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EDEN RIGGS NOT GUILTY

Charged With Raising a \$1 Bill to a \$5.

MANY WITNESSES TESTIFY.

Three Hundred People at the Trial of the Young Man at Ewing and All Were Glad When Judge Selah Decided He Could Not be Held.

Ewing, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: The preliminary hearing of Eden Riggs, the 18-year-old boy from Orchard, who was charged with having raised a \$1 bill to a \$5, was held before J. D. Selah, justice of the peace, County Attorney Arthur F. Mullen prosecuting, and J. A. and J. N. Trommershauser for the defense. The court found that the evidence was not sufficient to bind the young man over to the district court, and he was dismissed, with satisfaction to the 300 people attending the trial.

The Story.

In payment for his dinner at the restaurant of Mrs. Soran Peterson last Friday Riggs tendered what he supposed to be a \$5 bill in payment, and received \$4.75 in silver. About twenty minutes later a \$1 bill that had been raised to \$5 was discovered in the cash register and it was supposed that it had been passed by Riggs, but the evidence was not positive on this point. Riggs denied that he had had such a bill in his possession, but that if he did have it he had no knowledge that it had been raised. If he had such a bill he had received it with six other similar bills from the bank of Orchard on the preceding day in payment of a draft for \$35. He had received a \$1 bill at Orchard, but this had been forwarded to parties in Illinois.

A large number of witnesses were present from Orchard to testify to the good name and reputation of the young man. Among the witnesses was the young man's brother, Andrew Riggs of Spencer, and the following from Orchard: The cashier of the bank, J. W. Mitchell, merchant; James Alexander, merchant; Wm. Davidson, merchant; C. O. Shane, farmer; David Rost, lumberman; Carlton Taylor, hiveryman; Loren Batty, hiveryman; C. E. Reyor, stock buyer; Z. T. Hicks, stock buyer; Wm. Miller, merchant, and Rev. W. E. Dunlap, pastor of the U. P. church.

The case for the state was vigorously prosecuted, while the defense was conducted with characteristic dispatch and conviction by the young man's counsel.

When Justice Selah announced that from the evidence he could not bind the defendant over to the district court, it met with the entire approval of the 300 people who had been attracted to court by the case, and they showed their feelings by vigorous applause.

NEBRASKA FARMER HUNG HIMSELF

Man Named Black, at Doniphan, Sui-cides in Barn Without Any Apparent Reason.

Doniphan, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: Farmer Black hung himself in his barn here this morning. No reason is known for the suicide.

THREE WOMEN BURN TO DEATH

Mrs. Wardle and Two Daughters Were Killed in Flames at Their Own Home Today.

Terre Haute, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Wardle and two daughters were burned to death in their home here this morning. The house took fire and before they could be aroused and gotten out, they had been killed by the smoke and flames.

TAKES A LONG WALK.

Roumanian on a Pedestrian Tour Around the World.

New York, Jan. 14.—Dr. Oskar Radvanen, of Bucharest, Roumania, arrived on the steamship Umbria from Liverpool with a big book of newspaper clippings and autograph letters under his arm, and proceeded at once to police headquarters to secure Commissioner McAdoo's testimonial to the fact that he had reached New York. With the aid of an interpreter it was learned that the caller is on his way around the world, and the book of clippings indicated that he had met with many interesting adventures in his tour to date.

Dr. Radvanen said in the summer of 1900 he was a student in the University of Bucharest when a jockey club, wishing to encourage the gathering of useful information for Roumania, offered a prize of \$250,000 for the man who would walk around the world in eight years. He started July 16, 1900. He will walk to San Francisco.

OPEN SWITCH NEARLY WRECKED

Speed of Illinois Central Train is All That Carried it Safely Through.

Glen Carbon, Ill., Jan. 14.—The Illinois Central flyer was all but wrecked here today in passing over an open switch. The speed of the heavy train is all that carried it safely over the break.

Lima Poultry Show.

Lima, O., Jan. 14.—The Lima Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association is gratified at the success attending the opening today of its first exhibition. The exhibition has an entry list of several thousand and includes the finest specimens of fancy bred chickens, geese, turkeys and other fowl. The department devoted to rabbits, dogs and other pet stock is also well filled and the exhibits are of a high class. The show will continue through the remainder of the week and all indications point to a large attendance.

