

ADAMS' VISIT TO LINCOLN

He Holds a Conference With Nebraska's State Railroad Commission.

THE SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT.

A Wife Files a Spicy Cross Bill to Her Husband's Petition for Divorce.

—A Labor Orator Talks—

—Mentions—

FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN SPECIAL.

President Adams, General Traffic Manager Kimball, General Superintendent Smith, and Messrs. Dorrance and Dickinson, of the Union Pacific, were visitors in Lincoln for a couple of hours Thursday evening, during which they made an informal call on the railway commission. Mr. Adams, of course, acted as spokesman for the party. He said they had just returned from four of inspection of the main line and branches, and were of the opinion that the improvements recommended by the commission were commensurate. As long as the government persisted in tying up 25 per cent of the net earnings of the company as a sinking fund, however, he could not see where the money to pay for them was coming from. "The government now holds between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000," said Mr. Adams, "on which we are netting but 21 per cent. Most of this money has been earned in the west, and we would like to use it here. If we could manage to arrange some plan by which we could get the money to use for the securities of branch roads to that amount it would be a great benefit to the main line, and insure the earning of a much larger interest. We have considerable money mapped out that should be done this year, but under the present conditions it will take us four or five years, if indeed, we can do it at all."

On one of the commissioners asking Mr. Adams whether he thought the present congress would give the Union Pacific any relief, Mr. Adams said he thought the prospects for an extension better now than at any previous time in the history of the discussion. He intimated that the law-makers realized that it was impossible for the company to pay the debt, and that any attempt at compulsion just now meant disastrous bankruptcy.

A TALE OF DOMESTIC WOE.

A spicy cross bill has been filed by the defendant, Lillian Benson, in the case of Brunson vs. Brunson, which was entered in the district court some weeks ago. When the action was commenced the plaintiff, Albert E. Brunson, husband of the defendant, claimed that she had coaxed him to give her a promissory note for \$1,000 and a chattel mortgage to secure it. Without consideration, which he asked the court to set aside, she had induced him to do so. The defendant now asserts that when she married Brunson she was possessed of \$3,000 which she earned by teaching school near Mendota, Ill., and that she believed his sole object in marrying her was to obtain possession of this money. During the courtship Brunson told her he owned valuable real estate in Nebraska, but on their arrival here he found that all he had was a contract for some railroad lands on which a payment was past due, and was absolutely without means to buy a home on it. To save the land Mrs. Brunson says she advanced money to pay off the contract and put up a house, and it was to secure this loan that the note and mortgage was given. The defendant claims that her husband is idle and brutal man, and has frequently kicked and choked her, besides calling her all manner of opprobrious and insulting names. For relief she prays the court to dissolve the plaintiff's petition, and allow her the costs she is entitled to.

LINCOLN'S LABOR MEETING.

C. A. Lincoln, the labor orator, addressed the workmen of this city in postoffice square Thursday evening, making an eloquent talk on the necessity not only of organizing, but voting together. It would be a burning disgrace to the laboring element in Nebraska, Mr. Lincoln said, if enough Van Wyck men were not sent to the legislature this fall to insure the re-election of the senator who had been such a staunch and true friend to them. There was a large audience, and after a most interesting shower that came up just after the meeting, the way the meeting would have been one of the most enthusiastic ever held in the city.

ESTABLISHING THEIR RIGHTS.

When the live stock sanitary commission visited the farm of Peter Anderson, in Butler county, a few weeks ago, to kill a glandered horse, he resisted them with a pitchfork, claiming they had no legal right to invade his premises. In order to test the matter and get a judicial decision on the commission had Peter arrested and brought over to the city. Wednesday, by advice of counsel, he acknowledged that he was wrong, and the case against him was dismissed. Mr. Anderson stating to the commission that the commission that they had no object in prosecuting Anderson other than the establishment of their legal rights, which they thought had been infringed as much by his admission as they would be under a verdict.

BRIEF MENTION.

Emil Lagler has commenced an action in the district court against David A. Wise, in which he seeks \$5,000 damages for malicious prosecution. Lagler, in his petition, alleges that on August 27th, last, Wise caused his arrest on a charge of having feloniously sold his stock of liquors to one Austin Riley for \$4,000, with intent to defraud his creditors. On the trial Lagler established his innocence and was discharged. Hence the present suit.

An Oloo county farmer, Thomas Gannon by name, was run in by the police yesterday, for being against the law.

The rustic had \$60 in cash on his person.

The state supreme court has adjourned to May 25, when a batch of important decisions, including one in the Burr case, will be handed down. The somewhat celebrated suit of O'Brien vs. Goslin, involving the title of a valuable piece of real estate in Omaha, has been set for hearing at that time.

Gov. Dawes has signed a warrant for the extradition of John Worley, who is wanted by the authorities of Henry county, Iowa, to answer to an indictment for larceny.

George Barker, the man arrested yesterday for stealing tools, has been held to answer at the next term of the district court.

