thirty days prior to the election. The list included thirty names.

Witness testified: "I don't know as it was exactly as to how they intended to vote; I had some conversation with most of them; at least of those who were in the township, men, and of course I understood by that that they intended to vote the alliance ticket."

"The alliance men generally out there voted the alliance ticket. It looked that way from the last election; yes, sir."

John P. Nelson, county clerk of Holdrege county testified that there were three Peter Johnsons who voted in Prairie township, although there are only two persons by that name in the township.

James J. Rhea of Holdrege testified—C. A. Larson who did not take out his declaratory papers until October 27. Larson voted for Thomas J. H. Holm, James J. Rhea, James A. Johnson No. 15, and a James A. Johnson No. 27, appear on the poll list of Prairie township who voted; I know of no such person in the township. One of the names on the list is James P. Johnson and that the clerks have got the given name wrong; he took out his declaratory papers October 27. John A. Nelson, township clerk, testified that he allowed to conclude the sale of his property, can pay up. The Atlantic trust company holds a deed of trust of the property in question for \$20,000 to secure the loan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The assets of S. A. Keen & Co., the suspended banking firm, are growing steadily less as the proceedings in court progress. Cashier Warner testified further today regarding the affairs of the bank, nothing starting being added. W. J. McDonald, head of the bond department, testified that the bond profit on bonds was about \$70,000. When the bank started, it had about \$98,000 worth of bonds in the vault and \$4,000 were pledged as collateral. A number of new cases were filed today by persons claiming that they were permitted to make deposits after the bank was insolvent. Keen today delivered the articles of agreement made two years ago by which Mrs. E. Keen became a special partner. This partnership was subsequently dissolved. The articles contained this peculiar paragraph: "The business of the firm is to be conducted on the principles of equity, justice and according to the teachings of the Bible."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The vertical tub boiler company is financially embarrassed and is endeavoring to raise money. The company is the largest creditor, who will conduct.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Helena wood and coal company has made application for the appointment of a receiver for the South Tredegar iron company in this city, declaring it insolvent. The insolventcy of the iron company is a matter of public knowledge and the appointment of a receiver is allowed to conclude the sale of its property, can pay up. The Atlantic trust company holds a deed of trust of the property in question for \$20,000 to secure the loan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—W. D. Budd has been appointed receiver for the property of Brayton Busch, a real estate and builder of the iron and steel business. The assets are estimated at about \$300,000. He claims he will be able to pay in full, and have something left.

EAST TAWAS, Mich., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—J. H. Schmeckel & Co.'s bank here has made an assignment. The institution is now in the hands of J. H. Schmeckel, a stockholder. It is impossible to state now what the liabilities are.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The assignee of the firm of H. W. Lewis & Son, Ansonia, assigned today. Liabilities, \$10,000; assets, small.

THE CHOYNSKI-FOGARTY FIGHT. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Australian advice received today gave full details of the fight between John Choynski and John Fogarty in Sydney, November 14. Choynski fought the Australian about as he pleased during the whole ten rounds. He had the advantage in length and reach, and kept Fogarty away from him most of the time. After the first few rounds had been fought Fogarty seemed to be nettled by his inability to get anywhere near Choynski. Several different organizations throughout the United States and from individuals; received only from the New York office directly. Nebraska prohibition received somewhere near \$1,000, some of it went to the Woman's Christian Temperance union. The executive committee received somewhere near \$24,000 altogether. It expended \$22,000; could not say how much was expended in the city of Omaha; supposed, in all, to have been about \$200,000.

There was paid to the Lincoln Call \$300 for papers sent to names furnished by the committee; put \$150 into the Humble Bee; took \$150 copies of the paper for about four weeks; the New York Voice sent about twenty thousand copies regularly to the committee, which were paid for from a special fund of \$100,000 to \$150,000 raised by it for the purpose.

Adjournment was taken until Tuesday.

A Religious Manic. YORK, Neb., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Perry Frank, a young man of thirty, was taken in custody this morning by Sheriff Shrock and is now in jail a raving maniac. Last summer he attended a revival session in which his mind has been filled with strange fancies and delusions, but he was always considered as harmless. He is now so morose that he is a danger to himself and others.

