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## ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD ORDERED SENT TO STATE HOME

### ACHESON DAWSON FORGING UNCLE

Judge Tash, in Juvenile Court, commits Lad to Home for Dependent and Neglected Children.

Acheson Dawson, eleven years old, charged in juvenile court with forging the name of his uncle to several checks which he cashed at the Joe Smith pool hall, acknowledged his guilt and was ordered committed to the state home for dependent and neglected children, at Lincoln, at a hearing held last week in juvenile court before Judge Tash. Sheriff Miller will take him to Lincoln tonight.

Ordinarily, a punishment so severe would not have been given, but under the circumstances, Judge Tash decided it the best thing for the boy. The lad's mother and father separated some time ago, and the boy has been making his home in Alliance with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Muntz. Mrs. Muntz is quite aged, and was wholly unable to control the lad. He was full and life and mischievous, and made a good deal of trouble for her, but until the forging of the checks, she thought she would be able to take care of him. After that, she asked the court to dispose of him.

The boy's father could not be located. His mother has married again, and sent word from California, where she is now living, that she could not take the boy. Her present husband would not allow it, she said, and if she insisted he would very likely leave her, and that "would kill her."

The boy is a bright little chap, and apparently if he had any idea of the difference between right and wrong, wanted money to spend more than he did anything else. He did not say what he had spent the money for, and had seemingly just written the checks whenever he ran out of money. None of them was for any large amount, and all of them were made good by the uncle. The judge believed that the boy was more neglected than bad, and hence sent him to the home for neglected children rather than to the reform school.

## KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR FAKE SOLICITORS

A bulletin to members of the federation of Nebraska retailers issues the following warning: "Numerous inquiries have been received during the past week relative to selling 'membership certificates' for a certain price, entitling the holder to buy groceries and other goods at wholesale. Solicitors travel by auto and have been working largely among the farming community and in the smaller cities and towns. The usual plan is to show the line of samples carried and the price at which the goods can be purchased from any of their 'wholesale houses' located in various parts of the state, and at prices that are less than the retailer usually pays."

"Certificates of membership" are sold at prices from \$10 to \$25, the solicitor sizing up the prospect and getting as much as the "traffic will bear," as the value of the \$10 certificate entitles the holder to all the benefits (if any) that can be obtained by any higher priced certificate. The locations of the mythical 'wholesale houses' have not yet been found, and if they should be found to exist, the selling of the so-called certificates is a violation of the blue sky law, and before selling such certificates the party so doing must obtain a license from the bureau of securities of the department of trade and commerce of the state.

"The violation of the law is a penitentiary offense and if you find evidence of such business being done in your community, obtain the names of the solicitors at once and if possible a copy of the certificate and names of parties making the investment, and phone or wire this office at our expense, and we will set the state department of law enforcement at work and run down the solicitors and jail them if necessary."

Merritt Chaffee, salesman for the Western Automobile Supply company, with headquarters at Hastings, is here to spend a ten-day holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. Anna Chaffee.

M. Minor, jeweler at the Thiele drug store, left for Lincoln Friday night to spend the holidays with relatives.

Dr. J. Keegan and wife of Omaha are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keegan.

## THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight east and south portion.

## HEMINGFORD MAN PASSES BUM CHECK

Ed. Shummick is in trouble with the officers at Crawford, by reason of his giving a check on a Hemingford bank that was returned dishonored. A complaint was filed against Shummick and was arraigned before the court, over to the district court under a \$200.00, for appearance before the next term of court.

A concerted movement is being made by merchants and others who have been victims of worthless checks all over the state, to stamp out the practice, by prosecuting a few of the offenders, in the hope that others will take warning, and desist in their practice of disregarding the law in such cases.—Bayard Transcript.

## OREGON MAN LAYS CLAIM TO OLD REWARD

T. F. McNamara, now living at Grant's Pass, Ore., knows where there is a coal mine in Nebraska. For the benefit of Nebraskans who have laid in a full supply for the winter this information comes a little late. Ever since Nebraska was admitted to the union, and long before, its inhabitants have been paying tribute to the coal barons of the far east or the far west, paying not only what the traffic would bear but also freight rates as they have been increased from time to time by the interstate commerce commission and the railroad and the federal railway administration, says the State Journal.

