

THE LAMENTED LEIDTKE.

The Whereabouts of the Defaulting State Auditor.

Interview With the Gentleman Who Did the Legal Business For Him

He Was "The Scapegoat of the Reigning Administration" of Nebraska.

And Had to be Scared A Way to Prevent Too Many Foul Smelling Disclosures.

He May Possibly Return When the Others Go Out

Special Correspondence.

LINCOLN, April 10.—THE BEE undoubtedly remembers Leidtke, the York county statesman, who in the fall of 1879 a great political scandal was brewed over the fact that the aforementioned gentleman had appropriated to his own use sundry funds, which, his critics claimed, should have been covered into the public exchequer. The supreme court having endorsed the demand made upon him by the governor for the return of this money, Mr. Leidtke refused to come to the scratch, but incontinently fled. From that day to this his whereabouts has been merely a matter of conjecture. He has, at various times been assigned a local habitation and a fictitious name in Chili, in the Federland and at various other points in the spacious globe. It may seem to THE BEE that it is rather irrelevant to bring this subject up at present, and so it would be, were it not for some additional information which has just come into your correspondent's possession regarding it. Having happened to make a chance inquiry about the absence a day or two since, your correspondent was told that Mr. F.—a worthy member of the Lincoln bar, stood in confidential relations to the ex-official in a legal capacity and was probably

THE ONLY PERSON who could give any information concerning him. Acting on this suggestion, the inquisitive news gleaner "happened" into Mr. F.'s office this morning and timidly asked that accumulation of profound wisdom which he found there whether he could obtain from him Mr. Leidtke's address.

"What do you want it for?" queried the lawyer, eyeing his interrogator rather suspiciously.

"Is it something personal?" asked the legal sharp, still suspiciously.

"It is, sir," continued the reporter, relying on his cheek to carry him through.

"You wouldn't care to entrust me with the message?" inquired Mr. F., still desirous of

EVADING THE MATTER.

"I don't think I ought to," replied the mendacious correspondent.

"You see, it isn't altogether my own affair, somebody else is concerned in it."

After a few moments of laborious cogitation, in which his massive brain worked like a trip hammer, the lawyer rummaged around among a lot of papers, found what he wanted and made a copy of it. Handing it to the reporter, he said with something akin to a sigh:

"I take it you are honest in this matter. If you wish to communicate with Mr. Leidtke, enclose a letter to him in that address."

The reporter gathered it in solemnly and read it. It was the address of a prominent barrister at Montreal.

"Is Mr. Leidtke in Canada then?" asked the reporter.

Mr. F. gave no direct answer to this innocent question, but carelessly applying the end of his right thumb to the

TIP OF HIS NOSE he made a slight convulsive movement with his fingers, accompanying the same with an expressive droop of the left eyelid.

The reporter "winked."

Mr. F. evidently did not care to "give the thing away." Forced to be content with the information gained on this point the reporter tried another tack.

"What was the measure of Leidtke's offense?" he asked.

"He was merely a scapegoat," replied the lawyer vigorously. "While constructively guilty of the matter charged, he only did what his predecessors had done without stint."

"In what manner was he a scapegoat?" persisted the itemizer.

"He had an unpleasant disposition to look up back records," answered the lawyer. "He unearthed too many uncomfortable facts to suit the balance of the reigning administration and they rose in their might to crush him. Another campaign was coming on and it

WOULD NOT BE SAFE to allow Leidtke to be a candidate for re-election; so various interests combined to get rid of him."

"What interests do you refer to?" was hurled at the lawyer.

"The State Journal, the State librarian, the governor and the secretary of state were prominent in it."

"How did the State Journal come to figure in the matter?"

"They learned that an undesirable publicity was to be given to their 'straw bid' manipulation of the public printing."

just how they were connected with the thing. It is sufficient to say that they did not care to have Leidtke pursue his investigations."

"Is there any indictment pending against Leidtke now?"

"No; he never was indicted. In fact,

THE MOMENT HE SKIPPED the 'investigation' was dropped, and those most actively engaged in pushing it took no further interest in the matter."

"No search has been made for him there, then?"

"None at all. Mr. Leidtke can, and very likely will, return here when the present administration passes out of power. They will do nothing to him."

