

FOR OR AGAINST SEWERAGE.

The Question to Be Decided at the Polls at Lincoln To-Day.

NOT MUCH INTEREST EXCITED.

New Notaries Commissioned—McIntee Arrested for the Murder of His Child—Held For Forgery—State Capital News.

(FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.)

To-morrow the citizens of Lincoln vote upon the question of authorizing the city government to issue \$80,000 in sewerage bonds, which bonds shall bear 5 per cent interest and shall run twenty years, with a five years reserve if the city desire to pay out that much earlier. If a majority vote at this election authorizes the issue of the bonds, they will be sold upon the market and the proceeds expended in a sewerage system for the city according to the plans and profiles known as the wing system, which now decorate the walls of the city council chamber. It is a question if an election involving such an outlay in principal and interest as these bonds represent was ever before approached in the city with such supreme indifference on the part of the taxed and taxpayer. Possibly this state of abstraction exists because all are willing to let the bonds go through without opposition, and on the other side possibly there is a slumbering opposition in waiting to break out on election day and make itself self-denied. There certainly is enough at stake in the voting of a sum of money of this magnitude to command thoughtful consideration, and much as sewerage may be considered, to consider the ways and means to liquidate the constantly increasing indebtedness through the voting of bonds. It is estimated that the returns from \$80,000 bonds will pay at least twenty miles of sewerage, which will cover quite thoroughly the business center of Lincoln. If, under the new census, the city had been changed to a city of the first class, with increased privileges for raising money, paying would have been asked to follow in the wake of the sewerage system. It looks as though the influence of prominent business men, and many of the heavy taxpayers, has been exercised against the change in the organization of the city to such effective purpose that the next legislature, a city of the second class.

NEW NOTARIES. The following new notaries public have been commissioned by the governor since the last published report and yesterday their commissions were being countersigned and mailed from the office of the secretary of state: D. A. G. Jones, Omaha; F. H. Wallace, St. Paul; George Hamlin, Milford; W. H. Fanning, Crawford; D. A. G. Jones, Omaha; N. F. Farlow, Beaver Creek; Buffalo; W. A. Wilson, Lincoln; W. M. Wheeler, Omaha; Horatio L. Sward, Omaha; Fred H. Barber, Franklin; Phillip Potter, Ashland; Wm. H. Whitson, Herman; George A. Farney, Imperial, Class county.

IN THE CUSTODY. Sheriff Melick has arrested and has in custody James McIntee, the man charged with murdering the late Mrs. J. H. B. in the county of Lincoln, and through the complaint of his wife. The complaint and information is for murder in the first degree, and charges as follows: "Before me, J. H. B. was a just and peaceable man, and for Lancaster county, Nebraska, personally appeared Isabella McIntee, who being first duly sworn, on oath says that about the 1st day of July, A. D. 1885, James McIntee, being in the county and state aforesaid, did feloniously, purposely and of deliberate and premeditated malice upon the body of Bertha McIntee, his wife, and did inflict certain mortal injuries by kicking, beating and bruising the said Bertha McIntee, so that from that time and of those wounds she continuously languished until on or about the 10th day of June, 1886, when she died; and the aforesaid James McIntee did, in the manner aforesaid, feloniously, deliberately, and with premeditated malice, kill and murder the said Bertha McIntee, his wife, and made and provided." This charge and information, signed and sworn to by the wife of the man and the mother of the dead child, means that the man is a party to murder in the first degree, and it is expected to prove that it was one of the most cruel and damnable of crimes by physicians and the dying statements of the late Mrs. B. were caused by the kicking administered by the father. McIntee was with his counsel named, and the preliminary hearing was continued until 10 o'clock to-day.

UP FOR FORGERY. Yesterday the police gave a preliminary hearing to a chap giving the assumed name of George Davis, who, the night before, was arrested on the charge of forgery and was locked up to answer for it. About 2 o'clock on the day of his arrest Davis appeared at the Capital national bank and presented a check for payment, the check having the name of R. E. Moore as its signature. Cashier O'Connell immediately noticed that the writing was not Mr. Moore's, and he asked the man to sign the check, and he insisted that Moore had given it to him that day. The cashier then went to Mr. Moore's office with him and it was found that he had left the city the day before and no one in the office had the check. The arrest followed and at the preliminary hearing no defense was made and the man was returned to jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail, to be paid by parties who claim to know the man that he has heretofore handled mortgaged property in a questionable manner, and that his place of residence is near the Cass county line.

