

AFTER A CIRCLE RAILWAY.

Lincoln People Want a Railroad Built Around the City.

SELLING SUBURBAN PROPERTY.

An Important Suit on Trial in the District Court—Real Estate Litigation Begun—False Rumors Abound.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

The past few days have been fine, and the real estate boom, profiting thereby, has fairly spread itself, reaching out in every direction from the city until farmers have come driving into the city from a distance of ten miles out to see how much nearer the city limits are to his rural habitation than they were the day before. To such the bland and blarneying real estate agent, as he stands upon the street corner, confidentially asserts that it is a question of only a few months until their farms will be wanted for additions. On Saturday last over \$80,000 worth of farm lands were purchased two miles out from the city in the vicinity of the asylum, and it is freely stated that every dollar of the investment was eastern capital. This is a new era, and the real estate agent, who would not be done to make these erstwhile waving fields of corn thousand dollar town lots. It is stated that the coming day is to develop great things for the southern suburbs of the capital city. One of these things is that an electric railway is to surround the city like a Chinese wall, to shoot trains every ten seconds from door to door of the suburban dwellers. But the vagaries of the visionary is very evident that something is about to drop, and from consultation with many of the prominent property holders a safe conclusion is reached that a circle railway is a coming surety for the city of Lincoln. There is no obstacle in the way for a consummation of this character, for there would be few heavy grades or cuts in the business, and the right of way could be secured at a nominal cost, if any cost at all. The speculators have just fairly embarked upon the project of securing suburban property within a two mile limit, and even such would want a local depot on their addition. The asylum, the penitentiary, the new university, and the already thriving suburb of West Lincoln, would be directly on the line of a local railway encircling the city.

A SUIT IN COURT.

Judge Chapman heard an important case in the district court yesterday which was tried before him with H. W. Yates & Ryan Bros. and Marquette, Dewesse & Hall and S. H. Steele as the attorneys in the case. This action is an outgrowth of the J. Roberts-Williams matters. Williams resided in Burr county and will be remembered as a once capitalist and dealer in notes and mortgages. But, when trouble came, he joined the pilgrimage to Canada, and was a forward brought back, although now he is an absent child of fortune. The case on trial is brought by an eastern man named Oloott and it is against Williams and his bondsmen, the latter of whom are the real defendants in the matter. It seems that some years since Williams negotiated a sale of a bunch of notes and apparent collaterals with Lewis Bros., loan agents of this city, 100,000 bonds as surety of their value. Time has developed the fact that these notes were many of them worthless, if not fictitious, and the present suit is for the recovery of the amount of \$100,000 bonds as surety of their value. Time has developed the fact that these notes were many of them worthless, if not fictitious, and the present suit is for the recovery of the amount of \$100,000 bonds as surety of their value.

NEW CASES FILED.

In the past two days a number of new cases have been filed in court, the most important of which is a suit brought by Frank L. Sheldon against C. P. Snow, of Princeton, Ill. It seems from the papers that a short time ago Mr. Snow, who is one of the heavy real estate buyers of this city, contracted with the agent of Snow for 100 acres of land in Yankee Hill precinct, paying \$10 on a contract for sale for \$100,000. The contract was to the city and the insane hospital, and presumably, under the booming skies of the present, is worth double that sum. From the tone of the petition Mr. Snow evidently discovered that he has a good thing and would like to keep it. All these cases develop the fact mentioned in the Bee a few days ago that an immense amount of litigation is liable to arise over the real estate business, and agents that are abroad like roaring lions seeking fees.

ISRAEL VS. KIMMEL AND VAN DYK.

Israel vs. Kimmel and Van Dyk is another similar case on a small scale, in which a city lot is being legally fought over. The claimant sets forth that he purchased the lot some months ago, making a small payment on it, and that the agents have since then over his head. He brings the balance of money due on the lot and tenders it through the court.

A NUMBER OF APPEAL CASES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN THE DISTRICT COURT TO BE HEARD THE PRESENT TERM IF POSSIBLE.

