

MR. PIERSON OF NOBESVILLE

Some More of His Startling Confessions Brought to Light.

THE REPUBLICAN'S BIG SCOOP.

It Finally Goes Glimmering for Good—The Man in Bloomington—Various Items of Lincoln News.

(FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN CORRESPONDENT.)

The alleged "scoop" of the Omaha Republican becomes more idiotic as each day brings new developments as to confederate Pierson, of Castle Nobes.

On Saturday last Sheriff Melick, of Lancaster county, received a letter from Bloomington, Illinois, enquiring after Pierson and it will be given in full:

Law office of Tipton & Beaver, Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 27. Dear Sir: I have a slip cut from one of our daily papers here and understand that John Pierson is now in jail in your city. I have a copy of a man for murder who was completed and sentenced to the penitentiary at Joliet for twenty-seven years for killing John Pierson. I am very anxious to get track of the man at once, so that I may show that it is the same man who you have in your custody. I have a copy of a man for murder who was completed and sentenced to the penitentiary at Joliet for twenty-seven years for killing John Pierson. I am very anxious to get track of the man at once, so that I may show that it is the same man who you have in your custody.

Ask him if he ever worked for any person around Bloomington, let him tell you.

The newspaper item which Judge Tipton enclosed was, as he declares, from one of the Bloomington daily papers, and is as follows:

A Lyman Cook, a John Pierson, who recently "confessed" the murder of Watson Smith, of Omaha, in that city, is a well known old drunk and crook. As a confessor he is the class of men who, when his time has passed in this city, he turned up here in 1877 and beat a prominent citizen, the late Sheriff Cook, who was here, he confessed the murder of Murray McConnell, but it turned out that his story was false. He was an old man from Kansas, who was also expelled after being looked into.

One of his exploits here was a novel one. He begged money in Normal to bury his dead child, and one lady interested herself in the matter and gave him \$100. He then blew in at the shrine of Gambinus. He then tried the same game on South Hill, and the above mentioned lady, who had given him \$100, was arrested. His chief reason for confessing is to escape from jail and be transported elsewhere. He has served terms in the penitentiary on three occasions, and on other persons. He is a gigantic fraud, and his periodical confessions are nothing but lies.

The characteristics of the two Piersons would seem to be the same, and "confessing" to everything appears to be the main thing in the life of the latter. He went to the penitentiary and asked Warden Nobes to interrogate Pierson as to the above. He strenuously denied ever having been in Bloomington or its vicinity, but as he was prone to do so, it is not certain that he is the Illinois man.

The Bee reporter has written to Judge Tipton some questions in relation to the Pierson, and when received it will be carefully compared with the Nebraska one and the truth known beyond a doubt. In the meantime the Republican's sensation in the Smith matter is exploited, and its scoop vanishes like the dew before a summer sun.

DELAYING PROSECUTION.

So much pressure and influence have been brought to bear that the warrants issued on the complaint of Marshal Beach in the case against the body snatchers have not been served. The complainant has drawn up a petition, and on Tuesday Attorney Stearns and presented by Marshal Beach to the county judge, who delayed issuing warrants until Friday, when the documents were drafted and handed to the sheriff's office. In the mean time the telephone bell in the mayor's office was kept hot with persons "ringing him up" to beg him not to prosecute the matter any further. It is not plain how the university which so far as is known stands well, can be harmed in an investigation such as indicated. If any one connected with it guilty he should be no more shielded than if he were a clerk in a livery stable. The university itself cannot be injured. The mayor has not received any communications to the effect that if he persists, his residence, the most costly in Lincoln, will be blown to atoms by dynamite. For this or other reasons, the prosecution of the case which started out so hot has cooled, and the warrants have not been served and the matter rests in statu quo.

The mayor says that he has not dropped the prosecution, but is only waiting until to-day as he promised a certain official of the university he would do, as that gentleman wishes to do a little investigating for himself. The mayor is confident that he will have the cooperation of the university to unravel the tangle let it hurt whom it may. The Journal is actively writing articles in relation to the case, and at the same time trying to scare one of the policemen by casting out hints of a former transaction in which the officer is said to have been indirectly connected with it, and which, it is said, was the best element of Lincoln want the matter sifted, and they do not believe the cook and bull story that the university will be in the least injured by the investigation.

It is in any way implicated, which as yet has not been proven. The pretext is too gaudy, and should have no weight with his honor, the mayor. No guilty party should be allowed to escape.

