

LINCOLN NEWS AND NOTES.

Pastor Minehart's Trial Drawing to a Close.

SOME DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the District Court—Articles of Incorporation Filed With the Secretary of State.

LINCOLN BUREAU OF THE OMAHA BEE.

The trial of Pastor Minehart nears its close.

The charges are persistently pressed, and the clouds certainly deepen around and about him.

He nervously awaits the answer to every question that tends to pin him more closely to the cross, and now and then is the picture of anxiety, but considering the pressure brought to bear against him, he holds up remarkably well and his cross-examination of witnesses is not without pertinency and effect.

It is now apparent that the sympathy of the vast audience in constant attendance with the church, rather than with the preacher. This tide can only be turned by the most emphatic, direct and convincing evidence.

The prosecution has concluded the testimony on the charge and specifications of "dissension." The witnesses, however, now give testimony regarding all the charges in the order made, and when they, or any of them, leave the stand, the record of all they know regarding the charges has been made by stenographers. Yesterday Messrs. Moore, Hozier, Fowler and Greenlee were on the stand.

To-day Messrs. Greenlee, Straver, Hozier, Rev. Davis and Dr. Creighton bore testimony in the order named. Some spoke disparagingly of his conduct as a preacher and pastor in the order of the pulpits. Others told of deception and things that bordered on lying. But the story in detail matters little, since the testimony thus far given is damaging to Minehart as a man and as a preacher. The opinion seems to prevail that the charges preferred, and published by the Bee, have been substantially proven, and that the testimony as given is damaging in not putting it strong enough. But it is suggested that public opinion sometimes changes, and that greater miracles have been performed than the vindication of the cleric preacher. It is said that the testimony for the church will be all in all to-night and if so the defense will commence to-morrow.

Friends of Minehart, outside of the church, say to him almost to a man. They think and say that he has been much abused. The fact from the "world" is much more general than it would seem from casual observation. He is esteemed as a neighbor. The hardest thing said of him by outsiders is that he is a crank on the subject of sanctification. This is certainly the center and circumference of his trouble, and the charges of dissension, lying, deception, long sermons, conduct unbecoming a minister and pastor and the dissemination of doctrines incompatible with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church are all traceable to Minehart's "crank."

There are sixty-eight pupils attending the collegiate institute at Fort Dodge.

About one hundred and twenty-five delegates attended the annual convention of the Legion of Honor at Dubuque.

The grand jury of Jones county, after a two weeks' session, returned several indictments against the late Senator Johnson.

The societies of Christian Endeavor of Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson, Jones and Lincoln counties will hold their third annual convention at Anamosa April 2 and 3.

Prominent workers are expected to be present.

The farmers of Badger, Webster county, are determined to have a modern creamery if they have to organize a co-operative company. They would prefer, however, to have a practical man establish one as a private enterprise.

William Crouch and Sherman Wilhelm are lodged in jail at Muscatine charged with an attempt to marry the widow of Abraham Lincoln. During a raid on a saloon by a party of masked men Abraham tried to look into their faces, when he was shot in the arm, severing an artery. After the shooting he was struck in the breast by another ball and a third entered his abdomen.

The Aberdeen club is to build a \$5,000 club house.

The Washington seminary has closed its winter term.

Mitchell has the base ball fever in his most violent form.

There were nineteen arrests for gambling at Waterloo one day last week.

The real estate transfers in Sully county last week amounted to \$19,136.83.

The Yankton association of Congregational ministers will meet at Yankton April 2 and 3.

Since October fifty-three new houses have been built in the vicinity of the penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

The Sherman farm at Aberdeen has been designed as a permanent headquarters for the coming C. A. R. encampment.

The Ipswich Gazette contains the following item: "The Russians have been running a live wire dance in one of their palatial residences south of the track. They have a band composed of two clarinets and a drum. They dance in a very noisy and sober dancing hall and are letting off a little steam and taking in a little beer."

Extraordinary License.

"It seems to me," remarked one of our citizens the other day, "that physicians are allowed extraordinary license in the manner in which they juggle with the welfare of their patients."

"Now here is Dr. B. who was attending Mr. X—up to the time of his death, and if he treated him for one thing he treated him for a dozen different disorders. First the doctor said pneumonia in the lungs, then he said consumption. Then the patient was dosed for heart trouble, and so on until just before he died it was ascertained that disease of the kidneys was the real trouble, and that was the only disease that was first treated as pneumonia, consumption, heart disease, etc., were but the symptoms of kidney disease."

But then it was too late.

It is only one case in a hundred, and I am beginning to lose faith in the doctors altogether. In fact I haven't had any need for their services since I began to keep Warner's Safe Cure in my house, a little over three years ago. Whenever I feel a little out of sorts I take a few doses of it, and that is the source of all my disease in the kidneys, which I know Warner's Safe Cure will keep in good order, and will eradicate any disease that may be lurking there. Had Mr. X— followed a similar course, I have no doubt that he would be alive to-day, but of course all people don't think alike.

