HALL FIXES UP A MEASURE

Another Bill Introduced For the Relief of Des Moines River Settlers.

WHAT ITS PROVISIONS ARE.

Friends of the Hennepin Canal Amendment Working to Secure Its Passage By the House—Other Capital Matters.

Another Relief Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Representative Hall, of the first Iowa district, introduced in the house to-day a bill to indemnity settlers on the Des Moines river lands. It provides that the United States will indemnify and pay to settlers, or their heirs and legal representatives, who in good faith entered for the purpose of purchasing, pre-empting or securing homesteads upon any lands lying along the Des Moines river in Iowa, above and north of the Raccoon forks, which were listed and certified to the state of Iowa under an act approved August 8, 1846, entitled, "An act granting certain lands to the territory of Iowa in aid of improvement of the Des Moines river in said territory," and which said lands were afterwards, viz., on the 18th of May, 1858, sold and conveyed to the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad company; and that the indemnity and compensation shall embrace any and all moneys paid by the settlers to the government for certificates of entry on patents, or both, including fees paid to the officers of the land offices in relation to the same; all reasonable sums paid by settlers to the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad company to purchase in outstanding title and securing their home; any direct and immediate damages and losses sustained by any of the settlers who have been unable to buy in said outstanding title and have in consequence been deposed or lost their possession and improvements; who have been evicted or dispossessed thereof, and have been compelled to purchase in the outstanding title and the amount so paid, also who have been unable or unwilling to purchase in said title, and the extent and nature of improvements lost, and any other data touching the rights of said parties; and the commissioners shall report all the facts at the commencement of the next session of congress. The commissioners shall be paid $8 a day during actual service.

provided that this act shall not extend to any settlement upon or entry of said lands made after July 15, 1862. For the purpose of enabling the government to effect such indemnity and compensation the president is authorized to appoint three commissioners, who shall ascertain the number of acres and, by appraisement or otherwise, the value thereof, exclusive of improvements, the separate value and character of improvements; also what person or persons,

OTHER BILLS BY IOWANS.

Iowa members introduced bills in the house to-day as follows:

By Lyman—To remove the charge of desertion against the military record of Wilson B. George, of Iowa.

By Hall—For the relief of G. W. McAdams, postmaster at Mount Pleasant, Ia.

By Murphy—To remove the charge of desertion against the military record of William McNames, late of company F, Twenty-sixth Iowa.

By Struble—Pensioning John Breneman.

HENNEPIN'S FRIENDS REJOICE.

The friends of the Hennepin canal project are delighted to-night with the senate's action to-day incorporating the appropriation for $300,000 in the river and harbor bill. General Henderson, of Illinois, who is a member of the river and harbor committee of the house, says the committee will probably instruct the conferees on the part of the house to strike the appropriation out. If, however, the senate conferees are friendly to the amendment and insist upon its remaining there, the house conferees will probably back down. The real fight will then follow in the house. With a view to securing a majority of votes in their favor the Illinois members to-night held an informal meeting to decide upon some plan by which this could be accomplished. From this time until the final vote is taken the gentlemen propose to devote themselves to the development of a sentiment favorable to the measure. There is a rather hopeful feeling among them that they will succeed, but their disappointments in the past have been so numerous that the more conservative among them are strongly averse to expressing an opinion.

PENSIONS FOR NURSES.

Senator Van Wyck introduced bills in the senate to-day to pension Juliet G. Home, of York, Neb., and Mrs. Hettie K. Painter of Lincoln, Neb., both as nurses in the late war.

A LIBEL CASE DISMISSED.

The libel case of Reall vs. Low, based on the effect that Reall was collecting such sums ostensibly in aid of the oleomargarine bill but really pocketing the same, was dismissed in the police court Saturday on its being shown that Low wrote nothing about it. Senator Miller requests the statement to be published that no money is needed to aid the bill, and warns farmers against responding to Reall's appeals for funds.

THE COURT ON WHEELS.

Each individual member of the senate committee on judiciary has expressed his endorsement of Dorsey's United States court bill, and Hoar and Evarts, members of the committee, say that it will be passed when reached upon the calendar just as it passed the house. If it is not objected to it may be reached this week. Senator Van Wyck and the three members of the house are for the bill in its present condition.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. S. Malone, of Omaha, is at the Ebbitt.

