

MAT IS TURNED DOWN

S. R. Rush of Omaha is Appointed Assistant District Attorney.

ARRESTED ON A GRAVE CHARGE

Eddie Wooster, a Former Plattsmouth Boy, is Charged With Rape at Nebraska City—Other Items of Public Interest.

Matt Spoke His Sentiments.

The announcement that U. S. District Attorney Sawyer had appointed Matthew Gering as his first assistant appears to have been a trifle previous. The following from the Bee explains the unexpected turn:

S. R. Rush of this city has been appointed assistant United States district attorney, under A. J. Sawyer, and was sworn in yesterday. The appointment was received Monday afternoon at Lincoln, and was forwarded by mail by Mr. Snell to the district attorney here. By the way, there is a little story of political uncertainty in connection with this appointment. It will be remembered that Matt Gering of Plattsmouth, who was the democratic nominee last year for attorney general, was a candidate later on for the district attorneyship, and when Mr. Sawyer harvested that plum, Mr. Gering concluded that he would take the place of assistant, provided he could get it. Every thing looked lovely, so much so, in fact, that it was given out that he was about to remove to this city. His candidacy was smiled on by Mr. Sawyer, who went so far as to endorse him for the position and the recommendation was forwarded to Washington.

The appointment was about to be made, but it so happened that during the recent municipal campaign at South Omaha Gering was induced to go down there one night and make a speech at a political rally. It was a sorry night for him, for under the subtle influences that sometimes turn up at a democratic pow-wow he jumped onto the administration at Washington and ripped it up the back until the sawdust stuffing flew in all directions. Mr. Sawyer was apprised of what had transpired and a telegram was hastily sped on its way to the national capital revoking the endorsement and recommendation previously sent there. Other matters of a personal nature were brought to the attention of Gering's backers and it was concluded that he had infirmities as well as strong points. On these it was quietly given out that the change in position was based, but the speech at South Omaha was what did the business. Suffice to say Mr. Gering didn't get the "job," and Mr. Rush was speedily grabbed up as next in line.

Naughty Eddie Wooster.

Tuesday's Nebraska City News says: "Ed. Wooster, a young son of Capt. T. K. Wooster, who is employed on the B. & M. bridge gang, attended the dance at the Standard last night and there met Miss Kate Felthausen. He induced the young lady to permit him to escort her home, and while on North Sixth street he made a savage attempt to rape the young lady. After making indecent proposals he caught the girl in his arms and carried her to a secluded spot and threw her forcibly to the ground, but the young lady would not submit to such proceedings and yelled so lustily for help that Wooster was glad to let her go on her way home.

"This morning Miss Felthausen went before County Attorney Morgan and had him draw a warrant for Wooster, but as the latter had gone to Peru he was not placed under arrest. Wooster's friends claim that he was drunk when he made the assault."

Eddie Wooster formerly lived with his parents in this city, but that was thirteen years ago, and the only recollection Plattsmouth people have of him is as a child in pinafores. The charge against him is a very serious one, and for the sake of his parents, who are respectable people, who hope that he is not guilty.

The Nebraska City News says: "Of late the Missouri Pacific has had several cars of merchandise broken open at this point, but despite the efforts of their special officers no trace could be found of the guilty parties. Saturday night another car was broken open at Union."

It is reported that a company of "Coxeyites" are at Hastings, and that they threaten to emulate Kelly by building a fleet of flat-boats and floating down the Platte river. If they ever embark on the Platte they will gain an experience that will fill their souls with grief, because navigation on the Platte river is pretty much hard work.

A farmer near Callaway, Neb., advertised for a wife, and had a delightful courtship by mail with a Michigan woman, lasting ninety days. Then he sent her money to pay her fare to Callaway and buy a tresson. He got an answer saying that she had decided to remain single, but would keep the money.

A Sad Fatality.

A heartrending accident occurred at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday in the B. & M. yards at Omaha near Fifth and Pierce streets. Barbara Zarubi, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Albert Zarubi, residing on Second street, on the low river bottoms, was instantly killed, being run over by switch engine No. 6, on the Burlington track. The girl's parents are in indigent circumstances and she has made daily visits to up-town hotels for table scraps of food for several months. She had completed her rounds and was upon her return trip home with a basket of provisions. It is the custom of the people living in the southeast bottoms to use the railroad track as the nearest route in going to and from home to the business portion of the city. The girl was hurrying homeward to provide the family with a morning meal, unmindful of any possible danger and did not hear the signal given by the engine. A sweeping curve in the track at the point where the fatality occurred prevented Engineer Fred Miller from seeing the girl and stopping the engine before it struck her. The heavy wheels of the engine passed over the prostrate form, crushing it into a lifeless mass of flesh and bones and strewn portions of the limbs along the track. Mr. and Mrs. Zarubi were waiting, in ignorance of what had befallen their daughter, when a messenger came to break the news. The scene that followed in that little cottage on the river bank was painful in the extreme.

THE A. P. A. PLATFORM.

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal.

