BRISCOE OUT OF THE RACE.

He Declines to Run as the Prohibition Candidate for Mayor of Lincoln.

RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT NOMINEES.

A Family of Squatters Causing Considerable Trouble—A Small Assignment—District Court—Capital City News.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—[Special to The Bee.]—Last evening J. Z. Briscoe, the nominee of the prohibition party for mayor of Lincoln, handed in his declination of the office to City Clerk VanDuyn, in accordance with the provisions of the Australian ballot system. Considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon Mr. Brisoce to withdraw from the fight in favor of Mr. Weir, the nominee of the independents, and also the head of the citizens' ticket. It is now generally conceded in political circles that the fight lies between Mr. Alexander and Mr. Weir. Both gentlemen stand high in business circles, and the issue drawn between them will simply be one of general policy. It is believed that Mr. Weir will endeavor to conduct the affairs of the city on a very conservative basis, that the saloons and houses of prostitution will be held to the same strict accountability that Mr. Sawyer attempted; while it is believed that Mr. Alexander will regulate these apparently necessary evils as Mayor Graham has successfully practiced.

The following declinations were also received last evening by the city clerk from nominees of the independent convention: Thomas E. Stevens, water commissioner; M. Grace, chairman of the board of public works; M. L. Easterday, city clerk; W. G. Houtze, excise board, and A. J. Sawyer, city attorney. None of these vacancies have been filled.

WHO WILL BE CHOSEN JUDGES!

The passage of the bill making Lancaster county a judicial district by itself and increasing the judges to three is stirring things up among the lawyers in the city. One of the new judges to be appointed will be a republican and one will be a democrat and the rub is as to who shall be the lucky men. It is stated today that Governor Boyd has decided to ignore entirely all the petitions presented to him and leave it entirely with the bar association to select whom they prefer and then to appoint the association's selections. To make these selections a meeting of the bar association will be held, and as all the lawyers in the city are up in politics it will be a lively gathering. S. J. Tuttle, A. S. Tebbetts and A. J. Sawyer are prominently mentioned for the democratic selections, while W. H. Woodward, A. R. Talbot, Robert Ryan and C. L. Hall are mentioned as republican candidates, and Mr. W. S. Hamilton has today announced himself in the field. A prominent attorney states that from present appearances there would be at least a dozen candidates for the republican selection before tomorrow noon.

MADE AN ASSIGNMENT.

Sam D. Leland, wholesale cigar dealer at 808 P street, made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of his creditors, to Sheriff McClay this morning. The matter will come up in county court shortly, and a permanent assignee named. No statement of assets and liabilities has yet been filed, as the stock has not been invoiced. The assignment was made necessary because of poor collections, and the fact that he was doing too much business on his capital. Mr. Leland is very popular in Lincoln, in fact all over the state, and his many friends hope he will come out all right in the end.

A COOL PROCEEDING.

About ten days ago one Joe Greenawalt, who bears the reputation of being rather shiftless, concluded to move, and with his wife and two sickly little children started to find a house. They had nothing to move save what they wore, and while going along Z street they discovered the door of 926, which house is occupied by a family named Grossbeck, was open, and without waiting for an invitation walked in, and asked to be allowed to stay over night. The Grossbecks were poor in this world's goods, but rich in human kindness, and gave the visitors shelter. When the next day came the Greenawalts made no move to depart, and as a matter of fact are still there. All attempts to induce them to go peaceably have so far failed, and the man won't go out of the house at all for fear the door will be closed on him indefinitely. Mrs. Grossbeck called at police headquarters and the mayor's office yesterday afternoon for aid in getting rid of the burden thrust on them. She says Mr. Grossbeck is a consumptive, and too weak physically to throw Greenawalt out. She applied to the county commissioners this morning to get passes for the family out of town, or get them admission to the poor farm, but the commissioners refused to do anything in the matter. Mayor Graham instructed Marshal Melick to have the man arrested for vagrancy, and then get rid of the balance of the family by strategy. It is a queer case, and one that has puzzled the authorities.

DISTRICT COURT DOINGS.

Judge Field is engaged today in hearing the case of W. J. McGillin vs the Kit Carter cattle company, C. H. Gould and several other parties. This is an injunction case to prevent the Union Savings bank of this city from turning over to the Kit Carter cattle company some $20,000 it now holds. The case is an old one, or rather the outgrowth of an old one between the Carter and the Harlem cattle companies over debts due from the latter to the former. It was fought out in the courts several times, but keeps bobbing up occasionally. E. M. McGillin had advertised a sale to take place at the fair grounds of a lot of cattle, but the sale was stopped by an attachment gotten out by the cattle company. Finally it was agreed to allow the sale to proceed, the proceeds to be deposited in the Union Savings bank pending the litigation. Before the attachment case came up W. J. McGillin, who claims to have an interest in the proceeds, secured the injunction, and C. H. Gould, who had a mortgage on the cattle, comes in as an interested party.

