TO PROTECT HER FORTUNE

Mrs. Ledwith of Lincoln Makes Sensational Charges Against Her Brother-in-Law.

ANXIOUS TO DEPOSE THE EXECUTOR

She Asserts that John Ledwith is Squandering the Estate and Converting It to His Own Use—Appeals to the Court.

LINCOLN, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Mrs. Ledwith, the handsome and youthful appearing widow of James Ledwith, who had a little roundup with her brother-in-law, John Ledwith, who also holds the post of executor of her husband's will, appeared in probate court again today with a lengthy petition in which she makes some damaging charges against John. She says that on Thursday last, after the custody of the children had been given to her, their uncle, the executor, stayed at the house for awhile, but on pretense that he wanted to bid them good by outside got them away from her. She says he claims to be thus harrassing her in behalf of the children, but that in fact it is to enable him to squander the estate and convert it to his own use and the use of other of his relatives.

She says that in his last report as executor he fraudulently and knowingly failed to report and charge himself with the receipt of $2,000 received on behalf of the estate, that he has used a store room belonging to the estate for his own uses, and has failed to account for certain rents received by him from other tenants. She further charges that as executor he refused to renew a $22,000 mortgage on the big block at Eleventh and P streets, even at the solicitation of the mortgagee, and that the latter, to protect himself, had to foreclose the mortgage and buy in the property himself. The fifty-foot block west of that was mortgaged for $9,000. When the mortgage became due the property was appraised at $28,000, which would necessitate the bidding of $18,500 to buy it. Ledwith borrowed $16,000 from Clark & Leonard, bid in the property at $18,601, paid in enough to pay off the $9,000 mortgage, had the property transferred to him with the $16,000 mortgage attached, and according to the widow's averment has never accounted for the balance due thereon.

Must Appear Thursday.

The widow wound up by asking the court to issue an attachment for contempt of the court's order and that upon a final and full hearing of the case he be removed from the position of executor of the estate, ordered to make a full report of his doings and compelled to hand over whatever is justly due the widow and the children. Judge Lansing issued an attachment immediately, and Ledwith appeared by his attorney with the children. On the attorney's assurance that a full report would be made by Thursday the case was continued to that time. The children were allowed to go with whom they pleased, and they went with the uncle. The widow declares that this is due to a systematic poisoning of their minds against her by the uncle.

Slapped His Face.

Another chapter in the dispute between Henry Oliver and his brother-in-law, James F. Lansing, was unrolled this morning. Oliver went into Lansing's office for what purpose is not stated, but during the course of the conversation that ensued he applied to the latter a vile epithet. Lansing did not respond, and Oliver angrily demanded to know what he had done with the money he had stolen from him (Oliver). Lansing replied that he had no money belonging to Oliver, and the courts had so decided. Mr. Oliver remarked very energetically that he had a notion to wipe the floor up with James F., but the latter replied that he couldn't lick anything, and dared him to hit him. Oliver took the dare in both hands and struck Lansing in the face. They were separated before any gore made its appearance, but later Oliver came into police court and paid $20 and costs for his amusement, and remarked that it came cheap.

State House Notes.

Mr. Garneau tackled Auditor Gene Moore today with a view to examining with him the items in the $5,000 voucher, which Auditor Moore refused to approve a few days since. The examination had not proceeded far before the auditor ran against a snag in the shape of the commissioner general's expense account. Mr. Moore refused to approve this without the governor's consent, claiming that Garneau was the governor's appointee. The question was thoroughly discussed in the presence of Mr. Garneau's lawyer, but the auditor could not be moved from his position. This afternoon he stated to THE BEE correspondent that it would be necessary for the supreme court to pass upon the question before he would take further action. If the commissioner general should feel inclined to push the matter, a mandamus suit may be looked for, which would result in a complete examination of Garneau's accounts.

The Boys and Girls Aid society, which has been in process of inception for some time, today filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The main object of this association is to protect friendless children and secure legislation to prevent children under 15 years from being on the streets after 9 p. m.

The following suits were filed in the supreme court today: H. B. Claflin company against Charles A. Stonehill, the First National bank of Omaha and J. V. Farwell company, Kilpatrick-Koch Dry Goods company against Charles A. Stonewell, et al, and F. L. Blumer against George A. Bennett, sheriff, et al, from Douglas county, and H. P. Schultz against William Ridge, from Thayer county.

Some Fond Recollections.

