ROMANCE OF A NEW TRUST

Talk of Great Western Race Track Combine to "Freeze Out" Certain Pot Hunters.

HORSE OWNERS HAVE GOT TO TAKE STOCK

Will Take in All the Territory Over Which the Turf Congress Exercises Jurisdiction—Will Work No Injustice.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The Post today says: Romancers of the turf have started a story of a proposed great western race track trust. The plan is to form an incorporation, heavily bonded, to take in all the principal race tracks in the territory over which the Turf congress exercises jurisdiction. Every track will have a representative in the directory. The owners of race horses will be compelled to take out a certain amount of the trust's stock before they can race. The minimum amount of stock to be taken by one owner is to be put at a figure that will work no great injustice. For every additional horse controlled by the owner a certain amount of stock must be taken. The idea is to "freeze out" the owner who is pot-hunting for feed bills and a stray greenback.

CONTESTANTS IN CABLE CHESS.

Teams for the International College Match Are Arranged.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Arrangements have been completed for the international cable chess match between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton and the British universities of Oxford and Cambridge, which will be played April 21 and 22.

Baron Albert de Rothschild of Vienna will act as referee and will settle all differences which cannot be adjusted by the umpires, John Henniker Heaton, M. P., who has been active in furthering cable matches between the legislative bodies of the two countries, will act as umpire for the Americans at the British Chess club. The British umpire has not yet been named.

The teams will be:

Great Britain—Oxford: G. E. H. Ellis, Lincoln college; A. H. W. George, New college; A. P. Lacy Hulbert, Keble college. Cambridge: L. A. McLean, Kings college; H. G. Sofdaw, Trinity Hall; C. E. C. Tattersall, Trinity Hall.

United States—Kauffman G. Faulke, 1901, Columbia; Arthur S. Meyer, 1901, Columbia; Charles E. C. Arensberg, 1901, Harvard; Waddill Catchings, 1901, Harvard; Louis A. Cook, 1901, Yale; William W. Young, 1899, Princeton.

Substitutes: John E. Ely, 1899, Princeton; Alfred S. Weston, 1899, Princeton.

NO DEADHEADS FOR OPENING.

Baltimore Cranks Are Chagrined at New York's Action.

BALTIMORE, April 3.—There will be no cards of invitation issued to the Baltimore public for the opening game of the season. This is the flat sent out by the managers of the New York club. Secretary Borrman of the Orioles wrote to Mr. Freedman, president of the New York club, on March 24, asking permission to issue 1,500 invitations to Baltimore enthusiasts and their friends to attend the initial game on April 15 between the Baltimore and New York teams. H. A. Bonnell, secretary of the Giants, telegraphs today: "No arrangements will be made."

For many years the Baltimore management has extended this courtesy to the public and the custom is said to obtain in all the league cities. Base ball people here are very much chagrined at the action of the New Yorkers and it is likely they will issue the cards as usual and pay to the New Yorkers their pro rata the same as though they were paid admission tickets.

OPENING OF BENNINGS TRACK

Surprise of the Day Proves to Be the Defeat of the Morris Two-Year-Olds.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The racing season of the east was inaugurated at Bennings today. The weather was wintry and the attendance did not exceed 1,200. Five interesting races were run, and two proved exciting, Danforth, the outsider in the first, led almost to the wire by two lengths and Chandler, the rider of Rudner II in the steeplechase, was thrown, his horse falling on him. The boy was bruised and stunned.

The defeat of the Morris 2-year-olds, Prestidigitator and Primrose, in the Arlington stakes, was the surprise of the day. They were touted as sure of first and second money, but were easily beaten by King Thistle, who has run and not won at New Orleans. The Morris pair opened at 3 to 5 and were backed to 1 to 5. Prestidigitator was in the lead for an eighth and then was passed by the winner and place horse.

Jockey Joe Scherer was granted a license today, and Jockey Bob Sullivan, who was refused a license by the Western Turf congress, was also permitted to ride. The weather was clear and the track fast. Summaries:

First race, purse $300, for 3-year-olds and upwards, nonwinners of $1,000, six furlongs: Prestidigitator won, Danforth second, General Mart Gary third. Time: 1:16.

