

STERLING MORTON ISN'T IN IT

Governor Has His Resignation From the World's Fair Commission.

JUSTICE COBB SUSPENDS A SENTENCE.

Fighting Over a Fortune in the District Court—Suit in Which Omaha Parties Are Interested—Lincoln News.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 10.—[Special to The Bee.] Sterling Morton's resignation as a member of the Nebraska World's Fair commission was placed in Governor Thayer's hands today for the first time, although it has been in possession of a gentleman in this city since some day last week.

It is believed, however, that there were other reasons, whether the governor states them or not. Governor Thayer states that he will not consider the names of possible successors to Mr. Morton until he has conferred with that gentleman. It is stated that he has declined to discuss the matter.

Judge Cobb suspends sentence. Today Chief Justice Cobb issued an order suspending sentence in the case of William Tippy, convicted of manslaughter in the district court in and for Adams county, under further orders, and also ordering that Tippy be released on bail, his bonds being fixed at \$5,000.

The crime for which Tippy was convicted was committed at De Witt, in Saline county, on the evening of November 14, 1891, and was the culmination of a quarrel in which Tippy is the proprietor of a saloon in De Witt and on the evening of the day in question George Pinknett wandered into the place in an intoxicated condition. Tippy and Pinknett became involved in a quarrel, and William Halacre, Tippy's bartender, also took part. As the quarrel grew more heated, Halacre ordered Halacre to throw Pinknett out, which he did by first striking him several heavy blows with his left hand, and then kicking him out of the saloon. Pinknett did not get away until he had been confined within a few minutes. When tried for the crime both Tippy and Halacre were convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to penitentiary for ten years. Both filed notice of their intention to ask the supreme court to interfere, but Halacre withdrew his notice.

National Guard Commission. Today Adjutant General Cole issued commissions to the following recently elected National guard officers:

Captain W. L. Frew, First Lieutenant W. H. Franklin, Second Lieutenant G. L. Chalmers, all of Company A, First infantry, stationed at York. Captain Fred E. Bourne, First Lieutenant Gilbert Palmer, Second Lieutenant Joseph A. Reed, all of Company C, First infantry, at Beatrice.

Second Lieutenant A. H. Humphrey of Company D, First regiment, at Lincoln. Second Lieutenant E. L. Remington, Company E, Second infantry, at Chadron. Second Lieutenant D. Aldrich, Company G, First infantry, at Geneva. The following persons have been appointed vacancies on the staff: Allen G. Fisher of Chadron as brigade commissary with the rank of captain. O. L. Green of Kearney as aide-de-camp with rank of first lieutenant.

Fighting Over a Fortune. A contested will case involving a snug little fortune of about \$30,000 has been on trial in Judge Hall's court today. Two years ago Mrs. Jennie May, a wealthy Lincoln lady, died. In her will she left a sum of \$30,000 to the African mission cause and to other charitable institutions. The balance of her estate was divided among three sisters, a brother and two or three nieces. As a matter of course they contested the will upon the ground that a woman who treated as she did, should not bequeath a fortune among a miscellaneous assortment of relatives not necessarily by issue. The contest was first brought to court, but after Judge Stewart had heard the evidence in the case, and the trial lasted a month, he declared the will good. The heirs took an appeal and the case is now on in the district court.

Nebraska's Silver Anniversary. At a meeting of the Lincoln Real Estate exchange last evening, H. M. Bushnell called attention to the fact that the twenty-fifth anniversary of Nebraska's admission into the union was rapidly approaching and that it would be fitting and proper for the city of Lincoln to get up a celebration to honor the event and invite the people of the state generally to participate. He offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the president of the Real Estate exchange appoint a committee of five from its membership to represent the city and shall be one to act with a like committee from the Board of Trade, the two committees to arrange a celebration to be held on the 25th anniversary of the admission of Nebraska to the union.

Lincoln's Real Estate Exchange. The Lincoln Real Estate exchange held its annual meeting at the city hall last evening for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Secretary Gilliam's report was an interesting document. He alluded first to the establishment of the grain inspection department at Lincoln and then of the progress of the city's manufacturing industries, and finally of the importance of securing beet sugar factories for Lincoln. Seven directors for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: J. H. McClay, J. J. Gilliam, H. M. Bushnell, A. E. Kennard, A. D. Hays, J. E. Foster and E. S. Barrett. The directors then held a meeting and re-elected J. H. McClay president, H. M. Bushnell vice president, J. J. Gilliam secretary and A. E. Kennard treasurer.

Another County Seat War. The records of the supreme court are again cluttered with the voluminous documents of another dreary and interminable county seat war. This time the town of Lincoln is the August the commissioners of that county called a special election for the relocation of the county seat. A numerously signed remonstrance was presented to the commissioners refused to heed. The district court sustained the commissioners and now the people who do not want the county seat relocated are asking for the interference of the supreme court.

Omaha Light Guards. There are no new developments in the project to unite the Omaha light guards with the Nebraska Light Guards. The national guard officials are extremely anxious to bring about such a consummation. Adjutant General Cole has been endeavoring to get the efficiency of the Omaha guards. He said he would like to see an appropriation of \$50,000 to purchase uniforms and equipment, and a number of creditors filed claims against a branch store in this city. Sheriff McClay was appointed receiver, and after selling the stock of the Lincoln store and paying all necessary expenses, he had a balance of nearly \$5,000 to divide among the creditors. The case before Judge Fields is instituted for the purpose of insuring a just and equitable division of the same amount.