Failing to extract anything else of any particular interest from the ex-auditor's attorney, your correspondent gratefully thanked him for the information thus tendered and withdrew. It is not likely, however, that Mr. Leidtke will ever illuminate the streets of Lincoln with the sunlight of his presence. A general opinion prevails here that the lamented statesman, in taking his hurried departure, found a succor from complicated

DOMESTIC EMBARRASMENTS, which had for a long time sorely vexed his soul, and that he would be extremely loth to voluntarily renew his position in society.

For the sake of consistency, by the way, and to relieve your correspondent of the unwelcome assurance he gave the lawyer that he wished to communicate with Mr. Leidtke, it might be as well to mail a copy of the paper containing this article to the Hon. W. S. Walker, B. C. L., Barrister, Montreal, Canada. It may strike THE BEE that your correspondent has performed this task in a bungling manner; but he, with all his modesty, thinks that he displayed a shrewdness worthy of a fox—in fact, Foxworthy.

DROWNED IN THE RAWHIDE. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

FREMONT, April 10.—Mr. Flatman was drowned in attempting to ford the Rawhide last evening. He and Chris Wesley had been out hunting, and on their way home, in attempting to cross at the ford, found they could not and in trying to turn out of the creek the horse became unmanageable, drowning himself and Flatman.

Foreign News.

LONDON, April 10.—Charles Stewart Parnell, the land league leader, was released at 6 a. m. from his imprisonment at Kilmainham and at once went aboard the morning mail train en route for Geneva.

GENEVA, April 10.—Five students of the Geneva university, while out boating on the lake yesterday, were drowned by the boat capsizing.

LONDON, April 10.—The release of Parnell was granted to attend the funeral of his nephew. The government announces he will be permitted to remain at liberty for a week.

The Pacific Mills.

LAWRENCE, Mass., April 10.—Twenty strikers responded to the invitation of the mill owners to go to the mills this morning and get employment until it could be ascertained if wages were higher in any other place. They entered the mill, but soon left, saying there was no work, and the announcement was only a blind by the corporation to avert criticism.

Paralyzing a Detroit, Mich., April 10.—Dispatches from Muskegon to-day show the situation still unchanged, five hundred boom hands and two thousand mill hands being still on a strike for ten hours a day, and the mills are idle and the whole industry of the town is paralyzed.

Accused.

MILWAUKEE, April 10.—Both Mr. and Mrs. Hod Jones, living five miles west of Eau Claire, was shot late last night by an unknown man, who fired through their bed room window.

Fires.

RED WING, Minn., April 10.—The block burned by May, Burr, Third and Broadway burned last night. About a dozen stores, besides a large livery stable and opera house, were destroyed. Loss, between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

HAMILTON, O., April 10.—A fire supposed to have been caused by the overturning of a lamp, broke out in Jellison's livery stable near the city building last night. The fire department were slow to respond to the alarm and by the time they did arrive at the scene the livery stables of W. J. Jellison and J. C. Barkalow were in flames, which soon spread to the ice house of Daniel Fabet and then to the city buildings and the large brick buildings occupied by the O'Brien Wheel Company. The records and all city papers were taken out of the building and saved, but the building itself was consumed. Loss, \$20,000.

Storm on the Pacific.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, April 10.—During the terrible storm yesterday a boat's crew of six men left the shore in an attempt to reach their vessel, but were swamped and drowned. It is feared there are a number of wrecks on the coast. The storm was one of unexampled violence.

Storm on the Lake.

CHICAGO, April 10.—During the heavy northeast this morning the schooner Milwaukee, laden with ties, was driven ashore and wrecked on the breaker at the foot of Twenty-fifth street. One sailor was drowned and the body subsequently washed ashore. Several other wrecks are rumored along the shore, with considerable loss of life.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

The Entire Day in the Latter Devoted to Discussing the Potomac Flats.

The House Elections Committee Report in Favor of a Republican Contestant.

The Convention of the National Land League to Meet To-Morrow.

Miscellaneous Notes of a National Character.

CONGRESS.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—Vest presented the minority report against the admission of Dakota.

Mr. Hasky presented a memorial from the Cherokee, Creek and Seminole Indians, petitioning the government to defend their treaty right.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

Resolutions were adopted requesting information from the state department as to legislation needed to protect and encourage the cattle export trade with Great Britain, and the fresh and salt meat trade with France.

The elections committee reported in favor of giving Makey, of South Carolina, the seat occupied by Dibles. Ordered printed.

The house spent the entire day in committee of the whole on the bill to reclaim the Potomac flats at Washington. Much criticism was offered upon the bill as presented, as it did not, in the opinion of members, propose a sufficient and just plan for performing the work.

