

ACCUSED OF DISHONESTY

Water Commissioner Percival of Lincoln Enjoying Some Notoriety.

STORY OF AN EX-EMPLOYEE OF HIS OFFICE

Number Belonging to the City Said to Have Been Used for Private Purposes— Will Be Subjected to an Investigation.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Water Commissioner Percival is enjoying a little brief notoriety, much of a character that is enjoyed in a more pretentious manner by the state officials who are relieved from duty at the state house pending their trial under the articles of impeachment adopted by the recent legislature. An ex-employee of the water department accuses him of several misdemeanors in office, and an investigation will follow.

He is accused of taking for his personal use 250 worth of lumber belonging to the city, and of having made out a voucher for an employee in his department for \$36.50, when there was due the employee but \$25.33. Mr. Percival today volunteers an explanation of the charges. He admits that he used the lumber, but claims that it was not worth more than \$25. In regard to the charge that he drew a voucher for the payment of an employee in excess of the amount actually due him, he says that he paid the man the exact sum the ordinances allowed him, and no more.

Result of a Free Fight.

Bellevue, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Complaint was filed last night by Ed S. Kaiser charging E. H. Fischer, a prominent merchant of this place, and his brother, Mr. Howard Fischer, with unlawful assembly and riot. The trouble is said to be the outgrowth of a party that was held at the residence of Mr. Sloan Saturday night, which was attended by that faction of the Bellevue blues to which Mr. Kaiser belongs. The other faction of Bellevue society swells, including the two Fischers and a number of college students, were out having a time of their own, and as the merry frolicers from the Sloan party were winding their way homeward they came in contact with the other crowd, and the trouble ensued between John Atkinson, who was at the party, and some of the boys in the other crowd, which resulted in a somewhat serious fight. It is alleged that a pitch battle then took place, in which stones and clubs were used as weapons, though no one was hurt.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of Mr. Fischer and his brother. They immediately gave themselves up before the officer around to make the arrests, and Squire Maddock imposed a fine of \$5 each and Mr. Fischer, who is a member of the firm of Barrett & Fischer, in speaking of the matter declared most emphatically that the whole affair was a mere piece of petty spite worked on the part of those who caused his arrest.

He declares that he will take the matter to the district court on error as the justice exceeded his authority in imposing a fine.

Lightning's Fatal Frank.

Bellevue, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The destruction of a house near Wynmore by electricity, an account of which appeared in this morning's BEE, is worthy of more than passing notice, the peculiar action of the current being very unusual. After the lightning struck, an eyewitness declares, there arose from the house a vapor like smoke, while for a moment there seemed to be seen in every part of the structure. A brisk breeze was blowing at the time, yet the house did not take fire. The damage done by the agency was in the nature of spots or large holes burned into the carpets, lace, curtains, bed clothes and clothing, which were ruined in every direction.

The entire front of the two-story, 24x36 frame dwelling was thrown into the front yard. The walls and supports of the roof were broken and twisted in every direction, giving the building the appearance of having been blown up by gunpowder. Every piece of furniture, except one bedstead containing a feather bed, was broken as were also all the crockery and dishes. The strangest feature of the affair, however, is the fact that Mr. J. O. Miller, the owner, was at the time sitting within the room of the kitchen stove, which was broken into a hundred pieces, and was not hurt.

The other members of the family were out of doors and received only slight shocks. Hundreds of curious people have visited the house, as nothing of the kind ever occurred before in that neighborhood. The cause of the trouble, is generally free from severe electrical storms.

Crushed to Death in a Mill.

NORFOLK, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—A distressing accident occurred last night in the Norfolk roller mill, in which August Hitz lost his life. The evening was cold and stormy. Heavy rain was pouring down from the north and driving through an open window in the lower part of the mill. Mr. Hitz started to close the window, in which it was necessary to pass over a large driving belt which passed around a thirty-six-inch pulley which was making more than 100 volutions per minute.

Mr. Hitz was followed by another mill hand, who observed that when the former had stepped over the belt he hesitated as if dazed, then pitched forward across the belt, which carried him over the pulley. The mill was stopped and physicians summoned, when it was found that both legs were badly crushed and internal injuries sustained, from which he died about six hours later. The funeral services will be held tomorrow. The expenses will be borne by his former employers. He leaves a wife and four small children in poor circumstances.

Blair's New Officers Installed.

BLAIR, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Tuesday evening the old city council closed up the last year's business and the new mayor and council were sworn in. The new administration consists of Mayor John McQuinn, clerk, Burk Carrigan, treasurer, Joe S. Cook, police judge, I. C. Eller, city engineer, W. H. Hill, councilmen, E. Gilliam, H. B. Taylor, F. McQuinn, W. D. Gross, H. S. Shields, C. Schmidt, William Kelley and G. W. Neff.

