

IN HIS RUIN

SOPER DRAGGED UNDER BY THE GREEDY CAPITAL CITY GANG.

Formal charges of malfeasance in office—His resignation demanded and offered—His knowledge of the facts—The Leeches Fastened Upon Him.

LANSING, Dec. 17.—Daniel E. Soper is no longer secretary of state. He has been forced to resign and is disgraced and named man.

Charges of corruption and malfeasance were formally presented against him yesterday afternoon by Mayor Frank B. Johnson. He was given a chance to explain or refute them, and in so doing confessed that he could do neither successfully.

The charges against Soper are seven in number—half as he has illegally disposed of 700 copies of the legislative manual.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

The downfall of Mr. Soper is absolute and complete as a politician, disgraced as a citizen and involved in hopeless financial ruin.

When the Democratic state convention met in Grand Rapids Mr. Soper was a candidate for the nomination for auditor general.

SOME SWELL THIEVES

NEW YORK'S FOUR HUNDRED VERY MUCH EXERCISED.

Mysterious disappearance of Valentin at High Tower Bungalow—The Police Eluded—The Thief Thought to be One of the Fashionable Set.

New York, Dec. 17.—There is no little talk just now about the visit of sneak-thieves to several of the fashionable tea-hall last week.

English provinces to audiences which fairly went into raptures over the plot and realistic scene displays.

Of course the guilty person is not known, and as yet suspicion has not been directed to any one person, whether servant or guest.

DEBONAIR DON.

He Has Been to Call on Cleveland-Grover, Frances and Ruth Are Well.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Should like to know where Mr. Cleveland got those stories about Mrs. Cleveland being in poor health, because they are not true.

QUAY IS OUT.

THE ALTHRETS.

"The Still Alarm" will be at Powers' opera house tonight and tomorrow night.

Another victim meets death in the deadly shaft.

Fred Lowden is crushed to death by the Elevator in the New Shepard Block—Only Himself to Blame—His Body was Almost Severed in Two.

Fred Lowden, 35 years old, living on Yates street north of the P. M. railroad and employed at the Shepard block as elevator man, was killed through his own carelessness while operating the elevator.

From statements obtained from eye witnesses it seems that Lowden had just landed a number of people on the third floor which is occupied by Mr. Hartman.

Mabel Snow's burlesque stages still continue to draw a splendid attendance.

THE GREAT NELSON VANDELIVE COMPANY.

THE OCCASION FOR THE UNPLEASANT FEELING OF THE ATTORNEY GROW OUT OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF CHARLES WILSON.

REWARD OF \$2400 OFFERED BY PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL-ELECT THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN OBTAINED—THE DRIVER INNOCENT.

THE FATAL ELEVATOR

SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY THE BOARD OF TRADE PRONOUNCEMENT.

Some of the members of the Improvement board have been disposed to resent the implied attack upon them in the address of the board of trade.

It is understood the board of trade's declaration will be replied to at the grand mass meeting of the board of trade.

A Successful Meeting.

THE IMPROVEMENT BOARD.

THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH OFFICERS.

THE COMMITTEE ON POOR ASSEMBLED.

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DOCTOR WRIGHT'S CASE

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS AS TO A REFUSAL TO SHOW THE BOOKS.

Conflicting statements as to a refusal to show the books.

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NO MORE CLOUD PUSHERS

THE INVESTIGATION COMPANIES IN CHICAGO PAID A VISIT UPON THE SECTION OF FIRE MARSHAL SKY-SCRAPING BUILDINGS.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1891.

SOPEHS DISGRACE: It seems that Dan E. Soper, secretary of state, has gone wrong and who confronted with the specifications of his wrong doing by Governor Winans he promptly resigned.

The charges were made against him by Mayor Johnson and Lansing. The governor, the secretary of state and the mayor are all Democrats and the whole affair is a Democratic bad mess.

Mr. Soper is well known here and personally is well liked. The newspapers have generally dubbed him as "General Dan." His many friends will sincerely regret his fall.

His own side of the story is not known and perhaps has no merits for the public and yet it may have features that not others in contempt, while not relieving himself of wrong. The office is one Mr. Soper should not have taken. The salary is only \$800 and it is well known that no man can personally discharge the duties of the office in that pay.

A high public office with such a salary places a poor man of Dan Soper's liberal disposition in the midst of temptations and necessities that would test a saint. He is the first secretary of state in a long term of years who has given personal attention to the office. All of his predecessors have made the office a sinecure and left its duties to the deputy secretary of state to receive a salary of \$2,000. Mr. Soper was forced to make Rowley deputy against his will under circumstances that were disgraceful to all concerned, and he probably determined to do his own work upon the pittance of \$800, rather than devote it upon his deputy, and finding he could not sustain himself resorted to dishonest means of getting perquisites out of his office.

