

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

MAE WOOD TO JAIL

ABRUPT END OF PLATT SUIT IS SENSATIONAL.

Judge Questions Plaintiff Briefly, Then Suddenly Dismisses Suit, Declaring Charges Against Platt Unfounded, and Miss Wood is Locked Up.

The case of Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who sued United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, came to a sudden and sensational end Thursday afternoon when Justice O'Gorman, of the supreme court, dismissed the complaint and directed the complainant to be committed to the city prison under \$5,000 bail on a charge of perjury. Miss Wood was taken to the Tombs.

The climax came after the introduction in evidence of the deposition of a man who manufactured the blanks upon one of which the alleged Platt-Wood certificate had been prepared, in which he declared that the blank form in question was not lithographed until three months after the marriage of Miss Wood to Platt is alleged to have occurred. The senator's son, Frank H. Platt, also testified that it is his belief no such letters ever had been written to Miss Wood by his father as were represented in alleged copies offered in court by the complainant. The case has attracted exceptionally wide attention on account of the prominence of the aged senator and the names of other widely known persons whom Miss Wood involved in her sensational charge in support of her complaint.

RAIL HORROR IN BELGIUM.

Worst Disaster of the Kind in History.

The worst railroad catastrophe ever recorded in Belgium took place near Contich, six miles southeast of Antwerp, Thursday morning. The Antwerp Express, running fifty miles per hour, crashed into a train loaded with pilgrims on a siding. Three cars were literally ground to pieces, and practically all the passengers either killed or badly injured.

MARRIED ON DOG LICENSE.

Poles Wedded by Mistake of South Norwalk Town Clerk.

When William Krickick and Miss Alexandra Krickicka, two Poles, of South Norwalk, applied for a dog license from Town Clerk Herbert Smith on Saturday they got a marriage license and John Currow, justice of the peace, married them.

Prisoner Found Guilty.

Mrs. Sarah Morasch, aged 48 Thursday was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury on the charge of poisoning 4-year-old Ruth Miller. The woman will be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Many Lives in Peril.

A fire broke out Thursday afternoon in the large box factory of J. Wintermeyer. The flames swept through the building and spread to a number adjoining structures.

Sloax City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sloax City live stock market follow: Beeves \$6.00 to \$6.55. Top hogs, \$5.45.

Loss of Stock in Blizzard.

Heavy losses of sheep and lambs are reported from Dawson county, Mont., by a blizzard that began Wednesday. The snow lies two feet on the level and five and six feet in the drifts.

Carload of Mail Burns.

An entire carload of United States mail was burned near the eastern end of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific Wednesday night.

TRAGEDY IN ARMY BALLOON.

A Young Brazilian Officer Falls 2,000 Feet.

A fatal balloon ascension was made at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday by Lieut. Fonseca, of the Brazilian army. The lieutenant came out from France recently with a military balloon, and Wednesday morning he completed his preparations for his first ascension before the military school. The minister of war and a large gathering of officers had assembled to witness the experiment. Fonseca entered the car and was completing his final preparations when a strong gust of wind obliged the men who were holding the ropes to let go. The balloon shot up into the air, breaking the last ropes that held it to the ground. It rose to an altitude of 3,000 feet, when suddenly it collapsed and fell down to earth with unchecked rapidity. The lieutenant was crushed to death. It is supposed that the accident was caused by a false maneuver on his part.

KIND ACT TO COST LIFE.

New York Manufacturer is Dying of Hydrophobia.

To ease the last hours of a victim of rabies, William H. Marsh, a wealthy inventor and manufacturer, of New York, who was told Tuesday at the Pasteur Institute that he had hydrophobia and would live a few days only, the physician put him under the influence of opiates early Wednesday, and he will be kept in that condition until his death. Marsh was perfectly conscious and apparently did not suffer except when seized with convulsions. Between paroxysms Marsh bade farewell to his family and arranged his business affairs.

