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A VERY, VERY LAME DENIAL.

His Annual Report Shows Nothing About the Fees—Local Laconics—Olds and Ends—Police Points, Etc.

The Butler Sensation.

The general theme of conversation on the streets yesterday was the article published in Tuesday night's Bee concerning Fire Chief Butler and the building inspection fees.

LOCAL LACONICS.

Brief Interviews Gathered on the Streets.

E. D. Pratt: "I see somebody has been telling you big things about the cost of things thirty or forty years ago, as compared with the present time. You needn't be surprised at the rate \$1.50 for a barrel of cider, because I've made and sold it as low as that and netted it seven miles to the mill. I had made it for. It seems strange, no doubt, to think that there was a living in such a state of affairs in those days, but there was, notwithstanding."

THE ORDER OF DRUIDS.

Society of Intelligence and Benevolence in its Third Year.

Douglas Grove of the Ancient Order of Druids will give a grand picnic at Metz's garden on the 10th of next month. This society is now rapidly on the increase in membership. The "grove" here has a membership of fifty and although it has been working quietly, it has at the same time been strengthening itself in a most satisfactory manner. It is allied to the order of Druids all over the country which has about 7,000 members. The Druids of old were best educated of the time, and from them were selected the jurists, the scientists and the religious preachers of the day. The same idea forms the order at the present time, in that by means of its support, one of the best educational institutions in the country is enabled to turn out yearly some of the most thoroughly educated young men in the country. This institution is situated in New York and has been in existence a flourishing condition for six years. In connection with this idea of the society there are also the benefits of the weekly sums of \$6 to members while sick, \$500 to the family in the event of a member's death, and an insurance of \$1,000 at the same time, which costs about \$14 a year, or an assessment per member of \$1.10 for every death throughout the country. The officers of the Douglas Grove are August Bolin, district deputy; Gebhardt Mesmer, noble arch; Jos Sandhoefer, under arch; Jacob Hubs treasurer; David Soly secretary; George Andes, inner guard, and O. Uhle outer guard.

A YOUTHFUL SCAPEGOAT.

A Twelve-Year-Old Boy Arrested for Horse Stealing.

For some time past the authorities have been on the lookout for a twelve-year-old scapegoat, Isaac Hansen by name, who stole a horse in Harlan, Shelby county, Iowa, and brought it to this city. He was not apprehended until yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Wyland, of Harlan, arrived in Omaha Tuesday night, and secured the services of Constable Edgerton to help him in the search. The latter had no time in unraveling the mystery, and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning he had worked the matter so that he was enabled to effect the arrest of young Hansen. The youthful horse thief was found at the residence of a half-sister on South Tenth street. He was at once arrested, and with the stolen animal was taken back to Harlan. He will probably be sent to the reform school. He was very cool and calm when taken into custody, and could not have been more so if he were a hardened criminal. He only expressed regret at being taken from Omaha, because, as he said, "I don't believe I'll get back here very soon again."

THE HOME DELEGATION.

Part of Which Left Yesterday Morning for San Francisco.

Yesterday morning two Pullman sleepers the Etna and Denver, were attached to the 8:10 west-bound passenger train on the B. & M. They were intended for the G. A. R. delegates and comrades who were going to San Francisco. The number of these men, however, who took possession of them, was insignificant compared with that which had been expected. The reason assigned for this is that many of the delegates and friends will meet the train at Lincoln, while a number of those from this section and the northward will go this evening by the Union Pacific. Those who took seats in the car were A. Allen of this city, delegate-at-large to the encampment; J. A. McMurry, Schuyler, correspondent of the Republican; C. E. Burmeister, A. M. Clark, and Rev. Mr. Gassman of Omaha; J. W. Liveringhouse, Grand Island, assistant adjutant general; Hon. M. B. Hopewell and A. A. Thomas, Tekama General Thayer, department commander, will meet the train at Lan-

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THE OTHER SIDE.

A Statement from Robert Vierling.

