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THE LAST JURY CASE RESULTS IN CONVICTION

VERDICT RETURNED IN ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AGAINST WILLIAM GREGE.

GUILTY OF ASSAULT, BATTERY

Offense Constituted Malfeasance in Office—Jury Excused, Probably For the Rest of Term.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening at 7 o'clock the jury in the district court which had retired at 5:30 to deliberate on the issues in the case of the state of Nebraska vs. William C. Grege, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of the charges preferred in the indictment returned by the grand jury. The jury was swift in their deliberations as they had hardly returned from the evening meal when they summoned the court with the announcement that they had a verdict to report.

The case was one of assault and battery on Raymond W. Hayward of Omaha, committed on October 2, 1923, north of this city near the Platte river auto bridge.

After the receipt of the verdict Judge A. C. Troup extended the thanks of the court to all the members of the jury panel for their faithful and fearless service in the trying of the cases that had come before them and for their close attention and devotion to duty.

The court then dismissed the jury until they should be called again, which practically means their work for this term is over.

County Clerk George R. Sayles was called and testified as to the bond and oath of William C. Grege as constable from November 27, 1922.

State rested at 2:29 p. m.

William C. Grege, the defendant, was the first witness of the defense. Stated he did not know Hayward prior to October 2, 1923. Knew Joe Thompson and sister. On that date Fred Holmes and John Anderson were with him. Thompson and Hayward were arguing. Thompson had called witness to the toll house and said he wanted him to move the car. Had asked Hayward about the matter and he said he would move the car when he got the tire fixed. Had asked Hayward three times during the morning the car until he had thrown his arm up and the witness had struck him in self defense. Could not see Elliott, a car was between them. When Hayward had made attempt to hit him he struck and Hayward had moved away from the car. Had talked to the witness about the car number. Holmes had told them they would have to go back to Plattsmouth as they had a bad engine number and a card number that they had secured here.

Holmes had filed a complaint with the county attorney. At the bridge had told him that if he could put up bond for his appearance. Had told him the amount. Hayward had said might as well go back to Plattsmouth as to give him the money.

On cross examination witness stated he had just rode out to the bridge with the car. Witness had reported what trouble he had with Hayward. No complaint had been filed against Hayward by Mr. Cole on the charge of attempted assault. Was in the habit of securing cash bond. Bonds were forfeited when the parties failed to show up. No charge of stolen car or assault filed. No violating any road law. Did not see them violating any motor vehicle law.

Re-direct—Had told Hayward he would have to have \$25 for bond. Had taken bonds at other times and reported the same to the court.

Hayward had said would rather go to town. Had not told him would have to give cash bond. On cross examination witness had been in the habit of taking bonds. Had received authority from County Attorney A. G. Cole.

Joe Thompson was sworn in. Was the toll keeper at the Platte river bridge for T. H. Pollock. Knew

Grege and Holmes. Hayward had a flat tire. Told by his sister. Was lying down when sister came in and told him. Had gone out and asked Hayward to move car and Hayward had said he would when he fixed the tire. Had heard Grege ask him about when he was going to move the car. Hayward had raised up and turned toward Grege when Grege struck him. Witness was five or six feet away. Elliott was on the east side of the car. Holmes was between Elliott and Hayward.

On cross examination stated had not heard any conversation between sister and Mr. Hayward. Was at the extreme side of the roadway. There were some twelve or fourteen feet in the roadway. Quit a few cars moving. Had told Grege that he wanted Hayward moved. Matter of safety in regard to space about the road. Did not tell Grege whether to wait until Jack was removed from beneath the car. Grege had told him that he was an officer of the law. Did not hear Grege ask Hayward what was the matter. Had told Grege that he would move car as soon as he could get the tire on. Was some distance away when Grege came up to Hayward. Did not see Hayward strike at Grege or clutch his fist. Did not know whether Grege hit with fist or not. Elliott was to the front and east of the car. Elliott could see Hayward and Grege both. Did not see any blows after the first.

