INSANITY YOCUM'S DEFENSE

Witnesses Declare the Captain Was Crazy When He Shot Van Fleet.

TEMPORARILY AS MAD AS A MARCH HARE

Alice Yocum Tells the Story of Her Persecution and of Her Father's Agony When She Revealed the Facts to Him.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The attorneys for the defense in the Yocum murder trial are relying upon a plea of emotional insanity to clear their client. They made the opening moves in this direction this morning. The first witness called by the defense was ex-District Judge Morris of Crete. He saw Captain Yocum at the Capital hotel in Lincoln on the night of February 3 last. The captain was apparently suffering great mental anguish and was acting very strangely. He kept pulling from his pocket a copy of the sensational paper in which the article denunciatory of Miss Yocum's character appeared, and asking the witness what a man who had served his country and woh professed to be a gentleman should do with the author of that article. Unquestionably, Judge Morris said, Yocum was as mad as a March hare that night and was incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

Chief of Police Wanzer of Hastings saw Yocum in the county jail the night of the shooting. He was acting wildly and very excitedly at the time.

Captain Yocum's wife then took the stand. She had been married to Captain Yocum for twenty-six years. They had one child, Miss Alice, who was 25 years of age. For two years past Captain Yocum has been away, stationed at various points on government service. About January 30 last he returned home. The first time he went down town he learned of the article published in the Lincoln sensational paper. On his return to his home he seemed frenzied. He was restless, nervous, had no appetite and was apparently not responsible for his actions. The next day he went down to Lincoln, returning Friday. His Lincoln visit served only to augment his frenzy. The evening before the tragedy his daughter had a conversation with him. That night he did not sleep at all, but tossed about and walked the floor. The next morning he ate no breakfast. About 1 o'clock he went down town. At the time he left it was Mrs. Yocum's firm belief he was crazy and incapable of distinguishing right from wrong with regard to Mr. Van Fleet. She sent Jeff Tecmer after him to watch him and bring him home to his supper.

H. M. Sinclair of Kearney saw Yocum at the Capital hotel on the night of February 3. In his opinion he was incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong and was very much deranged.

Miss Alice Yocum gave the sensational testimony of the morning. In a voice choked with sobs she told the story of Van Fleet's insults and repeated persecutions and threats. About a week and a half after the last conversation, the sensational article appeared. She gave the particulars of her conversation with her father the night before the tragedy and told of her father's conduct during her recital. He kept running his fingers through his hair and walking up and down the floor, repeatedly exclaiming, "O, my God." He paid no attention to her caresses after she finished, but appeared to be in an unnatural condition. The next day he shot Van Fleet. Pending cross-examination the noon recess was taken.

In the afternoon the cross examination of Miss Yocum began. The prosecution got from her the statement that she noticed nothing peculiar about her father before this conversation beyond the fact that he was physically unwell.

William Dilworth, secretary of the State Board of Transportation, testified that he saw Yocum at the Capiatl hotel at Lincoln February 13, and that at the time he appeared to be out of his mind. This completed the testimony for the defense.

In rebuttal the state called a number of witnesses to prove Yocum's sanity at the time of the shooting, both prior and afterwards. The validity of their testimony was much impaired on cross-examination though many had simply not noticed anything peculiar about his appearance. Many did not know him intimately and many saw him but for a moment. Altogether the defense seems to have held its own on rebuttal. The further consideration of the case was postponed until 9 a. m. Monday.

DIED OF EXPOSURE.

Peculiar Manner in Which Roelof Ensing Preferred to Die.

NELIGH, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This morning the employes at the Western Union Beef company's ranch near here discovered on the approach to the elevator the naked body of a man with his clothes strewn around. Coroner E. W. Minton of Oakdale was summoned and a jury called. Letters were found in the pockets of the corpse addressed to Roelof Ensing at Ewing, Neb., also other papers, among which was a note given at Sioux Center, Ia., by W. B. Vankerkhoff to Roelof Ensing for $100, dated December 19, 1891, a gold watch and chain, a razor and material for shaving, a spool of black thread, and two large photos of himself and another man sitting at a table with a glass each of foaming beer in their hand and a bottle in the center. The photo of one of the men is recognized as that of the deceased. He also had a lot of family cards in one of his pockets. The deceased was evidently about 36 to 40 years old. He had taken off his clothing even to his shirt and scattered them around promiscuously, then sat down on the approach of the elevator with his legs hanging over the side, and fell back in the driveway, where he was found frozen stiff. Telegrams were sent to Ewing, and the postmaster says a man got mail at that office for the tpast two weeks under that name. Telegrams were also sent to Sioux Center, but there was no answer. The remains will be buried by the coroner tomorrow if nothing is heard from Sioux Center. The verdict was in accordance with the above facts.