Chicago, July 27.—To the Editor of the Bee: A copy of your issue of last Thursday containing an article referring to the unbrotherly relations existing among the Vierlings and charging fraud directly upon me has just come to my notice. I regret exceedingly that you did not investigate before publishing the charges contained in that article, feeling confident that had you done so they would not have found a place in your paper. It seems strange that you would give such publicity to charges affecting business men prominently identified with Omaha, enterprise or the faith of statements made by one unknown in Omaha and in no way connected with her interests. I greatly deplore the discussion of family affairs in public print and had this publication been made in Chicago where the business standing of all parties is known and recognized, I would have passed it by unnoticed; in Omaha it is different, the feelings and interests of others are involved with my own and I therefore desire the privilege of repelling any and every imputation of fraudulent dealings with my brother Frank in any manner shape or form. I have for years no unbrotherly feeling, and have at all times treated him with the utmost kindness and courtesy. In business matters I have dealt with him honestly, openly and fairly. I am not desirous to be in a newspaper the action he has instituted in Chicago. I prefer to leave that to the court which he himself has selected for that purpose, fully satisfied as I am that I can show to the satisfaction of the courts more substantial than family jealousies, which will find no place nor encouragement in a court of justice. I never urged him to take an interest in the business of Vierling, McDowell & Co., nor did I represent the death of Mr. Smith, a former partner, as a special act of providence that he might strengthen his interest with the firm, and such talk is sheerest nonsense. He bought Mr. Smith's interest without any inducement whatever, and paid therefor \$3,000. Eight months afterward he sold out this interest voluntarily for \$3,875, a profit of \$875 in eight months, in addition to sums paid him for what time and attention he gave to the business of the firm through his brother Louis, his representative. He never at any time put into the business of Vierling, McDowell & Co. any other sum of money, save the sum of \$2,100 which he advanced as first payment on certain lots purchased by him in trust for the use of the firm, which sum was soon thereafter paid him with 7 per cent interest. The title to the lots in question was taken in the name of my brother, upon my suggestion, because I then had confidence in him. This confidence he abused by repudiating his trust and refusing to convey the property to the firm for almost a year, thus placing me in a most embarrassing position as between me and the other members of Vierling, McDowell & Co. He has not the slightest interest in the business of that company and never lost nor was defrauded of one dollar by reason of his connection with the firm; on the contrary, his connection therewith was profitable to him while it continued. It seems to me that a claim made by the shrewdest and oldest member of his family that he was fraudulently induced to invest his interest in the firm, and books and business of which he had free access carries contradiction on its face. I fail to appreciate the force of his charge that he has been swindled out of the money invested in the Paxton & Vierling iron works, when he admits payment to him of the purchase price of his interest in the Vierling, McDowell & Co., and in his complaint asks that he be allowed to repay the amount and receive again his interest, thus acknowledging that Vierling, McDowell & Co. are not in any way indebted to him. The assertion that I am using any of his money in the Paxton & Vierling iron works, where there is without any foundation whatever. ROBERT VIERLING, Pres. Vierling, McDowell & Co. and Vice Pres. Paxton & Vierling Iron Works.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Stray Leaves From a Reporter's Note-Book.

"The railroad crossing is positively the most dangerous in the United States," he remarked to a fellow passenger as they stood on the network of rails on South Tenth street near the depot. "Yes," assented the other, "I don't know but that it is."

BIERI'S CASE.

A General Relief That the Police Have Made a Mistake.

"In my opinion," said Judge Stenberg yesterday afternoon, "that man Bieri is no more the murderer of Chris Rulbe than I am. Still, for the benefit of those interested, I propose to give him a thorough examination before he is released." A deputy sheriff was dispatched to Elk-horn yesterday morning to bring Thakken to Omaha. It is believed that his testimony will clear up the case. Bieri is in the county jail, being held without bail. Fred Wirth is especially positive that the police have captured the murderer. "By Gott," he said to Judge Stenberg, "I will swear that that fellow has the right man. I will bring three or four witnesses that can show that he was with Rulbe de night he was killed."

PAYMASTER JENNY.

Paymaster Jenny, of the Union Pacific, received a dispatch from Thaben, the section foreman at Elk-horn, stating that Bieri had commenced work for him on the morning of May 15 and had worked through the entire month without missing a day. This practically proves Bieri's alibi, and will secure his release when called for a preliminary examination to-day unless some new and important developments occur.

POLICE POINTS.

E. R. Williams, the young man who robbed his friend Huling of \$25, as mentioned in Tuesday's Bee, was sentenced to twenty-nine days on bread and water in the police court yesterday morning. He remarked as he entered up a plea, "I suppose I might as well plead guilty. The best I'll get will be the worst, anyway."

G. W. Krite was accused of committing an unprovoked assault on an old man named John Smith. He plead not guilty, and the case was continued until this morning for trial.

TOM MURRAY was committed for drunkenness in default of a \$3 fine. Several other men charged with drunkenness were discharged.

ONE HOUND DID IT.

Yesterday morning, while the Missouri Pacific engine which brought in the early morning train was backing down to the lower yards, one of the depot yard switchmen called the fireman a "scab." The engine was reversed, the fireman jumped down, and it is reported knocked the switchman out in a single round, and then rode off on his iron steed.