

MRS. McNAMARA'S STATEMENT

She Denies the Charges Made Against Her Character.

HER FRIEND WAS NOT A DUDE.

But He Now Lies in the Central Police Station Charged With Vagrancy—The Cause of the Trouble.

That Dashing Widow.

Under the caption of "A Dashing Widow," there appeared in the Bee of January 23, an article concerning the movements of a well-known lady as executrix of her deceased husband's estate by Judge McCulloch, and of her reckless expenditure of money. The article also stated that the widow had contracted large debts and that a number of suits were filed against her. It was further stated that she had been on several junketing tours and had lavished money on a male acquaintance. Previously other daily papers had taken up the case and published the lady's name—Mrs. Nellie McNamara.

A Bee reporter called at the residence of Mrs. McNamara on Douglas street just west of Twentieth street yesterday. His ring was answered by a tidy servant girl, who in response to an inquiry for her mistress replied that Mrs. McNamara was sick in bed.

"Will you kindly announce me as a Bee representative?" asked the reporter.

"The girl disappeared within the house, but I am not at all surprised," said the servant.

"She conducted him to a hand-somely furnished boudoir, and lying in bed was the lady, who was looking very ill. She had another lady engaged in needlework."

"Mrs. McNamara, do you desire to say anything for publication concerning the charges made against you in the daily papers?" asked the reporter.

"I most certainly do. I think I owe it to my children to refute these slanders which were instigated by enemies and which are absolutely untrue."

"What about your being deposed as executrix?"

"Well, when I was ordered by the court to make a report as to the affairs of the estate I was sick with pneumonia and so advised the judge. The next thing I knew was that another administrator had been appointed. This new executor has only power to settle up the indebtedness of the estate."

"What do you estimate the estate of your late husband to be worth?"

"Oh, \$35,000 or \$40,000, I suppose."

"What has been your income since his death?"

"Just \$100 per month, which comes from the rental of two houses."

"What about your reckless extravagance?"

"There is where I have been in error. I have spent a good deal of money and have contracted several debts."

"To what amount?"

"About \$3,000, I suppose."

"Now about your junketing tours?"

"Well I have made but three trips since my husband's death. One was to Chicago, where I went to purchase carpets, etc. The trip cost me but a few dollars and I saved a great deal of money in making my purchases there."

The next trip I took was with my boy, whom I placed in school at Morrison, Col. In July I went to Denver, which is about forty miles from Morrison and remained there about three months and when I returned I brought my boy home. Those are the only three times I have been out of the city of Omaha and each time I was accompanied by one or more of my children."

"What about the statement that you lavished money on a western dude?"

"Western dude indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. McNamara. "Better say cowboy and it would be much nearer the truth. I have known gentlemen in Chicago and afterwards in Denver. Instead of my giving him money he in several occasions loaned me various sums and when I started for home he loaned me money to purchase my tickets which I returned to him. He is now in Omaha."

Mrs. McNamara further stated that it was simply her wish to place herself right before the public and that her character was above reproach.

All of her troubles were caused by relatives of her husband. It may be stated incidentally that the reporter's call upon her was at her solicitation, as she wished to have some kind of a statement made.

"The Cowboy" Arrested.

The man who darted from the lobby of the Millard hotel and through the barber shop into Douglas street, and headed for the alley in the rear of the building, was overhauled by Officer Cullen, about dusk last evening and marched to the central police station, gave his name as William Heagle, and his age twenty-seven years to the jailer in charge. This was an unnecessary formality, as his name was on a warrant previously issued by Police Judge Berkla and on the strength of which the arrest was made. By Cullen's charge was that of vagrancy, but in dress and appearance Heagle looked more the gentleman of ease and wealth than a vagrant.

His stylish and well-kept attire was topped off with a glossy plug hat of the latest style, and he sported a handsome gold watch and chain and had \$27.25 in currency in his pocket. Heagle's arrest was a complete surprise to him, but after he was confined in a cell and given a chance to collect himself, he concluded that he was being made a victim of malice and persecution, at the bottom of which, as he alleged to a Bee reporter, was P. R. Sullivan, the father of Mrs. Nellie McNamara, the wealthy widow who has been the source of so much newspaper notoriety of late.