Ashland and Wahoo Contests.

ASHLAND, Neb., March 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Last night the second contest between the High school literary societies of Wahoo and Ashland was held at Simington's opera house in this city. The Wahoo delegation, consisting of nearly 300, comprising many of its prominent citizens, arrived by a special train. They were met and escorted to the opera house, which was soon packed to its utmost capacity. Fully 700 people listened to the exercises, which consisted of one essay, one oration, one declamation by each society and a joint debate.

The judges of the contest were President Clements of the Fremont normal, Superintendent Bear of Lancaster county and Mrs. Edwards, principal of the Elliott school of Lincoln.

Wahoo won the oration by two and one-half points out of a possible 300, and the declamation by twelve points out of a possible 300. Ashland won the essay by three points and the debate by eighteen points out of a possible 300. The Wahoo society departed from the rules of the contest by bringing in professional trained talent in the person of Miss Anabella Lee with a declamation.

Fighting for Water Rights.

CULBERTSON, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A number of the leading business men of Culbertson yesterday made a new appropriation of the water flowing in the Frenchman river at Palisade. This water was appropriated nearly two years ago by the projectors of the big Culbertson ditch. The ditch was partially completed to this place at considerable cost. The present owners of the ditch having failed for several months past to prosecute the work as contemplated by the law, the new appropriation was accordingly made. There will doubtless be lots of litigation between the new and old claimants to the water, which may last a number of years.

Omaha Men Arrested.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Three young fellows giving their names as John Hughes, George Hamilton and James Ryan of Omaha were arrested for stealing a pair of shoes from Anderson's shoe store yesterday. The cause which led to their arrest was their disposing of new clothes at a very low price and when arrested and searched a new pair of unfinished shoes were found in their possession which Mr. Anderson identified. They were arraigned before Judge Cline, but asked for a continuance until this morning to get money and an attorney from Omaha, which was granted. They were confined in the town calaboose and a guard hired to watch them, but during the night tools were furnished them and they cut a hole through the roof of the jail and escaped.

STATE POLITICAL NEWS NOTES.

Conventions of Various Nebraska Cities Place Local Tickets in the Field.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The independents or people's party held a city convention this afternoon at the old opera house and nominated E. R. Fogg for mayor and endorsed A. W. Bradt for treasurer. No nominations were made for clerk or members of the Board of Education.

BLAIR, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Washington county republican central committee met here today and made a call for the republican primaries to be held Friday, April 15, to elect delegates to attend the county convention to be held Saturday, April 16, in the court house in Blair for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the state and congressional conventions.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Last night both the republicans and democrats held their conventions in this city for the purpose of nominating municipal officers. The republican convention was much more largely attended than the democratic and they enter the fight with considerable enthusiasm. The republicans named J. G. Pollock as their candidate for mayor; D. N. Miner, clerk; A. Haight, treasurer; H. J. Hudson, police judge; A. G. Arnold, city engineer; W. A. McAllister and M. Whitmoyer, board of education. For councilmen, First ward, H. T. Spoerry; Second, John Hoffman; Third, Gus G. Becher.

The democrats nominated David Schupbach, mayor; J. B. Delsman, treasurer; Gus Faibaem, clerk; William O'Brien, police judge; R. H. Henry and J. N. Taylor, members of the school board. No nomination was made for city engineer.

Yesterday afternoon the democratic county central committee met and decided not to call a county convention of Platte county democrats this spring. The committee selected the following delegates to the state convention: J. E. North, Thomas Ottis, D. Schupbach, O. S. Moran, I. Gluck, J. W. Lynch, E. A. Brodball, D. F. Davis, John Eimers, C. J. Carrig and J. F. Belford. It was also decided to hold a county convention this fall at Humphrey.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The citizens met in convention tonight, irrespective of party, and nominated the following for village trustees: F. Felzer, E. C. Liviss, W. B. Shryock, James Roberton and L. H. Livingston.

WAHOO, Neb., March 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The independents met Thursday night and nominated the following ticket: Mayor, C. F. Schram; clerk, W. T. Mauck; treasurer, C. A. Johnson; police judge, K. J. Perkey; councilmen, First ward, Hospodsky; Second, Albert Perry; Third, J. A. Anderson; for members of the school board, George I. Wright and E. G. Burkland.

PAPILLION, Neb., March 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The democratic primaries held today to nominate city officers resulted in a compromise ticket, which will be endorsed by the republicans. E. B. Hoyt, Sam Lees and Edgar Howard, democrats, and I. G. Selk and Charles Hover, republicans, were nominated. The license question will not enter into the election.