Second race, Arlington stakes, purse $400, for 2-year-olds, half mile: King Thistle won, The Bobby second, Prestidigitator third. Time: :50 2-5.

Third race, the Easter steeplechase, purse $300, for 4-year-olds and upward, about two miles: Baby Bill won, Red Buckle second, Vanity Fair third. Time: 4:19.

Fourth race, purse $300, for maiden 2-year-olds, half mile: Contestor won, Specific second, Prestige third. Time: :51.

Fifth race, purse $300, for 3-year-olds and upward, selling, mile and forty yards: Nosey won, Sensational second, Judge Magee third. Time: 1:48.

LITTLE ROCK, April 3.—Weather cloudy, track good. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Mysolt won, Thanksgiving second, Forget Not third. Time: 1:17¼.

Second race, half a mile: Lamplighted won, Schnell Taufer second, Fine Shot third. Time: :51.

Third race, selling, six furlongs: Arlington won, Braw Lad second, Tony Homing third. Time: 1:17.

Fourth race, the Pine Bluff stake, for 2-year-olds, four furlongs: Flaunt won, Cheese Straw second, Aberdale third. Time: :50.

Fifth race, selling, seven furlongs: Jackanapes won, Eitholin second, Farondelle third. Time: 1:31¼.

Sixth race, one mile, selling: Wilson won, Ransom second, Savarin third. Time: 1:45.

An accident in the Pine Bluff stake caused some excitement. General Chaffee fell, throwing Jockey Rutter violently to the ground. The fallen horse broke a leg and was afterward shot. Rutter was trampled upon and sustained a broken collarbone.

Championship Billiard Match.

LONDON, April 3.—The championship billiard match on even terms of 18,000 points for £1 a side and all the gate receipts between John Roberts, for fourteen years champion in the spot barred game at billiards, and Charles Dawson, a young Yorkshire player, resulted in a victory for Roberts, who scored the full 18,000 points, to his 18,[illegible] points secured by Dawson. Play began at the Argyll hall on March 20. This was the first attempt in many years to play Roberts on even terms.

OREGONIAN IS KNOCKED OUT.

Westerner Lasts Two Rounds in Scheduled Twenty-Round Go.

NEW YORK, April 3.—George Beyers of Boston got the decision over Charlie Goff of Oregon in the second round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout at the Broadway Athletic club tonight. They met at 130 pounds. In the second round Goff landed a straight left on the mouth and swung over Beyers' head. Beyers swung left to head and right to ribs and a moment later put a solid hook to the jaw, scoring a knockdown. Beyers started in to finish him, knocking Goff down twice more, when Referee Tommy White stopped the fight and awarded the decision to Beyers.

Starter for St. Louis Track.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—William F. Bruen of this city, formerly starter at Hawthorne, has been selected by President Aull of the Fair association to operate the starting gate at the fair grounds during the coming season. Matt Byrnes, Dick Dwyer, Kit Chinn and A. B. Dale were applicants for the place, but Bruen was given the preference because of the splendid recommendations given him by prominent western horsemen.

Tod Sloan Lands a Winner.

LONDON, April 3.—In the race for the Rendlesham 2-year-old stakes at Kempton park today Vae Victis, ridden by Tod Sloan, was first, Mercenary second and Nuska third. Ten horses started. The Rendlesham 2-year-old stakes are of 200 sovereigns, added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovereigns each, distance five furlongs on the straight course. The betting previous to the start was 3 to 1 against Vae Victis.

Dates of the National Circuit.

NEW YORK, April 3.—George Stackhouse, New York member of the League of American Wheelmen racing board, announces that applications for dates on the national circuit will be received until April 10. The national meet at Boston August 14 to 19 and the world's championship meet at Montreal August 7 to 12 will be part of the circuit.

Winner of Steeple Chase.

LONDON, April 3.—The Lancashire handicap steeple chase of 1,000 sovereigns, at Manchester today, was won by Breemouth's Pride. Gentle Idea was second and Captain Lethenstone's Lotus third. Distance, three miles, fifteen horses ran.

Spike Sullivan's Victory.

NEW YORK, April 3.—At the Greenwood Athletic club tonight Spike Sullivan defeated George "Mystery" Kerwin of Chicago in seven rounds.

