

COOLEY DECLARED INNOCENT

Jury Decides He Did Not Embezzle Funds of Road He Represented.

ACCUSED ACCEPTS GOOD NEWS CALMLY

Jury Returns Out Nearly Twenty-Four Hours Deliberating Over the Evidence Adduced During the Trial.

Thomas H. Cooley, ex-cashier for the Minneapolis & Omaha road in this city, who has been on trial in Judge Baker's court for several days, charged with embezzlement of railroad funds, walks away from the court house yesterday morning free man.

The jury brought in a verdict at 9:30 o'clock declaring Cooley not guilty. There was no demonstration when the verdict was read. Cooley remained as calm as though he were a disinterested spectator. He hurried away, saying he must go to work.

The jury had a somewhat tempestuous time during the night. It is said that the first ballot stood six for acquittal, five for conviction and one blank. Ballot after ballot was taken without change, but finally those who opposed acquittal began to yield and at 2:30 o'clock in the morning an agreement was reached. The court was not in session at that hour, so the verdict was held until morning. The agreement was reached on the twenty-sixth ballot.

Several features combined to add interest to the trial of Cooley. When the case was called last Monday he did not appear, and it was supposed that he had "jumped the town," as the police say when they mean that a defendant has fled. Judge Baker declared the bond forfeited and a capias was issued. It developed Tuesday morning that Cooley had not left town and that he would have appeared in court for trial but for the fact that he had not received official notice of the date of trial, and the first he knew of his bond forfeiture was when he read it in the newspapers. He was exonerated as to forfeiture and the trial proceeded.

Another sensational feature of the trial was the introduction in evidence of a letter written by Cooley to Robert Miles, assistant cashier of the Minneapolis & Omaha road, in which Cooley asserted that the shortage had been handled down to him by a predecessor. This letter was written when Cooley believed himself to stand upon the brink of eternity, for shortly after writing it he made a desperate attempt at suicide and his life was saved by a narrow margin.

The contest between opposing counsel was so spirited that it fringed upon bitterness. Several times the court had to rebuke the attorneys rather sharply. Cooley is married and has a family of children. His wife, contrary to the general rule in criminal cases, did not appear in the court room during the trial.

DRIVEN TO SEN BY POVERTY.

Pathetic Plea Set Forth by Alleged Forger Before Judge Knapp.

Louis Knapp was before Judge Baker in the criminal court yesterday on the charge of forgery. He entered a plea of guilty and accompanied his plea with the explanation that he committed a wrong in order to save his wife from starvation.

"I was out of work—couldn't find a job anywhere," said Knapp, "and myself and wife were starving. I didn't care so much for myself, but I couldn't see her go hungry. I grew desperate; I committed forgery. Will the court be merciful to me?" Judge Baker gave Knapp a sentence of one year in the penitentiary, allowing credit for the time he has served in jail, which is two months. Knapp admits that he forged a check for \$15, using the name of P. M. Horn. He secured cash on the check.

She Will Try It Once More.

Mrs. Sarah Ver Mehren has for the second time within the last six months filed petition for divorce in the district court. Her man Ver Mehren is the accused husband. The allegations are numerous, cruelly being among the number. Mrs. Ver Mehren sets forth that her husband has repeatedly threatened her life and that he has in various ways heaped indignities upon her. This petition, however, is tame in comparison with the original document.

Judge Fawcett has granted a restraining order on application of Mrs. Ver Mehren, enjoining the defendant from in any manner interfering with her. The hearing is set for March 31 in Judge Fawcett's court.

Mrs. Bowman Wins Her Case.

Mrs. Fannie Bowman has been awarded judgment for \$1,500 in the district court on account of the drowning of her 8-year-old son in a pond at Twenty-eighth and Davenport streets seven years ago. The case has just been finished in Judge Baxter's court. It was tried several years ago, resulting in a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff. The defendant appealed to the supreme court, where judgment was reversed and the case remanded. City Attorney Connell has filed application for a new trial. The contention of the plaintiff was that damages were due from the city because the pond was created by street grading.

Arraigned Before Judge Baker.

Pleading guilty in Judge Baker's court brought on the usual number of alleged offenders. The list follows:

Elmer Woodern, Harry Shelly, Dock Sicker, burglary, plea not guilty; Thomas Carroll, burglary, plea not guilty; John Cochrane, assault, plea not guilty; Louis Fitter, larceny as bawler, plea not guilty; John Harder, assault, case dismissed; Mary Brown, petit larceny, nolle prosequi entered.

Notes of the Courts.

Ora Pearl Pardee has sued Louis Pardee for divorce, alleging non-support.

Ellen Short has been granted divorce from Calvin Short. General indignities were alleged.

The suit for adjustment of the estate of the late Lucy Ladd is still in progress before Judge Keyser.

Judge Baxter will go to Washington county to hold court Monday, and Judge Estelle will go to Hart county.

