

STATE INSURANCE BUSINESS

Extracts From the Auditor's Statement Showing the Amount Transacted.

TWO MORE DIVORCE CASES FILED

The Jury Still Out in the Duffey Forgery Case--Work Progressing on the City Directory--Capital City News.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

The auditor of state has published in tabular form the total insurance business of the state during the year 1886 as compiled from the reports of the different companies filed in his office. This report shows that eighty nine direct fire insurance companies transacted business in the state during that year and the totals of business transacted show the risks written amounted to \$69,305,335.71; the total cash received in premiums amounted to \$1,192,267.87; the losses incurred amounted to \$415,893.46, and the losses paid by the different companies footed up \$699,549.70. The showing as a whole demonstrates the fact that the different insurance companies in the land found Nebraska a very fruitful, prolific and profitable field for work during the year 1886. Under the present tax laws in the state it is very little difficult for any company to make a showing sufficient to secure authority for transacting business in Nebraska, and this report in itself is largely an answer to why such a prolific lobby of insurance men hang around during the session of the legislature to see to it that no new laws affecting insurance business are enacted. The Nebraska companies wrote over \$15,000,000 in the year in risks and their losses were comparatively very light, showing that the home companies more than hold their own in active competition.

MORE DIVORCES.

Two new cases for divorce have been filed in the district court, that commence a new list of cases of this character for a future term of court to consider. The first of these cases is Morris vs. Morris, Minnie Morris asking a divorce from her husband James, on the ground of repeated desertion. The second case is against her in any manner. The petition recites that they were married in York; that thirty days after marriage she was deserted by her husband, who came to Lincoln, where she followed him, and he emigrated to Omaha and still she pursued him, afterward retiring to Lincoln, where she has since resided. The respondent husband is a barber, and she asserts she is unable to support herself. Mrs. Jennie Shellabarger sues for divorce from her husband, Samuel Shellabarger, on the grounds of brutal and abusive treatment, by reason of which she is in constant bodily harm. The plaintiff recites that she was married at Pretty Prairie, O., and has always conducted herself as a faithful, honorable wife; that her husband on the 19th of April, 1886, procured another person to make indecent proposals to her during his absence; that these indecent proposals were made that he might have grounds for divorce and that afterward he has abused her with abusive, obscene and scurrilous language. The plaintiff further recites that they have two children, the custody of whom she prays for, and that the defendant may be made to contribute toward the support of them and this case.

PREPARING FOR EXTENSIVE WORK.

John Fitzgerald, who is one of the principal owners in the West Lincoln town site and the Nebraska brick yards company, it is stated has recently added \$3,000 worth of new machinery for the brick yards at that place, and it is the purpose of the proprietors of these yards to put them on a footing to manufacture and sell in quantities never reached before. This new machinery will place the yards in which Mr. Fitzgerald is interested second to none in the state in capacity, and they are enabled, if necessary, to manufacture brick enough to supply the entire demand in the city for building purposes.

LONG CONSIDERATION.

The jury in the case of J. H. Duffey, tried for forgery, were out 3 p. m. yesterday, having been in the jury room from that hour the day before. Duffey is charged with being an assistant and partner with the ex-mayor dealer, Hinman, in the forgery of notes upon which cash was realized before the work was discovered. Hinman is now serving a sentence in the penitentiary and the trial of Duffey was postponed given as an excuse on their part by the judge in Lancaster county, but who, upon investigation, proved to be fictitious persons. The trial of the case occupied Wednesday, and the jury was discharged.

THE NEW DIRECTORY.

The gentlemen who are compiling the new city directory report an excellent patronage in their canvass and they promise a fine book. The directory has finished the city the past summer. From the canvass thus far taken of names the compilers estimate that the city will show an increase of 5,000 or 7,000 in the past year. The population of the city at that time denoted a population of 29,000, and an increase on the basis as estimated would show for Lincoln a population of 34,000 at the present time. There are many who believe these figures too small.