CREEKS SELECT THEIR LANDS

Everything Except Townsites to Be Divided Up—Important Cases in the Territorial Court.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., April 3.—In accordance with the circular notice dated March 7, 1899, the Dawes commission has opened an office here at which citizens of the Creek nation and Creek freedmen whose rights to citizenship are unquestioned, may select 160 acres of land from the Creek domain as provided by the rules and regulations made by the secretary of the interior under the provisions of the Curtis act. Judge William M. Springer of the United States court presides. All the lands of the nation will be allotted except such as are reserved for townsites, school and church sites, graveyards, etc. The work of separating the townsites will be commenced in the near future.

The May term of the United States court for the northern district of the Indian Territory will open at Muscogee the first Monday in May. There are 150 cases on the docket.

The famous Seminole burning cases, in which the Oklahoma mob of nearly 100 are charged with arson and kidnapping in connection with the burning at the stake of the two Seminole Indian boys, McGelsey and Palmer, in Oklahoma, January 1898, will also come up at this term of the court.

The Creek warrant cass will also be tried. These cases will be watched with interest on account of the business and social prominence of the defendants.

LEGAL OPINION ON CANTEEN

Attorney General Griggs Preparing One for the Guidance of Army Officers.

NEW YORK, April 3.—A special from Washington says: Attorney General Griggs will render an opinion this week on the question of authority of the secretary of war to permit the sale of beer on public reservations under his control. Temperance men throughout the country, assisted by whisky dealers, have been making a strong effort to secure prohibition of the sale of beer at military posts and soldiers' homes, and they succeeded in getting through congress during the last session a provision in the army reorganization law that "no officer or private soldier shall be detailed to sell intoxicating drinks, as a bartender or otherwise, in any post exchange or canteen, nor shall any other person be required or allowed to sell such liquors in any encampment or fort, or on any premises used for military purposes by the United States." The secretary of war is specifically directed to issue such general orders as may be necessary to carry these provisions into effect.

Judge Advocate General Lieber held that the section required the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, but Secretary Alger simply published the law "for the information of all concerned."

SEVERE BLIZZARD IN SOUTH

Cattle Weakened by a Bitter Winter Feel the Rigor of the April Storm.

SALINA, Kan., April 3.—One of the worst blizzards of the year is in progress today. Yesterday was an exceedingly warm day. Toward evening the mercury began falling and early this morning a fierce snow storm began. It will cause much suffering among unsheltered stock.

MARYVILLE, Mo., April 3.—Snow fell here most of yesterday and is falling fast this morning. It lies about five inches on the level and is obstructing railway traffic and interfering with telegraph and telephone communication. Cattle are suffering.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 3.—Another blinding snow storm is raging here today, with good prospects of blockading street car traffic before night. There was a light snow yesterday, the first time on Easter for many years.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 3.—A snowstorm began here this forenoon and by 2 o'clock had developed a heavy fall with no prospects of an immediate let-up.

GOADS HIS WIFE TOO FAR

Family Quarrel Ends Badly for a Husband Who Threatens to Stab His Wife.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Before his two children, aged 8 and 4 years, Joseph Brown was stabbed to death by his wife. The murder was the outcome of a family quarrel. Brown had beaten and kicked his wife and threatened to kill her with a butcher knife that was lying on the table. When Brown made a move toward the knife Mrs. Brown snatched the knife herself. Brown raised his foot and kicked her, but in falling she lunged forward with the knife, striking him fairly in the stomach. Maddened with fury and pain the two battled back and forth, the husband kicking and striking and the wife plunging the knife into her husband until at the fifth blow he fell backward dead. Brown was stabbed five times, once under the chin, twice in the stomach and twice in the right side. All made big, gaping wounds and any one of them would have proved fatal.

Brown was a packing house employe.

CANADIANS HAVE NO ARMY

Commanding General Refuses to Dignify the Force Under Him by that Name.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 3.—A special from Quebec says: It is now publicly admitted that the Dominion of Canada is without defenses and has no army worthy of the name. This statement is made upon the authority of the head of the supposed army, the general who commands it. General Hutton is a first-class imperial officer, who has seen active service in various parts of the empire, notably in Egypt, where he has served with Gordon, Sir Evelyn Wood and Kitchner. He has been newly appointed to the command of the Canadian forces and his first official report on the condition of the supposed army has created more than a mild sensation, both in military, civil and political circles in Canada. The general declines to speak of the force at all as an army. In fact, he declares that it is not an army.

