M'KEIGHAN WAS ACQUITTED

Lindell Hotel Fails to Make Out a Case at

FEATURES OF THE TRIAL

Fifth District Congressman Denies that H Travels on a Railroad Pass, but is Distressingly Ignorant of Fares He Has Paid.

LINCOLN. Nov. 29. - [Special to THE BEE] Congressman McKeighan was this afternoon at 2 o'clock acquitted of the charge of attempting to cheat the proprietors of the Lindell hotel out of a board bill But little testimony was offered at the forenoon session. Captain W. H. Ashby was placed on the stand by the defense for the purpose of proving that when McKeighan sent the \$100 drift from Washington he had in restity paid the hotel pro prietors in full. He stated that he occupied a room adjoining McKeighan's at the hotel and that to his certain knowlege the congressman and his friend Miller were absent a good share of the time. The state sought to prove by Captain Ashby that McKeighan was of a convivial disposition and asked him several questions, which, to an outsider, did not seem to be relevant to the case at issue. Ashby admitted in re-sponse to questions that he kept one or two small bottles of whisky in his room, both bottles being sent him by a friend. One night when he heard McKeighan coughing went to his room and offered some of the

McKeighan Again on the Stand.

McKeighan was recalled to the stand and some personal questions put to him concerning his bodily ailments and his personal expenditores. Attorney Strickler of Omaha, who assisted the state, seemed to be particularly anxious to find out what the congressman had done with his money. McKeighan stated that he had been taking massage baths at the Young Men's Christian association rooms, and that he had paid \$2 for each bath. Afterwards he learned that the baths were but \$1 to members of the association, whereupon he joined the association. He did not know what the railroad fare from Lincoln to Red Cloud or from Lincoln to Chicago amounted to but saventhered that he mid his fare to, but remembered that he paid his fare from Chicago to Washington. When asked was not a fact that he rode on a pass he Heard the Arguments.

It was generally conceded that the state had not made out a criminal case against the congressman, but the judge kindly permitted the attorneys on both sides to make their arguments. The arguments of the attorneys on both sides centered around one proposition-whether or not there was an actual or implied attempt to there was an actual or implied attempt to defraud the hotel proprietors out of a bill justiy due them. The attorneys for the state contended that McKeighan admitted that he owed the balance of the bill charged him, that his testimony tacitly amounted to a confession that he owed the bill and that he had endeavored to avoid payment. On the other hand, the attorneys for the defense argued that the attorneys for the defense argued that the state had not produced any proof, either direct or indirect, that McKeighan left the hotel with an intent to defraud the pro-Judge Lansing decided that the state had

failed to sustain its allegations of intent to defraud, and therefore dismissed the case. Gorham Betts at Liberty.

Gorham Betts walked the streets of Lin-coln today a free man for the first time since the 28th day of last December. His attorneys presented a satisfactory bond to Judge Strode this afternoon and Betts was Judge Strede this afternoon and Betts was released. His bondsmen are: W. B. Price, his attorney; Bert E. Betts, his brother, and J. R. John, a market gardener of this city. No time has been set for the hearing of his last application for a new trial, and consequently his bond simply gives him his freedom from day to day.

County Attorney Woodward this forenoon fleat his answer to the application of Batts.

filed his answer to the application of Betts' attorneys for a new trial. He alleges that if the statements in the petition are true Betts has a sufficient remedy at law without

se to a new trial. Snatched a Pocketbook.

A daring attempt at robbery was made shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon on the principal streets of this city. A traveling fakir was selling his wares at the corner of Tenth and P streets, and a well dressed German had been induced to make a purchase. He pulled a plethoric wallet from the re-cesses of his clothing and began unwinding it. In doing so he disclosed a tempt ing roll of bills of no small amount. A slimly built young fellow grabbed the pocket-book and started torun. The German seized him by the back of his overcoat collar, knocked his hat off into the gutter, and would have held him hadnet the young fel-low deftly slipped out of his overcoat. Dropping the pocketbook, the would-be thief started east on P street, the crowd in full chase. He dodged into the alley between Tenth and Eleventh streets and managed to reach a place of hiding. His overcoat and hat are at the police station, and from the contents of the pockets the police are of the opinion that the coat was stolen from a well

At a meeting of the executive com-mittee of the people's party held at the Lindell hotel last night it was decided to hold a conference of the members of the party in January and a committee was se lected to fix the time and place. The cal provides for the attendance of 1,000 or more persons. The object of the conference, it is stated, is to form a more complete organi zation of the party and prepare for the next campaign. The committee is yet undecided as to whether the conference will be held in Lincoln or Hastings. Members of the com-mittee state it is the intention of the workers in the party to start the campaign at once after the conference and have speakers out educating all winter and spring. The official call will be given out for publication as soon as time and place are settled.

