VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

The Jury Awards Taylor $750 in His Suit Against the B. & M.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE CRITICIZED.

A Significant Stillness Reigns Around the Haunts of Politicians—A Bad Man Lodged in Jail —Lincoln News.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

In United States court the civil damage suit brought by Taylor against the B. & M. railroad the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff yesterday for $750 and were dismissed until Monday. The plaintiff sued for $10,000 and it will be seen that the verdict, considering that it is a verdict, is a very light one and undoubtedly gives no satisfaction to the parties bringing the suit. In conversation with interested parties on the plaintiff's side of the case a good deal of unfavorable comment was made over Judge Dundy's charge to the jury, and the dissatisfaction will undoubtedly lead to a great deal of discussion as to the lack of liability that railways have under court rulings at the present. This was one of the hardest fought cases that the court has had at the present session, and aside from the question of damage the precedent of the case was watched with a good deal of interest by outsiders and those who expected the present test to make a basis for themselves in like cases. The United States court yesterday adjourned to Monday at 2 p. m.

PEACE AND QUIETNESS

reigned around political quarters last night and yesterday and at the capitol building the janitors were gathering up the scraps of paper in the rooms of the lawmakers, while at the secretary's office the force were hard at work trying to even up the work that had gathered upon them the past week. The members in large numbers are home for Sunday vacation, but the strikers are all here in force, for the cigars of the cannidate are not exhausted and their board comes cheap. Their principal pastime is in electing any man but Van Wyck, which they do with the greatest regularity.

A TOUGH CUSTOMER.

Yesterday a man named Joseph A. Long, was up in police court and was fined $25 and costs and committed. Long is a discharged B. & M. brakeman and his exploits that landed him in court yesterday date back to the day before, when he took too much liquor aboard and got himself into his trouble. It seems that Long holds a grievance against the company and claims that because he was a union man he was dismissed from duty. At the time he became drunk he visited Yardmaster Atwood's office and before he left he became abusive, assaulting Atwood and pounding him up severely. Long then went to the Metropolitan hotel and continued his carousal, kicking a telephone to pieces and assaulting the night clerk at that place. Meanwhile some boon companions had gathered around him and a police officer arriving, he was escorting Long to jail. When crossing the government square one of Long's backers struck the officer a fearful blow over the face with a rock, running away in the darkness, pursued with a couple of shots from the officer's gun.

THE SENIORS.

The senior class in the state university held their organization meeting yesterday and elected officers, who are the final ones up to graduation day. The following is the roster: President, Luke Cheeney; vice president, Miss Daily; secretary, D. F. Smith; treasurer, S. D. Killen; chaplain, Mr. Cuthan; class liar, E. C. Wigenhorn; class moralist, W. S. Perrin; janitor, P. F. Clark; chorister, E. C. Eddy; organist, E. D. Howe; poet, Elmer Fulmer; constitutional expounder, H. P. Barrett; cook, Miss Roberts; dish washer, Miss Stratton; dude, C. S. Polk; pugilist, A. H. Bigelow.

TOWN TOPICS.

A report reached the city yesterday of an affray that occurred at Friend the day before, in which two farmers living on Indian Creek, near that place, became involved in a dispute over cattle going through a wire fence. The words led to an assault, in which one of the men, named Widup, stabbed through the left lung the other man, named Kelsoe, so severely that he will die.

Yesterday morning the sheriff of Harlan county was coming to Lincoln on the early B. & M. train, bringing with him an insane woman to place in the hospital. When the train stopped at Friend the sheriff was in a doze and the woman left the train, making her escape. A telegram reached the Democrat office in this city later in the day stating that the woman had been found three miles out in the country from that place.

The Law and Order league has issued a call for its annual meeting, to be held Monday evening, at which time efforts will be made to organize a state league.

The firemen are perfecting their arrangements for a second ball under the auspices of the department, and they have fixed the date for holding it on the second day of February.

T. P. A. NEWS AND NOTES.

C. W. Bliler, with George F. Cram, 264 Wabash avenue, Chicago, was a caller at the club rooms the past week.

W. M. Barnes, late of Minneapolis, and a paper and stationery traveling man, made a pleasant call at Lincoln Post A. rooms Thursday.

W. O. Cleveland, representing the Omaha saddlery company, was in Lincoln the first of the week, departing Tuesday westward.