Mr. Marsh treated the wounds of his pet spaniel which had been bitten by a strange dog. The spaniel licked his hand in gratitude and Mr. Marsh was infected through a small scratch on one of his fingers. The spaniel died of hydrophobia.

MINERS TO RESUME WORK.

Southwestern Operators and Employees Agree on Wage Scale.

After seventy days of negotiation, the coal mining troubles of the southwest, where 35,000 men are upon a strike, were practically ended Wednesday when the joint committee of the operators and miners reached an agreement on the wage scale and working conditions.

If the convention of miners approves the agreement, and officials assert that it will, the operators will ratify the agreement in convention. It is expected that the miners will go back to work next Monday morning under the new wage scale and conditions.

BODY FOUND IN MILL POND.

A Wealthy Wisconsin Woman is Murdered.

The badly mutilated body of Mrs. Carrie Shaw, a wealthy young widow of Hortonville, Wis., was discovered in a mill pond that village Wednesday. There was every evidence that a brutal murder had been committed.

Threaten to Revolt.

Alfonso Cesto, republican leader of Lisbon, made a speech in the chamber of deputies, Wednesday, in which he declared that unless the present government was economical, the liberal patriots of his party would organize a revolution.

Electing New Bishops.

The election of eight new bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church began at Wednesday's session of the general conference of that denomination in the presence of the largest gathering of spectators that yet has attended any of the meetings.

French Parliament Reassembles.

The French parliament reassembled Tuesday with the Clemenceau cabinet more strongly entrenched than ever as a result of the recent municipal elections.

Prominent Ohio Lawyer Killed.

Col. Evan T. Williams, one of the most prominent attorneys in Ironton, O., was killed Wednesday, and Joseph Cloran, probably fatally injured when their buggy was struck by a streetcar.

Divine Struck Wife.

Rev. S. A. Coffman, of Fairmont, W. Va., aged 50, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife by cutting her throat. It is believed he is insane.

Death of Prof. L. A. Lee.

Prof. Leslie A. Lee, of Bowdoin college, Portland, Me., who was noted especially for his research expeditions in Labrador and South America, died Wednesday, aged 56 years.

BATTLE IN CAR STRIKE.

Car Riddled with Bullets and Four Men Shot.

The most serious violence of the street car strike in Cleveland, O., occurred in Lakewood, a suburb Tuesday night, when four men were wounded by bullets, one car was burned and another partly wrecked. Trouble has been anticipated and the first car run into Lakewood on the Clifton avenue line carried no passengers. When it stopped before a railway bridge a crowd which had been lying in wait leaped from behind the bridge and opened fire upon the crew and guards.

While the rioting was in progress the crowd grew to nearly 1,000. Another car arrived and its crew and guards joined in the fight. Gasoline was poured upon the second car and it burned to the trucks.

The Cleveland police were notified and sixty officers were sent to the rescue. The first car, riddled with bullets and windows broken, proceeded to the car barn.

Motorman P. C. Elsholtz was shot in the leg and Gray and Alexander, guards on the second car, were shot in the chest. Mace Burlingame, who was in the crowd which made the attack, was shot in the hand.

All were taken to the hospital where they are reported to be seriously wounded.

CHINAMAN SENT IN BARRELS.

New Trick Being Worked to Smuggle in Mongolians.

Chinatown at El Paso, Tex., is in a state of excitement over a telegram from New York to effect that fifteen barrels, shipped from this place as merchandise, were received at the establishment of Quong Duoy Yin in Pell street, New York, each containing a Chinaman. This is a result of a new trick to get smuggled Chinese out of El Paso to a place of safety.

Three weeks ago 400 Chinaman arrived at Salina Cruz, Mexico, from China and went immediately to Juarez, from which locality attempts have been made to enter the United States.

Within a few days the immigration force guarding the border at this place have been greatly increased. Hundreds of Chinese have been turned back, but notwithstanding all vigilance many have been able to enter El Paso. The difficulty lies in getting out, as all trains are closely inspected.

