

TOLD CONFLICTING STORIES

Charles Carleton's Numerous Statements Concerning August Gotthman's Death.

NEIGHBORS OF THE PRISONER TESTIFY

Dodge County's Court House Crowded by Those Interested in the Details of the Mysterious Case—He Shot to Kill.

FREMONT, Oct. 11.—[Special to The Bee.]—The Carleton murder trial is proving of great interest and is attracting a full house. The defendant keeps up a confident appearance, even the stains of blood detailed by the witnesses seeming to have no marked effect.

The defendant is at all times accompanied by his mother, a pretty little woman, who watches the case with absorbing interest. The young wife of the accused, being on the list of witnesses, is excluded from the room, but she seems to be taking the matter harder than others interested.

John Malcom was the first witness this morning. He went to the Carleton place about 10 a. m. of the day of the killing. Carleton was there and there was another man present, sitting on the well pump. The prisoner, after talking with him, went into the barn and got a hammer, such as are used for drawing out plow lays. He did not recognize the man who was sitting on the pump as the man Gotthman, whose body he saw at the inquest.

Arthur Gwyn recognized the body at the inquest as being that of August Gotthman, whom he had seen a week before the tragedy at his place in Elkhorst township, Dodge county.

Nicholas Burgess was at the Carleton place on the day of the killing. He noticed the wounds on the head and the blood on the clothing, and corroborated the witnesses as to the general appearance of the rooms with regard to blood spots and location of body.

Story of the Coroner.

Coroner Martin was called to the residence of the Carletons to hold an inquest on the body of a man said to be lying dead there. He examined the body, which was lying on its back within the house. There was a gunshot wound in the forehead and supposing that it was the only wound he made no further examination. The witness corroborated the statements of blood stains and general appearance of the room and the piece of brain on the kitchen floor.

Marshal Nelson testified that on the 8th day of June he saw the defendant at the city hall. He said to me that he had killed a tramp. We went into the office and he showed me a gun which he had with him. The pistol had at that time three empty and three loaded chambers. He opened a chamber and made a rate of 27 cents per 100 on grain from St. Louis to Liverpool. The regular rate from St. Louis to the seaboard is 25 cents, leaving but 1 cent per 100 for the steamer haul. The Big Four people claim they are not cutting the rate, but the regular rate is 25 cents, leaving but 1 cent per 100 for the steamer haul. The Big Four have demoralized grain rates more or less for the last four years. It is estimated that the Big Four is a 9 cent per 100 advantage over all shippers who have to pay the 26 cent rate to the seaboard and then pay the water rate of 10 cents to Liverpool.

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BEDFORD BY ACCLAMATION

Democrats Add Fuel to the Flames of Political Excitement.

BOYD NOT OUT FOR MAYORALTY HONORS

Result of the Democratic City Convention Yesterday—Boyd and Klipartick Refused to Run—Howell Bubbled Up Sorely in the Seventh.

Mayor.....JEFF W. BEDFORD
Comptroller.....JOHN T. EVANS
Clerk.....WILLIAM WAKELAY
Police Judge.....HENRY M. MORROW
Councilmen-at-Large.....

WILLIAM NEVE
JOHN LEMLEY
CHARLES E. LITTLE
ALBERT WASH
WALTER MOISE
ROBERT HOLMES
EDWARD HOWELL
FRANK J. BURKLEY
HARRY H. SALISBURY

Members Board of Education:
SEYMOUR SMITH
REV. JOHN WILLIAMS
FRED R. LOWE
C. W. REED
CHARLES R. SHERMAN

The democratic city convention was held at Germania hall yesterday afternoon. The delegates were on hand early and spent an hour in general caucusing before the convention was called to order by Charles Conoyer, chairman of the city central committee.

There had been a lot of talk before the convention about the chances of James E. Boyd being nominated for mayor and a portion of the delegates were ready to take him up with a hurrah if they could be given any assurance that he would accept the nomination if it were tendered him. All sorts of rumors were afloat among the delegates and when the convention was called to order it was pretty generally understood that the ex-governor would be the nominee of the convention. The matter will be settled tomorrow.

The meeting of the Central Traffic Association, which was to have been held today, was adjourned over one day to permit members from out of town points to arrive. The matter of reducing the rates to the fair may come up at this meeting, but if it does not will be made the subject of a special meeting soon.

Cutting Rates on Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 11.—The western railroads have been asked to so reduce their rates on grain shipments as to compete with the Big Four line, which has made a remarkably low rate from St. Louis to Liverpool.

