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EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGED

Woodmen of the World Begin Criminal Action Against John F. Lally.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS WITH LODGE

Lally, Who is a Mail Carrier and Popular Among a Large Acquaintance, Declares He is Not Guilty of Wrong.

John F. Lally, a mail carrier, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement. The allegation is made that Lally embezzled sums aggregating \$1,331.22 from Alpha camp, Woodmen of the World. The period of his alleged peculations extended from December 1, 1899, to January 10, 1901. During that time Lally occupied the position of clerk of Alpha camp.

Information charging Lally with embezzlement has been filed by these officers of Alpha camp: Michael Ketter, banker; R. E. McKelvey, counsel commander; and C. L. Mather, chairman of the board of managers. Lally appeared in police court and pleaded not guilty to the charge preferred against him. His trial has been set for Wednesday. He sets up the claim that the lodge owes him for services rendered all of the money which he has retained and more besides.

Causes Much Talk.
Lally's arrest and the rumors forecasting such action have stirred the Woodmen of the World in this city for several months. It has been the topic of the hour with Woodmen and there seems to be a wide divergence of opinion relative to the merits of the case. Lally was one of the most popular members of Alpha camp, which is the banner lodge of the Woodmen of the World and was also the first to be organized. His election to the clerkship came to him as a prominent compliment and he filled the office satisfactorily so all of the members affirm, until some began to suspect his transactions wherein money was concerned. Several months ago rumors began to be rife that Lally's financial operations were not as they should be.

A committee was appointed to investigate and it returned a report, finding that Lally had not turned over to the treasurer all the moneys he had collected from the members as dues and assessments. Lally at that time asserted that he had only retained what money was due him for services rendered. All attempts toward securing a settlement were futile and finally the case was taken to the courts. Meantime Lally was relieved from his position as secretary of the lodge, C. L. Mather being selected for that position in January. He held the office only temporarily and at

a special election, held February 7, Charles Unitt was elected secretary.

Dates and Amounts Specified.
The information filed by the officers of Alpha camp against Lally contains the general charge of the embezzlement of \$1,331.22 and in five additional counts cites the dates on which specific sums are alleged to have been embezzled. During the month of January it is charged that Lally converted to his own use dues collected as follows: January 1, \$195.70; January 2, \$54.95; January 4, \$143.90; January 9, \$39.70. The sixth count alleges the embezzlement of \$98.17 on various dates unknown and from parties unknown, between December 1, 1899, and January 10, 1901.

Twenty men, all members of Alpha camp, paid their dues to Lally on January 9. The aggregate amount was \$29.70 and this sum Lally is charged with having appropriated to himself. The members who are named as having remitted their dues to Lally on that day are: Ulrich Baker, James Fuller, W. R. Harding, E. L. Mahler, H. B. Kennedy, J. Sible, James Whelan, T. G. Hall, John Rucker, J. A. Pribble, W. N. Morphy, P. S. Durbin, S. A. Trumble, J. C. Woodford, R. L. Osborne, J. M. Dewar, George Edmond, N. C. Neilsen, B. Scholting, H. C. Sautter.

Lally Gives His Version.
"This charge of embezzlement against me will be found wholly false," said Lally when seen at the postoffice yesterday. "Instead of there being a shortage in my accounts, Alpha camp owes me now about \$645," he continued. "This suit of embezzlement against me is the outcome of a civil action I brought last December for an accounting with Alpha camp. The amount involved in the suit was \$2,210 and I estimated that when such offsets as were right and lawful were deducted it would be found that I had about \$2,100 or \$2,200 due me."

"The claim that I have recently embezzled various amounts is preposterous. Why, I haven't got 20 cents. I went into the office of clerk of Alpha camp in August, 1897. About that time some 300 members of the camp withdrew because of a grievance, imaginary or otherwise, and organized the Knights of the Forest. It was generally considered that most of the disaffected members would sooner or later return into the fold of Alpha camp, and I was instructed to keep their dues paid up and suspend none of them until three or four months had passed, so as to give them all a chance to get back into the lodge and be in good standing upon their return. I remitted the dues for those members to the sovereign banker and took the money from the funds of the lodge, as per instructions. The money was never returned to the lodge. The members whose dues were kept up did not liquidate and the sovereign lodge refused to reimburse the camp, so the treasury remained in a depleted condition."

Fails to Pay Salary.
"Because of this depletion of the treasury there was no money on hand to pay my sal-

ary as clerk of the camp, which amounted to approximately \$72 per month. For a long time I never drew any salary at all and then when it seemed apparent that I could obtain no settlement with the lodge, I proceeded to deduct from the dues paid me by the members the money that was rightfully due me."

