

## HAD A PASSION FOR PANTS.

A Thieving Clothing Store Fiend Corralled at DeWitt.

## HASTINGS' COUNCIL IN A ROW.

The City Fathers Refuse to Confirm the Mayor's Appointments—Commitment Exercises at the Institute for the Blind.

## A Wholesale Trouser Thief.

DE Witt, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Yesterday afternoon, when the train arrived from the south, there alighted a sleek looking young man, about twenty-eight years of age, light complexion and weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds, carrying in his hand a small satchel on which was a bundle strapped containing three or four pairs of pants. Over his shoulder he carried an overcoat loosely. He at once proceeded to offer the contents of his bundle for sale at prices much below the wholesale cost of such articles. Pants worth \$6 to \$8 he sold for \$1.50. His plan was to dispose of his goods to anybody and everybody who would buy them at the lowest price. At the clothing stores he visited he claimed he wanted to buy pants, and at the store of G. A. Hunt he succeeded in getting a \$0 pair under his overcoat while the clerk's back was turned. In short time the garment was missed and steps were at once taken to find the thief. The police traced him to the possession of a saloonkeeper, who had paid the stranger seventy-five cents and a bottle of whisky for them. Mr. Hunt had him arrested at once for petit larceny, and at his trial to-day he gave his name as John Kelly, of St. Louis, who claimed he was a traveling man. The justice thought the statement a little "washy," and as he could not give a satisfactory account of the transaction, he fined him \$19 and costs and ten days in the county jail. The bundle he brought with him no doubt he had stolen from merchants along the line.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN CONFLICT.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 1.—[Special to the Bee.]—The new mayor and city council of Hastings have come to a dead-lock on the appointment of a street commissioner for the ensuing year. The council wants to retain in office Burton, the present incumbent, while Mayor Yocom insists upon having a change. At a special meeting last night a number of new appointments for various offices were confirmed, and William Breed for street commissioner rejected. The mayor thereupon declared that under the provisions of the charter he would accept Burton's time had expired, and during the interim caused by the neglect and delay in choosing a successor, he would take it upon himself to appoint William Breed to exercise the duties of the office. This gives an interesting phase to the situation and the question or solution now is: Can this be?

## Fruit Not Injured.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 1.—[Special to the Bee.]—The recent storm in this region was unprecedented at this season of the year for the extreme cold that prevailed during the time. The tender young sprouts of trees and shrubbery were enveloped in a thick coating of ice. This was at first regarded as a death blow to all blossoming fruit, especially to early plums, currants and gooseberries. The mild weather and agreeable change yesterday to warm and pleasant weather has afforded opportunity to examine the fruit blossoms, and form an estimate of the probable damage incurred. It is asserted by experienced and well-informed persons that there is no cause for serious alarm. Apples are not far enough advanced to be injured, and the damage to other fruits will be nominal.

## LINCOLN'S BOARD OF TRADE.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The Lincoln board of trade and freight bureau held its annual meeting to-night. The reports of the officers show the most flattering results for the year's work. The newly elected officers are: President, J. C. McBride; vice president, A. S. Raymond; treasurer, Lewis Meyer; secretary, L. E. Utz. A board of directors, consisting of thirteen prominent citizens, was also selected. The freight bureau organized for the year with I. M. Raymond president and John E. Utz secretary.

## TWO BLIND GRADUATES.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The commencement exercises of the institute for the blind were held to-day in the handsome new building. An interesting programme was carried out, Governor Thayer being present and presiding. The diplomas, State Secretary Lawver was present. The two blind graduates, Levi Corvall of Brookings and Charles Duchsler of Omaha, the institute has at present thirty-eight blind pupils—twenty-four girls and fourteen boys.

## THE FLYER BREAKS DOWN.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Engines 134 on train No. 2, the "flyer," broke down at Holdrege to-day, making the train three hours late here. Train is pulling off on all B. & M. lines out of here. The indications are that a failure to observe a slow order on the part of the acting engineer may have been the cause of the great Alma wreck.

## ORGANIZED A DIVISION.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A division of the uniform rank Knights of Pythias was instituted in this city this evening. A large delegation of Knights from Omaha participated in the exercises. A grand ball and banquet was held in the opera house in honor of the occasion.