In the replevin case of McCall vs. Mrs. Isard tried yesterday, the jury returned a verdict giving plaintiff the possession of the animal and loading him up with 1 cent damages.

Judge Chapman will be down Monday and render decisions in all cases he now has under advisement and close up his connection with the Lancaster county district court.

The motion docket will be called tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. The jury has been discharged until Monday.

In the injunction case brought by Mrs. M. I. Bond to restrain Paul F. Clark from ejecting her from the hotel that bears her name, the defendant filed an affidavit today in which he denies Mrs. Bond's statement that she had never been notified that the property was to be sold under an execution. On the contrary, Mr. Clark asserts that she was frequently notified, and came to his office several times about the matter. The first time she agreed to settle the claim, but the next time told defendant he could not collect anything from her nor could he find any bidders on the hotel property. He denies that there was any fraud or collusion in the matter, no effort made to conceal their actions, and avers that the hotel is not worth a dollar above incumbrances, and nothing could be collected otherwise.

A YOUNG DIAMOND THIEF.

Clyde Newell, a youth who has been in the hands of the police a half dozen times in the past year for various misdemeanors, was brought to the station this morning by Pat Swift, who charges the boy with the larceny of a diamond ring valued at $125. The ring was lost in a curious manner. Just two weeks ago Mr. Swift took off the ring while he washed his hands at the Capital hotel. While performing his ablutions he laid the ring down on the marble wash stand and when he had finished walked off without thinking of his sparkler. A few minutes afterwards he remembered his ring, but when he went after it it was not there. No trace of the ring could be found and Pat had about made up his mind to give it up for lost when he learned that young Newell had confided to a companion that he had the ring. This morning he ran across the boy and brought him to the station. The boy denies any knowledge of the ring and it was not found on him. The police believe, however, that he knows where it is and will try to find out. Among his effects were three skeleton keys and Detective Malone will try them on a door which was mysteriously opened the other evening.

NO AID FOR THE POOR.

The county commissioners have informed Acting Health Officer Rhods that the fund for the poor relief was exhausted and hereafter they should refuse to pay any claims for relief, give any orders or furnish any transportation until the levy for this year becomes available. The city, under direction of Mayor Graham, has devoted a great deal of money to aid the needy poor, and many a poor family have reason to thank that gentleman for aid. The commissioners seem to be laboring under an impression that it is the city's duty to take care of its own poor, forgetting the fact that the taxpayers of Lincoln pay their proportion into the county treasury for that purpose, and the city has no poor fund.

TRAINING THEIR MUSCLES.

Hon. Philip Andres, for years president and instructor of the Omaha turnverein, one of the best classes of gymnasts in the country, has been making endeavors since his state position has brought him permanently to the state house to introduce calisthenics in the Lincoln schools. Mr. Andres in the moments he could spare from his duties as a state official, has been drilling about eighty school children in club swinging, wand exercises, calisthenics and marching. He has also been giving instruction in these same exercises to about twenty-two teachers, among which are a majority of the principals. Mr. Andres has done this work free of cost and for his love of gymnastics and his wish to have the American as well as the German children have the advantage of physical culture. He hopes that by drilling the teachers they will follow the example of the teachers in nearly every large city by giving instructions in calisthenics. The teachers are drilled Mondays and Wednesdays and the children Tuesdays and Fridays. These drills occur at 5 p. m. at Harmonic hall. On Monday evening a public exhibition will be given at that hall by the children who have been under Mr. Andres' instruction.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The evils of the present system of appointing members of the board of registration by the council were demonstrated this morning when the boards organized. In one instance one of the men appointed was a candidate on one of the tickets, while in several other instances the appointees did not reside in the ward for which they were appointed. Mayor Graham had to straighten out the tangle at the expense of loss of time and patience.

Fred Binger, who is charged with assault with intent to kill Peter Benson, will have his trial before Judge Houston at 4 o'clock today.

NO DANGER AHEAD.

Opinions of Army Officers on the Situation at Pine Ridge.

"There is but little new about the situation at Pine Ridge," said Colonel Guy V. Henry. "Everything is quiet and will remain so unless some meddlesome and selfish people take a notion to inaugurate a disturbance. The Indians will not fight and do not want to fight so long as they are properly treated.

"There are people up in that country, however, who like to see a disturbance and like to have several companies of soldiers stationed there. All this creates a demand for freighting by team across the country and a demand for wood and hay and corn and the government foots the bill.

"There are people in Rushville who would have been obliged to ask for aid last winter had it not been for the work they got through the Indian campaign. But I do not think such a method will be resorted to for the purpose of creating another disturbance."

Speaking of the snow up in that country, Colonel Henry said: "The drifts are ten feet deep in many places, and when it begins to melt the whole country will be like a bog. There has not been so much snow up there at any one time before in ten years as there is right now."

