THE QUESTION OF HOME RULE

Mayor Sawyer Writes a Characteristic Letter on the Subject.

MEETING OF THE IRISH LEAGUE.

A Beet Sugar Factory—Negotiations For the Manufacture of the Saccharine Product in Lincoln—Capital City News.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

The regular meeting of the Lincoln branch of the Irish National league was held in Fitzgerald hall on Sunday last. In the absence of the president and vice president Mr. J. J. Butler was called to the chair. The chairman then announced that he had received a letter from Mayor Sawyer, who was appointed speaker of the day, regretting his inability to attend. It was as follows:

To the President of the Lincoln Branch of the Irish National League of America. Dear Sir:—I am reminded that I am expected to deliver an address before the meeting of the League to-morrow on the subject of home rule in Ireland. My attention for the last week has been so engrossed with the subject of home rule for America, and particularly for Lincoln, that I have had little or no time to devote to the foreign subject. Charity of course should begin at home, and after this perplexing question, which is now full upon us, shall have been settled, it will then give me pleasure to address the League upon the proposition of the right of Irishmen to govern Ireland. Just at the present time we are in the predicament of a certain "pater familias" when a stranger knocked at the door of his dwelling. There was a great commotion and a mighty rumpus going on within, the clash of broomsticks and the rattle of rolling-pins combined with a heavier artillery of shovel and poker, reminded the stranger that all was not serene around that hearthstone. He knocked; he paused, when presently the door swung open and there appeared a personage wearing a countenance more in anger than in sorrow. To the inquiry of the stranger if the person he addressed was the head of the house, the reply was quickly returned that a difference of opinion had arisen in that household upon that very question and that they were then engaged in the settlement of the same, and if he would call some other time he might render him an answer definite and certain. The question with us is, who is the head of this municipal household. I am getting ready to go to jail in order to give the supreme court of the United States a chance to decide this question. Should it turn out that the mayor and city council cannot be permitted to investigate charges preferred against a city official when the charter under which they are acting, makes it their duty so to do without rendering themselves liable for contempt of court, then it is high time that we know the reason why, and if they have not, why not? Sincerely regretting my inability to attend on the morrow, and firmly trusting that the day is not far distant when all peoples will share the blessings of home rule, and assuring you of my earnest sympathy for the cause. I remain, dear sir, very respectfully yours, A. J. SAWYER.

The letter was received with great applause. Mr. James Farrell in an able and eloquent speech moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, We have learned with unfeigned regret of the death of John J. Breslin, of New York, whose intrepidity and heroism as the rescuer of James Stephens from Richmond prison, and of the six Fenian prisoners from the penal dungeons of western Australia will ever live in the hearts and memory of his fellow countrymen.

Resolved, That we, the Lincoln branch of the Irish National league of America, deeply mourn and deplore the loss of our illustrious fellow-countryman.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family and brothers of the deceased in their hour of deep affliction and commend them for consolation to Him who does all for the best.

Resolved, That these resolutions be inserted in the records of this branch and published in the various newspapers.

Mr. William O'Shea seconded the resolutions, which were carried unanimously. Judge Hilton then delivered a brief address on the success of the home rule cause among the English people. Mr. Corcoran spoke on the present aspect of the Irish cause, in his usual brilliant manner. Mr. Thomas Berry moved that the thanks of the branch be accorded the ladies for their untiring zeal in making the O'Connor-Esmonde reception a grand success. Mr. Corcoran sang, "Oh, Native Music," after which the meeting adjourned to Sunday, December 11.

A BEET SUGAR FACTORY.

Parties have been in the city for several days past negotiating for the establishment of a beet sugar plant in Lincoln that is to represent an outlay of $500,000. The gentleman representing the plant speaks in glowing terms of the works as a paying project, and they ask of the city a bonus of 3,200 acres of land in close proximity to the city, the parties holding that it is impossible to depend on the farmers for getting the supplies necessary and that the company will have to raise much of the product themselves. It is stated that Mr. Fitzgerald has offered to donate the grounds for the works if they are located here.