The illness of Chief of Police Beach caused the mayor to temporarily fill the vacancy in the position of Chief of Police, who was directly in line of promotion, was very properly selected. The Journal, which, through some of its buccolic local men, has been learning the department something, attempted to magnify the change into something of great moment that was going to uproot things generally and help some of the town to get a new chief of police kicking. The information given by the Journal that Chief Beach had been permanently removed during the remainder of the official year is wholly erroneous, as the change is made for the present month or until such time as the chief shall recover. It is impossible to find any foundation for the street talk that Policeman Marten, one of the best officers on the list, is to be subject to punishment or prosecution, but to the contrary the mayor does not propose to have any wholesale work of the kind inaugurated. Neither Policeman Malone or Kinchelo will resign as stated, but they will both continue in the discharge of their work. There are too many of the city officials who know what Jim Malone is worth to let any bolding be inaugurated, and it does not appear that any is intended.

DON'T DESERT THE BONDSMAN.

The law and order league has an excellent opportunity at the present time to show the character of its mettle and its honesty by coming to the front and assisting Mr. A. S. Raymond in discharging his obligation to the state as the bondsman of the notorious Agent James, whose shadow has departed from the jurisdiction of the Lancaster district court. Mr. Raymond, when James was arrested as a common adulterer and bound over for trial, lost his good judgment for the time being and went on James' bond for \$300. When court convened James, as had been freely asserted, did not dare return to Lincoln and face the music, and the bond was declared forfeited. Now, at the present term, County Attorney Stearns, in the immediate discharge of his duty, has commenced suit to recover the amount of the bond and Mr. Raymond will have to stand the loss if the league is not honest enough to stand the burden. A good deal of kicking and manifest besotted officials seek to treat the matter in a business light and not wink at the forfeited bond and let it pass unpaid, and the opportunity is open for the league to spend a portion of its funds in something

beside making a sinecure for its own particular lawyer. Mr. Raymond is personally able to pay the \$300, but it would be a fine spectacle in the league to make him do it.

IN SUPREME COURT. Court met pursuant to adjournment yesterday and the following business was transacted: Hurlb's will, reargument ordered. The following cases were argued and submitted: State ex rel Berry vs Babcock, Loeb vs Milner, Sheldenheim vs Sheldenheim.

All other cases from the Fifth Judicial district not heretofore otherwise disposed of, were placed at the foot of the general docket.

Court adjourned to Tuesday, March 8, when a docket of cases from the Sixth district will be called.

ABOUT THE CITY.

A rupture is liable to occur at almost any moment that will scandalize society and disgrace the city in a way that has not been done before in months. Information is hinted at concerning a well-known citizen who is very prominent in society and who has an estimable family. This citizen has seen fit to build himself a glass house, as it were, and in care there a woman of the town, and if from such a reckless course the world at large should pierce through the uncertainty of windows no surprise should follow if a veritable social earthquake should shatter things.

Yesterday Policemen Malone and Kinchelo departed for Clarinda, Ia., to testify in the district court against a colored man named Johnson who some months since was arrested in Lincoln in one of the numerous raids upon the ranch of the departed Mrs. Hawkins. When arrested some stolen property was found in the man's possession, and when pressed the party confessed to burglarizing a store in a town near Clarinda. He was turned over to Iowa officials and now to have his trial.

Monday evening the ladies of A. D. Marshall lodge Knights of Pythias gave a reception to their husbands and friends, the lodge members with the reception a banquet that was both elaborate and elegant. Just prior to the scene of feasting, Mrs. Harry Downs, on behalf of the ladies, presented to Marshall division an elegant banner with an intrinsic value of \$150. When the division now goes forth to conquest they will march like knights of old under the folds of an ensign that came from the hands of their own sweethearts.

Contracts are now being made by C. C. and L. C. Burr for the construction of the handsome block in Lincoln. The building will be 50x140, six stories high and built on ground that was recently purchased for \$83,000. Active work will begin the moment the frost leaves the ground.