At 5 o'clock the committee rose and the house fixed the 24th inst for consideration of the bill, and adjourned.

During the call of states to-day Mr. White, of Kentucky, who has been violently opposed to the bill extending the bonded period of distilled spirits, introduced a resolution of inquiry, asking the secretary of the treasury what, if any, influences were brought to bear on the commissioner of internal revenue to persuade him to favor the bill in question. The resolution was referred to the ways and means committee, from which the bill emanated, although Mr. White protested, desiring reference to some other committee.

CAPITAL NOTES.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The senate committee on naval affairs have agreed to favorably report the nomination of Chandler.

Official statement of the postoffice department for the first half of the present fiscal year: Receipts, \$20,111,107.85; expenditures, \$19,629,787.11; surplus, \$482,320.19. The deficit of the last fiscal year the deficiency was \$2,000,000.

The Mormon church conference at Independence, Mo., sent a telegram thanking the president for signing the anti-polygamy bill in which they say anti-polygamy does not belong to them or true Mormonism.

Judge Wiley this morning decided that the indictments against Brady, Dorsey and others charged with star route frauds were properly found; that the Maryland statute of 1772, under which the motion to quash the indictment was made on the ground that the act was still in force, and was violated when the district attorney sent the cases to the grand jury himself without direct order of the court. As the act in question was really repealed when the district of Columbia passed from under the control of the Maryland law and was superseded by the act of 1801, which established the circuit court in the district, this act of 1801, the judge held, though it contained no affirmative declaration, repealed the act of 1772 by establishing a new court with new powers made adherent to the office of the district attorney. The powers lodged by the act of 1772 in the courts. The decision was that an indictment was sufficiently certain in its specifications, the thirty-six civil acts charged being different in some respects from one another, and the allegation of the use of fictitious names, false signatures, etc. The indictments were sufficient to sustain the charge of fraud. The motion to quash was therefore overruled.

On motion of Mr. Merrick, of counsel for the prosecution, the recognition of W. A. Dorsey was decided forfeited, and the bench issued an order for his arrest, and 3 p. m. to-day was set for reading the indictments.

At 3 o'clock Thos. F. Brady, M. C. Reidell, J. R. Minor and W. H. Turner were arraigned on the charge of a star route conspiracy. It took several hours to read the document; meanwhile the judge vacated the bench, coming back to adjourn court. All the defendants pleaded not guilty. By subsequent arrangement a bench warrant will not be served on Dorsey, but no will appear in court on the 17th.

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Bonds presented for redemption to date under the 106th call, \$18,705,750; 107th call, \$15,859,750; 108th call, \$10,627,850.

The president has signed Teller's commission as secretary of the interior. The new secretary cannot say

when he will assume the duties of the position.

Postmaster General Hows will send to congress and ask an appropriation to carry out plans for adding a story and a half to the present postoffice department building. This, it is thought, will relieve the overcrowded condition of the building in a cheaper way than by any other plan. The report will discuss the plan of removing the city postoffice back to the department building, thus enlarging its room.

A lively scene occurred to-day between Dr. Mary Walker and a woman who accuses her of opening her letters. The doctor admits opening a letter but says it was a mistake. The case was not complicated, but it is thought it will be squashed.

The convention of the national land league meets here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. It will probably last three days. There will be two sessions each day. It is expected 350 delegates will be present, Massachusetts alone furnishing 100. Hon. P. A. Collins, of Boston, will preside.

The secretary of the treasury has decided not to call any 6 per cent. continued bonds until all 6 per cent. have been called. When the secretary started to redeem continued 6's he had \$178,055,150 outstanding. He has called \$110,000,000, and has purchased nearly \$5,000,000. There are now uncalled 6's of 1861 about \$12,000,000, and of 63's about \$18,000,000, making about \$30,000,000 in all. From estimates made at the treasury department the secretary thinks his surplus will admit of \$10,000,000 being added, \$1,000,000 of the April call having been already made. No 5's will be called under any circumstances until September.

Escaped Jail.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LEBANON, Pa., April 10.—Dick Bock and Frank Rauch, the parties arrested about four weeks ago in Kansas for robbing safes and committing burglaries around Lebanon, and confined here, broke jail early this morning. After going to the house where Bock's wife lives and threatening her with death if she gave the alarm they left. They are armed and are desperate characters. They were to have been tried at court this week. The prisoners were in an iron cell and could not have escaped without help from other prisoners. The cell door was wide open and a note left contained their Easter compliments to the sheriff.

