

SPECULATING IN GARBAGE.

Another Chapter on the Sanitary Commissioner's Financial Combinations.

HIS PARTNERSHIP WITH NELSON.

Net Earnings from the City for Hauling Dead Animals of Nearly One Hundred and Forty Dollars Per Month.

The reply of the sanitary commissioner to the charges made in the Bee was severely criticized yesterday evening in all parts of the city, more especially because it evaded some of the most serious charges made against him.

The latter did state in an interview in the Bee that the sanitary commissioner had demanded \$75 from him as his share of the proceeds from work done at the Walnut Hill school.

The sanitary commissioner, however, does not state what right he had to demand \$75, nor does he deny the charge Nelson makes that he did demand that sum.

Neither does he deny he told Nelson that when \$75 should be paid he (Morrissy) would consider whether he would sell Nelson one of his \$25 books which would enable him to deposit refuse on the dump.

The sanitary commissioner also says that Nelson deposited "the foul matter from the Walnut Hill school within the city limits."

Nelson in reply says the matter was only water and that it was unloaded in a creek practically on the dump, within twenty feet of the river, as near the bank as it was safe to go because the nature of which the dump is composed was full of pits holes occasioned by hidden flames.

Morrissy also refers to the fact of two men whom he had protected from over charges, but it happened that those two men are personal friends of his (Morrissy), however, of how many others he has befriended nor of the hundreds of people who are compelled to pay \$1 more for sanitary work than it is worth, in order to pay tribute to him.

That the office of the sanitary commissioner has been used for all there is in it, that official does not deny. It was this greed which led to the fight between him and Nelson.

It was this thirst for patronage which led the commissioner to enter a partnership with Nelson. In this partnership the commissioner did not invest one cent. In it he had nothing to lose, but in it he could make as much as he pleased, and who supplied the teams, wagons and men, and in fact did all the work.

These facts are attested by the following excerpts from the contract of the sanitary commissioner's hand-writing, which Mr. Nelson still possesses:

Beginning August 1, 1890, we, the undersigned, Frank R. Morrissy and John Nelson, agree to the following articles of partnership agreement:

Said Frank R. Morrissy as sanitary commissioner of the city of Omaha, agrees that said John Nelson shall have the right to use the engine in the business of cleaning water-creeks, cess-pools and vaults, and the free use of every dump and street, and also the right to be the dumpmaster free of charge, said Frank R. Morrissy to supply said John Nelson with necessary tickets without cost.

Said John Nelson agrees to furnish teams, wagons, equipment and help six (6) per team and crew per working night.

Said John Nelson agrees to collect full legal price for work done, keep account in full of same and make weekly statements thereof to said Frank R. Morrissy.

The profits and losses over and above the expenses thereof are to be divided equally between said John Nelson and Frank R. Morrissy.

Any and all other parties who may be permitted to engage in the business, do so upon the basis of \$1 per load cash in advance and the money thus received shall be placed to the profit account and divided as other profits.

Said Frank R. Morrissy is to direct to said John Nelson all business which he can consistently with agreements made with Nelson's consent.

In all transactions in connection with the business of cess-pool and vault cleaning, said Frank R. Morrissy and John Nelson are to be equal partners and stand by their common interest.

This agreement was witnessed by J. S. Bennett.

The partnership came to an end about Christmas time, when Nelson was compelled to resort to the \$25 books of which he had purchased some notwithstanding the sanitary commissioner says he did not.

The \$25 books were purchased by the other cesspool men and every one of those books meant \$25 for the commissioner, without any expense to Mr. Morrissy save for the printing which was a mere trifling.

The same one-sided agreement almost which the commissioner had made with Nelson he has also made with other cesspool haulers. The latter hauled the dead animals for their skins or hides, and makes all he can. The commissioner is paid, however, for the hauling, either by the owner of the animal or the city. The practice of owners paying for the hauling of their dead animals, however, it would seem, is not a common one. The city notwithstanding is good for it because the comptroller's books show that, for this species of work during the last ten months, the sanitary commissioner has been paid between \$1,300 and \$1,400. This is an average of \$130 per month for dead animals alone, to say nothing of the cess-pool and garbage revenues. The commissioner says that he could almost make an affidavit that he has not averaged \$130 per month since he has been in office. This would imply that fewer than twenty loads of night soil were deposited at the dump in any of the last ten months and that there was no change in the number of loads there by the men he has authorized for the purpose. This of course is considered ridiculous in the light of everyday experience, the commissioner's admission and his articles of agreement with Nelson.