The tramps who were arrested for fighting at the depot Thursday night, were recognized yesterday as part of the gang that were run out of town by the police Monday, and Judge Parsons gave them sixty days in the county jail.

STATE ARRIVALS.

John E. Bagley, Senator B. F. Johnson, Milford; Tobias Castor, Wilber; A. F. Ray, Gilbert; Geo. H. Dickinson, Wahoo; E. A. Gilbert, York; Geo. Jeffry, Omaha; W. H. Brown, O'Neill; H. H. Hanna, W. A. Dilworth, Hastings; W. L. Baber, Omaha; H. H. Shedd and wife, Ashland; G. W. McMillan, Omaha; A. H. Parsons and wife, B. Wendell, Omaha; F. S. Johnson, Milford; J. S. Harman, Tecumseh; Fred Herman, Wilber; Henry N. Blake, Beatrice; J. E. Hayes, Wynote; D. Marsh, Omaha; J. T. Britt, York; A. J. Dunn, Omaha; H. O. Rand, and wife, Wahoo; W. H. Stripe, Omaha; M. Yager and wife, Nebraska City; Wm. Boyson, O'Neill; C. W. Mosher and E. Huribut, Crete; C. E. Atkins, Omaha.

SINGULARITIES.

A sparrow hawk flew at a cat who was cage hung in an open window in Augusta, and killed its head off.

A cat at Columbus, Ga., has taken possession of a deserted bird's nest in a pear tree, and has just hatched five young kittens.

An eagle measuring seven feet from tip to tip tried to carry away the five-year-old son of Joseph Davis of Manhattan, N. Y. Assistant arrived to save the boy.

A shower of black insects with innumerable legs fell near Cortland, N. Y., on a heavy fall of snow. They were so plentiful that they turned the snow black in spots. They had no wings.

A farmer near Blakely, Ga., keeps his granaries free from rats with the aid of a rat snake, which is a large pet on his plantation. When the snake comes into the granary whips it with a light switch.

Emory of Kennebec, Me., saw a swarm of bees, which he kept in a box, and himself with honey and the bees settled on him. Mr. Emory took them home and placed them in a hive without receiving a single sting.

A royal battle took place between a bull and a buck, the latter weighing over 300 pounds, on the farm of the Hon. John Turner in Hallowell county, Kentucky. The two were fought to the death. The bull had received three thrusts from the back of the buck, the last being through the heart.

A Trueke, Cal., dog shuts the door after him when he enters a house. This habit he learned from his master, who has a mad dog one day. He was in his master's bed and the dog came in and lay down on the bed. The dog had bitten into his face.

A man of Merriweather county, Georgia, being troubled by owls and hawks, cut off all the branches of his oak tree, and the owls and hawks ceased to come. The man said he had cut off the top of the tree, and the owls and hawks ceased to come.

A coop of chickens stood on the sidewalk in a grocery in Charlotte, N. C., and as the chickens were being taken out, one of the cocks, which was very large and fat, began to peck at the legs of the people. The doer quickly recognized him as one of the pets which he had stolen several weeks before. She remembered him.

SONNETS AND BONNETS.

The poet brings the midnight oil,

And writes his verse in the night.

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Had a Wrong Name.

A poet brought the editor man

And stepping to the office desk,

Said in a pleasant way:

"The season is now well advanced,

And so I thought I'd bring

For you to publish, if you will,

A poem upon spring."

They dropped him down the narrow stairs,

And said an awful word.

He landed in a shapeless mass

Directly in the mud.

"Ha! ha!" exclaimed the editor man,

"I'm glad that this is all;

He should have called this little gem

A poem upon fall."

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HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Upper skirts grow fuller.

Under skirts remain plain.

Buttons are delicate designs.

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Fettered Again.

Somerville Journal.

The legend "Do not touch the crank while

it is in motion," which appears on messenger

boxes, refers to the machine and not the

boy who answers the call. He is never per-

ceptibly in motion.

Ex-King Theodore of Barmah is said to

have been an expert poker player. This

seems very probable. A man who always

has four queens dealt to him is an expert at

poker. If he is an expert at that, he is an

expert at everything.

A man and his wife have been arrested at

Portland, Me., on the charge of murdering a

book agent, and there he is in the

murdering public debt which form of recom-

ending. Every man is a murderer.

"Died of curiosity." "Died of curiosity,"

exclaimed an incredulous bystander. "Yes,"

he said, "he died of curiosity. He wanted to

know how the machine would act if he called him a

liar. He found out. Poor fellow! There's

lots of curiosity in the world."

A patent medicine advertisement says:

"The human body is much like a good clock."

"This is a rather unfortunate comparison."

"For a lot of patent medicine. It will stop

clock and apply a porous plaster to its

internal machinery and it will quickly stop

running. Every man is a murderer."

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Signs of Spring.

Yonkers Gazette.

Year in year out, the same glad-voiced

prophets come forth with their sweet

fills every heart with echoes of