They Had Pretty Scrap. Dr. O'Connor has an office, or a room, or something of the kind in the Barr block, on O street. His personal relations with Col. Barr have been somewhat strained for some time owing to certain feelings, allegations made by the colonel against the doctor's immediate ancestry. Last evening the two gentlemen met, and the doctor pro-

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CUTTING OFF FRENCH TRADE.

Formation of the Zollverein with Germany as the Center About Completed.

COMING OF THE INDUSTRIAL SEDAN.

Prince Bismarck's Sententious Prophecy Being Realized—Funeral of Dom Pedro—Mystery of the Boulevard du Temple.

[Copyrighted 1891 by James Gordon Bennett.] PARIS, Dec. 10.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to THE BEE.]—An event of incalculable importance has just occurred in Europe. Germany has signed treaties of commerce with Austria and Italy hostile to France and Russia. The vast commercial union, of which Germany is the inventor and the pivot, and to which her allies are the first adherents, has been strengthened by the admission of Switzerland and Belgium, who have signed treaties with Germany and Austria. Negotiations have also been begun between Austria and Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia. Germany is negotiating with Holland, who has made proposals to Belgium, and with Belgium, who has signed treaties with Denmark and Germany. The latter country has moreover already made advances to Denmark and Turkey.

This Zollverein will thus embrace the whole of Europe except France, Russia, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Portugal and Greece. But such an union on such broad terms with us that she will no doubt soon adopt the new league, and grave fears are still entertained lest England should do likewise, if her interests demanded it.

France in a Bad Way. Such are the plain facts with which the French parliament finds itself confronted in the course of the debate on the tariff. It is, in fact, thanks to our protectionists, that Belgium has joined the Zollverein, and that Spain may imitate her. The French chamber has no doubt assured of a market for her sugar. Her object in the present movement is to develop the colonies. She will not be able to wage bitter war against the industries of France which until now she has combated by fraud and adulteration.

Dom Pedro II. The funeral of Dom Pedro II took place yesterday. It rained, and the bad weather kept many people from those who would otherwise have attended the funeral. Troops were massed around the Madeleine during the ceremony. The body, which was conveyed to the church in the night, rested on a bag containing some Brazilian earth, which the emperor had brought with him to remind him of his native land. An immense crowd filled the building. Among the mourners were the diplomatic corps and the members of the Brazilian colony. The ceremony lasted an unusually long time, but had nothing characteristic of the Brazilian coronation.

Got the Wrong Man. It now seems that the police made a mistake yesterday when they arrested a man on suspicion of being the author of the murder on the boulevard du Temple. The whole affair is a case of mistaken identity. The man now suspected that the crime was not of an ordinary kind, and that the authorities will not be able to find the real murderer. The debate on the religious question took an academic turn in the senate today. The various political groups made long speeches. In reply to one of the minister of justice said that in the existing laws the government has no right to interfere with the supremacy of the church. Nothing serious was likely to result from the discussion.

Runaway Cars Jump the Track and Crash Into Residences. Mangled and injured by a freight heavily loaded with holiday goods last night, the cars were badly wrecked and the trip in a very few minutes. One car jumped the track at Division street and crashed into John Gray's house, fully ten rods from the track. The house was badly wrecked and Mr. and Mrs. Crow were only thrown out of bed and severely bruised. They thought a terrible cyclone had struck the city. A second car and the engine were set on fire and the engine was badly wrecked. The house of Alexander Emerson and set on fire, and the adjoining residence. The inmates of both dwellings barely escaped with their lives and with only their night clothes to cover them. Several freight cars are piled up at Division street and a brakeman saved himself by jumping. The total loss is at least \$25,000.

Indiana Farmers Working for a Two-Cent Fare Law. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 10.—The farmers of Indiana are preparing to demand of the next legislature that it be enacted reducing the state rate of railroad fare to 2 cents a mile. This is precipitated by the action of the Central Traffic association in refusing to grant reduced rates to members of many farmers' organizations which meet here this month and next. Heretofore the rates have been 4 cents a mile, and the farmers have a half rate, no questions being asked, out this year it was claimed to be the time to attend agricultural meetings pay full fare. The movement against the railroad has been set going by the tile makers' association which has been petitioning the legislature and demanding the legislature pass a 2-cent law. A committee was appointed to carry the matter before the legislature this morning, caused by the rumor that the Indiana Agricultural association, which followed the tile makers will take up the question, and the State Board of Agriculture has been in session towards "getting even" with the railroads.

Eleven Prisoners Break Jail. GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 10.—Last night eleven prisoners escaped from jail by cutting off the bars at the cell window and lowering themselves by means of bed ticks. The delivery was not discovered until this morning and none of the fugitives has been captured. It is thought there was outside assistance. Three of the prisoners were sent here from Princeton for safe keeping.

Ill-Used Whiskey Destroyed. TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 10.—Federal officers returned last night from a raid in northern Alabama. They report the capture of a quantity of whiskey, which was destroyed.

Western People in Chicago. The following western people are in the city: At the Grand Pacific—J. G. Rhamsberg, Dubuque, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Weismann, Muskegon, Mich.; At the Palmer—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Garrison, Denison, Ia.; At the Wellington—Edward H. Hunter, Des Moines, Ia.; At the Leif—John McCook, Crooked, Ia.; A. W. Clancy, Des Moines, Ia.; John Zimmerman, Muskegon, Mich.; At the Auditorium—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hersching, Des Moines, Ia.; General J. C. Cowin of Omaha is registered at the Palmer.

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