Heagle is the young man whom Mrs. McNamara, in the interview with a Bee reporter, jokingly referred to as a cowboy, as an offset to the charge recently made in "The Western Dude," he has resided for a number of years in Denver, Col., where he held an important and lucrative position with the Northern Pacific brokerage firm, but since November last has been in Omaha, during which time he has remained out of active employment and associated with men about town. When Heagle first arrived in Omaha he put up at the Paxton, but of late has been taking his meals at restaurants and rooming with a private family on Eighth street. Since his stay here he has been in a great deal in the company of Mrs. McNamara, whose acquaintances he formed on the cars while traveling west. He is now meeting ripened into a friendship that excited Mrs. McNamara's father's enmity, and he has publicly charged that Heagle was the man who was carrying on the "Cowboy" and the "Western Dude" without reserve pronouncements as false, maintaining that Heagle has sufficient resources of his own. He is a wealthy mother, and Argensinger, the famous glove maker at Johnston, N. Y., is his uncle.

After a short conversation with Heagle in his cell, a Bee reporter, at his request, went to the residence of Mrs. McNamara to inform her of her arrest. The lady, who is confined to her bed from illness, consented to another interview with the newspaper messenger, who delicately imparted to her the fact that William was in a dungeon dark and dreary.

"Yes, so I've heard," was the reply, coupled with the query, "I presume the poor fellow must feel awfully bad, and does he cry?"

To this last question the reporter afforded the cheering intelligence that William was holding up bravely, and had not wept in his presence.

"My father," continued Mrs. McNamara, "has been here and told me of Mr. Heagle's arrest. Father decries having made the complaint, but he does say that he was at the bottom of it. He seems to think that Heagle has an influence over me in my indiscretions as to the management of my dead husband's estate, but in this he is greatly mistaken. I admit I have been a little indiscreet in the matter of spending money, but it was as much money as my husband's, for I worked hard from 5 o'clock in the morning until 12 at night day in and year out to earn it. Father is vexed at me because I did not trust the estate in his hands, but I know him to be incapable and did not do so."

Returning to Heagle's arrest, she decried it in unmeasured terms, and with considerable firmness declared that she was a man with money in his pockets, surrounded by respectable and wealthy family ties, come to Omaha with the intention of going into

business, and walk the streets without being arrested as a vagrant."

After hearing Mrs. McNamara express her sorrow for Mr. Heagle's uncomfortable plight, the reporter took his leave.

Ed Perry, the local representative for a hide and leather firm of Chicago, is a friend of Heagle's, and he promises to fight the arrest to the bitter end.

MOVING THE GAS WORKS.

A New House and Holder to be Built by the Omaha Gas Company.

A Bee reporter called on Frank Murphy, president of the Omaha Gas manufacturing company, to ascertain what he thought about the resolution of Councilman Lee, with regard to obviating a gas famine.

Mr. Lee's views, published in the Bee, were to the effect that as the works, as now situated, have been held too near the city and that an accident to the one would be likely to cause the explosion of the other, and thus leave the city in darkness. He favored, therefore, the erection of another holder distant from the works.

Mr. Murphy smiled as he was told of Mr. Lee's solicitude, and said that the company needed no forcing on the part of the council to look after its own interests, not that they felt that there was anything unusual to be feared from the causes given by Mr. Lee. Even if the holder were isolated an accident might occur to it, but it could not explode. Its contents would burn and that would be all. With regard to the lack of gas which would ensue upon such an accident the company had anticipated Mr. Lee's "mainly because in our business," said Mr. Murphy, "in a growing town like Omaha we must look ahead from two to five years. Our present holder is not large enough, or rather will not be large enough for our business two years from now. We intend to build another holder as soon as we can, and the new one will have double the capacity of the present one."

"There will you build it?"

"It will be west of Sixteenth street and toward the tracks. We are looking for a large tract of land and will eventually build our new works upon the site. The ground on which the old works were built while valuable is not large enough, and might be advantageously used for other purposes. Yes, we will leave our present holder as it is, and it could be supplied with gas just as well from a distant house as from the present works."

THEY WENT TO THE JUDGE.

Nora Flannery Hastily Married in the County Court.

Catholic circles are in a flurry of excitement over the conduct of one of their most prominent young ladies in marrying the choice of her heart outside of the church.

The young lady is Miss Nora Flannery, aged twenty years, who yesterday went before Judge Shields and was formally united in the bonds of matrimony with Walter G. Webb, a promising young physician who lives in Washington territory. The pair had been contemplating marriage for the past few years, contrary to the wishes of the parents of the bride, who are of the old school of the city.