The supreme council of the American protective association has deemed the time opportune for an authoritative declaration of its principles. While the declaration is characterized as an "important document in every way," it can scarcely be claimed that it adds anything to our previous stores of knowledge, unless it be with reference to matters of detail which the council had just agreed on. As to the general character and purposes of the association, the official declaration is precisely in line with our previous information.

Formal declarations of principles are not always entirely trustworthy. They are too apt to be shaped by considerations of policy. They are frequently incomplete, evasive and insincere. This is especially true of the public deliverances of a secret, oath-bound political society. The air of mystery that is thrown around it implies that it is deemed imprudent to give the public in plain, unvarnished terms an account of its views and purposes. Its public utterances are framed on the model of the address of the spider to the fly, with the object of promoting visits to its "dismal den," where the proceedings are altogether different from what the visitor had expected.

In the declaration put out at Des Moines much care has been taken to sugar-coat the principles of the A. P. A. They are stated argumentatively and evasively. It begins by a profession in favor of true "Americanism," without distinction of birthplace, race, creed or party. The Courier-Journal has frequently had occasion to call attention to the fondness of the term "Americanism" manifested by various classes of people who are trying to fasten upon our institutions principles and practices borrowed from the despotic governments of other lands. It is a term which they interpret among themselves and is, in their opinion, well calculated for purposes of deception. As all persons of experience at once distrust a man who affects the prefix of "honest" to his name, so it is safe to suspect that a party that is always talking of "Americanism" is conscious that it is advocating an un-American policy. Really honest men and honest Americans usually take their honesty and Americanism for granted, and expect other men to do the same. The declaration that real Americanism knows no creed is true in the abstract, but it comes with bad grace from an organization whose only reason for being is a desire to discriminate against the votaries of a particular creed.

The declaration that the A. P. A. is not a political party, to which we have been treated in former statements of its views, is now tempered with the admission that it teaches its members to be intensely active in the discharge of their political duties. This is but another way of saying, what is the fact, that its whole object is to control the political action of its members. Now it is thoroughly well known that the democratic party is irrevocably committed, by its history, traditions and express declarations, to undying opposition to any religious test for office. The political activity of the A. P. A., therefore, can only be in the interest of one of the leading political parties. It is an insult to the intelligence of its founders and promoters to assume that they do not know this. Its declaration on the subject of creeds is as follows: "While tolerant of all creeds, it holds that subjection to and support of any ecclesiastical power not created and controlled by American citizens, and which claims equal, if not greater, sovereignty than the government of the

United States of America, is irreconcilable with American citizenship. It is, therefore, opposed to the holding of offices in the national, state or municipal government by any subject or supporter of such ecclesiastical power."

This is argumentative and evasive, but there is no doubt as to the meaning that its authors attach to it. Stripped of its verbiage and false pretenses, it means that the A. P. A. desires to deprive every Roman Catholic of the right to hold any office, even the humblest in a village. When they come to obligate a candidate they do not employ this circumlocution. They swear him not to vote for a Catholic. They leave him no avenue to escape by putting his own construction on the plank of the platform.

Democrats should not allow themselves to be deceived by the hypocritical pretenses of this organization. It is a mere recruiting office for the republican party. That it is so intended by the more sagacious of its leaders admits of no doubt. The organization itself will speedily run its predestined course to extinction. It is impossible for the democratic party ever to sanction its aims or its methods, and no body knows that better than the men who control it.

GOV. WAITE is having more trouble with bull-headed state officials who refuse to be removed from office. The warden and commissioners of the penitentiary, whom he displaced some days ago, have barricaded themselves behind the heavy walls of Colorado's penal institution and, backed by the armed penitentiary guards, defy the governor and the state troops. As Colorado has no siege guns the governor will probably be obliged to starve out the entrenched rebels. And in doing that he would also starve out the prisoners, which would be unjust and cruel. All in all, the governor would seem to be confronted with a harder proposition than he was when the police commissioners defied his authority.

UNANIMITY IN JURIES.

Congressman Bryan, says the St. Louis Republic, is an active reformer. He has introduced a bill to allow verdicts by a three-fourths jury vote in civil cases before federal courts.

An inconsistency of our litigation is that men are willing to submit disputes involving millions to arbitrators, who decide by majorities, and courts habitually encourage the reference of important property differences to the same mode of decision, while jury laws in all but two or three states stick to the old rule of a unanimous vote of twelve men.

Probably in the long run a fair average of justice is secured under the old custom of requiring unanimity, but there is not a practicing lawyer in the country who cannot tell stories of laughable miscarriages. One fool on a jury—and it is a good jury that has only one—can force a verdict which is not law, rhyme or reason.

Mr. Bryan's bill will hardly pass. The fact that nobody questions its merits does not help it much. Juries are not issues before the people of any district, and congressmen will not take the trouble to carry through a measure which has no body of voters and no private interest behind it.

Reed Feels Better.

St. Louis Republic.

Another pull of the protectionists altogether and Tom Reed's alarm at the "omnivorous west" will be calmed. The trusts will be able to command the home market and hurl their power against the building of new manufacturing nearer the markets and sources of supply.

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AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT.