MORE WAGES FOR EMPLOYES

Cotton Mills of New England Restore the Rate in Force Before the Reduction.

BOSTON, April 3.—Cotton mills generally in the New England states operating more than three-quarters of the total number of spindles in the north began work today under an advanced wage schedule, which in nearly all of the mills is about the same as that which existed prior to the general reduction made in the early part of 1898, and which, it is estimated, directly affects from 130,000 to 140,000 hands, employed by more than 120 corporations. The reduction made in 1898 averaged a little more than 10 per cent. In Fall River mills, which include 2,192,220 spindles of the 10,853,433 in New England, it amounted to 11 1-9 per cent.

DEATH RECORD.

Prominent Railroad Official.

NEW YORK, April 3.—D. A. Waterman, treasurer of the Michigan Central railroad, died at a late hour last night at his home in Yonkers. Mr. Waterman, while attending the Easter morning service in the First Baptist church yesterday, became suddenly ill and was removed to his home in an unconscious condition. He only recovered consciousness for a short time and then lapsed into a coma until death ensued.

Mr. Waterman, who was 65 years old, was widely known in railroad circles, and was also prominently connected with the Young Men's Christian association organs in different parts of the country.

Veteran Railroad Man.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—James E. Williams, at one time one of the best known railroad men in the country, is dead, aged 78, at the home of his son, James E. Williams jr., of this city. Mr. Williams was born in Vermont, and for the last fifteen years, since his retirement from active work as chief engineer of the Miami divisions of the Pennsylvania system, has lived here. The five sons of Mr. Williams are all railroad men.

Sudden Death of Brewer.

AKRON, O., April 3.—W. J. Wright of Pittsburg, president of the Phoenix Brewing company, died of heart failure in the Hotel Buchtel today. He was sitting up in bed when he suddenly gasped and fell back dead. He came to Akron a week ago. He was one of the best known brewers in the country.

Madame Adele Maret Michelet.

PARIS, April 3.—Madame Adele Maret Michelet, widow of the French historian, Jules Michelet, who died in 1874, is dead.

Boston Banker.

BOSTON, April 3.—Edward Long Tead, for the past twenty-five years president of the National Exchange bank, is dead.

Vote on Municipal Ownership.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The struggle over the proposition to vote bonds in the sum of $130,000 at the regular election tomorrow for the purpose of purchasing the present water works system, now owned by a private company, or construct a new plant if the selling price is not satisfactory, has become decidedly animated, and has today overshadowed all other questions involved in the election. A large majority of leading business men are opposed, while those favoring the proposition are working hard to carry it. The present city administration favors the proposition and is leaving no stone unturned to win. A mayor is not elected at this election.

Vacant Grand Army Commandery.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 3.—(Special.)—Several candidates for the position of commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of South Dakota, to be selected at the state encampment to be held at Hot Springs next June, have appeared in the field. One of the most prominent thus far mentioned for the place is Hon. George W. Snow of Springfield. He is commander of the Grand Army post at Springfield and is at present state senator from Bon Homme county, and has always been prominent in Grand Army and business circles in the state.

Lost Boy Heard From.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Pankow, a young son of the alderman, who disappeared from home a short time ago, has been heard from at Prairie Du Chien, Wis. He says he decided to visit his grandfather in the east, and knowing his parents would object to his leaving school now, took this means of gratifying his taste for travel.

Snow Disappears.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Several inches of snow, which fell yesterday, nearly all disappeared today and farmers are making preparations for the commencement of spring work.

Notes from South Dakota.

A new flour mill is in process of construction at Volin.

Terry is to have a new Catholic parsonage. The structure will be neat and comfortable.

A cavalry platoon is being organized at Salem, with the expectation of becoming a part of the reorganized state militia.

The annual spring meeting of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers' association will be held at Rapid City April 11 for the purpose of arranging for the regular spring round-up of cattle on the ranges of western South Dakota.