Indeed, while that partnership lasted, Nelson says Morrissy's share could not have been less than from \$100 to \$125 per month. On the comptroller's books also is an entry showing that the commissioner has collected from the city \$85 for hauling away the measure of the police patrol stable. This work was done by some other person but the commissioner came in for his liberal share.

Another source of the commissioner's income is from garbage. For this, on good authority, he exacted a tribute of 20 per cent, notwithstanding that a load could not bring the owner of the wagon more than \$1 or \$1.25 at the most.

The commissioner says his \$25 dump tickets have been discontinued since the passage of the revised charter and then charges the Bee with inaccuracy when it charges that the tinkering of the charter legislated last fall did not do away with the measure of valuable time in ascertaining his status as a member of the board of health.

The city clerk has certified copies of the revised charter, and in those he will find the same alleged inaccuracies of the Bee which good lawyers had have deprived the sanitary commissioner of his occupation.

The Bee is in receipt of a number of complaints regarding the manner in which the sanitary work of the city has been performed. One of the complaints is appended.

T. J. Tooley an attorney called at the Bee office yesterday morning and stated that he represented Messrs. Miles & Thompson of Farnam street, and that he wished to make a statement with regard to the way the sanitary commissioner was doing his business.

He said that Messrs. Miles & Thompson were given charge of ten houses to collect the rents, etc. A day or two after they were served with a notice that the cesspools would have to be cleaned. Finally arrangements were made with a man named Cole to do the work.

A few days after this occurred Lazarus and Cole, or a man representing them, presented a bill for \$80, claiming that they had cleaned ten pools and taken out twenty loads. Mr. Tooley claims that three of these pools had not been used for six months and were perfectly dry. On finding this out Mr. Tooley called to see Mr. Frank R. Morrissy, the sanitary commissioner, and the latter claimed that the men employed to do the cleaning had turned in twenty loads that night. Mr. Morrissy said he would look into the matter, however, and later he wrote Messrs. Miles & Thompson a letter in which he stated that there were seven pools that had been cleaned and that their total capacity was about eight hundred cubic feet and that the actual number of loads taken out was sixteen, tickets for the same having been received at the dump master. He further stated that as the legal price was 10 cents per cubic foot, total would amount to

\$80, but that, as it was agreed that \$4 per load should be charged, he would sign a receipt in full upon their sending him a check for \$34 (Miles & Thompson having already paid \$50 on account).

Mr. Tooley further stated that his clients did not mean to pay a cent more. He considered that the cesspools had taken off only seven loads, certainly not more than nine. They only are three cesspools in the city, and he worked at midnight, whereas it was claimed by them that they worked all night.

In conclusion Tooley said that the claim of Lazarus & Cole would not be paid by his clients but that the latter would take legal steps very shortly and the matter would be fully investigated in the courts.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Yesterday was the first appearance of the United States marine band in Omaha, and the justly celebrated organization was welcomed by large audiences at the Coliseum both matinee and evening.

For a century nearly the marine band, which is now enjoying its first extended leave, has figured in the festive life of Washington, and has assisted at the inauguration of every president since Jefferson. It has been one of the great attractions to tourists doing the national capital, and it has been an unfailing source of delight to the residents of the "City of Magnificent Distances."

The Marine band enjoys the distinction of being the only strictly representative national band supported by the government, and it is with no small degree of patriotism the assertion is made that it is by far the best organization that has been heard in the west.

Technically considered the playing of the band, so far as accuracy of note and purity of tone are concerned, is the perfection of concerted music. The shading and the expression brought out by the skill of the director, Mr. Sousa, are as perfect as can be obtained without the aid of strings, the wood winds furnishing light and graceful touches, which so beautifully mark the distinction between orchestra and band. And yet with all the ability and acknowledged skill of the band leader, the program given at the matinee was not up to the standard of excellence which the people of Omaha had been used to expect. The selections chosen for the afternoon were mostly light and airy compositions, giving little opportunity for the display of those prominent qualities which have been the distinguishing characteristics of the organization for nearly a hundred years.

