

MOVING PICTURES DID GOOD

Brakeman Guilty of Perjury Influenced to a Confession by Picture Theatre

A good deal of criticism has been indulged in some places against moving picture shows. While some picture shows, especially in the larger cities, deserve severe criticism, and even to be closed, as was the case in some places, there is as much difference in the character of different moving picture shows as there is in other shows. A peculiar case has come to light at Cedar Rapids, Iowa through the medium of the moving picture theatre, showing a remarkable case of unjust imprisonment. Press dispatches of last Friday give the particulars of the case in which the films shown made sufficient impression upon the mind of John G. Gates, a Rock Island brakeman, to cause him to make an affidavit in which he confesses to the crime of perjury. The affidavit also practically clears Charles Jack, an employe in a local hardware store, of a charge for which he served twenty-one months in the penitentiary at Fort Madison and six months in the Tama county jail at Toledo.

Jack and Gates both formerly lived at Traer, Ia., where Gates was employed as baggageman. In August, 1908, he and Jack had some trouble over a woman who had been Jack's sweetheart for some time, and during the altercation Jack flourished a revolver. Gates had a warrant issued for his arrest on a charge of malicious threats to extort money. Gates claiming that Jack had met him on a dark street, pointed a revolver at his head and ordered him to give him \$10 and a ticket to the end of the Rock Island railroad.

Jack was arrested, indicted by the grand jury, and after being in jail six months the case came up for trial. Gates testified that Jack had attempted to hold him up, and as the prisoner could not prove otherwise, although he strongly protested his innocence, he was found guilty and sentenced to two years at Fort Madison. His term expired last October and he immediately went to Cedar Rapids and secured employment.

A few days ago Gates, who is now married, visited a moving picture show, where one of the films depicted a story of false imprisonment and of prison life. The picture affected him greatly, and that day he went to Jack and offered to make an affidavit to the effect that his testimony at the trial was untrue. The affidavit was made before a local notary and vindicates Jack of every charge except that of flourishing a revolver.

ANNUAL BALL B. OF L. F. & E.

Great Event at Phelan Opera House Next Wednesday Night, February 14

The annual ball of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Lodge No. 623, will be held in the Phelan opera house next Wednesday night, February 14. This will probably be the biggest ball of the season, as the B. of L. F. and E. has a large number of members in this place, and the members have a large number of friends who will also wish to attend.

Tickets which were printed some time ago and of which mention was made in The Herald may now be secured of the lodge members. These tickets are printed in three colors and will make a neat souvenir of the occasion. While each ticket says "admit one", it means two, that is, one gentleman and one lady.

K. C. STAR'S STRAW VOTE

Majority of Kansas City Newspaper Readers Prefer Colonel Roosevelt

Out of 9,133 votes cast up to Jan. 28 in the Kansas City Star's poll of the middle west, on the question of presidential preference, Col. Roosevelt received 5,047. Practically all of these votes came from Missouri and Kansas.

Speaker Champ Clark led all of the other candidates with a total of 834 votes. W. J. Bryan followed next with a vote of 789, and R. M. La Follette fourth, with 724. President Taft was fifth in the list with a vote of 655.

The vote of the other candidates follows: Wilson, 378; Folk, 341; Harmon, 76; Cummins, 32; Underwood, 9; Hearst, 5; Foss, 2; scattering, 229.

REV. DR. JONES AT HARRISON

Close of Revival Meetings and Popular Lecture on Psychic Phenomena

The Harrison Sun of last Friday publishes the following in regard to the revival meetings recently held in that town by Rev. Dr. J. L. B. Jones and his lecture on "Psychic

Phenomena," which he delivered at that place:

"Sunday night the revival meetings which have been in progress at the Methodist church for the past two weeks, with Evangelist Dr. J. L. B. Jones at the head, closed with one of the most masterful discourses on "Childhood" that Harrison has ever heard. When it comes to the child question Dr. Jones is in his element.

"Sunday morning, with the assistance of Dr. Jones, the pastor baptised and received into church fellowship thirty-one as a partial result of the meetings. But this is only one part of the good the meetings did, for who that heard Dr. Jones has not been led to desire better things in the religious life? His sermons have the inspiration for better things in them.

"Dr. J. L. B. Jones, the evangelist, gave his noted lecture, 'Psychic Phenomena,' in the Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday night. He had his subject well in hand and brought out some things that have been mysterious to the superstitious. He explained dreams, ghosts and telepathy, also hypnotism.

"The lecture was interspersed with humor, which added to the interest. A large audience attended, and all were well pleased with it. "The doctor left for his home at Hemingford Wednesday evening."

