CONK, AND KATE.

Revival of the Famous Cononchet Scandal by Austin Corbin.

The Shotgun Story and Roscoe's Disorderly Retreat a Pure Fiction.

Sprague Accused of Lying from Dawn to Dark to Accomplish His Purpose.

CORBIN'S TAIL.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Austin Corbin, whose name has been frequently used in connection with the difficulty between ex Gov. Sprague, of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Sprague, has been interviewed by a Herald reporter. He said that as Mrs. Sprague's suit for divorce had now become a matter of publicity, he thought the time had come when her friends might speak. I am a relative of Mrs. Sprague, as well as her friend and business adviser. I have known her many years, and

WHAT SHE HAS SUFFERED

in her domestic relations, and when it culminated in this infamous attack upon her at Cononchet, I became convinced that her own life, if not the lives of her children, was in danger. I sent her word to leave as soon as she could safely and come directly to me, which she did. Mrs. Sprague, after leaving Cononchet, and during the time in which she could not be found, was at my place near Babylon, Long Island. She spent two weeks here with her three daughters.

Reporter—In hiding

Corbin—Not a bit of it. They came openly there by public conveyance and were daily driving about the country in the vicinity of my place, but they were under the eyes and protection of half a dozen men employed on the property, who knew who they were and who would have made it very unpleasant for any one who dared to molest them.

Corbin said further that after leaving Babylon Mrs. Sprague went to Edgewood (her father's old home.) In the early part of 1877 she separated from her husband because of his treatment, but in 1879 she visited Cononchet at his earnest solicitation. He said that it would aid him in securing his property, and would thus be beneficial to the children, but she gained nothing whatever from it, except added insult and wrong to the great load that had already been heaped upon her. This last outrage at Cononchet was

THE CROWNING INFAMY OF ALL.

Reporter—Then you don't believe in this Cononchet scandal?

Corbin—On the contrary I know the whole story as manufactured by Governor Sprague to be entirely false—a pure unadulterated fiction and yarn. That he followed Mr. Conkling with a shot gun, is so ridiculously untruthful and known to be so by a number of people at Cononchet at the time, that I have no patience in discussing it. There was no shot gun on the place. There was absolutely nothing whatever in that story. It was a downright falsehood.

Reporter—What, then, is the true theory of the so called Cononchet affair, and what connection did Conkling have with it?

Corbin—The Cononchet affair, as you call it, so far as it is a scandal involving Mrs. Sprague, is

A LIE OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH.

As I have already said, Conkling, I am told, was a guest in the house, invited there by Gov. Sprague on business. Gov. Sprague was misbehaving in his characteristic manner. Mrs. Sprague was threatened, as I said, and the house was by no means a cheerful place for anybody. Conkling and the other guests therefore left, but they did so without a particle of trouble with Gov. Sprague and Mrs. Sprague, as I have said, afterwards came to me. The lady is as innocent of wrong in thought or deed, as a child.

Reporter—How about the suit for divorce? The bill charges some pretty severe things.

Corbin—You had better see Mrs. Sprague's counsel in relation to this part of the case. He tells me the material he has for a bill was so plentiful that he found it difficult to decide where to begin to make his statement. He says all he had alleged and much more is true.

Corbin said in conclusion: An effort has been made for the sake of the children to effect a peaceable settlement, but he had never offered, as alleged, to present Gov. Sprague with a judgment for $75,000 in case he would consent to a divorce. Mrs. Sprague had plenty of friends who would stand by her to the end.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

New York Money and Stocks.

WALL STREET, December 24—2:30 p. m.

MONEY—At 4@5 per cent; exchange steady at 84 80@4 85

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. 6's, '81	1 01¾	U. S. 4's	1 13½
U. S. 5's	1 08	Currency 6's	1 30
U. S. 4½'s	1 14	U S 6's 80	1 01¾

STOCKS

The market was more buoyant early in the second call, and another fractional advance at the outset, but later Reading reacted to 52 Other coal shares were quiet and neglected but firm. Hannibal & St. Joe and generl market is easy, with indications of a strong close.

C C C & I	91	L. S.	134
Reading	52½	M C	128½
C. & I. C.	21	K & T	40½
St. Paul	112	Manhattan	54
pfd	25	N Y C	148
Northwestern	125¾	N P	38
R & Q	140	Preferred	64½
R I	147	O & M	28¾
D & H	91	St. P. & O.	48¾
Ohio	23½	U P	1 09
Preferred	34	W U	81½
Wells, Fargo	115	Wabash	44½
Erie	9¾	C P	80½
Preferred	8¼	Alton	15
St. Joe	40½	L. & N	86
Preferred	105	Canada Southern	77½
P M	51½	N J C	87½
A T	71¼	I C	140
Del & Lack	106	C S	7¼
at & E	122½		

Chicago Produce Market.

