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A sensation was caused among the attorneys in the case by Isaac Armagost, a son-in-law of the defendant, who yesterday testified that he had introduced nearly one-third of a quart of embalming fluid into the mouth of the corpse, coming in and telling the county attorney that he had testified falsely, and had done nothing of the kind, and that he was under the influence of liquor at the time he gave such testimony. He said he used the fluid only to bathe the face and hands of the deceased. The course of his witness had a damaging effect on the minds of the people of the community. No other testimony of interest was brought out this afternoon. The strong card of the defense was to account for the presence of arsenic found in the stomach of the dead man on the theory that the embalming fluid contained that poison.

DETERMINED TO DIE

Mrs. James Whitney Falls a Victim Through Her Body.

UNION, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—James Whitney, a sprinter, arrived here several days ago with his young wife, and they have been guests at Hotel Smith. This afternoon, while alone in her room, the wife attempted to commit suicide by shooting herself in the right breast with a 44-caliber revolver. The bullet went through her body. She now lies in a critical condition, with a slight chance of recovery. She left a note stating her intention to kill herself. Her parents were telegraphed for and will arrive in this morning from Salem, Neb. Respondency is supposed to be the cause.

LINCOLN IN BRIEF

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Judge Tuttle today gave D. W. Huff a first lien on a number of lots owned by J. H. Luke in South Lincoln. In addition, the amount of the loan being \$7,745.40. The Columbia National bank today commenced suit for \$1,066 against George Cook. The court refused to advance the Dole-Stratton breach of promise case on the market, consequently it will not be heard for about two weeks.

Mary Willoughby was today granted a divorce from her husband, to whom she was married in 1877. Since their marriage she has lived a large part of the time in the penitentiary and has failed to support her, as well as being guilty of many other misdemeanors. Mrs. Willoughby was given the custody of her five children.

Warrants were issued today for two men named Hunt and Porter, charged with an assault upon Caspar Clausman, a cigar-maker in this city.

The coal war between the local dealers is still on, with indications of a merry struggle. All dealers now deliver Pennsylvania anthracite at \$10 per ton, a drop of from \$11.40 to \$11.90 within the past week. There is fair prospect that the price will go still lower.

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J. C. Seacrist of the State Journal has returned from Pennsylvania with his bride married at home. The bride is the daughter of the members of the State Journal editorial staff will go to that after on the evening of the 7th of the present month.

People interested in educational matters will be pleased to learn that Lincoln has secured still another college. This time it is the Lutheran who propose to establish an institution here. The school will probably be located just south of the Cotner university.

The artisan well at the new Sulpho-Saline sanitarium is now down to a depth of 205 feet. Bert Chaney, the young man whose extended absence from his family gave rise to the fear that he had met with a fatal accident, had left his family for good, returned to Lincoln today. He explains his absence by stating that he had been visiting friends in Iowa and stayed away just for a joke.

Blaine County Contest. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Wednesday in the county court of Blaine county the defeated candidate for county attorney, J. W. Gardner, democrat, commenced contest proceedings against E. H. Riggs, republican, the successful candidate, alleging the main cause of contest was that the defendant was not eligible to the office at time of election, he not having been regularly admitted as an attorney to practice in the courts of this state. That the ballots were not printed according to law, that the name Riggs appeared on the first place for said office, whereas the name Gardner should have appeared. Much interest in the contest was manifested, as the first two causes have never been passed upon by the supreme court.

District Court at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—District court adjourned at 1 o'clock this morning. Prior to adjournment the following prisoners were sentenced: Fred Stewart, colored, for forgery, three years in the penitentiary; George Meridith, for assault, thirty days in the county jail. In the case of the Brewster company against Grimes, wherein a verdict was recently given in Grimes' favor for \$5,025, a motion for a new trial was overruled. The application for a new trial in the \$5,000 damage case of Mary Blair against Byron Bradt and George Sogeleke, wherein a verdict was given for Bradt, was denied.

Beatrice G. A. R. Elected Officers. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Rawlins post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 35, elected officers for the ensuing year last night as follows: Post commander, H. G. Day; senior vice commander, M. Hammond; junior vice commander, George Cunningham; quartermaster, J. R. Craig; chaplain, G. L. McCall; land; surgeon, Ford Bertrick; officer of the day, S. Hays; officer of the guard, J. Q. Overman; delegate to the next campmeeting, J. R. Craig; alternate, H. A. LaSalle.

