

## Poorly Paid Perjurors.

Sensational Sequel to a Railroad Damage Suit.

## The Judgment Set Aside.

**Two Thieves Captured at Fremont While Attempting to Find Some Hidden Plunder—Other Nebraska News.**

### The Verdict Set Aside.

**PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]**—The most highly sensational affair ever known to the courts of Cass county was developed to-day in the district court when a motion for a new trial was filed in the case of Norman Coon, of Weeping Water, vs The Missouri Pacific Railway company. The case was tried before Judge Samuel M. Chapman and a jury October 25, 1889, and was a sequel to the preceding accident, which occurred about midnight December 19, 1887.

Mr. Coon was driving across the Missouri Pacific track near Weeping Water and was struck by a freight train, killing his team and breaking several of his ribs and one leg. He engaged Attorney B. A. Gibson, of Weeping Water, to enter suit against the company for \$25,000 damages. Two brakemen on the train which struck Mr. Coon's team, named Van Gorden and Torrence, were soon discharged from the company's employ for some misdeemeanor, and Mr. Gibson, learning this fact, thought they probably would make good witnesses against the company, and at once, after ascertaining their whereabouts, opened a correspondence with them, which resulted in a conference of the trio at Weeping Water. Mr. Gibson took the case for 35 per cent of the recovery and assumed all liability for costs and was to pay all expenses. Having retained M. A. Hartigan, of Hastings, and obtained counsel in the person of Van Gorden and Torrence, a letter of introduction to Mr. Hartigan and sent them to Hastings. The men made a statement to Mr. Hartigan that the engine which pulled the train that injured Coon was in the back of the train, and that it was the last car, that no whistle was blown or bell rung from the time the train left Manley until it arrived in the yards of the company at Weeping Water; also that the rate of speed at the time of the accident was about 40 miles an hour. No signal was sounded at the crossing and the conductor was asleep.

Mr. Hartigan immediately drew up a contract in writing, wherein Van Gorden and Torrence agreed to receive 10 per cent of the recovery of \$25,000 and 10 per cent for distance traveled by them from Colorado, where they expected to be at time of trial, providing they would give the same testimony as to the conduct of the train as the contractor was bound to do as follows:

**McMahon-Irving.**  
KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—An important event in Kearney to-day was the marriage of Miss Hattie B. Irving to James McMahon, of Kansas City. Hon. Joseph Scott, of Lincoln, was best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Oliver, of St. Luke's Episcopal church, of this place.

**State a Fellow-Workman's Clothes.**  
PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Julius Pio was arrested here to-day charged with stealing a quantity of valuable clothing from a fellow-workman at Virgina, fifteen miles east of this city. He confessed the theft and was lodged in jail.

**Show at Kearney.**  
REYNOLDS, Neb., Oct. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It has been raining here for two days and snow is falling thick to-night. The temperature is going down rapidly.

**Heavy Rain at Reynolds.**  
REYNOLDS, Neb., Oct. 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It has been raining here at 12 o'clock and continues to rain. It is the biggest rain for three months.

## GUATEMALAN REVOLUTION.

**The Government Shooting All the Prisoners Taken.**

**CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—During the progress of a revolution here to-day, the government, with 1000 men, captured 1000 rebels, and the rebels were easily repulsed. The rebels were armed with rifles and bayonets, and were easily repulsed. The rebels were armed with rifles and bayonets, and were easily repulsed.

**The President Denies It.**

**NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—**General Barrillias, president of Guatemala, sends a telegram to Jacob Baiz, Guatemalan consul general in this city saying the reports of a revolution there are false.

## THE MONTANA CONTEST.

**Judge De Wolf Sustains the Motion of the Democrats.**

**HELENA, Mont., Oct. 31.—**A decision was rendered in the Silver Bow contest this morning, the canvassing board being ordered to count the votes cast in the Tunnell precinct for McHatton.

Hall, the republican member of the canvassing board, asked a stay of proceedings until the case could be brought before the supreme court.

The democratic member of the board, died an affidavit that he was satisfied with the judgment and does not want an appeal.

Jack, the third member of the board, is out of the territory.

"I have heard all the arguments that is necessary in this case," and then delivered a very strong rebuke to those perpetrators of crime and injustice. It was the strongest pleading of justice ever delivered in this or any other country in this place.

"The verdict is set aside. It was obtained by means that admits of no justification or defense, and by perpetrating a fraud upon the court and an outrage upon the poor."

## TWO YOUTHFUL THIEVES ARRESTED.

**NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Two young boys, one a cripple, names unknown, were arrested here to-day for a number of minor robberies committed at Union, Cass county. They had two horses in their possession, which are supposed to have been stolen somewhere. The boys left their horses in the east on a trap to the west to make their fortunes.