It is a bad blow to the Democrats. It comes with fearful force after the failure of the legislature to do the bidding of the people and scarcely leaves the party a leg to stand on in Michigan for next year. Even the governor's prompt and fearless treatment of the affair is not without censure, for it will be asked why Mr. Soper was permitted to resign in the face of such charges? Should he not have been suspended from office and an investigation ordered and if found guilty removed and otherwise punished as the law would permit.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR: Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia is appointed secretary of war to succeed Mr. Proctor.

West Virginia is doing a good business in politics this week. Wednesday its distinguished citizen Gen. Goof was appointed a circuit judge on the federal bench, an office for life at \$6,000 a year.

Now another distinguished citizen of West Virginia is appointed secretary of war. Secretary Elkins is a close friend and political friend and business associate of James G. Blaine. It is likely that President Harrison is filling his cabinet up with Blaine men if Blaine will stand for the Republican presidential election? Hardly.

The appointment of Mr. Elkins is a very sure sign that Blaine and Harrison understand each other and that the understanding is that Blaine will not be a candidate. Everyone knows Harrison is a candidate and because this appointment could not be and Blaine be a candidate also, it is certain that the understanding is that Harrison is to get it and Blaine will decline. The matter of withdrawal by Mr. Blaine may be expected soon and Harrison's renomination will be a foregone conclusion.

The president gave a fair recognition of Democrats in the appointment of two out of six circuit judges. The judge appointed for this circuit is Solicitor General Taft who resides in Cincinnati and who is a son of ex-Secretary General Taft. He is considered a bright lawyer and is only 43 years of age. In the course of nature it will be a long time before there will be a change in that office. His associate is Judge Jackson of Nashville, Tenn., appointed by Cleveland, who, perhaps is near 50 years of age and one of the ablest lawyers on the bench.

Rivons justify the inquiry: At what place was Deputy Secretary of State Rowley sworn in and under what circumstances? Were the plan and circumstances a disgrace to Soper, Rowley and other Democrats immediately concerned? Who were the Democrats concerned? Does not the discharge of the whole affair reflect on the deputy as strongly as on the secretary and should not the one follow the other into private life? Will not Dan Soper tell the whole truth? Let no guilty man escape.

The arrest and incarceration of E. M. Field for crimes that amount to swindling and embezzlement is more than an ordinary world affair. He comes of a family distinguished for its splendid talents and pure character. His uncle is a supreme judge of the United States, another uncle may be placed at the head of the American bar, another uncle is a distinguished member of the senate, and his father is famous as the leader and soul of the first ocean telegraph cable between America and Europe. On his father's side he comes of blood that is as royal as any in America. His fall and disgrace breaks pitifully upon an illustrious family proud of high honors deservedly won by brains and heart.

A LARGE and influential convention is convened at Detroit with the main purpose of influencing congress to appropriate money for a deep water way to the Atlantic from the lakes. The channel desired is one feet deep. This will require deeper dredging on the St. Clair flats and the question comes up, of first importance, can the channel desired be obtained without lowering the level of the lakes? If the deeper channel means a lower lake level the result will be shallow harbors and no business for the improved water way. The harbors as now improved must be preserved of greater consequence than a deeper channel to the sea.

The Democrats are going to give committee assignments to Senators Kyle and Taylor and the Republicans have done the same by Senator Peffer, but we do not understand either of these Alliance senators have joined in the senatorial caucus of the old parties. They are arrested. Kyle and Peffer are prominent adherents of the People's party, it is not likely Peffer would go into a Republican senatorial caucus with all his professions of loyalty to the People's party, therefore it may be taken for granted that all reports of his joining the Republican party are mistakes.

The so-called "Stockbridge Steeper" is not the senator himself. Farmer Luke should not make any mistake about that matter.

CURRENT STATE NEWS: A Joseph Vasseur, well-known saloon-keeper of Muskegon is dead.

The Johns Furniture company is making 200 beds each week out of Lansing. The Muskegon Rifles banqueted Lieutenant Colonel J. B. Bennett last night. The state association of Merino Sheep and Swine breeders is in session at Lansing.

Dr. John P. Mason of Houghton says that he is not in case of leprosy in that district.

There are fifty cases of the gripe reported in Newaygo and surrounding vicinity.

The Keeley institute established at Northville will receive patients after the 15th.

The gamblers of Jackson have migrated, as the police got very fresh as the gamblers say.

A new A. O. U. hall was dedicated at Muskegon Wednesday night with impressive ceremonies.

Hiram McGregor of Lapeer, a prominent citizen, died Wednesday night while sleeping in his chair.

George W. H. of Councilman of Stockbridge, is death from a carbuncle at the base of his brain.

