THE INVESTIGATION FINISHED

And the Bottom Falls Out of Sullivan's Charges.

RETURN OF THE BLIZZARD.

Timothy Driscoll's Plight—Stuart an Imposter—Killed a Mad Dog—Police News—Local Miscellany.

The Investigation.

The investigation was resumed yesterday morning at half past ten o'clock. Councilman Dailey was not present. On account of the bitter cold weather there was but a small sprinkling of auditors in the lobby. Sullivan did not appear so easy and composed as yesterday. He would once in a while interrupt the witness who was testifying, protesting that the statements made were false. On one occasion Mr. Ogden, his attorney, turned about and requested him, rather sharply, to "quiet down."

The first point which Mr. Burpham sought to bring out was that Sullivan had used his power as an officer to influence a certain woman, Belle Dumont, to give him money for finding a wig that she had lost, and which was already in possession of the marshal.

Marshal Cummings sworn and testified: I remember the case of a woman on Capitol avenue losing her wig in November, 1885. I don't remember her name. It was a long blonde wig. A man was arrested and put in jail for stealing it. He was tried and sentenced to twenty or thirty days in the county jail. The wig was afterward recovered in a house on Sixteenth street beyond Poppleton's, by Officer Matza, who delivered it to me. It was put in a drawer in the city jail. Capt. Sullivan knew the wig was in my possession and had access to the drawer in which it was. The wig disappeared all at once and I never knew what became of it. I have since learned something about it from Jailer Tom Peironet. [Here an objection was made and sustained against Cummings testifying as to what Peironet had told him about Sullivan's trying to dispose of the wig.] The drawer in which the wig had been lying was always locked, though Sullivan had access to it. I have known Sullivan to beg money from prostitutes for drink. In one instance he asked Laura Mack for ten cents to buy beer with. She gave it to him.

I suspended Capt. Sullivan for insubordination; this was done under rule 6 of the police regulations which provides that no policeman shall gossip or cause false reports to be circulated about any other member of the force.

By Mr. Ogden—The keys to the drawer in which the wig lay were in possession of the jailors and Sullivan would have to get the keys from them before entering the drawer. The wig was not in my private drawer at all. I did not send Sullivan down to the owner of the wig to ask her to give a reward to the old man who had found it.

Thomas Peironet, sworn and testified: In November, 1885, I was on a police beat. I arrested the man who stole the wig of Belle Dumont at the depot. He was identified by the woman who lost the wig as the thief. The wig was afterwards recovered by the marshal and Matza. I went down to the woman, Dumont, to claim the reward of $20 which she had offered for the arrest of the fellow, and she told me that Sullivan had already been there, and had represented that he knew where the wig was and would tell her if she would give him $10. She said she refused him, because I was the only one who had anything to do with the arrest of the thief.

Stella Ridgeway, sworn and testified: I was living with Belle Dumont, the woman who owned the wig at the time she lost it. One day Sullivan came down to the house and offered to tell Belle where the wig was if she would give him $10. He said he knew an old gentleman who could tell where the wig was, although at this time it was in possession of the police. Belle refused to give him $10, and then he offered to find it for $5.

By Mr. Ogden: The latter proposition I heard Sullivan himself make. I never had any spite against Sullivan. Belle Dumont left the city six or eight weeks ago. It is not a fact that Sullivan told me that he was sent down by the marshal to get money for the old man as a reward, but said he wanted it for himself.

Lottie Allen, a woman living with Belle Dumont at the time, testified that Sullivan had offered to produce the old man who knew where the wig was for $10, and had afterwards offered to do it for $5. He did not say anything about the wig's being already in possession of the marshal.

Justice Lee Helsley sworn and testified: Examined the records of the district court during the February term of 1884. Sullivan served about fifty days as a juryman and drew pay at the rate of $2 a day. At the same time, according to a resolution of the council, February 9, 1881, there were thirty special policemen appointed and Maurice Sullivan was one of those policemen and drew pay from the city on that account. The records disclosed the fact that Sullivan drew pay from both the city and county, although he was acting in only one capacity. Guthrie was city marshal at that time.

John Turnbull sworn and testified: I was standing on the corner of Tenth and Capitol avenue one day with Maurice Sullivan, when we were met by a colored woman named Laura Mack. I heard Sullivan ask her if she wouldn't set up the drinks. She said yes and gave him 10 cents to buy beer with. She offered a similar amount to me; I refused it. I remember Sullivan was acting as juryman during the thirty-six days. Marshal Guthrie told me not to put his name on the pay roll for salary during that period, as he hadn't done a day's work on the force. I never put his name on the pay roll, but I understand that he drew his police salary just the same. How he did it I don't know. I suppose the allowance must have been put in the appropriation ordinance, but why I can't say.