Relative to the Election Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Senator Morgan today introduced a resolution relating to the election bill. The committee on privileges and elections is directed by the resolution to examine the bill and to report what amendments and modifications are necessary to bring the bill into conformity with the existing law which is intended to be made by the present bill. The committee is instructed to make a supplemental report showing the changes and modifications in the existing statutes which they recommend and provide for in the amendment reported to the senate.

The Twin City Jockey Club. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The summer meeting of the Twin City Jockey club was extended from eight to sixteen days at a meeting of the directors today. The amount of added money to stakes and purses was also increased to \$50,000. The Twin City Derby, \$50,000 added money, has fifty-one nominations. The Hambleton stakes, \$50,000 added, has forty-four, and the Twin City Oaks, \$100,000 added, has forty-one. Entries for the other six stake races close July 15.

A Car Heater Explodes. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Theater in a coach on the Grand Trunk train exploded this morning. Billie the car with steam, gas burning coal. Two men jumped out of the windows and were badly cut. Several other passengers were badly burned, but none seriously.

A Double Service. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Beginning tomorrow the Atchison will inaugurate the double daily passenger service between Chicago and St. Louis.

Peter Jackson Arrives. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, arrived from Australia on the steamship Mariposa.

A Clothing Thief. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Frank McLean was arrested and brought back from Auburn today to answer to the charge of stealing clothing from guests at the Cleveland house.

Drove Them to Death. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 20.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last March Tom Williams stole a span of horses belonging to Mr. Foster of Beaver Crossing and then drove them to death in his efforts to get

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

A Bill Offered in the Senate to Prevent the Sale of Firearms and Ammunition to Indians Suffering from Depredations. THE ELECTION BILL AGAIN CONSIDERED. Spooner Makes an Address of Over Five Hours in Length Upon the Measure—Doings in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In the senate today Mr. Duffgreen introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition to Indians suffering from depredations. A dozen private pension bills were passed. Mr. Moody, from the committee on Indian depredations, reported the house bill for the adjudication of claims arising from Indian depredations. Calendar.

Mr. Sawyer asked unanimous consent for fixing an early day in January for consideration of the postal telegraph bill, but Mr. Walcott refused.

Mr. Platt introduced a joint resolution appropriating \$100,000 to enable the president to take action to obtain from the German government a supply of the remedy discovered by Dr. Koch and the formula for the manufacture of the same. Laid over.

The morning hour having expired, the presiding officer laid before the senate the election bill.

Mr. Goldock gave notice that after consideration of the pending bill he would ask the senate to take up the pure food bill, which was demanded by farmers from one end of the country to the other.

Mr. Edmunds demanded the regular order, and the floor was taken by Mr. Spooner in a speech in advocacy of the bill. A stranger in the gallery, he said, listening to the debate without a knowledge of the country would be impressed with the idealistic love of liberty and devotion to the constitution and freedom from partisanship were to be found on the democratic side of the chamber. He hoped the republicans on the other side would not assume that the republicans were not equally with them lovers of liberty. This debate had been characterized by rudeness. The committee on the other side had not referred to the language of discourtesy. Almost every senator on the other side had been harsh and bitter reference to Senator Spooner. Mr. Spooner, in reply, said that he had defended John I. Davenport from the attacks made upon him. Mr. Spooner had not intended to discuss the merits of the pending measure. A word had been said in connection with what was called "domestic visits," but nothing had been said of the domestic visits of riders at the south, the shooting of men and the whipping of women. It had been said on the other side that the bill was aimed at the colored voter. It was aimed at every spot in the United States where, by fraud or force, men who had a right to vote for members of congress were cheated out of that right. The south, he thought, was where the bill was specially needed. In proof he read extracts from a speech by the late Senator Christian in the late constitutional convention of Missouri, in which he said that since 1875 there had not been a fair election in that state; that in plain words (the words) had been stuffing the ballot boxes, committing perjury and using force, fraud and violence. He also read the qualifications for voters in the constitution of that state. 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