

HOFFMAN AS AN AUTHOR.

Come of His Sentimental and Blood and Thunder Pen Productions.

ROGGEN AND DAWES TESTIFY.

Church Howe Threatens to Stop Railroad Building Unless the Laborers Vote for Him—Suicide of a Wronged Girl—News.

FROM THE BEE'S LEXICONS BUREAU.

The Hoffman-Rosewater libel suit was the attraction in the district court yesterday, the forenoon session being occupied by the prosecution in presenting the testimony of Hoffman, Governor Dawes and E. P. Roggen. The testimony of Hoffman occupied some two hours in examination and cross-examination, and, judging from comments, freely expressed, was not considered as of very much weight.

SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Frank B. Stephens, of Saline county, was admitted to practice. The following cases were continued: The State vs. Nowell vs. Kimball, State, ex rel. Dean vs. Clay county. Respondent given ten days to answer. The following cases were placed at the foot of the docket: Lane vs. Starkley; Arnett vs. Zinn; Thorne vs. Adams; No. 1, rejoining the inside and making the second story into sleeping apartments for the boys, and the force and equipment for the city is now doled.

ADDITIONAL FIDELITY.

At the last meeting of the city council the appointments of the new firemen were made by the mayor and unanimously confirmed by the council. The boys who will take possession of the new firehouse in the Second ward were J. Warren, J. H. Pierce, W. H. Adams, Geo. Keifer, B. C. Jones, John Braeken, Jacob Morrow and G. Preston. For the last few days the firemen have had a force of men employed on duty, No. 1, rejoining the inside and making the second story into sleeping apartments for the boys, and the force and equipment for the city is now doled.

ABOUT THE CITY.

Miss Smith, librarian at the state university, fell on the walk before her home at Twelfth and U streets Monday night, sustaining a compound fracture of the femur in the left ankle, which will confine her to the house for two or three months. Dr. Carter was immediately called and rendered the first aid.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Justice of the Peace court was adjourned yesterday by a hearing of the suspected burglar and the concealers of the property taken from Schmidt's store. The defendant was held in lieu of \$100,000, and the greater part of the summer, were spectators in court as witnesses for the defense in the case.

THE POLICE FORCE.

The boys of the police force are hard at work at the intersection of the streets where they are badly needed. Keller, the magician, is the coming attraction for the evening. He is to appear at the opera house, and the "Mirror of Ireland" is holding the boards at the People's this week.

AT THE HOTELS.

Yesterday were registered among others the following Nebraska visitors to the capital city: R. O. Batty, Hastings; A. Dewey, Wahoo; A. V. Sanders, J. E. Johnson, T. F. Armstrong, J. E. F. Manderson, Dr. L. A. Merriam, Omaha; W. H. Conger, Loup City; J. S. Taylor, Waverly; A. Bartley, Bartley; M. L. Milford, Bennett; Wm. Pittsford, Shaw; E. H. Bennett, W. Pittsford, Wahoo.

THE STATUTE OF LIBERTY.

New York World: In preparation for the inauguration of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty promise well. The North Atlantic squadron, the French fleet under Admiral de Vize, the United States troops within available distance, the state militia, war veterans and numerous civil organizations will take part. Mr. William M. Everts will make the presentation speech on the part of the committee, and the announcement that Chaney M. Depew will deliver the commemorative address will cause a general sense of satisfaction.

HOWE HEARD FROM.

The State Journal yesterday contained another characteristic dispatch from Charles Howe, who held forth at Nebraska City the night before and who portrayed an audience of 1,000 people and tremendous enthusiasm for Howe. A gentleman who came up from Nebraska City and who attended the monster meeting states that it took a brass band an hour to drum up 300 for an audience that Howe, as usual, harangued against the B. & N. revision, and his cattle interests, and when the time came for him to explain his own checkered career and the charges that have been published week after week against him, he had a loud voice and begged leave to introduce Mr. Shedd, dodging his variegated record in elegant shape. Howe has been seeing some of the Missouri Pacific construction and grading contractors lately in a struggling effort to capture the solid vote of the workmen, and when one of them told him that his men voted as they pleased, Howe braced up and told the contractor that not a mile of railroad would be let for them to work upon next year if he was defeated, and that not another shovel of dirt would be thrown upon the new construction work of the Missouri Pacific if they didn't come to time. The reply of the contractor to this exhibition of bragadoecio was more emphatic than elegant, and the more emphatic words in it could not be found in the new revision. Meanwhile the lieutenants in Lancaster are

GEN. VAN WYCK'S OF D. HOME.

What His Former Neighbors and His Friends Think of Him.

REFUTATION OF FOUL SLANDERS.

His Record From the Inception of the Republican Party—a Plain Statement of Fair Facts.

From the Miscellaneous (N. Y.) Daily Press.