## FLOURISHING BUILDING SOCIETY.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The annual meeting of the building association was held this evening. The following officers were elected for the year: N. T. Taylor, president; J. E. Murdoch, vice president; H. H. Hochberg, secretary; Gus G. Becker, treasurer. The annual statement shows the association to be in a flourishing condition.

## AGENT COBURN EXPLAINS.

MC COON, Neb., April 29.—To the Editor of the Bee: Your Washington correspondent of the 13th of March represents the acting commissioner of the general land office as stating that I had been removed from my position as special agent, for the reason that it was necessary or desirable to reduce the number of special agents, and that from a table of report it was shown that during the last few months the number received from me did not compare favorably with others in that respect. The acting commissioner either knew, or should have known, that some new agents had just been appointed at the time of his letter, and, hence his statement was disingenuous. Applying the rule of falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus, it would be unnecessary to go farther in answer to his statements.

ANNA WANT'S NOT TO QUIT.

Joseph L. Lippard files an action against his wife Minnie, whom he married in the centennial year in this state and who has resided with him until January, 1888, during which time he labored zealously to furnish her with plumb preserves and chickens daily, and, though she was a very poor cook, he, himself, kept company with other men repeatedly, filled herself with turpentine and finally contracted a loathsome disease. Therefore plaintiff asks a divorce.

## INTO THE CATLE'S DRINK.

Guy C. Bartlett and wife have about three thousand head of cattle on a farm at Papillion that drink the water from a creek that runs close by. Of late the Union Cattle company, it is alleged, has been dumping manure and offal into the creek, making the water impure and unwholesome. Bartlett and Nichols have, therefore, petitioned Justice Graft to restrain the Union company from the practices indicated. The case is being argued.

## GRAHAM AGAINST RIEL.

Wilson T. Graham requests the court to issue an order to sell certain real estate held by him to secure the payment of a promissory note amounting to \$300 given by John Kiley, and no part of which has been paid.

## COUNTY COURT.

Judge Shields yesterday rendered a judgment in the sum of \$46.69 in favor of the Gate City Land company against R. T. Wallen.

## LICENSED TO WED.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Judge Shields:

Name and residence. Age.

James W. Clark, Omaha..... 21

Jennie G. Brooks, Omaha..... 19

Andrew Fullerton, Omaha..... 21

Torune Andreasen, Omaha..... 20

Peter J. Carrigan, South Omaha..... 25

Mary E. Conroy, Irvington, Neb..... 23

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In view of this combination and of the further fact that the land office had been eleven years in ascertaining it, the statement in effect that I had been inactive or indolent, seems a little absurd.

The language of the (now) commissioner, suggests Tschirgandy's motto, that "Language was given us to conceal our thoughts."

How noble the conduct of his immediate predecessor, Sparks, of adamanitine courage, who refused to permit the minister to suffer him to be the hands of manufacturers for owing his instructions, and who chose to go into retirement rather than yield his convictions of duty. The country needs more men cast in the same mould.

But then the necessities of the learned and learned require a man of party, who be moulded like clay by their wily attorneys.

Wind-broken politicians, whom the people have repudiated, are by training of all, the most unfit for the delicate duties of executive. The economic physician is as well adapted to watch repairing. At some time I will endeavor to give your readers a history of the leading "chauls" of the public land in Nebraska which have come to the wholesale cost of such articles. Pants worth \$6 to \$8 he sold for \$1.50. His plan was to dispose of his goods to anybody and everybody who would buy them at the lowest price.

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The billiard room, which is the chief receptacle for the public, is a total loss, amounting to \$25,000. No performance was given there to night and the cause of the fire is unknown.

ATLANTIC, Ia., May 1.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—At 1 o'clock this morning totally destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller, and baggage wagon. All of the horses and most of the carriages were saved. Hunt's blacksmith shop and Ed. Butler's carpenter shop were partially destroyed. The loss is about \$10,000.

## PROVED THEMSELVES SLUGGERS.

The Omaha and Minneapolis teams played their second game yesterday afternoon, which resulted as the first in a signal victory for the home club. The weather was extremely raw and disagreeable, and the attendance, as a consequence, small. However, those who did brave the chilly winds were amply repaid, as the game, so far as Omaha was concerned, was highly enjoyable.

Both teams acquitted themselves with much credit in the field, while the stock bases were well taken care of by the Omaha players.

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