WAS SHOT THROUGH HIS LEG

Harry Schneider of Battle Creek Received a Bullet from a Rifle in the Hands of a Companion.

Battle Creek, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: Harry Schneider, thirteen years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schneider, is suffering from a wound above his knee made by the bullet from a 22-calibre rifle.

The Schneider boy was playing with some companions, one of whom had the rifle, when the gun was discharged and the bullet entered the young man's leg two inches above the knee, barely missing the bone and a large artery. Dr. Danied was summoned and dressed the wound, and the boy is getting along nicely.

JAPAN REITERATES ITS DEMANDS

Another Note Has Been Addressed to Russia Making Same Requisition as that Preceding.

London, Jan. 14.—Reports from Tokio are to the effect that the Japanese government has sent another note to Russia reiterating the demands made in a previous communication to the government and requesting an answer to the terms imposed.

PEOPLE CALL.

National Committeemen are Asked to Meet in St. Louis Feb. 22.

Lincoln, Jan. 14.—The national committee of the people's party is called to meet at St. Louis, February 22, for the purpose of issuing a call and designating a place for the people's party national convention, at which a presidential and vice-presidential candidate are to be placed in nomination by the party. The call was issued by Vice-Chairman J. H. Edmisten of the national committee.

AGAIN PREVENTING FUNERALS

Strike of the Drivers of Chicago is Resumed After the Iroquois Disaster.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The strike of the drivers' union has been resumed in this city and again funerals are almost an impossible thing. The strike was momentarily declared off because of the terrible death list in the Iroquois theater, but now that the victims of that fire have been buried, the drivers are again holding out.

REROLLING MILLS TO MERGE.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—Officials of the rail rolling companies of the United States are in conference here today with a view to bringing about a closer relationship among the various concerns. The mills represented at the conference are those located at Cambridge, O., Huntington, W. Va., Cumberland, Md., Fairmont, W. Va., Buffalo, N. Y., Clearfield, Pa., and Atlanta, Ga. One of the principal objects of organization is to save freights on both raw and finished material, and buy rolling mills from all the railroads, selling the rolled rails to mills, lumber camps, etc.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER ARRESTED.

Cambridge, Neb., Jan. 14.—A United States deputy marshal has had a warrant issued for the arrest of Enoch Perkins, a well-to-do farmer of the vicinity of Earl, a country postoffice about fifteen miles north of Cambridge. Perkins is charged with having counterfeited \$10 gold coins and with passing the same. Mr. Perkins was taken to Holdrege by the deputy United States marshal to await a hearing.

TRAINS CANNOT MAKE UP TIME

Chicago & Northwestern Prohibits Running Faster than the Schedule.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The Chicago & Northwestern railway has issued an order that under no circumstances shall passenger trains exceed their scheduled speed. No matter how late a train may be the engineer must not make up time by running faster than his schedule calls for. All trains that become late on any portion of their trip must arrive at destinations late. The explanation is that the management does not desire to risk disaster which might occur on account of fast running to make up lost time.

OMAHANS ON AUTO TRIP.

Schuyler, Neb., Jan. 14.—Roy Austin and a party from Omaha passed through Schuyler in an automobile on their way to Omaha from Alton. They covered the distance from Rogers to Schuyler, eight miles, in fourteen minutes.

RUNAWAY AT CREIGHTON

Two Buggies Run Down and Two Women Thrown Out.

NEITHER SERIOUSLY HURT.

Dr. Disbrow's Horses Were Frightened at the Lumber Yard and Took a Disastrous Spin Through the Town. Ran Two Miles Into the Country.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: The team of Dr. A. E. Disbrow, and in charge of his hired man, had an exciting and disastrous runaway yesterday afternoon. The wagon was being loaded with lumber at the Horton yards, when a falling board frightened the horses and they dashed out of the yard and up the street toward the business portion of the city. The frightened animals crashed into the buggy occupied by Mrs. Avery who was just driving in. The front wheels of the buggy were smashed to splinters and Mrs. Avery was thrown out, falling on her head. Her horse was not frightened, and fortunately Mrs. Avery's injuries were not serious.

The Disbrow team proceeded on up town after this collision and in turning the corner at Erwin & Erwin's store encountered another buggy that contained Mr. Sherline and his sister, from Winnetoon. They had just driven in and were about to hitch, but neither had got out of the buggy when the runaways crashed into the hind wheels. Miss Sherline was thrown out over the front wheels and was stunned, but soon recovered. Her brother remained in the buggy and the buggy were broken, also both reached and pole circle, so that it was very fortunate that neither of the occupants were seriously injured. The team was caught after a run of two miles into the country.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL.