From a suit filed in the district court today it is apparent that the populistic gentlemen who did the dancing in the gubernatorial and state officers' contest in 1890-91 have so far failed to pay the pipers. The pipers in this instance were Lamb, Ricketts & Williamson, the attorneys who brought the contests and conducted the fight and who took in return for their services a note for $1,000 due April 1, 1893. The note was signed by John H. Powers, J. V. Wolfe, C. N. Mayberry, W. F. Wright, William H. Dech, Joseph W. Edgerton, John Batie and A. D'Allemand. It had been sold to William Fullerton, a loan broker, who now brings suit.

City in Brief.

Hattie E. Carson filed suit in district court today against the directors of the Capital National bank for $1,666 deposit and $24.07 open account caught in the crash. The petition sets up the official statements of the bank's alleged condition for months prior to the failure, and seeks to hold the directors personally responsible because of their negligence in not informing themselves of the true condition of the bank before signing the false statements.

The footings from the assessor's returns received at the clerk's office show the following: City real estate, $4,810,230; city personal, $831,600; total for the city, $5,650,830. County real estate, $3,247,800; personal, $678,840; total for the county, $10,821,744.91, a decrease of $15,273.37 from the total of last year.

Alleged Forger Bound Over.

GRAND ISLAND, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—H. Newman, who was arrested a few days ago on the charge of forgery, today waved preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court in the sum of $300. Newman forged a check for $22 about two months ago, but was never apprehended until last week.

Drowned While Bathing.

JUNIATA, Neb., July 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Alleck Rogers, a young man about 22 years of age, was drowned in the Blue river yesterday while bathing. He was a good swimmer and must have cramped. He lives several miles southwest of town. He was buried this forenoon.

House and Contents Destroyed.

ATKINSON, Neb., July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Albert C. Parnell, living four miles east of Atkinson had his house and nearly all its contents destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss $1,000, insurance $700. All papers and records of the township were burnt, he being township clerk.

To Complete Reunion Details.

GRAND ISLAND, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The reunion committee will meet as a whole, probably for the last time before the opening of Camp Logan, Saturday night, and as there is important business to be transacted a full attendance is desired.

SUPERIOR'S NEW ENTERPRISE.

Machinery of a Large Starch Factory Started There Yesterday.

SUPERIOR, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The machinery of the Superior starch factory was put in motion today in the presence of a large crowd of Superior's business men and citizens. All were especially delighted to see the machinery in such perfect working order, every department of which showed the skill and good management of the superintendent, Mr. Cochrane.

The building is a three-story structure, with a basement, and is thoroughly fitted in all departments to make the finest article of starch known to the trade. The superintendent has had thirty years experience as a practical starch maker and his brands of starch are familiar to the trade everywhere and have long since become staple articles to the wholesale markets. The company is composed entirely of Superior capitalists: Mr. D. Guthrie, president; J. B. Gray, secretary and treasurer; C. Cochrane, superintendent and manager.

The capacity of the mill is several hundred bushels of corn daily, and the mill will undoubtedly be run by these enterprising men to its full capacity.

For a distributing point no better location could have been, as the seven lines of railway already here reach all the western markets, while the farmers are benefited by having their corn product utilized at home.

Quiet Day at the Chautauqua.

CRETE, July 10—[Special to THE BEE.]—Sunday was quiet at the grounds of the Nebraska Chautauqua assembly. The usual exercises were held, the attraction last evening being the stereopticon exhibit of "the architecture of the Columbian exposition," by Lando Taft of Chicago. The exhibition will be repeated tomorrow evening. The B. & M. will run a special train from Lincoln on Tuesday evening.

FREMONT, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Yesterday was a delightful and quiet day at the Fremont Central Chautauqua assembly. Boating, bathing, bicycle riding and games of all kinds were dispensed with. Jahu DeWitt Miller of Philadelphia preached in the afternoon and Rev. P. C. Johnson, D. D., chaplain for the state Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the evening. The auditorium was crowded, while some stood outside.

This has been Christian Endeavor day. The regular program was fully carried out. Tomorrow will be Odd Fellows' day, and opening of the Nebraska Itinerants club. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings the eloquent orator Colonel George W. Bain of Kentucky will deliver able lectures. The week's exercises will close Saturday evening with an eloquent address by Dr. M. C. Mason of Atlanta, Ga. Subject, "The Negro and His Future."

Beatrice Notes and Personals.

BEATRICE, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Gage County Press association held its regular monthly meeting Saturday, remaining in session the entire day and adjourning to Tuesday with considerable unfinished business on hand. The influence of this association is beginning to be recognized as of great importance in this county.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education Misses Mary Cowan, Jessie Pyrtle, Mable Jackson, Annie Leger and Mr. C. Jansen, jr., were elected teachers. The salary of Prof. Brainerd was also increased to $1,200 per annum.

