

INHERITANCE TAX CASE IS IN COURT

Francis Smith, Millionaire, Agrees with Brother for Joint Tenancy After Death of One.

OLD COMMON LAW DOCTRINE

Whether the old common law doctrine of joint tenancy, which permitted two or more persons to hold real estate in such manner that the share of each at death passed to the survivor, shall be sustained in Nebraska so as to defeat the inheritance tax law, is the issue in proceedings in local courts, relating to the \$1,000,000 estate in Douglas county of the late Francis Smith, New York millionaire.

By a joint tenancy agreement, not enforced until after Smith's death, he had agreed with his brother, George Warren Smith, that the share of whoever should die first should pass immediately to the other. The local county board objected because the result would be to defeat the inheritance tax. Other heirs threatened suit, claiming they should inherit their shares of the estate, and George Warren Smith made a settlement with them for \$550,000, the entire estate being valued at several millions of dollars.

Property Worth a Million.

To probate court a report has been made by Herbert H. Neale, appraiser, that the estate owns \$1,000,000 worth of property in Douglas county, on which inheritance tax should be paid. Hearing has been set for next Tuesday.

Joint tenancy, as opposed to tenancy in common, in which owners of property and their heirs alike share, was popular many years ago for the purpose of holding together large family estates. Courts and legislatures in many states have frowned upon the doctrine in recent years.

In the Smith case each of the brothers continued to manage his own property prior to the death of Francis Smith.

Omaha Postoffice Employees Rejoice Over Civic Report

Local postoffice employees are elated over the impetus given to the movement for pensioning superannuated civil service employees by the report of the National Civic Federation, the largest body of employers in this country.

This report shows that 126 corporations and 28 cities now have pension systems for their old and faithful employees and that most of these provide the pensions without any contributions from the employees.

The corporations include big railroads like the Union Pacific, Burlington, Pennsylvania and New York Central systems; the express companies, United States Steel corporations. Even one big firm of attorneys is in the list, F. C. Huyck & Sons, Albany, N. Y.

Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives says, "The federal government might take a lesson from the great corporations and from other countries on the treatment of superannuated employees."

Omaha has a number of men in the postoffice who have served faithfully for several decades in spite of which they get not one cent from the government that has employed them if they retire.

It is stated that there are 200,000 civil service employees and if the Hamell bill providing these pensions is passed it would require only \$3,000,000 to provide the pensions the first year.

It is further stated that a saving of \$6,000,000 a year could be made in the nation's postoffice by the abolishment of useless offices and stoppage of waste.

Demos Would Like to Draw Allen Into Race for Governor

John Mattes of Nebraska City, Phil Kohl of Wayne and a few other democratic headliners of the state met more or less informally in Omaha and discussed the prospect of drafting Senator William V. Allen of Madison to run for the democratic nomination for governor. While little has come from Senator Allen's lips publicly in regard to this proposed draft, Mr. Kohl and Mr. Mattes confided to some of their friends that Senator Allen refuses to be drafted. The fact further developed that Allen has told them in about so many words that having been highly honored heretofore as United States senator, he cannot now afford to take chances with his standing by entering the bitter wet and dry fight that is to be waged this fall along with the gubernatorial race.

Farmer Bound Over on Murder Charge

Charles Farmer, colored, charged with stabbing F. F. Victor, representative of the Omaha Towel Supply company, who died as the result of the wound, was arraigned in police court charged with first degree murder and was bound over to the district court without bonds.

KLINE WILL FURNISH MEN TO CLEAN SNOW FROM WALKS

Captain Kline of the Salvation Army industrial department, requests householders to ring him up at Douglas 4153 for men who are anxious to clean snow from sidewalks and do other odd jobs. During January he furnished 1,716 jobs to jobless men.

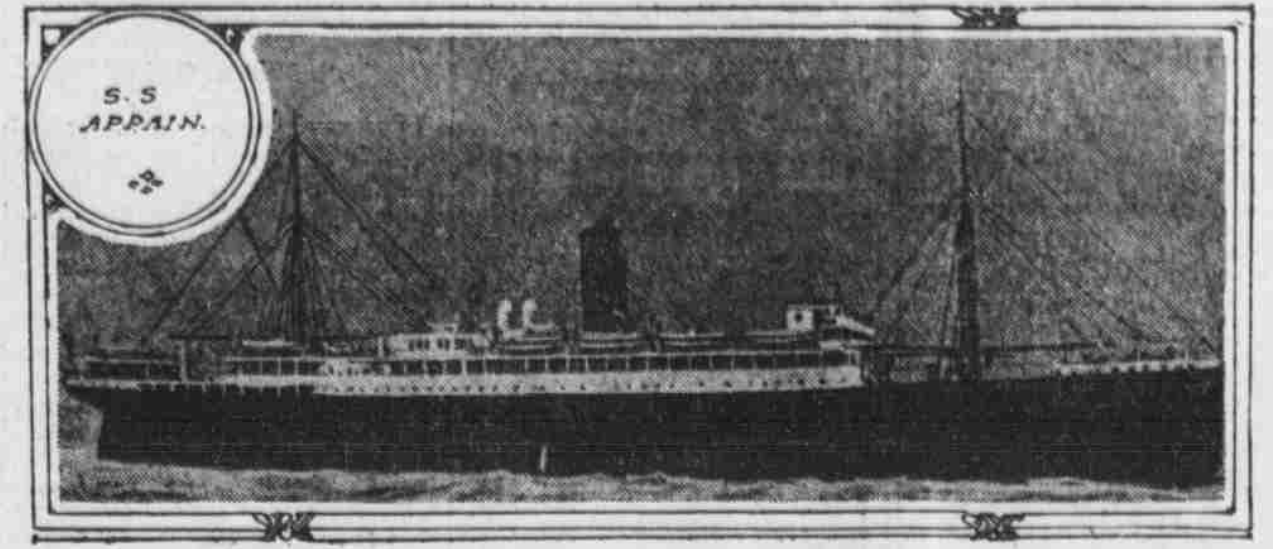
ONLY ONE TYPHOID FEVER CASE IN OMAHA THIS YEAR