E. R. Meyers has been appointed executor of the estate of Esther Blinn, an aged woman who died a few weeks ago at Waterloo.

A writ of peremptory mandamus has been issued against the city of South Omaha to compel the council to levy a tax for the payment of a judgment which the court awarded Paul Elselder some time ago, in a suit for personal injury damages.

James Pruehl DeWolf, an octogenarian who is without means of support, is detained in the county jail pending the arrival of officers who will take him to his former home at Logan, Ind., where he will be examined as to sanity.

MAYOR'S HOLIDAY IS OVER Fully Restored to Health the Executive Takes Up Anew the Duties of His Office.

Mayor Moores has returned from a two weeks' outing and is busily engaged in diminishing the piles of mail accumulated during his absence. Some of the letters are from suplicants for political places; many others contain hearty congratulations on the outcome of the election from all parts of the country and added to these were scores of miscellaneous communications.

BARRETT FAMILY ONCE MORE

Man Whose Testimony Hanged His Brothers Back in Omaha.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY BURIED NEAR BARN

Coins Declared to Be Work of the McCarty Gang, Showing Connection Between Two Sets of Law-Breaking Families.

At the office of Captain John Webb are fifty-two counterfeit silver dollars, which were found this week in the rear of the home of Mrs. Ellen Barrett at 3704 South Twentieth street. The counterfeiters have been examined by experts and pronounced to be the work of the notorious McCarty gang, the chief of which, John McCarty, is now in the penitentiary for the term of five years, his sentence having been recently affirmed by the United States court of appeals.

The Barretts are all known in the criminal annals of several states. Two of them have paid the highest penalty for murder, being convicted upon the testimony of their brother, who was implicated in the murder, and who turned state's evidence to save his neck, and who later served time in the penitentiary for the crime of counterfeiting.

Mrs. Ellen Barrett, the mother of these three brothers and the owner of the property where the counterfeit money was found, is well known in police court circles as the keeper of a house where criminals made their home. In the palmy days of "Black Jack" McCarty he was a frequent visitor at the Barrett home, and it is believed that he was more or less connected with all the crimes of this family.

About ten years ago there was a series of robberies in Minneapolis, Minn., which, from their similarity, were laid to one gang. Street car conductors were robbed after dark, and in the last of these robberies a conductor, who resisted, was killed. Circumstances pointed to the Barrett brothers and they were arrested. Frank Barrett turned state's evidence, and upon his testimony his brothers were hanged. Frank Barrett returned to Omaha, where he lived with his mother until 1892, when he was arrested for counterfeiting, and through the efforts of the present deputy United States district attorney was sentenced to the penitentiary, his term expiring in about three months. Since coming to Omaha he has remained quiet, and the officers did not know that he was here until the discovery of the counterfeit money this week.

Frank Barrett is responsible for the discovery of the spurious coins. Frank Webber, son of a tenant of Mrs. Barrett, living at 3702 South Twentieth street, was coming home Tuesday evening when he saw apparently a silver dollar which had been scratched out of a pile of dirt by the chick-ens. He went into the yard to pick it up when he found forty-six more, which he took home. After waiting a couple of days he turned them over to the police of the city, and the money over to them. Further investigation developed five more counterfeit dollars, which have all been turned over to the federal secret service officer, who will send them to Washington. The counterfeit is good, the coins ringing almost true, and being of excellent workmanship. It is said by judges of these matters that the coins have been buried not more than two years, which would indicate that some one connected with the Barrett home other than Frank Barrett was interested in competing with the government in the manufacture of money.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The gospel meeting today at 4 o'clock will be held at the Y. W. C. A. building. The program for the evening will be given in the Young Women's Christian association gymnasium, which will be quite up to the high standard set by this association. The occasion is a recital given by Miss Alice Knapp, who will be assisted by others equally well known. The features of the program are: Piano solo, "By Moonlight," Handel—Miss Grace Hancock; baritone solo, "Song of Hyacinths the Crean," El-

Colonel Holliday Dying.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—Colonel Cyrus K. Holliday, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is reported to be dying today. He was the first of what is now the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway.

San Diego.

A crack shot among the Union Pacific firemen, has returned from a hunting trip to Central City. He brought with him five dozen ducks and three dozen wild geese.

W. T. Holly, general agent of the passenger department, and H. H. Knight, general agent of the freight department, are Chicago officials of the Union Pacific who are in the city.

Colonel Holliday Dying.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—Colonel Cyrus K. Holliday, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is reported to be dying today. He was the first of what is now the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway.

San Diego.

A crack shot among the Union Pacific firemen, has returned from a hunting trip to Central City. He brought with him five dozen ducks and three dozen wild geese.

W. T. Holly, general agent of the passenger department, and H. H. Knight, general agent of the freight department, are Chicago officials of the Union Pacific who are in the city.

