

CONFESSES TO MAIL ROBBERY

Omaha Prisoner from Hastings Gives Away His Pal.

TWO IN CUSTODY FOR BOLD CRIME

Nebraska Merchant Is Lured Into Endorsing Draft Said to Have Been Secured Crookedly—Federal Authorities Take Case.

John R. Palmer alias John R. Hall, who is under arrest at the city jail, confessed Wednesday evening to Chief Donahue and Postoffice Inspector Sinclair that he is a pal of G. H. Grant, alias C. Martin, in custody at Hastings, and that he robbed a United States mail box in Cincinnati of a letter containing a \$500 draft on March 5. He says they parted there, met later in Minneapolis and agreed upon a date for a meeting in Omaha.

Grant, or Martin, as he is better known, went to Hastings to raise money on the draft. He visited several business houses of Hastings and said to the head of each that he was looking for a suitable business to purchase. He interested E. G. Fisher, owner of a confectionery store, and made a deal with him for the purchase of his stock. Grant showed Fisher a certificate of deposit of over \$1,200 in the First National bank of Piqua, O. The men went to the First National bank of Piqua, O. Mr. Fisher identified Grant and endorsed the certificate, enabling Grant to draw \$419. The latter did not make a payment when the deal for the goods was made and, as he did not call later in the day to close the bargain, Fisher's suspicions were aroused. An investigation was made and it was learned that the bank at Piqua, O., had certified to the deposit of \$450, but that Grant had secured the certificate by crooked means. Grant's arrest followed.

Trapped by Antiseptic. In the meantime Grant had shipped a valise by Adams express to be delivered to his pal, John R. Palmer, at Omaha, and when Chief Wanner of Hastings learned of this he notified the Omaha police to arrest the man who called for it. Detective Dempsey was detailed at the office of the Adams Express company and when the valise called for was opened, he gave the name of Hall, but said later that neither Hall nor Palmer was his correct name. In his possession was found a fine thirty-eight-caliber Colt's revolver. The police took possession of the valise, but did not care to tell what it contained.

Chief Donahue and Inspector Sinclair believe that the confession is correct and both expressed themselves as having no doubt that Grant, or Martin, is an old-time postoffice thief. They think, however, that Palmer, or Hall, is but an understudy of Grant.

The investigation of the case will be taken up by the federal authorities and in the meantime both men will be held by the police.

Strikes a Rich Pin.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Rubin & Co.

STEALS MONEY AND STOCK

Bartender Johnson Pleads Guilty to Entering McInerney's Saloon.

Owen McCaffrey's saloon at 111 South Eleventh street was visited between 2:30 and 3:30 Wednesday morning by a burglar, who took \$31.50 and a quantity of cigars. From the manner in which the job was done it appeared that the burglar was familiar with the place, but he left no clue. Suspicion was directed toward H. W. Johnson, a bartender, and he was arrested by Detective Heelan on lower Douglas street Wednesday evening. On the way to a patrol box Johnson threw away a key and was seen by Chief Donahue, who happened to be across the street. The key was recovered and was found to fit the door of the saloon. When confronted with this and other evidence Johnson confessed the burglary and told where he had planted the cigars, but said he had spent all the money. Detectives recovered the cigars from the trunk of Johnson's sweetheart and they were identified.

TO INSPECT ALL PLUMBING

Omaha's New Board to View All Lead-Pipe Cinches with a Critical Eye.

Omaha is to have a board of plumbing inspectors, as well as a board of barrier examiners, and henceforth any plumber who hopes to have a leadpipe cinch on his job must stand an examination and take out a license. The upper house of the legislature decided this yesterday when it passed the bill. The new law will go into effect in thirty days, after which date, it is supposed, the aroma of sewer gas and the aggravating drip of burst pipes will be no more in Omaha.

The bill, which is now in the hands of the governor, applies to all cities in the state having a population of more than 2,500. The board is to comprise five members to be appointed by the mayor, and are to consist of a chief health officer, a plumbing inspector, a master plumber and two journeyman plumbers, each to give a bond of \$1,000 and to serve one, two and three years. The chief health officer and the plumbing inspector will each receive a salary of \$1,500 per year and the other members of the board \$1,200 per year. In case it is found necessary to employ other inspectors, not ex-officio members of the board, they are to receive \$5 a day while actually employed.

The bill provides that all persons in cities that come within its scope who desire to follow the business of plumbing must make application in writing to the board for a license and must then undergo an examination by the board as to their knowledge of the theory and practice of the craft. If they are found suitable persons to engage in plumbing licenses will be issued to them. It will cost a master plumber \$5 to get his permit, a journeyman plumber \$1, and for every renewal an additional fee of 50 cents. The licenses will hold good for one year and may be renewed without a re-examination, "unless it shall appear by affidavit before the board that the applicant is no longer competent."