Re-direct—Could not state that Grege had spoke in a loud tone of voice. Car was on the east side of driveway. Two cars could pass by being careful. Sister was at home sick in bed. No car passed while he was there.

Fred A. Holmes—Knew Grege and Thompson. Did not know Hayward personally. Had seen Grege, Thompson and Hayward on Oct. 23 at the Platte river toll bridge. Had heard Thompson say, "Come up here, Grege." Said he was afraid of accident and that Hayward had refused to move until he had tire fixed. Grege had told him he was an officer. Hayward had swung around and looked like he was coming to hit Grege when Grege hit him. All had helped to push the car back. One car with Indiana number and two with proper numbers. Witness was working for the state law enforcement department. Had told Hayward that he could not drive on that kind of numbers. He came to the county attorney's office. Filed a complaint for driving with paper numbers. Grege had reported trouble with Hayward.

Cross examination—Men had not been brought back to town because of suspicion of stolen car. Had gone over the parking question at his office. No complaint against men for wrong parking or signaling cars. Witness had suggested that there were paper numbers on the cars. Hayward had thrown up his fists to strike Grege and Grege struck him. Hayward had said would as soon come back to town. Had thought that he was an officer of the law. Had been sent here to report to Sheriff Quinton. Had done some work since.

Re-direct—Had been given a badge by state department enforcement officer. Also was to report to Tom Carroll. Was in the employ of department when sent here.

The arguments opened at 4:15 and by 5:30 the jury was sent to their room to deliberate on the verdict.

From Monday's Daily—
The machinery of the law in the district court was again grinding this morning when Judge Alexander C. Troup, of Omaha, arrived at 10 o'clock and convened the court to take up the matter of the indictment of the grand jury against William C. Grege, in which he was charged with having committed an assault and battery on Raymond W. Hayward, well known Omaha auto dealer, near the Platte river auto and wagon bridge on October 23, 1923.

The defense objected at the opening of the court to the issues being tried by the present jury panel, attacking the eligibility of Sheriff E. P. Stewart and also objecting to the appearance in the case of W. R. Patrick, one of the state's attorneys. The court overruled the objections and the case was sent to trial.

The jury selected to try the case was composed of Mike Lutz, Charles L. Ayers, A. A. Lindell, Rueben Groesser, Herman Comer, N. F. Hennings, Arthur Jeffery, L. M. Mowrey, Fred G. Ahrens, F. E. Buehl, Z. A. Coatman and William Rihl.

The first witness called by the state was Raymond W. Hayward, who stated that he was engaged in the automobile business in Omaha and had formerly been connected with the Hayward Show company of that city. The witness was asked to tell the jury his side of the dispute with Mr. Grege that had resulted in what was claimed as an assault. The witness stated that on October 23, 1923, he had been in Plattsmouth, and had completed a deal with Geo. Petring of the Ford garage for the purchase of seven used cars. He had brought with him to this city two assistants to help drive the cars back to Omaha and they were all traveling together, the car of the witness being in the lead.

When they came on the approach to the auto bridge, witness said a lady had come out to collect the toll and that she had told him that one of the tires was flat. She had told the witness he could take the car off

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Organized Forty-Three Years Ago—Good Attendance at Presbyterian Church Banquet.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The forty-third anniversary of the establishment of the society of Christian Endeavor was most fittingly observed last evening at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church when its splendid organization and the members and their friends that will long be very pleasantly remembered.

The dining room was in charge of the Christian Endeavor social committee and was a credit to the society and its splendid organization and the room presented a most artistic appearance, being decorated with streamers of red and with the tables arranged in a square. At the head table was a huge white cake that bore on it the 43 red glowing candles that represented the years of this great Christian organization.

Mr. G. E. DeWolf presided as the toastmaster and held the keenest attention of all with his witty and appropriate introductions of the program participants. The occasion was opened with a song service led by Frank A. Clويد that placed the members of the party in the best of shape for the short and snappy toast list that followed. Remarks were offered appropriate to the occasion by Helen Wurl, William Matschulat, Jean Tibball, Edith Farley and Edward Matschulat, all of whom offered some very helpful and pleasing suggestions.