Meckling, a small town in Clay county, is becoming a great grain and stock shipping point. In the last twelve months 183 carloads of stock were shipped from there. Since September 1 over 200,000 bushels of grain have been shipped from that station. During twelve months the sum of $150,000 has been paid out to farmers in the vicinity for stock and grain. Forty-one carloads of lumber have been received at Meckling during the last year. This record promises to be surpassed this year.

High School Reunion, Class of '95.

Twenty-five members of the '95 class of the Omaha High school held a reunion last evening at the home of Miss McHugh, 415 North Twenty-fifth street. It was expected that more would be present, but two-fifths of the class are attending the University of Nebraska and were compelled to return to Lincoln yesterday. Although living in the same city ever since graduation many of the members had not seen each other since that event until last night. The evening passed delightfully in the relation of old experiences, and with music.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

From surface indications the city election today, at which four members of the city council and three members of the Board of Education will be chosen, will be a very quiet one. Very little enthusiasm has been manifest so far and it is predicted that the day will pass off without disturbances of any kind.

Yesterday City Clerk Carpenter completed the compilation of the registration statistics. Transfers from one precinct to another to the number of 87 are noted, while the new registration amounts to 686, the total making 773. By adding the new registration to the registration of last fall the total vote of the city is shown to be 3,911, which is the largest in the history of the city. This increase is not surprising, however, when it is remembered that scarcely a vacant house is to be found in the city. On account of the lack of interest it is not thought that the full vote will be out today, as spring elections frequently occur when only a two-thirds vote is cast. Mayor Ensor yesterday instructed Chief of Police Carroll to notify every saloon keeper to keep his place closed during the hours the polls are open. In this connection the mayor said he would insist that both the front and back doors of all saloons be kept closed and locked. Further he would insist that all screens in front doors, windows and bars be removed during the voting hours. The Nebraska election laws are very strict in the matter of selling liquor on election days. Section 14 is as follows: "Every person who shall sell or give away any malt, spirituous and vinous liquors on the day of any general or special election shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of $100.

Nearly all the candidates put in the day yesterday going about looking over their fences for the last time before the battle. Kelly stated that his chances in the First ward were excellent. He does not expect any organized opposition and predicts a victory for the republican ticket. In the Second ward Fitle, the republican candidate, is marked on the slate for a sure winner and Patrick Trainor's friends in the Third ward assert he will have easy sailing for re-election. Stillmock was the favorite in the Fourth ward last night. It is thought that on account of the split in the democratic ranks in this ward that a republican will have no trouble in securing enough votes to elect.

The packing houses will make an effort to shut down at 3 or 4 o'clock this afternoon in order to give all employes a chance to vote. Notices to this effect have been posted, but the foremen were instructed by the managers yesterday to handle the work so that all employes would be given ample time in which to vote. The same may be said of the Stock Yards company.

More interest seems to center about the election of three members of the Board of Education than the selection of four councilmen. It is reported that the democratic candidates are being assisted by their wives. The republican candidates for the board are Jay Laverty, W. B. Olin and John Troutan, while the democratic aspirants are James H. Bulla, John Ficenec and J. Ryan. O. E. Bruce, H. J. Shupp and Henry Michels are the present members who will retire at the expiration of their terms. Those elected to fill the vacancies caused by the retiring of these three members will take their seats at the first regular meeting in July.

Mayor Ensor does not think that it will be necessary to swear in any special police, as he considers the regular force sufficiently large to maintain order at the voting booths. The mayor said, however, that if the occasion required he would swear in a few men, but he does not anticipate that he will be required to take any such action.

The voting place in the Fourth ward was changed yesterday afternoon from the barn on Thirty-second and K streets to the old school house. The election board will meet this morning at the place advertised and will adjourn to the school house.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

Building Inspector Reports on Condition of School Houses.

Only seven members of the Board of Education appeared at the regular monthly meeting last night. After the usual reports had been read the following communication from Building Inspector Dunscombe was presented, and after reading was referred to the committee on buildings and grounds:

Office of the Building Inspector, South Omaha, Neb., April 3.—To the Honorable Board of Education of South Omaha—Dear Sirs: I beg leave to submit my report of the inspection of the school buildings erected by the Board of Education of the city of South Omaha last year, and also enclose building permits issued for the same. I find the buildings in good condition, all of the structures being substantial, but the provision in case of fire is very poor.