A group of officers, ranging in rank from a colonel of cavalry down to a lieutenant of infantry, were seated in the rotunda of the Paxton discussing the probabilities of another uprising of the Sioux in the spring.

A major of cavalry, in response to a query, said: "Some reports have come to us about the danger of the friendly Indians joining the hostile Sioux in the spring. So many things may happen between now and spring in the Indian question that it is hard to form any definite opinion on the Indian question."

A lieutenant recently returned from Pine Ridge said: "Considerable of this agitation comes from civilians who would be benefited financially by another campaign. A great many of the reports from the agency originate and are sent out to the country at large by people who would be the gainers by having a large body of troops in the vicinity. No, I do not think there will be a fresh outbreak."

All of the officers spoken to in regard to the matter are in favor of military agents instead of civilians.

General Miles it is claimed had a hard fight with the authorities at Washington to get a few army officers appointed as supervisors of the reservations after the affair at Wounded Knee. These appointments are only temporary as the orders stand now and civilians are liable to be appointed at almost any time to take the place of the military agents. The duty of the army officers now in charge of the agencies is to see that rations and clothing are properly issued.

If army officers acted as agents the reports, it is claimed, of disturbances of any kind would be far more reliable. There would be no half founded rumors from badly frightened agents and others connected with the agency.

It is reported that Frank Roric, the government scout, employed at the agency has said that in his opinion there will be no outbreak. The Indians seem to have had enough of it for the time at least and many of the former hostiles are reported as having packed up their tepees and struck out for the hills saying, like Standing Bear did, that fighting wasn't in their line.

ON FORT CROOK.

Work Will Soon Be Commenced and Pushed.

"It is quite probable," said Colonel Hughes, chief quartermaster of the department of the Platte, to a Bee reporter last night at the Paxton, "that work upon Fort Crook, to be built at Bellevue, will be begun in a short time. The indications are that considerable work will be done upon the new fort the coming summer. The topographical maps, giving the location of the barracks and officers' quarters, as the location committee saw fit to recommend, have been forwarded to Washington for approval."

"How far will the present appropriation of $500,000 probably carry the work of building the fort?"

"Oh, it will probably complete about half the work contemplated. It is to be a ten or twelve company post, and will no doubt be one of the best in the country when finished."

A Thieving Cyprian.

Minnie Hayes, a resident of the burnt district, was arrested at noon yesterday by Detective Hayes and charged with grand larceny.

Some weeks ago Minnie stole a clover leaf scarf pin set with diamonds from one of her visitors. She gave the pin to her lover, a man named Mose Banks, who lives in Council Bluffs.

The detectives recovered the pin from Banks.

To Recommend for Judges.

There will be a mass meeting of the members of the bar of the Third judicial district at the court house at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of recommending to the governor suitable members of the legal profession for appointment to the bench of the Third judicial district. There are a great many candidates and an interesting time is anticipated.

Held for Trial.

Carl Jacobson and John Sundval of the Swedish Post, who were arrested on complaint of Charles A. Lundin and charged with criminal libel, were up before Judge Helsley yesterday. Both men were released on bond to await their hearing, which is set for next Friday, April 3.

Rittmaster Dismissed.

Gustave Rittmaster, who was arrested at the instance of Denver parties on charge of being a fugitive from justice, was arraigned for trial in Justice Hart's court yesterday and discharged. No one appeared to prosecute, so there was nothing left but to dismiss the case.

OMAHA DAILY BEE:

COL. HINTON TELLS HIS PLAN.

How the Artesian Inquiry Will Be Carried on Next Summer.

INTERESTS THE ENTIRE NORTHWEST.

Hunting the Waters of the Missouri Lost in the Earth and Bringing it to the Surface for Irrigation.

Colonel Richard J. Hinton of Washington and Prof. Robert Hay of Kansas were guests at the Paxton yesterday, where they were found by a representative of The Bee.

In answer to questions concerning the scope of the work in which they are engaged, and the extent of their preparation for the summer campaign, Colonel Hinton said:

"I am in charge of the special irrigation inquiry now under way and came here to confer with the field staff engaged in the artesian investigation. The public will recall that, under the demand of the Dakota senators at the first session of the last congress, and after discussion with Major Powell of the geological survey, congress appropriated $20,000 for an inquiry into the artesian basin with a view to its use for irrigation. Under that provision field work was to begin April 20 and be concluded July 1, 1890. The work was accomplished under the supervision of Colonel E. S. Nettleton as chief engineer and Prof. Robert Hay as chief geologist. I was given charge of the matter at the Washington office and received the reports from the field. Quite a large report was made, of which so competent an authority as the Engineering News said: 'It is the best report and, in fact, the only one made by this or any other government on the subject.'