The saxophone quartet, composed of Martha, Harlan and Frederick Gorder and Ruth Tibball, gave several of their very pleasing selections that added to the enjoyment of the members of the party. Vocal solos were offered by Catherine Schneider and Frank A. Clويد, and the numbers were charmingly given, the soloists being accompanied at the piano by Miss Estelle Baird.

The C. E.'s guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Myer and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Herbert of the Clifton Hill Presbyterian church of Omaha. Mr. Myer, who is the president of the second district Christian Endeavor, responded with a few appropriate words, while the main address of the evening was given by Mr. Herbert, state executive secretary of the Christian Endeavor for Nebraska.

The remarks of Mr. Herbert were full of thought and helpfulness and will long be remembered by the young people of the society here.

The banquet was in charge of the pastor's course in young people's work and the committee in charge were Miss Carrie Baird, Mrs. Frank Clويد, Mrs. H. G. McClusky, Miss Gerda Peterson, Miss Gertrude Morgan, Miss Estelle Baird and Mrs. W. R. Patrick.

There were seventy-eight present at the banquet and after the very enjoyable treat the remainder of the evening was spent in games, entered into most heartily by all. It was an evening worth while and well spent.

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JERRY HOWARD IS SUSPENDED

Labor Inspector Ousted as Result of Pulling Gun at Conference on Female Labor Law.

From Monday's Daily—
Jerry Howard, state labor inspector, was suspended Saturday afternoon by State Labor Commissioner L. B. Frye, who said he was acting under orders of Governor Charles W. Bryan.

The suspension came, it is said, because Howard "pulled a gun" on Harry B. Zimman of the Brandeis store at a recent conference on the female labor law held by Commissioner Frye and Omaha employers. Howard immediately wrote Governor Bryan asking for an investigation of his conduct as labor inspector.

Governor Bryan, when in Omaha Friday, took up with several Omaha people Howard's case and the complaint lodged with the governor.

"I have tried to enforce the labor laws," said Howard Saturday. "If those laws are not to be enforced, then, of course, I am not the right man for inspector."

VERY PRETTY HOME WEDDING

From Tuesday's Daily—
One of the very pretty home weddings of the late winter season was celebrated on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of the bride's parents in Nehawka when Miss Geneva Rough was united in marriage to Mr. Donald H. Wilson of Crete, Nebraska. The wedding was attended by a number of the relatives and friends to witness the joining of the lives and hearts of these two estimable young people.

The home had been very tastefully arranged for the ceremony and was a

most charming setting for the happy event.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. Mr. Wagner, pastor of the Congregational church of Crete, a close friend of the contracting parties.

Following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Wilson departed for Crete where they will make their home in the future.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rough and one of the best known and most popular young ladies of the Nehawka community, having been brought up in that locality where she was graduated from the schools there and later entered Doane college at Crete, where she met Mr. Wilson, also a student there and from the school friendship ripened a deeper affection that culminated in the very happy wedding.

The bride was teaching up to the Christmas vacation in the Nabrara, Nebraska, public schools, and has since been home preparing for the wedding. The groom is one of the well known young men of Crete and is associated in the Crete roller mills, one of the largest industrial institutions of its kind in that part of the state.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF FRANK J. LILLIE HELD

At the Lewiston Church and Body Brought Here For Short Service and Burial.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The funeral services of Frank J. Lillie were held yesterday morning from the Lewiston church, nine miles south of Plattsmouth, and were conducted by the Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union. There were a large number of friends and neighbors present at the services and at the conclusion of the service the body was brought to Plattsmouth and a short service held at the home of the mother, Mrs. Justus Lillie. The interment was made at the Oak Hill cemetery west of this city.