For many years smuggling Chinese has been an active and lucrative business in El Paso and those who ply it are experts in tricks for evading the law.

USE TORCH AND THEN PRAY.

Night Riders Conduct Prayer Meeting While Barn is Consumed.

Knocking on the ground in the moonlight, with their heads bowed, while their leader, his masked face turned toward heaven, offered a prayer, a band of night riders Monday night destroyed the big tobacco barn of H. G. Maddox, near Lancaster, Ky.

The spectacle was witnessed by Flint Randall and Miss Maggie Tate, young people, who were returning from a party, and who were captured by the raiders and forced to accompany them to the prayer meeting and barn burning.

Stock Broker Accused.

Criminal charges against certain members of the firm of T. A. McIntyre & Co., of New York, stock brokers which recently failed with liabilities exceeding \$1,000,000, were laid before District Attorney Jerome Tuesday by C. C. Burlington, receiver of the failed firm.

Was Involved in Scandal.

John E. McLaughlin, of Indianapolis, Ind., aged 55, former member of the county commissioners, Tuesday shot and killed himself because of the connection of his name with the bribery scandal developed in the office of the commissioners.

May Corn Goes to 7c.

May corn sold up from 75 cents to 79 cents Tuesday on the Chicago market in the early hours of trading, chiefly because of an active demand by shorts to deliver on May contracts.

Dies at Age of 103.

Mrs. Ellen Crawford, said to have been the oldest woman in Illinois, died at Bloomington Tuesday, aged 103.

Land Grant to Idaho.

The United States senate Tuesday agreed to the amendments of the house to the senate bill granting 1,000,000 acres of land to Idaho under the Carey act.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

FATHER FEARED ELOPEMENT.

Hurried to Sioux City to Save His Daughter. Believing that his 13-year-old daughter, Goldie Priest, had eloped with Will Knudson, 27 years of age, Frank Priest, of Homer, made a record drive from Homer, Neb., to Sioux City Sunday in pursuit of the pair.

The frantic father early in the day notified the police by telephone that his daughter was in Sioux City, and that she probably would be joined soon by Knudson. An officer located the girl at the hotel and kept her under close surveillance for nearly two hours before Knudson put in an appearance. The man walked by the sitting room and motioned to the girl to come outside. Before they had time to exchange a greeting they were taken into custody.

The girl first seemed self-possessed, but wept bitterly upon the arrival of her father. Knudson, who came to the city Saturday morning, said he had no intention of running away with the girl, but that she was dissatisfied with her home and came here of her own accord. He had, he said, volunteered to assist in securing a situation for her. The girl left home without the knowledge of her parents. She told her father that she was glad he came for her and that she never again would leave home.

BADDER THAN MRS. GUNNESS.

Wall of Gallies Farmer Who Sends Money to 'Widow' Who Needs It.

"She are a badder woman than Mrs. Guinness of Loughore, Indiana," writes Paul H. Adams, of Le Seuer, Minn., to the postmaster at Omaha, in reference to a Mrs. J. C. Hallyday, of Omaha, who has beguiled Paul Adams out of \$125 of hard earned cash. "I seen her advertise in the Farmers' Tribune, of Selous city Iowa," writes Mr. Adams. "She sayin she had a widow and war lousum and had about 2800 dollars on a farm. She wantin a companyon. I write to her and she said send her 200, but a had only 125 and I sen her that. She said to meet her in safe place but she did not come. I wish you show this letter to chief of polis at Omaha and see if he cant find her. She are a badder woman than Mrs. Guinness of Loughore, Indiana. I work for my money very hard. She is a fraud. Please have the chief of polis find her. She lives in Omaha. She are a serpent in the grass." Paul H. Adams, Le Seuer, Minn.

MISSING BRIDE IS FOUND.

Mrs. Adam Legler Left Spouse Three Days After Wedding.