Colonel Richard Irving Dodge, Eleventh Infantry, has been ordered from Fort Sully, Dak., to Oskaloosa and Marshalltown, Ia., to inspect the brigades of Iowa state troops in camp at those points, July 26-30 and August 16-20, respectively.

Mr. Justice Miller has returned to the city from attendance at the funeral of Colonel Corkhill at Mount Pleasant, Ia.

Colonel John S. Poland, United States army, and Mrs. Poland have gone to Narragansett Pier to stay until October before going to their new army home in Nebraska.

Figuring on Fruit Brandies.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The report of the committee on finance on the amendment proposed to the bill relating to the tax of fractional parts of gallons of distilled spirits was presented in the senate to-day. The committee say regarding the special bonded warehouses for fruit brandies, that owing to the fact that bonding privileges are extended to the product of apples and peaches, there is not only great hardship experienced from levying an internal revenue tax upon them, but is also a great incentive to fraud. "It has been observed also," the committee say, "that where the tax on spirits intended for consumption is levied and collected at the time the goods are first produced, the excessive cost of the same, owing to the importation tax, causes holders to throw them on the market long before they are matured and fit for use as beverages. It is greatly to the interest, not only of the producer and the government, but also to the consumer, that the amendment should be enacted into a law. As a means to prevent fraud it would certainly result in an increase of the public revenue."

Regarding the amendment providing for the use of any wine spirits distilled from grapes free of tax in the fortification of sweet wines, the committee say that the internal revenue tax collected on wine spirits necessarily used in the fortification of sweet wines constitutes, in effect, a tax upon sweet wines, and represents an average of 70 cents to the producer of about twenty cents a gallon. Sweet wines in this country cannot be produced and exported and maintain their place in foreign markets in successful competition with similar products of other countries if this internal revenue tax is retained.

Many Appropriations Changed.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to the senate this evening by Mr Allison. The following are some of the principal changes made in the house bill by the senate committee on appropriations: For public buildings: Chicago, for extraordinary repairs, $65,000; Denver, Colo., stricken out; Nebraska City, decreased from $7,350 to $3,630; Quincy, Ill., increased from $5,000 to $9,000. The provision in the house bill relating to silver certificates is amended to read as follows: "That the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized and required to issue silver certificates in denominations of $1, $2 and $5, and the silver certificates herein authorized shall be receivable, redeemable and payable in like manner and for like purposes as is provided for silver certificates by the act of February 28, 1878, entitled: "An act to authorize the coinage of standard silver dollars and restore its legal tender character; provided, that said denominations of $1, $2 and $5 may be issued in lieu of silver certificates of larger denomination shall be cancelled and destroyed." An appropriation of $50,000 is made for the detecting and bringing to trial of violators of the internal revenue laws. The appropriation for the protection of the public lands from fraudulent entry is reduced from $50,000 to $20,000. The appropriation for the construction of buildings etc., at military posts is increased from $75,000 to $250,000. An appropriation is made for an industrial home in Utah, designed as a place of refuge for women who desire to escape from polygamy.

The Congressional Attorney Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The senate committee on judiciary this morning agreed to report back the railroad attorneys bill, a majority of the committee consenting to a favorable report. The bill has been materially amended in committee. Under its provisions congressmen may become attorneys for subsidized or land grant roads in suits between the company and another, or between the company and individuals, but are prohibited from serving as attorneys in cases in which the government has an interest. The prohibition is extended to other than railroad interests, so that a congressman may not serve any corporation as attorney whose interests are, or may be subject of congressional legislation. The bill will probably be reported to-day or to-morrow.

What the Wheat Loss Is.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Professor Dodge, statistician of the agricultural department, says, concerning the various estimates made from his last report on the wheat crop, that though the average condition of spring wheat on the first day of last July was 96 it fell to 86 at the time of harvest, which is only three points higher than the present condition, and represents a loss of less than six million bushels as compared with the result of last year's harvest. The damage occurred last year in the last two weeks of July and later. There is great risk of further damage during July and August, but that already reported means only a loss of 6,000,000 bushels in spring wheat and 5,000,000 in winter wheat, or a total loss of 11,000,000 in wheat during the month of June.