NELIGH, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At a citizens' convention this evening Captain T. W. Dennis was nominated for mayor; E. T. Best, clerk; H. L. McGinitie, treasurer; N. Carr, police judge; C. F. Bayha, engineer; councilmen, First ward, John Mayburn; Second, A. G. Winn, and Third, George Haverland.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The republicans held their city convention tonight. D. B. Smith was chairman and J. L. Root was elected secretary. The convention throughout was most harmonious. The following is the ticket: Mayor, H. N. Dovey; treasurer, T. H. Pollock; clerk, M. N. Griffith; police judge, W. B. Short; members of the school board, J. I. Unruh, W. N. McLennan. The ticket is exceptionally strong and will prove a winner.

YORK, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The republican city convention was held tonight and the following parties placed in nomination: Mayor, W. L. Morgan; clerk, M. M. Wildman; treasurer, George Cook; police judge, M. C. Frank; city engineer, A. B. Codding; councilman, First ward, A. Bissoll; Second, George R. Reed; Third, Dr. H. Reader; Fourth, D. Huster.

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The republicans of this city placed the following ticket in the field last night: Mayor, H. C. Smith; city clerk, P. M. Halsey; treasurer, E. E. Metts; city engineer, J. M. Wilson; police judge, J. D. Gilman; councilmen, L. P. Worth, W. H. Schock; members of the school board, A. E. Gautt and M. A. Frank.

The democrats nominated the following ticket: Mayor, August Neitzel; city clerk, T. L. Hiimmelreich; treasurer, I. J. Gist; councilmen, B. F. Morgan, Ed Falloon; member of the school board, P. H. Jussen; police judge, J. L. Clewer.

The republicans of this city are making extensive preparations for the reception and entertainment of the congressional convention of this district which meets on the 20th of April. Several hundred dollars have already been subscribed. The Pawnee City band of twenty pieces has been secured and no pains nor expense will be spared to show that the republicans of Richardson county are still "in it."

WEST POINT, Neb., March 19.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A mass meeting of local taxpayers convened in the city hall Friday evening and placed in nomination the following city ticket: For mayor, Chris Rupp; clerk, H. U. Duninger; treasurer, P. F. O'Sullivan; surveyor, G. A. Heller. The nominations were characterized by the greatest harmony. The new ticket is supposed to be one of reform.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The democratic city convention met at the city hall tonight and placed the following ticket in nomination: Mayor, E. R. Fogg; treasurer, R. M. Mahana; city clerk, Oliver P. Fulton; members of the board of education, W. G. Washburn and A. Hardy.

Will Help Boyd County.

O'NEILL, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The excitement attending the filing of homestead entries on school land, or what was supposed to be school land, in Boyd county has entirely quieted down. Some ten or fifteen filings were entered yesterday and today. Several citizens of Boyd county have been in O'Neill this week and they express the opinion that it will be a good thing for the county for the reason that the majority of the persons who filed have means and energy to properly develop the country. O. V. Kennaston, attorney of Spencer, does not believe that the filings will hold good when they come before the commissioner of the general land office, but the plain law as announced in the commissioner's report for 1890 appears to settle the matter.

Eloped with a Fifteen-Year-Old Girl.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Millie Snowden, the 15-year-old daughter of Isaac Snowden, living in the Kearney addition, Friday eloped with Walter Palmer of Plattsmouth. They are now in Missouri. No effort has been made to capture them.

Arrested for Larceny.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Dennis Olmstead, a negro, was arrested last night for breaking into Briggs' vacant shoe store and taking several articles therefrom. He pleaded guilty to petty larceny and was sent to the county jail for ten days.

Fire at Stockville.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The store building of C. A. Melvin was burned here last night. It has of late been used for a billiard hall and was valued at $1,000. It was insured.

Union Pacific Employe Injured.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Charles Dockhorn had a hand badly mangled while switching cars in the Union Pacific yards this morning. The injured member was partly amputated.

IT WILL BENEFIT NEBRASKA

List of the Cities to Have Postoffice Buildings.

SENATOR PADDOCK ON THE NEW MEASURE

He Secured Its Passage in the Senate by Hard Work and is Now Watching the Bill in the House.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.

Senator Paddock, who is working hard still on the general postoffice bill which passed the senate this week, and is now in the house, says that Nebraska will come in for a good share of the advantages if it becomes a law.

"Every Nebraska postoffice," says the senator, "having gross annual receipts of from $3,000 to $8,000 would have buildings of their own under this bill, costing from $15,000 to $20,000 and all above $8,000 annual gross receipts would have three times the gross receipts up to $75,000. This is not quite as generous as under the bill which I have been working for years past, but the amended bill incorporates the principle for which I have been struggling and most of the details."