The following is a short obituary of the deceased gentleman:

Frank J. Lillie was born at Cedar Creek, Nebraska, on January 3, 1885, and died at his home near Murray, January 27, 1924, aged 39 years and 24 days. He was an only son of Justus and Anna Barbara Lillie. At the age of 9 he with his father and mother moved to the farm four and one-half miles southeast of Murray where he lived to the time of his death. As the years went on he added land to that already owned by his parents. He attended the country school as a boy, later taking a business course at Plattsmouth. He was industrious, energetic and more frugal than the average boy of his age. On September 2, 1908, he was married to Minnie E. Doering of Plattsmouth. They made their home since on his father's farm, his father and mother having moved to Plattsmouth where his father died some three years ago. To Frank J. and Minnie E. were born seven children, two dying in infancy. Those living are Justus, J., Harold W., Frances, Marie, Warren G. and Marion R., besides his children leaves his wife, mother having moved to Plattsmouth but by a large circle of friends who had learned to respect the integrity of his character.

He was a man of high character and a true friend to all who knew him. He was a member of the Christian church and was a devoted worker in the same. He was a member of the Christian Endeavor and was a member of the Christian church of Union. He was a member of the Christian church of Union. He was a member of the Christian church of Union.

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YEAR AHEAD TO BE WINNER FOR C. OF C.

PRESIDENT DAVIS TO URGE CAMPAIGN FOR DEFINITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

ADOPTS SOME NEW METHODS

Will Allow Membership to Serve on Committees Where They Are Best Suited, He Says.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The Chamber of Commerce of Plattsmouth is entering on the year 1924 with the goal set before it of some real and definite accomplishments for the betterment of the city and to this end President Earl S. Davis is bending his energies and will have the committees of the chamber arranged with that end in view and expects from each of the committees some results that will stand out when the year closes as an improvement to the city in every way.

With this in view, Mr. Davis has decided on a new policy in arranging the committees for the year's work and instead of making arbitrary appointments to the committees is going to ask the membership to volunteer their services on the committees that they feel best fitted to work with and whose problems they are the most familiar with and at this movement will be taken up at the meeting of the chamber on Friday evening at the auditorium of the public library.

The standing committees of the Chamber of Commerce will be Public Improvements and Highways, Railroads, Industries, Membership, Amusement and Publicity.

Mr. Davis is desirous of having a real live publicity committee which will see that the city is properly advertised over the country and the advantages of this city and Cass county given their just recognition.

Another of the committees facing a real task for the year will be the industries committee, which will endeavor to give the city more industries for the coming year that will materially help the advancement of the city for the next few years.

The projects that have been outlined for the year will make it a work for the membership and the citizens to put over which should have clear and definite results for the good of the community. And in this work the Chamber of Commerce should have the hearty support of the community and everyone who can should take the advantage of the opportunity of getting in the ranks of the chamber and helping make the year 1924 one of real accomplishment that will make Plattsmouth a better place in every way and give the citizens new fields of labor and material prosperity and this is only possible by real earnest work on the part of the people of the city.

Now is the time to do the most effective work as the year is starting out and those who have the real interest of the city at heart will not hesitate to get into the harness.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT

From Wednesday's Daily—
The news has been received here of the death of E. G. Cooley, for many years a resident of this county. He was an uncle of County Clerk George R. Sayles and Mrs. W. H. Seybert of this city.

The death of Mr. Cooley occurred Monday at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he has been making his home with his son for some time. He was seventy years old. Mr. Cooley was for years a resident of near Cedar Creek and is known to many old time friends here who will learn with the greatest of regret of the death of this fine old gentleman. For the past thirty-five years Mr. Cooley has resided at Lincoln for the greater part of the time. He leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn his death and also several brothers and sisters, among whom are Mrs. George E. Sayles of Cedar Creek and Julius Cooley of Omaha.

PROPOSED GAS RATES

From Wednesday's Daily—
Some confusion has arisen among many as to the provisions of the proposed ordinance of the city council on the gas rates and the rates that the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. has offered to the patrons of the city to test out the possibilities of giving the rates desired.

The rates proposed by Councilman John Sattler provide for a rate of \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet and with a ten per cent discount that will bring the net rate at \$1.80. Mr. Sattler states, while the rate proposed by the company is one of \$2 net or after the discount has been allowed.