M. W. A. AT ANGORA

Assistant Deputy Head Consul O. C. Moore will hold a meeting at Angora, Saturday evening, February 17, to organize a lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. There is prospect of a good membership from the start as quite a number will no doubt want to get in as charter members.

VALENTINE SOCIAL

There will be a Valentine social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Munger, nine miles northeast of Alliance, next Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Fairview M. E. church. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Robert Bicknell has been having a siege of la grippe.

The address of T. K. Evans is now Aldine, Nebraska, instead of Alliance.

F. M. Broome was a south bound passenger Tuesday with Scottsbluff his destination.

Eugene Burton made a trip to Angora last Thursday on legal business, returning the next day.

C. A. Newberry left Sunday noon for a business trip east, which will include Chicago and Pittsburg. He will be gone about three weeks.

L. H. Highland of the Alliance Grocery Co. was in Denver Monday and Tuesday on business connected with the Alliance Fruit Company.

Miss Puss Broome, who has been in California the past three months with her sister, Mrs. Joe Milke, came home on No. 42 Saturday morning.

The Herald is pleased to acknowledge very pleasant calls from a number of the stockmen who attended the horse sale at Alliance last Saturday.

F. L. Sharp of Moffitt, Garden county, attended the sale of stallions and mares at Spry's barn in Alliance last Saturday, and purchased one of the stallions.

Miss Mabel Joy and her sister, Miss Myrtle, two talented young musicians who have been in Alliance this winter, left for the home of their parents, near Guernsey, on Monday.

E. Reeves returned Monday from a week's visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Fogle, south of Reno. Mrs. Fogle has been bedfast with inflammatory rheumatism but is improving.

Mrs. Grebe entertained a number of her lady friends Monday evening. There were three tables for "500". Mrs. Mitchell won first prize. Mrs. Wilson the consolation. A delicious three-course lunch was served.

The many friends here of Mrs. Ruth Hager Burke of White Fish, Montana, will be interested to learn of the birth of a baby girl, Jan. 23. Both mother and child are getting along fine. Grandpa and Grandma Hager are feeling very proud of their first granddaughter.

Pete Watson came over last Friday to attend the horse sale, and stayed over until Monday visiting friends, of which he has a large num-

ber in this city, who are more than pleased to give him the glad hand. Pete informs The Herald that his stock is doing well, notwithstanding the hard winter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gehrt of Caldwell, Nebraska, visited this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ray. Mrs. Gehrt is a niece of Mr. Ray. From here they went to Ravenna for a visit with Mr. Gehrt's mother.

E. W. Ray and J. M. Himes went to Hemingford yesterday to install a hot water heating plant in Keith L. Pierce's fine new residence, mention of which was recently made in The Herald.

The Herald regrets to see Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Enyeart leave Alliance, but will keep them posted on affairs in this city and county at their new home in Marsland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Denton moved the first of the week into the rooms over their store room at 313 Box Butte avenue. Mr. Denton expects his stock of goods to arrive from New York soon, when he will open his store for business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Redinbaugh of Chadron came over to Alliance Tuesday and will probably make their home in this city. Mr. Redinbaugh is traveling representative of the M. Rumley Company, the traction engine people, his territory being western Nebraska and the Black Hills. He will make his headquarters in Alliance. The Herald is pleased to welcome him and Mrs. Redinbaugh as residents of this city.

R. H. Emerson of Crawford is in Alliance this week. He is a photographer and has patented an invention which, it is claimed, will do away with skylights in photograph galleries. He is thinking of putting in a demonstration plant at this place.

A report received from the Boyles Business College of Omaha gives the pleasing information that Norman McCorkle, who is taking a business course there, is doing satisfactory work in all departments. Norman already had a good insight into business before taking up the business college course, and without doubt he will complete the same with credit to himself and the school.

In the last issue of The Herald in the railroad notes the name "Desomber" was misspelled. Mrs. W. R. Desomber will leave for Edgemont the latter part of this week to join her husband, Engineer Desomber. They will make their home in that place.

As so many of the former residents of Alliance, and friends of the present populace who live at a distance, are receiving The Herald, it would be quite appropriate and we would appreciate the favor if our friends will send us items of news concerning themselves, either by phone, mail, or a personal call. Come, don't be bashful.

Rev. D. J. Clark of Andrews, Nebraska, preached at the M. E. church last Sunday morning an able and acceptable sermon. He was formerly district superintendent but found it necessary a few years ago to retire from the active work of the ministry owing to ill health. He has many friends at this place who were pleased to meet him again and learn that his health has improved.

Miss Mary O'Keefe left Sunday for Mission, Texas, where she goes for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Keefe. She expects to be gone a month, and we daresay will have a fine time because of the pleasure of a visit with her brother and sister-in-law and the change to a southern climate at this time of year. The Herald will keep her posted on Alliance news during her absence.

