

POOR POLICE PROTECTION

One Officer on Duty in Lincoln During the Day.

THEY VIOLATED THE MAYOR'S ORDERS

Several of the Quartermen of the Capital City Insisted on Doing Detective Work in Opposition to the Constituted Authorities.

Lincoln, Oct. 12.—[Special to The Bee.]—Officer Green is the only policeman on duty in Lincoln today. The excise board at its last meeting suspended Officers O'Shea, Morrissey and Pomeroy, thus leaving but one officer on the day watch. The three officers were suspended until next Monday for alleged violation of orders issued by Mayor Weir some time ago. The officers were that all detective business coming to the police station should be referred to Chief of Police Cooper or City Detective Malone. Messrs. O'Shea, Morrissey and Pomeroy were formerly employed as detectives by the city and had a ready knack of the habit. Recently Pomeroy went to South Dakota to bring back a fugitive from justice, and O'Shea went to Iowa on the same errand. Mayor Weir declares that neither of the officers had a right to leave the city for that purpose. The mayor also complained of O'Shea's connection with last Sunday's raid on Iveson's saloon, and the result was that the three officers were temporarily suspended. The men were escorted to their respective boats this morning at 7 o'clock by Sergeant Ireland, on whom an official notice of the excise board had not been served. They reported at 8 o'clock as usual but were called off after that hour. Officer Green is now guarding the city and up to the present time has had no trouble in doing it well. James E. Kinney was appointed by the board as patrolman to succeed Officer Kennedy, whose resignation has been tendered and accepted.

Sustained Mayor Weir.

The board also took up the matter of Mayor Weir's action in dismissing City Engineer Johnson two weeks ago. Mr. Johnson had called for an investigation and Mayor Weir stated that he had removed Johnson because the latter had insulted a married woman named Mrs. Jones, who resides in the Alexander block. He had intimated to the woman what she was not the wife of the man with whom she was living, and acting upon that assumption he solicited favors which no lady could grant. Mayor Weir investigated the case, and Johnson was hounded. Mr. and Mrs. Jones appeared before the excise board and fully established their claims to respectability, and also furnished evidence that they were married at Hastings. The excise board unanimously sustained the mayor in giving Johnson his walking papers.

Sued for Heavy Damages.

John G. Harper, father of Freddie J. Harper, the 18-month-old boy who was run over and killed by a motor car of the Lincoln Street Railway company at Tenth and G streets August 8, began suit in the district court this morning against the street railway company for \$5,000 damages. The plaintiff avers that he has taken out letters of administration on the estate of the boy, and that he uses as the executor of the father, mother and brother. He further avers that the company did not use any level method of notifying persons of the approach of cars, and that the car was not in proper condition, and that the driver was not careful in the performance of his duties the accident would not have happened.

Sues the Rock Island.

J. H. O'Neill commenced suit this morning in the district court against the Rock Island railroad for \$3,000 damages. O'Neill claims that he is the owner of certain houses and lots situated at Twenty-seventh and D streets, which before the Rock Island company cut off a portion of the back part of the property, was worth \$4,000. Since that time the railroad company has taken possession of the alley, thus preventing ingress or egress, and by reason of its running trains and throwing smoke and other numerous things so close to the houses it has made them uninhabitable as residences and as a business position does not extend that far out he wants damages to the extent of \$3,000.

Mrs. O'Neill tells the district court that she too owns property at Twenty-seventh and O streets and claims that the Rock Island has been having its own way in that neighborhood by appropriating the street and alley, and by a pretended ordinance through the council vacating P street, and has succeeded, so that she and members of the family cannot have free access to the property and to the city without endangering their lives, and that the company has placed its water tank near there and gets its water from the same main, and that it supplies her house. By reason of the manner of doing it, it forces the water through the pipes in her house with great force, causing the water meter to fall a few feet every time an engine takes water. By means of these annoyances combined with the fact that the property is close proximity of running trains, her property has been damaged \$8,000, for which she seeks damages.

Barney Eveson Cases.