Hugh Thompson Enstalled.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina, qualified this morning as assistant secretary of the treasury and at noon, was visited by all bureau and division officers of the department, who were presented to him by Chief Clerk Youmans. He called at the white house during the day in company with Comptroller Trenholm, and paid his respects to the president.

Senator McMillan, from the committee on commerce to-day reported favorably the bill to authorize the construction of a bridge between Wisconsin and Minnesota over the St. Croix river.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

Belle Brien Proves a Bonanza to Her Backers at Brighton.

BRIGHTON BEACH, July 12.—The attendance at the races was very large and the track was in splendid condition. The sensation of the day was the winning of the fourth race by Belle Brien, who paid to her backers $341.20 for $5.

Three-fourths mile: Marsh Redon won, Burgomaster second, Belle B third. Time—1:17¾.

Three-fourths mile: Biscuit won, Lord Coleridge second, Huron third. Time—1:17¾.

Selling race, seven-eighths mile: Emmet won, Lord Beaconsfield second, Brunswick third. Time—1:30.

Three-fourths mile: Bill Brien won, Frolic second, Hazard third. Time—1:16¼.

Duly cup for all ages, one and three-fourths miles: Barnumwon, Nettie second, Compensation third. Time—3:08¾.

Selling race, one and one eighth miles: Ernest won, Miaaria second, Woodflower third. Time—1:57¼.

Mile: Weaver won, Valley Forge second Olivette third. Time—1:44.

Washington Park Races.

CHICAGO, July 12.—At Washington park the weather was fine, track good and attendance large.

Three-fourths mile: Sunbeam won, Allegheny second, Truant third. Time—1:17¼.

Seven-eighths mile: Warrenton won, Cuban Green second, Nora M third. Time—1:28¾. Mutuals paid $21.30.

One and one-fourth miles: Binnette won, Jim Guest second, Buchanan third. Time—2:07¾. Mutuals paid $13.50.

Three-fourths mile: Skobeloff won, Fred Woolley second, Lisland third. Time—1:16. Mutuals paid $33.20.

Mile: Shadow won, C and G second, Flora third. Time—1:44½. Mutuals paid $28.60.

The Base Ball Record.

AT WASHINGTON—

Boston	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	—8
Washington	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—5

Base hits—Boston 9, Washington 9. Errors—Boston 5, Washington 10. Umpire—York.

AT PITTSBURG—

Pittsburg	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	—2
Metropolitan	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	*	—4

Pitchers—Morris and Lynch. First base hits—Pittsburg 7, Metropolitan 10. Errors—Pittsburg 3, Metropolitan 3. Umpire—Valentine.

AT PHILADELPHIA—

New York	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0—6
Philadelphia	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1—7

Eleven innings. Pitchers—Ferguson, Daily and Keefe. First base hits—New York 9, Philadelphia 8. Errors—New York 7, Philadelphia 7. Umpire—Curry.

AT ST. LOUIS—

St. Louis	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	1	—10
Athletic	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	1	— 8

Pitchers—Foutz and Atkinson. First base hits—Browns 16, Athletics 12. Errors—Browns 9, Athletics 3. Umpire—Walsh.

AT KANSAS CITY—

Detroit	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	5	5	—19
Kansas City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	— 2

Pitchers—Weidman and Baldwin. First base hits—Kansas City 6, Detroit 24. Errors—Kansas City 9, Detroit 2. Umpire—Smith.

AT LOUISVILLE—

Louisville	1	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	1	—14
Baltimore	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 3

Pitchers—Powell and Becker. First base hits—Louisville 21, Baltimore 4. Errors—Louisville 1, Baltimore 2. Umpire—Kelly.

AT ST. LOUIS—

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	— 8
St. Louis	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 4

Pitchers—Clarkson and Murphy. First base hits—Chicago 7, St. Louis 9. Errors—Chicago 4, St. Louis 8. Umpire—Connelly.

Red Oak Goose-Eggs Randolph.

RED OAK, Ia., July 12.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The base ball game between the Red Oaks and Randolphs resulted as follows—score by innings:

Red Oak	3	1	0	2	3	1	2	0	*	—11
Randolph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 0

More Heat Coming.

ST. PAUL, July 12.—Signal Observer Lyon says in the Pioneer Press that the intense heat that has prevailed over the entire northwest for the past five days seems to be moving slowly southeastern in a line toward this section. At 2 p. m. to-day the temperature reached 102° at Huron. Conditions are not favorable for the breaking up of the heated term.