The Central school, a three-story structure, with a seating capacity of 600, which is crowded to its limit, is not suitably provided with fire escapes and should a fire start in the stairs a great loss of life would be the result. In my opinion this school should be provided with four fire escapes.

The Brown Park school, being only two stories in height, is not so dangerous, but it has a capacity of 500 pupils.

Both the Hawthorne and the Lincoln schools have a capacity of 400 pupils each, but they are only two stories in height. The West Side school, with 400 pupils, and all the others, need suitable fire escapes of some approved pattern and designed especially for the use of children. These fire escapes should be placed in locations selected by the chief of the fire department, the building inspector and the board's architect.

I would respectfully recommend that these improvements be made at the earliest convenience of the board.

Superintendent Wolfe reported that the Highland and Hawthorne schools were overcrowded and more room was needed before the commencement of the next term. In addition to one extra room needed for the Central school, five other rooms are needed. The matter of changing the school districts was discussed, but was deferred without date. Superintendent Wolfe expects that about 200 pupils, beginners, will enter the primary grades within the next two weeks. Five sets of an encyclopedia will be ordered for the use of the schools.

Attorney Nolan read a letter from M. D. Leevy, throwing up his contract for the purchase of the triangle opposite the depot. The abstract was returned. While the board missed a sale, it still holds $200 put up by Leevy as a forfeit.

Magic City Gossip.

The stock papers assert that Kansas City is losing its grip on the feeder trade.

Editor Blank of the Wasp will move his office into the new city hall building.

A regular meeting of the Good Templars will be held at Modern Woodman hall tonight.

Work on a number of new buildings was stopped yesterday on account of unfavorable weather.

No Chicago markets will be posted here today on account of it being election day in Chicago.

Swift and Company will commence making some improvements as soon as the weather will permit.

Tom Brennan, Nineteenth and Missouri avenue, is out again after a severe attack of pneumonia.

A. N. Hagan of this city will soon graduate from the dental class at one of the Omaha colleges.

On Thursday evening of this week the Sans Facon club will give a dancing party at Masonic hall.

Pile driving for Mrs. Carroll's new building at Twenty-fourth and L streets commenced yesterday.

A meeting of the Commercial club is booked for tonight at the council chamber. All members are urged to be present as committees will be appointed.

A meeting of Phil Kearney post and the Woman's Relief corps will be held at Masonic hall this evening.

Miss Bessie Meyers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meyers, is rapidly recovering from her recent severe illness.

The women of the Presbyterian church will serve a chicken pie dinner and a maple syrup supper at 2508 N street today.

A meeting of the city council is on the bills for Wednesday night. Considerable business of importance will come up.

The drill crew of Workman lodge, No. 227, gave a dance at Workman hall last evening. The affair was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

Dan Cameron, superintendent of the Cudahy Packing company, leaves tomorrow for the south, where he will visit for a couple of weeks.

J. S. Walters, assistant superintendent of the Union Stock Yards company, is at work again after being laid up with the grip for a week or more.

Lady Vinnie, 26,636, A. K. C. S. B., one of the finest smooth-coated St. Bernard dogs in the west, and owned by Mrs. J. E. Glick, 814 North Twenty-fifth street, died last night from the effects of poison administered by some unknown person. Lady Vinnie came from the well known Champion Victor Joseph stock and was reputed to be one of the finest dogs produced by this famous strain. She was valued at $500.

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

NOTES FROM THE COURTS

End of Term is Near at Hand and Odds and Ends Are Being Cleared Up.

The district court offers few attractions for the lobby aside from the criminal branch in which the Marshall criminal assault case continues to draw a big audience of the morbidly inclined. The judges are largely engaged in clearing up comparatively unimportant matters in anticipation of the approaching end of the term, and few really important cases are scheduled for the current week. Judge Powell is hearing the case of Kitchen against Philbin, in which the plaintiff sues for unpaid rent aggregating $500, and Philbin answers with a counter claim in the same amount. Judge Keysor is still engaged with a replevin case that has been on trial for several days. The other judges are largely engaged in hearing motions and arguments on adjudicated matters.

Judge Slabaugh has overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of Homer Johnson against the Woodmen of the World.

A jury has awared Julius Lind damages in the amount of $1 for injuries alleged to have been sustained by the premature starting of a motor train.