Thanksgiving in Lincoln.

The very complete arrangements made by the charitable people of Lincoln make it almost certain that no one will go without a Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow unless they do so from choice. The Salvation army will do so from choice. The Salvation army will open its barracks at noon tomorrow and will spread an inviting repast to the poor of the city, everybody invited and no fee at the door. Several of the prominent restaurants have advertised that anybody who desires may come to their tables and satisfy their Thanksgiving appetites free of charge. Elder Howe has provided separate dinners Thanksgiving appetites free of charge. Elder Howe has provided separate dinners for all of the families on his list. Twenty-five farmers from the southern part of the county contributing as many turkeys to assist in the work. The arrangements are complete and in addition to being fed, a large quantity of clothing will be distributed. Mayer Bros. will give their annual Thanksgiving dinner to the newsboys and bootblacks this year, to which all the little fellows of poor families will sit down, nearly 1,000 tickets having been issued. The convicts at the penitentiary will enjoy their customary Thanksgiving outing and dinner.

Harry Busted, a young lad of flexible morals, was arrested at a late hour last night on a charge sworn to by his mother. She accused him of entering her rooms and stealing a coat for himself. This morning the police judge dismissed the case. The coat was valued at \$2.

Most of the Lincoln churches will hold Thanksgiving services tomorrow.

The Board of Education today disposed of \$100.000 worth of school bonds to a firm of local brokers, the price paid amounting to par and accrued interest.

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Surprised Their Friends. Tobias, Neb., Nov. 29.—[Special to Tirk Ber.]—Mr. William McCurdy and Miss Lottle Steinbrobk of this city were married at Geneva today. The affair was quite a surprise to the community.

Children Play with a Gun PENDER, Nob., Nov. 29.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE]-Mrs. Ed Stimson, who resides on a farm north of town, was shot in the

hip this afternoon and is bodly wounded. A shotgun was left outside the house by a hired hand. The children got hold of it and discharged the contents through the side of the house, wounding Mrs. Stimson. She

STATE IRRIGATIONISTS.

Pearte December 19.

HOW IT WAS ACHIEVED.

Details of the Robbery of the Station

Agent at Bertrand. BERTRAND, Neb., Nov. 29 .- [Special Tele-

gram to THE BEE. |-The town was furnished

a genuine sensation yesterday morning, when

it was reported that Station Agent Kellogg

had been assaulted and robbed of \$1,000 the

night before. The money had been sent from

Hastings, consigned to the First State bank.

arriving on the 7:22 train that evening. The

agent, who with his family lives over the depot, busied himself at his usual labors

until nearly 11 o'clock, when he started up-stairs to bed. Not having any safe he took this money with him. It was currency en-closed in an envelope and Mr. Kellogg placed it in a small box, together with a few dollars

Stepping outside and ascending the high platform he started to enter the door leading

up stairs when the robber, who stood just inside, slugged him on the head with some heavy instrument. The plow felled him,

and he remained unconscious perhaps twenty minutes, which gave his assailant ample

time to escape with the cash. The deed was evidently well planned by some one familiar with the surroundings. The money may have been followed here, but it is generally believed that the robber belongs to this

Further Relief for Railroads.

BLUE SPRINGS, Neb., Nov. 29.- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-The State Board of

Transportation, represented by Secre-

taries I. W. Johnson and I. N.

Koontz, with P. E. Beardsley, ste-

nographer, met here today to take testimony in regard to a petition filed by the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads, ask-

ing to be relieved from complying with the requirements of the transfer switch law at

this point. The testimony of some fifteen or twenty witnesses, representing shippers, manufacturers and business men, was taken,

and revealed the facts that to establish a transfer switch here would require the building of a track about one mile in length

and the erection of a bridge across the Big Blue river. The cost of the bridge, as estimated by some of the wit-nesses, would be from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The witnesses differed materially as to the

benefits of a transfor switch, some holding that it would be of very little utility, while others anticipated a large increase in local business from it. A further hearing in the matter will be had in Lincoln in the near

future, and the testimony of experts will be taken in regard to cost of materials and

labor before the board takes final action on

Bettevue Brevities.

was among the first residents of this place.

The people of this place are very enthus-iastic over the prospects of having a motor

line here in the near future, the only obstacle in the way of which seems to be the

fact that it would require a triffe more

expense to construct the road through the village than to run direct to the fort. I

this can be overcome in no other way the

of voting a sufficient amount of bonds to

defray the expense of building the extra

of loose change.

been issued as follows:

dedicatory sermon. The new edifice is of commedious size, handsomely furnished on the interior and costing nearly \$1.300.