A SIDE SHOW.

At this juncture Councilman Ed. Leeder, who is not a member of the committee, but who has watched the progress of the investigation closely, created a scene. It seems that he had asked the privilege of questioning the marshal on several points, which request was refused by the committee. He rose impressively from his chair and delivered a short and red hot speech: "I am not a member of this committee, but I have got just as much right to ask questions as any of you. Your report will come before the council at the next meeting and I'll be durned if I'll vote on it at all. I was my hands of the whole business. You fellers are trying to choke me off, when I only want to get at the facts from the marshal."

"You can go on the stand and tell what you know," suggested one of the committee.

"I don't wan't to do that, and won't do it," retorted the member from the Fifth, "I want to serve notice on you that I don't propose to vote on this thing when it comes up before the council."

"I have heard children say, when they got mad, 'I won't play, so there,'" interjected Councilman Thrane from behind his spectacles. "It appears to me that you are acting like that."

"All right, call it child's play if you want to. I shan't vote either for or against Sullivan or Cummings," replied Leeder as he backed into the lobby.

This little scene over, the taking of testimony was resumed.

Laura Mack, sworn and testified: I gave Sullivan the 10 cents to buy drinks with, because he asked me for it. I offered the same to Mr. Turnbull and he refused it. I suppose Sullivan knew that I was a sporting woman.

Mr. E. Rosewater, editor of the BEE, was sworn. He testified: I have at different times had conversation with Capt. Sullivan about the marshal. The captain has told me within the past thirty days, that Cummings was as honest a man as was ever on the police force.

By Mr. Ford: Cummings has also spoken to me about the captain, and always referred to him as a good officer.

Ex-Captain Sullivan sworn, and testified: As regards this wig business, I was instructed by Marshal Cummings to go down to the woman who had lost the wig, and tell her that the old man who had found it wanted a reward for it. I never told her that I wanted the money for myself, but for the man who had found it. About asking for ten cents from the woman, Laura Mack, I don't remember. I may have taken it Concerning my drawing double pay as juryman and special policeman, I will say this. I served on the jury only two or three days in the week, and nearly always worked at night as special policeman. I drew double pay, and would do it again if I got a chance. I do not know how my name came to be put in the appropriation ordinance.

Ex-Officer Thomas Ruane testified that he was on the force when Sullivan was acting as special, and knew that the mayor had authorized his extra claim for service on the police force, and had instructed Marshal Guthrie to put his name on the pay-roll.

Dr. Carter sworn and testified: I attended Travis while wounded in the city jail; there were several small wounds in the abdomen; they were not serious; I did not consider him in a dangerous condition; I attended him until he left; the healing process began right away, and the wounds were healed when he left, he was able to walk, but a little sore; I went to see him the day he went away, and he was already gone; Turnbull was at the jail, and said Travis had been taken to the hospital; I said there was no need of hospital treatment, as the wounds had healed; I never received a cent for attending Travis.

By Ford: Travis could have pulled his boots on without injury to himself on the day he left the jail; it would have probably caused him some pain.

This closed the testimony for both sides, and the committee adjourned until Friday evening, when the members will meet and make up their report.

THE STORM RENEWED.

The Blizzard Again Breaks with Increased Energy.

The storm of the past four days, which had abated on Wednesday, resumed that night and the wind and cold gained with a rapidity and intensity which well warranted Hazen's order for the black flag. Yesterday morning found a blizzard sweeping the city and adjacent country, and railway traffic fell back into the blockaded condition of the beginning of the week. This storm is much more severe and general in extent than its predecessor. Day dawned here with the temperature at six below, twenty degrees lower than it has yet attained this winter. A slight rise occurred during the day, but the mercury after mounting to zero, slowly relapsed again and nightfall found it as cold as it was at sunrise. The gale which swept the light fall of snow with almost irresistible impetuosity made the day quite too disagreeable for outdoor pedestrianism, and business was in consequence at a standstill. The street cars which had cleaned their tracks on Wednesday ran for a while during the day, but suspended on most of the lines before night.

The storm has a wide western extent, but the wires in the west are in such a crippled condition that particulars cannot be obtained. There is no question that this blizzard must prove most severe upon range stock and many cattle will doubtless perish on the shelterless plains.

Railway business is again thrown into disorder and no road centering here is exempt from serious impediments.

The Union Pacific once more enjoyed exceptionally good luck. The train due here yesterday morning at 7:30 arrived last night at 7 o'clock with six locomotives and a plow before it. The morning west bound departure left on time and is struggling with the drifts somewhere out on the line. Trains on all branches have been ordered tied up. The Union Pacific has one working wire as far as Grand Island and nothing beyond. Last evening's due train had not arrived up to last advices obtainable. No trains went out last night.