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REMOVING FORT OMAHA.

The Board of Trade Calls For Information In the Case.

THE TELEGRAPHERS TROUBLES.

A Street Car Collision—The Papillion's Victim—"Agent" James Departs—A Fire, a Fight and Other Local News.

The Board of Trade.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade was held last evening, the membership being very fairly represented. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved.

The matter of alleged discriminations in freight rates by the Union Pacific in favor of Kansas City merchants, was called up by the communication of General Manager Callaway, which has been published in the BEE, denying the charges. A letter was also read from Commissioner Griffiths, of the freight bureau, stating that he had been in active communication with General Traffic Manager Kimball in regard to the matter, and would inform the board of the results as reached.

A clipping from the Wakefield Republican, urging the carrying out of the Omaha & Northern railway project, was read.

The dissertation of some Georgia gentleman on the nation's shipping interests was taken from the secretary's table and put back again.

A lengthy communication was then read from Senator Manderson, censuring the board of trade for what he termed their hasty action in protesting against the bill now pending in congress for the removal of Fort Omaha and the sale of the present grounds. He urged that the fort might be removed from Omaha entirely unless ample ground could be provided here for the enlargement of the post. He hoped that the board would see fit to reconsider their action.

Mr. Chase said he would not favor changing the location of the fort until a new site was provided and agreed upon.

Mr. Max Meyer said he thought the board ought to back up their protest by some facts showing why the fort should not be removed.

Mr. Hartman wanted to know what the objections to the removal are. He could not see how Omaha would suffer if the fort were changed to some other location within ten miles of the city.

Mr. Rosewater, being called upon, explained briefly the objections to the removal of the fort. It would deprive the city of the benefit of the commercial and social intercourse with the army officers, and would eventually be followed by the removal of the army headquarters to the fort. The lack of railroad facilities mentioned in General Sheridan's letter could easily be overcome by the building of a short switch from the Belt line to the fort.

The matter finally ended in the appointment of a committee consisting of Messrs T. C. Bruner, W. E. Clark, E. Rosewater, Edwin Davis and Chris Hartman, to ascertain at what prices additional grounds can be purchased near the fort, what other sites are available, and at what cost a switch can be built from the Belt line to the fort.

The committee appointed to see what arrangements can be made for securing a fast train between Omaha and Chicago, and the committee on the Omaha & Northern railway were instructed to bring in reports at the next meeting.

TROUBLE AMONG THE TICKERS.

A Small-Sized Strike Among the Western Union Operators.

The report was spread last evening that a general strike had been inaugurated among the Western Union operators in Omaha. An investigation revealed the presence of a small-sized strike, just large enough to make its presence felt and cause some annoyance if not alarm. The facts are these: Yesterday morning Colonel Dickey, superintendent of the Western Union, received a communication signed by Anderson, Nelms, Tomlinson and Chaffey, who represented themselves as a committee appointed by the force to demand extra pay for overtime. They demanded that their request be granted or they would quit work in a a body at noon to-day. Thirty-seven men were working in the office at the time the communication was presented and Manager Patterson asked each of the force personally if the committees' demand expressed his views. Of the entire force only three men sided with the committee, making a total of seven strikers. When the men came on for work last night Tomlinson, one of the committeemen, was discharged for other cause and the other members of the committee and Craddock and Hughes, six men in all, quit work. There are rumors of a general strike of the operators in Omaha, and other rumors of a general walk-out of Western Union men in the southwest, but the managers feel confident that there will be no further trouble. The places of the striking operators were promptly filled.

CRASHED INTO THE CAR.

A Union Pacific Engine Collides With a Street Car on Tenth Street.

An accident such as has been long looked for occurred at the crossing of the street car and Union Pacific tracks on south Tenth street at 10 o'clock last night. Street car 02, of the Saunders and Twentieth street line, was coming up the street and was warned to halt at the crossing by the approach of engine No. 800 which was going west at the usual rate of speed. The street car driver applied the brakes, which refused to act, and the car rushed down the grade upon the track just in time to be caught by the engine. The street car was struck just under the driver's platform, lifted from the track and dragged alongside of the engine, the car team managing to keep up and escape injury. The engine was reversed and stopped without upsetting the street car. The street car was filled with passengers who were thrown into confusion by the collision and created a panic in trying to escape. They were all badly shaken up. Mrs. Chris Peterson was seriously hurt by being thrown across a car seat. Her daughter had her lip badly cut and her son received a severe scalp cut. Mr. Stilger, of Moline, Ill., was bruised about the head and face. The wonder is that the results were not more serious. The car escaped damage and was soon righted and the traffic resumed.

