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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 27.—(Special.)—Elder E. Thomas tried during the afternoon to get a hearing before four judges of the supreme court on his motion to advance the election board ballot case, but no order was issued by the court during the day. Mr. Thomas alleges that the district court erred in holding that a vacancy occurred within the meaning of the statutes, although in fact it may have occurred prior to the date of the primary election.

Missouri Divorce Case. The news of the action of Mrs. Elizabeth Waite instituting divorce proceedings in the district court of this county against Captain O. J. Waite appears to have created a sensation in Jackson, Miss., where the defendant resides and where he is rated as one of the foremost business men. The petition was filed April 27 and the grounds alleged are drunkenness and extreme cruelty. The following dispatch from Jackson gives something of the history of the estranged couple.

News has just reached this city of the beginning of divorce proceedings in Lincoln by Mrs. Elizabeth Waite, wife of Captain O. J. Waite of Jackson and through it created a high sensation of surprise. It has given rise to no little talk in social and business circles.

Captain Waite is one of the foremost business men of the city. He is vice president of the First National bank and is prominently identified with numerous other enterprises. He is about 50 years of age and occupies a high social position. The allegation of drunkenness causes considerable surprise, for he has never had the reputation of being a liquor addict. He will contest the case.

Mrs. Waite is less than half the age of the defendant. She was formerly Miss Elizabeth Meacham of Kansas City and a niece of the captain's first wife. As such she frequently visited the family in this city. When she left here it was with the avowed intention of going on the stage, but no word was ever received here of her having secured an engagement. She was also once mentioned in an editorial capacity with society publication in Kansas City known as The Butterfly.

Mrs. Waite has visited in Jackson once or twice since separating from the captain and their relations have apparently been friendly.

Mrs. Waite has been in Lincoln for about a year and has been boarding with a prominent family. She is a woman of rather striking appearance and cultured manner. She, with her mother and sister, formerly lived in Lincoln and left here for the south eight or ten years ago.

The divorce petition recites that plaintiff and defendant were married in Kansas City March 27, 1906, and that he has been repeatedly and continuously guilty of extreme cruelty. He began exhibiting this cruelty within a few months after their married life began and continued it during all of the time that they lived together. It is charged that he struck her at various times.

Mrs. Waite stated today that there would be no contest upon the part of her husband, from whom she had secured a voluntary appearance and waiver of summons; he was satisfied that she should secure a divorce. She was asked if she had ever made her appearance on the stage or attempted to secure an engagement, but declined to discuss the subject. In reply to a query as to whether or not she had been employed since taking up her residence in Lincoln she stated that she had been carrying on a mail order business. She declined to make any statement as to her newspaper experience in Kansas City.

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Aged Man at Millard, Through Despondency, Ends His Life by His Own Hand.

MILLARD, Neb., April 27.—(Special.)—Peter Konnagell, 76 years of age and for twenty-six years a resident of this place, committed suicide about noon Monday by hanging himself in a barn in the rear of Fred Marode's hotel and saloon.

The body was found at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and the deed was committed sometime between 11 o'clock and that time. Despondency is thought to have been the cause of the suicide but no special cause can be assigned as Konnagell, although well advanced in years, was in vigorous health and still pursued his occupation of well digger. He leaves five daughters, three of whom live here, one in Omaha and one in the state of Washington.

Coroner Henney was notified as soon as the body was found and came here at once and held an inquest. The verdict of the jury was that death was due to suicide by hanging and was caused by despondency.

It is probably that the body will be sent to Davenport, Ia., for burial. Konnagell had been a member of the Davenport lodge of Odd Fellows for many years.

New Span in the Bridge. ASHLAND, Neb., April 27.—(Special.)—The Burlington railway is building a new span for its Ashland-Sioux City line to the Ashland government range for the handling of passenger and freight business to and from the camp. The county commissioners have also opened new roadways to the range.

Nebraska News Notes. BEATRICE—Charles Hackmann, the wrestler, left this morning for Omaha, where he will try and arrange a match with Oscar Vasquez.

BEATRICE—The Young Men's Christian Association Base Ball team yesterday defeated the west side school nine by the score of 12 to 12.

KEARNEY—The funeral of W. Alexander, who died Saturday of cancer of the stomach, was held Monday forenoon from the residence.

NEBRASKA CITY—Harvey Fryar, new chief of police has resigned and John Critch has been appointed temporarily to fill his place. Mr. Fryar goes on a farm.