Mrs. Adam Legler, formerly Evelyn McClintock, of Waterloo, Neb., who disappeared at Grand Island a few days after her wedding, was found Thursday night by Sheriff Bauman at the home of Al Cain. She is a bride of three days and was going home to Hastings with her wealthy spouse when she dropped out of sight. Mrs. Legler says she never liked Legler and decided to leave him. Jack Taylor, of Grand Island, gave her \$5 and she bought a ticket to Fremont.

Legler arrived in Fremont and spent the afternoon at the county jail trying to persuade his young bride to go home with him. Both deny that took any of Legler's money when she left.

Sixty-Four Cars in Train.

Sixty-four loaded freight cars behind a giant mogul made its first regular train which went over the new Lane cut-off Sunday, after which the regular through passenger and freight trains were sent over the road. The new stations on the line and their distances from Union station, Omaha, are Summit Junction, 2.30 miles; Seymour siding, 6.08; Sarty siding, 10.75 miles and Lane, 13.91 miles. The title of the new road is the South Omaha and Western railroad, and an arrangement has been made whereby the Union Pacific will operate the trains over the line until it is turned over to the company.

Grand Island Officer Shoots.

Harry Gibson, a colored waiter on a Union Pacific dining car, giving his home as Jersey City, lies at the St. Francis hospital, Grand Island, with a bullet wound in the left thigh, the result of discharging Police Officer Jack Searies' first warning and attempting to escape when, upon Gibson's second offense, he was about to place him under arrest.

Horse Stolen at Herman.

Someone entered the barnyard of Hans Anderson, of Herman, Saturday night and stole the best horse he had. The horse was a large bay draft animal and worth about \$200.

Sutherland Gets Ministerial Meet.

The next annual meeting of the Western Nebraska Ministerial association of the Methodist church will be held at Sutherland next year.

Kensien Sentenced to Pen.

Earnest S. Kensien, who killed Sam D. Cox at Minatara, was sentenced Monday to twenty-three years in the penitentiary by Judge Grimes.

Accidental Cut is Fatal.

Peter Hanrahan, aged 77 years, is dead at his home in Plattsmouth. In cutting a dead limb from a plum tree in his yard Monday evening the ax slipped and cut a deep gash in his right leg just above the ankle, which caused his death in less than one hour.

OMAHA WOOL RATES LOWEST.

Storage Schedules Show Up Best Compared with Others. Rates of storage were announced by the Omaha Wool and Storage company, Wednesday, and comparison with the rates in any other wool market shows that the Omaha rates are the lowest in the United States.

The first proposition was to make a flat rate of 5 cents per 100 pounds per month, which is the average rate charged in other warehouses, but some of the eastern markets, which are anticipating a decline as a result of the establishment of wool houses at Omaha, gave notice of a sliding scale. The matter was taken up at once with the Omaha company and they decided to make the lowest schedule of rates in the United States.

Table with 3 columns: Rate, Lbs., and Description. Includes Storage, Unloading, and Weighting rates.

The terms offered by the Omaha company and the inducements extended by the Omaha banks are the most liberal of any in the United States. While the commission houses of Boston have been advancing from 35 to 50 per cent of the value of the wool in cash and charging interest until settlement is made, the Omaha Wool and Storage company, in a letter to the following effect, makes the following proposition:

"Every certificate of weight will be furnished, making same negotiable for loans. Arrangements are being perfected to negotiate loans, if desired, covering 60 per cent of the value of your wool, at a rate of 6 per cent per annum and 1 per cent commission."

It has also been announced that the warehouse company will pay the freight on all consignments, if desired, thus saving the grower from advancing a cent and enabling him to place the wool in storage at Omaha, simply delivering it at the railroad station nearest him and making the bill of lading to the warehouse company.

This makes it possible for growers to come to Omaha when the manufacturers come here to buy, and each grower may attend to his sales and see that the best possible price is obtained.