A COURT PROLIFIC. The police court yesterday was quite prolific with cases, some ten or twelve being disposed of by the judge. The number of cases of drunkenness has risen with the temperature and recorded nine, two of which paid out without trial. One of the cases was that of a man who has just finished up two terms at the city hotel, and who celebrated his release by getting drunk and sleeping on the streets at midday. When arrested he was taken to jail, abusing the officers on the way, and was released on a \$25 and costs without hesitation. Another hardened case up for hearing had been arrested the evening before at the National hotel only after a struggle and by the free use of the billy and handcuffs. This offender, like the one before mentioned, had likewise just completed a course of correction in jail, and \$25 and costs was the result of his exploit. Three other cases of drunkenness were given \$1 each and costs, and a bare-footed vagrant, whose abiding place for several days past had been in barns and out-buildings in the city, pleaded guilty to the charge of vagrancy, and was given \$5 and costs, which sentence carried with it certain employment for several days at least.

THE CASE. Sheriff Eikenburg of Cass county has brought to the insane hospital a Cass county farmer, who has gone entirely mad and whose case is considered a hopeless one. Mr. Bond, who has extensive property on one of the prominent streets in this

city, was fined in court yesterday for allowing the alley adjoining his property to remain in a filthy and unhealthy condition. Several other parties in that immediate neighborhood were booked for a like appearance in court, and it begins to look as though the city would be cleaned up, sure, or in lieu thereof, some money paid in for neglect.

A runaway, consisting of a horse and carriage, was last night driven, south down Ninth street yesterday noon at a rapid rate. The horse, in turning the street corner at the Washington house, upset the carriage and created kindling wood of it. The lady, almost miraculously, it would seem, escaped serious injury. The base ball returns from Topeka, where the Lincoln club is contesting with their home team, shows the Lincolns defeated in a very close and unsatisfactory game, the first of the series there. The first installment of clam-bakers start for Shogo Island at Milford to-day, where on Saturday and Saturday evening about John C. Fremont's Clam Bake association will be in session. The trades and labor organizations of the city are busily at work preparing for a proper celebration of our natal day, the celebration to be held on July 30th, Monday. It is stated that among the orators of the day will be a prominent labor champion from Denver. Friends of Chancellor Manatt, of the state university, pleaded with the state university, at Grinnell, has bestowed upon the Chancellor the title of L. L. D. Chancellor Manatt was a graduate of that institution former years, and as one of that college's alumni is thus highly honored. The drillers out at the salt well are now three hundred feet down in the earth and the Englishmen are the hardest part of the work yet experienced.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. Yesterday numbered among others the following Nebraskaans: Wm. Patterson, Central City; E. K. Gooder, Wilbur; J. McGilgen, Stratton; F. C. Thomas, Omaha; M. C. West, Grand Island; C. N. Smith, Hastings; I. M. Wolf, Crete; J. Baum, Council Bluffs; W. W. Moore; W. W. Clark, Plattsmouth; A. H. H. Clark, Omaha; S. H. H. Clark, Omaha; E. G. Day, Syracuse; C. E. Squires, Omaha; M. R. Todd, Bennett.

Notes From Ashland. ASHLAND, Neb., June 24.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Ashland is a picturesque and commonly quiet little city. But she has been aroused to a certain extent from her quiet by the construction of new railroads. The work on the outfall from this place to Omaha is progressing quite rapidly, the junction of this branch with the branch from Plattsmouth will probably be here. There is a double track being laid from here down part way to the Platte river where the division will be. The new road from here up through Saunders county and northwest we hope to see in course of construction before long. With the many shady nooks in and around it we doubt if there are many, if any more pleasant villages to live in than Ashland. At the very low price at which good property is being sold there can be a chance for profitable speculation. A large amount of eastern capital invested here and yet plenty of room for more. For church privileges Ashland is well supplied. The high school would do credit to many a more pretentious city. A better location could not be found. There is one thing, however, of which we lack and not only lack, but need, and that is factories of some kind, for which we have ample and first class water power. With such an enterprise the many laborers who live here might be furnished with employment, more than that which is afforded by the mill. Situated as we are about thirty miles from Omaha, and about the same distance from Lincoln, with no large town between, why may not capital invested here be more profitable? Strangers are continually coming in and houses are nearly all occupied. We have good hotel accommodations, two first class, the Clifton house, having ample room for the transient, and a first class throughout. Should any of the readers of the BEE desire to find a beautiful home and good society let them come to Ashland, where they will be sure to find both.

