"BONNIES" AND BLACK EYES.

Lulu, Like Sam, Seems to Have a Capacity for Whisky.

THE STEVENSON ASSAULT CASE.

The Whisky Trust Sighs For the Willow Springs Distillery—Put Off the Dummy—Other City News.

Sam's Crime.

Interest in the Stevenson trial continues unabated and the district court room has been packed with curious spectators since the opening day. At 5:20 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the state rested its case. The court then ordered the defense to call their witnesses. The first one was Dick Hill, keeper of a road house near the lake. He testified that when Stevenson brought Miss Espey to his house that she got out, came in and drank between eight and ten glasses of whisky; that she played on the piano and sang songs. The cross-examination brought out the disreputable character of the place. Hill was then asked what he knew of Miss Espey's reputation for chastity. This brought forth a sharp passage at arms between the attorneys. The state held that no one but the accused could testify as to the girl's purity. Before the arguments were concluded court adjourned.

In the morning such testimony was ruled out as that the defense offered to prove by Hill.

The first witness was James McGuire, bartender at Hill's road house. He swore that the first time Stevenson and Miss Espey drove up that he was on the porch. That Stevenson got out and with him entered the bar room. Stevenson ordered whiskey and sent him out to "see what Lulu would take." She replied, "the same as Sammie." He brought her out some whiskey and she drank it. Then she asked him for a pencil and paper. She wrote something and directed him to "give it to Dick." Stevenson came out and the two drove off toward town. In a half hour they came back accompanied by Dick Hill. They got out, went in the parlor and she sat down at the piano and played while the men sang. During the three-quarters of an hour there she drank between six and eight whiskies. She and Stevenson then got in the buggy and drove off. Prior to going she borrowed a large rubber coat of Hill.

The witness then went to his supper "down the road a piece." He could hear Sam and the lady down the alley singing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." They were gone about twenty minutes when they returned. Meantime he had got back to Hill's place. He heard some singing and knew it was them coming back. They both got out, went into a bedroom and remained three quarters of an hour. She drank two more whiskies. Then they went away. He noticed that Miss Espey's left eye was blacked.

The cross examination completely knocked the witness out of time, as the pugilists says. They got him to admit that he knew it was Stevenson and Miss Espey singing, by Stevenson's voice, and then tangled him up so that he swore he didn't know Stevenson's voice and didn't know who was singing at all.

William Webb, of the Omaha fire department, testified that Stevenson's general reputation was that of a law-abiding citizen. On cross-examination he admitted that that was his own personal opinion. He considered prize-fighters and pugilists law-abing men because he was fond of the sport himself.

A number of other witnesses were called to establish Stevenson's good reputation, but each witness could only speak of his own opinion.

Stevenson was then placed on the stand in his own behalf. He gave his evidence with the bravado of a tough. His testimony was unimportant until he came to the point where the couple reached the open field. They had been quarreling, he stated, the quarrel being brought on by her jealousy of other girls, whom she accused him of waiting on. He denied it, and she called him a liar and struck him with her fist. She also abused him and after they reached the field and got out, she threw dirt in his face. He struck her and shoved her and she fell, striking her face against the buggy wheel. Then they made up. At this point Stevenson astonished the court, jury and attorneys by declaring that she then voluntarily allowed him to do what he chose.

This evidence created a profound sensation and in the murmur of astonishment it was plain to be seen that nearly every one present considered that Stevenson had convicted himself. His next statement made his conviction seem the surer. He said that this was the only time they had ever been guilty of criminal intimacy.

On cross examination Stevenson got greatly rattled and contradicted himself several times.

Miss Espey, on her own request, was recalled by the state to correct misstatements in her evidence published in the newspapers. She denied having kissed Stevenson after the assault, emphasizing this declaration in tragic tones: "I could not kiss him, my mouth and lips were so swelled." The witness said she had never been in Higgins' wine room with Al. Sapp or anybody else.

William J. Kingsberry and Mr. Campbell, of the Republican book bindery where Miss Espey was once employed, John Litenberg, a clerk in the Union Pacific railroad offices, and Mr. Rose testified to Miss Espey's excellent character for chastity and honesty.

