

DID HE BETRAY HIS TRUST?

Serious Charges Against the President of Lincoln's Law and Order League.

HIS REPUTATION AT STAKE.

Both as a Reformer and as a Lawyer - All the News of the Day at the State Capital.

FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.

President Sawyer, of the Law and Order League, has been made defendant in a litigation which, if the allegations of the plaintiffs are true, will destroy his usefulness as a reformer and seriously impair his standing and reputation as a lawyer. The title of the action is "Albert G. E. Holmes and Ruby L. Holmes, vs. F. A. W. Shimer, Geo. H. Walker, Andrew S. Sawyer and Winona Sawyer."

The original defendants when the suit was commenced last winter, were Shimer and Walker only, but yesterday the plaintiffs filed an amended petition making the Sawyers the real defendants, and expressly stipulating that they have no cause of action against Walker directly. The facts set forth in the petition are that in August, 1877, George H. Walker, of Harlan, Iowa, was the owner of lot 4, block 89, in the city of Lincoln, which was leased for a term of years by Anna J. Holmes, mother of the minor plaintiffs.

It was agreed in the lease that Mrs. Holmes should pay a certain rental, and erect buildings on the land, and that when the lease expired the improvements should be appraised, and an opportunity given Walker to purchase the property. If he refused to take it at the price then Mrs. Holmes was to have the privilege of buying it at the price named. Mrs. Holmes erected a fine two-story brick dwelling, and since her death a similar house has been put up by her heirs. In 1878, thinking it would be safer to have the title in her own hands, the plaintiffs engaged Sawyer as their attorney to buy the realty from Walker, and instructed him to pay no less than \$4,000 for the same.

Walker would not sell, and Holmes suggested that he had better go over to Iowa and see him. Sawyer said it would be no use to do as Walker, if indeed he would at all, would make the deal through him. Some months after this Sawyer reported that Walker had sold and deeded the land to one F. A. W. Shimer, who was then in Florida.

Here the matter rested until about the middle of February last, when Holmes applied direct to Walker for information about the sale, and was told that Sawyer had conducted the negotiations in the name of the plaintiffs, and that Walker supposed the sale was made to them, as he did not know of any party named Shimer in the transaction. Mr. Walker further stated that Sawyer would not pay over \$600 for the land, and that he had deeded it to them at that figure. In April, 1883, the deed being delivered to Sawyer, the latter then informed Sawyer the money he had paid Walker and demanded that the property be transferred to them. This Sawyer refused, on the ground that the sale was made to Shimer, and the Holmes had no claim or interest.

The plaintiffs' attorneys, Messrs. J. R. Webster and Billingsly & Woodward, assert that if a deed to Shimer in the instance is a forgery or an alteration from the deed originally made to Holmes by Walker, or was obtained in blank by false professions from Walker and Shimer's names, it is null and void. Holmes' attorney stands, Sawyer is not only accused of unprofessional conduct in beating his own clients, but is charged with having got the land from Walker for \$600 less than its real value, and that his clients were willing to pay.

BRIEF MENTION. The Morris Lock company, of Seward, Mo., has filed for incorporation with the secretary of state. The stockholders are W. B. Barrett, L. G. Johns, Henry Morris, J. H. Culver and John H. Morris, who with a capital of \$30,000 intend to manufacture the Morris lock, a combination machine of the keyless variety.

John Lanham received an order from the board of public lands and buildings yesterday for the state auditor, for \$2,177.18, being the amount due on his contract for putting up the addition to the Home for the Friendless.

Sheriff McCullom, of Otece county, came in yesterday with James Anderson, Thomas Houhlan and James Simpson, of Nebraska City, sentenced to one year in the pen for attempting to outrage an old colored woman.

The bitterest of personal journalism found full vent Monday night in an attack by the Democrat on Editor Wessells, of the Capital City Courier, which was alike unwarranted and unprofessional.