Creighton Fire Fighters Give Their Tenth Annual.

Creighton, Neb., Jan. 14.—Special to The News: The Creighton firemen will give their tenth annual ball in this city tomorrow night and a big time is anticipated by the fire boys and their friends. The Collins Bros.' orchestra of Marcus, Iowa, has been engaged to furnish the music.

CONNOLLY TO TACKLE MELLODY.

Boston, Jan. 14.—Eddie Connolly, who was knocked out by Charley Hittie, of Albany, two weeks ago, is to tackle Billy Melloy in a 10-round bout here tonight. The contest is to be the chief feature of the weekly boxing show of the Lenox Athletic club.

ARE PUZZLED ABOUT THEIR PAY

County Commissioners in Nebraska Don't Know for Sure Just What They Will Get.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 14.—The legislature passed at the last session a measure to regulate the salaries of county commissioners. After struggling with the law for some time, the attorney general has announced that the matter be taken to the courts for final interpretation.

The section of the law alleged to be defective is as follows: "County commissioners shall each be allowed for the time they shall be necessarily employed in the duties of the office the sum of \$3 per day and 5 cents per mile, to be paid out of the general county fund; Provided, further, that the total or maximum amount of compensation, including mileage and per diem, to be paid to or drawn by any other commissioner or member of a board of supervisors in the state shall not exceed the following amount per annum: In counties having over 40,000 inhabitants and less than 60,000 inhabitants, \$800; in counties having over 20,000 inhabitants and less than 40,000 inhabitants, \$500; that in counties not under township organization that the maximum amount received by each member shall not exceed \$1,000; in counties having over 10,000 inhabitants and less than 20,000 inhabitants, \$300; in counties not under township organization and the maximum amount received by each member shall not exceed \$500, and in all counties having less than 10,000 inhabitants, \$200."

Attorney General Proust has submitted the following opinion to the county attorney of Boone county, as being the proper interpretation for counties not under township organization, having more than 10,000 and less than 20,000 inhabitants:

"The intent to fix a limit to the amount of the officer's compensation is clear, because it is so declared in the title of the bill and in the act itself. What that limit is, however, is far from clear. I do not know of any other statute which appears to be so full of contradictions on a simple subject of legislation. Section 22 of the statute on fees appears to contain three different provisions limiting the amount a county commissioner may receive in such county. They are as follows:

"That in counties not under township organization the maximum amount received by each member shall not exceed \$1,000.

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In Cass county, having more than 20,000 and less than 40,000 population, the commissioners thought they were entitled to \$1,000, but the attorney general ruled that they could not draw more than \$500.

PLAINVIEW BUSINESS CHANGES

C. M. Hall & Sons Sell Their Shop and Grocery and Will go to Lincoln.

Plainview, Neb., Jan. 14.—Several changes in business have just been made in Plainview. The firm of C. M. Hall & Sons has sold its grocery store and meat market to George Kirk. The Hall residence has been sold to N. P. Jeppessen. Hall & Sons will go to Lincoln, Neb., to engage in the same business there.

The grocery store of A. C. Miller & Co. has been sold to N. P. Jeppessen. The bakery and restaurant of R. J. Jewell has been sold to Mr. Zilber from Ewing, who will take possession about the first of next week.

INDIANS HAVE TURNED CANNIBAL

Starvation at Lake Nipige Causes Natives to Eat Human Flesh to Preserve Life.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 14.—It is reported that the Indians in the vicinity of Lake Nipige are in sore distress owing to the famine that has been prevailing there, and that they have been driven to cannibalism, eating the flesh of other Indians.

Maryland Horticulturists.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 14.—An excellent program has been arranged for the sixth annual meeting of the Maryland Horticultural society, which opened in Baltimore today with a large attendance. Prominent among those to address the convention are Prof. W. F. Massey of the North Carolina Experiment station, Prof. F. A. Waugh of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, and Dr. H. J. Webber, chief of the laboratory of plant breeding in the United States department of agriculture.