Nebraska Towns to Be Benefited.

Under the bill as passed by the senate the following towns and cities in Nebraska are now eligible for postoffice buildings: Albion, Ashland, Alliance, Aurora, Blair, Broken Bow, Central City, Chadron, Columbus, Crete, David City, Fairbury, Falls City, Fullerton, Geneva, Hastings, Hebron, Holdrege, Humboldt, Lexington, McCook, Minden, Neligh, Norfolk, North Platte, Pawnee City, Plattsmouth, Red Cloud, St. Paul, Schuyler, Seward, South Omaha, Superior, Tecumseh, Wahoo, Wayne, Weeping Water, West Point and York. The following will soon become eligible: Auburn, North Bend, Tekamah, Wilber, Wymore, Syracuse, Sidney, Stromsburg, Sutton, Crawford, Creighton, Fairfield, Fairmount, Friend, Harvard and Madison.

Senator Paddock believes that fully fifty cities in Nebraska will be entitled to buildings under his bill eighteen months from this time.

Western Crop Prospects.

Nebraska does not appear among the reports of the state agents in the monthly crop bulletin issued at the Agricultural department today, but Iowa and South Dakota do as follows:

Iowa—The winter has been mild and owing to the low price of corn the amount on hand for consumption is considerably larger than last year and nearly as large as the year before. Some corn yet remains in the field in shock, but in no case more than sufficient for feeding purposes. The wheat crop of 1891 was the best raised for a number of years. The season was unusually favorable and winter wheat raising is becoming more generally practiced with good results. The amount consumed within the state is much in excess of that raised, but a portion of the crop is always shipped out. The quality is very good.

South Dakota—Nearly all the crop of corn is consumed upon the farm where grown. The amount of wheat on hand, grown in 1890 is exceedingly small. The usual practice is to sell all wheat on hand after the spring seeding. A somewhat smaller amount of seed wheat will be used this spring as drills will be in use more extensively. About one-third less seed is required where drilled than by the old system of sowing broad-cast.

Iowa Interests Considered.

The house committee on public lands have received and taken under consideration the Dolliver bill granting to Iowa in trust for drainage purposes, under such conditions as the general assembly of the state may prescribe, the certain pond known as Rice lake, situated in sections 13, 14 and 24, in township 99, range 23, Winnebago county, and in sections 17, 18, and 19, in township 99, range 22, in Worth county.

The house committee on public buildings and grounds will probably report favorably the bill of Representative Hamilton appropriating $30,000 to put another story on the public building at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Assistant Secretary Chandler has affirmed the decision of the commissioner in the homestead contest of William Die against Leonard W. Jones from Blackfoot, Idaho, holding Jones' entry for cancellation.

Readvertised for Bids.

The supervising architect of the treasury today issued the advertisements, etc., calling for new bids to furnish the iron work for the Omaha public building. It was found that by the wording of the first advertisement the bidders were really confined to a certain Philadelphia firm, whereas it is the intention to throw down the bars to free competition and give Omaha and other iron contractors a chance.

Miscellaneous.

The senate committee on public lands authorized Senator Paddock today to report favorably his Otoe and Missouri land bill, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Indian committee for report as to the Indian rights involved. As Senator Dawes' committee has been consulted on the matter, Senator Paddock is certain of a prompt and a favorable report from that committee.

The house committee on territories will on Wednesday report favorably the bill to give limited statehood to Utah. The measure turns over the territory to the Mormon majority and is bitterly opposed by the liberals. The four republican members of the committee will sign a minority report.

Congressman McKeighan reiterated this afternoon that he looked to the senate in conference to increase the Hastings public building appropriation, as he could expect little from the parsimony of the democratic house.

As Mr. Kem says, there is no use in working for Norfolk's bill and Congressman Bryan is too busy with his tariff theories to interest himself in such trifling matters of purely local and not national importance, Norfolk's chances appear exceedingly slim for even getting a report from the committee. The same is true of the Plattsmouth bill, for which C. W. Sherman of Plattsmouth yesterday argued before a subcommittee having the measure in charge.

Mrs. Senator Paddock, who is at Columbia, Mo., where she is being treated for a severe attack of sciatica, is reported as much better.

Henry T. Clarke and Mr. Dana S. Lander of Omaha left this evening for New York.

Pat O. Hawes leaves tonight for the west.

Iowa postmasters were appointed today as follows: Hanley, Madison county; S. S. Nicosin, vice J. G. Martin, resigned; Sawyer, Sac county, G. W. Van Hyming, vice H. M. Dewey, resigned. Wyoming—Douglas, Converse county, J. Storrill, vice W. F. Hamilton, removed.