It was here was chewing the fat and reflection yesterday, and figuratively kicking himself for bouncing Officer Littlefield, and thus putting a club in the hands of his political enemies with which to pound the life out of his gubernatorial ambitions.

Landlord Carder, of the Howard house, is offering "a liberal reward" for the arrest of Daniel Williams, a painter, who last week without settling his board bill.

H. J. Whitmore and Frank Easterday have returned from a trip to California, bringing much brighter news for a healthy bath in the Pacific off Los Angeles.

The newly elected police judge, Albert Parsons, filed a bond of \$5,000 yesterday morning and took possession of the office.

Some time ago Mary Kaufman exchanged real estate in this city valued at \$4,500 with D. L. Brace, taking from the latter a lease on the west side of the corner part of the state. Mary now wants the trade annulled, claiming that Brace represented that the school lands were valuable for agriculture and grazing, while in reality they consist wholly of worthless sand hills.

"Old Uncle Ned." Johannes Factotum in St. Louis Globe Democrat: This old song, which lives, like many similar melodies in every corner of the Christian world, and never grows old, was composed, jointly, by Ed. S. Shiras and Stephen Foster, two literary and musical geniuses, who flourished in Pittsburg, Pa., forty years ago. The former composed, it is said, the words, and the latter the melody. The production was sold to a Pittsburg house for \$100. Shiras and Foster were bosom friends, and with the money they received "Old Uncle Ned" they bought a small piano and set it up in the little back parlor of "Aunt Becky" Shiras, mother of Charles, and it is related on this diminutive instrument was afterwards played music which has gone around the world. "Old Uncle Ned" made its appearance about the year 1850, and immediately became popular. Within three years later Shiras and Foster, together, produced "Old Folks at Home," "Susanna, Don't You Cry," "Gentle Annie," "Hard Times Come Again No More," "Massa in de Cold, Cold Ground," "Old Dog Tray," "Willie, We Have Missed You," "Come Home My Love Lies Dreaming," and others fully as popular. It is certain that Shiras wrote the lines of nearly those songs, ex-

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Events of the Diamond, Turf, Stream, Gymnasium and Yachting Courts.

APPROACH OF THE SEASON '86

Great Ball Teams of the National League-Cracks of the Racing Season-Single Scull Champions - Knights of the Gloves.

CHICAGO, April 11, 1886.—[Special Correspondence of the BEE.]—Rarely, if ever before, has the greatest domain of American sports presented a brighter outlook than it does at the present time; and before another thirty days shall have passed, many of the greatest athletic and sporting organizations of the country will have taken the field, and the track for another season of outdoor sports. The first of these will be the crack base ball teams of the country, and it is safe to say there is not one lad in one hundred, in either country or city, whose heart does not pulsate a trifle more rapidly, and whose eye does not glisten with expectant pleasure at the crack of the bat and ball, and the accompanying cry of the umpire. The great games of last year between the New York and Chicago teams raised a degree of enthusiasm over the national game never before known; and the sight of 20,000 people in attendance at the games between these two crack clubs in the Chicago grounds last Fourth of July was unprecedented in the history of base ball.

The National League, in its formation of the National league in 1876, the game of base ball has steadily grown in popularity of character, in popular favor, in point of creditable management, and in respect to the quality of the play. It is termed the National Game of America, with every claim to the title. What last year gave us in brilliant playing, closely contested games and remarkable victories, this present year promises to duplicate, if, indeed, it does not excel. The two great teams of last season—Chicago and New York—will be again in their personal this year. Chicago will possess fourteen players, viz: McCormick, Clarkson, and Flynn, pitchers; Moolah and Ryan, catchers; Anson, first base; Miller, second base; Williams, third base; Ryan or Burns short; Sunday or Kelley, right field; Gore, center field; and Dalrymple, left field. Thus it will be seen that all of the old players have been retained, three new ones added, namely: Flynn, Moolah, and Ryan. The first two named last year formed the crack battery of the New England League, and came highly recommended by Burns, Clarkson and Williams, who had seen them play. Flynn is a little fellow, slight of build, and not much bigger in stature than Larry Corcoran, our old-time pitcher, now with the New Yorks, but his speed is as firm as tempered rubber, and he is as quick as a cat upon the field, besides having a cool head, and an accurate delivery.