Texas Railroad Legislation.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

AUSTIN, April 10.—A bill was introduced in the senate to-day providing for the creation of a state board of railroad commissioners to be appointed by the governor. Their duties will be to inquire into all matters pertaining to railroad companies, and to report to the next session of the legislature what laws are necessary to correct abuses and reduce rates. It requires companies and their agents to give all information desired under a penalty of \$5,000.

A bill passed the senate prohibiting the further issue of land certificates to railroad companies.

A similar bill passed the house, and goes so far as to forbid locating certificates heretofore issued.

Jewelry Burglars.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, April 10.—Early this morning burglars stole tools from a blacksmith shop with which they created five safes, from four of which small amounts, but from Albert's jewelry store \$8,000 worth of jewelry. The drilled quarter-inch holes near the combination in Albert's safes, and with a wire threw the bolts back. The store was completely gutted. No clue to the thieves.

The St. Joe Bond Robbers.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, April 10.—G. M. Irwin and James Fiste, under arrest for attempting to negotiate \$100,000 of stolen bonds of the city of St. Joseph, Mo., were arraigned at the Tombs and committed for further examination. The detectives who made the arrest told the court they believed the prisoners merely the tools of politicians in St. Joseph, who had stolen the bonds and given them to the prisoners to negotiate, as the latter had but \$300 in their possession when arrested.

Mexican Matters.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 10.—The native Indians of Pueblo show hostile feelings towards the recently settled Italian colonists in that state. The ill feeling has grown out of the absorption of land by the colonists in the immediate vicinity of Indian settlements. So bitter has this antipathy become that several colonists have been assaulted by the Indians, and serious trouble is anticipated. The intervention of the government has been asked to prevent open warfare.

Marine Intelligence.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Sailed—The Acapulco for Aspinwall.

Arrived—The City of Brussels and the Lake Neppon from Liverpool.

BALTIMORE, April 10.—Arrived—The Ohio from Bremen.

PLYMOUTH, April 10.—Passed—The Wieland from New York for Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL, April 10.—Arrived—The Britannia from New York, the Polytechnic from Bremen.

HAMBURG, April 10.—Sailed—The Rhenania from New York.

First Heat of the Season.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 10.—The steamer War Eagle of the St. Louis & St. Paul line, which left St. Louis Tuesday, reached here this noon, being the first boat of the season.

Obituary.

NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.

REP-BANK, N. J., April 10.—Jacob Schofield, aged 89 years, a veteran of 1812, a relative of Gen. Schofield, and ex-member of the legislature, died at Runsome to-day.

KANSAS CROPS.

Digest of the Board of Agriculture Reports.

Continued Bad Luck Will Diminish the Yield of Winter Wheat.

Spring Wheat Abandoned by About All But Half a Dozen Counties.

"Pinkeys" Ravages Cause a Wail to Go Up From All Parts of the State.

But Cattle, Swine and Sheep Are in Good Condition.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—The Journal to-morrow will contain a special from Topeka giving a summary of the condition of Kansas crops reported to the state board of agriculture.

Concerning the item of winter wheat it is estimated there has been a decrease in the area sown as compared with last year. The greater portion of the decrease occurs in the eastern part of the state, where farmers have for the last three years had bad luck in growing it. It is estimated in round numbers that the amount of loss will not be less than \$500,000. Winter wheat looks nicely at present, and all correspondents agree that a heavy crop will be harvested, provided the outlook continues as encouraging as at the present time. The weather has been so favorable that the secretary of the state board of agriculture is saying that the loss from freezing and other causes will not amount to over 1 per cent. A majority of the correspondents agree that the early sown wheat promises a greater yield than that put in later in the fall, and in those instances where the late sowing is good they are almost unanimous in the opinion that the favorable winter alone accounts for the fact. Taken altogether, winter wheat never looked better and never promises greater returns to the agriculturist than to-day. The prosperity in this line of farming is not confined to any one section, but is practically universal.

The condition of rye is said to be excellent. The increase in average has been very little—about 10 per cent, or thereabout. In the majority of cases the grain is sown for use in pastures and is regarded as a fine substitute for the coarser grasses.

With the exception of the counties of Washington, Jewell, Republic, Marshall, Brown and Nemaha, the raising of spring wheat has been almost abandoned by the tillers of the soil. Some counties have not reported an acre of this grain within the past three years. Outside of the counties mentioned it seems to be generally agreed that it cannot be profitably grown, and where profit is not there the Kansas farmer scarcely. In the spring wheat counties the crop looks first-rate, and will give more than ordinary yield.