Recently the Big Four system, including the Chesapeake & Ohio, opened a steamship line from Newport News to Liverpool, and made a rate of 27 cents per 100 on grain from St. Louis to Liverpool. The regular rate from St. Louis to the seaboard is 25 cents, leaving but 1 cent per 100 for the steamer haul. The Big Four people claim they are not cutting the rate, but the regular rate is 25 cents, leaving but 1 cent per 100 for the steamer haul. The Big Four have demoralized grain rates more or less for the last four years. It is estimated that the Big Four is a 9 cent per 100 advantage over all shippers who have to pay the 26 cent rate to the seaboard and then pay the water rate of 10 cents to Liverpool.

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acclamation as the candidate from the Ninth ward.

For members of the Board of Education Seymour Smith, Rev. John Williams, Charles R. Sherman, C. W. Reed and Fred B. Lowe were nominated by acclamation.

Named a New Committee.

The following members of the city central committee were named by the various delegations:

First Ward—Charles Conoyer, John Powers and Owen Slavin.
Second Ward—J. F. Murphy, E. Bloemer and Joseph Pennington.
Third Ward—Gus Carey, D. Cosgrove and T. J. Murphy.
Fourth Ward—Steve Grove, L. J. Piatti and H. W. Spratlin.
Fifth Ward—Thomas Beemingham, Frank Heller and John Corrigan.
Sixth Ward—J. Reed, W. H. Chadwick and Tom O'Brien.
Seventh Ward—Phil Smith, J. D. Lacourse and Hans Falk.
Eighth Ward—J. H. Connor, J. P. Dagdale and Joseph Butler.
Ninth Ward—Chubbill Parier, C. L. Smith and F. L. Weaver.

CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Republicans Take Action on the Delinquency of Ernest Stuhl.

The members of the republican city central committee met in the office of Chairman Sudborough last night, principally for the purpose of getting acquainted, that they might better know what lines to work during the coming campaign.

The report of the secretary was read, but no place therein was there a word to show that Ernest Stuhl, the old treasurer of the city central committee, had turned over the \$300 which he had not accounted for.

Mr. Sudborough said that he had de-chairman of the fair and would pay up the money in city warrants and could not get the cash.

J. J. Cornish was of the opinion that Stuhl intended to be fair and would pay up if he was given a chance. Mr. Cornish, however, thought that Stuhl should be called before the committee and given a chance to square himself.

Mr. Sudborough suggested that the chairman should be instructed to draw a sight draft on Stuhl, and if it was not paid, then to institute proceedings for recovery of the cash.

As a compromise measure J. H. Butler, A. D. White and Louis Falst were appointed a committee to labor with Stuhl, try and get the money and report the exact amount due.

The candidacy of Jeff Bedford for mayor of the city of Omaha was discussed, and it was voted that George P. Bemis could beat him two to one.

"Who is Bedford?" asked a younger member of the committee, one who saw the light of day less than thirty years ago.

"I'll tell you who he was," said Andy Wiggins. "During the rebellion he was a southern bushwhacker with that notorious rebel, Mosby. It is a fact that he cannot deny, and as such he followed the union army, pilfering the hospital and wagon trains."

"Not only this," added another member of the committee, "but he was a member of the city council he attended twelve meetings during the two years, posing merely as a figurehead, without any policy or strength."

It is noted that Bedford was the weakest candidate which the democrats could have named, after which the committee adjourned to meet on call of the chairman.

"Boodle Gang Must Go."

Mr. Abram H. Batis, secretary of the Waiters' Alliance Republican club, has addressed a letter to THE BEE in which he defends the character of colored voters in the Third ward. He alleges that delegates from that ward at recent conventions were offered tempting inducements to violate their pledges, but without the blaudishments of the tempter and remained true to the east. Mr. Batis huris anathemas at the men who have tried to control that ward with money, and is glad to know that the colored men there cannot now be driven like cattle to the election booths by corrupt men. He says "the boodle gang must go."

South Omaha Democrats.

The democrats of South Omaha held a caucus at Twenty-fourth and Q streets last night and agreed upon the following men as candidates:

For Justices of the Peace—L. Levy and R. Montgomery.
For Constables—Martin Eddy and Edward Hanley.
For Assessor—Samuel T. Shrigley.

Campaign Gait.

The Seventh Ward Republican club meets tonight at its hall, 1212 Park avenue. Every member should be present.

The scheduled meeting of the West Side Republican club at Forty-fourth and Leavenworth streets last night was postponed on account of the weather, which kept a majority of the members at home. The meeting will be held next Wednesday evening, and it is expected that there will be a ratification of the city and county tickets.