OLEO IN THE MARKET.

Oleomargarine is being sold in our local market for butter, said a well-known expert Saturday. "I was that butcher shop some time ago to buy some butter and I was handed out some of the spurious article. Are you sure this is good fresh butter?" I asked, and the man said it was first-class, and I knew better, but said nothing to him.

"You can always tell oleomargarine," continued the gentleman, "for it invariably does up in long, slim rolls and stamped with a certain mark. In Iowa or Illinois which does not exist at all."

Other complaints having been made, the health department is investigating that the man had spoken correctly. Whether the dealers themselves knew it or not cannot be ascertained, for they sell it at regular price. The spurious article, if well made, is said to be almost as good as the genuine article, which, if true, there is no harm done, anyway.

DEATH OF MISS NAT BROWN.

The many friends of Nat Brown, erstwhile of the Windsor hotel, will sympathize with him in a great affliction which has come upon him. About ten days ago he was called away by telegraph to Cassopolis, Michigan, where his wife had preceded him. It was a week ago while in the company of an officer who was seeking for him. He came directly here, and four or five days ago was employed by the city and members are no reproachers of persons.

A Fugitive Cabby.

A deputy United States marshal from Sioux City arrived Saturday and secured the services of the police to help him run down one John Adinger, wanted in Iowa for illicit liquor traffic. The police failed to find the man Friday night, but Saturday morning discovered him in the person of one of Stevenson's cab drivers. He yielded to arrest quietly and peacefully accompanied the deputy upon his journey to Sioux City. Adinger was a well-known character in the city, and was a member of a party of typhoid fever before starting for her parent's home, but as she was convalescent it was thought the tea would be her good. Soon after arriving at her par-

"PLEA OF STOCK GROWERS."

Grazing Lands Considered in the Highest Sense Agricultural Lands.

The Ultima Thule of Farming—Grass and Water the Two Essentials for Beef Production—Gen. Brislin's Argument.

PITNEY, Neb., Nov. 26.—To the Editor:—I have read with interest your editorial under the above caption in the Bee of the 25th instant. I wish to submit some views in behalf of that large class of stock growers whose interests are not identical with the class represented by General Brislin.

1.—Grazing lands are not in any sense desert lands, but are on the contrary in the highest sense agricultural lands.

For the production of beef two things are essential, grass and water. Wherever in a state of nature these requisites are found in quantities sufficient to make beef production profitable, farming can now or soon will be also made profitable. The successful production of beef is the ultima thule of good farming.

The high price of the middle states are made to pay. In the west it is the standard of excellence to which nearly all intelligent farmers aspire.

Now Mr. Editor, the astonishing fact is that the west is not a desert, but a land of fertility, and that the west is not a land of poverty, but a land of wealth.

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RAILWAY MATTERS.

Union Pacific and Northwest—Suffering Miners, Etc.

There is little at this moment to be said of the Union Pacific's prospective branch to the northwest further than what appears on the face.

The villainous policy of the republican party in squandering the public domain upon railroad corporations and permitting its monopoly by alien syndicates, has not been a success.

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CIVILIZING THE SAVAGE.

The Nation's Wards Investigated Annually by Jovial Junketers.

An Ancient Problem in a New Garb—The Rights and Wrongs of the Red Man—Imitating the White Man.

[WRITTEN FOR THE BEE.]

If traveling congressional investigating committees could accomplish any beneficial results, the Indian problem would have been settled long ago.

Year after year the Indian committee of the senate has been perambulating the western half of the continent at public expense, on the pretense of studying up the Indian question. They make some sort of reports, which are printed, then fill empty files, and are forgotten. It is safe to say that, in nearly every instance where these committees have traversed the country, the real motive which has prompted them was a pleasure excursion and a royal good time. And the same has been true of the other committees which have traveled as the guests of the government. The senate committee which was out last summer considering the transportation question will report in favor of a national railroad commission, and they say they would just as well before they started out on their journey. During the latter half of a session many senators and members put their brains to the task of devising some plausible reasons for securing an order from their respective houses for the committees of which they are members, and this was carried to such an extent that the members began to conclude they were helping to pay a large, and became ashamed of it; so much so that they partially blocked the very much to the discredit of some of those who had indulged in glowing anticipations of pleasurable excursions, the expenses of which were to be defrayed from Uncle Sam's plenary purse.

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