"Toward the close of the session of congress a continuation of the work was decided upon and $40,000 appropriated for the purpose. The same adverse influences which limited the time of the first inquiry added another limit to the second, and stipulated that it should be finished by July 1, 1891. The scope of the inquiry was considerably extended, however, and included an investigation of the underflow, or earth waters held in the porous strata within convenient distance of the surface. It also provided for a general inquiry into the cultivation of the soil by irrigation. Messrs. Nettleton and Hay were reappointed as field chiefs and I was again given charge of the work in the office, under the supervision of Mr. Willetts, assistant secretary of agriculture. In the closing hours of the session congress extended the time of the inquiry to January 1, 1892, and also added an appropriation of $10,000 for the general irrigation inquiry. This is available for the fiscal year beginning June 1, and is the first of an annual appropriation for this purpose.

"During my present trip I have visited Dakota and Nebraska first, with a view to fulfilling engagements to address agricultural colleges, and next to confer with Messrs. Nettleton and Hay as to future work. I have held a two days' session at Lincoln with these gentlemen and Profs. Hicks of the Nebraska university and Culver of the South Dakota university. We decided that the larger portion of the time available for the inquiry could be most profitably expended in Nebraska, the Dakotas and eastern Montana. During the winter the field force has been at work in the southwest.

"In the northwest—that is, in Nebraska and states to the north of it—there are several very interesting problems to be solved. Without aiming at a deliberate conclusion, the officers of the inquiry are led to believe that the principal work will be to discover and restore the water lost by seepage—by the absorption of the rainfall by the soil. This branch of the inquiry involves a study of hydrography less than one of topography. The mountains divide the rainfall and the soil absorbs it. In Nebraska Prof. Hicks will make a special study of local features. In Dakota the first effort will be to locate the western line of Dakota sandstone. This work will be principally by Prof. Culver. Examination will also be made to determine the eastern rim of this formation and thus locate the boundaries of the water plain. There will also be an examination to determine the character and value of the Red river basin, of which Prof. Hay will have charge. Colonel Nettleton will make a survey of the James river and Devil's lake similar to those made in the valleys of the North Platte and Arkansas rivers for the purpose of finding the water level from which the artesian flow is derived. Nettleton, with Hay, will also have special charge of the drainage region in North Dakota tributary to the Turtle mountains, of which Devil's lake is the central outlet. Colonel Nettleton will also make a personal reconnoissance through North Dakota with a view to ascertaining what system of surface irrigation is feasible in connection with the Missouri. Eastern Montana will come in for a considerable share of attention.

"It is believed that in the valleys of the Yellowstone and Milk underground water and some artesian flow will be found. But the larger portion of that region will probably be reclaimed by surface water and storage reservoirs. The report on this subject will be as full as time will permit.

"A special inquiry will also be made at Great Falls, Mont., with a view to ascertaining the correctness of statements concerning the disappearance of a large part of the flow of the Missouri above the falls. The Hayden expedition measured the flow and found it more above than below the falls. The Dakota sandstone crops up in great abundance there. If these statements are confirmed it will have great effect in deciding the extent and permanence of the artesian basin of Dakota, because if the western line follows the foothills, then the precipitation is absorbed by the porous stratum and supplies the Dakota basin.

"How enormous this basin of earth waters may be can be graphically illustrated by a statement of this character: Lieutenant Morey, a good authority, estimates the entire precipitation of the whole Mississippi basin at 620 cubic miles per annum. The outflow at the gulf is 107 cubic miles. The evaporation does not exceed 30 per cent. Of this vast total precipitation it is estimated that the Missouri river above Omaha receives 300 cubic miles. But 15 per cent as far as the river is concerned, flows out at its junction with the Mississippi. It is moderate to say that 55 per cent is lost in the earth. Our aim is to locate these earth waters.

"Colonel Nettleton will make plans for at least two experiment stations, at Aberdeen and Huron, S. D. The department has been offered free wells and lands for the purpose, and citizens will pay for the construction. The department will merely furnish its experience and skill. The idea is to make a model irrigated farm. We have been asked to make similar arrangements in Nebraska. We should be delighted to experiment with the underflow in some of your streams.

"I will give it as my personal opinion, which must not be mistaken for an official utterance, that we shall ultimately demonstrate that the average farmer on the great plains will find water enough on every 160 acre tract to irrigate from twenty-five to forty acres and thus secure himself against loss by drouth or hot winds. He will find water easily accessible right beneath his feet and capable of distribution by simple means. Then will come the day of small and prosperous farms. If this hope is not realized we shall at least accomplish results that will be vastly beneficial. We are trying to bridge over the gap between the surface water and the lands that cannot be irrigated by that system."

Professor Hay said the work done during the winter in western Nebraska and Kansas and eastern Colorado, by the engineers and geologists, would show the relative level of water underlying the high plains and that found in the river valleys. This will determine the cost of putting it upon the surface. It will also result in a description of the water-bearing strata that will enable it to be recognized by the occupiers of the land, and thus prevent unnecessary and costly experiments in regions where the succession of rocks is definitely known.

