FIVE LAWYERS IN THE CASE!

Each Attorney Pu'ls in Different Direction in John Walker Matter.

ALL CLIENTS CLAIM RELATION TO DEAD

Striking Testimony Given that Recluse Could Not Write, When Alleged Kin Say They Got Letters from Him.

With no less than five attorneys, each pulling in a different direction and with different object in view, Judge Vinsonhaler's lot in the county court was not a happy one.

whether or not Michael Fahey of South Omaha shall be appointed administrator of the estate of the late John Walker, the circumstances of whose life rather than of his death were such as to attract much attention at the time of his demise, for, while a supposedly poor man of eccentric and rather miserly habits, when an old trunk, which was about his only worldly possession, was opened after his death, nearly \$8,000 in money and valuables was found. So far as the few with whom he associated knew, the dead man had not a relative in the world. His money and effects were turned over to the proper authorities and steps taken to administer the estate. Since that time no less than twelve people have turned up, claiming to be relatives and heirs of Walker, though strangely enough, none of the twelve, with

tionship with each other. Mrs. Catherine Herr of Boston was one of the first to file a claim against the estate, alleging that she was Walker's sister, and, through her attorney, asking that Michael Fabey of South Omaha be appointed administrator of the estate.

one or two exceptions, claimed any rela-

J. J. Breen appeared as counsel for her at the hearing Tuesday and it was to oppose the appointment of Mr. Fahey by the court that Judge Slabaugh, as counsel for a woman in Ottawa, Canada, Mrs. Isabel Scram, who claims to be another nister, Jefferis, Howells & Shotwell for Mrs. Dixon of Baltimore, who says she is the dead man's mother, and J. J. Breen, for Mrs. Herr, appeared in the case

Says Walker Could Not Write.

Frank Moriarty of South Omaha was put upon the stand and testified to knowing Walker during his lifetime. The chief point of his evidence was that Walker had told him that he could not write and that the witness was in the habit of writing Walker's name to pay checks and other documents for him. The importance of this evidence is due to the fact that it is understood the claims of some of the other alleged relatives of Walker base their claims on having received many letters from him written in his own hand, Mr. Moriarty also testified that when he saw Mrs. Herr he at once remarked a strong facial resemblance in her to the man whom he had known as John Walker. Several other witnesses who had known and worked with Walker during his life testified to the same resemblance and corroborated the previous evidence in a general way.

County Court Clerk Leslie gave evidence of the opening of Walker's trunk and of the finding therein \$7,874, besides articles of clothing and some pictures, several of which latter he identified.

Best and Goes Farthest.

throughout the United States, through the judicious efforts of the largest manufacturers of cocoa in the world to bring the, merits of their product to the notice of the public at large. The Royal cocoa factory of C. J. Van Houten & Zoon at Weesp, Holland, is the nucleus and life of that place. The works cover over eighty-five acres and have been operated by the pres ent owners and their predecessors of the same name for over seventy-five years. A remarkable incident in the history of the food products of the country is that the gigantic business of this firm, aggregating millions of dollars, with a capital of many millions, should represent the manufacture of as simple an article as cocoa. The secret of it is that this gift of nature to man is of inestimable dietetic value. There are all sorts of raw cocoas, and, like tea and coffee, their flavor and taste is dependent upon cultivation, the character of the soil and elimatic conditions, so that a manu facturer who aims to produce a finished product of the finest quality is forced to pay particular attention to securing the very highest grade of raw material. So great is the interest taken in this direction that Van Houten & Zoon have given spe cial attention to the cultivation of cocoa and to the securing of the choicest grades of cocoa beans from various sources. Having been for so many years one of the largest buyers in the world, it follows that ing influence in the markets of the world. Given the highest grade of raw material, they have added to these natural advantages those of scientific treatment, and the result is the famous cocoa which is so familiar to consumers throughout the world. The marvelous thing is that this socoa should obtain such a strong foothold throughout the United States, when domestic cocoas are sold for about one-half of the price, and this is the highest evidence of its great superiority in flavor, taste and dietetic value.—Philadelphia (Pa.)

NEW TRUSTEES FOR HOSPITAL Push Work on the Building.