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Miscellaneous

It is understood that Senator Paddock has succeeded in obtaining the appointment of District Attorney Lamberton of Omaha as assistant secretary of the treasury in place of Secretary Kirtland. This appointment will not be announced until some time next week.

The Texas delegation will urge upon President Cleveland the name of Judge Cullerton for attorney general. It will be remembered that President Harrison offered Mr. Cullerton the post office of an interstate commercial commissioner. Mr. Cullerton had expected to be appointed to one of the new circuit courts of appeals, and being disappointed in that respect, he accepted the interstate commerce commissionership. P. S. H.

BLAND ON SILVER

Opinion of the Missouri Statesman on the Monetary Conference. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Representative Bland of Missouri, chairman of the coinage committee and the champion of free coinage of silver, was asked by an Associated press reporter what he thought would be the effect of the failure of the international monetary conference to agree on anything. He replied: "I don't see that it would have any effect one way or the other. I have not regarded it as amounting to anything more than a makeshift to tide over election and perhaps have a movement to demote silver. I always regarded it as having those objects in view more than any real expectation of doing good to silver. I don't think the public generally expect much of it."

"Do you expect anything from the conference?" "I do not, and [decisively] I never have." "But that proposition should then be made to repeal the Sherman law, what then?" "That will be proposed anyway. I presume the objects in view more than any real expectation of doing good to silver. I don't think the public generally expect much of it."

"I would not like to express any opinion on that, because I do not know how the resolutions of the conference will be made at the same time. Our bill and the Sherman bill revealed the Sherman law, but substituted free coinage."

"Aside from free coinage, what plan can you suggest that would improve the financial situation?" "I would go to work and coin all the bullion which has been purchased. That would be a great relief, because it would show we were determined to make money silver the same as of gold at any fixed ratio. It would add Mr. Bland with a significance that appeals to the economist of the house."

"Could be the means by which a deficiency in the treasury could be met. All the bullion we have in the treasury under the present policy might as well be dumped into the Potomac so far as making money is concerned. It is treated by the treasury now, it is so much dead capital. We have purchased since the Sherman law went into effect nearly 130,000,000 ounces of silver, which would coin about \$162,000,000. If the purchases at an average price of 90 cents an ounce, we would gain approximately \$21,000,000 on coining the bullion, which would bridge over any difficulty arising from the deficiency in the treasury the coming fiscal year, that we not issue bonds nor take any other steps than coining that bullion to provide ourselves with useful funds."

"Do you think the proposition to make silver a legal tender up to \$5, shows a more liberal disposition toward silver of the part of Great Britain?" "That would make it a subsidiary currency, a mere token. Any proposition that does not make it a full legal tender is not making money of it. What Great Britain wants the United States to do with silver is to make it simply a subsidiary currency. What we should do is to drive Great Britain to the use of silver as money. And we could do it. We would only have to make money of silver and Great Britain would have to do it with us, for it has too many interests not to do it. Rothschild says that Great Britain could not afford to do anything that would hurt us. Austria, Russia and others nations are buying gold. Suppose we should go into the market after gold. Yes, it has been talked about; it has been said we should sell more bonds or should issue more legal tender notes and provide a basis for them by buying gold. If we went into the market we would hurt them. The price of gold would keep rising; there would be a scramble for it and then a crash when the people would come to realize what this single gold basis means."

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Congressman Breckinridge and Senator Furness give The Views. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Representative W. C. P. Breckinridge of Kentucky is in favor of somewhat of a departure from custom in the matter of the preparation of the democratic tariff revision bill. He thinks it should be done under direction of Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Breckinridge said that the people had confidence in Mr. Cleveland, and he thought that Mr. Cleveland should, with the assistance of his cabinet officials, prepare a tariff bill to be submitted to congress in lieu of a mere message of recommendation. This bill, he says, could be considered in the committee on ways and means and such amendments as were agreed on could be adopted in the bill. He would not care to see any amendments made and a great deal of time and trouble be saved. Mr. Breckinridge said that he was opposed to an extra session of the house and was apparently not favorable to an extra session next autumn.

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