Mrs. Harnie Eveson Miller filed an application in the district court for a divorce from her husband, August H. Miller. Mrs. Miller claims that she married Miller in Crete only last May, and alleges that soon after the honeymoon was ended she began abusing her. Finally he became so abusive that she had to seek the protection of her neighbors at night. He deserted her in September, and she charges him with nonsupport and habitual drunkenness. Frank J. Hatterman enters a vigorous and lengthy denial of the various charges brought against him by his wife in her divorce suit. He says he is a tinsmith and has always divided his earnings with his wife and that last February he gave her some money after the receipt of which she took the children and came to Lincoln. He says that she has endeavored by false stories to alienate the affections of the children from him; that she is unable to support them herself and that she is now at the Tabitha home. He also claims that since he followed her to Lincoln she has accepted money from him and agreed to return with him to their old home in Crete. He wants a divorce and the custody of the children.

Affairs at Fremont.

Fremont, Oct. 12.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The populist convention for the nomination of county officers convened at the court house today, with J. M. Cruikshank as chairman and Fred Howe secretary. The following nominations were made: Clerk, Hugh Robertson; sheriff, David Scott; treasurer, P. A. Howe; judge, S. Banghart; superintendent, L. A. Nunford; registrar, C. E. Crist; representative, J. A. Garner. The nominations for coroner and surveyor are to be filled by the county committee. The residence of C. M. Morse was entered today while the family was out and a good watch belonging to the young daughter taken. Mrs. Christine Olson has commenced suit in the district court for \$5,000 against the contractors, McDonald, Penfield & Co., for damage in the death of her husband, who was killed by the crew of the sewer. William Cunniff suffered a grand larceny, attempted to commit suicide today by hanging. John Drain suffered a serious injury tonight by falling down stairs while walking in his sleep.

Took a Change of Venue.

Nebraska, Nov. 12.—[Special to The Bee.]—The case of Rothwell brothers, Stowart and Thomas, charged with cattle stealing, was argued yesterday afternoon and evening before Judge Johnson, who granted a change of venue to Antelope county, October 4. The decision was taken very coolly and quietly by the large number of farmers present and no threats of lynching were made.

Progress of the Carleton Trial.

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Train Carrying a Hunting Party Rolled Into the Ditch and Caught Fire.—New Rockford, N. D., Oct. 12.—A North-western Pacific train, with a party of thirty Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin hunters, left the track two miles south of here yesterday, owing to a broken rail, and turned over on its side in the ditch. Flames broke out and it seemed for a time as if a number of hunters would be burned to death. The fire, however, was extinguished before any of the injured were reached. Twenty men were hurt, all of whom were brought to New Rockford immediately after the accident. The most seriously hurt were: F. HARRIS, Colmar, Ia., concussion of the brain; W. EARL, Waukon, Ia., spine injured; T. J. PATRICK, Dubuque, head bruised and internal injuries; C. E. EARL, Waukon, Ia., leg broken. The less seriously injured are: A. F. JAGER, Dubuque; J. E. EARL, Dubuque; ALVIN GLAZIE, Dubuque; TITUS SCHMITZ, Dubuque; A. F. HERRIG, Dubuque; JAMES REINHOLD, Dubuque; W. E. STRAYER, Dalmar, Ia.; W. J. MOODY, Dalmar, Ia.; E. H. W. CAYANISH, Adair, Ia.; P. MAURER, Adair, Iowa; W. H. THURSTON, Milwaukee; A. J. AYERS, Elma, Ia.; DWIGHT AYER, Milwaukee; OSCAR VANDERBILT, Des Moines.

Improved Their Opportunity.

White Fire Ravages One Half an Indian Town Three Hours—The Fire.—WATSONVILLE, Ind., Oct. 12.—This town was visited by a severe fire last night. Seven business blocks, a number of residences and outbuildings were reduced to ashes. The fire originated in the hardware store of Wardman & Co. and spread rapidly in spite of the bucket brigade's efforts to subside it. Edwardsville was called on for assistance, but did not respond until 3 o'clock, at which time the fire had burned itself out. Four men at work on a roof were blown fifteen feet into the air, one of them being dangerously injured. One man suspected of starting the fire was arrested, but was later released for lack of evidence. While one portion of the town was burning the other was being sacked by thieves. The loss will run far into the thousands with very little insurance.

Bursting of a Steam Plug Kills One Workman and Injures Four Others.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Five workmen were killed by the bursting of a steam plug in the basement of 73 Wabash avenue this morning. William Ferris