One of the real estate options held in the city is upon the building and lot of Grand Union at the corner of 14th and 15th streets. This is a thirty-day option and the price that will close it out is \$35,000.

FITCH AND THE DONKEY.

Or How Fortune Found Fades Off Away Leaving the Fiddler Unpaid.

Everybody knows Fitch. He is a newspaper advertising solicitor. No man ever lived with a more tender heart than he. Business men in Omaha know this. Business men in Denver have a kindred knowledge. Fitch a few years ago was an ad solicitor on the Denver Tribune, and was then as now believed to be the boss in the business. Governor Gilpin, residing in Denver, had a little burro or donkey, for his children, who rode out around the smooth shaved lawn surrounding their father's aristocratic residence on Capitol Hill. One day the donkey was missing and the children grieved so much over the loss that the governor offered a reward of \$25 for its return. About two o'clock the morning after this ad appeared, Fitch was going home along Sixteenth street. He was passing the alley north of the Taylor opera house when noticing a dark object in the alley, he explored and found that it was Gilpin's donkey. It had no halter on, but Fitch took out a huge white satin handkerchief which had been presented to him by his Sabbath school class a few days before and tied it around the animal's neck to lead it down to Jack Wright's livery, there to remain until morning. As he was crossing Larimer street he met the donkey to Holladay. Big Jim Ryan stood under the lamp on the corner and called out: "That've ye there, Fatch?" "Why don't you see? It's Governor Gilpin's donkey. Twenty-five dollars reward for its return. Hold on, hold on. I can afford to set them up on this, come along." So he led the donkey along onto the sidewalk and the three walked a few blocks on their way to the Arcade. Tim Ryan was police sergeant. When they got to the door they left the animal standing there, meekly sleeping.

"He shiverin'!" said Tim.

"Poor little fellow," said Fitch. "Hold on, I'll fix that." So he took his coat off and threw it over the donkey. There had been rains during the night and the air was chilly. Jim laughed and remarked: "Ya aht to put yer hat on him and he'd look like a prater with his life bloker." "I'd not do it," said Fitch. "I'm sure enough he placed his hat on the animal's ears with that great hearty grace, on which he has a monopoly. They then went through the streets to the depot where they met Clay Wilson and Jim Moon had taken place a short while before and Fitch rolled a silver dollar on the bar and said: "Let's have the best in the house tonight. Have something to drink." Mr. Timms the proprietor, set up the glassware for a small drinking party and the three took their straight. Fitch was congratulated on his find and he said: "Why, I tell you it is luck. It comes my way. Why I remember once—" and then he started off into the relation of his general business as a former bondsman. He told them modestly, but every one felt their truth.

"Let's have the cigars, Timms." This was Sergeant Ryan's order. Fitch put a cigar in his mouth, and gave an aide man the following day, whom he was working for a public advertising contract, and then took out a cigarette, and smoked it. Fitch in his struggle between a bare head which he sold a few more stories. The proprietor next slid the glasses and bottle along the polished bar, and all drank. Then the two patrons left. The electric light in front of the door was nervous, and sputtered and threw out flashes of darkness with alarming rapidity. When Fitch and Tim got to the door they could not see the donkey. Fitch looked up the street and hat. Lost his day after midnight near Sixteenth and Larimer streets. He was still lost.

IN THE DENVER TRIBUNE APPEARED THE FOLLOWING:

Five Dollars Reward.—This reward will be paid on the return to this office of a white satin handkerchief, a neck and handkerchief, and a pair of trousers, found near Sixteenth and Larimer streets. No questions answered.

A. H. F.

That morning as a soft stillness blended itself into the darkness of the night, Gilpin's donkey stood at his master's gate, fully equipped, asleep. When the family awoke they made the discovery. He had strayed home. The children were rejoiced, and the largest boy tied the clothing up into a neat bundle and brought it to the Tribune office. Mr. Fitch caught his hand into his pocket and after fumbling through a quantity of coin he always carries pulled out a five dollar gold piece and calmly gave it to the boy.