"This matter has been hanging fire a long time. A year ago when my books were examined a discrepancy was found, which was explained in my taking the money to pay my salary. After this long time the charge of embezzlement preferred against me seems to be an attempt to injure me. Members of the camp understand the situation perfectly. The whole trouble can be traced back to the period that the camp paid the dues of the 200 members who deserted it and formed a new lodge."

VERDICT IN HOPPER CASE
Another of the Mercer Fire Damage Suits Goes Against Electric Light Company.

A jury yesterday added \$5,000 to the total sum of verdicts returned against the New Thomson-Houston Electric Light Company at the present term of the district court. J. C. Rombold got a verdict of \$15,000, the widow of Fireman Bendisen secured one of \$5,000 and Saturday's verdict of \$2,000, which is in favor of Fire Anderson, administrator of the estate of Charles A. Hopper, makes the total \$23,000.

FATHER MUGAN IS IN CHARGE
New Catholic Parish, St. Mary's of South Omaha, Is Established.

The lines of the new Roman Catholic parish in South Omaha have been fixed by the bishop and Father Charles Mugan is now in charge of his new field. The east line of the parish is Thirty-first street and the north line is L street. To the south and west it extends to the county line.

CREDITORS BEGIN ACTION
Effort to Have a Gothenburg Firm Put on Bankrupt List.

D. J. O'Brien & Co. and several other wholesale confectionery houses in Nebraska and Iowa petitioned the United States district court yesterday to have the firm of E. Newman & Co. of Gothenburg declared a bankrupt. The petition alleges that a \$5,000 stock of goods owned by the Gothenburg firm has recently been converted to a Gothenburg bank, but that the transfer was not made in good faith, the purpose being to defraud creditors.

EASY MONEY IN THIS CRAFT

Colored Men Turn Stolen Lead Pipes Into Dollars and Cents.

WHOLESALE DEPREDACTIONS REVEALED

Police Arrest a Trio of Suspects and One of the Number Makes Confession of Guilt, Implicating His Partners.

Three colored men, Guy Stevens, Lewis Perkins and Thad Lockley, who have been stealing plumbing fixtures and lead piping from vacant houses, it is alleged, were arrested yesterday morning. For several weeks owners of vacant houses have been complaining to the police that much destruction was being wrought by plumbing thieves.

These colored men have been suspected for several days and evidence against them had accumulated. When placed in the sweat-box Stevens, the youngest of the gang, confessed the guilt of the entire gang and told a long story of depredation and destruction which he said his pals had committed in the theft of plumbing fixtures and piping.

They Operate Extensively.
For three months the trio has been at work and already the police have found damage aggregating at least \$1,900. The system employed was to locate a vacant house, break into it during the night and secure all the lead piping they could find. In some cases boards were ripped up the entire length of a house in order to uncover the piping.

As far as can be learned the colored men sold all their piping to Harry H. White, a junk dealer at 1501 Webster street. He paid them about one-third the actual value of the piping and the plumbing thieves realized about \$100 from their operations. All of the parties who had complained to the police that their houses had been entered and the lead piping stolen were notified of the arrest of the colored trio. A number of property owners and real estate men listened to Stevens' confession, and as he told of the different houses entered by himself and his pals the property owners were convinced of the responsibility of the gang in the cases of which they had made complaint.

Lockley Branded as Leader.

Stevens asserted that Lockley was the leader of the gang. Some of the jobs, he said, were done by the three and occasionally one would go alone where the plumbing was such that no assistance was required in tearing it up. The men made no distinction as to the location of the houses shorn of their plumbing facilities. They worked from the bottoms to the exclusive residence districts. Among the houses visited were 1524 Wirt, 1919 Spencer, 2115 Spencer, 1910 Binney, 2420 Cass and 2428 Harnes.

Detectives Drummy and Mitchell had charge of the case against these men. They arrested Stevens and Perkins and subject Lockley was made by Officers Laher and Thomas. Much of the property was recovered by the detectives to the owners of the houses from which the piping had been taken.

New Tariffs Go Into Effect.
The announcements are being received at the freight departments in this city that the new tariff that are to go into effect on the differential lines on freight from Boston, Providence, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and points common therewith increasing the rates to the Mississippi river

and all points beyond. The advance per 100 pounds will be: First class, 5 cents; second class, 4 cents; third class, 3 cents; fourth and fifth classes, 2 cents; sixth class, 1 1/2 cents. The new tariff becomes effective April 5.

MAY WEAR BOOTS IN BED

Judge Estelle Rules that Man Still Retains a Few Home Privileges.