Cora Hoff has been granted a divorce from Daniel Hoff because Daniel declined to longer pay the family grocery bills.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Board Meets, Accepts a Few Resignations and Gives Out a Few New Appointments.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners met Monday night in the city hall and adjusted the few items of business that were presented for consideration.

The resignations of Officers James Boyle and Carl Carlson were accepted and to fill the vacancies two appointments were made, ex-Officers John Leverton and Tod Cummings being given the position of patrolmen.

The protest against the discharge made by Francis Behan, one of the twenty-six policemen whose services were dispensed with because of a lack of funds to pay salaries, was recorded and referred to the proper committee.

Leaves of absence were granted to Firemen Charles Hopper and Michael Tighe, Hopper's being of ten days' duration and Tighe's six.

A claim was entered by Officers Keysor and Sullivan for expenses incurred during the pursuit of Geppner and VanHaller. It was referred to the committee on finance. To the same committee was referred an application by ex-Officer James Laux for an allowance of salary from November 25, 1895, to April 27, 1896, the dates of his discharge and reappointment.

CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTED

City and County Officials to Have a Team Shoot—Proceeds to Go Toward Soldiers' Monument.

At the meeting of the city council committee of the whole Monday afternoon President Bingham reported that he had received a challenge from the county commissioners and officials for a team shoot at birds or targets between the county and the city. The challenge was promptly accepted and President Bingham was appointed a committee to so notify the county officials.

President Bingham suggested that an admission fee should be charged at the entertainment, the proceeds to form a nucleus of a fund to be spent for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Omaha and Douglas county boys who have died in the war in the Philippines. This idea was enthusiastically received by the councilmen and President Bingham will make the proposition to the officials of the county.

CROW IS NOT YET READY

New Postmaster of the Omaha Office Fails to Put in an Appearance.

Up to this time Joseph Crow, the new postmaster, has not reported at the government building to take charge of the affairs of the office. The old postmaster, Euclid Martin, has his books posted and is patiently waiting to turn the property over to the new man.

In the customs office, Surveyor Taylor took charge yesterday. As yet he has made no change and is not likely to do so for some time. Charles Woodworth will continue as chief clerk.

Look for a Pastor.

There was a large attendance of the members of the official board of the First Methodist church at the meeting Monday night to take action on such matters as were precipitated by the death of Rev. Dr. McQuoid. The most important subject demanding attention was that of securing a new pastor. On this matter a committee composed of J. H. McConnell, R. W. Breckenridge, J. O. Phillippi, E. A. Benson, Dr. A. H. Hipple and A. T. Austin was appointed to recommend someone to fill the vacant place. The committee is not limited as to time or territory.

Pending the action of this committee a contract is to be made with Rev. Thomas Cooper of Kansas City, who has been temporarily filling the pulpit of the church, to continue his services for the present.

Another committee was appointed, composed of R. W. Breckenridge, Dr. Hipple and Charles A. Goss, to prepare suitable resolutions upon the death of Dr. McQuoid to be made a part of the church records and to be reported to the conference for this district.

Want the Charter Vetoed.

At its regular meeting Monday night the Peter Cooper club, which poses as the exponent of local populist sentiment, voted to advise Governor Poynter to veto the new Omaha charter. This result was reached after a two hours' debate and an exchange of views that was at least vigorous. E. F. Morearity and D. Clem Deaver were the leading advocates of the charter, and J. M. Kenney headed the opposition. It was urged by Morearity and his supporters that the amendment that provides for the election of nine ward councilmen offered the only possibility by which the fusionists could hope to secure municipal representation, and that since their representatives in the legislature had voted for the charter it was the duty of the club to support them. This view was not shared by the majority and the motion advising a veto was eventually carried. A committee will be selected by President Jones to go to Lincoln today and lay the action of the club before the governor.

Settled Out of Court.

The suit of Elmer P. Mason, as administrator of the estate of Myrtle F. Armstrong of Keith county, to recover $5,000 damages on account of the death of Miss Armstrong in the Union Pacific collision at Sunol, Neb., last January, has been settled out of court. The railroad company has offered to confess judgment in the amount of $2,500, and the plaintiff has now filed acceptance of the proposition.

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