CHICAGO, December 24.

Wheat was moderately active and prices were ½@¾c lower; corn and oats in fair request and easier; mess pork and short ribs weaker; lard steady.

Wheat—93¼c bid for December; 93½@93⅝c sold for January; 94½@94⅝c for February; 95⅝@95⅞c for March; $1 00⅞@1 00½ for May; closing at 93½c for January; 94⅜@94⅞c for February; 95⅝@96¾c for March.

Corn—35⅞@35⅝c for January; 36@36¼c for February; 36⅝@36½c for March; 40¾@40⅞c for May; 40⅝@41c for June; 40⅞@41c for July.

Oat—January, 29c bid; February, 29½@29⅝c; May, 34c; June, 33⅝@33¾c asked.

Rye—January, 82c asked; February, 82½c bid.

Pork—Mess, January, sold at $12 22@12 25; February, $12 42½@12 47½; March, $12 62½@12 65; closing steady

Lard—January, $8 27½@8 32½; February, $8 42½@8 45; March, $8 52½@8 55.

Whisky—$1 11.

St. Louis Produce Market.

ST LOUIS, December 24

Flour—Firmer and unchanged.

Wheat—Unsettled and generally lower; No 2 red, winter 97@96¾c for cash; 96@97@96¾c for January; 99¾@$1 00@84¾c for February; $1 01½@1 02½@1 03¾ for March; No. 3 do 94c; No. 4 do 87¾@88c.

Corn—Lower at 37½@37½c for cash; 37c for December; 38@38⅝c for January; 38⅝@38⅞c for February; 39¼c for March; 40¾c for April.

Oats—Lower at 29½c for cash; 30c for January; 30⅞c for February

Rye—Dull at 92c bid

Barley—Dull and unchanged; choice to fancy, 80c@$1 05.

Butter—Unchanged.

Eggs—Unchanged

Whisky—Firm at $1 11.

Butter—Dull; dairy, 20@25c; creamery, 30@32c.

Eggs—Higher at at 31@33c.

Whisky—Quiet at $1 11.

Pork—Nominal for cash; $12 45 for February.

Dry Salt Meats—Entirely nominal.

Bacon—Lower at $5 50@7 50@7 65

Lard—Nominally lower at $8 15.

Receipts—Flour, 7 000 bbls; wheat, 19,000 bu; corn, 38 000; oats, 17,000; rye, 1000; barley, 8 000.

Shipments—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 3,000; corn, 5,000; oats, none; rye, none, barley, none.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST LOUIS, December 24.

Hogs—Slow and lower; light, $4 00@4 25; mixed packing, $4 20@4 40 butchers' to fancy, $4 45@4 65; receipts, 4300 head; shipments, 1300 head.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, December 24

Flour—Dull and in buyers' favor; receipts, 18 352 barrels; round hoop Ohio, $4 25@5 25; choice do, $5 30@6 75; superfine western, $3 00@3 75; common to good extra do, $4 00@4 70; choice, do, do, $5 00@6 75; choice white wheat, $5 00@6 00.

Butter—Dull and in buyers' favor; Ohio 13@27c.

Eggs—Dull at 26@31c for fair to choice.

Wheat—Quiet; Chicago, $1 12@1 15; Milwaukee, $1 16@1 17; No. 2 red winter, $1 15@1 15¼ for cash; $1 17⅜ for February; $1 19¼ for March; sales 6,000

Corn—Quiet; No. 2, at 57½@58c; sales, 64 000 bu.

Oats—Quiet.

Whisky—Nominal.

Pork—Nominal

Lard—$8 77½@8 82½ for January; $8 85@8 90 for cash; $9 00 for March; $9 05@9 10 for April; $8 75@8 85 buyer for the year.

CABLEGRAMS.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

Nearly a thousand pounds has been subscribed for the relief of Bayonne.

A Bombay dispatch, dated yesterday, denies that portion of Lord Ripon has resigned as governor general of India. His health is improving.

The Russian tariff on cotton will be increased 10 per cent after January.

The pope much deplores the anarchy that reigns in Ireland.