ABOUT THE CITY.

Work has been resumed by the sewer contractor and the long and difficult piece of work on Seventh street, between the Burlington & Missouri depot, has been completed. This difficult job was occasioned by the constant filling of the trench with water and the entire line of work in that vicinity had to be curbed in its construction. The district court was engaged a large part of the day yesterday in trying what might be termed a watermelon case, it being an appeal from a justice court of six months ago when vendors of this fruit from the country would, together with their patrons, block the highways and walk in the central part of the city. President Engan has called upon all Irish-Americans and the different leagues in the state to render practical assistance to the present struggle in Ireland to meet the evictions set in motion there. Mr. Engan, of the state league, is preparing to take active steps at once that the territory in his jurisdiction be not backward in their good work of relief.

The real estate transfers yesterday

tipped the beam at \$130,000 and two-thirds of the transfers were secured by parties who are purchasing for homes. This character of investments is the best possible index of permanency in purchases. The Capitol hotel is helping out real estate men by dividing one of its Eleventh street rooms into desk room for agents and the same are taken with the greatest avidity. The hotel people have also fenced off a corner in the rotunda of the house where Major N. G. Franklin will open out the real estate business. The grounds cleared for the new brick four-story and basement block that will be erected next to the Windsor hotel on Eleventh street. The boom in hand-some blocks seems to be on Eleventh street and vicinity, and this is but one of a number that will be built upon that thoroughfare the coming season.

The talk of a new opera house is again

revived and it is understood that with proper encouragement some capitalists

who intend building will so arrange their plans as to make one of the most handsome and commodious temples of amusement in the city. St. Patrick's day passed off with no public demonstration in the capital city and business of every kind, without recognition of Ireland's great day. An alarm of fire called out the department Tuesday evening, but the incipient blaze was quickly put out before any headway was made. Damage nothing.

Lost--"I don't see where, I can't tell when, I don't see how--something of great value to me, and for the return of which I shall be truly thankful, viz., a good appetite. Health and strength, pure blood, an appetite like that of a wolf, regular digestion, all by taking that popular and peculiar medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla. I want everybody to try it this season, if they will, at drug stores. One hundred doses one dollar.

Recalling a Finnish Crime.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 11.--To the Editor of the Bee:--In the Bee of March 6, I noticed a sketch of the cause of the hanging of Bridget Durgin, some twenty years ago, under the head of "Barbarity of Hanging," which I wish to correct. Bridget Durgin, a large, raw-boned Irish girl, was in the employ of Dr. Wallace Corriell, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was a very kind, sweet tempered man, that believed in doing to others as he would be done by, and stated that worshipped his wife above all earthly accumulations. As a consequence he was very kind to the girl, Bridget, whom he had successfully nursed through a long sickness, just previous to her crime. Being called away from home one night with a promise to be back soon, he kissed his wife good-bye, for the last time. She, supposing he would return soon, was quietly resting on a sofa (being an invalid), when Bridget struck her with a chair, and upon her arising hit her and upon her arising stabbed her repeatedly. She then forced her into bed, when she stabbed her eighteen different times, then put her on the bed and set the bed on fire; then took Dr. Corriell's only child, a baby, and went to the neighbors and told them that some men were there killing Mrs. Corriell. This was at first believed, but an investigation soon proved that Bridget Durgin was the murderer. The doctor on his return was almost frantic with grief, and it was some days that he would lose his reason. He repeatedly stated that a thousand of hangings were not a sufficient punishment for the murders. He never fully recovered to the day of his death, and he died of his grief. Before hanging, however, Bridget made a confession, in which she stated that the doctor had been so good to her that she thought that if his wife was out of the way he would marry her. As for his being criminally associated with Bridget Durgin, it is false. No purer or better man ever lived than Dr. Wallace Corriell. He was a man that looked to God first and home and family next. He was born and brought up side by side with my father, of whom he was a cousin, his wife also being a cousin to me, and being very intimate with them at the time of the tragedy, I know whereof I speak. ED. L. RUNYON.