SCHOOL BOY'S SKULL FRACTURED

A Fight Over a Shinney Club at Fremont, Has Almost Fatal Termination.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 14.—A boy's quarrel between Lawrence Sanders and Lloyd Sterner, pupils at the Central school, resulted in the serious injury of the latter by a shinney club in the hands of the former. Young Sterner was knocked unconscious, and when first picked up was thought to be dead. He remained in a state of stupor for several hours, but finally regained his faculties after an operation by two surgeons for the removal of broken pieces of bone. Today his condition was such as to justify hopes of his recovery.

The two boys had been having some trouble over a shinney stick a few moments before Sterner was hurt. He had secured possession of the disputed property and was walking away from the school grounds, when Sanders ran up behind him and struck him with another stick he had secured. Sterner fell to the ground on his face and did not move. The place where the skull was fractured was on the right side of the boy's head and behind the ear. The blow might easily have caused his death.

The Sterner boy is 14 years of age, while young Sanders is two years his junior.

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD.

Milwaukee, Jan. 14.—Officers of the Wisconsin National guard assembled in annual convention here today in response to the call of Adj. Gen. Boardman. Camp morals, the care and repair of the magazine rifle, and athletics in the national guard were some of the subjects discussed during the day. The convention will close tomorrow.

FAVORS OPENING RESERVATION

Report of Indian Commissioner Jones Favors Offering the Indians \$2.50 Per Acre.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The following report, favorable to the Rosebud reservation, has been sent in by Commissioner Jones:

"As a general proposition the Indian office has to say that after careful and mature consideration the time has come when congress and the Indian department are warranted in administering the tribal relations of Indians in the United States, including the matter of disposing of as much of their lands as they do not need and do not use, without consulting the Indians. It must be assumed, of course, in the adoption of such a policy that these charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Indians will act in every instance in perfect good faith, and will see that the rights and interests of the Indians are fully preserved and enforced."

LIVED HIGH ON NOTHING

Miniature Humbert Case in the German Capital.

BANKERS HAVE BEEN DUPED

Professor Meyer and His Pretty Young Wife Had a Good Time Until the Crash Came—The Couple is Now Under Arrest on Several Charges.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—A miniature Humbert case is just now a subject of much discussion in certain Berlin circles. Prof. Moritz Meyer, sixty-three years of age, and his pretty wife, who is forty years younger, have been arrested on charges of obtaining goods and money under false pretenses, and also with perjury and procuring. Dr. Meyer, who was formerly a lecturer on political economy at the technical high school at Charlottenburg, and is, besides, a well known author, was mixed up in the Cased and Leipzig bank failure. Two years ago he married his present wife, who was then a music hall artiste. The unqually-matched pair began their married life by contracting large debts, and it is alleged that the young wife obtained large amounts of jewelry on credit from fashionable shops in Berlin. She was always elegantly dressed, and it is stated that she could obtain anything on credit at the best milliners and dressmakers. At their elegant home—also furnished on credit—they entertained most lavishly. Now the crash has come and scores of shopkeepers and tradesmen and several bankers as well have found they were but the dupes of a pair of clever swindlers who did not hesitate at any means to gratify their luxurious tastes.

Fairbanks-Cassidy Wedding.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—In St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal church today, Miss Helen Ethel Cassidy became the bride of Warren Fairbanks, of Chicago, son of United States Senator Fairbanks of Indiana. The ceremony was largely attended by prominent society people of Washington, Indianapolis, Chicago and this city.

There was a long bridal train, the bride's eight attendants being Mrs. Carroll, matron of honor; Miss Anabel Whitney Bagaley, Miss Mary Mellon, Miss Edna McKay, Miss Gladys Painter, Miss Alberta Harper, Miss Ella Cassidy and Miss Helen Metcalf, all of Pittsburg. Mr. Fairbanks had as his best man his brother, Frederick C. Fairbanks, while the ushers included Frederick D. Watson and John D. Thompson, of Indianapolis; Samuel Suttin, of Cincinnati; Dr. Walter Wickes of Baltimore, and F. Cobb Coleman of Chicago.

PLAN IS NOT A POPULAR ONE

The Scheme to Have All Six Congressional Conventions at One Place Unlikely.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 14.—The chances are that the plan proposed by some Omaha friends and supporters of John L. Webster, by which the congressional conventions of the six districts are to be held at the same time as the state convention, does not meet with much favor among republicans here at the capital. Just how it will be regarded in other parts of the state is not known.

The plan is that the same delegates shall be selected for the congressional conventions as for the state convention, and that as soon as the latter gets through its deliberations, the gathering is to break up into groups and these will proceed to transact the business of each district.