In that event he will have to take the examination again and abide by the consequences. The plumbing inspector must inspect all work in process of construction, alteration or repair, and see that it conforms to the rules of sanitation which rules must be of the board's adoption. It must also prescribe the kind and size of materials to be used and the manner in which the work shall be done. It may compel plans and specifications of contemplated plumbing to be submitted to it for approval.

The inspector is required to stop any defective plumbing work, or work not being done in accordance with the requirements of the board, and may have such defective work torn out and removed.

The maximum penalty for the violation of the law is a fine of \$50 and the minimum a fine of \$5. If the guilty person be a licensed plumber he shall not be entitled to have his license renewed for a period of one year.

The board shall be appointed by the mayor within thirty days after the act takes effect and new appointments shall be made annually.

GET HIS HAIR BACK.

Was Perfectly Bald When He Started to Use Newbro's Herpicide. Frederick Manuell, Maryland block, Butte, Mont., bought a bottle of Newbro's Herpicide, April 8, 1899, and began to use it for his baldness. In twenty days, he says, he had hair all over his head, and on July 2 he writes, and today my hair is as thick and luxuriant as any one could wish. Newbro's Herpicide works on an old principle and with a new discovery—destroy the cause and you remove the effect. Herpicide destroys the germ that causes dandruff, falling hair, and finally baldness, so that with the cause gone the effect cannot remain. Stops falling hair at once and starts the new growth in a week.

HOME FROM NAVAL SERVICE

John Burnes and George Nickell Return After Three Years' Absence.

John Burnes and George Nickell, Omaha boys who have been on the battleship Oregon the last three years, returned to their homes in this city Wednesday. They were with the Oregon during the memorable trip round the Horn, were at the battle of Santiago and since then have been to the Philippines. In February they were transferred to the transport Solace and March 4, at San Francisco, received their discharge.

FAIR CONTINUES A SUCCESS

Third Night of Entertainment for Benefit of Temple Israel Fund.

MANY NEW AND ATTRACTIVE FEATURES

Familiar Sayings Illustrated by Living Pictures—Bucolic Police Officers Add to the Fun-Making.

Brilliantly lighted, beautifully decorated and crowded with merry people, Metropolitan hall last night was indeed an entrancing place. It was the third night of the Temple Israel fair, which seems to grow more attractive as it continues. Each night new entertainment features of high class are introduced and by this method of management dull moments are absolutely avoided during the week's run of the fair.

More than 500 people visited the entertainment last night and the numerous booths were liberally patronized. The feature of the program was a series of "living quotations"—tableaux illustrative of familiar sayings. "Behind the Times" was a living picture of a man so interested in a newspaper that only the hair of his head showed over the top of it. "The Open Door to China" was a china closet with the door ajar. "His Honor at Stake" was a picture of the mayor enjoying a portebottle. There were fourteen pictures and each one was introduced by a short rhyme, applicable to both the subject and the object of the fair and recited by Mrs. Abram Simon. The pictures were artistically posed by Mrs. Arthur D. Brandeis and appropriate music was furnished by I. Kaufman's orchestra.

There were many arrests made during the evening, more than fifty of the most prominent men of Omaha being put in durance vile for a few moments. Lee Spiesberger and Sam Wertheimer were the efficient police officers, wearing the regulation uniform and never for a moment overlooking the prerogatives of haughty patrolmen. It was considered a most serious offense to question the authority of the bucoats and those who ventured the slightest remark in that direction were promptly carried off to jail, where Sol Bergman, acting as judge, found them guilty of high treason and fined them 25 cents. Pretty girls besieged the telegraph booth and sent all sorts of jolly messages, collect, to the men in the hall. No message was returned to the sender for the collection of charges.

The fair continues throughout the week.

South Omaha News

Now that the sample ballots have been printed and distributed the campaign is on in full force and each candidate is doing his best to make his name and his political party will vote for him. Shields, the labor candidate, is making a good race, and his candidacy will cut quite a figure with Fitzgerald, the democratic nominee, when the votes are counted. The labor element seems to be fighting Fitzgerald because of his protesting against the placing of Shields' name on the ticket. This action on the part of the democratic candidate will, it is asserted, throw a good many votes for Shields which would otherwise have been cast for Fitzgerald.

A whole day has passed without any change in the democratic school board ticket and it is thought now that no further changes will be made. On account of the vote cast at the fall election the democratic candidates head the ticket, but as only six names appear this is not considered a hardship by republicans. Gibson, Mead and Rich, republican candidates for school board honors, are doing a great deal of hustling, and are interesting the women in the contest. All women who desire to vote on the school board must register on Saturday of this week, as the election will be held on Tuesday next.