The colored republicans of the Sixth ward will hold a mass meeting at Twenty-sixth and Lake streets this evening.

HOLD UP COTTON.

Advice of South Carolina Farmers Alliance to Southern Planters.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 11.—The farmers state alliance has issued an address to cotton planters and members of the southern cotton states. It is said the crop is short. The American spinners are out of the market on account of the shortness of money. The address says:

Hold on to every bale of cotton when you can possibly do so without injury to our credit or until the price advances. Make every honorable effort to meet your obligations, but hold your cotton. You are entitled to a higher price if there is any virtue in the law of supply and demand. Prepare to reduce your cotton acreage for next year and to raise your corn, wheat and bacon at home. But will you do this if you are independent and able to fix your own prices.

NEW YORK BAR RESOLVES.

Opposition to Isaac H. Maynard Will Be Carried to the Polls.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The Bar association met last night and passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That for reasons already expressed by us on the nomination of Isaac H. Jackson before the court of appeals was not fit to have been made.

Resolved, That this association urges upon every good citizen without distinction of party, and especially upon every lawyer, the patriotic duty of opposing to its utmost this attempt to reward unworthy conduct by a judicial seat on the highest judicial tribunal.

Twelve Hundred Signed Murphy's Pledge.

TUSCULA, Ill., Oct. 11.—Francis Murphy and his son William closed a big series of work, in which both the father and the son took a part. Mr. Offutt said that the men of Omaha had demanded Mr. Howell's nomination. The vote resulted in the nomination of Mr. Howell, who received 65 votes to Mr. Jackson's 34.

Destroyed by Fire.

The barn in the rear of 1618 Webster street was destroyed by fire about 7 o'clock last evening. It was owned by A. L. Root and the loss will amount to \$100.

MORSE'S Thursday Trade Stimulators.

Here are inviting bargains for thrifty tastes. 1 lot silk velvets worth \$1.25 at 69c.

All wool and worsted DRESS GOODS, never retailed under 50c. at 25c.

72 inch turkey red damasks, 75c quality, for 50c.
72 inch bleached damask, 1.25 quality, \$1.00.
72 inch cream damask, extra value, 69c.

10-4 Grey Blankets 65c Value \$1.

All wool blankets, slightly soiled, were \$4.50 and \$5.00, at \$3.00.
11-4 white blankets, \$2.25 goods at \$1.69.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers trimmed with embroidery and lace, at 25c.

Ladies' fine fleeced-lined HOSE, full black, value 40c, at 25c.

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Ribbons Nos. 5, 7, 9—5c. Nos. 12, 16, 22—12c.

Importers' stock of 4-Button Suede and 5-Hook Glace Kid Gloves, worth \$1.50, at 83c.

WE ARE FORCING Liquidating Sale. Our stock on the market to raise money. It will pay you to attend our. Come in and examine our prices. We will do better than we advertise. All wool cassimere suits, never were sold for less than \$8. LIQUIDATING PRICE \$5.00. All wool cheviot suits, in three shades, straight or round cut, worth \$10. LIQUIDATING PRICE \$5.00. All wool cheviot overcoats worth up as high as \$8. LIQUIDATING PRICE \$3.75. Examine these goods and be your own judge. We don't care who you are or where you go, you can't duplicate these goods for the price. IN THE SHOW WINDOWS. COLUMBIA CLOTHING CO., 13th and Farnam.

WE FIND THE CHANGE FROM Old TO New Quarters. Fine fitting corsets that are worth double the price and each one guaranteed, sale price 50c. Ladies' muslin night dresses, trimmed yoke, sailor collar and cuffs, splendid value at 75c, Thursday at 49c. Ladies' heavy woolen hose, ribbed top, value 40c, 25c. Ladies' heavy jersey ribbed vests and drawers, regular value 50c, at 35c. Ladies' heavy camel's hair vests and pants, such as you pay 75c for, Thursday 50c. Ladies' Union suits, worth \$1.25 everywhere, Thursday 90c. desirable because we have room to show goods; room to show a much larger line; so we have opened up all the new patterns of CARPETS AND NEW Curtains and Drapings. You are invited to see our new store and new stock. Our opening of Oriental and Fur Rugs is a desirable feature at this season. We intend to make this an attractive department. Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co., 1414-16-18 DOUGLAS, OPPOSITE RECENT STORE.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Baker's Pure ABSOLUTE DRY GOODS CO.