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PRESIDENT POLK'S BROTHER.

A Military Officer Who Performed His Duty by Proxy.

Washington Post:--Here were many peculiar characters in the Mexican war, said General Vele, the other day, while strolling through the lobby of the house during recess. "I remember Major William H. Polk was one of them. You recollect that at that time his brother was the president of the United States, and he himself had been sent as minister to Naples, and had resigned to come home and enter the service against Mexico. He was a jocular fellow, full of humor and anecdotes. He used to say: 'The reason my brother sent me as minister to Naples was because so many of the other ministers who had been sent there came back with disease of the spine, induced by their efforts to rival the politeness of the king. I hadn't been there sixty days before I put the king to bed with a broken back.' When Major Polk arrived at his headquarters in Mexico he knew nothing whatever of military matters. He was ordered to take command of a regiment of which he was adjutant, before doing so he got a friend to write out all the orders he would have to give. When he appeared upon the scene he called out to the orderly to send the adjutant to him. 'Here are my orders,' said Polk, handing the orders over to the orderly. 'They were published accordingly.' 'The next day Major Polk was ordered to form a squadron. He said to me: 'My spur is off; I wish to put it on. Give me the order to put the squadron in motion.' I did so. 'Continue to give orders, sir!' shouted the major. The next day he began to read up on military tactics. He read the first page and took a drink. Then he read the second page and took another drink. Finally he threw down the book and exclaimed: 'Adjutant Vele, I don't know a d--d thing about it. My brother is president of the United States. You stay by me and tell me what to do, and I'll see that you get quick promotion.' 'It is needless to add that I stuck to the brother of the president.'

Sickness comes uninvited, and strong

men and women are forced to employ means to restore their health and strength. The most successful of these are remedies for weakness, the origin of all disease, is Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier.

Editor Burke's Estate.

Washington Herald:--Major E. A. Burke, of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, has just been given an estate in Honduras that will make him one of the largest landed proprietors in the world. It is 130 miles long, and as nearly as can be determined, 100 miles wide. In this enormous area is included a famous gold-bearing district that two centuries ago was one of the richest known to the Spanish crown. This splendid gift is not only exempt from taxation but from all duties, export or import, upon anything its proprietor may wish to bring into the country, and all persons employed or residing upon it are exempt from military duty, and these exceptions, like the grant, are perpetual. Burke certainly is in great luck. He will take possession of his new principality at once, and proceed to develop it. In gold, fine tropical woods and fruits its capacities are simply illimitable.

Rapid Cabling.

An instance of rapid telegraph and cable service is reported in the San Francisco Chronicle. On Tuesday at 2 p. m. the operator at San Francisco received a cable message for Yokohama, Japan, and on the next day at 2 p. m. just twenty-four hours later, he had the reply. The message of course went to New York, thence to London and by the Suez cable to China and Japan.

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COLORADO LAND LEASES.

Nebraska Parties Who are Engaged in Quince Speculation.

AKRON, Col., March 9.--[Correspondence of the Bee.]--The Nebraska law gives the holder of a school lease not to exceed 840 acres, the absolute right to hold the same for twenty-five years upon payment of 5 per cent interest on the appraised value. The appraisement is made every five years. The holder of the lease has the further privilege of having the land appraised for purchase at any time, and buying the same at the appraised value, not less than \$7 per acre, paying one-tenth down, and the balance at the end of twenty years at 6 per cent interest. The eastern part of Colorado is geographically but a continuation of the plains of western Kansas and Nebraska, and the Nebraska settlers taking up lands in Colorado do not realize that Colorado, having been thus far a mining, stock and irrigation state, has very different laws from Nebraska, especially as regards roads, new counties, school laws, etc.