The B. & M. is completely snowed under. Not a train is moving either way and the wires are in such a demoralized condition that nothing can be learned of events out on the road.

In the morning the eastern trains all went out on time and the Milwaukee and "Q" arrived on time. The Northwestern got in an hour late, but the Rock Island was snowed up at Weston and is still there. The Sioux City, both morning and evening, arrived fairly on time. The only evening due train that arrived was the "Q" fast mail. The Milwaukee was not heard from, the Rock Island yet lingered at Weston and the Northwestern was stalled ten miles east of Council Bluffs.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha is once more encountering the full terrors of the "norther." The train due here yesterday morning is tied up at Oakland and no one knows when it will venture to make the rest of the trip. The passengers from both the morning and evening dues were transferred to the Sioux City by the Blair bridge and came in from the other side.

The Missouri Pacific morning trains came in and went out close to schedule, but both evening trains were abandoned.

The storm promises to last until this evening, although its fury is spent in this section. "Old Probs" has it that it will terminate in a frost in the southern states.

DRISCOLL'S TROUBLES.

A Horse Thief Who Played in Hard Luck.

Judge Stenburg gave preliminary hearing yesterday to the case of Timothy Driscoll, a young man arrested for horse stealing. The prisoner's experience is a quite peculiar one.

He was arrested about two months ago or running off with the horse and buggy of Coe & Kirkendall, and smashing it all to pieces. On trial he was convicted, and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail. In a few days he managed to escape. Instead of leaving town at once or secreting himself for a time, he stole the horse of Mr. William Fitch, and took a pleasure drive about town. Out on Sixteenth street he had a collision with a farmers wagon. The frail buggy was shattered to pieces and the horse severely damaged. Driscoll fled but that night was given up to the police by a female friend. He was remanded to jail to serve out his thirty day's sentence on the original charge. That term having expired he is to be prosecuted on the charge of horse stealing, the complainant being Mr. William Fitch.

Judge Stenberg bound him over to the district court in the sum of $1,000. In default of bail he was taken back to the county bastile.

Is He an Imposter?

Gen. O. O. Howard and Comrade Buechle, of the Custer post G. A. R., have investigated the case of "Col." James Stuart, the alleged war veteran, now lying sick at St. Joseph's hospital. Gen Howard informed a rerorter yesterday that in his opinion Stuart was an imposter. The sick man claimed to have been colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-Ninth New York volunteers, whereas the records show that there was no such company, the Irish regiment to which Stuart claimed to have belonged being the Sixty-Ninth New York. When told this, Stuart said that he was a major in the Sixty-Ninth, but the army records show that no such man was connected with the regiment. When confronted with the evidences of his guilt, Stuart became angry, and in language not over choice, said that he did not need nor want the aid of the G. A. R.

MATZA'S MONEY.

Another Striking Instance of Marshal Cumming's Honesty.

Officer Peter Matza, in conversation with a reporter yesterday, related a little anecdote which proves Marshal Cummings to be a man of unquestioned probity, beyond giving ear to such venal approaches as the offering of a bribe.

"In June, 1884, I was on the police force, under Marshal Guthrie," said Matza. "Guthrie took a dislike to me, because I knew too much about his crooked ways, and to save trouble I resigned. Just before I quit the police force I arrested a man named Albert Seidel, charged with robbing a woman in California of $1,500. He was held here until the authorities came after him, and then was turned over to them. About a month or two after I had left the force, I received notice from Cummings, who was then marshal, that he wanted to see me. When I went into his office he handed me a money order for $75, which had come from California, he said, as a reward for the man who arrested Seidel. The money order had been sent out in his name, and could have been appropriated by him without anyone finding it out. He endorsed it to me and I got it cashed. I offered him $10 of the amount, and he refused it point blank, saying that he had nothing to do with the arrest of Seidel, and would not take a cent of the reward. And that's why I think Marshal Cummings is an honest man."

TESTIMONIAL OF ESTEEM.

Past-Chancellor Willox Remembered by His Brethren.

A pleasant Pythian event Wednesday night was the presentation of a gold-headed cane by Nebraska lodge No. 1 Knights of Pythias, to Mr. Samuel Willox. For two years Mr. Willox has been chancellor commander of this lodge, and has served faithfully and well in his responsible position. He has hosts of friends, as a genial, accomplished young man, and these friends thought it but fit to recognize his services on the occasion of his retirement to the office of past chancellor. The presentation speech was made by Alf D. Jones, district deputy grand chancellor of this district. The cane was tendered to Mr. Willox amid a perfect thunder of applause. In a few moments the recipient recovered sufficiently to thank the donors in a few well-chosen words. On the cane were the words: "From Nebraska Lodge No. 1 K. of P. to S. M. Willox, P. C., Jan. 6, 1886."

