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THE NEWS IN THE BLOUFFS.

Creditors Take Possession of the Business

of a Well Known Coal Dealer.

A COUPLE OF ATTACHMENT SUITS.

The Pitiful Story of Hardship and

Destitution Told by a Little

Boy—Notes About

the City.

D. E. Gleason, the well known coal dealer,

is being pinched by the financial pressure,

and his business is being taken in charge

by his creditors. Wednesday evening he

stepped into the superior court and confessed

judgment in six different cases on notes due

to his sister, Miss Mary Gleason, the aggregate

amount being about \$3,770. It appears that

she has been furnishing him money from

time to time for several years past and has

been taking his notes for the same. In order

to protect her he confessed judgment in

her favor, seeing that

impatient creditors would soon be

pressing him. Yesterday morning

the Chicago & Rock Island railway attached

a large number of cars of coal, about \$3,000

worth, in order to secure a bill of \$1,425 for

freight. There was also filed in the recorder's

office a chattel mortgage and a mortgage

on his real estate to secure the payment of

three notes of \$1,000 each, given to Officer &

Pusey. Other claims will now come rushing

in, the aggregate amount of which is not now

to be ascertained.

Mr. Gleason accounts for his financial

troubles in various ways. He has invested

largely in real estate, and most of this being

mortgaged he has been compelled to pay

large amounts of interest and taxes in order

to hold for the advances which he was cer-

tainly would come. Then the coal business

for two or three seasons past has been very

unprofitable, his losses last season being

\$1,800. The slowness of collections has been

the immediate cause of bringing the

crisis in the coal business upon him. It is

probable for him to secure cash of

customers who for years have always paid

him promptly on presentation of bills. Both

last season and this season he looked up

heavily, hoping that there would be a change

in the coal market by which he would be able

to retrieve former losses, but the weather has

been against the consumption of coal and

prices have not advanced as he hoped. He

was unable to state the amount of liabilities

and assets, but is confident that the assets

are at least \$2,000 more than is required to

pay off all the indebtedness, provided the

assets are not disposed of at forced sale. With

the light and activity of the market and the

probability of large court costs and shrinkage

the outlook is not very favorable for their

being anything left after the debts are paid.

Bargains in blankets and comforters at the

Boston store, Council Bluffs, this week.

Why pay \$1.50 when you can get just as

good fare and beds at the Scott hotel for

\$1.00?

The best 25c hose in the country is to be

found at the Boston Store, Council Bluffs,

either in pants half hose, in wool or cotton,

or in rubber. The Boston Store, Council Bluffs,

is the place to buy.

J. C. Bixby, steam heating, sanitary en-

gineer, 202 Mc Cormick block, Council Bluffs.

On the Cold World.

Marshal Tompkins had his tender feelings

deeply stirred yesterday by the appeals of a

bright little thirteen-year-old boy, who came

to the station the night before and applied to

the night watchman for a place to stay the night.

Instead of putting him up stays in the room,

devoted to the use of the miscellaneous

crowd of vagrants and lodgers, he was given

a berth down stairs. The usual custom of

turning the lodgers out each morning before

breakfast was also not observed in his case.

He was given a hearty breakfast and de-

parted with a marshal came to his office

yesterday morning. In response to the ques-

tion, "What is the story of this boy?" the

marshal inquires the little fellow told a

very pitiful story of hardship and destitution.

He told it in so straightforward and

truthful a manner that every word

bore the stamp of truth, and

awakened a great deal of sym-

pathy. He had been driven from his home

by the death of his father, and he had

been living with his mother and a sister

in a small house in the town of

Viiliscau, in the state of Iowa. His father

was a farmer, and he had been

working on a farm near the town of

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ONE SIDE'S BACKED DOWN.

Report That the Omaha Bridge Trouble Has

Been Settled.

RESULT OF A CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.

General Manager St. John Says No At-

tempt is Made to Cross the Bridge

—The Northwestern Pool

Becoming Restive.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A report was current in

the city that an amicable settle-

ment of the trouble between the Pacific

and the Rock Island and Milwaukee and

Paul roads regarding the use of the bridge

across the Missouri river between Council

Bluffs and Omaha had been made at a confer-

ence held in New York yesterday morning

between Jay Gould, Sidney Dillon, R. R.

Cable, Roswell Miller and others interested

in the bridge. It was reported that the

Rock Island and Milwaukee and Paul roads

would allow the Rock Island and Milwaukee

and St. Paul roads to use the Omaha

bridge pending a decision of the courts as to

the legality of the contract between the three

roads. Until orders are given to permit the

running of the Rock Island and St. Paul

trains across the bridge it is impossible to tell

what truth there is in the reports regarding

the settlement of the difficulty, as the man-

agement in New York are exceedingly uncon-

firmative and decline to make any state-

ment regarding it. The opinion pre-

valing in railway circles here that some

sort of agreement has been reached be-

cause of the conflicting factions, but which side

is backed down is a matter of opinion. Some

claim that Gould has succeeded in bul-

ldozing the Rock Island and St. Paul people

into a settlement, while others claim that

the Rock Island and Milwaukee and Paul

roads will stand out all the Chicago west-

ern route from competing with the

through traffic. It is claimed that the Santa

Fo is willing to do anything Jay Gould may

decide.

That some action has been taken in New

York regarding the Omaha bridge trouble is

indicated by the fact that the talk about

the settlement of the difficulty has been

heard in New York. It is reported that

the traffic of western roads into the coun-

try would be increased by the settlement of

the difficulty. It is also reported that the

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would allow the Rock Island and Milwaukee

and St. Paul roads to use the Omaha

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