The teachers' institute which is being held this year at the Chautauqua grounds, is being well attended, and it is evident from the interest that the idea of holding the institute in this manner is meeting with popular favor.

The Gage county independent convention has been called to meet August 1.

The public library board has been organized with J. B. Weston, president, and C. Jansen, jr., secretary.

George A. Knight returned home Saturday from a two weeks visit to his home in England.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Murphy will leave for a two weeks visit to the World's fair this week.

Sugar Beet Raising.

FREMONT, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Mr. L. Huxman, who has the general supervision of raising 500 acres of sugar beets for the Standard Cattle company at Ames this year, was in the city today. Mr. Huxman has had twenty years of practical experience in the cultivation of beets, eighteen years in Germany and two years in this country. Last year he had charge of raising beets for the Oxnards. He said he had recently visited the beet fields at Norfolk and Grand Island and had no hesitancy in saying that the best outlook for a large and profitable yield was at Ames. After a very careful examination of the soil he declares that the best land in the world for the successful cultivation of sugar beets is in the Platte valley between Schuyler and Fremont, and that sufficient land could be put under cultivation there to support several immense factories. He also said that the German farmer was as slow to commence the raising of beets for sugar as the American, and that it had to be demonstrated to him beyond the shadow of a doubt that it would be profitable and then he had to be educated in the methods of cultivating beets. He claims that it will be but a short time until the production of sugar for the whole world will be right here in the Platte valley.

Gage County Finances.

BEATRICE, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The financial situation in Gage county has perceptibly brightened since one week ago, and the outlook now is for continued improvement. All apprehension as to runs on the banks has passed, and those banks that were obliged to temporarily close their doors will soon resume business. The Nebraska National and American banks of this city are making collections rapidly. The First Commercial bank of Odell has arranged its affairs so speedily that business will be resumed this week. Crop prospects were never better and merchants are preparing for a heavy fall trade.

Nebraska Crop Prospects.

JUNIATA, Neb., July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The weather here has been very favorable to growing crops and for ripening grain. Corn never looked more promising, and is clean and in excellent shape. Fall wheat and tame hay harvest has begun in earnest, much of it being already in the shock and stack. Several pieces of fall wheat near town will make near thirty-five bushels per acre. The corn in the hail districts is coming out wonderfully well and with a week's more favorable weather, the work of the hail will hardly be noticeable.

Burglars Use Chloroform.

CRETE, July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The residence of J. H. Higbee, agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad at this point, was robbed last night. The thieves secured entrance to the house through a window. They chlorotormed Mr. and Mrs. Higbee. The drug had full effect on Mr. Higbee and only partially on his wife, who awoke in time to see a man leave the room. Mr. Higbee's gold watch is missing and he is confined to his bed under the physician's care, the drug having entirely prostrated him.

Seeking Nebraska Homes.

HASTINGS, July 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A party of 180 Russian emigrants came into Hastings this morning direct from the rural districts of Saratov, via Montreal. They will distribute themselves all over the western part of Nebraska, some going to work in the beet fields around Grand Island and others going to the vicinity of Culbertson to engage in farming.

Fit Subject for Sympathy.

A man fell on the stone pavement in front o he county court house about 9 o'clock last night. He was suffering from an epileptic fit. In falling he struck his face against the stone steps leading up to the court house.

His physiognomy was badly disfigured. The victim remained unconscious and a gentleman who happened along thought that the man was dead. The patrol wagon was summoned, but before its arrival the man recovered and walked away, refusing to give his name or thank the men who lifted him up and applied restoratives. He said he was being treated for fits and that this was the first one he had experienced for several weeks.

Balloon tonight and tomorrow night.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Mayor Walker Submits His Message and Advocates Many Improvements.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY SOLONS

Assessor Carpenter Takes a Stroll in a Paroxysm of Anger—Grantham is Homeward Bound—People Who Roasted Him Now Repent.

Every member of the South Omaha city council was fully prepared for business last night. More business was transacted than ever before in the same length of time by this august body. The principal feature of the council meeting was the annual message from the mayor, in which he scores the corporations and beseeches the council to stand by him in keeping down expenses.

Immediately after adjourning as a council the members sat as a board of equalization. During the session Councilman Conly got warmed up because the assessment of the Cudahy Packing company had been turned in at $52,000, a considerable advance over last year. During his remarks Mr. Conly took occasion to state that the return made by the assessor was unjust and unfair. Assessor Carpenter was present and took offense at what Conly said, and springing to his feet, he stated that he would not stay in the room and be insulted. Carpenter rushed out and the chief of police was sent after him. At 10 tonight Carpenter had not been found, and the council was grinding away on equalization.

