

MINISTER'S STORY DENIED

Campaign Against the Social Evil in Lincoln Causes Trouble. PASTOR SHEPHERD'S WORD QUESTIONED

Major Weir Refuses to Accept the Presiding Editor's "White Wash" and Takes Occasion to Review the Case—Extracts from His Letter.

LINCOLN, Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The controversy over the existence and extent of the social evil in Lincoln, which was commenced by Dr. Shephard of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city some weeks ago has broken out afresh. Elder Shephard inaugurated the campaign by sending the example of Dr. Parkhurst of New York. He preached a sermon upon the subject, in which he made a scathing criticism of the Lincoln officials for not doing their duty. He then followed up the matter by several letters printed in the local papers. All went well enough, and the reverend gentleman was in a fair way to win the reputation of a Parkhurst without being required to share any of the criticism. But the change came when Mayor Weir replied to the statements made by the minister.

These wholesale charges created an intense sensation in Lincoln, and aroused the mayor and the members of the executive board to make a personal investigation. The officials failed to find a state of affairs as described by the minister, even after they had passed the greater part of the night in their researches and visited every resort known to the police and the city detectives. Then the mayor, convinced that the clergyman had drawn on his imagination, placed all the charges and the evidence gathered by the executive board in the hands of Elder Shephard and asked for action. The reverend cleric made his report, and, to use a phrase much in vogue in legislative sessions, the report was "whitely washed."

From Mr. Shephard's conversation with the alleged policeman, and I say alleged because every man on the force has denied the report, he was "whitely washed." Mayor Weir refused to allow the misstatements of the clergyman to go unrebuked, and he has therefore prepared a letter which will be published in the newspapers of tomorrow morning, and which talks straight from the shoulder. Amnuz other things he said:

Decided Against the Board. The members of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings were considerably surprised to learn that the district court had decided the mandamus case recently brought by the land managers of the Home for the Friendless in favor of the home and against the board. They announced that the case will be taken to the supreme court, but that the matter may be finally and definitely settled in the court of last resort.

State Banks Must Report. The State Banking and Currency department has sent out notices to all state and private banks in Nebraska, asking them to forward statements of their condition at the close of business on December 15. There are nearly 60 banks under the supervision of the board. The call was made for the 15th inst. for the reason that the call for the national banks was made for the same day and it is the desire of the board to enable the banking interests of the state to make a comparison between the state and national banks. The consolidated report will be ready for publication before the middle of January, as the work of compiling it is considerable and the limited clerical help at the disposal of the banking department.

Lincoln in Brief. Each member of the city police force was today presented with a fat turkey, the name of the donor being unknown. The chief detective force, however, believe that Chief of Police Cooper is the man who perpetrated the deed.

Celebrated Their Golden Wedding. ARCHER, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Mr. and Mrs. John Skoen of London precinct celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday. A large concourse of friends were present to add cheer to the festivities of the day, and the worthy couple were recipients of many handsome presents. "Uncle John" and wife are pioneers of Nebraska county.

Arrested for Robbery. Quite a sensation was created in this city last week when John H. Dundas, editor of the Granger, was arrested on the charge of contempt of court. The arrest was occasioned by the worthy couple were recipients of many handsome presents. "Uncle John" and wife are pioneers of Nebraska county.

David City Entertainment. DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The annual ball and supper of the fire department will be held Monday

FATAL QUARREL OF FARMERS

Harry Lewis Probably Wounded Unto Death by James Walkup. SAUNDERS COUNTY MEN INVOLVED

One Side Declares that the Shooting Was the Result of an Accident, While the Other Makes a Serious Charge.

CHARGED WITH STEALING HOGS. Clyde Cyphers, a Prominent Young Man of Saunders County, Under Arrest.

Pierce County's Ex-Treasurer Held for Imprisonment at Omaha. NEIGHBORS ENTHUSIASTIC. They Are Ready to Receive the County's Settlers at Once.

Want to Nubify the Lease. WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—One of the most important and bitterest fought trials ever had before the district court in Cumming county is the celebrated Indian land lease case of Rosalie Farley against Peoples, Wheeler & Chittenden, and Swenson. Imported attorneys were on both sides. Mrs. Farley is an intelligent Indian woman and the defendants are white men.

Death of Ward L. Baker. HASTINGS, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Ward L. Baker, a member of the firm of H. M. Oliver & Co., in the elevator business at Glenview, Clay county, died at his home in that village yesterday. He leaves a wife and several small children. The remains will arrive in this city tomorrow for interment.