RUINS IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Evidence that the Country Was Once Inhabited by a Civilized People.

Some way south of the Zambesi river there is a large region, extending nearly 400 miles inland, and 300 to 400 miles toward the south, in which ruins are constantly being discovered, proving that far from being a desert, it was once inhabited by a civilized people. To-day only the rudest black tribes inhabit this land, save in a few places, where the Portuguese have established stations. The ruins are of a nature that are seen among massive ruins, betokening a degree of architectural skill which rivals that of the ancient Aztecs. Our knowledge of the ancient world is far from perfect. Our earliest records of travel and trade on the East African coast, extending back to the beginning of the christian era, do not mention them. The coast town of Sofala is shown on all maps of East Africa. Near that town Carl March found extensive ruins remarkable for their enduring nature and strange shapes. There are partly ruined walls still thirty feet high and twelve feet wide at the base, built of small heavy blocks of granite. Here and there, built in the walls or standing by themselves, are round, stone towers, which evidently rose to heights of thirty to fifty feet.

It is not positively known yet who built these ancient structures. All these ruins are surrounded by surface gold mines. It is believed that all this country was occupied some time before the christian era by a great colony, probably of Phoenician origin; and that its chief occupation was gold mining. Mr. O'Neill says that a large region in inner Africa now given up to savage men and wild beasts was subject many centuries ago to the control of a people who were considerably advanced in the art of civilization.

Johny's Composition on Medicine.

"There is two kinds of medicine besides the kind you Rub On and the first kind is the Soft Kind, which you take with a spoon while a man holds your head and you kick and Riddle some because it tastes so and the other kind is the Hard kind which is called Pills and it is the Hardest of the whole because it is so hard to go down but it does not make any difference which kind you Take when you get it Took you wish you had not for it makes quite a Row in your Stomach and Rites Around." Evidently Johny's experience in medicine does not include Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which are easy to take and do their work quietly and entirely. Neither does it include the way of "Soft Medicine," Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," which though powerful to cure all chronic derangements of the liver and blood, is pleasant to the taste and agreeable in its effects. Unequaled as a remedy for all scrofulous diseases, pimples, blotches, eruptions, ulcers, swelled glands, sores or thick neck, fever-sores and hip-joint disease.

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"DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY" IN CHEAP CLOTHING.

When you can buy Merchant Tailor Made goods for the same money, and get something to fit and wear you, which are mechanically made by artists in the Clothing Trade. The management of the Misfit Parlors, 1119 Farnam Street, has made a business of furnishing Omaha's public with these garments for the past three years, although it was whispered they would not remain longer than a week. They came and claimed they would capture the trade, and from the appearance of things it looks as if they have. Is there any reason why they should not? when they furnish a man

Merchant Tailor-Made Pants

Table with 4 columns: FOR, That was made to order, FOR, That was made to order. Rows list various items and prices.

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And others more expensive, according to quality, consisting of the latest novelties in patterns and cuts, equal to any in workmanship. With the above will be found, in any weight, heavy, medium or light weights for

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from the Empress Catharine, the great, a princely sum for it. How to travel in safety with the stone, the theft of which had of course been discovered and proclaimed, became a grave consideration. It was two weeks, and no mode of concealment presented itself to Shafraz that seemed secure from discovery.

The way in which he solved the problem was remarkable. He made a deep incision in the fleshy part of his left leg, in which he inserted the stone, closing the wound carefully by sewing it up with silver thread. When the wound healed the Armenian merchant set out on his travels quite boldly, and although more than once apprehended rigorously searched, and even tortured a little, he was obtuse, and firmly denied having the stone in his possession. Having at length reached his destination he asked from the empress the sum of \$200,000 for the gem, an amount which Catharine was unable to raise at the moment.