Among the gems, however, was Schubert's unfinished symphony, a peculiarly constructed composition, in which the wind instruments supplied the place of strings with excellent effect. Mr. Henry Jacson, state solo, "La Soubambula," was delightfully played, the soloist displaying an artistic conception of the piece thoroughly musicianly.

"The Damnation of Faust," as might have been expected, received with marked favor, because its rendition deserved it. But the band appeared to be in advantage in "Sylvia" by Delibes, a tone poem which is a classic of the florid, descriptive school. Its rendition had the true atmosphere of the southern clime, and more than anything else showed the versatility of the director who has yet to touch middle manhood. But his band's rhythmic flow was quite lost sight of in the composition, which followed it entitled "The Stag Party," a selection which did little honor to the organization.

The vocal soloist at the matinee and evening was Miss Decca, and it is with a feeling of pride that we can proclaim her an American. The future that is before this wonderful musician, cannot be gauged. There is no singer now on the concert stage on this side the ocean who can in any way compete with her. She stands alone the accepted coloratura singer of America, and some of her notes, especially in the upper register, are marvelous, the young woman being able to sing more than any other singer. Her legato singing is of excellent so far as phrasing is concerned, and certain effects of diminishing, of which she gives more than any other singer. But Miss Decca should not attempt folk songs, her singing of the "Swanee River" being a disappointment, it say the least.

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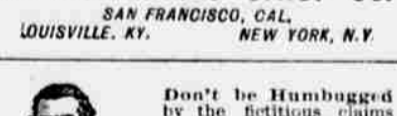
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Russell, assuming, quietly observed that there were so many leaders of the opposition that it would be advisable to drop the subject. This did not improve Gladstone's temper, and when Mr. Sanderson rose and congratulated him for supporting the bill, Gladstone's anger redoubled and he again gave vent to language rarely heard on the front bench.

The unpleasant episode pleased a few radicals, but Gladstone's colleagues looked nervous and ill at ease.

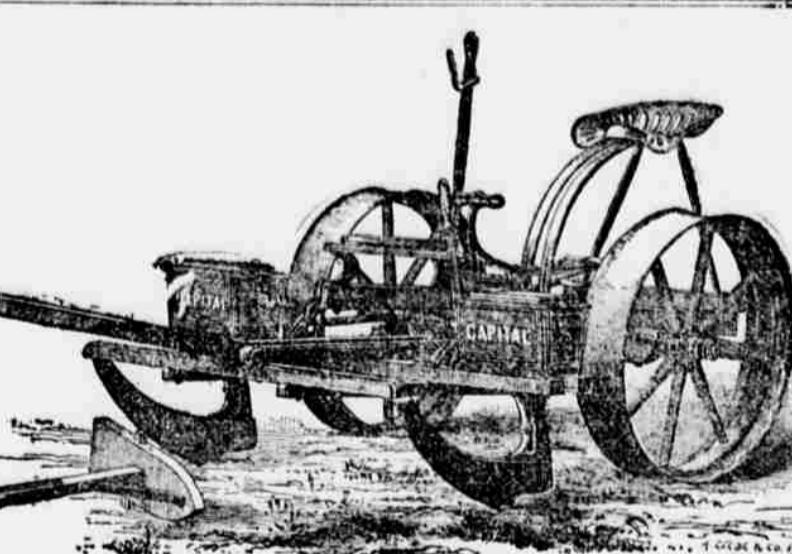
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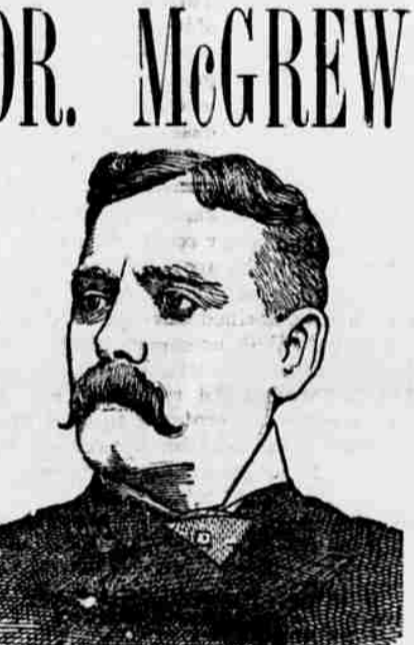
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