All this time Mr. McNamara has known where there is a coal mine in Nebraska but has kept still about it. Now he hears that the state offers a bounty for the discovery of coal. That being the case he is willing to make known the secret location of the mine. He has so informed Secretary of State D. M. Amsberry. The latter, instead of syndicating Mr. McNamara and getting in on the ground floor in an organization to bust the coal trust, has given the information to the world.

Mr. McNamara's long delayed confession of knowledge of the coal mine is in this form:

"I have been informed from some source that the state of Nebraska offers a cash bonus to anyone that will locate coal or a coal mine in the state. If such is the case, I can remember a place where the early settlers used to get coal and it seemed to be of very good quality. I can go directly to the place. There is no guess work about it with me and it will take only a short time to demonstrate what I say."

Mr. McNamara will be invited to come back from Oregon to lead Nebraska's citizens to the hidden coal mine which early settlers used to dig into when they wanted fuel. Under the law of Nebraska a reward of \$4,000 will be paid out of the state treasury by order of the governor if he is satisfied that coal has been found in a vein twenty-six inches thick near enough the surface and of sufficient quantity to pay to mine. It does not matter, according to the letter of the law, whether the coal thus discovered is in Alaska or Nebraska. The law does not confine the discoverer to Nebraska for it does not even mention the state or country in which the discovery must be made.

This standing offer has been in existence for a quarter of a century in one form or another, and no one has yet copped the prize. If the vein is three feet thick, the reward is \$5,000. It must go to the owners of the coal.

For the discovery of iron ore a reward of \$2,000 is offered by the state law. For the discovery of oil or gas the owners of the land are to have \$15,000 for finding one or the other or \$30,000 for the discovery of both. Coal has been found in several places in Nebraska but never in paying quantities.

## SALVATION ARMY TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE TONIGHT

The Alliance corps of the Salvation Army will have its Christmas tree and entertainment this evening, and an invitation has been extended the public to attend. The program will be given at the Salvation Army headquarters on Box Butte avenue. In addition to the tree, there will be a program of solos, recitations and songs. Mrs. J. S. Rhein will be one of the singers. The fruit, nuts and apples were donated by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Darling, W. E. Cutts and the Elks club, and the tree was furnished by the Methodist church.

Attorney Milton J. Keegan of Denver is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keegan.

## L. E. AYLSWORTH MAKES A SECOND ALLIANCE VISIT

### UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TALKS ON CITY MANAGER PLAN

Addressed Women at City Library This Afternoon and Will Speak at Roof Garden Tonight

Professor Leon E. Aylsworth of the University of Nebraska, will address a public meeting at the Lowry & Henry roof garden at 8 o'clock this evening in the interest of the city manager plan, which will be voted upon in this city at a special election to be held January 4. Professor Aylsworth was here several days ago, and addressed the chamber of commerce at one of the Monday noon luncheons, and he has been secured for this evening by a group of men interested in the adoption of the plan.

Mr. Aylsworth can speak authoritatively on the Nebraska law authorizing the adoption of the plan, because he is the man who wrote it. He will present facts as to the organization of the city government under the city manager plan, the way the plan has worked out in other places, and will, in conclusion, answer any questions by those in the audience.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Professor Aylsworth addressed a meeting of women voters at the city library auditorium, the meeting being held under the auspices of the Woman's club. The meeting this evening will be open to both men and women, and every voter, whether he favors the adoption of the plan or is opposed to it, should be present. Mr. Aylsworth is always interesting, and is at his best in this sort of a discussion.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ST. AGNES ACADEMY

St. Agnes academy closed on Tuesday, December 21, for the Christmas vacation. A splendid program was given in the Academy gymnasium, and was highly appreciated by the friends and patrons of the academy, after which the pastor, Very Rev. P. J. Manning, gave a short address congratulating the students upon their successful work of the year, and wishing all the blessings of this holy season.