M. Rectus, aid-decamp to the French minister of war, has been ordered to proceed at once to Panama to witness the preliminary operations in the construction of the canal.

Mr. Parnell states that he deprecates the practice of abusing the police.

Miss Ellard, a land owner, was yesterday fired at near Limerick junction, but escaped unhurt.

Slosson's Backers.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

NEW YORK, December 25—1 a. m.—Betters in this city have been badly bitten by the failure of Slosson to win the match with Vignaux. Thousands of dollars were staked, and after Slosson gained a lead, pools were in his favor five to three. It is said that Al. Smith, Slosson's backer, had over $10,000 wagered on the result. Slosson's brother yesterday received a cable dispatch stating that George had the balls in his favorite position, and was confident of a big run, when the slip was given him. But for Slosson's past ill luck in public matches, betting men would have put up on him still heavier, but as it is, there is no doubt that five times as much money was staked on the game as was ever placed on a like event.

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HAPPY HORSES,

Are They Who Find Shelter Beneath the Roof of James Stephenson's Palatial Brick Barn,

For Truly Their Lines are Cast in Pleasant Places.

Friday night in response to the neat invitation issued a week ago, hundreds of our citizens assembled at the magnificent stable just completed by Hon. James Stephenson, at the corner of Harney and 10 h street. The reception was to some extent a private one and intended to give the guests a favorable opportunity to inspect the finest establishment of the kind west of Chicago, and one of the most complete stables in the country. A public reception had been given during the afternoon when crowds of ladies and gentlemen visited the elegant equine quarters and gazed and admired to their hearts content. Among the guests present were Mayor Chase, Judge Savage, Gen. C. F. Manderson, the city council, police officers, officers of the fire department, representatives of the press, and in brief, all the prominent citizens and officials in Omaha.

Mayor Chase was called upon by Mr. Stephenson to preside at the opening ceremonies and a neat speech of welcome by the host was gallantly responded to by Col. Chase, on behalf of the guests. Letters of regret were read from Judge Elmer S. Dundy and Hon. James E Boyd, and these were followed by appropriate words from General Manderson, Judge Savage Judge Wakely, C. A. Baldwin, Esq., Paul Vandervoort, Captain Furay, D. Mercer and Judge Hawes.

At the close of these ceremonies the party was conducted through the elegant structure, and its merits and advantages fully shown forth by the obliging proprietor. The building was designed and built by Mr. A T. Large, jr, after plans outlined by Mr. Stephenson himself, and is creditable alike to the originator, architect and builders.

It is a brick structure, 66 by 132 feet, two stories high, with walls twenty-one inches thick. The iron roof is supported by a Howe truss, which also supports the floor of the second story by means of pendant iron rods, thus leaving the entire first floor free from posts, pillars and other obstructions. The first floor is laid with stone flagging, and is used as the carriage room. The offices, wash-room, harness rooms, etc., occupy a position on the north side. The main entrance on Tenth street is twenty feet wide and there is also a side entrance ten feet wide, on Harney street. The horses are stabled in the upper story to which an inclined plane leads the way. There are ninety stalls, six of which are box stalls—all strongly built of oak plank, and furnished with iron hay racks and iron feed boxes. The partitions are surmounted with ornamental iron railings. The second story is lighted by a deck light on the roof, and by windows on the west and east, and is well ventilated. At the west end are storage rooms for hay and feed, and sleeping rooms for employes. In the same portion is a large elevator for hoisting a whole wagon load of hay or feed to the second story. Architecturally it presents a very handsome exterior appearance. The trimmings are of white cut stone and black brick. A large marble arch, with the name "Jim Stephenson," ornaments the front of the building, and a life size bronze horse is to stand on the top of the building, directly over the center of the main entrance.

A stone side walk, sixteen feet wide, has been laid along the entire length of the stable on Harney street, and in front of it on Tenth street, and stone hitching-posts are placed at convenient distances.

The offices are equally worthy of mention. The floor is a handsome tile, the chandeliers are of elegant designs, and the desks, chairs, mirrors, etc, are all very costly and beautiful. In the business office, is located a burglar and fire-proof safe and telephone. The walls are ornamented with numerous paintings and engravings, among which is one showing Stephenson's six-in-hand and carriage, containing Gen. Grant, Gov. Nance, and Mayor Chase, the ribbons being held by George Richardson; this painting was taken from life during Gen. Grant's visit to Omaha on his return from his trip around the world. Another painting shows Mr Stephenson driving a tandem team. A picture of the stable occupies a prominent position. "Rarus" and "Hopeful" in sulky are shown in fine engravings. Adjoining the offices on the west is the harness room, and next comes the wash-room, and under the inclined plane are located the coal house, whip room and wardrobe. The building is supplied throughout with pipes for water, to be put into use as soon as the waterworks are completed.