The mayor made the following appointments, which were promptly confirmed: City attorney, L. W. Osborn, water commissioner, E. J. Farr, chief of police and street commissioner, Rice Arnold, city physician, Dr. H. Noble, postmaster, James A. Smith, engineer of water works, Thomas F. Kelley, night police, J. H. Waldo, cemetery warden, E. C. Pierce.

Increased the Office Business.

HAYNES, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—It has been announced here today that from the 26th of this month the Hastings postoffice will be a first-class money order office, the only one in the state except Omaha. By the postal regulations the smaller postoffices are not allowed to do more than a certain amount of surplus money order funds on hand. The expense must be borne by the district office. This will greatly increase the business of the Hastings office and will render a permanent building more necessary than ever.

City Center's Board of Trustees.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The board of trustees of the village, recently elected, met last evening and organized by the election of Hon. George M. Sawyer as chairman and Amos C. E. Pearson as clerk and attorney. E. G. Graft was appointed street commissioner and marshal and James L. Campbell village treasurer.

Returning to Private Life.

FULLERTON, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Ex-United States Marshal Brad D. Slaughter arrived home yesterday and at once set to work at work cleaning up the laws about the family residence, putting it in shape for the reception of the family, who are expected home next week.

Norfolk News Notes.

NORFOLK, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The spring term of the United States district court convened in this city on the 17th inst., adjourning yesterday. Judge Dundy disposed of a number of cases in very short order.

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THE SNEFOK WATER WORKS

The Snefook water works are again to be sold under mortgage, this time at Madison on May 20. The sale is in favor of the Slick, Harrison & Howard iron company and the Omaha and Great Smelting company. Notice of sale has been given by E. S. Dundy, master in chancery.

Fullerton Facts.

FULLERTON, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Another large shipment of cattle will soon be made from Fullerton to Liverpool and it is proposed to decorate the cars and properly advertise the stock industry of central Nebraska.

Mr. E. D. Gould has just returned from Omaha and the eastern portion of the state, and while away made a number of important purchases of fine trotting stock, including five head purchased from the Missouri stock farm near South Omaha. This stock will be trained at the Woodbine farm.

The survey has been made for the canal to harness the electric light plant and water works and ground will soon be broken for the canal. This will make the second water power at Fullerton, either of which can develop more power than either the Goshenburg or Kearney plants.

A practical newspaper man with plenty of means at his command has just perfected arrangements to establish a republican newspaper here and will put in an entire new outfit, including power presses. This is something that the republicans in Nemaha county have long desired and the gentleman will receive a most cordial and hearty support from the citizens of this city and county.

The long continued favorable weather has enabled local farmers to get their small grain in the ground in excellent manner. A larger acreage of small grain has been put out this spring than in any previous year. Both the winter and spring grains are looking splendidly.

Notes of News from Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—Many delegates from this city are attending the Dodge county Women's Christian Temperance union convention which is being held in Hooper today.

Sheriff Milliken took Henry Cone, a boy 15 years of age, to the reform school in Kearney yesterday.

Hank Kendrick says he paid his fair to Conductor Blankenship on the Union Pacific road last night, and in order to convince the conductor that he did not give back the right amount of change gave him a pair of black eyes.

The Fremont National bank has commenced suit against O. D. Harris and J. J. Barze in the district court to collect a note of \$425 and against O. D. Harris to collect one of \$725.

The annual meeting of the city fire department was held in the court house last evening. George L. Lewis was re-elected president; John C. Cleveland, vice president; and P. E. Cummings, chief. They now have 125 active members and \$100,000 of hose. There have been twenty-two fires in the city the past year causing a loss to property of \$11,610. Insurance received, \$5,700.

E. W. Kinney has sold his interest in the Fremont Milling company to Robert Bridge and L. H. Rogers, who will continue the business.

York's Driving Association.

YORK, Neb., April 19.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The York Gentlemen's Driving Association was reorganized Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected: W. H. Reeder, president; C. J. Mabes, vice president; P. E. Bennett, secretary; M. A. Dean, treasurer. Directors: D. E. Forstall, George W. Bemis, William Stafford, Fletcher Whitcomb and H. Pickers. Superintendent, L. F. Southwell. The treasurer reported \$85.07 on hand.

Thrown from a Wagon and Scalped.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Michael Falk was literally scalped this afternoon by being thrown from a wagon. The team became frightened and ran away. Frank Scenic, who was driving, was drunk and unable to control the horses. He is now under arrest. Falk is dangerously injured and may die.

Sudden Death of an Aged Nebraskan.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 19.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—While at dinner today Mr. Robb, father-in-law of Charles Lawrence, dropped dead of heart disease. Mr. Robb, although 72 years old, was apparently in good health.

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