Following is the communication from the mayor to the council:

Mayor Walker's Message.

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—Gentlemen:—As contemplated by the laws governing cities of the class of ours, I take occasion to call your attention to certain municipal matters which, in my judgment, should receive the consideration of your honorable body. You are about to pass the annual appropriation ordinance and make the levy of taxes for the ensuing year. The expenses of a city located as is ours, upon rough and uneven ground, making it necessary for deep cuts and heavy fills in order to make the streets suitable for the purposes to which they are put, must and probably always will be large. The population is scattered, extending over a territory large enough to furnish homes for 100,000 people. All this increases the expenses of the street, fire and water and police departments and adds to the amount to be collected from the property of the citizens for the support of the city government. But in making the levy this year I believe it to be the duty of the council to collect no more tax than is absolutely necessary. The expenses should be figured to the lowest point which good government will permit and the levy reduced if possible from what it has been heretofore. When we figure the amount of state, county, school and city taxes which is annually levied against the property of our citizens, we realize that the burden borne by the tax payers is large. It should be your aim, if possible, to lighten and not increase this burden. This should especially be done at this time when a property owner, who owes a tax, can not borrow money, even on real estate security, to pay that tax if it be delinquent. Under the law the tax must be paid or the property sold; in case of sale a large amount of expense is attached with an exorbitant interest. The ultimate result of it may be that the man who is unable to pay the tax, which seems small, will lose his property.

A Demand for Sidewalks.

There has always been a demand for the laying of sidewalks in the city. This should be done in all cases when it is necessary. The law gives to the mayor and council the power to order a sidewalk laid, and if the owner fails to comply with such order the city can cause the sidewalk to be put down and tax the cost of the same against the property. Acting under this law some sidewalks have been laid in remote parts of the city which were not urgently needed. I do not believe that your honorable body should order a sidewalk laid simply because some man asked to have it. On the theory of heavy taxes, before alluded to, I believe that the council should investigate each case before acting. If walks be laid without investigation a $30 or $40 walk may be put down in front of a $300 lot. Add to this the general and other special taxes, including grading, and the tax for one year against the laboring man's lot amounts to one-fourth its value. I believe that the council could serve the citizens and taxpayers of our city by giving this matter attention.

The demand for improvements in the city is now and for the past few years has been large. Petitions are presented at every session of the council, asking for grading, curbing, paving, sewers, etc. Under the law, as it now exists, bonds are issued after the preliminary steps are gone through by the mayor and council to pay the cost of all such special improvements. This spring a number of contracts have been let and others are pending on preliminary questions. None of the bonds have yet been issued or presented for sale. I am of the opinion that due to the stringency in the money market your honorable body may find some difficulty in securing a purchaser for said bonds.

How the City is Hampered.

This difficulty, if any, will in no manner grow out of lack of confidence in the security furnished by such bonds, but rather from the timidity of capital owing to the forced and embarrassed condition of the money market. In each case the council, before letting a contract, should provide that the contractors doing the work shall take the bonds in case they are not sold. While I do not believe that the present flurry in financial circles would require the council to drop public improvements, yet I think that only such improvements as the public convenience requires should be ordered.

There may be corners of municipal expenditure which can be cut off, and if any such exist I believe that in the interest of economic government, action should be taken. This is a subject more familiar to your able chairman of the committee on finance than myself and a report from him would undoubtedly assist the council.

The street department is one of the most important branches of the municipal government. Most of the heavy litigation against the city arises from defective streets. It has been said that "eternal vigilance is the price of peace," and I believe that such vigilance in the street department is the price of safety against difficult law suits. The street commissioner has a large field to look after. At every recurring rain storm, washouts are found all over the city. The street commissioner should at once fence them in. He should at all times be furnished with competent, energetic men to do this work. The price of labor so employed will be small compared with what the city would save. I would most respectfully recommend that your honorable body draft or cause to be drafted an ordinance regulating his duties. This department should keep a record of defective places in the public streets and the repairs of the same. In this way testimony would be easily available in the damage cases against the city.

For Inspection of Viaducts.

The city has recently had an experience in a damage case growing out of a defective bridge. The city attorney in that case was unable to find any record of the inspection of the bridge or any report of such inspection, although one had been made. There are two large viaducts and a number of small bridges within the city. If an accident were to occur tonight, I venture that there would be no evidence in the cases of some of the bridges to show that they had been inspected. The council should, in my judgment, provide for the inspection of the viaducts and the different bridges at close and stated intervals and require the officer making such inspection to file a report of the condition of the same with the city clerk.