A Northern Railroad Suggestion. PARKER, Holt county, Neb., June 23.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—I see there is a move to build a railroad from Wayne to Niobrara, and it looks to me to be a strike in the interest of Omaha, and might be made much more efficient by continuing on between the Elkhorn and Niobrara rivers, to or towards the Black Hills, by this means securing this strip of country from competition of roads in Chicago's interest, and indicating also an outlet for Nebraska's produce to Kansas City, St. Louis, it is a short route to the seaboard which in my mind would be the redemption of Nebraska from the clutches of monopoly, and a golden opportunity for the country in rapidly developing, and with the help of a market such as would be the result of a project like this is just what is an absolute necessity for its permanent establishment on a par with the south part of the state.

This project of a near route to the seaboard has been made the basis for obtaining the right of way for the proposed line, which roads have been swallowed by the B & M, and Chicago interests. But the fact is still unaccomplished and as I said, a sore need of Nebraska and a golden opportunity for the country in rapidly developing, and with the help of a market such as would be the result of a project like this is just what is an absolute necessity for its permanent establishment on a par with the south part of the state.

A Five-Cent Speculator. Washington Correspondence of the Cleveland Leader. Some of the funniest stories about Washington are found in the street cars, and there is no better place in which to study human nature. One of the funniest I have seen in the streets of the city is that of a man who has just finished up two terms at the city hotel, and who celebrated his release by getting drunk and sleeping on the streets at midday. When arrested he was taken to jail, abusing the officers on the way, and was released on a \$25 and costs without hesitation. Another hardened case up for hearing had been arrested the evening before at the National hotel only after a struggle and by the free use of the billy and handcuffs. This offender, like the one before mentioned, had likewise just completed a course of correction in jail, and \$25 and costs was the result of his exploit. Three other cases of drunkenness were given \$1 each and costs, and a bare-footed vagrant, whose abiding place for several days past had been in barns and out-buildings in the city, pleaded guilty to the charge of vagrancy, and was given \$5 and costs, which sentence carried with it certain employment for several days at least.

Another Proof That Time Alters All Things. Chicago News. Clara—"Do you remember the case of Criddle, who went to school with us?" Dora—"The girl with the cat eyes and pug nose?" "Yes." "Yes." "No chin, no forehead, red hair and a complexion like a half-baked brick?" "The same." "I should think I did. What a gawk she was. Heard of her lately?" "Yes. She's the reigning American beauty in Paris this week."

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BARNUM'S WOOLLY HORSE.

An Amusement "Sells" Which Had Its Influence on Politics.

THE USE OF FREMONT'S NAME.

Senator Benton Becomes Indignant and Causes the Indictment of Barnum's Agent.

Harry Hill's reminiscences in New York Sunday Mirror of the following communication, received last week, explains itself: HARRY HILL, Esq.—Dear Sir: I have read with much interest every one of your "Thirty Years in Gotham" and "Memoirs of the Metropolis" sketches. But I notice that in your reminiscences published last Saturday about John C. Fremont's Clam Bake association all to one of the most curious, notorious and unimpeachable "serapes" he got into, through the influence of a man named Barnum, the "woolly horse" sell, with which Fremont's name was connected in his early life and which was used against him in his presidential campaign. Calling attention to this oversight that you may correct it, and tell us all about the "woolly horse," which to tell the truth, I have never known, and a vague way myself, I remain, Wm. L. SEITH, Monday, June 14, 1886. Rochester, N. Y.