"The presence of the investigators in these regions," said Prof. Hay, "has caused an intensification of public interest and encouraged the people wonderfully. The reports of the department are anxiously awaited and such as have already been issued are widely read."

This is the first complete statement of the scope and character of the investigation that has been made public. It will deeply interest the people of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana and the Dakotas.

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BLACK HILLS BUSINESS.

Grocer Adams Thinks the Hard Times Are About Ended.

E. W. Adams, a prominent merchant of Deadwood, S. D., accompanied by his wife, is stopping at the Paxton. Speaking last night of business in the Hills Mr. Adams said:

"We expect a good deal of building to be done in Deadwood the coming summer. While times have been hard, yet we have had pretty good trade all winter, and with the opening of spring we have the promise of improved conditions. We are interested considerably in the arrival of a dozen or more cars of sugar that will be ready to take out of bond on April 1. All the stores are running very low on sugar on account of the reduced price that will be inaugurated on April 1.

"Speaking of sugar reminds me," continued Mr. Adams, "that we used a few carloads of the Oxnard sugar, manufactured at Grand Island, and were very much pleased with it."

DEATH NOTICES.

Notices of five lines or less under this head, fifty cents; each additional line ten cents.

LANDROCK—Charles, 51 years of age, at his residence, 1624 Howard street, at 11:30 yesterday morning of consumption. Funeral from residence Monday, March 30, at 2 p. m. Friends invited.

WELSH—At the family residence 720 south Thirty-first street March 27, Peter, son of Edward T. and Mary Welsh, aged 4 years and 6 months. Funeral Saturday, March 28, at 2 p. m., from family residence to Holy Sepulchre.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Carl Raben of Lehigh is at the Paxton.

E. Sparks of Valentine is at the Paxton.

H. M. Utley of O'Neill is at the Millard.

C. G. Bryant of Lincoln is at the Murray.

H. P. Tomison of Lincoln is at the Dellone.

W. J. Perry of Wayne is at the Merchants.

A. C. Quinlan of Chadron is at the Murray.

Edson Pendle of Creighton is at the Millard.

Mrs. F. I. Elliott of Fremont is at the Millard.

J. A. Tulleys of Red Cloud is at the Merchants.

N. I. Harding of Nebraska City is at the Paxton.

C. M. Anthony of Peoria, Ill., is at the Paxton.

W. E. Adams of Deadwood is at the Paxton.

Mrs. W. H. Dorgan of Lincoln is at the Millard.

H. M. Boynton of Nebraska City is at the Dellone.

W. T. S. Neligh of West Point is at the Dellone.

Wilson Fritz of Grand Island is at the Merchants.

James McKelipps of David City is at the Merchants.

George W. Kelley of Kelley, Stiger & Co. has returned from the east.

E. W. Harvey and Charles H. Burleigh of Valentine are at the Murray.

James Dahlman, J. L. Paul, H. S. Cox and C. W. Allen of Chadron are at the Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dowling are entertaining this week Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hite and daughter of Kansas City.

Arthur B. Smith, assistant general ticket and passenger agent of the B. & M., went to Chicago yesterday to meet a party of friends, who will visit with him in this city.

Colonel W. F. Vaill, the well known city ticket agent of the Burlington, has been snowbound for the last four days at La Junta, Colo., on the Santa Fe road. As soon as the news was received in this city a relief expedition was organized, headed by Colonel George Reed, which started after the beleaguered colonel. The relief party is expected to return with him today.

The Murray—R. V. Simins, M. S. Lawson, Chicago; S. Seligman, Charles S. Morris, Joseph S. Frank, W. S. Morse, Miss Emily, New York; John McCann, Cincinnati; J. D. McDonald, Fremont; W. S. Litter, C. H. Poole, Boston; Ben Burr and wife, Deadwood, S. D.

The Paxton—E. M. Bartlett, Springfield, Mass.; J. A. Arrowsmith, St. Joseph, Mo.; G. L. Thompson, Chicago; M. M. Waite, New York; H. Kraft, New York; A. Erlanger, Baltimore; M. F. Erwin, Dubuque; W. J. Courtney, Cleveland, O.; W. S. Fletcher, New York; E. H. Pifer, Chicago; Mrs. C. S. Thomas and daughter, Salt Lake; J. A. Robinson, St. Louis; C. C. Munzer, Chicago; J. B. Castle, Bloomington, Ill.; James N. Kendall, Ogden, Utah.

The Millard—T. C. Haynes, Chicago; Ben Hittle, George Burke, Boone, Ia.; W. S. Huffman, H. M. Leavitt, Lincoln; H. Hasselburth, St. Louis; William V. Kelley, Thomas Bates, George W. Blossom, Chicago; R. S. Bosworth, Louisville; F. J. Swain, Brooklyn; A. B. Chadwick, Chicago; B. L. Heine, Stanley Wolman, New York; W. J. Evans, Winond, Fla.; C. H. Barro, Erie, Pa.; Henry Jung, Shebayan; T. D. Schloss, St. Louis; E. McMurchy, Syracuse, N. Y.