RECORDING BONDS.

The following bonds have been approved and recorded in the office of the auditor of state during the past two weeks: Ainsworth precinct, Brown county court house bonds, amount $10,000, twenty years, 7 per cent interest payable annually; City of Superior, Nuckolls county, $13,000 in aid of Pacific railroad in Nebraska, twenty years, 7 per cent, payable semi-annually; Beaver precinct, Nuckolls county, $17,000 in aid of Pacific railroad in Nebraska, twenty years, 7 per cent, semi-annual interest payments; Fairbury City bonds, in favor of the Kansas City & Omaha railroad, amount $10,000, twenty year bonds, interest 6 per cent, payable annually; Madison precinct, Fillmore county, in aid of Kansas City & Omaha railroad, $5,000, twenty years, 6 per cent; Fairmount precinct, Fillmore county, in aid of the Kansas City & Omaha railroad, $30,000, twenty years, 6 per cent; Olive precinct, Saline county, in aid of the Kansas City & Omaha railroad, $13,000, twenty years, 6 per cent; City of David City, water bonds, $22,000, twenty years, optional after five years, 5 per cent interest; Olive township, Butler county, in aid of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, $6,000, twenty years, 6 per cent per annum; Read township, Butler county, in aid of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, $10,000, twenty years, 6 per cent; Bone Creek township, Butler county, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, $10,000, twenty years, 6 per cent per annum; Union township, Butler county, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, $6,000, twenty years, 6 per cent per annum; Oak Creek township, Butler county, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, $6,000, twenty years, 6 per cent per annum. The following precinct and city bonds in aid of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, running twenty years and bearing 6 per cent interest, have been approved from York county: Baker township, $10,000; Stewart township, $10,000; New York township, $10,000; Thayer township, $5,000; Brown township, $6,000; City of York, $13,000; Henderson township, $5,000; City of Hastings bonds in aid of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad $60,000, twenty years, optional after five years, bearing 6 per cent per annum. Harvard precinct, Clay county, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad bonds $25,000, twenty years, at 6 per cent per annum. Lincoln precinct, Clay county, for the same road, the same bonds in amount $7,000. The following bonds from Seward county in aid of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, running twenty years at 6 per cent, were also approved and registered: City of Seward, $15,000; G township, $10,000; L township, $5,000; B township, $10,000; M township, $10,000. From Fillmore county like bonds for the same road were approved as follows: Madison precinct, $5,000; Geneva precinct, $15,000; Exeter precinct, $20,000. David City, Butler county, closes the list with $7,000 bonds in aid of the same road, running a like time at the same per cent. These are bonds that have been presented since the completion of the line to Hastings and cover largely the bonds voted in aid of the Northwestern line when it invaded the South Platte territory west of the city of Lincoln.

BONDS VOTED.

The state has been actively engaged the past nine months in voting bonds. The bonds being county, precinct and city and for various purposes. The secretary of state has just compiled the amount in dollars of bonds entered of record in his office for the first of January, 1887, to date and finds the following result:

Refunding bonds	$ 225,500
Bridge bonds	19,500
Railroad bonds	435,000
School bonds	298,883
Water bonds	102,500
Court house bonds	257,000
Grand total	$1,318,383

NEW NOTARIES.

The following notaries public were commissioned yesterday by the governor: Jesse E. Rothrock, Crab Orchard, Johnson county; George W. Bemis, Sutton, Clay county; B. B. Tollees, Grafton, Fillmore county; Joseph W. Edgerton, South Omaha; George G. Hill, Beatrice; Charles B. Anderson, DeWitt, Saline county; Israel H. Jordan, Wallace, Lincoln county; John P. Love, DuBoise, Pawnee county; Charles W. Woodward, Arapahoe, Furnas county; Albert D. Ranney, Blue Hill, Webster county; J. A. Hospodisky, Omaha; George D. Brown, Cozad, Dawson county; John A. Bramsey, Curtis, Frontier county; E. E. Lyle, Wahoo; Frank Beer, Mingo, Cheyenne county; O. P. Hubbard, Broken Bow; W. W. Barney, Kearney; W. T. Sawyer, Lincoln; Thomas H. Cornell, Kearney.