The students presented Rev. Mother Gerard with a splendid Victory stereopticon for class room demonstration.

The following program was given:

Piano duet, Carla Werner, Helen McDermott.

Song, "Little Lord Jesus," Minims.

Poem, "Christmas Gifts," second and third grades.

Piano duet, Jeanne and Mary Kennedy.

Poem, "The Christmas Story," first grade.

Piano duet, Dorothy and Mildred Morgan.

Reading, "Two Little Stockings," fourth and fifth grades.

Song, "The First Glad Christmas Morn," sixth and seventh grades.

Poem, "Christmas Idyl," fourth and fifth grades.

Song, "Christmas Carol," seventh and eighth grades.

Reading, "Hail the Christ Child," Dixie McManis, Clara Macken, Irene La Riverie.

Piano solo, Margaret Vinton.

Reading, "The Christmas Substitute," Zelma McKimby.

Song, "There's a Song in the Air," the Glee club.

Piano solo, Ruth Huff.

Reading, "Tommy Walcott's Golden Deed," Helen McDermott.

Great consternation reigned among the boarders for a time caused by the blizzard that came up Monday night, but fortunately the trains were not so very late, and about one hundred boarders left for their homes at different points in Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Colorado.

At the close of the program the children were saddened to hear of the death of one of their little classmates, William Hargarten, son of Mr. Frederick Hargarten, of this city. William was operated upon for acute appendicitis at St. Joseph's Hospital and his death was very sudden and quite a shock to the community. The funeral was held at Holy Rosary church on Thursday morning where solemn High Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by Very Rev. P. J. Manning. Rev. Constant Klein, O. M. C., of St. Joseph's hospital was Deacon and Rev. Daniel Manning, of Hemingford, was sub-deacon. The Sisters and students of St. Agnes academy extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.

School will reopen on Wednesday January 4.

V. E. Wrinkle of Broken Bow is visiting friends in Alliance this week.

## J. W. M'DONALD BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

### ADMITS CHRISTMAS NIGHT THEFT IN COUNTY COURT

Pleads Guilty to Stealing Clothes From Farm Home of Perry Schwasinger.

A man who gave his name as J. W. McDonald was bound over to district court by Judge Tash yesterday afternoon in county court on a charge of stealing clothing from the home of Perry Schwasinger, one mile west of Alliance, Christmas night. McDonald is unknown here, and his arrest was purely a matter of quick work and good fortune on the part of the Alliance police.

Christmas night, Mr. Schwasinger phoned the police that his home had been entered and a quantity of clothing taken. Officer Stillwell got on the job, and picked up McDonald at the Joe Smith pool hall on suspicion. Part of the stolen stuff was found in his possession.

When arraigned Monday afternoon, McDonald entered a plea of guilty and was held for appearance at the January 4 term of court in bonds of \$1,000, which have not been furnished. He gave no information concerning himself to the officers, beyond admitting that he was guilty of the theft. The house had been broken open, entrance being gained through a window.

## MANY PROBLEMS FACE THE COMING LEGISLATURE

With Christmas out of the way, people are beginning to look next to New Year and what it will bring. The thing which will mean most to the state is the coming legislature, says the Omaha Bee.

Not for years has a session of the state governing body faced such great problems as it will have to meet during the next four months. The new constitution, endorsed and put in force by the voters of the state at the November election, will go into force with the coming of the new year and one of the problems which the legislature will have to meet is to change all existing laws which may conflict with the new documents.

Another problem may be an attempt to change the existing code law. It is understood that Governor McKelvie will suggest amendments to the law in his message to the legislature. In the conference which he has held with the representatives of different activities of the state during the past few weeks he has endeavored to discover their needs and will without doubt be influenced somewhat by them in his message to the legislature.

The "blue sky" law will certainly meet with some changes if the feeling among people on the outside is taken into consideration. Some people are not at all backward in saying that they believe the present law is of more damage to the people of the state than when there was no law covering the sale of stock.