Mrs. Anderson was recalled and testified that Miss Espey was not under the influence of liquor when she returned home on that memorable night. Furthermore Miss Espey did not play a tune on the piano for the reason that she cannot play. The witness was positive that Miss Espey was at home the Saturday night previous to the assault. She stayed home, as she had a boil on her arm.

Mrs. Flatts was recalled and said that Miss Espey was not intoxicated when she came home on the night in question. Mrs. Anderson has no piano in her house.

At 4 o'clock the taking of evidence was declared closed and the judge adjourned court until 9 o'clock this morning, when the case will be presented to the jury.

BUYING OUT ILER.

The Whisky Trust Endeavoring to Control Omaha's Production.

There has been a great deal said in the papers about a number of so-called trusts which, during the last year, have sprung into existence, but comparatively little has been published about what is known as the "whisky trust." In the amount of money invested, though not in the essential nature of the commodity sought to be controlled, this combination equals that of any of the other trusts which have been organized in this country for the monopolization of grain steel, iron, coal or oil. In fact the "whisky trust" is the outgrowth of some of these, and, like its predecessors, has been established with the sole view of controlling the manufacture of corn juice, and then in turn dictating the prices at which this luxury must be sold. It is a bold and gigantic undertaking and has been attempted simply because of the failure of the first move made by whisky distillers to so control their business as to make as much money as they thought they required out of it. This failure resulted from what is known as the whisky pool. The pool was a combination of distillers who sought to limit the production of whisky by paying a certain number of distillers to close up their distilleries, thus throwing the making of the rosy into the hands of a few, comparatively speaking, the production of whose houses was more in keeping with the consumption of the beverage in the country. But the pool was a failure. It worked well and poorly at intermittent intervals. Men who to-day aided in pulling along the gigantic vehicle to-morrow would jump the traces. Paying distillers to close up their places was uncertain and expensive business, and one of the men to realize this was P. E. Iler of this city, who was compelled to pay thousands annually for the closing up of three or four distilleries in this section of the country. As a consequence the pool was abandoned and up sprang the "whisky trust," which aims to-day to close down every distillery in the United States except such as the "trust" decides shall run, not by merely paying the proprietors of the "stills" a price to temporarily cease distilling but to buy the plant outright. The "trust" has a capitol fariously estimated at from $50,000,000 to $75,000,000, and thus far has succeeded in closing by buying nearly every important distillery in the country. The only "stills" now running are in Peoria where the life of the "trust" exists with one in St. Louis, another in Cincinnati and the third, Iler's in Omaha. These yet remain to be gobbled by the trust, and it is felt that it should not be long before at least Iler's will succumb to the pressure. Agents of the trust came here Tuesday, and yesterday went to the Willow Springs distillery, under the conduct of Peter and Joseph Iler, and remained there until after dinner. These agents were Adolph Woolner and J. B. Greenhut, of Peoria. They examined the machinery, inquired into the capacity and viewed the condition of the place, as the preliminaries of a later and more detailed considerations, with a view to making a purchase of the distillery, with the purposes above outlined. The Willow Springs distillery is a valuable concern, and this fact is realized by the "trust" and it is not likely that it will be sold by its present owners without a liberal price from the "trust." When it and the other two distilleries at Cincinnati and St. Louis are controlled by the whisky trust, no one may tell what price bibulous mortals may have to pay for their dripks.

PUT OFF THE DUMMY.

Why Mr. Albert C. Luke Did Not Pay Twice For a Ride.

On last Monday Albert C. Luke, one of the attaches of the Union Freight company of South Omaha was put off the 10:05 a. m. dummy at Sheely's by Conductor Wilcox under circumstances which demand attention. He had purchased his ticket, and when the conductor came around to collect handed it to him, but that official reached to the inside of the seat to get a ticket from the party who sat with Mr. Luke. Some delay was occasioned by the act, and as the car was crowded, and to avoid both delay and possibility of mistake by being given the wrong ticket in return, Mr. Luke himself detached the coupon from the ticket to South Omaha, and handed the latter to the conductor, which was promptly refused, that party remarking that the ticket was void if detached and showed that that legend was printed on the cardboard itself. Mr. Luke's act was witnessed by Mr. Barnell, of the Howell Lumber company, and Mr. James Elliot, a live stock commission man of South Omaha. They saw that his idea was to save time, and that the conductor had previously seen the ticket intact. The official however, was inexorable and demanded fare of Mr. Luke, or that he leave the car, which he did, walking from the place above mentioned, to South Omaha. Mr. Luke is indignant over his treatment and the arbitrary and unjust manner in which the company makes victims of its patrons.