The ordinances of the city are now in such condition that no official knows just what subjects are covered by them. It would be well for the council to have the ordinances revised where revision is necessary, edited and published in pamphlet form. This can be done at a small expense, and the by-laws of the city would then be in a condition for use. The city attorney with the assistance of the deputy city clerk and some type writing could do this.

After the Water Company.

Our citizens have long complained of the overbearing conduct and exhorbitant charges of the American Water Works company. This corporation was granted a franchise some years ago which gave it a blanket mortgage on the city. The officers of that corporation being conscious of the extraordinary privileges granted by the city, without any reservation in the grant for the due protection of the public, have taken advantage of the situation. There can be no doubt or room for disagreement as to the unwise policy of the mayor and council in passing the ordinance which gave that corporation its sweeping franchise, but it is now too late to recall the grant. There is however, in my judgment, power in the hands of the council to furnish a measure of relief. This corporation is engaged in the performance of a public duty, and therefore is, to a certain extent, a public servant. This being the case, I see no reason why the council cannot pass an ordinance regulating the price of water charges and connections with a water main the same as it could regulate the price to be charged for gas, public lights, etc. The council would do well to consider the matter. The city attorney can be called upon to give his opinion as to the power of the council to pass such an ordinance.

Want Street Car Facilities.

The large and populous sections of the Third and Fourth wards have long been asking the Omaha Street Railway company to extend its line over the Q street viaduct and west on that street. This corporation has also been given a sweeping franchise which eminated from an unwise policy on the part of the citizens who granted the same. It has been repeatedly petitioned by citizens to extend its lines. The mayor and council have appointed committees at different times to wait on the officials of this corporation and have forwarded resolutions of requests, all asking for such extensions of its tracks, but after repeated and long continued efforts which have always been met by propositions for delay on the part of that corporation, we are no nearer the desired object today than we were two years ago. I believe it is within the power of the council to bring this proud corporation to terms. The franchise which it now claims to possess does not, in my opinion, rest upon very sure foundations. The company has in many respects failed to comply with the conditions on which the franchise was granted. It would be well to have this matter investigated and the rights of the city protected and this railway company brought to terms. I understand that the courts have recently held that the mayor and council of a city have power to tax the poles of corporations located on the public streets of a city. If the council were to proceed to levy a liberal tax on the poles of this and other corporations which line our public streets and disfigure the same, resulting also in danger to life and property, I have no doubt but what this company would finally come to the conclusion that the citizens of our city had some rights which even a corporation must respect.

Keep Down Expenses.

Finally I would ask your honorable body to co-operate with me in keeping down expenses and in keeping within the law. Many claims for improvements are presented and if refused the petitioners feel aggrieved. They should, however, reflect that the mayor and councilmen are public servants and the powers they possess are granted and restricted by law. I am aware that previous councils have done things outside of the power which they possessed and that we have sometimes, perhaps, closed our eyes where necessity demanded it. Whatever may have been the course of others the fact that they did wrong will not excuse us. Neither does the fact that we have sometimes passed beyond the border line, warrant further continuence in that direction. The council should in each case, before proceeding in a doubtful way, ascertain whether its proposed course is in accordance with law and then co-operate with me in keeping within limits. Most respectfully submitted,

O. E. WALKER, Mayor.

Mr. Shultz offered a resolution to have the "fast driving" signs placed on the approaches of each of the viaducts. The street commissioner was instructed to make the change.

The street commissioner will purchase lumber and relay the walks across the L street viaduct.

The finance committee reported that it had sold paving and grading bonds in the sum of $27,700 at par with accrued interest. Report accepted.

The estimate for the 1893 city expenses was presented by the finance committee as follows:

Police fund	$11,500.00
Street viaduct	4,000.00
Fire and water	7,240.73
Engineer department	3,000.00
Salary fund	6,840.00
Public lights	3,300.00
Interest fund	20,000.00
Judgment fund	18,000.00
General fund	13,000.00
Total	$82,880.73

Final estimate in sewer district No. 102 favor George W. Tillson for $2,706.42 was presented and accepted, as also was a monthly estimate favor Parks & Co. for repairs on Q street viaduct amounting to $1,267.93. This was also adopted and warrants will be drawn.

Council adjourned and immediately met as a board of equalization to hear complaints from property owners on assessments.

City Treasurer Thomas Hector reported the amount of general taxes collected from the levies 1889-90-91 in excess of the 85 per cent for which warrants have been drawn as $14,353.55. The total general tax collections amounted to $152,899.17. This in addition to the amount of 1888 taxes collected by county treasurer and turned over to the city will reduce the 1893 levy at least 10 mills.