From all portions of the state there comes up a dismal wail concerning the ravages of the "pinkeye," but the disease has been uniformly of a mild type, and but little damage has occurred. With the exception of this disorder, no other diseases are reported that have more than a local significance.

Cattle in good condition as regards generally health, but are not remarkably overburdened with flesh. The recent abundant rains insure a good pasturage on the range, and it will take only a short time for the bovines to become fat. That is the opinion of the sagacious of the board of agriculture anyway.

In the sheep industry many cases of scab are reported, but as the disease is readily controlled, the loss from this cause will not, at an appreciable figure in the total amount received from the shearing of 1882.

There are a less number of hogs in the state than usual, the high price of corn forcing farmers to sell. No epidemics are known to exist and with the exception of being thin the swine are in good condition and will grace the tables of the merchant princes as on yore.

The Virginia Legislature.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

RICHMOND, April 10.—The legislature will probably soon adjourn sine die, as a resolution fixing the date at 13th of this month passed the senate this morning.

Senator Lybrook spoke at length to-day upon the resolution having for its purpose the calling of the state convention, in order to revise and adopt a state constitution.

Arbor Day in Ohio.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

COLUMBUS, O., April 10.—Governor Foster has issued a proclamation establishing April 27th as Arbor Day and requesting citizens of the state on that day to plant trees and groves on whatever plot of ground they may own.

Shot by His Mistress.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PITTSBURG, April 10.—Elizabeth McKee shot James McCue through the left shoulder this afternoon. He will probably live. Cause, illicit relations.

The Flooded Region.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LITTLE ROCK, April 10.—Parties from different sections of the overflowed district report that in about a week the water will be entirely off all submerged land in this state. Preparations for more active farming work than ever are going on, and there are prospects for abundant crops. Some

of the sufferers by the overflow will be unable to cultivate as much land as usual on account of stock, but it is predicted that taking the entire state a wider area will be placed under cultivation and a larger and better yield of various products gathered. In some sections of the state less cotton and more wheat and other grains is planted. The season in this section is two weeks in advance of last year.

A Sentenced Man Rescued.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LITTLE ROCK, April 10.—L. B. Taylor, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of one Black in Clay county last December, has been rescued by the governor, a convict in the penitentiary named Mulholland having made confession that he was the murderer.

Suit for False Representation.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Gen. Clinton B. Fisk by Judge Donohue on the suit of one Fog for alleged false representation in connection with certain mining investments. The suit grew out of a misunderstanding in regard to the dissolved partnership between Fisk and Williams and McKenzie, whose tool Fisk is alleged by the defence to be. There was no arrest, Fisk being in Detroit.

Methodist Ministers and the Veto.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—The Methodist ministers' association this afternoon appointed a committee to convene a meeting of the denomination to support the veto of the Chicago bill. Subsequently so much feeling was aroused over the matter that the resolution was rescinded and a few of those present signed a paper expressing the satisfaction of the preachers at the veto.

Judgment Against a Defaulting Treasurer.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

READING, Pa., April 10.—Thos. McCamant, chief clerk in Auditor General Lemon's office, was closed to-day with the arrest of defaulting Ex-County Treasurer Dauder, whose whereabouts are unknown. Judgment has been entered in favor of the state for \$19,779.29, with interest, that being the amount of licenses and state taxes due.

Logan Going to the Hot Springs.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 10.—Senator Logan, of Illinois, passed through here this afternoon en route to Hot Springs. He was accompanied by ex-Senator Chaffee of Colorado and R. C. Kerens, director of the Iron Mountain railroad.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 10.—The boiler of H. A. Bowman's saw mill, 8 miles south of here, exploded this afternoon with terrible violence, scattering the building, killing two men—once named Frank A. Winkler recently from Columbus, Ind., fatally injuring two and seriously three others.

Investigating the Standard Oil Company.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

COLUMBUS, O., April 10.—In the house Scott's resolution for investigation by the auditor of the charge that the Standard Oil Company was evading payment of taxes was adopted.

Dying.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CINCINNATI, April 10.—The condition of Ex-Mayor Wiltach this evening was worse, he being in an unconscious state. He is not expected to recover.

Hope Ahead.

A committee of stockholders who waited upon the superintendent of a California mine in days gone by to ask why in blazes the