It seems that the people of Hastings are much more excited over the present talk of dichtherin than there is any necessity for So far there have been but three deaths from diphtheria proper, and at the present writing there is but one case reported in the city, and that patient is said to have aimost entirely recovered. But still the citizens of this town have been almost as excited as though the disease was an entirent; instead of being Call Issued for a Convention at North NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Nov. 29,-The official call for a state irrigation convention has been issued as follows:

At a regular meeting of the officers and executive board of the North Platte Irrigation association held November 23 it was unant-mously adopted that there be a convention called to meet at North Platte. Neb., on Timeday, December 19. At persons interested in the welfare and prosperity of the state are eatnessly requested to be present, as business of grant and vital importance to the state will come before the association for discussion and action, namely, the formation of a state irrigation association.

The mayors of all cities, the executive officers and past executive officers of the state will be entitled to seats in the convention as delegates; also all present and past members of congress are invited to be present and will be accredited as delegates from their respective sections. Commissioners of counties, on presentation of proper credentials, will be entitled to seats and recognition as delegates. Each local organization will be entitled to five delegates as well as receive credit by recognition and elegates of all officers of local associations and also all members of executive boards elect of said organizations.

Your presence is most earnestly desired and we trust that you will endeavor to interest all who desire the welfare of the state, to be present. A large number of distinguished gentlemen have been personally invited and will be present as guests of the association.

I. A. Fort, President.

John Hawlery, Secretary.

A. D. Beckworth, Chairman Executive Committee.

Reception Committee—Hon. L. B. Warner, mayor; Hon. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill); Hon. G. R. Hammond, county, commissioner; Hon. A. S. Baldwin, register United States iand office; Hon. William Neville, judge of the district court. all for a state irrigation convention has disease was an epidemic instead of being confined to a few isolated cases. Since the

keep the children pretty closely confined to their own neighborhoods. A young man named Smith, who was it jured several years ago in an accident on the B. & M., and who lived near Pauline, died of his injuries recently.

Walker's Pate Uncertain. LEXINGTON, Neb., Nov. 29 .- (Special Telegram to THE BEE |-The jury in the Walker murder case is still out, having falled to agree. It is reported that it stands eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

Farmer's Home Destroyed. Lyons, Neb., Nov. 29.- [Special to

l'un BER]-Frank Coll's residence, two

miles west of town, was burned last even-ing. Nearly all the household goods were DROPPED TO HIS DEATH.

Fatal Plunge Down an Elevator Shaft in a Bag Factory. John T. Collins, engineer at the Bemis bag factory, was killed about 4:30 yesterday afternoon by falling down the elevator

shaft. Something was out of order in the elevator shaft and Collins went up to the fifth story to make the necessary repairs. While at work he lost his balance and was preciptated to the basement. Several of the workmen heard the noise, and when they reached the unfortunate man he was writhing in pain. He could not tell how the accident occurred. Physicians were summoned and the police ambuwas called to convey him to the hospital. He was placed on a stretcher, but the wagon had hardly started for the hospital until the man was dead. An examination of his body showed that both of his legs were broken and his chest and ribs crushed in. He also sustained severe internal injuries. The body was taken to the morgue. The coroner may hold an in-quest on Friday.

Collins was a single man and boarded at 800 South Eighth street. He has been em-ployed at the Bemis bag factory for several months, and his fellow laborers speak of him in commendable terms. He was about 35 years old. Milton C. Peters, manager of the Bemis

bag factory, stated last night that the ele vator was used by the King & Smead Over-all factory, which occupies part of the Bemis building, The only man who seems to know anything about the accident is one of the employes in the overall factory. He saw Collins come up and he was seen work-ing around the machinery. This employe said that he heard the door to the elevator shaft slam shut and the next he heard some thing heavy strike the bottom of the shaft Collins' brother, who has been in the city for a couple of weeks, heard of the accident about 9 o'clock, and identified the body at the morgue as that of his brother. Collins has a married sister and other relatives living in Hampton, Ia., and they were notified of his death last night. Just how Collins came to fall will probably never be known.

WESTERN PACKING INTERESTS.

Reports of Movements of Hogs Show Stight Improvement.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 29 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Tomorrow's Price Current will say: Western packing the past week is 290,-000 hogs, compared with 285,000 the preceding week, and 350,000 last year, making a total of 1,020,000 since November 1, against 1,170,000 a year ago. Prominent places com-

CITIES.	1892.	1893.
Chicago	380,000	395,000
Kansas City	101,000	106,000
Onraha	80,000	88.000
St. Louis	42.000	58,000
Cincinnati	42,000	55,000
Indianapolis	59,000	36,000
Milwankee	33.000	40,000
Cedar Rapids	23,000	27,000
St. Joseph	16,000	21,000
Sioux City	16,000	37,000

Bellevue, Neb., Nov. 29.-[Special to The Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were Bre. |-Louis Neal, now a resident of issued vesterday: Thurston county, is renewing old acquaint-Name and Address. ances of pioneer days at Bellevue. Mr. Neal John F. Whalen, Omaha..... Mary A. McBurney, Omaha Frank A. Blanck, Omaha..... Laura M. Lewis, Omaha..... Miles A. Burlingame, Chadron, Neb. Katle Grant, Norfolk, Neb..... Frank Heller, Omaha...... Harriet N. Hickox, Omaha. W. A. Mead, Omaha...... Mary E. Oxnam, Omaha.