SPRING LAKE PARK.

The Name of the New Pleasure Resort Near South Omaha.

The South Omaha Land company held its annual meeting yesterday. This coporation was formerly known as the South Omaha Syndicate. There were quite a number of stockholders present, among them being Messrs. Paxton, Iler, B. F. Smith of Boston, Mr. Bosler of Carlisle, Pa., Milton Rogers and Herman Kountze, J. A. McShane who is now in congress, and other stockholders were represented by proxies. The following directors were elected. W. A. Paxton, J. Bosler, P. E. Iler, B. F. Smith, Herman Kountze, J. M. Woolworth, Nels Morris and John A. McShane.

The directors then met and elected the following officers: W. A. Paxton, president; J. Bosler, vice president; P. E. Iler secretary and John A. Creighton, treasurer.

The subject of disposing of the tract of land surounding the lakes in the company's property near South Omaha was introduced. It was decided that the same should be improved according to the plans of Joseph Earnshaw, the landscape engineer of Cincinnati, who has made some very beautiful plans intended for the transformation of the property in question into one of the most beautiful parks west of the Mississippi. The place will be known as Spring Lake park. Its natural beauties were described a few days ago in the BEE. The improvements contemplated comprise succ as any one may see in Central Park in New York, including pavilions, animal house, music stands, boat house, dancing boudoirs, drives, walks, bridges and lakes, the esfimates of the cost of which are $50,000. When these are completed the subject of transferring the same to the city under certain conditions will be discussed, and, in anticipation of this, the council last night adopted a resolution calling for the submission of property for sale for park purposes. Orders have been issued by the offices and the ground will be put into condition to begin the work of improvement the spring.

Other Corporations.

Yesterday there was a meeting of the Union stockyards company, at which John A. McShane was elected president, W. A. Paxton, vice president, and Colonel Sharp, secretary and treasurer.

THE OGALALLA CATTLE CO.

There was a meeting of this well known and powerful company yesterday morning in its rooms over the Omaha Savings bank, at which there was an attendance of a number of its leading members, among them being Messrs. Bosler, Wishard, Naule, Paxton, Joseph Frank of Chicago. The business of the company was transacted with closed doors, and an election of officers would not, it was thought, be reached before 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

W. A. Cahill's Defender.

Mr. J. W. Foster, of the real estate firm of Kraus & Foster, desires the BEE to publish the facts concerning W. A. Cahill, the young man who has been figuring so conspicuously in the police court and daily papers of late. Mr. Foster states that he has known young Cahill all his life and that besides having a wealthy father he has always borne an excellent reputation. Cahill came to Omaha to invest some money in business here but fell in with two men, who attempted to play Cahill for a "sucker" and use him for spending money. They plied the young fellow with liquor until he did not know what he was doing. Mr. Foster states that to his personal knowledge Cahill was never in the state of Maryland and hence the charge of committing a murder in that state, at least, is nonsensical, young Cahill comes from an excellent family and never a word has been uttered against him before. He departed for home last night.

Seidenberg's Figaro, the only 10c cigar for 5c. Ask your dealer for them. Max Meyer & Co., wholesale depot.

Our exhibition of Oriental art goods will commence to-day under the supervision of Sahag Courian, of Constantinople, who is the importer. Don't fail to call and examine this beautiful collection of rare and antique rugs and embroidered work of every variety, before selecting your holiday presents. Remember all articles will be sold at exceedingly low prices.

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To The Public.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of George Preston, who left his home at Springfield, Neb., Dec. 1, will confer a favor by informing J. B. PRESTON, Springfield, Neb.

A Lost Boy.