J. C. McCorkle has taken the contract for carrying the mail from Alliance to Marple, a distance of twenty-five and a half miles, making a total of fifty-one miles for the trip, which is made twice a week, on Wednesday. Link Lowry made the first delivery with a Ford automobile last Saturday, which, considering the condition of the weather and the roads, was one of the worst days of the winter. We are informed that Link was so hot because he had to make the trip under such unfavorable circumstances that he soon forgot that the thermometer was registering below zero. However, he made the trip all right. The new mode of running a star mail route is such an improvement over the old that there can be no question about it being continued. It is a great saving on horse flesh and of the driver's time and patience.

CONDENSED NEWS

General Manuel Bonilla assumed the presidency of Honduras.

Chinese rebels are pushing the fighting in various parts of the country.

Charles Gifford Dyer, the painter, formerly of Chicago, died in Munich. Five grandchildren of Charles Dickens in London are facing abject poverty.

The deficit of the federal treasury for the current fiscal year has risen to \$22,358,000.

Four Chicago men are said to face indictments for McNamara jury bribing in Los Angeles.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying about \$152,000,000, passed the house by a vote of 245 to 33.

Salvator and Pasquale Morello, young Italian fruit vendors were murdered in their home in Chicago.

Thirteen people were killed and thirty-four were injured during the Oklahoma hunting season just ended.

Chairman Henry of the house rules committee announced he was determined to have a money trust investigation.

James F. Griffin, member of the hospital corps of the Twelfth cavalry, died at Fort Meade from drinking wood alcohol.

Mrs. Anna W. von Hohoff has been made examining inspector of the inspection bureau of the finance department of New York.

The judiciary committee rejected the provision of the house bill requiring the president to make public endorsements for judgeships.

The Kansas labor commissioner has ordered the city of Topeka to pay the current rate of wages to the men to whom it gives work for charity.

Mrs. Alice Helene Mann, known on the stage as Marguerita Silva, applied to the circuit court in Chicago for a divorce from William David Mann.

Great Britain and Russia will shortly advance to Persia another \$2,000,000 in order to relieve the immediate necessities of the Persian government.

Miss Minnie Burrows and Mrs. Nancy Dean were killed on the farm of Mrs. D. H. Burrows near Kewanee, Ill., when a private lighting plant exploded.

Resolutions indorsing Governor Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana for the Democratic nomination for president were adopted by the Indiana Democratic Editorial association.

Governor Dix has denied the application for clemency made by Foulke E. Brandt, former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff of New York, who is serving a thirty-year sentence at Clinton prison for burglary.

Grand jury investigation began into the mysterious death of E. G. Throckmorton, who was to have been chief witness in the trial of John B. Snead, accused of the death of Captain A. G. Boyce at Fort Worth.

Prices of oil have been going up steadily since the dissolution of the oil trust by the decree of the supreme court and a representative of the Standard Oil company said that they probably would go higher.

A stipulation was filed in court to dismiss the \$50,000 slander action started by Judge Franz C. Eschweiler against Mayor Emil Seidel of Milwaukee. Seidel denies that the statements attributed to him were correct.

By way of Mare Island navy yard and Key West, Fla., Admiral Thomas, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, now at Honolulu, was in communication with Washington, the entire distance being covered by wireless message.

Immediately after announcement on the floor of the New Orleans Cotton exchange that Charles D. Finley, member of the cotton brokerage firm of Finley & Simpson, had committed suicide, news of the failure of the firm was given out.

Federal Judge Adams authorized the three receivers of the Wabash Railroad company to issue certificates which will enable the receivers to borrow \$10,000,000. The money will be expended for improvements and equipment of the road.

Reporting that their demands were so far apart that there was no chance of agreeing at this time, the joint conference of bituminous coal miners and operators, called to negotiate a wage scale to go into effect April 1, adjourned at Indianapolis.

The first heavy guns of the Republican pro-conviction campaign will be fired on the night of Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday. President Taft will speak in New York, Attorney General Wickensham in Milwaukee and Secretary MacVeigh in Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crandall was literally roasted to death, Mrs. Samantha Abby was fatally burned and Homer Hilliker was seriously injured trying to rescue the women after a gas explosion at Hilliker's home in North Girard, Pa. The house was blown to pieces.

Special agents of the department of justice are investigating the fire which destroyed the open board of trade building at Chicago, Dec. 19. It is said valuable records which would have thrown light on the McNamara bomb cases were destroyed in the fire.

Papers were filed in the New York supreme court in the suit for an absolute divorce which Charles P. MacDonald, the wealthy Chicago packer and member of the firm of Armour & Co., is bringing against his wife, Mrs. Anne Edwards MacDonald. Mrs. MacDonald has started a counter suit against her husband.

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