

CAN HE BE THE MURDERER?

A Possible Clue to the Singular Death of James Hagen in Omaha.

A JUDGE ON GRAND JURIES.

Matters Connected With Lancaster's Courts—The Probable New Postmaster—Notes from About the City and the State Building.

A rather singular case came before the notice of some of the authorities here which has been a subject of investigation for some time. Last week a gentleman from Omaha asserted that he had obtained evidence concerning the death of James Hagen, son-in-law of Morrison, the tailor of Lincoln, which would be of value in clearing the mystery connected with the death of young Hagen, who was murdered about two years ago in Omaha. A reward of \$200 was offered by the state for the murderer, and to this amount Mr. Morrison added \$300 more. No trace to the murderer was obtained and it was thought he never would be brought to justice, but a few days ago A. A. Allen, deputy United States marshal in Omaha, wrote to Mrs. Allen that he had proof that a woman who lived in that town knew more about the matter than she cared to tell to the authorities. When Allen learned this he immediately called on Mrs. Allen in communication with Morrison here at Lincoln, and it is presumed that the man will be brought to justice. Sheriff Melick arrested the suspected person some time ago under a charge of larceny, and he is still in duress. Whether the present charge against him will be sustained or not remains to be seen. Mr. Morrison hopes that the murderer of his son-in-law is the last in line, for it will afford him great pleasure to prosecute him to a speedy conviction.

The district court of Lancaster county convenes October 12. There will be 300 civil cases. This shows an increase of fifty cases over last term. The trial docket will be published next week. There will be no grand jury summoned, and for the first time in the history of Lancaster county the entire cases will be tried by complaint without indictments. The law passed last winter relating to grand juries makes it discretionary with the district judge whether a grand jury is called or not. At first it was generally supposed that Judge Pound and Mitchell favored the grand jury system, but their failing to call one for this term leads the public to believe that they are willing to give the complaint system its chance. Judge Caslin, of one of the western districts, was the prime mover and champion of the opposition to grand juries, and when as was often his duty to address them, he would say, "Gentlemen of the grand jury you are a relic of barbarism; you are what is left of the inquisition; you are a star chamber body; you do nothing except expart business; you are a disgrace to our system of civilization; you can't do the best thing in the world by your infernal methods and the accused has no opportunity to defend himself. I hope the time will come when your body will be a thing of the past." The honorable judge's hopes have been realized and the new method will be put to the test, and as to the practicability of the new way I will inform your readers in the next issue. One thing is certain, the procedure under the new law will be no worse or injurious to the public than the old.

The testimony in the noted mandamus case of Webster vs. the county commissioners of Lancaster county will be taken this week, commencing Wednesday, before Referee Munger, of Fremont. The place of holding the court will be the district court building. The exposures in the manner of running this county's financial affairs are expected to come to the surface.

To-day the supreme court opens and tries up the cases in the fourth judicial district. Attorneys having business in that court are expected to be on hand promptly at 9:30 a. m. James Irvin and wife, a banker of Tecumseh, is visiting his sister-in-law, Col. B. H. Polk, of this city.

The electric street lights being deemed insufficient on account of the number in use, are assisted in lighting up the gloom by the gas lamps, the entailing an extra expense and demonstrating the extravagance of the city's management.

It is generally conceded among the democrats of this county that W. W. Montgomery will be the next Lincoln postmaster. The prospective appointment is looked upon with a good deal of satisfaction by all parties, provided a change is made in the city clerk (the present incumbent term expires in October), and it is doubted whether he will be removed. Gen. Montgomery commanded a regiment of Wisconsin soldiers under Postmaster General Vilas during the war.

More lecture rooms are needed at the university. At present they have but one room for that purpose and great inconvenience is often experienced on that account.

The medical laboratory now in process of building is making haste slowly. It will be an exceedingly pretty structure, considering the amount of money invested, some \$30,000.

EARLY DAYS OF NEW YORK.

The Wonderful Stories of the Metropolis in the Present Century.

The Changes Wrought by Vigorous Business Men—The California Fever—Interesting Reminiscences.