LICENSE CONTESTS FINISHED. Hitcheck to the Last, Refuses to Pledge the Main Issue. The fire and police commissioners met as a license board yesterday afternoon and continued the hearing of the Metz case.

Affairs at Fremont. FREMONT, Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—A cartload of apples and prunes, direct from the Willamette valley, Oregon, is attracting much attention in the city. Mrs. Emma Hays recently complained in justice court that she stood in fear of great injury from her husband, W. F. Hart, and compromised by his promise to leave the county, she sued in the district court for a divorce.

Wisner's School Entertained. WISNER, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The Wisner schools closed for the holidays with a declamatory contest at the opera house last evening. In addition to the contest the program comprised exercises by members of the several departments of the school, all interspersed with excellent music. Medals of elegant design were awarded to the six interesting pupils of the high school in the following order: Mrs. E. C. Kenner, Ralph Mansfield, Gertrude Keller, Pearl Richardson, Cora Rich and Wallace Emerson. The music was presented by Principal C. H. Beaver, with a few very happy remarks. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used in the purchase of apparatus for the schools.

Lawrence Notes and Personal. LAWRENCE, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The public school closed yesterday for a week's vacation. The exercises were largely attended.

IT HURTS OMAHA.

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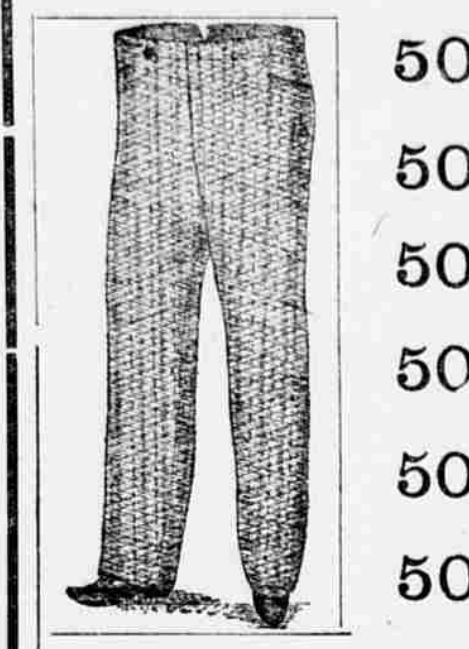
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young ladies appearing in the program. Those contributing were members of Miss Cabot's pupils Friday evening at Mayor's music hall. In point of fact the recital was thoroughly enjoyable, some of the pupils showing marked ability, playing with confidence and brilliancy hardly to be expected in such young persons. Miss Cora Nichols opened the program with Seals' Sonata, a pretty composition, not particularly difficult, but very dainty in conception. The young player, although a trifle nervous, showed good schooling and gives promise of being an intelligent performer. Georgia Kenard played Figure's "Little Polonaise" with considerable freshness in touch and execution. Herredine Hesse, who has been playing the piano for several years, gave Dusssek's rondo, "Les Adieux," with a finish that was pleasant to notice. She plays with feeling and is a decided credit to Mr. Cabot. Probably the most surprising performance of the evening was that of Miss Cora Paulsen, a little tot of 8 or 9, whose hands are so small that one wondered if she could span an octave, but when she came to play a Bach invention and a Gounod Gavotte the wonderment increased. She has soul, deep feeling and a really remarkable technique for so young a person.

Mr. Herbert Butler was in excellent form and his violin solo "Caprice de Concert," by Mazas, was a thorough musical treat. Mr. Butler shows in his solos an amount of hard work that cannot fail to bring him a full measure of credit. He is a really artist in his best sense. Miss Jessie Lubman played scherzo by Xavier-Carlier, very creditably. A Barcarole by Goldner was acceptably given by Miss Annie McJannet. One of the features of the evening was the G minor concerto of Mendelssohn played by Miss Josephine Bell, second piano by Mr. Cabot. Although somewhat nervous in the earlier passages the young player soon recovered herself and finished with good distinction. Mr. Cabot's piano recital was a pleasure in itself. Miss Cora's "Ave Maria," with organ by Mr. Butler, Mrs. Cabot possesses a voice of sympathetic quality, coupled with a rare artistic feeling that never sacrifices to cheap effects the real intent of a composition. She exhibits a purity of style that is always charming and her song was given with a judicious shading that captivated her audience. Isabel Coster played the Capriccioso by Mussini in fine style. She is a most promising pianist. But the genuine treat was the trio for piano, violin and viola, by Ignace Lochner, Messrs. Cabot, Butler and Baetson giving the audience and the pupils a practical demonstration in ensemble playing that made a deep impression. It was a perfect performance and fittingly closed a charming evening music.

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