Heretofore when a stock salesman approached a prospective buyer it was up to the buyer to make an investigation of the proposition if he did not have faith in the agent. Under the present law many salesmen, so it is said, are not at all backward in representing that "this proposition has been fully investigated by the state and it has given its endorsement and backing." It has even been hinted that some salesmen have left the impression that because the state has put its endorsement on the sale of certain stock, that it guarantees against any loss, as it does in the bank guaranty law.

It is also understood that the banking interests of the state will demand that the banking bureau be made a department apart from the department of trade and commerce. They point to the fact that it is of sufficient importance that the man at the head should be forced to give his whole time to the banking department and not be handicapped by having under his care the "blue sky" insurance, fire prevention and other bureaus.

They insist that if the present secretary of trade and commerce had not been compelled to divide his time among other activities that he might have discovered sooner the condition of certain banks which are now in the hands of receivers. They do not blame the secretary so much as they do the fact that he is overworked and cannot give sufficient time to the banking interests.

May Graham who has been visiting relatives here during the holidays, will return to her home in Washington, D. C., Wednesday night.

## A WOODMAN CIRCLE WAS ORGANIZED MONDAY EVENING

A Woodman Circle was organized in Alliance last evening at the Alliance hotel by Supreme Banker Mrs. Katharine Remington of Omaha, and District Manager Mrs. Hattie A. Jaskalek, of Alliance. The officers elected were as follows:

Mrs. J. S. Adams, guardian.  
Mrs. M. T. Nelson, advisor.  
Miss Lessie Reeves, clerk.  
Mrs. John J. Pauling, banker.  
Miss Jennie Harling, chaplain.  
Misses Mabel Harper and Velma Pauling, attendants.

Ralph C. Harling, R. C. Nelson and John J. Pauling, managers.

The grove has started out in a very flourishing condition and expects to meet twice a month, the exact dates to be announced later. The entire work of organization has been in charge of Mrs. Jaskalek, who expects to remain in Alliance for some weeks longer.

## IMPERIAL'S NEW ORGAN SHIPPED CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas morning, Manager Harry DuBouque of the Imperial, received a telegram from the Robert-Morgan Organ company, saying that the new pipe organ had been shipped from Van Nuys, Calif., and should arrive shortly after the first of the year.

The new organ will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and the work of installation will take three men twenty-five days. The instrument has every attachment that a pipe organ can have, and is of the class that is ordinarily to be found only in the large cities. The nearest one is in Des Moines, Ia., and machines of the same model are in the Majestic theatre in New York city and the Rivoli in Los Angeles, as well as in a Chicago theatre. The organ that the Imperial will have will be more modern than that in the Isis in Denver.

The rap attachment alone costs over a thousand dollars, and there are in addition other attachments. The new organ will be the equivalent of an orchestra, and played by the present organist, Mr. Keach, will be a splendid attraction and advertisement for the Imperial and for Alliance. It was constructed by the oldest firm of pipe organ builders in the world, and is one of their best models.

## REDUCED RAILROAD FARE FOR FARMERS' MEETINGS

Reduced railroad rates have been obtained for the farmers' meetings at Lincoln January 3 to 7. A special rate of one and one-half fare will be allowed all farmers, their wives and members of their families attending the meetings. Full fare will be charged for the trip to Lincoln and one-half fare for the trip home. A certificate should be obtained with the first purchase. The presentation of this certificate will entitle the holder to half fare returning home. The reduced rates will be in effect January 1 to January 7 and apply to all points within the state where the fare amounts to \$1 or more. The annual meetings of agricultural associations in Lincoln are among the largest and most important of their kind in the United States. Twenty or more well-known agricultural and livestock associations will be in session, representing all phases of grain and livestock production, fruit raising and house-keeping. Every farmer, his wife, sons and his daughters are invited to attend the meetings, which are open to all. The rapid organization of farmers all over the country has attracted wide attention and bids fair to become one of the greatest influences for better agriculture that has ever been perfected. Many problems of vital interest to all farmers will be discussed at the meetings. Interesting programs have been arranged for women and no farmer should attend without his wife.