A centurion died in a little Pennsylvania city last Monday, says the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Record, who was born on a farm in the limits of this metropolis, a little below Union Square, and who had used in the war of 1813 the same musket that his father had carried in 1776 as a soldier at the battles of Harlem Plains and Fort Washington. This is a brief record of 100 years of life, but it carries the salient periods of the story of our nation and city. When this man was born the future metropolis had a population of but 20,000, and was much smaller and much less important than Philadelphia. The inhabited portion of the city reached only to Chambers street on Broadway, and the latter thoroughfare was mainly occupied with small frame dwellings. British troops still occupied the barracks, waiting for the order to leave, and it was not until a year that James Dumas, a native-born citizen, bought a lot of his farm at Gramercy Park, to find his house burned and his property destroyed. He was appointed mayor, and began to reconstruct the city.

New York was but the rubbish of a metropolis then. It was not until 1790 that the first sidewalks of brick and stone were laid on Broadway, and were followed by the erections of first-class residences. The public gallows, signs of a Christian community, stood on the present City Hall park, appropriately flanked by the Bridewell and the almshouse. The city was a collection of native-born citizens, a few foreign immigrants, and a sprinkling of fifty acres in extent—a miniature state in the heart of the city—occupied the ground now covered by the Tombs, with its neighborhood of crime and misery. The first furnished food for the angler, and were even said to be inhabited by a strange sea monster, which had carried off a Hessian soldier during the war of 1812. The rejuvenation of the city came with the proposition to buy up the lands about the pond, and preserving the waters in their primitive condition, to lay out a portion of the grounds as a public park, and realize a profit from adjacent property. Want of capital prevented the carrying out of a plan which would have preserved an island sea in the heart of the city—a natural playground for the people, and which did his first fishing in these waters, who played in country roads all the way from that point to his ancestral farm at Union Square, who saw Washington, the first president of the United States, and the streets, lived to hear that the bones of nearly three million people could be seen from the spire of "Old Trinity," and died but last week. It is a picture of progress that ought to be an inspiration to every man who owes his birth or claims his home here.

A striking feature of housekeeping in the new metropolis is the growing monopoly of certain lines of business. For some time past the goods of California have combined with their once distinctive lines of goods nearly everything that is needed for the clothing or personal use of women and children, and to such an extent that the most necessary goods or special lines have felt compelled to close business, or to remove to remote sections and depend upon the trade of the poor. Now the small grocers complain that the large grocery stores, which look more like banks than groceries, are taking away their traffic and doing competition. From heavy meats to fine linens, and from the most common quantities to suit all tastes and purses, if there is a hardship here it is difficult to see how it is to be remedied. When the clerk meets a lady at the door, shows her samples, and she has a basket of goods packed and delivered without further trouble, buying becomes so easy that it is a pleasure for the housekeeper to purchase in this way. Washington Market dealers complain that even their low prices cease to tempt people to come down town to lay in their weekly stores of provisions, as once was the custom; but even they must concede that it is a pleasanter to make purchases at a large and handsome establishment. One of these grocery palaces fronts Congress street, and is a fine specimen of the art, and is felt to be an eye-sore by adjacent owners of property, but it is well patronized by rich people, and, as William M. Todd remarked once: "What are you going to do about it? It is a nuisance, but it is a nuisance which is not going to be remedied."

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were filed Sept. 20th with the county clerk, and reported for the Bee by Ames' Real Estate agency: Alvan S. Vincent and wife to Francis T. McKenna, lot 4 block 2, Improvement also add Omaha, w d—\$1,700. Will Bins Grady and husband to Mrs. Anna Cleves, lots 4 and 5, Grady's subdivision of blk 7, Lowe's 2d add Omaha, w d—\$3,000. Charles W. Willis (single) to Michael Hirt, net of lot 3 block 11 S. E. Roger's add Omaha, w d—\$1,200. Evert V. Smith and wife to Caledonia Phillips, lot 10 block Q. E. V. Smith's add Omaha, w d—\$1,000. Henry M. Hurlbut and wife to Albert M. Grant, lot 7, block 7, Shinn's add to Omaha, w d—\$2,200. Winfield S. Blanchard and wife to Dennis Cunningham, #2 of lot 3, block 3, Improvement association add, Omaha, Q C—\$1. Frances E. Smith and husband to George W. McKinney, lot 17, city of Florence, Douglas county, w d—\$29. John Weber and wife to Rosena Durdon, lot 331, Millard & Caldwell's add, Omaha, w d—\$5,000. A. E. Tonzalin (single) to Ella B. Potter, lot 17, and #4 of lot 16, block 2, Hillside add, Omaha, w d—\$1,500.

Picked Pigs Feet and Tripe at Katz's. You can buy furniture cheaper of A. L. Pich & Co., 12th st., bet. Farnam and Douglas, than any other place in the city.

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