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WINNER OF HONORS ASSAILED BY LOSERS

McMullen, Who Carried Off the Coveted Distinction, Accused of Getting His Prize Speech Written by a Hard Working Journalist.

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More than 100 students of the State university have petitioned Chancellor Canfield to institute an investigation into the charges against William McMullen, the student who recently won the prize of representing Nebraska in the interstate oratorical contest. The scandal was at first brought to the surface two weeks ago, when a student named Talmadge published an affidavit in which he stated that he had surreptitiously obtained the markings on McMullen's oration and given them to the latter. McMullen did not deny the charge and claimed that he only did so for other students who had done so under similar circumstances. Recently under a similar circumstance, H. C. Mason, of the University of Wisconsin, published a card claiming that McMullen had engaged his services to write an oration but had afterwards backed out. The investigation will probably be held. The matter has created a great sensation at the university and students are taking sides one way or the other. A prominent attorney of this city who represents McMullen's interests, and the representative of this afternoon that McMullen will come out in flying colors. He stated that McMullen was first solicited to write an oration for Talmadge. He declined on the ground that he had not the time. Then at the request of Talmadge McMullen went to wait Mason and asked him to write the oration for a friend. Mason agreed to do so for \$10. Afterward McMullen felt that he was acting dishonestly and went to Mason and told him that he would wash his hands of the entire matter. Mason then demanded pay for the oration he had not written. McMullen agreed to pay the matter before his friends (Talmadge), but the latter told McMullen to tell Mason to go. McMullen's friends claim that Mason has acted dishonestly in not giving the entire matter to McMullen. McMullen merely creating the impression that McMullen was the only party at fault. In the meantime student Talmadge has withdrawn from the university for an indefinite length of time.

TOLD A FISHY STORY.

W. L. Hall, the traveling man who claimed to have been robbed of \$100 in an Omaha bath house, did not succeed in convincing Attorney Adams of the truth of his story. Hall and Adams met at the Millard hotel in Lincoln on Monday afternoon. Adams told him that he had visited the bath house, but the two men repaired to the bathing room where the alleged robbery took place. Hall had no difficulty in proving to Adams that he had visited the bath house, but his proof ended there. The proprietor stated that Hall came to the establishment on the night claimed, and after taking a bath returned to his room. He stated that he had been robbed, but on the second night after he did claim that he had lost \$100. The proprietor claimed to have lost more than that amount. The proprietor was very positive that Hall had not lost a cent. Attorney Adams also discovered that Hall had been in Lincoln. Hall claimed to have lost every cent in his possession he accompanied a friend to the Paxton hotel and remained all night, paying \$10 for a room. Adams also discovered that Hall had been in Lincoln. Adams also discovered that Hall had been in Lincoln. Adams also discovered that Hall had been in Lincoln.

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Captured in a Church.

COZAD, Neb., May 1.—(Special to The Bee.)—Yesterday afternoon a man supposed to have been connected with the attempted murder of George P. Nelson, was reported in a church near the scene of the crime. A farmer saw him enter the building, saw the man take a rifle from a man, neighbors of Mr. Nelson, quickly captured them. They claimed to have just come from North Platte. But on being searched a revolver was discovered in the man's pocket that had been taken from Nelson's house a couple of days before the attempt at murder. An investigation made the day following the attack brought to light the fact that the body had been occupying this church for several days, and the weapons with which Mr. Nelson was attacked were made from the arms of a large chair in the church. Excitement is running high.

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Fremont Specials.

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The ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic gave a most delightful entertainment at the Windsor hotel tonight, dancing and other social amusements being the order. The socials of this enterprising society of patriotic ladies are very popular.

Theodore Seesley and E. H. Monroe and their families are removing to Emerson, the former to take charge of a station on the road and the other to engage in mercantile business.

Dr. Mercer of Omaha was in the city yesterday on a visit to the source of the great Omaha canal. The doctor says it must "go." A slick swindler was in the city yesterday and attempted to work the bogus check racket on banks and business men, but failed.

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Mr. Boissevain of Holland, representing the holders of the Union Pacific securities in that country, first addressed the committee. The interests he represented believed that prompt action by congress was necessary and imperative so that the reorganization would not have to wait too long before beginning its work.

Mr. Morowetz, one of the counsel for the reorganization committee, said the counsel for the committee were not entirely satisfied with all the provisions of the bill submitted by the attorney general's office.

Mr. Dingley of Maine called up from the joint committee on expenditures in the department the bill to improve the methods of accounting in the Treasury department. The bill is designed to reduce expenditures in the Treasury department.

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