BRIEF ITEMS.

The state convention of the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor will meet at the First Congregational church this city, commencing to-day, and continuing over Wednesday. It is expected that fully one hundred delegates will be in attendance.

Yesterday a workman in the new Burr block was overcome with gas from burning charcoal and when found, respiration, to all outward appearances, had ceased. Dr. King was called, and by vigorous work the man was restored to consciousness, but he will feel the effects for a number of days.

A half dozen cases of minor importance were in the police court yesterday. One of them, a woman of the town named Belle Livingston, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was sent to jail for twenty days.

There remains yet about two blocks on which to lay the blocks in the paving, the concrete being completed before the cold weather came. Yesterday the delayed cedar posts arrived and the blocks will be in place the present week.

The political prohibitionists still hold Sunday meetings in which abuse flows freely, even pastors of churches in the city, who do not believe in their methods, coming in for generous attention when the speakers become particularly inflamed and abusive. Dr. Marine, the new pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist church, seems to be the particular target of the Sunday politicians at present, and their decreased vote on election day shows how their mode of warfare is appreciated by reasonable people.

IN JAIL.

Lincoln's Mayor and City Council Behind the Bars.

Mayor Sawyer, of Lincoln, together with the eleven councilmen convicted of contempt in the United States district court last week, arrived in the city yesterday morning. The whole party were in the best of humor, and were but little disposed to look upon the serious side of the cause. To them the jail had no unpleasant connections, and they seemed to look upon the incarceration as a piece of martyrdom that would have its silver lining and bright side in the sweet bye and bye. Attired in their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and glossy high hats, the great combination footed it from the Burlington depot to the office of Marshal Bierbower, where they delivered themselves over to his tender mercies. Their attorney, Hon. G. M. Lamberton, was on hand to receive the delegation, whom he advised not to be in a hurry to seek their confinement, as their bonds did not expire until 12 o'clock midnight. The mulcted municipal powers heeded the advice given them, and made a break for the outside to regale themselves with the pure and wholesome air of Omaha and its etceteas. Every man of the twelve took advantage of their few remaining hours of freedom and enjoyed themselves in various ways.

In the meantime Marshal Bierbower busied himself preparatory to turning over the twelve men to Jailer Miller. The latter was appraised by telephone of the intended visit of the twelve, and was requested to make it as comfortable for them as the rules and regulations of the jail would permit. Between 2 and 3 o'clock Mayor Sawyer and the eleven councilmen had a consultation at the Millard, and it was there and then decided that Mr. Lambertson should leave for Washington at once, lay the matter before the United States supreme court and procure a habeas corpus. Then the whole party filed out, joined the martial and marched to the jail, each man carrying in his hands well filled satchels of clean linen and other changes of wearing apparel. They had come prepared, evidently, with the expectation of a long siege, and an apparent knowledge of the slowness with which a great body like the supreme court of the United States moves.

During the interim Jailer Miller had not been idle, and when the distinguished party arrived he had things about the residence part of the jail pretty well "rid up" and received his guests with his wonted affability. No dismal cells greeted them; the creaking on their hinges of the repulsive grated doors did not pierce their ears, nor did the click of the lock jar on their nerves. If they had gone to a hotel they could have not been treated with a better reception, and the whole party was escorted to the second story of the living apartments of the jail. Two large rooms, beautifully and comfortably furnished, were assigned them, and they at once set about making themselves acquainted with their new home. The rooms are nicely located, and are furnished with a view to comfort.