The whole structure and its equipments are replete with evidences of the taste of its designer, and was completed at a cost of about $25,000 It is a great addition to the attractive features of Omaha, and it was baptized with a copious flow of champagne and other liquid refreshments.

Reform is Necessary.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

There is an evil in the land that is both annoying and fraught with greater evils and Omaha is not exempt from its effects. All are aware of the necessity existing (from various causes) for the employment of servants or domestics in families, and all equally realize the importance of competent and faithful servants. But unfortunately owing to the want of system and proper regulation, but few families are able to procure competent or faithful help, and the few who are really what is desirable are corrupted by the evil influence of the worthless, and the fact that they find that these worthless servants get the same wages as the faithful. In order to obviate these evils it is necesary that house keepers co operate and inaugurate a system of service reform, and one important step toward such reform is the adoption of a regulation that no servant will be employed without such references or certificate of character as will at least place the employer in a position to know something of the character of those they hire. A move in this direction is a necessity loudly called for, and is demanded in justice to the employer as well as the worthy, competent girl or woman who honestly and faithfully labors to earn her wages.

The necessity of this reform none will deny, and if the evil be not corrected, the fault is greatly attributable to the want of concert with the family hiring help. How many ladies in Omaha are driven to abandon the comforts of a home and are living in rooms and boarding houses because of the great difficulty in procuring competent help and the number of housekeepers whose health is utterly broken, because of the vexation and annoyance of faithless and incompetent servants. If every lady would refuse to employ help who cannot give reference of character and qualification, then competent servants only could procure employment at fair remunerating wages, and incompetent and unworthy ones would have to learn and reform before they could practice an imposition on the public. A SUFFERER.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Clem Chase came up from Lincoln Friday morning.

Col. J. J. Dickey left for Denver Friday.

D. C. Howard, of Fremont, was in the city Friday.

Hon. C. L. Lamb, of Stanton, was in the city last night.

Hon. A. H. Jackson, of Cincinnati, left for home Friday morning.

C. F. Annett, U. P. train dispatcher at Cheyenne, left for home Friday

Hon. Guy Barton, of North Platte, went west on the U. P. express Friday.

Thos. Rogers, of the firm of Milton Rogers & Son, has returned from Chicago.

Capt. S. S. Reynolds, of David City, was in Omaha Friday and left for home that afternoon.

C. C. Hosel, government director, U. P. R. R., came in from the east Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Hobbie have returned from their bridal trip to New Hampshire.

J. W. Morse, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, left for Chicago yesterday.

Senator J. T. Clarkson and daughter, of Schuyler, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Chicago.

W. F. Seachrest, ticket agent of the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs railway, left for Kansas City last evening.

Miss Eliza Tomkins, a niece of D. O. Clarke, of the Union Pacific, went out to Fremont Friday to pass the holidays.

Ray Nye, Esq., of Fremont, who has been visiting in Omaha for several days, returned home Friday afternoon.

James M. Turleys, of Red Cloud, grand master of Masons in Nebraska, was in the city last night and attended the meeting of St. John's Lodge.

Misses Lizzie and Katie Murphy, returned from Yankton yesterday, where the latter is attending school at the convent of the Sacred Heart.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mayne have returned from Ames, Iowa, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mayne's father Mr. C. O. Parmenter. The deceased was an old resident of Nebraska and at one time resided in Lincoln.

Hon. Lew May, Nebraska fish commissioner, returned home at noon Friday. He came to Omaha last evening to meet Mr Romine to make arrangements for the distribution of 1 0,000 California salmon in the Elkhorn river these fish being a part of the 45 000 hatched out in the ponds of Messrs. Romine and Decker.

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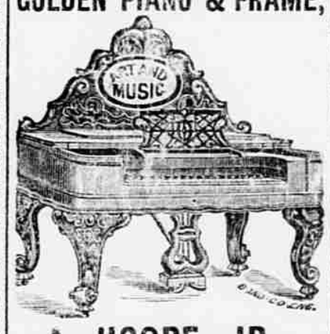

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By order of the county commissioners of Furnas county, Nebraska. Dated at Beaver City, Furnas county, Nebraska, the 19th day of November, A. D. 1880.

L. KINSMAN, County Clerk.

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