Lieutenant Roach of the Seventeenth infantry; Colonel W. E. Reppert and Captain John L. Clem, U. S. A., called upon THE BEE bureau today.

The senate has passed the Paddock bill to pay Frank Rother $225 for unpaid services as a mail carrier.

Miss Bettie Kirkwood of Iowa, a $1,000 clerk in the Treasury department, was today promoted to $1,200.

Postmaster Clarkson addressed the senate committee on postoffices and post roads today as he did the house committee yesterday, and left for Omaha this evening.

In the homestead contest of Mrs. W. Hadley against Lemuel W. Hutchins, from Aberdeen, S. D., Assistant Secretary Chandler affirmed the decision of the commissioner dismissing the contest against Hutchins' entry. He also confirmed the decision in the homestead contest of C. E. Addy against Allan Ashinger, from Aberdeen, S. D., in favor of contestant. P. S. H.

Western Pensions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following list of pensions granted is reported by THE BEE and Examiner Bureau of Claims:

Nebraska: Original—Henry A. Strobridge, Hiram A. Hyde, George A. Kaylor, John T. Sumny, Richard B. Bratlon, Mordical Smith. Additional—George W. Platts, John Barsby, David C. Smelzer, William Gilmore, James R. Davis, James M. Heath. Reissue—Arthur W. McCarty, Henry Bowerman. Original, widows, etc.—Harriet Smith, Mary Wiley.

Iowa: Original—John S. Vosburg, Henry C. Dresser, Henry Burgess, Jacob F. Lough, DeForest Janes, Reuben Lamb, Andrew J. Van Scoyk, George M. Burket. Additional—Frank E. Crouch, Edward Maginnis, William H. Sandford, James Burdett, William Bacley. Increase—Solomon L. Fuller, John A. Griffith, Wilson Cooper. Reissue—Adam Savies. Original widows, etc.—Matilda Fewler, Elizabeth Hodgin, Elvira E. Golt, Frances Shaw, Sarah E. Williams, Jacob Harris, father; Jane Elliott, mother.

South Dakota: Original—Lorenzo D. F. Poore, Frank H. Campbell, N. H. Goslin, Nere Alaksen. Additional—Jabez W. Spaulding. Increase—Henry J. Fisher, Thomas J. Ellis. Original widows, etc.—Rebecca G. Schaffner.

NEWS FOR THE ARMY.

Complete List of Changes in the Regular Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted and transfers of officers are ordered:

First Lieutenant Joseph S. Oyster, First artillery, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Leland Stanford junior university of California and will report in person for duty accordingly. Leave of absence for ten days, to take effect in April next when his services can be spared, is granted Second Lieutenant Elmer W. Hubbard, First artillery. First Lieutenant Richard T. Yeatman, Fourteenth infantry, will report in person to Colonel William P. Carlin, Fourth infantry, president of the examining board at the War department, Washington, D. C., at such time as he may designate for examination by the board as to his fitness for promotion.

A Kansas Man's Experience with Coughs and Colds.

d Colds and coughs have been so prevalent during the past few months that the experience of Albert Favorite of Arkansas City, Kan., cannot fail to interest some of our readers. Here it is in his own words: "I contracted a cold early last spring that settled on my lungs and had hardly recovered from it when I caught another that hung on all summer and left me with a hacking cough which I thought I never would get rid of. I had used Chamberlain's cough remedy some fourteen years ago with much success and concluded to try it again. When I had got through with one bottle my cough had left me and I have not suffered with a cough or cold since. I have recommended it to others and nil speak well of it." 50 cent bottles for sale by druggists.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Rather Warm Time at a Convention.

Mayor	ED JOHNSON
Treasurer	THOMAS DOCTOR
Clerk	JOSEPH DUFFY
Police Judge	P. J. KING

Councilmen at large:—

First Ward	JOSEPH KOPETZ
Second Ward	HENRY LOECHNER
Third Ward	ED DONNELLY
Fourth Ward	JOHN J. RYAN

Members of the Board of Education, John J. Sexton and Frank Wallweber for three years, and Henry Michels for the one year term.

The democratic city convention succeeded in nominating a ticket in Blum's hall yesterday afternoon after five hours of the most bitter factional fight ever witnessed in South Omaha. The proceedings throughout were characterized by scenes of wild disorder, such as have no precedent in the Magic City. Parliamentary usages were dispensed with and profanity was a conspicuous element in the debate. Almost the entire police force of the city was on duty in the hall and their continued efforts were required to prevent heated partisans from resorting to blows to settle their differences.