Lincoln Post A. club rooms are supplied with the following daily and weekly papers: Chicago Daily Times, OMAHA DAILY BEE, Lincoln Democrat, Lincoln Journal, Omaha Republican, Capital City Courier, Hastings Gazette-Journal, Hastings Independent and Wahoo Wasp.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

The past week, with the reception of the governor and state officers in the early part of it, has been a busy one in social circles and a round of goings has been the general order of events. At the governor's reception fully 2,000 people were in attendance and the event was the most memorable of the kind ever held at the state capital.

Thursday evening the Pleasant Hour club gave one of their popular dancing parties at Temple hall, which was a reception to Prof. and Mrs. J. G. White, on their return from their wedding trip to Philadelphia.

The management of the Home for the Friendless gave a reception to the friends of the institution and the members of the legislature on Thursday evening that was very largely attended and an occasion of more than ordinary interest.

The Chautauqua circle met Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and one of the most interesting sessions of the year was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Y. M. C. A. reception held at the parlors of the association on Wednesday evening was a gratifying success in every particular.

E. N. Warner, of Springfield, Mass., is visiting with Lincoln relatives the present week.

Prof. Gibeault has arrived from the east and will make his permanent home in Lincoln as an instructor in music.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dobbins arrived from the east Friday and will be at home in a short time to Lincoln friends.

Mrs. Wm. McCaig, of Weeping Water, and her sister from Elmwood were viewing legislative scenes in Lincoln the past week.

Miss Lillie Pollock, of Plattsmouth, and Miss Ella Thorngate, Weeping Water, are among the young lady clerks who will be in Lincoln the winter months engaged in legislative work.

Mrs. Paul Schminke, wife of the Otoe senator, was in Lincoln the past week enjoying legislative scenes.

Miss Nettie Wilson, of Omaha, was in Lincoln the past week, a guest of her many friends in the capital city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fountain, of Dakota, who have been detained in Lincoln by reason of their children's sickness, will leave this week westward bound.

Colonel Roberts, of Rising City, and F. D. Williams, the newspaper man of that place, were visitors at the capital city the past week.

Miss Grace Osborne, who has been in Lincoln for some time, returned to St Paul the first of the week.

Mrs. B. Spurlock, of Plattsmouth, was in the city the past week, the guest of Mrs. A. F. Newman.

Miss Clara Funke returned home the first of the week from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Edward Harris, at Ord.

Ex-Governor Butler, who has been watching his legislative interests the past week, returned to Pawnee City for Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hardy were passengers for the Pacific coast Wednesday of this week.

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DEUTSCHER CLUB.

The Opening of a Promising Social Organization.

The introduction of club life into Omaha, which was practically effected by the establishment of the Omaha club some three years ago, marked an advance towards metropolitan life which had long been demanded. Since that time the popularity of "the club" has been achieved to that degree that several of these organizations, with more or less regard to the taste and resources of their members, have since been organized in this city. Prominent among these is the Union club, while the latest to spring into existence is the Deutscher club, which was formally opened last evening.

The establishment of this club was based upon the fact that the most prominent and wealthy Germans of the city had no common center at which they might meet to enjoy the pleasure of each other's society, or, in the event of a distinguished citizen from abroad visiting Omaha, an agreeable place in which to entertain him. To supply this deficiency, early in June last a number of leading Germans met and resolved upon the organization of a club. A number of informal meetings were held, and finally, on the first Wednesday of August, the organization was perfected by the election of the first board of officers. Some difficulty was experienced in securing club rooms until finally the Germania hall was considered. Negotiations with the turners and the German school association resulted satisfactorily and, as a consequence, the club secured the second story of the building mentioned. It was a cheerless place then, but it has since been transformed into a series of apartments which are at once an evidence of exceeding good taste and discrimination.