"Owoso Queen" owned by Thomas Shively of Spring Lake is dead. She was valued at \$1,000.

August Oite of Muskegon lost a hand while purchasing cars in the Muskegon yard Wednesday night.

At Gladstone 200 men are at work on preliminaries for rebuilding the recently burned city.

Mrs. Susie Peterson sues for \$5,000 from the Muskegon saloonist who sold liquor to her 30-year-old son.

Miss Lena O'Neill is the most popular young lady in Dowagiac. She won the title at a recent church fair.

William Leary, keeper of a disreputable dive at Stockbridge, has been arrested for liquor law violation.

The Portland News comes out this week looking as bright as a girl graduate, new press, new dress, etc.

The regents of the state university have ordered for \$5,000 the Loaned collection of geological specimens.

Chas. W. Johnson, well-known yesterday Lowell died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with typhoid fever.

was terribly injured by Charles Froberg, a Swede, who attacked him with an ax when refused permission to jigger in his saloon after hours.

Capt. Matthews of Marquette has waived examination and been held for trial in the circuit in \$500 bail on charge of shooting with intent to kill one of his life-saving crew.

The Branch county members of the World's fair commission are M. A. Merrifield, Union City; Alfred Milnes, Coldwater; C. G. Joiner, Quincy; Charles W. Austin, Batavia; A. C. Elk, Coldwater.

The "Long house" at Alpena is no more. It has been destroyed by fire. The "Long house" was to Alpena what the "sawdust" is to Muskegon, "the first of Grand Rapids, and 'who died' was to Seney.

In the center of a saw log 28 inches in diameter, that was found near Alpena, Mich., was an Indian tomahawk. It is six inches in length and has a blade of four or five inches long, about two to a half inches long.

A. W. Gooding's grocery at Belding was entered by burglars Monday night and cash and goods carried off. On Tuesday Henry Jones, Charles Rogers and John Knox were arrested and the stolen goods recovered.

The Demaria Printing company of Port Huron, Mich., has moved to the new establishment in the Waverly house about the first of next year and run in connection a daily and weekly newspaper.

Secretary M. E. Reynolds of the Michigan State Milk and Cream Producers has issued a circular calling upon the members of the state to contribute a sack of four or each to the starving peasants of Russia.

Miss Geneva Welker, daughter of Sheriff Welker of Ionia county, was tried at a jury in Portland Tuesday morning one of her pupils. She was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

The following are the latest appointments to postoffices in Michigan: Mrs. Della Duck Dover, Gladwin county; William Moquin, Hunter Creek, Lapeer county; Alexander Anderson, Silem, Inoc county.

The new Fifth regiment of state troops of Marquette has elected the following officers: Major, E. Lyon of Calumet; lieutenant colonel, J. B. Bennett of Muskegon; major, E. H. Russell of Marquette.

Jacobus F. Dyk, a capitalist of this city aged seventy-five years, was married at Holland Wednesday afternoon to Mrs. Anna Neerules aged sixty-six, at the residence of the bride. Rev. Dr. N. M. Sullivan officiated.

Dr. W. H. Cooper of Manistique, who has been practicing dentistry in Ontonagon for the past two months, has been arrested by Sheriff Melville of St. Ignace charged with obtaining money and goods under false pretenses.

At a church fair at Dowagiac a \$10 silk umbrella was sold for \$23.35. It was voted to the most popular young man in the town went into the church treasury, 4.87 votes being cast.

Edward Huntley, one of the trio that escaped from Jackson prison August 10, last, was found at Joliet, serving a six month term for assault on a woman in Jackson again, to serve out his sentence of twenty years for burglary.

The Houghton county jury was out fourteen hours before it concluded it could not agree upon a verdict in the case of the people against Rev. P. Oils, the priest charged with making an assault upon Minnie Mollitor, aged 14.

Mary Knothly lived down east, loved young man Mary's parents "kicked." Mary followed young man to Ironwood, became waitress in a restaurant, young man became milky. Mary dependent, morphine—Mary no more.

Newaygo Republican: Frank Joalin, while awaiting in Campbell's saloon last Monday evening, slipped and fell, breaking a small bone of the left leg just above the ankle, and dislocated the ankle joint. Moral—Don't wrestle with Newaygo whiskey.

Grand Haven Tribune: Jerry Boynton, the Grand Rapids railroad hustler who has lately been pushing the electric railway scheme from Grand Rapids to Ironston, is now interesting himself with utilizing the old Baltimore & Ohio railroad bed from Grand Rapids to this city.

Ida Burton, an orphan was adopted by W. W. Hodge of South Haven and was a most affectionate, and exemplary girl until some over-zealous neighbor informed her she was an adopted child. Then she became possessed of a satanic spirit and now her foster parents have been obliged to send her to the Adrian industrial home.

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