#### MRS. M'NAMARA'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 25, an article concerning the removal of a certain well known lady as executrix of her deceased husband's estate by Judge McCuiloch, 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 ac quaintance. 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 re-plied that Mrs. McNamara was sick in bed. "Will you kindly announce me as a Ben

representative?' asked the reporter.

The girl disappeared within the house, bu soon returned and invited the visitor to ster upstairs. She conducted him to a hand-somely furnished boudoir, and lying in bed was the lady sought. At the window was was the lady sought. At the window was seated 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?"

trix!"
"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

"Just \$100 per month, which comes from the rental of two houses."
"What about your reckless extravagance? "There is where I have been indiscreet. 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 but a few 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

layished money on a western dude!"
"Western dude indeed!" exclaimed Mrs McNamara. "Better say cowboy and it would be much nearer the truth. I met a gentlemen in Chicago and afterwards in Denver. Instead of my giving him money he n several occasions loaned me various sums and when I started for home he loaned m money to purchase my tickets which I re turned since. 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 brought on by relatives of her husband. It may be stated incidentally that the reporter's call upon her olicitation, 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 Patsy Fallon's place, where he was overhauled by his pursuer, Officer Cullen, about dusk last evening and marched to the central police station, gave his name as William Heagle, and his age twentyseven years to the jailer in charge. This was an unnecessary formality, as his name was embossed on a warrant previously issued by Police Judge Berka, and ou the strength of which the arrest was made by Cullen. The 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 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 young widow who has been the source of so much newspaper notoriety of late. notoriety of late. Heagle is the young man whom Mrs. Mc-

Namara, in the interview with a Ber re-porter, jokingly referred to as a cowboy, as an offset to the Ber reference to him as "a western dude." he has resided for a number of years in Denver, Col., where he held an important and lucritive position with the Neff-Prentiss brokerage firm, but since No-vember last has been in Omsha, during which time he has remained out of active em-ployment and associated with men about town. When Heagle first arrived in Omsha he put up at the Paxton, but of late has been taking his meals at restaurants and rooming with a private family on Eighteenth street. Since his stay here he has been a great deal in the company of Mrs. McNa-mara, whose acquaintance he formed on the cars whole traveling from Chicago. That meeting ripened into a friendship that excited Mrs. McNamara's father's enmity, and he has publicly charged that Heagie was the man who was encouraging her in her extravagant expenditures and jeapordizing the estate left by her dead husband. These charges Mrs. McNamara emphatically and without reserve pronounces as false, maintaining that Heagle has sufficient resources of his own. He has a wealthy mother, and Argensinger, the famous glove maker at Johnstown, N. Y., is his uncle.

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After a short conversation with Heagle in his cell, a Bre reporter, at his request, went to the residence of Mrs. McNamara to inform her of his 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

To this last question the reporter afforded the cheering intelligence that William was helding 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 denies 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 indiscrete in the matter of spending money, but it was as much mine 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 incareable and did not do so !"

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Returning to Hoagle's arrest, she demounced it in unmeasured terms, and with considerable fire and emotion asked: "Can't 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 Heavel. 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 the resolution of Councilman Lee, with re-

company, to ascertain what he thought about gard 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 the gas-holder too near them, 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

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 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, "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 receiver 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 secure a site, which will have double the capacity of the present

Where will you build it?" "It will be west of Sixteenth street and to-ward the tracks. We are looking for a large tract of land and will eventually build our new works upon the site. The ground or which the old works are built while valuable which the old works are built while valuable is not large enough, and might be advantage-ously used for other purposes. Yes, we will leave one of our receivers down there. 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 excite ment 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 Q. 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 old and wealthy resi-dents of Omaha. Nora, who is the only daughter, was the flower of the household, and two or three days ago Webb arrived in the city and proposed immediate consumma-tion of the bonds. To this an objection was set up by Mr. and Mrs. Flannery, and to their protestations Nora turned a deaf ear. She waited on Father McCarthy of St. Philomena's Cathedral and asked him to marry her. He positively refused, notifying the young lady that the rules of the church demanded a two weeks proclamation from the altar. Bishop O'Connor was next appealed to, but he too, was as firm in his oppo-sition as the priest, and as a last resort the pair called on Judge Shields, who uttered he magic words that made them as one, Lew Reed and G. F. Morearty being the witnes ses. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Webb took the train for Washington territory where they will reside in the

#### JUVENILE THIEVES.

They Make a Nocturnal Raid on Dago Alley

Four dirty, villainous looking little hoodums, ranging from twelve to fourteen years of age, were arrested yesterday charged with burglarizing the candy and variety store f Jacob Newman in Dago alley. The kids were very venturesome in their operations, literally smashing in the window glass in Newman's front door, and at an hour when the legendary alley was alive with its habit-ues. They then reached in and from a convenient shelf extracted a tray of painted taffy and a half caddle of acorn tobacco. The theft was discovered about 12 o'clock and the police acquainted with the affair. Captain Green took the case in hand at once, Captain Green took the case in hand at once, and on being informed that these boys had been lurking about rewman's place all evening, he proceeded to arrest them at once. Their names were Joe McDonald, and Jim, Joe and James Collins, and the whole quartette were found at the residence of John Collins, the father of Jim and Joe, living near the corner of Fifteenth and Marcy streets. Here also the keen nose of the officer scented out the half caddie of tobacco, and while en route to the station with his invenile prisoners they told him that they juvenile prisoners they told him that they had secreted the tray of circus taffy under the board walk on Eleventh street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth. This, too, was recovered and brought into the station. The boys were sent up to the district court as candidates for the reform school.