One thing is certain, however, and that is that the doctors are allowed a little too much freedom in the way they have of pretending to know that which they really know nothing about. If they don't know what is the real trouble with the patient, they should admit it and not go on and experiment at the cost of the patient's life."

GRAVEL AND VAN ETEN.

Subjects Attracting the Attention of the District Judge.

Sand and gravel mixed with concrete and hot tar form the basis of a racy litigation in which Judge Doane and a jury are now engaged. The suit was occasioned by a dispute over the price of gravel used in paving the streets of Lincoln. Van Court figures as plaintiff, while on the side of the defense are arranged H. P. Clark, Fred W. Gray and Judge Herpelstein, on motion to set aside

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Settings.

Baker post, G. A. R. of Columbus, has a membership of over fifty.

The Broken Bow Canal company has perfected a permanent organization and elected officers.

Frank McCann, who is wanted at Plattsmouth for forgery, has been arrested at Kansas City.

Chafford's boom has resulted in the village having been as well patronized as the leading hotels.

H. M. Hopewell has retired from the editorship of the Tekamah Burionian and has been succeeded by Don O. O.

Broken Bow now has two daily papers, the Leader having blossomed into an afternoon sheet of very creditable proportions.

Articles incorporated in the West Beatrice Division street railway company have been filed, with a capital of \$100,000.

An elevator with a capacity of 11,500 bushels has just been completed at Monroe, a one-month-old town in Platte county.

A resident of Exeter named Johnson has completed the invention of an automatic check-rover and has applied for a patent.

Negotiations have been commenced for the erection of a new brick hotel at Dyasess to take the place of the Reed house, recently destroyed by fire.

A hundred dollar fine has been imposed on Thomas Kastner, a Nebraska City wife beater, by the authorities, besides a sentence of three months in the county jail.

A. W. Clarke of Pannilon has offered a reward for the arrest of William Brandt, who obtained money on 2,000 bushels of corn which he sold to Charles S. Coats.

Oliver Scott, ex-county commissioner of Polk county, died at his home in Osceola on the 13th inst. He was one of the very first settlers in the county and was a veteran of the war.

Asa Johnson, one of the early settlers of Fillmore county, died recently after an illness of several days, at the residence of his son, unable to take any nourishment, and finally succumbed to starvation.

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HELLENSTEIN'S CLAIM.

Contents of the Title of Thousands of Omaha Freeholders.

Some time ago, T. B. Helfenstein, of the claim of John P. Helfenstein of St. Louis, to a large amount of property in this city, in what is known as E. V. Smith's addition and several other additions to the north and between Twentieth and Twenty-fourth streets.

It published at the same time, an interview with Byron Reed in which that gentleman expressed the conviction that property holders in the adjoining city, had no interest in the claim because the claim could not be substantiated.

Since that time, however, a pretty thorough examination of the records of the territorial, state and federal courts has been made by Major Guthrie, who represents Helfenstein's claim, and has been assisted by Judge Upton and M. Young of St. Louis, and another attorney of this city.

Speaking on the subject and the result of his investigation, Major Guthrie said: "To begin with, the suit of Root vs. Shields, which was brought by William Root, of the tract of 100 acres north of Omaha proper had just been patented by the United States, although he had pre-empted the land November 21, 1857. Many persons were named as defendants, and Helfenstein, Gore & Co., were among the defendants. The court, however, dismissed that firm from the case, and it has not appeared since that time as a defendant in the case.

"Judge Shields, by the way," continued the major, "did not own a cent's worth of interest in the controversy at the commencement of the suit, and he was not a party to it. This will be apparent when it is known that November 21, 1857, two days after pre-empting the land, he sold one undivided eighth acre to James D. Reed and that November 24, 1857, Helfenstein, Gore & Co.'s attachment was levied on the other undivided eighth acre of the tract to satisfy a \$1,300 debt of Shields.

"The property directly involved in the case was not a few lots in the old paper town of North Omaha, now obsolete, as reference to the decrees in the case and the plat of North Omaha No. 1, in book M, on page 642, will show. The property was not shown on page 545 of territorial court journal G, in the office of Frank Moore, clerk of the district court, and was not shown on the map of the territory of Nebraska, compiled by Judge Kellogg describing the property.

"The decree in the United States circuit court in the case of Root vs. Shields, the defendant, Helfenstein, Gore & Co., is on appeal to the supreme court of the United States, and was entered November 11, 1857. A bond was given by Helfenstein, Gore & Co., in the amount of \$100,000, and the record was filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court June 8, 1858. No fee was paid in the case of Root vs. Shields, and the case is now pending in the United States circuit court for the district of Nebraska, said the major, "can anybody tell what the case is about? It is a case of \$1,300, and the case is now pending in the office of the clerk of the supreme court June 8, 1858. No fee was paid in the case of Root vs. Shields, and the case is now pending in the United States circuit court for the district of Nebraska, said the major, "can anybody tell what the case is about? 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