Just previous to the presentation, the installation of newly-elected officers took place.

Highly Educated Parrot.

Recently a family of wealthy foreign tourists while en route from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, spent several days in Omaha, leaving behind them at one of our leading hotels a wonderful and beautiful parrot of the West African (Psittacus Crytheeus) species, ash-gray color, short crimson tail, said to be ninety years old, and speaks fluently (for a parrot) five different languages. All who have heard its wonderful powers of speech, say they never heard its equal. The parrot was kindly taken care of by the hotel people, and was the center of attraction in the hotel office, where it seemed particularly adapted to answering questions as a hotel clerk, and at the same time affording the guests much amusement. Stranger asks the clerk what time he should be at the depot to catch the 8:20 overland train? Polly says, "8:20, my dear." Stranger astonished at such civility from the hotel office, ventures another. "Where can I find a good barber?" Polly says: "Take this chair, my darling, and I will talk that beard off you in four minutes." Stranger says hurriedly, "Is that clock right, 4:58?" Polly says: "That's right, sure." Stranger says: "I have an appointment at 5," and vanishes. Polly says: "Glad of it." The hotel people today received a telegram from its owner to forward the parrot to their address at Paris.

A Violent Collision.

A street car on the Farnam street line yesterday collided with the carriage of Dr. O. S. Wood, which was on the track near Fifteenth street this morning. The driver of the doctor's team failed to hear or heed the warning of the street car driver and did not turn off the track until too late. The doctor's rig was slightly damaged. One of the street car horses broke his leg and will probably have to be killed.

The street car drivers complain bitterly of the manner in which the tracks are usurped by drivers of all manner of vehicles from a cab to a coal-wagon.

It is a wonder they say, that more accidents of this kind do not occur.

Police Court Docket.

Judge Stenberg disposed of the following cases in police court yesterday.

William Walters; drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs.

Christ Johnson and Charles Johnson; same charge, released.

Timothy Driscoll; horse stealing, held in $1,000 bonds to the district court.

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Prominent State Arrivals.

Among the state people registered at the hotels yesterday were R. P. Draper, Nebraska City; H. L. McWilliams, Ogallala; William J. Russell, Columbus; J. K. Ives, Crete; J. M. Gibbon, Weeping Water; J. S. Branhan, W. M. Scott, Columbus; J. R. Hunter and wife, West Point; C. Finger, Lincoln.

The Law and Order League.

Special Officer James, of the Law and Order league, filed a complaint in the police court yesterday against Hans Young, charging him with allowing boys under 18 years of age to play pool in his saloon.

The cold weather has caused a brisk demand for cabs and the line is evidently making money. No one doubts, however, but what they earn every cent which they make.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

Startling Testimony in the Leighton & Clarke Insurance Case.

The Leighton & Clarke insurance case has been dragging along day after day in the United States court without any startling developments until yesterday afternoon, when certain depositions were introduced in evidence which gave the case a decidedly sensational aspect. The first of these depositions was one made by R. W. Klock, formerly in the employ of Leighton & Clarke, but who was discharged by Mr. Leighton. Klock now resides in Chicago. In his deposition he testifies that after the fire Leighton instructed him to secrete some of the more valuable goods saved, such as medical instruments, etc., in order that it might appear that they had been destroyed, and thus the firm would receive the insurance on them. In reading the inventory of the goods saved, he, by direction Leighton, omitted large quantities of goods, thus making it appear that they had been destroyed. By Leighton's directions he also had goods shipped to firms outside of the city and placed them on the list of those destroyed by fire.

Depositions were also read from Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit, and Merrill & Co., of Cincinnati, testifying to the fact that they had received goods shipped by Leighton & Clarke after the fire similar in description to those sent by Klock.

At the close of the reading of this testimony court adjourned for the day, and the case will be resumed this morning.

Shannon Letter Bill File, Filing Cabinets and Cases. Schlicht's Standard Indexes. 219 12th street, opposite Neb. Nat'l Bank.

Preferred Stealing to Starving.

John Seaman, a rather good looking individual, was arrested last evening by Officer Horrigan and taken to the central police station where he was locked up. Seaman had stolen an overcoat and a pair of gloves from one of the boarders at the Niagara house, P. Ford's Tenth street hostelry, and had pawned them for $1.50. He acknowledged the theft, saying that he was out of money and had stolen the things in order to procure something to eat. Seaman is one of the men who lodged in the Cuming's street station night before last and was discharged by Judge Stenberg yesterday morning. He is known by several other names than Seaman.

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