EVIDENCE IN KENISON CASE.

New Witnesses for State Gives Strong Testimony.

The jury in the Kenison case was secured Wednesday night and the opening statements made. The most important witness for the state was Will Baysinger, who testified after Kenison fired the first two shots Cox rushed into a clinch, when Kenison fired the third and fatal shot. Baysinger is a new witness in the case and told a damaging story for defense.

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FUGITIVE WHITES LETTER.

Accused Nebraskan Says He is Trail-ling Heel Murderer.

Deputy Sheriff Wyatt, of Minden, Friday received a letter from Bert Taylor, the fugitive accused of the ravishing of his sister-in-law, Pearl Taylor, from the effects of which she died. In the letter, which is dated April 2 and postmarked Enid, Okla., Taylor proclaims his innocence and names another man as the one who assaulted the girl. He says he has been searching for the murderer since the crime was committed. There is no doubt of the genuineness of the letter, as Taylor's handwriting is known. Deputy Wyatt left for Oklahoma. There is a reward of \$2,000 for Taylor's capture.

Woman Attacked While Asleep.

Considerable excitement is prevailing at York due to the attempted assault on the person of Miss Cora Kineman, a 29-year-old daughter of Geo. Kineman, residents of North York, Thursday night at about midnight Mrs. Kineman was awakened and was immediately attacked by a man, who attempted to choke her. Miss Kineman put up a good fight and in the struggle things in the room were overturned, making considerable noise, which is supposed to have frightened the assailant, who made his escape through the back way.

Premiums Contributed.

The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company, of Beatrice, has shown the proper spirit in contributing the following premiums aggregating in value \$300, to be awarded at the corn show, which is to be held at Omaha next December: One steel windmill, one power feed grinder, one three-horse power gasoline engine and two two-horse cultivators.

To Raise Corn for Show.

Seventy-three farmers of Cumming county have enrolled themselves as members of the Cumming county Corn Growers' association, each one being pledged to do his best to raise prize corn for exhibition at the national corn exposition in Omaha next fall.

WORK OF CONGRESS

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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The Senate held a short legislative session Monday, nearly half of which was consumed by Senator Heyburn in a speech against a conference report on a bill to increase homesteads on nonirrigable lands from 160 to 320 acres, which he declared would apply to the richest farm land of Idaho. The report was withdrawn. The conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was approved. Senator Bulkeley of Connecticut spoke in favor of his bill to authorize the President to re-enlist the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. The passage by the House of the general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$17,968,572, marked the completion by that body of the last of the great supply measures.

A Democratic speech prepared for circulation in the coming campaign was delivered Tuesday by Senator Taylor of Tennessee. Mr. Taylor devoted his attention chiefly to the tariff and currency policies of the Republican party. The Senate agreed to the conference report on the agricultural bill carrying a total of \$11,672,106. The conference report on the legislative appropriation bill was agreed to in the House; conference reports on the agricultural and fortifications appropriation bills were received; the bill making an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the Tokyo exposition in 1912 was passed.

There were also two omnibus bills embodying forty separate measures, having to do with public lands and matters in the territories. Pending a vote on a bill providing for the issuance of leases of public lands in the Panama canal zone, a recess was taken until 11 o'clock Wednesday.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

A parcels-post convention has been concluded between the United States and The Netherlands to take effect July 1.

The application of the city of San Francisco, made in 1901, for the Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy valley reservoir sites in the Yosemite national park for a city water supply was formally approved by Secretary of the Interior Garfield.

The conference report on the naval appropriation bill has been adopted by the Senate. The bill carries \$122,662,715.

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Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$5.52; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 96c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2, white, 63c to 65c; oats, No. 2, white, 51c to 52c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$7.15; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.55; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.03; corn, No. 2, 75c to 76c; oats, No. 2, 51c to 52c; rye, No. 2, 82c to 84c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.75; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 96c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2, mixed, 7