For the past few years some persistent person in Nebraska has been occasionally sending us a railroad organ printed in that state, ostensibly republican in politics, with marked editorialism of falsehood and abuse of our former townsman, General Van Wyck, who was many years ago the representative in congress from this congressional district—now a resident of the former state—representing it in part in the United States senate. The malignancy of the articles was so apparent that we threw the papers aside. Those of his old friends and former constituents who had journeyed with him for over thirty years knew that his social and business life during that period had been without reproach, and that no stain could be cast upon him by disappointed politicians whose schemes he had thwarted.

The patriotic services rendered by General Van Wyck in the halls of legislation and upon the tented fields, a brief record of which we present below, are remembered with pride and esteem by the people of this, his old congressional district. Soon after entering the profession of law in Sullivan county, he was elected district attorney in 1842, and served in that office until 1848. The anti-renters had the control and usually voted with the whigs and carried the county. General Van Wyck as his home in Manhattan township, raised many of his voters from the anti-renter ranks. His first term was so satisfactory that he was re-elected, the anti-renters voting for him, he receiving a majority in every township in the county.

Always opposed to slavery he was with the free soil element of the democratic party and was among the first to take part in organizing the republican party. He was active in its conventions, and framing the platform—in fact was present at the birth of that great organization. He was an enthusiastic worker in the Fremont campaign, speaking in nearly every school district in Orange and Sullivan counties.

So in 1858 the young party naturally turned to him as a standard bearer for congress in this district. The campaign was red hot from the start. Both Orange and Sullivan counties comprising the district were at that time strongly democratic and while the democratic ticket had over 1,200 majority in two counties, General Van Wyck succeeded by the same number.

The bitterness of the political life culminated in the Lincoln campaign, when General Van Wyck was a candidate for re-election. The democratic party wisely concluded to venture none of its chosen champions in the race against him, but selected one of its own, which was then in force until the city postmaster raised objection, claiming that no one could sign the name except the member of congress himself. General Van Wyck then obtained rooms in the National Hotel. Letters from all the regiments were brought to his rooms. He hired several clerks, and his name was then signed in his presence. This nomination he accepted unwillingly, but the party believing he was the only man who could carry the district.

The year before, Tweed at the height of his power and wickedness, had flooded his district with fraudulent naturalization papers. It was well known that many of these were to be used in the election. This was demonstrated by the result, and when a committee from congress was directed to make inquiry into the frauds, it appeared that at that election hundreds of naturalization papers had been used by the Democrats, known as coffee colored (coffee pot) papers, because the voters found them in a coffee pot at Port Jervis, and many persons were proven to have irregularly and illegally obtained naturalization papers in an engine house in Newburgh. Persons were proven to have actually voted on such papers at the election—more than enough to change the result, and it was so declared by congress, so that the nomination of General Van Wyck and the congressional investigation saved the district.

General Van Wyck on the field and in congress always bore himself gallantly. We have not forgotten that in the Thirty-sixth congress when for two months John Sherman was candidate for speaker of the house, and the republicans returned of the south poured forth bitter and provoking speeches. The republicans made no reply, but quietly voted, and at last in William Wainwright, of New Jersey, was elected. The republicans returned broadside after broadside in answer to the harangues of the men from the south. And General Van Wyck made a speech acknowledging the charge, and the most effective delivered, which was afterwards published as a campaign document and went through eight editions. When replying to the south's arraignment of the courage of the north, Mr. Crawford, of Georgia, angrily interrupted and asked if the gentleman would go outside the district of Columbia and test the question of courage with any southern man. Mr. Van Wyck quietly and firmly replied that he traveled anywhere without fear of anyone—and he did. In that speech, alluding to the attempt to fasten slavery on the territories, he said:

"Within a few weeks the legislature of

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them on the field. In the hospital and in camp he established a system of checks by which he sent money home to the soldiers' families, and at his own expense furnished supplies of comforts and luxuries for the sick. And to day, whenever you go on the battlefield of Virginia, Leavenworth you find a devoted friend of the old colonel.

When the army of the Potomac were following General McClellan through the history of Virginia, Fred and Langley, General Van Wyck discovered provisions and stores belonging to the confederate wing and ordered some carts and oxen from a neighboring plantation, loaded the supplies upon the carts and was taking them into camp for an evening meal, when General Andrew Porter, then provost marshal of McClellan's army (same kind of a position as his cousin, Fitz John Porter, who congress has disgraced) with an enforcement he did not earn on the field board of this great outrage upon the vested rights of the rebels, and although the rebels' hatred to the rebel army, Colonel Van Wyck was ordered under arrest. The bacon, meal and provisions were ordered tucked and the union soldiers went supperless to bed, or rather they were ordered to be released from arrest and his sword to be returned. There was a great deal of indignation on the part of the army.

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