A flight of stairs leads the visitor to a large reception room carpeted with brussels, and decorated to tone with the latter. In one corner of this is partitioned off a coat room connected with lavatory and closets, and supplied with every convenience. Off the reception is the refreshment room, a little more lightly decorated than the other, the furniture a large extension table and sideboard with a plate mirror and chairs of antique oak. The walls are graced with bronze game in bas relief. Adjacent are a small kitchen, pantry and locker, to be used for small repasts and the storage of the necessary concomitants of hearty good cheer. Under a large arch which is hung with a heavy veil of damask, entrance is had to the billiard room, in which are located two tables of the Brunskwick-Balke make. Adjoining and reached under another arch is the card-room. In the middle, stands a table of antique oak, with stiff reclining backs such as are still used in the rural districts of the old country. These are very rich and an excellent feature. Four other tables grace the corners, while smaller ones are scattered to accommodate those who desire checkers or chess. The next is the reading-room, also reached through a heavy portier, and here all the leading foreign and domestic papers and magazines will always be on hand. All of these rooms, in the order mentioned, increase in the beauty of their decorations, but the masterly decorative work is found in the ladies' parlor, in the walls of a light buff with sunlight to warm up the subdued but tasty air of the place. This room is intended for receptions, and, with the freedom of the rest of the rooms, the wives of members are at liberty to use them on Thursday of each week.

There is a wonderful similarity between the carpet and mural decorations, which produces a most harmonious effect, and yet, the decoration in no two of the rooms is alike. It is artistic work and was made in a most satisfactory manner by H. Lehmann. The furniture of the last two rooms is particularly rich, comfortable, indeed such as to suggest and invite ease and repose.

The remodelling of the apartments, together with the decorations cost about $5,000. There are now about fifty-five members in the club, the limit will be soon placed at 100. The initiation fee is $50. The monthly dues are $3. It is the intention to establish a membership, which may be obtained by the payment of $5 per month, but which does not require an initiation fee, and consequently does not entitle the party to an interest in the property of the club. The present officers are C. B. Schmidt, president; Bruno Tzschuck and J. P. Lund, vice presidents; George Heimrod, secretary of the club; Louis Raapke, secretary of the board of directors; Max Meyer, treasurer. These with Earnest Peycke, Wm. Krug, Charles Burmester constitute the board of directors.

Last evening the club rooms were formally opened and the opening was attended by about thirty-five of the members. The rooms were brilliantly illuminated, and the handsome decoration and furnishings appeared in the light to great advantage, and evoked the heartiest appreciation of everybody. A short business meeting was held which was presided over by Mr. C. B. Schmidt. The building committee, consisting of Max Meyer, Raapke and Burmester; the committee on furnishing and decoration, Messrs. Meyer, Lund and Burmester and the managing committee, Burmester, Lund and Raapke, turned the rooms over to the club, and the same were formerly accepted in the name of the organization by the president, who also congratulated the members on the beauty of the rooms. The several committees were then tendered a vote of thanks for the effective manner in which they had done their work. It was then decided to give a grand reception and ball in the rooms and the hall beneath on the 27th of this month, to which each member will be entitled to invite three gentlemen. A magnificent lunch, prepared by mesdames Lund, Raapke and Burmester was then served, and with the heartiest of good feeling, the first meeting in the new rooms closed, every member present feeling that it had been one of the pleasantest in his experience.

Peep O'Day.

The presentation last night of "Peep O'Day" by the St. Philomena Literary society in its hall, corner Howard and Ninth streets, was attended by a large number of spectators. Thorough appreciation was manifested on the part of the auditors by applauding the amateurs whenever a hit was made.

Taking the play as a whole it reflects great credit upon both the young people and their instructor. Following is a full list of characters: Hrary Kavanagh—Captain Peep O'Day, C. Taggart; Barney O'Toole, T. J. O'Neill; Stephen Purcell, P. J. Barrett; Father O'Cleary, T. J. Mahoney; Patrick Grace, Albert Miller; Captain Howard, Wm. Doran; Lieutenant Graham, D. Mulhearn; Black Mullins, James Dwyer; Red Murtagh, Peter Brrke; Dermot, James Caseo; Phadrig, John Mullen; Andy, Harry Lavin; Fergus, the Fiddler, George Kosters; Kathleen Kavanagh, Lizzie Dwyer; Widow Kavanagh, Nellie Heelan; Mary Grace, Aggie Cleary; Molshee, Eva O'Connor.

People's Theatre.

To-night the Waters Comedy company conclude its week's engagement which has been very successful. Large audiences have greeted them nightly. The star, Miss Nellie Walters, has won a place in the hearts of our theatre goers by her neat acting. The supporting company has rendered her efficient aid, making the performance smooth and pleasing and it can trutufully be said no better company has ever appeared at this theatre. To-night they appear in the laughable comedy, "Kitty Masters or a Special Deposit."

The firm of Hicks & Ingham having this day dissolved by mutual consent, I will continue the real estate business at 215 South 15th street.

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