The Dellone—H. M. Boydeton, Nebraska City; J. F. Railsback, Kansas City; Harry C. Mack, Chicago; D. R. Lillibridge, Lincoln; C. E. Bassett, Chicago; J. C. Hays and wife, Grand Island; C. C. Crowell, F. M. Casteller, A. P. Howes, Blair; I. O. Kelley, M. P. Roscommon, John C. Nelson, Nebraska City; L. C. Dunn, Lincoln; Charles Van Nimmy, Boston; W. W. Reedy, Niles, Mich.; C. W. Holt, St. Paul; M. W. Burke, Chicago; James K. Deming, Detroit.

DUTTON'S CHEAP SUITS.

He Made Something Out of Nothing Most Remarkably.

A couple of weeks ago A. B. Dutton, manager of a suit club scheme, silently folded his tent and stole away. Since then it has transpired that several of the club members have been anxiously looking for the missing Dutton.

In connection with Dutton, Mr. J. McVean, the Omaha representative of Wanamaker & Brown of Philadelphia was seen last night by a BEE reporter and made this statement:

"Dutton came to me some time last September and proposed a partnership with me in the suit club business. I declined his proposition, but rented him desk room in my office. Then he made arrangements with me to accept his orders for suits, which of course I did as long as they were paid for when taken from the store.

"At one time Dutton had eight clubs of thirty members each. He had the club lists tacked up on the wall here and held the drawings three times a week. The club members seldom attended these drawings, though sometimes three or four would be here. Of course when Dutton had eight clubs in full blast that was a weekly income to him of $240, and if the business had been run on the square, would have been a weekly outlay of the same amount, less the commission paid him by the tailor making the clothing.

"But I know it to be a fact that the drawings were not always straight. As a general thing only two or three members of the eight clubs would draw suits. For instance, if John Smith of club 7 drew a suit and Smith was not present Dutton would claim to the members present that Smith was behind in his payments, and consequently his drawing did not count.

"When inducing a person to join Dutton would represent that it did not make any difference about paying each week as they could pay up a month or more at a time.

"On a $30 suit Dutton always expected to make from $6 to $10 of course at the expense of the person drawing the suit. Dutton also claimed to pocket considerable money from lapses, that is from members paying a few dollars and then dropping out. No sir, a suit club cannot run on the square and make any money."

When Mr. McVean discovered that Dutton was not straight he order him out of his place. Dutton then engaged desk room in an office in the Brown building, room 312.

After this Dutton took his trade to Frank Barrett & Co., 315 South Fifteenth street. Mr. Barrett was seen by a reporter last night and said that he had done work for Dutton, but had always got his money before goods left the store. Consequently he is out nothing. Mr. Barrett said he was afraid of all suit club schemes, as in his opinion they could not be run square. The agreement with members is that those who do not draw suits in thirty weeks are to have suits anyway. By doing this the club manager would make only his commission, which would hardly be enough to live on.

It is claimed that Dutton sold out to P. A. Gavin, an installment house agent. By the terms af the contract of the sale Gavin is to carry on the club as before. Gavin is doing that to some extent, as it is understood he is having some clothes made now at a Douglas street tailor shop.

There are two other suit clubs, but nothing startling has transpired in their circles as yet.

Dutton and his collector, a man named Powell, have gone to San Francisco.

WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSION.

The Art Directorship Tendered to a St. Louis Man.

CHICAGO, March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It is announced tonight that the national world's fair commission will reassemble in this city April 1. From advices received at headquarters it is certain there will be a quorum present. The art directorship of the world's fair, it is said, has been tendered to Halsey C. Ives of St. Louis. Mr. Ives is director of the St. Louis museum of fine arts and a professor in the Washington university. He has been in charge of the museum about fifteen years, and it is to him that it owes its present popularity and standing. He is a native of central New York.

World's Fair Blessed.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Local papers say Pope Leo XIII is out with an apostolic benediction upon the world's fair and a plan to erect a monument in honor of Christopher Columbus at Buenos Ayres. The communication says, in part: "Columbus, in accomplishing by his genius and perseverence such great deeds, has been the fountain in both hemispheres of so great an influence upon mankind that few men can be compared with him. Hoping that the honors rendered him will serve to celebrate the world's Columbian exposition at Chicago, we give to your project the praise that it merits and at the same time as a token of fraternal love we give the apostolic benediction."

Badly Hurt.

A painful and possibly serious accident happened to Mr. Lou Andrews of 2416 North Twenty-eighth street early last evening.

Mr. Andrews was riding on the rear end of a motor car on Twenty-fourth street near Ames avenue. A team belonging to M. H. Bliss, 1410 Farnam street, got away from the driver, Peter Shultz, and dashed into the rear end of the car.

Mr. Andrews was struck in the hip by the wagon pole and knocked into the street. The wound is a very painful and possibly a dangerous one.