## LESS CHRISTMAS BUSINESS FOR MAIL ORDER HOUSES

There is a deal of significance in the fact that the number of money orders bought at the local post office during the past few weeks has not been equal to half of the number at this season in years gone by. The statement is taken to indicate that local merchants are securing a much larger percentage and eastern mail order houses a much smaller percentage than ever before, of the money spent for Christmas gifts and necessities of life by people of this community, says the Columbus Telegram.

In past years as the yuletide season approached, money orders were written by the score every day and forwarded to the mail order houses in advance payment for lists of Christmas gifts.

## MOTION FOR A REHEARING IN M'ELHANEY CASE

### ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENSE ASK FOR A NEW TRIAL

Judge W. H. Westover Will Hear the Motion When He Returns to Alliance January 4

Attorneys William Mitchell and Harry E. Gantz, counsel for Evelyn Preiss McElhaney, found guilty of second degree murder in district court after a sensational trial a few days ago, have filed in district court a motion for a new trial and giving twenty-eight reasons therefor. Twenty-one of these twenty-eight reasons cover the twenty-one instructions given to the jury by Judge W. H. Westover.

Judge Westover will hear the motion when he returns to Alliance January 4, at which time he will hold an equity session of district court. On his return Mrs. McElhaney will be given a sentence somewhere between ten years and life imprisonment. It is not believed that Judge Westover will allow the motion, and in that event, the case may be allowed to drop, or an appeal may be taken to the supreme court. The sentence, however, will go into effect immediately.

District court adjourned without passing sentence, it being the desire of Mrs. McElhaney's relatives that she be allowed to remain in the county jail here over the holidays. Religious services were held for her in the sheriff's office last Friday evening, conducted by Rev. Stephen J. Epler, pastor of the First Christian church, at which her mother and two sisters were present.

Mrs. McElhaney is apparently resigned to serving a penitentiary sentence. She has expressed some interest in that institution and has asked the sheriff and his deputy many questions about the life there. Her husband is a frequent visitor at the jail and has spent many hours with her. The prisoner does not care to see visitors, except members of her immediate family, and has given out no statements for publication, either before or after her conviction.

## CUT RATES TO ANNUAL STATE FIREMEN'S MEET

For the first time in fully ten years, the railroads will give the firemen who attend the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Nebraska state volunteer firemen's association in York, January 18 to 20, inclusive, a cut rate. They have announced a special rate for the round trip equal to one and a half times the one-way fare. It is understood that this is open to all firemen who attend, regardless of whether they are official delegates or not.

The Alliance department has selected five official delegates for the meeting, Roy Trabert, Ray Burns, Ward Hall, O. C. Moore and Ray Butler, but in view of the reduced rates, and also to the fact that Alliance is a contender for the 1921 convention, it is probable that a delegation of twenty-five or more will attend.

The only other contender for the next convention is Norfolk, which will have the support of several departments in the eastern part of the state. Alliance should have no difficulty in bringing home the bacon, however, for most of the fire boys are prejudiced in favor of this city.

## DRY LAW VIOLATORS PAY DEAR FOR FUN

A total of \$2,019,433.41 in taxes and penalties was assessed against violators of the national prohibition amendment in the northwest district, comprising Nebraska, Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa, from April 1, this year up to December 1, according to figures given by Paul D. Keller, U. S. supervising prohibition enforcement director.

From this total, \$186,159.35 was assessed against Nebraska. Minnesota, with assessment amounting to \$1,376,956.50, leads all states in the northwest in activities of the federal enforcement office.

Iowa was next in the amount of penalties assessed with \$340,229.66. Nebraska was third, and South Dakota fourth with \$54,070.19. Assessment of penalties in North Dakota amounted to \$32,117.41.

The amounts are recommended by his office, Mr. Keller explained, and task of collecting them is undertaken. The penalties are reviewed at Washington by the commissioner of internal revenue, and sometimes are enlarged, but seldom reduced, he added.