The story of the "woolly horse" makes an odd page in the annals of the past. And the principal figure in it was not the "woolly horse," but P. T. Barnum. 'Nothern' was too big or little for this prince of humbugs and of showmen. He backed Jenny Lind and Joyce Heath. He got into the Englishmen to travel around this country as the "Swiss" Bell Ringers (making "em" "Swiss" at least in appearance, mustaches and costume) and tried to get the refusal of the house in which Barnum lived to be made a part of the exhibit through America. And while traveling with Tom Thumb, "showing" in Cincinnati, Barnum, one day, while walking on the other side of the Rhine, saw a white dog, the animal of the "woolly horse" on exhibition. Knowing from his own career what a difference there was generally between the truth and the fiction, he smiled and said, "P. T. B. at first merely smiled and was about to pass on. Then he thought better of it and went inside the show. "Sure enough, to his own genuine astonishment, he found the animal really was a "woolly horse" on exhibition, and still more to his surprise he found that the horse was genuinely "woolly." The animal was a veritable curiosity—a bona fide front of nature, and the four limbs being covered with a fine, thick wool, curling tight to his skin. On inquiry Barnum ascertained that the horse had been found in Indiana, and that the owner was a poor old man in the interior of that state. Acting on general principles Barnum determined to secure the curiosity, and did so. He then sent him, covered up in blankets to Bradford, and hid him away in a retired barn till he could get a chance to use him. For some time no chance occurred. Most men would have set the animal, who was a tremendous feeder, but P. T. B. knew the advantage of time and patience. He got his reward at last. Fremont, then a colonel, had been out on a tour among the Indians. He has a story to tell, and he was supposed to have been lost, buried in the snow, killed by the Indians, devoured by the beasts or brought to death by hunger. The public mind was greatly excited over the sad fate of the "Pathfinder," as Fremont was then called. Suddenly the horse was brought by mail of his safety and success. The public mind became elated and still more excited. Here was Barnum's time to come to the front with his "woolly horse." He had the horse brought to New York, still covered in blankets, and he had him carefully stabled in an obscure place, where no reporter could get at him. Then he set his press agent to work. In a few weeks several of the New York dailies contained the news that Colonel Fremont had captured, after a three days' chase, along the Rocky mountains, an ordinary nondescript, a "woolly horse." The particulars of the "three days' chase" were given later and very "particular" they were. "On another bit of news came that Colonel Fremont had sent his nondescript horse as a present to the United States quartermaster, a friend of his wife's. Then the national news came that the quartermaster had determined to exhibit the "woolly horse" in this country and in England. Finally a regular card appeared in the New York papers, to the effect that a globe of the world in this card the famous woolly horse. In this card the animal was described as extremely complex, made up of the elephant, deer, horse, buffalo, camel and sheep. "Complex!" I should say so. Then the card went on to say that "nature had exhausted all her ingenuity," (or was it the press agent who had exhausted all of the country in the production of this astounding animal.) Yet there was one solitary bit of absolute fact in the card, which was where it stated that naturalists and "old trappers assured Colonel Fremont that no other specimen of this kind had ever been seen before."

"It is undoubtedly nature's last," said the card, "and the richest specimen of (of) which I ever recovered from California." How Barnum must have chuckled when he read this "card." The bill board printed and posted in the city of New York, and the descriptions as were exhibited on such "posters." "The three days' chase" was fully illustrated, the woolly horse being represented in full flight, pursued by a pack of savages, headed by Fremont on a white horse. One out represented the nondescript leaping from Craig to Craig (the name of the bill board being given), which were five miles apart—pretty good for a single jump. J. W. Strong was the artist responsible for this five mile jump, and Barnum was the kind and generous man who gave Strong always afterward regretted that he had not made the woolly horse jump ten miles instead of five. A billiard was hired corner of Broadway and Reade, opposite Stewart's dry-goods store (now the Stewart building), and was thronged day and night at "twenty-five cents admission, children half price." For two weeks or so big money was taken in, then the thing took and Barnum sent "the woolly" on the road. He proved a tolerable success, and at last got to Washington. Here one of Fremont's family called imprudently on Colonel Benton, then Senator Fremont's father-in-law, took it upon him, in Fremont's name, to denounce the woolly horse as a humbug and to deny that Fremont had even so much as seen him, let alone sent him. Actin' on Benton's complaint the grand jury indicted Barnum's agent in Washington for obtaining from Benton twenty-five cents under false pretenses. The arrest caused a great stir and tripled the crowd that rushed to see the show. All Washington seemed at once to be in a ferment. Barnum, who was a static, Barnum, who is at heart a good-natured, grateful sort of a man, almost felt like giving Benton a per centage on the increased profits (so he said afterward).

When the trial came on, all Benton could swear to was that Fremont had never alluded to a "woolly horse" in his letters to him. But this was only a negative and couldn't prove anything positive; so the case was dismissed, while

Barnum's agent got in some of his "fine work" in the way of extra advertising, in which he coupled Fremont and the woolly horse together. Fremont never saw the woolly horse in his life, and yet there were plenty of people who believed what Barnum advertised about his "woolly horse," and there were plenty of people, too, who believed the woolly horse to be a humbug, and who were of course numerous and his personal foes took, or pretended to take, this last view of the matter, and accused Fremont of being accessory to a petty swindle, nicknamed him "woolly horse" during his campaign as the president, and the dominance of the republican party, Triffin and silly as it was, yet this "woolly horse" business no doubt injured Fremont's chances when the election came. The horse was a curiosity died out and Barnum had him sent back to Bradford, where he ate his head off in a vacant lot back of the city. 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