#### THAT OVERLAP.

Mayor Broatch Says That it is Over Nine Thousand Dollars.

Mayor Broatch was seen yesterday by a Bug reporter and asked for the showing which he had promised as regards the overlap in the fire department fund. His answer was that the actual overlap on outstanding indebtedness of the fire department which will have to be made out of the levy of 1888 is \$9,041.30, to which there may be some slight

The New Danish Hall.

The contracts for all the work on the hall of the Danish association, Eighteenth and Harney streets, have been let except for the carpenter work and that will be let in a few days by Mendelssohn, Lawrie & Fisher. The days by Mendelssohn, Lawrie & Fisher. The foundation has already been laid and the work on the superstructure will be commenced as soon as the spring opens. The building will be 68x103 of St. Louis pressed brick. The structure will consist of four stories, the first being devoted to store purposes, the next meeting rooms and the third and fourth to an elegant hall which will be used for densing and hall, which will be used for dancing and theatrical purposes. The hall will a beauti-ful structure, a valuable acquisition to that part of the city and a credit to the Danish as-

The Police Force. At Sigwart, one of the jailors at the central station, on the recommendation of Chief Seavey, has been promoted to a sergeancy by the board of police commissioners. He is to assume the duties of his new position to day The appointment, while it occasions some comment, gives very general satisfac-tion. To-day, too, the newly appointed policemen will be mustered, which strengthens the force to the extent of fifty-five men, including the chief. The captains are Cor-mick and Green, and the sergeants Moysten, Matza, Hayes and Sigwart.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Warrick, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sprague, a girl.

DIED. NORTEM-Johanna Kerstine Nortem, January 30, aged 20 years, 2 months and 21 days.

The funeral will take place February 1 at 2 p. m. from her late residence, on the corner of Thirty - second and Gold streets. Eriends are invited.

ROSE-In this city, January 31, Joseph W., son of Joseph N. and Minnie M. Rose, aged 7 years and 4 months. Funeral from their residence 2114 California street, Wednesday, February 1, at 2 p. m.

Interment in Prospect Hill cemetery. HOWARD—In Crawford, Neb., January 23, 1888, Carlos H. Howard, late hospital steward, U. S. army, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., aged 46 years and 11 months, ASSESSING THE CITY.

A New Plan for the Equalization of Taxes. The Ber, 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 \$16,000,000 was too low, especially when Minneapolis in 1884, then a town about the size of Omaha at the present time, had a valuation of \$74,000,000. 10 remedy this, and at the same time to obviate the paying of a propor tionate increase in the tax into the state treasury, he favored legislation to give a sen arate assessor to the city, whose assessment should be near the true value of the property, 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 th circumstances of the city allowed.

Yesterday afternoon a reporter for the paper met. Commissioner O'Keefe and asked what his opinion was concerning the separate
assessment plan. He said it did not
strike him favorably. It would
fiver do to have two assessments
in the county one of which would be greater than the other, because when the commis-sioners went before the state board of equal ization they would be told that the smalle assessment was not right and that the count was attempting to evade the responsibility of tax upon its valuation.
"What I would favor, though," said Mr.

O'Keeffe, "is one assessor for every county who would assess the property at its full val-uation. Then I would have the law amended so as to increase the state board of equaliza-tion, giving one member for every district judge in the state and allowing the judges of judge in the state and allowing the judges of the different districts to appoint the members of the same. The appointees would then be men who knew of the value of the prop-erty in their vicinity. In that way the assessment would be more even through the state. Now, for instance in Auditor Babcock's county, mules were assessed at \$50 and \$75. in Sanders were assessed at \$50 and \$75; in Saunders county they were valued at \$25 and \$35. This was a great difference. Now, the state board of equalization could not equalize this assessment to an average of \$40 throughout the state. It was compelled to leave this dis parity 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 discrep ancies 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 earry on the enristian work of this city took place, and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution for an organization of the city. They adjourned to meet next Tuesday at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 2 o'clock.

Turned Burglar While Drunk. Night before last a steamfitter named P. J. Stadelman, and a Capitol avenue cyprian, went out on a spree together, when the two run out of money. Wishing to replenish his exchequer Stadelman conceived the idea of breaking into J. Dahn's saloon on Ninth street and tapping the till. Accordingly an glass in the rear of the saloon, and not only was the money drawer robbed, but a num-ber of cigars, eighrettes and bottles of whisky were taken. Last evening Stadelman was captured by Officer Bloom and put behind the bars.