Andrew J. Peterson, South Omaha... Annie L. Richmond, South Omaha... Ed Grunwold, South Omaha... Bertha Wies, South Omaha.

Wreck in the Yards.

There was a wreck in the Union Pacific

switch yards about 8 o'clock last night at the toot of Jackson street. A B. & M. way

car had been pushed partly across the

tracks, which cross each other at this point.

One of the Union Pacific switch engines was going south after some cars and the train-men noticed no signal of danger. When they

saw the way car it was too late to stop and the engine men saved themselves by jump-

ing. An instant later the engine crashed into the car and made kindling wood out of

that none of them were maimed or killed.

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ening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

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Co. only, whose name is printed on every

package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

The engine was ditched and turned over on its side. Considerable damage was done, but the switchmen consider it a lucky thing

Soren Jensen, Om aha..... Caroline Hanson, Omaha.

distance.

Mr. McKlosky will soon remove with his family to Papillion, where he has purchased some residence property. Mr. J. H. Fleischer's new residence is nearly completed and is an ornament to the

Mr. Fred Vandorn of Omaha is stopping at the Seelemire hotel.

Andrews Has Opposition.

Hastings, Nov. 29 .- [Special to The Bee.] It is now announced that there is a new candidate in the field for the republican nomination for congressman from this district next fall. Heretofore it has been conceded that Prof. W. E. Andrews, the governor's private secretary, and the man who cut down McKeighan's big majority last fall, would be given the unanimous nomination, but it seems that he will have at least a little opposition. The new candidate goes on the assumption that Andrews cannot carry the floating vote, and that he can, and with this as the text a worker was sent to Grand as the text a worker was sent to Grand Island the other day to persuade some of the Sugar City politicians that the other Hastings man was the one to nominate to save the district from two years more of Mc-Keighanism. He didn't succeed very well.

Grand Island Notes. GRAND ISLAND, Nov. 29 .- [Special to THE Ber.]-There are six cas s of diphtheria in the city, one of which has already proven fatal. A child of Emanuel Lamon died last-night. Three other children in the same family aresick with the disease.

The engineer on yesterday morning's Loup City accommodation train, when near the bridge over Loup river, saw a red hand-kerchief fastened to a stick on the track. On the other side of the bridge is a culvert, and a horse had fallen through. The animal could not be extricated until they cut off its head. A farmer had given the train men a

Prominent Nebraskan Demented. NEBBASKA CITY, Nov. 29 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE |- Lawson Cook was adudged insane by the commissioners of insanity today and will be taken to the Liveoln asylum. Mr. Cook is one of the best known and wealthlest farmers of Otoe county and a

prominent republican.
Gilbert Wood and Frank Burdick were out hunting yesterday when a gun was accidentally discharged, the contents lodg-ing in Wood's shoulder and chest, inflicting dangerous wounds. It is feared some of the shot penetrated the lungs.

Hebron News Notes.

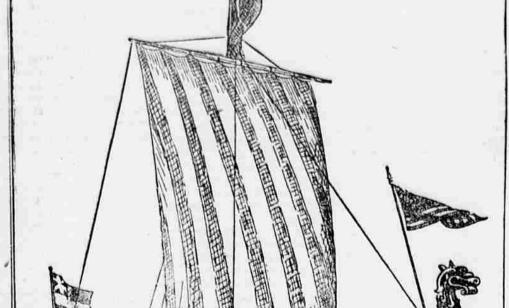
Hebron, Nob., Nov. 29. - [Special to The Beg.] - J. H. Stickel is improving rapidly. Mrs. M. H. Weiss, who has been visiting

at Geneva for a few days, is at home. M. H. Weiss is at Geneva.

Will Thornbury leaves for Lincoln tomorrow to enter the competive examination
as a candidate for West Point.

The second snow of the season here fell
last night to the depts of one inch.

Affairs at Hastings. Hastings, Nov. 20.—[Special to THE BEE.] Sunday the new Methodist church in Highland township was dedicated in the presence of a large number of spectators. Rev. Dr. Shank of Omana preached the



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3,000 miles across the ocean to the World's Fair a crew of hardy Norsemen, whose ancestors claimed)

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