## A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

**VALPARAISO, Neb., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last evening a young woman by the name of Nora Cook, who lives with her parents a few miles east of this place, was brought to town in an unconscious condition by Jack Flannigan, with whom she has been keeping company for sometime. As there were strong symptoms of poison, a stomach pump was applied and she began to recover, but is still unable to talk this morning, as she seems paralyzed. Flannigan says that on their way to town she was given a drink and became unconscious. There is considerable mystery about the case and facts are hard to get. Parties who were with her say there was a strong scent of oil of tanas about her and attributed her trouble to an overdose of that drug.

**The Loot Recovered.**

**FRONTIER, Neb., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last evening three boys while playing near a bear vault in the west part of the city discovered a gold watch and a revolver hidden away under the vault. The watch was identified by Ed Pratt as one stolen from him in the fall of last year about two weeks ago, at which time about \$20 worth of jewelry was taken, the watch being worth \$100. This morning two men were seen looking for something where the valuable was lost. The boys who were parties to their suspicious action and Marvin Heuck and Schurz Malton at once got on their trail and after a lively chase of a half mile through a corn field caught them and lodged them in jail, where they will await an examination.

## THE ENGINEERS.

**A FAVORABLE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FEDERATION.**

**DENVER, Colo., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The committee of engineers to-day reported favorably on federation, and most of the day was spent in debating the report. It will be voted on to-morrow.

## BANK CASHIER MISSING.

**CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa., Oct. 31.—**The cashier of the Tradesmen's bank is missing and there is said to be a shortage of \$50,000 in his accounts. It is not thought the depositor will be found.

The bank has closed in consequence of the defalcation of Cashier Cresson, but it is declared that the depositors will not suffer.

Theft had stood high in social and church circles and there is no explanation known for his conduct.

This evening the bank officials say the defalcation will probably exceed \$80,000. One of Cresson's methods was to discount notes on the proceeds. Until the amount of these notes is known it will be impossible to assess the extent of the shortage. Cresson's property was heavily mortgaged.

## WILHELM SAHS FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

**ATRHEA, Oct. 31.—**Emperor William left for Constantinople on a man-of-war this afternoon. The British, German and Italian fleets followed the emperor's vessel out of the harbor as an escort.

## A Postoffice Fight.

**FRONTIER, Neb., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The hardware store of A. Bechtler and the dry goods store of Miller Bros., on Eleventh street, were burglarized about 4 o'clock this morning. The thieves tried to pry open the doors, but failing in that perfect an entrance by breaking through the glass fronts facing the street. Fifty dollars' worth of plug goods and \$150 worth of revolvers and pocket knives were taken. No clue to the thieves.

## THE ENGINEERS.

**THE MILWAUKEE KNOCKED OUT.**

**SENATOR ALLISON ON THE POLITICAL OUT-LOOK—A NATURAL GAS WELL—STATE CONVENTION OF WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.**

**THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.**

**DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A royal welcome home was given Superintendent Mallalieu at the industrial school last night upon his return from a long visit in the east. The reception was given by Mayor Finch and the employees of the school. Governor Thayer and Land Commissioner Steen were among the guests and made happy speeches on the occasion. A splendid banquet and ball lasted until a late hour.

**A BARN DESTROYED.**

**BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A barn on the premises of Peter Penner, in the north part of the city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire was caused by children playing with matches. Peter Penner narrowly escaped suffocation, while attempting to extinguish the flames before the arrival of the fire department. Loss \$500; fully insured.

**A NEWSPAPER FOR LIBERTY.**

**DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Oct. 31.—**[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The railroad commissioners to-day passed a resolution, in consonant of the Nicara Gas company, of Lima, O., against the Milwaukee road for refusing to switch cars in Duluth. This decision is one of general importance, for it passes upon the question of when an inter-state shipment begins. The defendant company had raised the objection that the switching of the cars to the local destination was a part of the continuous service subject to state regulation. James Quinn, the next witness, was questioned about the same matter as the witness who preceded him and nothing was developed.

Then the state attorney sought to introduce evidence that the cross-examination of Mary Sims was perjured and George Kelly was called to the witness stand. He testified that, in the latter part of March, Coughlin, O'Sullivan, and others were in a saloon and were talking politics when Coughlin said that he had been approached by a man who was too much drunk that if he didn't keep his mouth shut he would get the worst of it.

After a long argument it was decided to postpone the decision of the point till afternoon in order to allow time to present authorities.

Penning, of counsel for the defense, moved to strike out all that part of McGary's evidence given yesterday in which witness described his visit to the house of defendant O'Sullivan after Dr. Cronin's murder and at which time he questioned O'Sullivan about his conduct, and was rebuffed by Coughlin.

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