The wounded man was taken to his home in the patrol wagon. Dr. Graham was immediately called and attended the patient. It is not known how badly Mr. Andrews is injured as Dr. Graham could not be reached last night.

Not Liked by the Confederates.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 27.—Stanley arrived here yesterday, but will not lecture. His manager, Pond, has received a telegram from Agent McKeown of Austin which says: "Criticism of Stanley is so severe I have been compelled to cancel all Texas dates." It is thought possible that McKeown came to Austin, talked to some unreconciliable legislators and they jumped on Stanley so savagely for his desertion from the confederate army that the agent was afraid to bill him.

Stole a Vise.

Frank Lewis, a fifteen-year-old boy, was arrested by Officer Hudson last night on Corby street and charged with petit larceny. Lewis had a vise in his possession which he claimed to have found on the sidewalk. The excuse didn't go with the officer, however, and he was locked up.

Another Dangerous Hole.

The sewer which crosses Cuming street at Thirty-second has caved in between the street car tracks at that crossing and left a dangerous hole about 2x4 feet and of unknown depth. Several horses have already fallen into this cavity and a serious accident is imminent.

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VETERANS OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

Close of a Well Attended and Successful Encampment.

SENATOR PETTIGREW MAKES A DENIAL.

The Reported Trouble with Secretary Noble Greatly Exaggerated — Escaped Convict Recaptured—The University Difficulty.

YANKTON, S. D., March 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The eighth annual encampment of the South Dakota department Grand Army of the Republic closed in this city tonight with a gigantic camp fire. The encampment has been attended by nearly one thousand old soldiers and is said to have been one of the most successful ever held. The state department Woman's Relief Corps has been in session at the same time. Judge C. S. Palmer of Sioux Falls, was elected commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and Mrs. Ruth H. Thomas of Huron was elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mitchell was selected as the place for holding the next encampment.

The University Difficulty.

VERMILLION, S. D., March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The local board of regents of the state university, called here by the late trouble, have been in session all day. This afternoon the entire faculty was called before them and one of the most stormy sessions of the board took place. Of this meeting no information can be had, as they have not come to any understanding in the matter. Two of the regents are known to favor the students, and as there are only three members of the board present they will undoubtedly adopt a resolution favoring the retirement of the president, which will be forwarded to the state board which meets at Brookings next month.

School Lands at Auction.

YANKTON, S. D., March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Eighteen sections of school land in this county are now being sold at public auction in this city. The lands in this county were appraised at an average of $15 per acre, but are selling at an average price of $30 per acre. One half section sold for $53 per acre. The price was paid for Dakota farm land. One of the eighteen sections is cement land, containing chalk rock and clay for Portland in abundance. That section is appraised at $75 per acre, and a cable from London offering $60 per acre for it has been refused.

Denies the Report.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Senator Pettigrew returned from Washington today, and in speaking of the reported war of words he is said to have had with Secretary Noble, which was published recently, said the story was largely false and that he never called Noble a "jackleg" lawyer. Any difference existing between himself and Noble were simply matters of opinion and not due to flashes of temper.

Wide Awake Robbed While Asleep.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Wide Awake manufacturing tailoring establishment was entered by burglars last night and plundered of goods to the value of $150. No clue has been obtained to the theives. This is the latest of a series of similar crimes, none of which, however, have resulted in hauls worth more than $100, which have recently been committed in Deadwood.

Escaped Convict Recaptured.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Frank Hoffman, the convict who escaped from the state penitentiary in this city last week, was captured today in Little Falls, Minn. Hoffman is a leader of a gang of horse thieves who have their headquarters near Oakes, N. D., and his capture is considered a matter of congratulation on the part of the officers of this place.

PATENT MEDICINE COUPONS.

A Scheme of the Manufacturers to Put Up Prices.

NEW YORK, March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The manufacturers of patent medicines are of the opinion that the public who buy the stuff are not paying enough money for it and they are combining again for the purpose of putting up the retail price. The plan that these manufacturers and retail drug men want to adopt is called the Kline plan, named for the chairman of the organization. It is to charge retailers the full retail price for all the medicines. To each bottle of medicine a coupon is to be attached, which is to be torn off and presented by the druggist when the bottle is sold. Clearing houses are to be established in the big cities and these coupons are to be presented there at the end of every month, or every three months, with the affidavits of the druggists to the effect that the bottles of medicines to which they were attached were sold at the full retail price of the medicine. The coupon will be purchased then for 20, 33 or 50 per cent of the retail price of the medicine, and that will be the druggist's profit on his sales. Detectives are to be employed to ferrêt out men who cut rates and to report to the clearing house officials.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Pensions were granted today to the following Nebraskans: Original—Orlando D. Woodruff, John A. Haase, Alphens Wright, Larus Cassidy, Frederick B. Martin, Robert Leitch, Joseph J. Mercer, Elias Hanna, Samuel Clark, James A. Fightmaster, Stillman C. Miller, Robert Shaffler, Orlando Hudson, Joseph B. Witter. Increase—James L. Grosvenor, Dennis McPhillip, Andrew J. McKnight. Reissue—H. Cook Griffith. Original widows, etc.—Jonathan E., father of David Jessup; Annie, widow of George Hopkins.