The Johnson faction with twelve votes had a working majority in the convention and succeeded in placing almost their entire ticket in nomination. The Towle people, though inferior in numbers, made a stubborn fight and disputed every inch of the ground.

The convention was called to order by William Healy, who held the proxy of Thomas Healy, chairman of the city central committee. The lines between the opposing elements were drawn on the election of a chairman. Bruno Strathman was the nominee of the Johnson wing and A. A. Donnelly was supported by the opposition. Strathman was elected on a strictly factional vote, and after the spirit that pervaded the convention had manifested itself in a wordy wrangle of half an hour in which the most scathing personalities were exchanged.

The fight broke out afresh when Strathman took the chair, and Henry Loechner insisted that Eli H. Doud, who held the proxy of John J. Sexton, be ousted from the circle of delegates. This question called out the most acrid debate of the session. The partisans in the audience added their voices to the general confusion and for a time it seemed that a riot could not be averted. Councilman Pat Rowley took off his coat and started on a fighting expedition, but was held by half a dozen men. A dozen excited delegates crowded around the chairman and shook their fists in his face. "You was a liar, you vas one tam duffer!" vociferated Henry Loechner, and these epithets were not the strongest that were used by delegates. The audience was composed of men who were trying to fight and some other men who were trying to hold them back. The chairman called on the chief of police for aid, but it was fully fifteen minutes before the energetic work of the officers, seconded by the pacific efforts of Father Moriarty, could restore a semblance of order.

A. A. Donnelly was elected secretary and a committee on credentials appointed, after which the temporary organization was made permanent and the credentials of delegates approved. During these proceedings the controversy over Mr. Doud's right to vote broke out afresh. Mr. Donnelly resigned his position as secretary and with the Towle delegation bolted the convention. They were persuaded to return, when Mr. Sexton, who was serving as a juryman in Omaha, was sent for and took his place, Mr. Doud retiring. The differences were not settled, however, and the subsequent proceedings were attended by fully as much confusion.

When the convention was ready for business J. D. Thomas nominated Edward Johnson for Mayor, and Henry Loechner offered the name of E. B. Towle. Johnson received twelve votes out of twenty cast, and was declared the nominee. Then the Towle delegation claimed that the first ballot was only an informal one, and demanded another ballot. This was refused by the chairman, and another disturbance was precipitated. The chairman got tired of his position and wanted to resign. Delegates wanted to adjourn without further action, but differences were temporarily adjusted, and after a long and stormy session the ticket was completed. A city central committee was appointed as follows: William Healy, chairman; Rhoda Redmond, First ward; A. A. Donnelly, Second ward; Larry Connors, Third ward, and Gus McDonough, Fourth ward.

Notes and Personals.

W. H. Van Aylstine of Columbus is in the city.

Mrs. W. L. Holland is convalescent after a serious illness.

Henry Cook of Underwood, Ia., was in town yesterday.

Born, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hennin, Twenty-fifth and J streets.

Rev. C. N. Dawson of the First Methodist church has returned from Pittsburg.

The South Omaha Democratic club will meet at Judge Legi's office Monday night.

John C. Davis, who has been the guest of Dr. Berry, has returned to his home at Creston, Ia.

Officer Patrick J. McMahon of the police force has received intelligence of the death of his mother in Limerick, Ireland.

The union printers of South Omaha held a meeting Friday night at which they endorsed the candidacy of E. O. Mayfield for police judge.

C. Nelson was arrested last night on a complaint charging him with stealing a saddle, bridle and harness from George Jones at the stock yards.

Ira Williams died at the residence of his son, F. P. Williams, Thirtieth and R streets, yesterday morning, aged 78 years. The funeral arrangements are not decided on.

The Epworth league of the Methodist church will give an entertainment and sociable at the church Friday evening. The refreshments will consist of chocolate and cake.

An Unnecessary Precaution.

Jean Schous has asked the county commissioners to relieve him from his position as bondsman for Gustave Seseman, one of the saloonkeepers in the two-mile strip.

Mr. Seseman says that Schous never qualified as his bondsman and that his petition to the commissioners only spoiled a certain amount of good, white paper.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is reliable.

PENSION OFFICE AFFAIRS

Examination of Commissioner Raum by the House Committee.

HE TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Reasons for the Removal from the Service of Taylor, Engle and Howard—Some Sensational Testimony Given In—Washington News Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The examination of Pension Commissioner Raum was resumed by the house committee today. Raum declared that he had strictly observed the civil service law; admitted that he had defended his son's course while employed in the pension bureau in the talk with the president, declaring the charge that his son had tried to defraud the government was a great outrage. The witness never had talked with the attorney general or any one else with a view to the prevention of a criminal prosecution of his son.