WERE MARRIED AT DENVER

From Tuesday's Daily—

On January 23 occurred the wedding of Cloma McNamee, who is a niece of Mrs. J. S. Pitman, of Union, to Mr. Everett White of Brush, Colorado, the wedding occurring at Denver. A brother of the bride, Mr. Ralph McNamee, and a sister and, by the way, a twin of Miss Cloma, attended the wedding party. Following the ceremony the wedding party returned to Brush which is to be their future home where a most elaborate six o'clock dinner was awaiting them. At the wedding and also the wedding supper there were only the immediate members of the contracting parties. Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. McNamee, a twin sister of Mrs. J. S. Pitman, Mesdames T. W. Swan and Mrs. F. B. Chapman are aunts of the bride. The many friends of the family will extend wishes for a long and useful and happy life to this excellent young woman and her accomplished husband.

WELL KNOWN YOUNG FARMER PASSES AWAY

Frank Lillie of Near Murray Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia Sunday Morning.

From Monday's Daily—
Frank Lillie, one of the best known and popular young farmers residing in the Lewiston settlement east of Murray, passed away at his home Sunday morning at 3 o'clock from a very severe attack of pneumonia from which he has been suffering for the past week.

The deceased was born near Cedar Creek some 38 years ago and has lived for his entire lifetime in this community, highly esteemed and respected by his friends and associates. Mr. Lillie was married here fifteen years ago to Miss Minnie Doering, who, with the five children, remains to mourn his sudden taking away. The aged mother, Mrs. Justus Lillie is also left to share the grief that his death has brought, the father having preceded him in death some three years ago. One half-brother, Albert Lillie and a cousin, Miss Marie Kaufmann also survive him.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Lewiston church and the body will then be brought to Plattsmouth to the home of his mother where the eldest son of Mr. Lillie has been sick for some time and here a short service will be held at 1 o'clock and the interment made at Oak Hill cemetery.

EXCURSION CAMPAIGN ON

From Monday's Daily—
Mr. D. Huston of Pawnee City, who was formerly with the business house of F. H. Barclay, former president of the Nebraska Retail Clothiers, is here and will in the next few weeks stage an excursion campaign which will center on the Ladies' Toggery of which Fred P. Busch is manager. There will be more details of the campaign given later as Mr. Huston gets his plans under way and it gives promise of being one of the big trade events of the late winter and spring and is something new that will prove to the greatest advantage of all those loving in the Plattsmouth trade territory.

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INCREASE FOR THE NEW MASONIC HOME BUILDING

Total Sum Now Planned Will Reach Reach \$125,000 in Completing the Infirmary Unit.

From Monday's Daily—
A little idea of what the future holds in the way of expansion of the plant at the Nebraska Masonic Home may be gained from the fact that at the annual meeting of the Masonic Home association in Omaha last week it was voted to spend the sum of \$125,000 in the new infirmary unit of the Masonic Home building which it is planned to erect here the coming summer.

The building originally called for \$30,000 and has been increased as the board has covered the needs of the future of the Home and now is three times the original amount and assures a building that will be a credit to the Masonic order and a great addition to this city.

With the improvements being made that will make the Home here one of the finest of its kind in the state, the Plattsmouth citizens will certainly be willing and ready to do all possible to help advance the work and give the Home all the aid they can.

FINE FRUIT FROM TEXAS

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Journal publisher is in receipt of a box of mighty fine fruit, consisting of oranges, grapefruit and lemons, from the Rio Grande valley, Texas, as a present from our excellent old friend, A. C. Mutz, of this city, who has been selling lands in that locality for the past few years. This box of fruit was grown on the farm of Charles J. Volz, near Mission, Texas, and in our judgment is much better than the famous California and Florida fruit. Mr. Volz says he went to Texas a few years ago and bought this tract of land, went into debt for the purchase price as well as carried numerous obligations from his former home. This kind of prosperity for him has lifted all his debts and placed money in the bank to his credit. Many others have done the same in the Rio Grande valley. Several pieces of land have been sold to Cass county people and all seem well pleased. Mr