The German-American Democratic club has endorsed the entire democratic ticket, but this was, it is understood, done for political ends only. The endorsement, so prominent Germans state, will cut but little figure when it comes to voting on election day. There is a good deal of soreness being displayed among the democrats at the candidates nominated, the ticket being universally held to be weak. A great many Germans have privately expressed a preference for Bennett and for the republican candidates for members of the Board of Education, so that the endorsement of the club amounts virtually to nothing.

From this time on both republicans, democrats and united labor people will hold rallies, at which candidates will be expected to speak.

That Assessor Proposition.

County Commissioner Hoeter is still worried about the naming of an assessor for South Omaha. He now has not less than forty applications for the place and it is presumed that the county commissioners will take the assessment made by the tax commissioner of South Omaha in preference to the expense of making a separate assessment.

Attorneys contend that the assessors elected last fall have been legislated out of office and therefore there is nothing to do but for the county commissioners to name an assessor. From this time on the entire territory covered by South Omaha will be considered as one precinct by the commissioners, and there will be only one assessor, instead of four, as in the past. Commissioner Hoeter is considerably worried over the problem, but it is thought that he will reach a conclusion within a day or two.

Council Meetings.

It is not expected that the city council will hold another meeting until after election. The regular meeting is billed for Monday, April 1, but more than likely an adjournment will be taken until Wednesday or Thursday evening. When the result of the election is known the council will proceed to pass an ordinance dividing the wards and thus open the way for the appointment of two members of the council of five to the office of mayor. With the election of a tax commissioner, the redistricting of the city and the appointment of two councilmen the city will then be running along under the most important provisions of the new charter. As soon as the new members of the Board of Health are elected it is expected that some steps toward restoring the credit of the city in the financial world will be taken. Provision will be made for issuing bonds to take up some now outstanding.

That Lockwood Case.

An investigation shows that the members of the local Board of Health were in no way to blame for John Lockwood going to the county poor farm Tuesday after he had been told he had smallpox. Lockwood called on one of the members of the Board of Health and was told to go back to his boarding house and go to bed. He was assured that a physician would call upon him shortly. Lockwood did as requested, but was told to get out by the landlady, and he did so, going to Omaha. When the Board of Health doctors called they found their patient gone. Later when he returned he was placed in quarantine and is receiving every attention possible.

Site for Library.

In speaking of the proposed Carnegie library yesterday a business man said: "I am satisfied that if the Board of Education would donate its property near the southwest corner of Twenty-sixth and N streets to the library board the owners of the property on the corner would do the same and there would be no need of voting bonds for the purpose of a site. While the location is not the best, it is only two blocks from the postoffice and the saving of \$5,000 in something to be seriously considered." The question is now up to the Board of Education for an expression.

Estimate of Saloons.

At the present time ninety-one saloons are operating in South Omaha, but with the increase of the license to \$1,000 it is thought that there will be quite a decrease. One liquor dealer, who is in a position to know, said last evening that about eighty saloon licenses would be taken out this year. Where the breweries own the property the places will be maintained, but where saloons are rented the places will be closed. At the estimate given the school district will derive \$90,000 from the license money this year.

Under New Charter.

Since the new charter went into effect a change in the city inspector's department has been made. Formerly fees were paid direct to the inspectors and no accounting was made to the city. Now when a person desires to secure a plumbing or a building permit he first applies to the city treasurer and pays the required fee. Then, armed with a receipt, he presents this to the inspectors and is furnished with a

Mother's Problem Solved by the California Prune. The California Prune first grew into general use by the recommendation of physicians for children. Its natural sweetness, nutritive value and gentle laxative effect is particularly valuable to the growing child. Every child should eat prunes at least once a day. They make rosy cheeks and healthy bodies. If you should give the children free access to a box of prunes, the candy question would be removed from consideration. The prune as a confection delights the child's taste as much as candy, and the more they eat the better it is for them. But great care should be taken in the selection. There is only one prune on the market carefully grown, packed and inspected. The proof that you are getting this prune is the brand of the California Cured Fruit Association, as displayed above, which is now placed on all of the Association's goods. It makes no difference what the name of the prune is, if it is on a box on which you find this brand it is safe. But if you do not buy by the box be sure that you get from a box on which you see this brand.

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT Try this recipe for "Children's Delight," which won a prize in California Prize Prune Cooking Contest a few weeks ago:

"One cup sour cream, one cup sugar, one egg, one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon baking powder, one pinch of salt and flour enough to roll out well. Roll quite thin and spread one-half with pitted prunes chopped fine. Double over and roll slightly. Cut and bake in hot oven."