THE PAPILLION'S VICTIM

Identified as the Son of O. J. Stevenson, an Omaha Carpenter.

Soon after the appearance of yesterday evening's BEE, containing an account of the drowning of a young lad in the Papillion on Saturday and a description of the unfortunate boy, a middle aged man entered Drexel & Maul's undertaking establishment and in an excited manner asked to see the remains of the lad. When the coffin lid was raised the man stepped forward and with an agonizing cry of pain exclaimed, "It is my boy." The man's name is O. J. Stevenson, a carpenter, who lives on the corner of Thirty-fourth and Parker streets. He said the boy's name was Leander Stevenson. He had been working in one of the brick yards in the city but found the work too hard for him and left home on Saturday morning to find a job of farm work. This was the last heard of him by his father until he saw the account of the drowning in yesterday's BEE. The mother of the dead boy is in a delicate condition and the fact of her son's death has not been announced to her yet. The remains will be kept at the coroner's office until the arrangements for the funeral can be made.

Stevens, the other half who has been missing, came home on Sunday evening, greatly to the relief of his almost distracted parents, who feared he was the boy who had been drowned.

"Agent" James Departs.

"Agent" James, of the Law and Order League, is in Chicago, and his return is not expected. After he was arraigned in Lincoln on the charge of intimacy with a married woman in that place, he gave bonds for his appearance in the district court and then suddenly left for Chicago, writing his wife that he would return on July 14, unless something unusual occurred. His departure was followed by the sale of his house on Twenty-fifth street. Mrs. James says she is only going to remove to another house and denounces as false the rumors that she is going to leave the city and join her husband.

They Want to Locate.

John Rosicky has been in correspondence for some time with two gentlemen in Iowa, regarding the location of a large store and hardware establishment in this city. Yesterday the two gentlemen, S. Letowsky, of Iowa City, and J. Buresh, of Rockford, Ia., arrived here with a view of looking over the city before deciding upon making the change. It is understood that they intend putting six or seven thousand dollars into the business.

Death of a Veteran.

L. B. Grey, who has been foreman at the Central stables for a great many years, and who has been a resident of Omaha for over a quarter of a century, died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday and will be buried from Drexel & Maul's at 8 o'clock this morning. Nothing is known of the deceased's relatives as he always refused to tell from what place or state he came.

An Afternoon Blaze.

The residence of Mr. Van Green, on Cuming street near Division, caught fire from a gasoline stove late yesterday afternoon and was damaged to the extent of $300.

Shooting Scrap.

A shooting matinee was indulged in by some of the inmates of Ella Mitchell's dive last night. No one was hurt. The shootists were arrested.

A DEVILISH DEED.

A Divorced Husband's Terrible Revenge and Suicide.

PITTSBURG, July 12.—Some time ago the wife of John M. Durvall, living in the suburban town of Mount Washington, obtained a divorce. On the same day she married Jacob H. Jones. Durvall made no objection to the marriage. This evening Durvall went to Jones and decoyed him, on a pretense of a friendly visit to his house, which stands near the brow of a hill, into a stroll about the premises. Durvall led Jones back of an old barn, which stands near by, and when safe from observation and beyond the vision of anyone, seized a can of vitriol which he had concealed there for the purpose and threw the liquor into the face of his victim, who, totally disarmed by the apparent friendship of Duval, was unprepared for such a murderous onslaught. Jones fell to the ground writhing in agony, while his assailant stood by and gloated over his horrible work. After watching the sufferings of Jones until satisfied, Duval went to the edge of the cliff, where there is a sheer descent of 300 feet, and shooting himself through the head fell headlong to the bottom. He was picked up and carried to a house near by, where he is still lying insensible with no hope of recovery. Jones is in a very critical condition, and if he recovers will be badly disfigured and totally blind.

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FRED W. GRAY.