Last night a BEE reporter called upon the councilmen and found them in the midst of merry-making. Jailer Miller and a deputy sheriff or two were with them, and while a great deal of hilarity prevailed it was of that inoffensive kind and in no way contrary to the set and established rules of the jail. Mayor Sawyer contented himself perusing the contents of the BEE, and two or three other of the gentlemen pored over the pictures and contributions of magazines. However, the majority whiled away their hours of confinement playing cards, checkers and other innocent and agreeable pastimes. Story telling and the cracking of jokes entered into the entertainment, and a happier and more contented lot it would be hard to find. The prisoners are not confined to prison fare, but are permitted to order and have cooked for them anything that may best suit their appetites. However, they are compelled to abide by the rules of the jail in reference to the hours of going to bed. Woven spring cots, good mattresses, sheets and comforters ordered for their special benefit is what they sleep upon, and these are distributed in different wards on the second floor. The prisoners are these: Mayor Sawyer, L. W. Billingsby, Gran Ensign, L. C. Pace, H. H. Dean, J. Z. Briscoe, J. M. Burks, F. A. Hovey, John Fraas, J. H. Dailey, R. B. Graham, W. J. Cooper and N. C. Burk.

A COAL FAMINE.

Not Enough Soft Coal in the City to Last a Week.

Yesterday the freight on coal between Chicago and this city was raised from $3.22 to $3.50 per ton. This is the highest charge that has been made for the transportation of this necessary article in many years, and will have an appreciable effect upon the price of coal. At present, anthracite coal, which is the only coal that is brought here from Chicago, is selling for $11.50 per ton, which is a dollar higher than it was a year ago. This raise in the price is attributed to the freight rate, as also to a scarcity of the fuel, which, it is stated by local coal dealers exists. There are fifteen of these in the city, who tell generally about the same tale, and those of them who make a specialty of soft coals, claim that there is not now in this city enough of that grade to last one week. The coal department of the Union Pacific which supplies the greatest amount of soft coal is now three weeks behind in its orders, and is not in a condition to state when its supply will be able to satisfy the demand. With this condition of affairs, the more prudent of the coal dealers are suggesting prudence to the consumers who call to leave orders.

General Crook has returned from a trip to the headquarters of the Cheyenne and Powder rivers.

GUILTY COUNCILMEN.

Are They Responsible for the Sale of Liquor on Election Day?

"I see," said a saloonkeeper yesterday, to a BEE reporter, "that one man has already been fined $100 for selling liquor on election day. He was a drug clerk, however, and of course had no right to sell it as a beverage at any time. But, if he was fined for selling on election day, how can the saloonkeepers, whose cases are yet to be heard, for selling drinks on the same day, hope to escape similar punishment? And yet, I know that some of these men, after the mayor had issued his order to the chief of police to enforce the law with regard to selling liquors on that day, would not have violated it had it not been for the resolution of the council, which suggested that they pay no attention to the order. Of course, that resolution does not destroy the offense committed. The saloon men knew they were violating the law and that law should have governed them in their act. But, if they should plead by way of extenuation that they ought to be absolved from the penalty of breaking the law when the city council openly encouraged the same, does it not occur to you that the gravity of the offense should be lessened. Don't you think the councilmen who voted to adopt that resolution should be charged as accessories and punished? The council was actuated by a motive of revenge upon the mayor, but that revenge must now be atoned by innocent men who will probably be required to pay a fine of $100. Will any of these councilmen help to pay these fines? Not one. I lost $100 by not selling on election day and if my better judgement had not told me that the council was setting the law, in defiance, I too, perhaps, would be charged with the offense of violating it, because personal interests strongly tempted me to sell as on other days."

CITY ATTORNEY'S DECISION.

Mr. Webster's Opinion on the License Question.