The Association issues a book containing 100 recipes for preparing prunes in every way, which were obtained by a prize contest participated in by the very best cooks and chefs of California. This book together with a "Prune Primer," which will delight the little folks, will be sent free on request. Address CALIFORNIA CURED FRUIT ASSOCIATION, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

Republican Club Rally. This evening at Kells' hall, on Twenty-fourth street, the Young Men's Republican club will hold a rally. W. A. Bennett, candidate for tax commissioner, is expected to deliver an address and the three candidates for the school board will also make talks. The young republicans of the city are taking considerable interest in the coming election and it is expected that they will get out and make quite a fight for the ticket.

Women Must Register. Even though the fact has been published a number of times, quite a number of women in the city who are entitled to vote on the school board proposition do not seem to understand that they must register on Saturday of this week. The registration books will remain open from 8 a. m. until 9 p. m. and it is expected that a large number of women in all parts of the city will register.

First Mass Sunday. On Sunday morning Father Migan will celebrate mass at the Maccaebes' hall, Thirty-eighth and Q streets. This hall has been secured for divine services pending the erection of the new Catholic church at Thirtieth and Q streets. Work on the new church building will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

Magie City Gossip. Will Gemmill is suffering from tonsillitis. The new reservoir at Cudahy's is about completed. The carriage barn at the Union stock yards was finished yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Schindler are now in Maryland. They will reach home shortly after April 1.

Frank E. Scott and wife of Sioux City are here spending a few days with T. H. Scott and family.

"The Suffering Savior" was the topic of Rev. Wheeler's sermon at the Presbyterian church last evening.

Thomas Roach has taken out a permit for a store building to be erected at Twenty-sixth and Y streets.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. R. L. Johnson at St. Martin's Episcopal church.

"Personal Religion and Service" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered this evening by Rev. J. P. Johnson at St. Martin's Episcopal church.

"I want a wheel, but have no money." Is this your fix? You can earn one by doing a little work for The Bee. Read our great offer to boys and girls.

Election Officials Hold Over. Judge Vinsonhaier announces that the judges and clerks of election named by him last fall were appointed to serve one year and for that reason new appointments will be made for the forthcoming city election. South Omaha only is to fill vacancies caused by resignations or removals.

FOR THE GRIP. You Have Heard of Many Remedies. Did You Ever Try This One?

Everybody you meet on the streets nowadays either has just had the grip, is coming down with it or has a sure cure for it.

The disease has been a puzzle to physicians ever since its appearance several years ago and it is as much of a puzzle today as it was then. It exhibits such a variety of symptoms in different individuals and leaves such disastrous results after apparent recovery, that as yet its prevention and cure has baffled medical science.

However, there is no doubt but that the grip is catarrhal in character and the leading symptom in nearly every case is increased secretion in the head and throat, in fact the first indications of a gripe are those of a cold in the head, which extends to the throat and lungs.

Dr. Johnson Ames advises as the safest course to pursue on the first appearance of grip symptoms to keep to the house for a day or two and take Stuart's Catarrh Tablets every hour the first day and every two hours the following day, and states that this will break up the trouble before it becomes deep seated.

These catarrh tablets are antiseptic and harmless, and prevent fever and the further development of grip germs, and ward off the ever present danger of pneumonia.

"I have found Stuart's Catarrh Tablets a pleasant and thoroughly reliable remedy for the gripe, especially with elderly people, with whom this prevailing disease is always dangerous; the tablets can be found at any drug store and if used freely during the first few days of the attack will break it up."

La gripe is a catarrhal affection, the germs are in the air and no one is proof against it, but the timely use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets will prevent any serious results.

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New State Maps of Nebraska and Iowa just published by Rand, McNally & Co. from new plates with all railroads, etc., correct to January 1, 1901, with the Last Official Census of every county, city and town in the state printed on the margin. Size, 28x32 inches. Has brass ferule on top and bottom for hanging; map of the world with condensed census printed on the back, and is the best wall map published for merchants, professional men and general office use. Price 25c and map coupon cut from page 2 of this paper. When sent by mail add 10c extra for postage and tube. Address, The Bee Publishing Co., Map Department, Omaha, Nebraska.

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6,000 Years Old. If we live in deeds, not years, then Ayer's Cherry Pectoral must be six thousand years old. For sixty years it has been curing coughs and colds, from a slight cold in the head to the most desperate diseases of the lungs. It is a hundred times as old in deeds as in years, or a thousand times, for where can the limit be placed when it has done such work as this: "My wife had a deep-seated cough on her lungs for three years. One day I happened to think how Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cured my sister after she was given up to die. So I purchased two bottles and it cured my wife completely. It took only one bottle to cure my sister. So three bottles (\$1.00 each) saved two lives." - J. H. BURKE, Macon, Col., Jan. 13, 1899. To keep on hand you will like the \$1.00 size best, and you will need this amount to cure a chronic or very severe case. The 50c. size is just about right for bronchitis, hoarseness, la gripe, croup, etc. The 25c. size is convenient when traveling, and is enough to break up a fresh cold. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.