The Cudahy Packing company complained that they were assessed $23,000 higher than in 1892 and asked that their assessment be reduced to $40,000. The assessment in 1893 is $52,000. Mr. Conloy moved to reduce the assessment to $40,000. Motion lost on tie vote, the mayor voting "no."

Thomas Ryan asked and was refused a $2,000 reduction on the assessed valuation of his home property south of Jetter's brewery.

Mrs. Josephine E. Carroll had her assessment raised from $1,600 to $1,800 on the twenty-five feet corner Twenty-fifth and N streets, and her twenty-five feet corner alley between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets lowered from $1,600 to $1,400.

A number of other complaints which were not properly made out were laid aside for further consideration.

Stockmen in a Legal Row.

H. H. Bowie, a well known rancher and cattle man from near Kearney, was brought into police court by Chief Becketts at noon yesterday. The charge against Mr. Bowie is obtaining money under false pretenses, and the information is filed by the live stock commission firm of George Boyer, McCoy & Co. Bowie was placed under arrest Sunday by Chief Beckett and the two, accompanied by Mr. Marston, who is Bowie's attorney, arrived here today.

The information recites that about December 2, 1892, Bowie represented to the plaintiffs that he had 144 head of cattle and 200 head of hogs in Buffalo county, and that if they would lend him $2,000 he would give them a chattel mortgage on the outfit. Boyer, McCoy & Co. claim that they paid the money over to Bowie, but that they afterwards learned that he only had 131 head of cattle and 116 head of hogs. Furthermore, that he did not file the mortgage with the proper authorities in Buffalo county, and as a result he obtained the money by fraudulen and misleading representations.

Mr. Bowie is well known on the South Omaha market. He has sold a great deal of stock here, and at one time sold 1,000 head to one firm. He denies that he misrepresented facts to the plaintiffs, and says that what money he owes Boyer, McCoy & Co. is now on deposit with the clerk of the district court in Buffalo county. All these parties have had legal differences before and the whole matter will now, no doubt, be ftraightened out.

Bowie and his attorney put in the day in South Omaha and Omaha looking for bondsmen. They showed up at police court about 4 o'clock and gave notice to Judge Fowler that they would waive a preliminary hearing. The court then fixed the bond at $2,000. This Mr. Bowie furnished, with W. A. Dunning, R. R. Greer, W. T. Scott, Gosman & Dudley, Fred J. Etter and C. O. Lowbeck as sureties.

Took the Whole "Cheese."

Another case of wholesale robbery was reported to the police today. Two thousand feet of lumber, thirty-five hand shovels, eighty-five feet of rope and some mortar boxes were taken from the corner of Twenty-seventh and L streets. The property belonged to Ed Dawson & Co., contractors who are putting in the L street sewer. It was a bold piece of work and must have been done Sunday in daylight.

Some time Sunday night a thief carried away a lot of carpenters' tools belonging to D. A. Harrington. The tools were stored at the corner of Eighteenth and M streets.

Johnson May Lost His Hand.

J. Johnson, colored, an employe at Hammond's, came near losing his right hand while at work yesterday. He let a cleaver fall on that member with such force that it is feared that the entire hand will have to be amputated. Dr. Kirkpatrick will endeavor to save the fellow's hand if such a thing is possible.

Magic City Gossip.

George Kaslouska was fined $5 and cost for stealing meat from Cudahy's meat market.

Miss Louise Huntington, who has been visiting Miss Gertrude McCulloch for several days, returned to her home in Pawnee City yesterday.

Children's day was observed Sunday in the Christian church. That edifice was beautifully decorated with flowers and an interesting program was rendered.

J. B. Smiley regrets that what he said about Fred Grantham was published. He never would have said it, he says, if he thought a newspaper man would ever get hold of it. Mr. Smiley is not a member of the firm Grantham was employed by now, having drawn out over a year ago. He thinks a great deal of the young man and hopes that he will come out all right. So does every one else that knew Grantham.

Oscar Meyers, a boy about 12 years of age met with a painful accident yesterday evening. He was in a car climbing from one end to the other, when he missed his footing and fell. In the drop his left arm caught on a meat hook and the lad was suspended until his weight tore the flesh from the bone for about twelve inches. The child's screams attracted Officer Eminger, who carried the boy to his home in Albright. The father of this boy has had more hard luck than a little. Last winter four of his children died of diptheria and he has been out of employment for some time, only going to work yesterday, after being laid off for several weeks.