They were married at 2 o'clock, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Connor, who officiated at the altar. Bishop O'Connor was next appealed to, but he, too, was as firm in his opposition as the priest, and as a last resort the pair called on Judge Shields, who uttered the magic words that made them as one, Lew Reed and G. F. Morearty being the witnesses. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Webb took the train for Washington territory where they will reside in the future.

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ASSESSING THE CITY.

A New Plan for the Equalization of Taxes.

The Bee, a few days ago, published an interview with Chairman Balcombe, of the board of public works, in which was a suggestion that the total valuation of Omaha at \$10,000,000 was too low, especially when Minneapolis in 1884, then a town about the size of Omaha at the present time, had a valuation of \$14,000,000.

A remedy this, and at the same time to obviate the paying of a proportionate increase in the tax into the state treasury, he favored legislation to give a separate assessor to the city, whose assessment should be near the state board of equalization, and upon which taxes could be levied for the purposes of improvement. This would give the city ample money, and, in his opinion, do away with the necessity of overlaps or the desire to expend more than the circumstances of the city allowed.

Yesterday afternoon a reporter for this paper met Commissioner Keefe and asked what his opinion was concerning the separate assessment plan. He said it did not strike him favorably.

"I would not have two assessments in the county one of which would be greater than the other, because when the commissioners went before the state board of equalization they would be told that the smaller assessment was not right and that the county was attempting to evade the responsibility of tax upon its valuation."

"What I would favor, though," said Mr. Keefe, "is one assessor for every county, who would assess the property at its full value. Then I would have the law amended so as to increase the value of the city, giving one member for every district judge in the state and allowing the judges of the district courts to assess the property in the county of which they would be judges of the same. The assessors would then be men who knew of the value of the property in their vicinity. In that way the assessment would be more equal, even through the state. Now, for instance in Auditor Babcock's county, mules were assessed at \$50 and \$75, in Saunders county they were assessed at \$25 and \$35. This was a great difference. Now, the state board of equalization could not equalize this assessment to an average of \$50 throughout the state. It was compelled to leave this disparity go and base its levy upon the total return of the assessed valuation. If the system I speak of were introduced, competent men were selected from every judicial district, such glaring inaccuracies and discrepancies would not take place."

OMAHA, Jan. 21, 1888.—A meeting of the ministers of the city was held in the study of the First Presbyterian church this afternoon for prayer and conference. There were twenty-one ministers present, representing all the different denominations. A spirit of perfect unity was manifest. A discussion on how to better carry on the christian work of this city took place, and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution for an organization of the ministers. They agreed to meet next Tuesday at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 2 o'clock.

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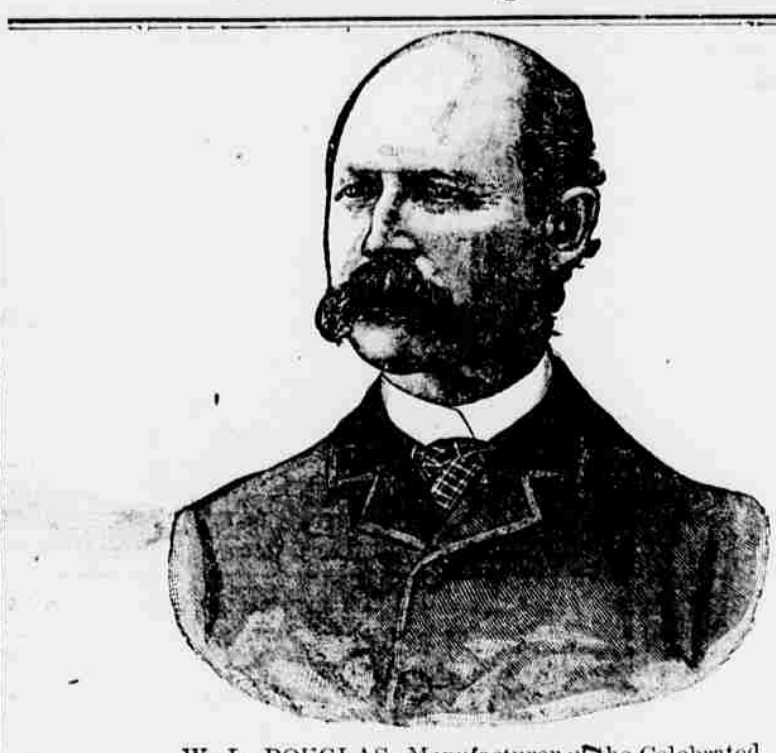
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