We next find the Armenian at Amsterdam with the intention of having his diamond cut. Here the stone was seen by a French Jew, who determined to purchase it for presentation to his royal mistress, the Empress Catharine. The sum ultimately paid for the famous gem was about \$550,000. Reports with an authority of \$2,500 and a patent of nobility. Shafraz flourished exceedingly and died a millionaire.

Such, in brief, is the story of the Orloff diamond.

A Good Thing Come to Stay.

America is a great country for discoveries and inventions. Thousands upon thousands of new things come to light every year; thousands upon thousands of them disappear never to be seen and heard of no more. Some of the best inventions, however, are those that are genuine and meet a long felt want. Such a thing is ALCOCK'S PAIN EXPELLER, which after a fair trial of twenty-five years is conceded to be the best external remedy known by both the medical fraternity and the general public. In a quarter of a century it has never failed in doing all that was claimed for it. ALCOCK'S PAIN EXPELLER has reached the place they now occupy because they have been proved to be good, safe, sure and speedy in doing their work. Ask your druggist for ALCOCK'S and be sure to accept no other.

Famous Earthquakes.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Place, Persons Killed. Lists major earthquakes and casualties.

Previous Killed.

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An Epidemic of Measles. ALLIANCE CITY, Pa., March 1.—An epidemic of measles is raging in the Ridge avenue asylum. Fifty children are ill with the disease. Some half-dozen or more deaths have occurred within the past two weeks, and the physicians and attendants are apprehensive of the safety of other inmates, the large number of children in the home being 300.

WANTED, RAW FURS!

At the highest market price. Send for price current to the Old Reliable Furriers and Fur Merchants, A. E. BURKHARDT & CO., 113 West Fourth and 115 and 114 Baker Street, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Advertisement for Baking Powder, featuring an image of a tin and text: 'Baking Powder, Most Perfect Made'.

Advertisement for Dr. Otterbourg, featuring an image of a bottle and text: 'DR. OTTERBOURG, Cor. 13th and Dodge Sts., Omaha, Neb.'.

Advertisement for Varicocele, featuring an image of a bottle and text: 'VARICOCELE, Wormy Veins of the Scrotum, Offer the most perfect cure of Last Month's Debility'.

Advertisement for Pennyroyal Pills, featuring an image of a bottle and text: 'PENNYROYAL PILLS, CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH'.

Advertisement for Artificial Limbs, featuring an image of a hand and text: 'ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, This limb ison the latest improved plan'.

Advertisement for Type Writers, featuring an image of a typewriter and text: 'TYPE WRITERS, new and improved'.

Advertisement for Rupture Cured, featuring an image of a person and text: 'RUPTURE CURED, No matter how long standing'.

Advertisement for Live Stock Auctioneer, featuring an image of a horse and text: 'Live Stock Auctioneer, Sales made in all parts of the U. S.'.

Advertisement for Farm Loans and Insurance, featuring an image of a barn and text: 'Farm Loans and Insurance, Correspondence in regard to loans solicited'.

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Advertisement for National Hotel, featuring an image of a building and text: 'National Hotel, And get a good dinner for 25c'.

Advertisement for Nebraska National Bank, featuring an image of a building and text: 'Nebraska National Bank, OMAHA, NEBRASKA'.

Advertisement for The Iron Bank, featuring an image of a building and text: 'THE IRON BANK, Cor. 12th and Farnam Sts.'.

Advertisement for N. W. Harris & Co., featuring an image of a building and text: 'N. W. HARRIS & CO., BANKERS, CHICAGO'.

Advertisement for Maverick National Bank, featuring an image of a building and text: 'Maverick National Bank, BOSTON, MASS.'.

Advertisement for Free Trial, featuring an image of a bottle and text: 'FREE TRIAL, NERVITA specially made'.

Advertisement for Lincoln Business Directory, featuring an image of a book and text: 'LINCOLN BUSINESS DIRECTORY, J. H. W. HAWKINS, Architect'.

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