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at 1415 Farnam st., Omaha. Not an Ingrate.

To the Editor of the BEE: An article in your local columns of Friday last did injustice a young man whom I know to be neither a hard nor an unfaithful son. Mr. Tom Seward is and has been for years trying to make an honorable home of reasonable peace and fourteen long patient years that mother has cared for him without the stay and help she should have had. He shields and protects her now. That is the history and the facts briefly told. If the veil is lifted no higher to reveal a heart and a life history of wrong and wrotenedness it is because that history belongs to an estimable family who prefer to keep it in the silence of their own hearts and Tom Seward is not an ingrate nor al. John Williams.

Bucking the Midnight Law. Henry Hornberger, the Douglas street saloon keep, was arrested yesterday on a charge of having sold liquor on the morning of the 29th between the hours of 12 and 4. His trial has been set for Wednesday after-



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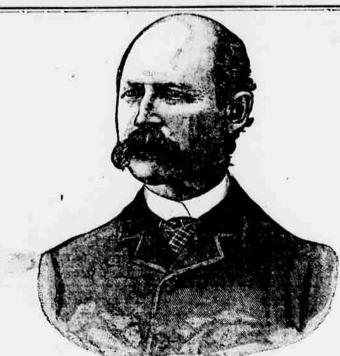
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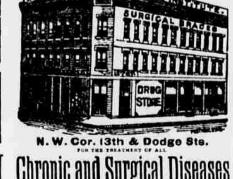


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used but we do not stop here. Aside from economy Independent Gas possesses other advantages which go far toward making it the popular illuminant. In the first place its name bears a point

to be considered. Individual or individuality—each consumer in having a separate and entirely distinct plant, consisting of reservoir and meter, thus avoids the necessity of any connection whatever with street mains or pipes, as well as a saving of expense. Coal gas, as those using it well know, is

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over the gas fixture, or perhaps caused by a smoking hanging lamp. It is a little thing to be sure, but how annoying to a careful housekeeper. Individual Gas gives a pure, clean, soft, and as white a light as could be desired, and is perfectly odorless. The feeling against the regulation meter has led us to desire a simple, yet accurate indicator, which any child can thoroughly understand, thus reducing that prejudice which has taken such root. We read daily of deaths caused by suffocation from escaping gas, or the careless use of kerosene, and it comes home to us. Why not avoid such horrors! No matter what amount of care is exercised, accidents will

chances of anything of the kind that we subject to your inspection, our gas. The positive shut off on all gas burners is necessary to extinguish the light properly, but let the light be extinguished by other means, blowing or going out on account of a temporary insufficient supply, and what is the consequence-suffocation, or perchance explosion—and the question naturally arises, how is it with Individual

occur, and it is to lessen or remove all

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THE PALMER LAKE WATER AND ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO., W. FINLEY THOMPSON, PRESHEEN, OPERA H.C. P. BLOCK, DENVER, CO., May 20, 187.

W. R. Rathvon, General Manager Economic Light Co., Denver, Col.—Dear Sir: After a careful comparison of your new system of illumination, with gas and electricity, I am convinced that it is all that is claimed for it, and I have decided to have you send your men down to pipe my house at Palmer Lake, immediately. I have determined upon your light, not alone for its brilliancy, its economy, or the ease with which it can be put into houses already built, but for all these reasons combined. I am largely interested in electricity, but for my personal ase. I prefer your light to any other. Yours very truly, W. FINLEY THOMPSON.

LAW OFFICE OF MARKHAM & DILLON, and DENOVER, Col., Aug. II, 1887. W. R. Rathvon, General Manager Economic Light Company, Denver—Dear Sir; The new light, recently plt in operation in simy house, No. 1648 Glenarm street, by your company, is giving us great satisfaction and delight. It is the admiration of all beholders. It makes no smoke, gives out no bad oder, is always ready for operation, requires no filling, no cleaning, no wick, and is easily managed. It is more powerful and more brilliant than gas, and burning, as it does, a pure white flame, is not trying to the eyes, and in my judgment is far superior to any electric light known. It is not only the best but the most economical light of which I have any knowledge. Respectfully yours.

PALMER LAKE, Col., Aug. 12, 1887.
W. R. Rathyon, General Manager Economic Light Co., Denver - Dear Sir: The thirty lights which you have put in the railroad eating house at this point have been working very satisfactorily and attract a great deal of attention from he traveling public.

My rooms are fully as light at midnight as at My rooms are runy as ment at manigure as an moon and for economy, brilliancy and convenience, the light is far shead of gas, or any other means of illumination I have ever tried. Yours truly,

G. G. RUSSELL.

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tion from us. Any such request will receive due immediate attention, and we feel sure of grand results, as no better system of illumination has yet been produced. We are also prepared to furnish estimates, explain thoroughly the working of the light, and give practicat illustrations, as well as show the comments of those who are using it to-day. Call and see us at 307 South Sixteenth street.

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL GAS CO.

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