Balloon tonight and tomorrow night.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

Big Attendance Today—Plan for Receiving the Viking Ship.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The day at the World's fair opened cloudy and threatening, but the clouds cleared away toward noon. The attendance for today promises to be double that of yesterday. Preparations are being perfected for the reception of the Viking ship Wednesday. There will be a big flotilla on the water to welcome the vessel, and all the Norwegian and Swedish societies will turn out to take part in the reception.

Ground has been broken at the south end of the Anthropological building for a building known as the "Rumford Inn," as part of the Massachusetts exhibit. In it Miss Maria Daniels of Boston will show scientific methods of cooking cheaper classes of food to be palatable and nourishing, and in the sanitary branch the best means of cooking for the sick and convalescent.

If the army bill passes, as now seems probable, it is believed Emperor William of Germany will visit the World's fair. An attache of the German commission is authority for the statement that the German Department of State, in reply to a question as to how the emperor would be received here, has been informed by consuls in the United States that he would meet a hearty greeting.

Vikings Welcomed to Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, July 10.—The Viking ship was brought up to the dock this morning and was given a noisy welcome from a battery and the whistles of the steam craft in the harbor. Those on board then joined the procession of Scandinavian societies to Juneau park, where speeches were made. This evening they will be tendered a banquet.

SHERMAN LAW REPEAL.

Call for a Convention of Representatives of Western Commercial Bodies.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 10.—By unanimous vote this morning the Chamber of Commerce adopted resolutions calling a convention of delegates from the commercial bodies of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri to be held here before the end of the month, in the interest of the unconditional repeal of the silver purchase clause of the Sherman act.

Burrows Sends in a Denial.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Congressman Burrows of Michigan sends a local paper a telegram denying that there is any truth in the published statement from Jerry Simpson that the populists and silver men are proposing to combine with the populists to elect Burrows speaker of the house.

"On the Beach at Courtland."

Another large crowd witnessed Estelle Gribble make the balloon ascension and parachute jump at Courtland beach last night. It was successfully done and highly pleasing to the 1,000 people at the beach. The popularity of this resort is becoming more marked each day. The attendance on Mondays is generally small, but last night the amusement lovers were out in force, and the demand for boats and bathing accomodations was very large.

This afternoon and evening camp 120, Modern Woodmen of America, will give a picnic at the beach. During the afternoon outdoor sports will be indulged in, and a number of interesting races have been planned. The evening will be devoted to dancing, the upper floor to be used for that purpose. A large attendance of Woodmen with their families and friends is looked for.

Choctaws Given Another Show.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., July 10.—The United States has decided that the Choctaw trouble be settled in the United States court at this place. Judge Stewart will, Wednesday, issue a writ of habeas corpus, restraining the sheriff at Wilburton from carrying out the execution set for Friday. When this is done it will be ascertained whether the prisoners received a fair trial.

Leavenworth Miners Return to Work.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 10.—The coal miners strike here, which has been on six weeks in sympathy with the strike in southeastern Kansas, has been declared off. It is believed the same result will be reached throughout the state soon. The men return to work at the wages offered before the strike.

More Riots Expected in Paris.

PARIS, July 10.—Tomorrow will be the anniversary of the death of Anarchist Ravachol; Friday will be the anniversary of the fall of the Bastile. The government anticipates a renewal of riots those days and a large body of troops will be held in readiness to suppress any demonstration.

Preparing for Her Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—About sixty acres in Golden Gate park have been set apart for the midwinter fair which California proposes to hold, securing exhibits from all parts of the world after the World's fair at Chicago closes. The work of putting the site in order will begin at once.

More Thanks to Altgeld.

BOSTON, July 10.—The Knights of Labor of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut have formed the New England Knights of Labor Alliance. They adopted resolutions thanking Governor Altgeld of Illinois for pardoning the Chicago anarchists.

Killed Her False Lover.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—Last night Nellie Horton, a telegraph operator, snot and instantly killed S. R. Hogan, a motorman, in a lodging house. It is supposed the killing was the result of Hogan's refusal to marry her.

Two Tons of Dynamite Explode.

DENVER, July 10.—A powder magazine seven miles from the city, containing two tons of dynamite, exploded this morning with a fearful concussion. It is believed two tramps were blown to pieces.

Three Escaping Prisoners Killed.

IONIA, Mich., July 10.—A gang of prisoners attempted to escape from the state house of correction this morning. Three were killed.

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DENVER HAS A BIG CRASH

Collapse of the Chamberlain Investment Company of that City.

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Tightness of the Money Market and Timidity of Investors Given as Causes for the Failure—Many Other Business Troubles.