Reports of the health department show there are only six cases of diphtheria in Omaha. Only one case of typhoid fever has been reported this year.

After Lagrippe—What?

Coughs that "hang on" after lagrippe exhaust the strength and lower the vital resistance. F. G. Prevo, Bedford, Ind., writes: "An attack of lagrippe left me with a severe cough. I tried everything, I lost in weight and got so thin I looked as if I would never get well. I tried Foley's Honey and Tar and two bottles cured me. I am now well and back to my normal weight." Foley's Honey and Tar gets right at the trouble. It is a safe, reliable remedy. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

BRITISH SHIP BROUGHT AS PRIZE INTO AMERICAN HARBOR—One of the most daring and unique incidents of the European war culminated in the bringing into Newport News, Va., of the British South African liner Appam by a German prize crew of twenty-two men, under Lieutenant Berg.



OMAHA MAN ONE OF GUARDS OF WILSON

Hugh Mills, Secret Service Man Here, Returns from Journey with President's Party.

WAS ONE OF SEVEN OFFICERS

Hugh Mills, in charge of the Omaha district, United States secret service, has returned from acting as guard to President Wilson on his recent tour of the middle west.

Mr. Mills joined the party at Rock Island, Ill., and was on duty continuously until the president left Kansas City, the itinerary including Davenport, Iowa City, Grinnell, Newton, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City.

"There were seven secret service men with the presidential party," he said, "and it's a duty where you must be on the job all the time. We experienced no trouble of any kind."

No Fear of Cold.

"At hotels where the president stops no one is allowed on the entire floor where he is located without a signed card of admission, and of course a guard is placed at his door at night."

President Wilson isn't afraid of the weather, according to Mr. Mills.

"When he was in Des Moines," he said, "the president asked me whether there was an arrangement for an open car. I said no, that we had a closed car engaged. He asked me to change this and get an open automobile. As good luck would have it there was a fine, big touring car standing right next to the limousine we had engaged, and we took this. The weather was below zero, but he didn't seem to mind that a bit."

Mr. Mills says Mr. Wilson is one of the most charming women he has ever met, with a quality of graciousness that puts everybody at his ease, and possessing great tact.

Foster Captures Forger Wanted in Buffalo, Wyoming

Deputy Sheriff W. A. Foster, who captured John Ferguson, aged 19 years, wanted at Buffalo, Wyo., on a charge of forgery, on a downtown street of Omaha, has become a mystery and marvel to his associates.

Foster walked into the sheriff's office with Ferguson in tow. "This is the fellow they want at Buffalo, Wyo.," he said nonchalantly in the true professional manner. Telegraphic inquiry brought the information that Undersheriff H. R. Rollar of Buffalo would start immediately for Omaha to get the prisoner.

"How did you come to arrest him?" asked Deputy Larry Flynn in a voice solemn with awe and admiration.

"Why can't you expect me to reveal my methods," said Foster. "It is enough to say that I just took off my eye-glasses and arrested him."

"Why did you take off your eye-glasses?"

"My dear sir," said Foster. "I fear that these intricate details are beyond your comprehension. My knowledge is my fortune, sir."

"Oh," said Deputy Sheriff Larry Flynn.

COON RAPIDS MAN BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

Thomas A. Atterbury of Coon Rapids, Ia., appeared in police court against Earl Chess, also of Coon Rapids, whom he accused of having drugged and robbed him of \$20. Chess protested his innocence, but the evidence was such as to cause Judge Foster to bind him over to the district court with bonds fixed at \$250.

