

WEDDED TO A HUMAN BRUTE.

Terrible Story of Domestic Unhappiness Told in a Divorce Petition.

WORK OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Annie Brown Perched on the Stool of Repentance—Suing the City for a Whole Street—Matters of Minor Import.

FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.

A horrible tale of domestic unhappiness is disclosed in a petition for divorce filed in the district court yesterday by Lizzie M. Bacon, of this county. The petitioner alleges that she was married to Alonzo H. Bacon on the 23d of April, 1885, and until she left him on the 17th of January, 1886, he was guilty of the most heinous and unchristianlike acts of cruelty. It is specifically alleged that Bacon not only prevented her from going to church, but when she attempted to pray at home he would grab her by the neck, and putting one hand over her mouth, try to choke her into submission, indulging at the same time in the most profane and indecent language. When the couple were married, Mrs. Bacon's mother gave them a house to live in and furnished it, and for a great deal of the time supplied them with food. Bacon, who is described as a large, abled-bodied man, refused to provide food or fuel for his wife, and when she attempted to cook, scolding and while eating the victuals furnished by plaintiff's mother, would damn her for not providing better food. On the 14th of January last a child was born to plaintiff, and defendant, instead of looking after her in this helpless condition, left her absolutely without food, fire, or attendance. As soon as Mrs. Bacon was able to move she went back to her mother, and now asks the court to give her a legal separation from the man who, while swearing to love, honor, cherish and support her, has blighted her young life and filled her cup of sorrow to overflowing.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

The following opinions were handed down in the state supreme court yesterday: Wright vs Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. Error from Douglas county. Affirmed. Opinion by Maxwell, C. J.

1—The wages for sixty days' services of laborers, mechanics, clerks, etc., in the hands of those by whom such laborers, mechanics or clerks may be employed, are exempt from execution, attachment or garnishment, whether the creditor is a resident of the state or not. Such wages are absolutely exempt.

2—A foreign corporation having no property of the debtor in this state, nor owing money to him, is not subject to garnishment in this state.

3—When an employe is garnished for wages for sixty days' services of a laborer, mechanic or clerk who is the head of a family, he should state in his answer, showing that such wages are exempt and that he is not liable as garnishee.

4—Where a debt was contracted in Iowa, the parties residing there, and a creditor of the debtor not subject to garnishment in that state, the exemption will continue in this state in case an action is brought on the claim.

Roberts vs Taylor. Error from Butte county. Reversed. Opinion by Maxwell, C. J.

1—Where the allegations in a petition filed by a wife and minor children against a saloon keeper for loss of means of support caused by liquor sold to her husband, and her father, that liquors were sold to the husband and father in quantities sufficient to produce intoxication, which Wm. H. T. drank and thereby became intoxicated, and that the saloon keeper, continued to furnish him such intoxicating liquors, and allegations thereafter made that by reason of the use thereof, "he has become an habitual drunkard," is not irrelevant.

2—The words "in a great measure" qualifying the allegation of loss of labor and support by the husband, held sufficiently definite to sustain a petition.

3—Where objection is made on the trial of a case for the first time that the petition does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action, the court should, if possible, sustain the petition, or permit an amendment thereto, to be made instantaneously.

4—Evidence examined, and verdict held to be excessive, leave to plaintiffs to remit from judgment the sum of \$250.00.

Thomas vs Thomas—Appeal from Douglas county. Reversed and decree ordered for plaintiff.

Under the pleadings, the burden of proof being upon the defendant, and the evidence not being sufficient to sustain the verdict in her favor, the decree thereon reversed, the verdict set aside, and a decree for the plaintiff in the supreme court.

Triphagan vs Sheldon—Appeal from Lancaster county. Affirmed. Opinion by Cobb, J.

1—There was no question of law involved in this case.

Under the pleadings, the burden of proof being upon the sole question of fact at issue being contrived, and nearly equally balanced, the finding and judgment of the trial court upheld.

JUDGMENT ON THE TRIAL COURT UPHOLD.

Dr. Spear, who has been attending Annie Brown since her attempt to suicide by eating rat poison Tuesday night, reports his patient is now recovering, and says he now looks for her speedy and complete recovery. To a friend who was with her yesterday morning, Miss Brown said that she was impelled to take her life by being confined to her bed, and especially because she had scandalized the family, and was afraid that her two young sisters would be taunted by unthinking people for her wrong-doing. The unfortunate girl appears to be repentant and ashamed of her actions and has made solemn promises of reform, announcing her intention of breaking away from her old associates and trying to lead a good life. Kaufmann's attempt to throw all responsibility for the escape on the girl is not kindly received here, where both parties are known. His story of meeting her on the train may be true, but that he refrained from tempting her is not believed by those who understand his obtrusive, loud-mouthed, swaggering nature. As stated in yesterday's Bee, Miss Brown is a victim of late skating rink, having been led into evil ways by associations formed in that hotbed of corruption on wheels.

SEINE FOR A STREET.

The case of Samuel W. Lytle vs the City of Lincoln, now on trial in the United States court, involves the title to what is now known as Fifteenth street between O and P. Lytle in his petition alleges that on January 1, 1880, he was the owner of the property in question, when defendants unlawfully seized it and now hold possession, and he therefore asks the court to put him in control, and award damages of \$2,000 and costs.

The defendants say that the property described has been used as a public highway for ten years, and the city has had open, notorious and exclusive possession during that time. The question at stake is really one of priority in plating. Lytle holds title by a tax deed from Nelson C. Brock, under which he made a plat of the ground, setting off a twenty-foot alley for highway purposes. The city alleges that some years before the Lytle plat

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