Colonel Holliday Dying.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—Colonel Cyrus K. Holliday, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is reported to be dying today. He was the first of what is now the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway.

San Diego.

A crack shot among the Union Pacific firemen, has returned from a hunting trip to Central City. He brought with him five dozen ducks and three dozen wild geese.

W. T. Holly, general agent of the passenger department, and H. H. Knight, general agent of the freight department, are Chicago officials of the Union Pacific who are in the city.

Colonel Holliday Dying.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—Colonel Cyrus K. Holliday, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is reported to be dying today. He was the first of what is now the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway.

San Diego.

A crack shot among the Union Pacific firemen, has returned from a hunting trip to Central City. He brought with him five dozen ducks and three dozen wild geese.

W. T. Holly, general agent of the passenger department, and H. H. Knight, general agent of the freight department, are Chicago officials of the Union Pacific who are in the city.

Colonel Holliday Dying.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—Colonel Cyrus K. Holliday, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is reported to be dying today. He was the first of what is now the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway.

ROOTS SCHEME FOR CUBA

Arrangements Have Been Made for the Consolidation of Two Departments in the Island.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Secretary Root said today that while he was in Havana arrangements were made for the consolidation of the department of the province of Havana and the department of Pinar del Rio, into one department, under command of General Lee, to be known as the Department of Havana and Pinar del Rio.

The details of the execution of this general plan of merging one department with another were especially considered by Secretary Root to the three officers most directly concerned, namely, Major General Wood, General Ludlow and General Lee. They will agree upon some plan for the government of the city of Havana pending the completion of the Cuban authorities. The probabilities are that General Lee will act as the military governor of the city under the direction of General Wood. When General Ludlow is relieved he will return to this city and resume the command of the important work of organizing the proposed army war college. Secretary Root also said that a gradual reduction of the military force now occupying Cuba will ensue.

CANNIBALS EAT HIS FRIENDS

Officer of a German Steamer Sees Three Companions Devoured in New Guinea.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 24.—The steamer Arrisland brings from Dutch New Guinea, a Pacific island, the account of the devouring of three officers of the steamer General Pell by cannibals, who caught them while on shore taking photographs. Ernest Wiegand, one of the party, was wounded by a spear, and his three companions to trees, cut off portions of their living flesh and finally roast and devour them. The Dutch man-of-war Sumatra is reported as prepared to avenge the atrocities.

Boy Is Buried Alive.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—A Malacca child, who had been buried alive, was found today by a Dutch undertaker who was digging a grave for a man who had died in the city. The child was found in a coffin which had been buried in the earth. The child was found to be alive and was taken to a hospital. The undertaker was fined for burying the child alive.

Ulad Mills to DeFranz.

CHICAGO, March 24.—A jury in the federal court here today brought in a verdict against Charles E. DeFranz, finding him guilty of using the name of Ulad Mills in a fraudulent manner. It is alleged to have swindled many persons. DeFranz was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to prison for five years. He was also ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings.

War Bonds in America.

NEW YORK, March 24.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announced today that the sale of \$10,000,000 of the English war bonds would come to this country. Over \$500,000 were subscribed for the bonds, which are being sold for more than \$50,000,000.

THE GREAT MARCH CLEARING SALE

Another week and this wonderful price cutting will have to stop, until we can learn the condition of our stock. Remember we sell for cash or credit in furniture, cloak and millinery departments. All goods on main floor sold for cash only.

Solid Oak Bed Room Sets, 20x24

Bevel plate mirror on dresser, high polished, worth \$20.00. 14.75

Antique Lane-Seated Settee, 3-1/2 feet long, worth \$5.00. 3.90

Iron Bed, with bow end, brass top rail on head and foot, brass springs and brass. 6.90

Handsome Card-Table, with rubber top, well built, worth \$10.00, to make room for another card. 3.48

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

Golden Oak Mantel Folding Bed, spring supported on 3 rows steel coil, nicely finished, worth \$15.00. \$12.75

Handsome Couch, upholstered in velvet, golden oak or mahogany finished, worth \$12.00. \$7.48

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

THE GREAT MARCH CLEARING SALE

Another week and this wonderful price cutting will have to stop, until we can learn the condition of our stock. Remember we sell for cash or credit in furniture, cloak and millinery departments. All goods on main floor sold for cash only.

Solid Oak Bed Room Sets, 20x24

Bevel plate mirror on dresser, high polished, worth \$20.00. 14.75

Antique Lane-Seated Settee, 3-1/2 feet long, worth \$5.00. 3.90

Iron Bed, with bow end, brass top rail on head and foot, brass springs and brass. 6.90

Handsome Card-Table, with rubber top, well built, worth \$10.00, to make room for another card. 3.48

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension Slat, only. \$1.99. \$1.49

24-in. Woven Wire Spring, \$8.99. \$2.49

24-in. Extension