N. B. FALCONER.

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On Tuesday morning we place on our counters ninety pieces of Fancy Ribbons, these goods are four inches wide. The price of them has been 60c. They will be sold by us on Tuesday at 17½c a yard or $1.50 a piece. They will make elegant sashes for little children.
N. B. FALCONER.

First M. E. church and Sunday school invite everybody to go on their excursion to-morrow; round trip $1.00.

Excursion to Glenwood, Ia., to-morrow morning at 8:20 from B. & M. depot, by the First M. E. church. Round trip $1.

ROMANTIC WAR STORIES.

End of a Federal Captain Who Loved a Confederate Maid.

How a Union Colonel Condemned to Death as a Traitor Made His Escape.

Nashville American: There are many romantic stories of love and war that were enacted when Nashville was the theatre of hostilities that have never found their way into print, and which, if gathered together, would compose a good sized volume.

An old resident of Nashville who was here during a great part of those stirring times, and a witness of many changing and shifting scenes, the other day related several incidents that will bear repetition. The first was presented somewhat as follows:

"In the town of Lincoln, Ill., before the war, there resided a young man named J. J. Searight, who had been for sometime engaged in the grocery and provision business in partnership with Wm. B. Harlow, under the firm name of Harlow & Searight. It was one of the largest and wealthiest firms in that section, and the members thereof were both popular leaders in the social and political circles of their county. When the war broke out both partners decided on volunteering in the union army, but as Harlow was a man of family a mutual compromise was affected, and Searight alone donned the garb of a soldier. He enlisted in a company forming in Logan county for the Thirty-second regiment of Illinois infantry, and received a lieutenant's commission. Generally esteemed an excellent officer, he seemed to have a brilliant career of military service just before him. At the battle of Belmont, Mo., he was with General Grant, and was noted for conspicuous gallantry.

"When Grant fought the battle of Shiloh he again distinguished himself and soon after was promoted to captainey. In this latter engagement he was quite severely wounded, and by permission went back to his home in Illinois on furlough. Meanwhile his regiment had been attached to General Buell's army and was then on duty either in middle Tennessee or northern Alabama, and Captain Searight, after a few weeks at home, came through Nashville to join his command at the front. In an unlucky hour he met a young lady of 'rebel proclivities,' but extremely beautiful, at her home near Nashville. She was reputed to be immensely wealthy, and was in full possession of her property, having a year or two before attained her majority."

"Would it be proper to tell the name of the fair rebel?" inquired the anxious listener.

"No," responded the old gentleman, "but, on the other hand, quite improper, as subsequent events will prove. Suffice it to say, they met and loved. All the time that the captain could spend from his duties, and he frequently importuned his colonel for leaves of absence, every moment he could he spent in the society of the 'charming secesh siren,' as his brother officers called her, and she as eagerly returned his burning passion. Captain Searight time and again offered his resignation. He wished to leave the tented field and dwell in rosy bowers of love, but, unlike his love, it was not accepted. Love at length, however, conquered all his scrupulous opinions of duty to the flag of his country. He grew desperate. He deserted, and succeeded in escaping beyond the federal lines with his fair enslaved, she leaving home and friends and property for his sake, and he surrendering honor and loyalty to the cause he had sworn to protect. Arriving within the confederate lines, the seriousness of the situation began to dawn upon the minds of both of them. If the fortunes of war should throw him into the hands of the United States authorities, he would certainly be hung as a traitor, and his wife possibly suffer as a participant in his crime.

THE LOVERS' FLIGHT.

"From Atlanta they went to Charleston. From the latter city they succeeded in running the blockade to Nassau, where they took a British vessel bound for Havana.

"But their happiness was short lived and in the end turned to bitterness. And now you will see why it was best to suppress the lady's name, for the following extract, published in the Lincoln (Ill.) Herald in July, 1866, and which I pasted in my scrap-book, gives the sequel to the sad romance:

"'By a letter to this office we learn that Captain Searight, whose desertion from the army and elopement with a secesh belle we published last winter, was lately killed in a duel by a Spanish officer, near Havana, in Cuba. It appears that this woman, for whom he abandoned fame and fortune, had in turn deserted him; and fled with a captain in the Spanish army. Captain Searight shortly afterward met the destroyer of his happiness in a coffee-house and knocked him down. Of course the proud Spaniard could not brook this insult; he challenged Searight, who gladly accepted, as he was weary of life. They met on the seaside about two miles from the city of Havana and Searight fell pierced to the heart by his adversary's bullet. Thus untimely has fallen one who fought well and nobly for his country, till in an evil hour he met one who seduced him from the path of honor and duty, and through her agency the star of his life has set in blood. The Spaniard and the fair false one, with a demon's heart, have fled to the Isle of Pines."