The object sought by this method is to secure the solid delegation for Mr. Webster. The state convention selects but four of the sixteen delegates to Chicago, and even if Mr. Webster captures these he is quite certain to fall down on some one or more of the district conventions. To carry them he would find it necessary to go to the expense and trouble of sending emissaries and lobbyists to each district convention and there strive to secure endorsements. He is not so very well known in some of the districts and it would be an uphill job. Without a solid delegation behind him, his chances would be much less than they are now.

It would naturally follow, of course, that if the state convention, made up of the same men as compose the district conventions, endorsed Webster the district conventions would, when the same men met later in the day, perform the same pleasing task for him. In support of this plan it is urged that it is a useless expense to elect two sets of delegates and to hold two sets of conventions, when there is nothing for the congressional conventions to do save to renominate the present incumbents. This is true, with the exception of the second district now represented by a fusionist, Buckett, McCarthy, Hinshaw, Norris and Kinkaid will have no opposition, but a pretty fight is scheduled for the Omaha district.

Will Talk About Drainage.

Ames, Ia., Jan. 14.—The Iowa state

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 o'clock this Morning. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	43
Minimum	29
Average	31
Total snowfall for month	4.25
Total precipitation for month	.26
Barometer	29.86

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Fair tonight and Friday. Warmer west portion tonight.

drainage convention to be held at the state agricultural college tomorrow and Saturday promises to be the most important gathering of its kind ever held in this part of the country. Drainage engineering and its practical application to the ordinary farm will be one of the chief matters considered. A number of drainage experts of Iowa, Illinois and other states will be present and address the convention.

THE CENTRAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Affairs Receive a Thorough Shaking up at the Meeting in Terre Haute Today.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 14.—The affairs of the Central Baseball league are to receive a thorough shaking-up at the meeting of the club owners and managers begun here today and it is likely the league will scarcely be able to identify itself if all the changes contemplated are made. In addition to electing new officers the meeting will consider and act upon a number of proposed changes in the circuit. Though the magnates declined to commit themselves prior to going into session behind closed doors it is regarded as a certainty that at least one and probably two of the cities in the circuit last year will not have franchises during the coming season. Grand Rapids is the city that will be dropped unless present plans go astray. There has been some talk of letting out Wheeling because of its distance from the other league cities, but as the Wheeling club is anxious to retain its membership and as moreover it is one of the best paying cities on the circuit it appears likely that it will retain its membership. There are many applicants for the vacant franchise or franchises, the most important being Peoria, Erie, Zanesville and Youngstown also have sent in applications. J. P. Keary of Chicago and Dr. Carson of South Bend remain the leading candidates for the presidency of the league and it is probable the choice will fall upon either one or the other of them.

Gov. Odell's Birthday.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Today is Governor Odell's fiftieth birthday. After a pleasant family recognition of the day at the executive mansion he went to the capitol, where, in honor of the occasion, the office force had decorated his desk, and where he was the subject of congratulations. Tonight the governor will be one of the guests of honor at the annual banquet of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

A KISSER AT LARGE.

Lays in Wait for Women During Early Hours of the Evening.

Wahoo, Neb., Jan. 14.—During the past week a number of ladies of this city have been badly frightened while returning home in the evenings by some unknown man jumping out from a shadow and attempting to kiss them. One evening the first of the week a young married lady was returning home and was just turning into the yard when a man grabbed her. The lady is quite large and got loose from the man, grabbed him by the collar and gave him several hard blows in the face. The man was frightened by her cries and escaped. Several cases have been reported to the authorities and in all cases the assailant was worsted. The authorities are determined to find the offenders and have them prosecuted.

GOV. A. B. CUMMINS INAUGURATED

Iowa's Chief Executive Takes Oath of Office for the Second Time Today. Crowd at Ceremony.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 14.—Albert B. Cummins took the oath of office as governor of Iowa for the second time today. With him the newly elected lieutenant governor also assumed official authority. The ceremony took place in the profusely decorated auditorium of Paster's opera house before a large audience that included state officials, members of the legislature and others.

Southern Harness Men.

Waco, Texas, Jan. 14.—The convention of the Southwestern Saddlers and Harness Makers' association which began in Waco today is the largest meeting ever held by the organization. Many questions of interest to the trade are scheduled for discussion during the several days the convention will be in session.