George Moolah, who will add down Flynn of 23, with a hand and an arm capable, so far as appearances go, of stopping any ball that every left a pitcher's hands or a batter's bat. Moolah is a native of New York, and is a thoroughly experienced player, and the two are said to work together with the accuracy of a machine. Ryan displayed his ability as a ball player in the game of the Philadelphia team, when he was at that time stamped by Anson as "a good one."

All these are looked upon as valuable acquisitions to the club, and but little doubt is expressed that they will, in themselves such, before the season has far advanced. Mr. A. G. Spaulding, president of the club, sent the entire team to Hot Springs, Ark., where they will undergo a course of exercise and systematic treatment in the baths, and they are now playing exhibition games with the Southern League teams of Memphis, Nashville, Savannah, Atlanta, and Mobile, and are putting themselves in thorough shape for the championship games, the first of which they will play in Kansas City, April 29. All are confident that the pennant will come to Chicago this year.

New York will also enter the field with its old team, viz: Welch, Keefe, Dealsey and Ewing as the batteries, big Roger Connor at first base, Joe Judge at second, John W. Ward at third, Richard O'Rourke at center and Gillespie at left. Thus the great battling strength and admirable fielding qualities of the team will be preserved in the probability that with the advantage of one season's practice, they will play better ball this season than ever before.

Probably no other league has been strengthened and improved to a greater extent than that of Detroit. Its absorption of the Indianapolis club; its acquisition of Baldwin, now looked upon as one of the best players in the country, and its scoop of the "big four" from the Buffalo team, to say nothing of the half dozen promising young players it has signed on trial, all tend to give the Detroit team, at every point of playing. The team as now signed consists of Manning, Brothers, White, Richardson and Rowe (the big four), Crane, Lawrence, Twichel, and Smith. Hall is sent to the battery, Getzlin, Thompson and Bennett. It is generally conceded that if past records are to show for anything, Detroit should have the heaviest batting average of any team in the league now playing exhibition games in the south.

Philadelphia will prove a popular and attractive team this year, for its players are all young, good-looking athletes, capable of making a fine game of the game into which they may participate. The team now consists of Fogarty, Andrews, Mulvey, Ganzel, Seigle, Bignall, Tibbott, Gueller, Aron, Edwin, and Smith, Casey, Fergusson and McGuire. The veteran Harry Wright will manage the team.

St. Louis is another team which is showing up particularly strong, and the internal bickerings and unpleasant feelings which did so much to injure it last year seem to have been forever dispelled under the vigorous management of the manager, Mr. Schmalz, formerly of the Atlantic team. Capt. Dunlap will again handle the team upon the diamond and will play his old position at second base, with Denny, Glascock and McKinnon to make up the rest of the team. In addition the club will play Cahill, Quinn, Sauer, Seery, Dolan, Healy, Howard, Boyle and Kirby. Much more is anticipated of this team than they did last year.

The old Boston team will show up with much the same team they played last year, and with Nash, Pooman, Johnston and Stemmeyer as the young ones of the team. The team promise to have even against the crack teams, they are to go against.

The new teams, Kansas City and Washington, are made up largely of old League players who have been released from the old League teams to make up the new clubs, and judging from the present outlook, they will each show up with very creditable playing. In Washington they will have Barr and Hines and Shaw and Gilligan as batteries. The new work of the last named pair with previous year will be remembered. The new teams will play in the new stadium, which will be held by the Nationals, and Paul Hines, of the old Boston, Dave Force, late of Buffalo, Carroll, of the

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