H. C. Lefler, of Springfield, Neb., was in the city yesterday in search of George Preston the fifteen year old son of J. B. Preston, of Springfield. The boy disappeared some days ago and every effort to secure a clue to his whereabouts has proved futile. The father is very anxious for his boy's return and has offered a liberal reward for any information concerning him.

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Gone to the Colony.

Patrick Ferry, John Coleman and Carsden D. Hamann left last night for the townsite of the Puget Sound Co-operative colony. They were members of the Omaha branch of the colony and will make their future home there. This makes seventeen members who went out from this city.

Continental Clothing House.

The contract for completing our building named September 15 as the time when we could occupy it by unforseen delays we were compelled to postpone our opening until November 19th. We had a stock of $125,000 worth of goods ready on September 15th for this Omaha store; in consequence of this delay, we now find it necessary to dispose of some surplus lots of our **FINEST OVERCOATS AND SUITS AT A GREAT SACRIFICE.** The stock manufactured for this store is the finest ever produced in our factory since we have been in business, and especially so in the highest grade of tailor made Overcoats. We now propose to close out this stock of Overcoats at **LOWER PRICES THAN WERE EVER BEFORE NAMED EITHER EAST OR WEST FOR GOODS OF EQUAL QUALITY AND MERIT.** This is an opportunity of a life time, do not miss it. It was our misfortune to suffer this delay of two months in the completion of our store. It will be your good fortune to purchase some of the finest goods made for it at about one half the early prices this season. Commencing Tuesday, Nov. 29, we shall offer:

Lot. No. 1—100 of the finest Elysian Beaver Overcoats made this season, goods from the famous **Middlesex Mills,** of Lowell, Mass., full indago blue, wool dyed goods that will not fade, lined throughout with the finest quality of Wm. Skinner's satins, the richest and most elegant goods made in this country. These Overcoats were made to sell for **$30** each, and are worth that price to day, but for the reasons above stated, we offer them to close now in regular sizes, from 35 to 44, at the extraordinary low price of **$16 Each.** We believe this to be the most attractive bargain in a fine overcoat ever offered west of New York city. We will send a sample overcoat from this lot by express C. O. D. to any address in the west or north-west with the understanding that it is worth fully **$30**, and to be returned at our expense if your judgment does not correspond with ours. Remember the price, only **$16** now for Overcoat that cost **$30** in September.

Lot No. 2—We offer a bargain of equal importance, being 400 **of the very finest quality London Seal Brown Kersey Overcoats,** (goods made by the famous Worumbo Mills, of Maine, a mill that has no rival in this country in the manufacture of Kersey Overcoatings.) These goods are the new shade of London brown, which is so fashionable with young gentlemen everywhere. They are made with lapped seams, cut single breasted, fly-front, and lined with the same quality of Wm. Skinner's satin throughout, body and sleeves, the best satin made in the world anywhere for service. We have these Overc ats in all sizes, from 33 to 44, and offer them at the same extraordinarily low price as the Middlesex, viz: **$20** We have no better overcoat in our stock at any price. We could not make a better one if you should give us **$30** for it, neither could we use better materials or better trimmings, and we do not believe that these Kersey Overcoats, lined with satin, can be purchased outside of our store for less than **$30** each. We will send a sample garment by express, to be returned at our expense, if you do not consider them worth **$30** each.

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We have also made startling reductions upon many other lots of fine goods in our overcoat stock, in our Men's stock of suits, in our Boys' and Children's department, we are offering very reliable cassimere suits for boys', 4 to 12 years old, at $2.50, $3 and $3.50 per suit. Suits which early this season were sold at an average of 50 per cent more. In our Gent's Furnishing Goods Department, and in our Hat and Cap Department we are offering equally attractive bargains. Send for samples and prices in every department.

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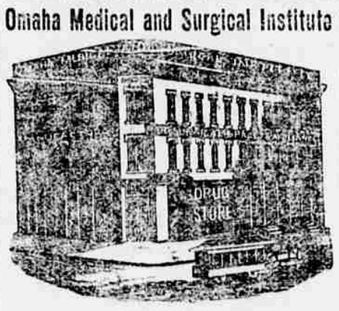

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