

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

LINCOLN.

Our Solons Take a Step in the Right Direction.

A Resolution in the Senate to Investigate

The Vexed Question of Leasing the School Lands.

A Man Found With his Head Mashed to Pulp.

A Horrible Murder Committed Yesterday South of Fairfield.

One of the Murderers Makes a Confession With a Noose About His Neck.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 9, 1885. Correspondence of THE BEE. The resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday by Buckworth, of Lincoln county, to investigate the leasing of the school lands of that county, is considered by all interested in honest government as a step in the right direction. Its legitimate and expected result is to defraud actual settlers, who desire to lease lands for their own use, of the rights granted them by statute. It is a great wrong which, it is hoped will receive something more than a white-washing by the members of the legislature.

A prominent member of the senate from the western part of the state, who represents a constituency deeply interested in the honest disposition of this public property, was by your correspondent upon this subject last evening. "Our great grievance," said the senator, "is not that the school lands are appraised too low. It is true, however, that they are appraised at from 50 cents to \$1.50, when railroad lands adjoining are selling at from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per acre, but that does not so directly affect my constituency as the corrupt and degrading means by some persons in power to prevent honest settlers from securing leases on them. Now, if the school lands in Lincoln county, for instance, are leased by men who have no interest there, and many of these leases have secured large tracts who never saw them, and who have never been further west than Lincoln.

"My observation and experience in connection with these lands have fully satisfied me that fraud takes a great majority of these leases. Where it exists I am unable to state. The great cause of complaint with us is that the bids of actual settlers are made known before the time of opening them. More than a hundred cases have come to my knowledge where the bids of non-resident capitalists and land agents, to illustrate I will cite a single instance, were very desirable quarter of the school land adjacent to the railroad station in a western county. So desirous was he of securing it that he offered three times its rental value, but when the bids were opened his was lower than that of a capitalist who had never seen the land, by one-fifth or one-per cent.

The effect of these leases being owned by non-resident parties is very injurious to the development of our section. From North Platte to Ogallala the river front between the farms belongs to the state and the railroad. Every section of school land bordering upon these parks, the North Platte and South Platte, is leased by non-resident capitalists, from the state. The effect of this is to force the small cattle-men and farmers to pay a bonus for their leases in order to get to water. The hay lands also are in these bottoms and settlers paid last season 75 per cent for forwarding grass. Month men have secured as high as 60 sections with no other capital than their own, and that of selling their lease and their efforts many times have been very fruitful. Section whose bills have been too low by a fraction of one per cent have been forced to pay for the leases an exorbitant bonus to secure the right of which they had been deprived by fraud and official dishonesty."

Some of the western senators are greatly in favor of this resolution and will use all proper means to bring about a full and complete investigation. It is looked upon as a difficult task but they hope to be able to trace those dishonest schemes to the doors of those who committed them.

The names of two members of this committee have been suggested to the legislature by the governor by the introduction of the resolution, but whether his will point them remains to be seen, when the measure passes the senate.

Mysterious Death at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 9.—This evening about half past nine o'clock a young man named El Little was found in the north part of the city with his head crushed to a pulp. It is not known whether it was murder or accident. An inquest will be held to-morrow morning.

Horrible Murder Near Fairfield.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 9.—A special to the State Journal from Clay Center, Neb., this evening, says that a horrible murder was committed near Fairfield, south of Fairfield yesterday. Robert Roberts, while walking through from the section, claimed by parties named Taylor, was shot by one of two boys that name, the ball striking Roberts directly upon the right eye, killing him instantly. The boys were afterwards arrested, and the older one, it is reported, confessed at the end of a rope. Considerable excitement at one time prevailed, but it is now growing quiet.

An Italian Stabbed to Death.

NEW YORK, January 9.—Frank Perrillo, an Italian street laborer, was stabbed to death today by Joseph Serpelli, a fat of nineteen years. No cause assigned. The murderer has not been arrested.

RAILROAD RACKET.

NEW YORK, January 9.—Cut rates to Chicago to-day, \$10.50. New Orleans, \$22.50.

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Where are you from and which way are you bound? "I am just from my home in Kansas and am on my way to Minnesota, where I am to engage in what the republicans call 'settling' our territory and is to be done in the next few years." "What figure do you expect prohibition to cut in the next presidential election?" "I think it will depend very largely on what kind of an administration Cleveland gives us. I think it likely that we will carry several states and hold the balance of power in the electoral college. But of course this is all guess work.

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THE MARKETS.

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Fat Cattle Scarce and Medium Sorts Plentiful.

The Hog Market was Irregularly Downward, Barely Steady.

A Good Day's Business in Wheat Closing at 80 3-4.

The Corn Market Easy and Steadily Downward.

Oats Fairly Active—Rye Steady and Quiet—Provisions Declining—Lard Lower.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CATTLE. Special telegram to THE BEE. CHICAGO, January 9.—There was little or no change in the general market. Fat cattle are scarce and medium sorts plentiful. The bulk of the so-called fat stock is in an unfinished green condition, but they pass and sell for fat cattle. These sorts average around about 1,400 to 1,500 and sell at \$5.85 (good) to 1,300, \$4.80 (medium) to fair steers of 1,100 to 1,200, \$4.25 (poor). This last class are exceedingly slow of sale, are 15 (medium) lower than last week and most here in the country than they will sell for in this market. Best cows and butchers' steers are selling well and making good prices. Steers and cows are steady and unchanged. The bulk of arrivals are of the scrubby and unprofitable sort and such are selling for as little as 40 cents, worth to anybody. Fine bred stock, neat and pleasing in style and appearance are commanding strong prices. Good to choice, 1,300 and 1,400 lbs., \$8.50 (medium) to \$9.00 (fair); inferior \$7.00 (medium) to fair, \$4.00 (poor); inferior fair cows and mixed, \$2.00 (medium) to good, \$3.25 (medium) to \$3.50 (poor); feeders \$2.00 (medium) to \$2.50 (poor). Receipts of fat cattle were very strong and steady and active with here and there a sale at a shade higher price than yesterday but the foreign ones were away and the trains with 80 and 90 cars of each came in rapid and regular order. Prices began to weaken and then the provision market opened lower and a drop of 10 (medium) per cent always means a corresponding decline on hogs, so that late sales were strong at 5 (medium) (medium) lower than at the opening. Many of the best hogs were sold at 10 (medium) (medium) and common packers may be quoted at \$4.20 (medium) to \$4.50 (poor) and to choice \$4.50 (medium) to \$5.00 (poor). The heavy at \$4.00 (medium) to \$4.50 (poor) and to choice \$4.50 (medium) to \$5.00 (poor). To-day's markets were irregularly downward and during the bulk of the morning session felt barely steady. Very large lines of long hogs in which there was a profit were thrown on the market, weakening it. The provision market also sympathized with wheat. The tendency from 12 to 1 p. m. was steadily downward and clearly a drop of 10 (medium) per cent was generally to sell. At 1 o'clock the market was almost weak.

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Advertisement for W.D. & H.O. Wills' Double Happiness tobacco. The ad features the text: 'Seen everywhere, because everywhere recognized as indispensable to Dealer and Consumer.' It includes an illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress, and a large image of a W.D. & H.O. Wills' Double Happiness cigarette pack. The text continues: 'Because we select the best leaf from the regions of North Carolina... Marburg's Choice...'