"Equally as thrilling, but not quite so romantic," continued the narrator, "are adventures of Colonel J. T. E. McLean of the union army, who was captured by the confederates and made his escape under circumstances which form not the least-interesting chapter in the history of the war. Colonel McLean was a native Tennesseean, possibly from one of the east Tennessee counties, and married the daughter of Dr. Skinner, a well-known dentist of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was, from first to last, an ardent union man. After the capture of Nashville Colonel McLean came to this section to advocate the union cause, and aid, in every way possible, to bring his native state back to allegiance to the old flag. He addressed the people of the state wherever it was safe to do so, and finally raised the Second Tennessee regiment, U. S. A., of which he was appointed colonel. In September, 1862, while Bragg and Buell were in Kentucky, and Forrest was besieging Negley in his fortifications at Nashville, Colonel McLean left Nashville for the purpose of visiting the north on business which demanded his immediate attention. He was accompanied by a second lieutenant of his own regiment. They succeeded in slipping through the rebel picket lines, and had proceeded some fifteen miles from Nashville, when, to their dismay, they were captured by a foraging party of Forrest's cavalry. They were taken to Chattanooga, where, after remaining a few days, they were sent to Richmond, handcuffed, and placed under heavy guard.

COL. MCLEAN'S ESCAPE.

"After remaining at Richmond for some time, Col. McLean and his companion were taken back to Chattanooga and lodged in their old prison quarters. Here he ascertained that he was considered as a traitor and would be shot. He called for a court-martial, but that was denied, and he was condemned to suffer the extreme penalty of the law. The day before the sentence was to have been put in execution the confederate officer of the day visited the prisoner, and to his astonishment, no less than that of Col. McLean, he recognized in the prisoner an old schoolmate and the companion of 'earlier days and happier hours.' After some conversation, the colonel appealed to his old friend, the confederate officer, who was a second lieutenant, to give him an opportunity of effecting his escape. The rebel officer yielded, took Col. McLean by the hand and said: 'Mac, my dear fellow, pledge me your honor that if captured in the attempt you are about to make to escape, my name shall not pass your lips in connection with it.'

"The promise was, of course, freely given. The lieutenant then told him that at 6 o'clock that evening a certain window which he pointed to would be left unfastened on the outside, and at that hour he would see that the guard was so placed that he, the colonel, would not be observed if he attempted to gain his liberty. At the hour named, true to his promise, his rebel friend unfastened the window and had ordered the guard to another beat. Col. McLean then let himself down from the window, ran along the shadow of the prison wall, and made his way to the back of the town. In this he found little difficulty, for the reason that his friend had provided him with a rebel uniform, and he was as ragged as any rebel in the service. He then made for the Tennessee river, and paddled a 'dug-out' to Stevenson, Ala.

"When the confederates left Stevenson he came with them as far as the Nashville pike, but when within a few miles of Nashville he heard that the place had been captured by Forrest. He quickly retraced his steps, struck off in another direction, crossed the Tennessee river at Johnsonville and entered the federal lines which were on the opposite bank. Being still in rebel uniform he was at once captured as a rebel prisoner, and the explanation made to his captors was laughed at as ridiculous. He began to doubt to which side he really did belong. Taken before a subordinate officer, he stated that he was Colonel McLean, of the Second Tennessee; that he had been captured by the rebels and sentenced to be shot, but had fortunately effected his escape. But his story was not believed. The colonel was suspected as a spy. The officer told him that his story would not do; that he knew all about Colonel McLean; that he had been shot by the rebels a week before. He was then placed in irons and put under a heavy guard, but before any more serious consequence arose from this mistake, and to his great joy, he was recognized by some friends and restored to freedom."

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed July 10, with the county clerk, and reported for the BEE by Ames' Real Estate Agency:

F W Corliss and wife to James Gilmore, e hf s hf ne qr sec 28-16-10 Douglas Co, w d, $500.

