

AFTER HENRY VOSS'S SCALP

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Governor Boyd's Recommendation Had Almost Secured the Position for His Friend—Substance of the Objections Submitted in the Case.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE. 513 FORTIETH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.

Henry Voss's appointment as superintendent of the new federal building at Omaha, Nebraska, has been postponed. It is suspended in mid-air and may never go through. His appointment papers were all made out yesterday afternoon and laid on Secretary Carlisle's desk ready for his official signature. Just as he was about to put his pen to the paper, after the department had closed, a message was received from Editor Hitchcock of the World-Herald stating that the appointment was without any infirmity, if not actually stating that the appointment would be unwise. The secretary laid the appointment papers aside. When the secretary came to the department this morning he found a number of telegrams from Omaha protesting in vigorous language against the appointment. The BEE correspondent has received today a number of telegrams and they are as follows:

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It is stated that the Treasury department this afternoon that Voss's application was made out on the special recommendation of ex-Governor Boyd. Voss had a petition and a number of endorsements. The name of Governor Boyd brought the favorable action at the hands of the appointment committee. The appointment will be held up until the papers are ready for the secretary.

Postoffice Changes.

Another day has passed without any changes in the Nebraska postoffice. The situation remains the same. In certain districts, a contention not alone between democratic leaders in the state, but as to whether the postoffice should be given to the party in power. South Dakota got a change. C. F. Gardner, mayor appointed postmaster at Deadwood, Davison county, vice W. Leake, resigned.

ON A REVENUE CABLE CAR

Serious Accident on Chicago Street Railway Line.

Chicago, Ill., April 14.—A runaway cable car with passengers aboard was whirled unchecked ten squares through the most crowded portion of the city this afternoon. Its wild career was ended by a plunge down the side of the elevated structure, where the train was derailed and the wrecked car straddled the track near the bottom of the sharp incline.

POPULARITY OF A NEBRASKAN

This evening's Washington News says of a well known Nebraska official who is becoming very popular here: "Mr. D. MacCrae, who has shown the most intelligent interest in Agriculture is an affable Scotchman and enjoys the implicit confidence of the secretary, the result of the friendship of a life time. The most appreciable quality rather inclined to dispense with red tape in the conduct of public business, he has a breezy western fashion of rapidly and effectively disposing of the most important matters at his desk, and the courteous manner in which he receives those having business with him is an indication that Mr. MacCrae will be an important factor in the success of Secretary Morton's administration of this rapidly growing department."

WESTERN PENSIONERS

The following pensioners granted are reported: Nebraska: Original—George D. Lloyd, Cyrus M. Oster, William T. White, John J. Shindler, Increase—John Lett, William H. Chapin, John M. Beck, John L. Hamilton. Original widows, etc.—Sarah Bryant, mother, minor of Ezra M. Beck.

WILL NOT BECOME A CANDIDATE

Will Not Become a Candidate. Boston, Mass., April 15.—Rev. David H. Greer of New York has declined to allow himself to be put in nomination for the vacant Massachusetts bishopric.

DISCUSSED HAWAIIAN NEWS

Yesterday's Meeting of the Cabinet Considers Recent Events in the Islands.

BLOUNT FOLLOWED HIS INSTRUCTIONS

How Different Senators Look at the Policy of the Administration in the Present Affair—Commissioner Carter's View of the Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The startling news from Hawaii of the hauling down of the American flag, it is said, was the subject of an animated discussion at the cabinet meeting today. Secretary Grosvenor said before going in that he had received no news except that contained in the papers published this morning.

It is said that in hauling down the United States flag at Honolulu, Blount followed the instructions given him before leaving here to the letter; that the reason for keeping the fact that he was empowered to do so secret was to prevent possession of the islands and keep any other foreign country from stepping in unexpectedly.

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Movements of the Warships

FORT MONROE, Va., April 14.—Admiral Gherardi stated today that all the ships would remain anchored until they started on their trip to New York on the 17th. No orders have been issued today from the admiral's office on board the Philadelphia and the day has been quiet. Admirals Walker

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CLOSING FEATURES OF THE TRIAL

Evidence of the Divorced Wife May Be Disregarded—Instructions of the Court Directed Particularly to This Point.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 14.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—This morning the arguments were continued and concluded in the case wherein Edward W. Mason is accused of the murder of his wife, Anna B. Mason.

M. A. Hartigan closed for the defense and County Attorney P. J. McCreary reviewed the circumstantial testimony against Mason at length. At noon the arguments were finished and after the recess the court instructed the jury as to its procedure and the law.

The information in the case was based on section 1 of the criminal code and under its provisions, if the jury found that Anna B. Mason committed the crime and if she was aided by the defendant, the verdict of guilty as charged should be rendered. The accessory was as guilty as the principal. An accessory need not be present when the crime is committed, but if a weapon is furnished by any one else, such a person is an accessory in the meaning of the law.

The evidence presented by the state, though circumstantial in nature, the judge declared, was just as conclusive and valid as that of the defense. It found the defendant guilty of the crime. The jury should weigh the testimony which was presented by both a doctor and a dentist to cause a man to reconsider his own action. If the principal, Mrs. Anna B. Mason, had not been guilty of manslaughter, the defendant would not be guilty of manslaughter. The fact that the defendant was of good character did not make any difference if other testimony tended to show that he was guilty of the crime. Such testimony it was the duty of the jury to disregard.

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MURDERED BY TRAINS

Two Railroad Postmen Killed in the Yards at Des Moines, Iowa.

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