Judge Estelle has refused to divorce John and Matilda Reed, both of whom are on the shady side of 50 years and have grown-up and married children. The Reeds are old settlers of Omaha and are well known in the community. Some months ago the husband brought suit for divorce, charging his wife with infidelity, and Mrs. Reed filed a counter petition in which she alleged that her husband had treated her cruelly.

The case was stubbornly contested, the trial taking up about two weeks of the court's time. About \$12,000 worth of real estate, including the Reed hotel at South Omaha, was involved in the case, the parties contending for ownership in the event of a divorce decree resulting from the suit. Judge Estelle, in an oral decision yesterday, stated that if Mrs. Reed had committed the offense charged against her it had been condoned by the husband, who had not shown sufficient cause for divorce. As to Mrs. Reed's cross-petition, the court said that the allegations had not been substantiated by the evidence. "It is true," said the judge, "that there was testimony to prove that Mr. Reed went to bed with his boots on and that he frequently used profane language, but no cause for divorce has been shown."

SOUTH OMAHA ASSESSORS

County Board Asks for Legal Opinion on Provisions of New City Charter.

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners yesterday resolution was adopted requesting the county attorney to give the board a legal opinion as to whether or not the passage of the new charter for South Omaha will make any change necessary in the manner of making assessments for county purposes in that city. At present there are four assessors in South Omaha and the new charter provides for only one.

Commissioner Hoctor has already been given an opinion by his private counsel to the effect that the new charter will not affect the present county assessors. In case it is decided that the present assessors are legislated out of office, the county board will be required to appoint a single assessor for the district. Jere Howard has put in a formal application for the position.

ALL LOOK ALIKE TO HIM

Dog Catcher Prepares to Do Business on a Wholesale Basis.

Pido and Bruno must be tagged before April 15. All dogs which do not bear the city label on that date will be subject to the whims of the dog catcher. The universal tax on dogs is \$1 per year. No dog is too young to pay the tax. City Clerk Elsbourn has received a shipment of tags and will offer them for sale Monday morning. Any persons wishing to secure dog tags will go first to the city treasurer and pay the tax. Receipts will be issued by the treasurer which may be exchanged in the clerk's office for tags.

END OF LONG CONTROVERSY

Union Pacific Decides to Cut Out Bridge Tolls on Government Freight.

UNCLE SAM WOULD NOT ALLOW CHARGE

Payment Begins on Bills Aggregating About Three Hundred Thousand Dollars After Railroad Gives In.

A point at issue between the Union Pacific Railroad company and the quartermaster's department of the United States army, which has been before the officials of the army department for over a year, has been settled in favor of the government.

The question came up over the cost of transporting freight between Chicago and other eastern points and the posts west of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. As early as the breaking out of the Spanish war the government asked for bids for the transportation of supplies to western points, and among the bidders the Santa Fe system submitted the lowest figures. The other roads offered to meet the mileage rate fixed by the Santa Fe and were given business on that basis. The Santa Fe crosses the Mississippi on the Quincy bridge, and in its computation of charges on government freight figured the transportation over the bridge the same as any other mileage. Running to Kansas City the Santa Fe does not cross the Missouri river.

Includes Bridge Tolls.
When the bills of the Union Pacific were presented it was found that the company had charged, in addition to the mileage charged by the Santa Fe, a bridge toll at

Omaha. The government refused to recognize the correctness of this charge and allowed the bills according to the Santa Fe calculation. The Union Pacific company refused to accept payment on this basis and the money was left in charge of the quartermaster's department at Omaha until this week, when the company signified its willingness to accept the amount tendered by the government.

During all the time the controversy was in progress the company has been hauling freight for the government and refusing to accept payment. In this time it has earned about \$300,000, according to the calculations of the quartermaster's department, and about \$3,000 more than that according to the contention of the company.

As soon as it became known that the company would accept payment on the government's plan checks were made out for the amount originally in controversy, which had been paid by the company to the extent of \$63,000. Saturday bills to the amount of \$28,000 were sent to the company for examination, making the total amount to be paid on the deferred claims within a week \$111,000. The other bills will be paid as fast as they can be added.

NO OTHER PLACE LIKE HOME

Mrs. Braniff, Smallpox Patient, Declines to Go to Emergency Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Braniff is sick with smallpox at 814 South Seventh street. She was stricken with the disease yesterday. Health officers tried to persuade her to go to the emergency hospital, but she refused to leave her home, and was quarantined, together with her four children. The little folks have all been exposed to the disease. The health officers attempted to vaccinate the children, but the mother objected and won her point.

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