City Attorney John L. Webster has furnished Mayor Broatch with the following decision regarding the license question:

HON. W. J. BROATCH, Mayor, Omaha.—Dear Sir: Replying to your favor inquiring my opinion as to the right of the city treasurer to receive a fractional part of the $1,000 in payment of the annual license for the sale of liquor and as to the right of persons to engage in the selling of liquors without first having paid the full amount of the license fee and having procured a license therefor, I have the honor to report, that section 2 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska of 1866, page 415, makes it a criminal offence for any person to sell or give away malt, spirituous or vinous liquors or any intoxicating drinks without having first complied with the provisions of that act and having obtained a license as in that act set forth. Under the law no license can be obtained until the full amount of the license fee shall have been paid, and which in cities of over ten thousand population can not be less than $1,000. No person is therefore entitled to a license until the annual fees shall have been paid in full. Until such sum is paid and license issued it is a criminal offense to engage in the sale of liquors.

My conclusions are, therefore, first, that no person can lawfully engage in the selling of liquor until he has first obtained a license therefor; second, there is no authority to issue the license required until the $1,000 shall first have been paid as a license fee; third, any ordinance of the city of Omaha which permits or provides that persons may engage in the selling of liquor without having first paid the license fee and having obtained the license provided by law, is in violation of the state law and beyond the authority vested in the city council and therefore such ordinance is illegal; fourth, all persons who have paid into the city treasury a portion of the sum of money provided for as a license fee and have thereupon proceeded to engage in the business of selling liquor without having paid the full amount of the license fee and without having obtained the license by law required, are guilty of a violation of the state law and are subject to its penalties. JOHN L. WEBSTER, City Attorney.

Two More Ice Houses.

The icemen in this city have not yet commenced to cut their supply for next summer, the reason being that the channel of the river is still not frozen. Last year the cutting did not begin until about Christmas. There are now as there were then eight dealers in the commodity in the city who garnered a crop of about 75,000 tons. These with the quantity cut by brewers and packers increased the total to nearly 200,000 tons. The largest amount of ice was stored by Hammond, who cut 40,000 tons which he used in his immense packing establishment. His house is situated on the west shore of Cut-Off lake, where, this year will also be erected two large houses of equal capacity by Swift and Armour for the accommodation of their big establishments. The price of ice last season ranged from $4 to $10 per ton, and it is not thought that it will be any higher next summer.

MORTUARY MATTERS.

M'CUNE.

Mrs. Sarah A. McCune, wife of H. A. McCune, died at 3 o'clock Sunday at her late residence, 2060 Cuming street. Mrs. McCune had resided in this city since 1855 having lived in the house in which she died since 1864. The deceased, with her husband, kept the old Douglas for a number of years, commencing in 1861, which still existed on Harney street until several years ago. Mrs. McCune was the mother of Mrs. James Porterfield, formerly of Council Bluffs, and Miss Viola Coffin. The remains will be interred this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Pickpocket Weir Held.

A. E. Weir, the pickpocket who relieved M. O'Berg of his gold watch last Saturday afternoon while that gentleman was standing in front of his bar talking, had a hearing before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon and was put under $1,200 bonds to appear before the district court. Being unable to give bond, he was taken to the county jail.

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Last week we have convinced thousands of customers that they never bought overcoats so cheap as we offered them. This week we will show how low good suits can be sold. Suits that were made by one of the best houses in the country. This is the greatest opportunity men of moderate means ever had to procure good first class garments at about one half the real value. We cannot describe them all, but we mention a few of the larger lots and which are especially big bargains:

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$9.75 This lot contains about 250 plain, double and twist, and silk mixed cassimeres, some fine cheviots, elegantly made and trimmed, every one worth $15.00, and that is the price which other dealers would ask for them. Our slaughter price is $9.75.

$13.50 Nearly 400 fine tailor made Suits, the choicest of the great purchase; cassimeres, beautiful fancy worsteds and diagonals. The material is the product of some of the best mills in the country, and some imported. These suits were manufactured for the finest city trade, and have been made up to sell at retail for from $18 to $25. Our slaughter price is $13.50.

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