Mr. Enloe next put in evidence affidavits made by Messrs Howard and Engle, clerks in the pension office, and whose dismissal the commissioner had recommended, making charges that Horace G. Stover had paid Theodore Smith $50 to be transferred to the field; that they had seen Stover give Smith the money. It was charged that Green B. Raum, jr., got this money and had solicited money of Engle.

Mr. Payson said this related to a matter long after young Raum was out of office, but that he would not object to the affidavits if it were expected to connect the commissioner's recommendation for the dismissal of Howard and Engle with it.

Howard and Engle's Dismissal.

The commissioner, in explanation of his recommendation of dismissal, read a letter dated September 25, 1891, recommending the dismissal of Special Examiner Taylor because he was an unsuitable person to discharge duties in connection with pension claims, and also, because he associated with George B. Flemming, who had endeavored to break down the pension office. Mr. Raum also read the letters recommending the dismissal of J. E. Engle and Edward Howard, because they had conspired with each other to destroy the social standing of Special Examiner Stover by charging that he had paid to secure his transfer to the field, and had tried to injure the character of the commissioner of pensions by charging that he had been improperly influenced in the matter of Stover's assignment. The commissioner said he had thoroughly investigated the matter and had come to the conclusion that Howard and Eagle had made false charges.

He then read another letter in reference to Theodore Taylor, charging that Taylor was prejudiced and overbearing in his treatment of pension claimants; that he met applicants as if they were frauds, and that he acted as a spy on the commissioner.

In connection with the recommendation that Engle and Howard be dismissed, the commissioner submitted a second letter to Secretary Noble. This letter began with the statement and affidavit of Mr. Ford, chief of the record division, charging that Engle, while temporarily chief of the division, had ruined a girl in the division and had publicly boasted of her seduction. Continuing, the latter said that in violation of law Engle carried a pistol and gave a conversation between a friend named Tonkey and Engle in which the latter said they intended to down Raum and placed Tonkey's hand on his pistol. The letter then charged that Engle was a false swearer, a "rerater," a "conspirator against the chief of the bureau, a seducer, and one who carried a weapon with the suggested intention of assassination."

Necessary for Discipline.

Howard the letter charged with being a conspirator and also that he had made an improper suggestion as to pension claims in consideration of being assigned to the field. The letter demanded the dismissal of Howard, Engle and Taylor as necessary for the proper discipline of the office. They were charged with attempting by attacks on the pension bureau to bring the pension system into disgrace, and the letter also alleged that George B. Flemming, a discharged examiner, who went out of the bureau with an unsavory record, had started the attack and was publishing false and malicious attacks in the public press against the commissioner. The letter closed with the statement that there was a small number of active and malignant intriguers in the pension office and demanded that he (Raum) be sustained, as necessary to the good government and discipline of the office.

Referring to the charge that Engle had seduced a young girl, Mr. Enloe asked if she was still in the bureau. The commissioner said he had told Mr. Ford he did not wish to learn her name, he had heard she was conducting herself with propriety and she was still in office.

Asked if he thought the woman should be retained in the service, the commissioner said he kept the service clean and such matters had received attention from him. It is a matter of public notoriety that there were here and there a woman in the public service who had gone astray and who had not been turned out.

WEATHER FORECAST.

OFFICE OF WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, March 19.

The weather yesterday was cold, with winds from the north over the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys. The high barometer in the north has extended southward over Kansas. It is again snowing in Colorado and Utah and raining in the north Pacific regions. Light snows have also fallen in western Kansas and Nebraska. Elsewhere fair weather prevailed. The temperature has risen decidedly in the southwest, where another low barometer will probably again draw the cold air now prevailing southwestward and give that section another, though probably less severe, spell of bad weather.

For Omaha and Vicinity—Fair weather; stationary temperature; winds from north to east.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—For Kansas—Fair, except local snows in west; colder in southeast portion; east winds.

For Colorado—Local snows, followed by clearing weather, south winds; warmer in east portion.

For Nebraska and the Dakotas—Fair, except light local snows in west portions; winds shifting to southeast; warmer Sunday night.

For Montana—Local snows, warmer, south winds.

For Iowa—Generally fair, north winds, shifting to east; slightly colder in extreme southeast portion, warmer in extreme northwest portion.

For Missouri—Generally fair; north winds; colder, except in extreme northwest portions.

GOD SAVE AMERICA.