DENVER, July 10.—The Chamberlain Investment company, the largest real estate firm in the west, failed this morning. The liabilities, direct and contingent, are $2,362,113, of which $1,112,188 are direct. The nominal assets are $2,940,691. The failure was precipitated by an attachment by the Denver Savings bank. The sheriff is in possession. Three-quarters of the liabilities are held in London. The company has other offices in New York, Fort Worth and San Antonio. Denver people suffer little by the failure.

President Chamberlain says that previous to 1890 the company became largely interested in real estate in Pueblo, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Spokane Falls, Helena and other cities, and in improving these properties it became necessary to build electric railways. In the midst of these operations came the Baring failure in London, which threw the burden of these enterprises chiefly on the Chamberlain company. This, with the failure of clients who had made large purchases, owing to the present financial crisis, to make good their obligations, resulted in the company taking up their notes to prevent foreclosure, acted greatly to the detriment of the company. For the past three years the company has thus advanced over half a million to protect customers. Last fall the company started to fund its direct liabilities by offering $800,000 in debentures. Half of these were placed when the financial panic ruined the market for securities here, and the Australian bank failures did the same in Great Britain. Much of the company's assets, in the form of securities, are beyond its control, being held as collateral for loans.

SHUBERT BANK FAILURE.

Twenty-One Thousand of the Funds Squandered by the Cashier.

SHUBERT, July 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Farmers State bank of Shubert is closed and in possession of Bank Examiner Goodell. The examination begun Friday and the cashier, G. V. Argabright, knowing that his books were not in condition, failed to make his appearance Saturday, but left a letter stating that he had lost $21,000 of the bank's money speculating on the Board of Trade. He left in the night and is supposed to have taken the Missouri Pacific train at Stella and left it at Kansas City. No further trace of him has been secured.

The bank offers $500 reward for his capture. The paid up capital of the bank is $25,000. The full loss is not known as the examination is not completed. The stockholders are well-to-do farmers and depositors will be paid in full. Argabright was raised in Nemaha county and had the entire confidence of the community and at one time was in the First National bank of Omaha and with O. M. Carter at Ashland. He is about 30 years of age blonde moustache, five feet eight, weighs 135 pounds. He had built an elegant residence here and lived extravagantly. He leaves a wife and two children who have not been apprised of the actual condition.

He left a letter to his clerk stating that he had lost more than he could now see how to make back and that for him to take care of his wife and babies, and that he would trust in the lord and try and make back all he had lost. He left another letter stating that he only took money enough with him to pay expenses until he could get a job some where, and pay it all back. He also stated that there were $21,000 missing and told the officers just where to find the shortage and said if he was not caught and was left alone he would commence remitting as soon as he had $1,000, and pay back all that he had lost.

Left His Affairs in Bad Shape.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Chris Hansen, deputy postmaster and proprietor of a general store at Poplar, skipped out for parts unknown about ten days ago and has not been seen since. The store has been locked up by the sheriff on attachments aggregating $1,500. The books are in bad shape and it is impossible to get at the true condition of affairs. Many farmers in the vicinity were victimized.

Iowa Grain Dealers Fail.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 10.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The firm of Myers & Co., grain dealers at Extra, have failed and a large number of patrons are left in the lurch. The liabilities are several thousand dollars, while the assets are almost nothing, as grains stored in the elevator, supposed to be among the assets, prove to be property of farmers in the neighborhood who had it stored there.

Speculated and Broke the Bank.

SALT LAKE, July 10.—It has been discovered that Oscar E. Hill, cashier of the Commercial National bank of Ogden, is a defaulter to the amount of $65,000. The bank will go into voluntary liquidation. Depositors will lose nothing. Hill speculated.

House Furnishers Fail.

JERSEY CITY, July 10.—G. E. Watson & Co., house furnishing goods, have failed. Their liabilities are over $175,000.

Balloon tonight and tomorrow night.

Nebraskans at the Fair.

CHICAGO, July 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Omaha people at Jackson park today were: Frank Robinson, Arthur Briggs, Miss Nora Briggs, Corine Althaus, Ellen C. and George F. Gruenig, F. L. Howell, Robert E. Douglas, W. S. Marr, John L. Carson, Fred, Bertha and Vera Kasper, Fred W. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. F. Metz, jr., Ellen L. Kendall, Lillie G. Moore, Charles E. Nemetz, J. W. Robb, J. F. Pouder, George D. James, H. and S. M. Burdette, C. S. Montgomery and family, F. C. McCune, Stella Slade and T. F. Bullock.

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