Heirs of Jacob S Shull, deed, to Ole Olson, lot 9 blk 10 Shull's 2d add Omaha, w d, $950.

Larmon P Pruyn and wife to David E Bradlove, e 23 ft w 40 ft lot 1 blk 11 E V Smith's add Omaha, w d, $1,450.

Egbert E French and wife to John J Monell, all of subdiv 1 lot 2 Capitol add Omaha, w d, $6,600.

Executors of G C Monell, deed, to Egbert E French, all of subdiv 1 lot 2 Capitol add Omaha, w d, $6,600.

John S Collins (single) to Edwin H Walker, n hf lot 15 Millard & Caldwell's add Omaha, w d, $1,550.

Martha Jane Rosenberry and husband to Martin Anderson, lot 5 Forbes' subdiv sw qr sec 34-16-14 Douglas Co, w d, $3,525.

Netherton S Hall and others to Robert H Clarkson, lot 3 blk 6 Kountze & Ruth's add Omaha, q c, $1.

P C Himebaugh (pres't) to the public, Washington square of nw qr se qr sec 10-15-13 part of lot 10 Douglas Co, dedication.

Cecelia J Willis to John C Willis, 66 ft of 22d st and Foster avenue Douglas Co, w d, $1.

Wm F Snyder and wife to Oscar Hoffman, part blk 1 Himebaugh's add Omaha, w d, $11,000.

John H Platz and wife to Willard F Day, sublot 5 part sw qr lot 32 sec 15-15-13 Douglas Co, w d, $2,900.

Warren Switzler and wife to Jane B Dort, lot 14 blk 4 Marsh's add Omaha, w d, $1,800.

Alexander C Troup and wife to Edmund J Shakeshaft and others, lot 1 Bang's subdiv lot 34 Burr Oak add Omaha, w d, $950.

Reuben Allen and wife to Alice A Bevins, s 6 ft lot 8 Griffen & Isaac's add Omaha, w d, $350.

Herbert D Jones and wife to Erick Frost, lots 3 and 4 blk X Shinn's 3d add Omaha, w d, $1,600.

Samuel D Mercer and wife to Zachariah Thomason, e 22 ft lot 5 blk 104 Omaha, w d, $12,500.

Thomas Callopy (single) to James M Ross, w hf lot 11 blk 14 Imp. Asso. add Omaha, w d, $1,450.

Isaac E Congdon and wife and others to Edward S Raff, lot 16 Clarke's add Omaha, w d, $3,200.

State of Nebraska to Ira D Gilbert, w hf sw qr sec 16-16-12 Douglas Co, w d, $867.

State of Nebraska to William Richards, s hf ne qr sec 16-16-12 Douglas Co, w d, $810.

David Turney and wife to Patrick McEvoy, lots 4 and 6 blk 2 Town of Elkhorn Douglas Co, w d, $400.

H A Nolte and wife to Henry Winterburn, lot 6 blk 2 Town of Elkhorn Douglas Co, w d, $200.

P McEvoy to Henry Winterburn, lots 4 and 5 blk 2 town of Elkhorn Douglas Co, w d, $650.

Oscar Hoffman and wife to Adolphus C Jones, undiv qr 20 acres blk 1 Himebaugh's add Douglas Co, w d, $2,750.

Alonzo B Hunt and wife to Mattie D Valentine, lot 6 blk 19 West End add Omaha, w d, $1,050.

Geo H Boggs and wife and others to Otto Baumann, lots 8, 9, 14, 15 blk 18 Omaha View Douglas Co, w d, $2,400.

Geo H Boggs and wife and others to Otto Baumann, lots 3, 4, 8, 9, 15, 16, blk 16 Omaha View Douglas Co, w d, $3,000.

Geo H Boggs and wife and others to Otto Baumann, lots 5 and 6 blk 7 Omaha View Douglas Co, w d, $1,200.

Geo H Boggs and wife and others to Frederick Sonnenschein and others, nw qr sw qr nw of sec 1-14-12 Douglas Co, w d, $2,000.

Frank J Hoel and wife to Rosetta D Tes lot 4 blk 19 Hanscom place Omaha, w d $1,500.

William H Vinagar (single) to George W Logan, lots 13 and 14 blk 1 Lake's add Omaha, w d, $3,000.

A E Touzalin and wife to Emory A Cobb and others, lot