Expressions of Gratitude from a Number of Russian Officials.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 19.—Mayor Stewart shis afternoon received the following cablegram signed by a number of Russian officials:

LIBAU, March 19, 1892.—Hon. Edwin S. Stewart, Mayor of Philadelphia, and Chairman of Committee: The Russian society warmly welcomes the dear American brethren who happily arrived here with the Indiana. They pray you to transmit to the inhabitants of Philadelphia their expressions of lasting gratitude. God save America.

Want the Indictments Quashed.

BOSTON, Mass., March 19.—The whisky trust officials have filed in the federal court a motion to quash the indictments against them. The motion to quash is based on the indefiniteness of the indictment and that the offense charged is not contrary to law. It is also declared in answer that the federal anti-trust monopoly act was unconstitutional; that the Massachusetts court has no jurisdiction, as the offense, if any, was not committed in that state. It is denied that the whisky trust either restrains trade or is a monopoly. All the defendants, except Greenhut, join in the demurrers.

A Notable Event.

Mr. John Fiske, the celebrated author and historian, will lecture on "Alexander Hamilton" in the Unitarian church, one week from tomorrow evening. Mr. Fiske is not widely known in Omaha or throughout the west; nevertheless those who are acquainted with his books and who know of his fame as a highly entertaining lecturer, are by no means few in number. Were he as fully known as his merits deserve the Unitarian church would be far too small to hold the audience who would go to hear him. He will afford a very rare literary treat to all who may be present on the occasion of this lecture. Strenuous efforts have been made for some years past to secure a lecture from him in this city, and while this will be his introduction to the people of Omaha, it will not be his last appearance here, as the teachers' association of this city is now negotiating with him for a course of lectures next winter.

IN THE IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Little Business of Interest Transacted in Either Branch—State News Notes.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 19.—Senator Bolter introduced and had passed a bill to authorize the adjutant general to loan to the schools in the state arms and accoutrements not in use in the state arsenal. Senator Yeomans secured the passage of a bill to authorize proprietors of slaughtering and packing houses to issue warehouse receipts on their goods. Stringent provisions were made against the violation of the provisions of the bill. The extreme limit of fines is $10,000. The World's fair bill appropriating $125,000 came up as a special order. Gronewer moved to reduce it to $100,000; Finn moved it be reduced to $75,000; Dent moved to make it $150,000; Colter attacked the bill as a scheme to rob the treasury, and said he thought the legislature had no right to make any appropriation. An amendment to make it $150,000 was defeated. Further consideration of the bill was postponed. The house amendments to the soldier's monument bill were agreed to.

Senator Vale secured the passage of a bill compelling persons claiming bounty for wolves to show the whole hides, instead of scalps of the animals killed. Considerable argument was precipitated on the bill to compel passenger trains to stop at county seats. The bill was finally ordered engrossed. The house bill amending the law relative to clerks of courts was taken up and passed.

In the house bills were passed to legalize the acts of the town council of Anamosa and the board of supervisors of Madison county; the senate bill to protect labor unions in the use of trade marks and labels; the senate bill to legalize acknowledgments in writing made prior to April 1, 1892; the senate bill to authorize the establishment of a highway on state land near Independence to give a shorter road between the town and the insane asylum; to amend the insurance laws. Senate bill to protect breeders of trotting and pacing horses and fair associations was lost on final passage.

Damaging Fires in Iowa.

MUSCATINE, Ia., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Byron Lord's large barn in this city, containing twenty head of cattle and horses, was burned last night. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary.

GARDEN GROVE, Ia., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fire here this morning destroyed seven business houses and contents, causing a loss of $10,000, with little or no insurance.

GILMORE CITY, Ia., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fire here this morning destroyed Charles Stebbins' barn with a span of mules and a span of horses and grain and hay. The loss is about $1,600, insurance $400.

Pardoned An Old Soldier.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Governor Boies today pardoned John S. Little, who is serving a life sentence at Fort Madison for murder. The offense was committed at Newton in 1874, and Little has been in the penitentiary since October, 1875. The man killed by Little was colored, and was unduly intimate with Little's wife. Little was an old soldier, serving in the Second Iowa and his comrades secured action by the general assembly authorizing the pardon, which the governor has granted. Little is an old man now, and his pardon is but an act of justice.

Des Moines' City Ticket.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The city republican convention today nominated the following ticket: Mayor, C. C. Lane; solicitor, Hugh Brennan; treasurer, C. A. Ryden; auditor, Thomas Waters; police judge, Frank Eggelston; engineer, M. R. Loird; market master, John D. Reeler (colored); alderman-at-large, Henry M. Rollins and J. Scott Goodrell. Nine candidates for assessor of the respective districts were endorsed.

Undervalued Their Property.

MASON CITY, Ia., March 19.—[Special Telegram to THE