The defendant in the bigamy case of the state vs. John D. Marshall made application in district court Saturday through his attorney, Byron Clark, that the \$200 recognizance recently declared forfeited be set aside. The application was made on the ground that the defendant had reappeared and was willing to pay the costs accrued in the lower court, which amounted to some \$31. Judge Chapman took the matter under advisement, but it is considered likely that the application will be allowed.

The divorce case of Louisa Forbes vs. Henry Forbes, tried before Judge Chapman Tuesday afternoon, has been taken under advisement. The interested parties live near Elmwood.

Judge Chapman handed a down decision in the Bonacum-Corbett case Wednesday on the motion to dissolve the injunction. As the case is to be tried in Otoe county, where proceedings have been instituted to oust Corbett the decision Wednesday was to the effect that the injunction would stand until the case was heard on that point at Nebraska City. The case will be tried on its merits in Otoe county on June 6th.

COUNTY COURT.

Adolf Vogtman, a thirteen-year-old boy, was arraigned before County Judge Ramsey last Saturday on the complaint of his parents that he was incorrigible. The court heard the parents' story and ordered him sent to the Kerney reform school. Sheriff Eikenbary departed with the boy on Monday.

Attorney Graves, counsel for Mr. Hawkins in the Tutt-Hawkins councilmanic contest case, filed a demur to the contestant's petition in county court, alleging in the demur that the court had no jurisdiction and that the allegations therein set forth did not constitute just cause of action. The question was argued immediately after the filing of the demur and resulted in Judge Ramsey overruling the demur.

JUSTICE ARCHER'S COURT.

Night Watchman Fred Woodson has entered complaint in police court charging Mel Jean with assault with intent to do bodily injury. The hearing of the case has been set for Monday, May 21st.

Mel Jean appeared before Judge Archer last Saturday and pleaded guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace, and the judge assessed a fine of \$1 and costs, amounting to \$8.55. The young man's father became security and he was released. In passing sentence the judge remarked that the fine would have been much heavier if the prisoner would have to pay it himself.

COURT ROOM NOTES.

Wm. McCarthy finished serving a jail sentence Friday, and was immediately re-arrested on the warrant sworn out by Oswald Guthman, which charges him with threatening to kill. His case was not finally disposed of, but he will have to appear before the district court and explain.

The plaintiff in the suit of Luther C. Humphrey vs. the Chase Manufacturing company, of Weeping Water, has made application that the affairs of the defendant concern be closed up, and District Judge Chapman has accordingly ordered that the receiver, R. W. Hyers, prepare his final report and file the same at the earliest possible date with the court.

The South Bend church squabble, which has been in the courts for the past two years, has been amicably settled. The case was to be heard in court Wednesday, and Dr. A. Kirk, one of the parties, was to appear and show cause why he should not be fined for contempt for disregarding the court's injunction restraining him from holding services in the church building. But the warring factions reached an agreement whereby each side was to alternate in holding services in the church on Sundays, and the case is at an end.

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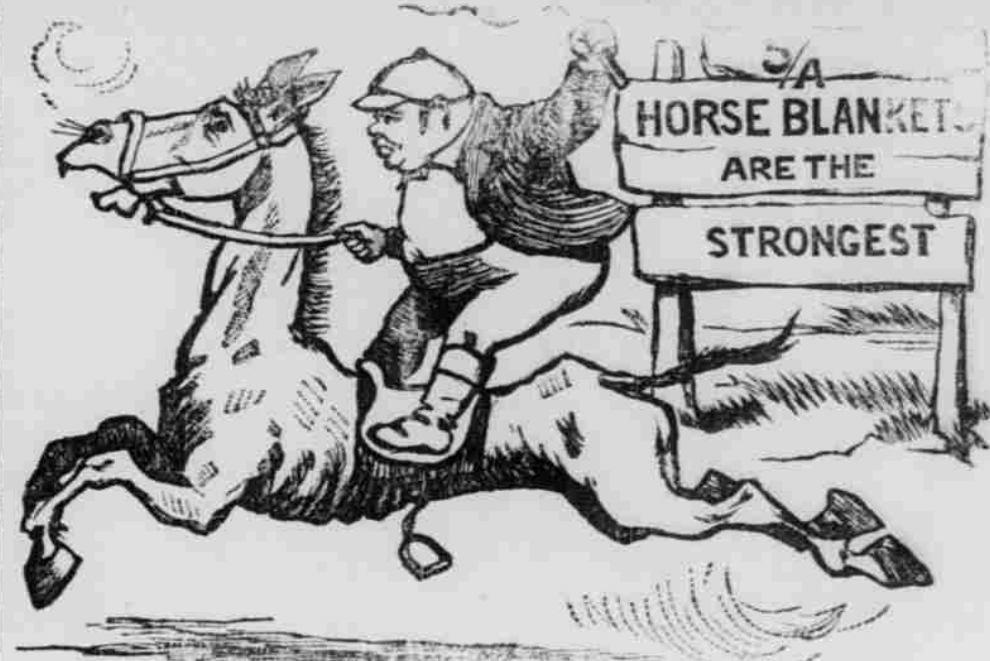
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