Iowa: Addison A. Woodard, James Watson, Alvin A. Miller, George Snyder, James J. Travers, David H. Chapman, Noah Winkle, Richard G. Okey, John Guynn, Abraham Ashworth, Daniel Graham, Jacob H. Mechling, Mitchell Duffy, John Daiber, William A. Stonebrook, Isaac N. Boomer, John Henderson, Daniel Bowles, Albian B. Sheldon, James Tarpenning, Thomas E. Armsfield, Ebenezer C. Ballard, James M. Hammitt, Edward Hartney, Charles E. Peet, James White, Lason Garneter, Henry Saunders, Paul D. Vanderburg, John S. White, George W. Atchley, Charles Lyon. Increase—Charles R. Cooper, William A. Morton, Andrew A. Olson. Reissue—Samuel A. Hamilton, Henry Nulton, John E. Cooksey. Original widows, etc.—Edith, widow of Jonathan B. Bates, Hannah, widow of Phillip McGrath.

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Jealous Gambler Kills Two Variety Actresses and Himself.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., March 27.—A double murder and suicide occurred today at the Casino variety theater. Charles Elliott, a faro dealer, who was occupying a box near the stage, drew a pistol and fired shots at the performers. One bullet took effect in the left breast of Mabel Debabian, killing her instantly. Another bullet lodged in the back of Carrie Smith, also a variety actress, inflicting fatal wounds. Elliott then placed the muzzle of the revolver at his head and blew his own brains out. It is said that the shots were intended for another actress who was on the stage at the same time, of whom Elliott was insanely jealous.

Cigarette Trust Millions.

NEW YORK, March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Theodore A. Allen of 18 Broadway has brought suit in the supreme court against the Kinney tobacco company for $50,000 in part payment for his services in organizing the American tobacco company, generally known as the cigarette trust. The suit brought by Mr. Allen indicates that the capital stock held by four of the original parties to the consolidation amounts to $22,000,000. With the addition of Goodwin & Co., cigarette manufacturers, capital stock in the hands of Goodwin, the grand total can hardly fall below $25,000,000.

Automatic Brakes and Couplers.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The Engineering News will publish this week a statement of the progress made in the equipment of freight cars with automatic couplers and with automatic air brakes. Railroad companies owning over seven hundred thousand freight cars report that they have equipped over ninety-nine thousand cars with such couplers up to the first of this year. The statement says about one hundred and fifty thousand freight cars were equipped with automatic air brakes.

Pumping Out the Galena.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., March 27.—Steam pumps have been put aboard the United States steamer Galena, ashore at Gayhead, and an effort will be made to clear her out and save her hold.

Efforts will not be made to float the Galena. The coal and light articles have been removed from the tug Nina. The tug Trianna, ashore on Cuttyhunk, is breaking up rapidly. Her boilers and machinery will be removed.

A Woman Murdered.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 27.—In a clump of trees near Eighteenth and Federal streets the dead body of Nellie Ryan, a woman about forty years of age, was discovered this morning. The appearance of the woman led to the belief that she had been knocked down, outraged and then murdered. The authorities are investigating, and several rough characters with whom the woman was seen are under surveillance.

Trying to Corner Brandy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—The Chronicle says an attempt is being made by a syndicate of local jobbers to control the brandy market. The agents of the syndicate have been buying all the brandy in sight. The independent producers will fight the brandy trust and it is stated will convert large quantities of wine now on hand into brandy.

Will Recognize Bulkley.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 27.—Governor Bulkley of Connecticut has sent a requisition for Thomas Garrett, who is now in the penitentiary here. Governor Davis, when asked if he would recognize the requisition, said that notwithstanding he thought Morris the legal governor, he would, as the document bore the seal of Connecticut.

Samuel Burns has just received the latest "fad" in china Easter souvenir cups, 25c to $1.00. See them.

Kansas County Officials Arrested.

WICHITA, Kan., March 27.—County Clerk Curry, Treasurer Cloderly and County Commissioners Morton and A. Cole of Comanche county, were arrested on information charging them with malfeasance in office.

A Scow Captain Drowned.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Early this morning a scow laden with sand capsized and Captain Hanson was drowned.

SIR MORRELL MACKENZIE.

The eminent Throat Specialist, says: "The Soden Mineral Pastilles (Troches), produced from the Soden Springs by evaporation, are particularly serviceable in Catarrhal Inflammation, Sore Throat, Coughs, Bronchitis and Lung troubles." For sale by all druggists. Obtain the genuine only, which have the signature and testimonial of Sir Morrell Mackenzie with each box. Price, 50c.