The Methodist Hospital association held its annual meeting in the Young Men's Neb. Christian association building Tuesday afternoon and elected the following board of trustees: Dr. Jesse W. Jennings, Charles A. Goss, C. A. DeLamatre, W. P. Harford, B. R. Ball, George W. Lininger, William Wilson of Blair, Jay Laverty of Bouth Omaha and A. L. Johnson of Creta. of trustees: Dr. Jesse W. Jennings,

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DID NOT SIGN FOR INCREASE TO PEARSE

Record Shows Pearse Was Elected Three Years, Much of Which Time is Yet

The follwing question was put to as many members of the Board of Education

as could be reached yesterday: 'Have you signed a paper or do you know anything about an agreement to pay Superintendent Pearse \$5,000 in the event that he was tendered a position as head of the Milwaukee schools?"

The replies follow: Ed K. Lower-Emphatically, no. I was approached on the question of raising Mr. Pearse's salary to \$5,000 a year and refused my vote. I said I was willing, if necessary, to retain him, to vote for a asonable increase—say, \$4,000 a year. Reports that friends of Superintendent Pearse, business men or others, have threatened to take away insurance business from my firm if I did not vote as they wished in the matter of the superintendent's salary

are utterly false. Such a thing has not been hinted at to me. Dr. W. H. Christie-If I had signed any such agreement it would be strictly my own business. I dont care to answer the have not signed it.

Question. Sup Willard H. Butts—I have not signed any said: such agreement and have no knowledge of anything of the kind being in existence. Never Heard of It.

Emil Cermak-Have not signed any such paper and didn't know there was one. I am a member of the salaries committee and not a word has been said to me about increasing the salary of the superintendent, other than what has been reported in the

M. F. Funkhouser-I have signed no such paper and know nothing about any agreement of the kind. I should not be surprised to see a petition from business men asking us to raise Superintendent Pearse's salary in order to keep him here. I have understood that the salary of the Milwaukee position is to be made \$5,000 a

W. R. Homan-I haven't signed any agreement of the kind and do not know Theodors H. Johnson-No such agree-

ment has been signed by me and I don't know that there is any. In view of the On motion the board then proceeded to

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crease of salary for the superintendent. Now Comes Pearse. Hugh F. McIntosh-I know nothing

about any such paper or agreement. George D. Rice-No such agreement has been made, so far as I know. If so, I Superintendent of Instruction Pearse

"I am not ready to say whether or not shall accept the offer from Milwaukee and shall reserve my decision until the formal tender comes by mail. Telegrams from members of the Milwaukee Board of Education confirm the press dispatches. Regarding the report that ten members of the board had signed an agreement to raise my salary, it is not true. What action the local board will take I, of course,

"However, Omaha is not in a class with Milwaukee as regards population and wealth, and I do not think it reasonable for this city to try to pay as much salary as Milwaukee is able to do." The records show that Mr. Pearse was elected superintendent on July 7, 1900, in

the following manner: On motion the board proceeded to ballot for a superintendent of instruction. The chair appointed Cermak, McIntosh and Minynard as tellers C. G. Pearse received is votes. Blank, I vote. The president de-clared C. G. Pearse elected superintendent of instruction.

call from Milwaukee, it is impossible to say what the board will do.

H. L. Kreider—Have signed no paper; do not know of any such agreement existing.

John L. McCague—No, sir. No agreement made so far, as I know, and I have not been consulted regarding a proposed inbeen consulted regarding a proposed intendent of instruction for three years. By the many constitution of the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of the ballot on the number of years the superlintendent of instruction should hold his office under the election just declared. The result of the ballot was as follows: For no years, 1 votes; for no years, 1 vote, The president then declared C. Q. Pearse elected superlintendent of instruction should hold his office under the election just declared. The result of the ballot was as follows: For no years, 1 vote, The president then declared C. Q. Pearse elected superlintendent of instruction should hold his office under the election just declared. The result of the ballot was as follows: For no years, 1 vote, The president then declared C. Q. Pearse elected superlintendent of instruction should hold his office under the election just declared. The result of the ballot was as follows: For no years, 1 vote, The president then declared C. Q. Pearse elected superlintendent of instruction should hold his office under the election just declared.

"Resolved, That the president and score-tary of this board be and are hereby au-thorised to enter into a contract for a term of three years from August 1, 1902, to August, 1905, with the superintendent of instruction elected this evening, at the salary fixed by the rules now in force and governing this board." This resolution was adopted unanimously

by the fourteen members present. The contract was executed on December 1902, and is signed by President Barnard, Secretary Burgess and Superintendent Pearse. It provides that for the threeup the ends of the pavement on Military year term, ending in August, 1906, at a avenue. This is the only section on the salary of \$300 a month, the board having the right to annul the contract at any time for "sufficient reason." No stipulation is made for resignation by the super intendent or a change in salary. and Red Dragon Teas,

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Streets This Summer.

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