The Colorado law concerning school

lands is in substance as follows: ARTICLE IV. 2175 Section 1. The state board of land commissioners may, from time to time, direct the sale of lands, belonging to the state and not otherwise directed to be disposed of, at public auction, in such parcels as they shall deem most for the interest of the state, but not more than 40,000 acres shall be sold at any one auction, and each lot of 100 acres shall be separately exposed to sale. Not more than 100 acres shall be sold to any one person, except as provided in section 22 of this article. Section 2. Provides for sales to colonies, or to ditch companies with reservation to the state of every alternate half section. 2195 Section 24. The state board of land commissioners shall have the power to lease the school and university lands of the state at a rate not less than 10 per annum, payable in advance, on the appraised value, and shall require of the lessee such a bond as shall secure the state from loss when such lands are sold. 2198 Sec. 24. Whenever ten householders of any organized school district in which the land is situated shall petition the state board of land commissioners to be appraised by three disinterested householders, each lease subdivision being appraised separately at its real value. 2199 Sec. 25. The county clerk shall immediately file the said appraisement and appraisement in his office. All school lands known as sections 22 and 23 shall be exposed to sale to the highest bidder at the county seat in the county where such lands are situated. The board of land commissioners shall direct the county school superintendent to sell such lands and give notice of such sale as provided in this act. 2177 Sec. 3. The amount of purchase money at the time of sale shall in no case be less than 20 per cent of the whole purchase money. 2179 Sec. 5. Within forty-eight hours after each sale the purchaser shall pay to state treasurer the first payment and execute a penal obligation for the payment of the balance in seven equal annual payments with interest at the rate of 7 per cent. A band of speculators from Lincoln, York and other Nebraska points leased large tracts of Colorado school lands about August, 1885, and banking on the fact that the Nebraska farmers have sold and traded their worthless worthless leases, which cost an average of \$32 a section, for sums varying from \$400 to \$1,000 per section. The speculation is a pure swindle, and the purchasers have in no case got their money back. The lease must be accompanied by a bond, approved and accepted by the state authorities. The assignee of the lease in many cases must execute a new bond, as the original lessee carefully erases the clause which continues his liability. The happy purchaser has obtained what? The privilege of paying 10 per cent annually on the appraised value of the land for five years. At the end of that time any one procuring the proper petition can call for an appraisement and sale of the land, and at such sale the holder of the lease has no prior rights or privileges whatever, except that of receiving compensation for his improvements, and breaking the land is not considered a valuable improvement in the original state of Colorado. The lessee has paid a bonus of \$400 to \$1,000 for his lease, has been put under heavy bonds, has paid \$32 a year for five years, and at the end of that time he is compelled to pay thirty per cent cash of eight to twelve dollars an acre or forfeit all that he has already paid, his rival bidders being able to afford in overbidding him the full amount that he has already sunk in his bonus and interest. It is almost incredible that dupes could be found to buy under these circumstances, but nevertheless the Lincoln and York firms have succeeded in disposing of nearly all their leases.

Grand Island Notes.

GRAND ISLAND, March 17.--[Correspondence of the Bee.]--Work has been commenced on the Williams & Kerr block. The contract was made with Kelly & Co. to erect the same for \$18,700. This is exclusive of foundation and heating. Parties have been negotiating for the site of the Schupp's mills, with a view to rebuilding the same the present season. If they conclude to build it the same size as the old mill it will be a \$73,000 plant. We are informed Mr. Schupp will be engaged to manage them. Prices in real estate are advancing and many of the finer locations in the immediate vicinity of the city are being taken at prices largely in advance of last year. A business lot on Second street was sold the last of the week for \$4,500. As this is not the principal street it indicates that efforts will be made to draw some business from the main thoroughfare of the town. Sixty brothers are excavating for a two-story brick butcher shop on Fourth street near Brogden's grocery store on the north side. The D. W. Archer canning factory will commence operations in the near future, and the erection of a very large brick building for their business that is to be an exact duplicate of their Council Bluffs works. The site of the soldier's home has not yet been determined upon but it has simmered down to one of three locations. The committee will go to Lincoln to-day to confer with the state commissioners.

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