BOILS AND PIMPLES DANGEROUS

S. S. S. Your Remedy.

Modern science has proven that boils and carbuncles, pimples and unsightly skin blotches, are signals of diseased blood. Scaly skin and itching of Eczema, Scrofula, rashes—all skin diseases are aggravated by bad blood. It's the infected blood that's dangerous. Don't wait for the boils. If you have pimples and blotches, take instant action. Pimples tell you that your blood is filled with impurities. You must wash out your blood and stimulate it to healthy action with Nature's own blood tonic, S. S. S. It is the standard blood purifier of the world. Don't use drugs, ointments, salves, S. S. S. reaches the blood, drives out the impurities. It makes healthy perspiration—the poison is literally sweated out through the skin. Boils, blotches, Eczema and the Scrofula indications disappear. It does what salves and lotions can never do—it goes to the root of the trouble by reaching the blood. Your skin becomes clear and you soon feel the vigor of perfect health. S. S. S. is pure vegetable. You can get it at any drugstore. Write for book of facts, "What the Mirror Tells." If yours is a long-standing case, write for expert advice to Swift Specific Co., At-lanta, Ga.

The Strange Case of Mary Page

By Frederick Lewis, Author of "What Happened to Mary" :: Pictures by "What Happened to Mary" :: Essanay

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SYNOPSIS. Mary Page, actress, is accused of the murder of David Pollock and is defended by her lover, Philip Langdon. Pollock was intoxicated, shale, a crook and fool of Pollock, was on the first escape watching for Langdon. At Mary's trial she admits she had the revolver. Her maid testifies that Mary threatened Pollock with it previously, and Mary's leading man implicates Langdon.

CHAPTER III.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

"I object again," fairly yelled the prosecutor. "Such talk tends to prejudice the jury."

"Overruled," again the judge drawled. "Is that the first time you ever saw these marks?" Langdon asked.

"Yes, sir."
"And the last time?"
"No. Six years later."
"Tell the jury."

The witness coughed, as if preparing for an ordeal.

"It was the night of the opening of Miss Page in New York. I couldn't get a seat, so I stood in the rear of the house, near the side. After the second act, I think it was, there was loud applause, and Miss Page came before the curtain several times. I saw Dave Pollock in a box, and Langdon down in the orchestra. I noticed that Miss Page bowed directly to him more than once. I looked at my watch. I was a police reporter then, and it was almost time for me to be on duty at the station. So I hurried away. Things were dull when I got there, so I sat in a corner near the stove and must have become a little drowsy. Pretty soon—I can't tell what time it was, but it must have been a couple of hours later—Langdon came rushing in. He was looking for Mary Page. We recognized each other, and I was surprised to find him in such a place on such an errand. Then he told me of the murder of Pollock. You could have knocked me down. I was dazed, bewildered. The next I knew Langdon had gone out hurriedly. The police were as excited and confused as I.

"Somehow the night wore on. I had to stay on duty. In the morning, very early, the prisoners were brought out from the pen. I hadn't slept much. A paper was brought in, and I saw the staring headlines, telling about the murder. 'That woke me up, I can tell you!'

Had the situation not been so intense, there might have been laughter here. But the court room was so still you could have heard a snowflake fall.

"What was my surprise, an instant later, to see Mary Page enter the room from a side door, in full evening clothes, but with no hat or coat! I could scarcely believe my eyes. I thought I'd gone mad, or something! Why, I'd just been reading about her—and there she stood—pale and beautiful, but bewildered and frightened. A police officer took hold of her. I knew I wasn't dreaming then, and I started up, too, the newspaper still in my hand.

"Who is this woman?" the sergeant asked.

"We don't know who she is," the officer answered. "She wouldn't talk. She was pulled last night with a couple of—"

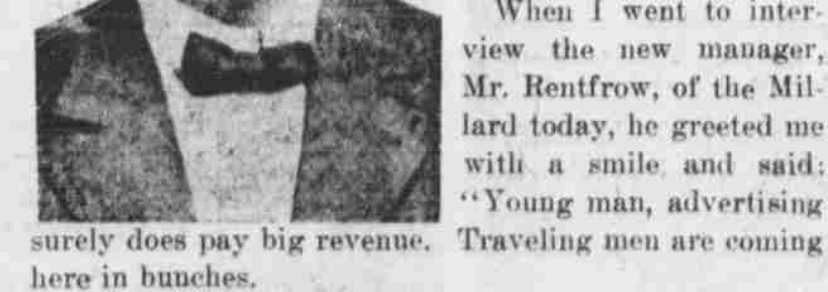
"Just then I was close to her. She didn't recognize me; she seemed strangely dazed, almost hypnotized. Then she caught sight of the paper in my hand, with its big type running across the whole front page—'Horseshoe Murder.' She grabbed it, and read it, horrified, and all just stood there looking at her, without saying a word. Even the sergeant was silent. She seemed to sear the story. And then—some vision must have come before her eyes, for she whispered something about 'a bottle' and 'whiskey,' and her face and arms became tense. I looked at her bare shoulder, and that's when I saw those strange finger-prints again. They came and went as before. I couldn't believe it."

The witness paused. There was no sound in all the room.

"Go on," urged Langdon, at last.

"Then, the outer door opened, and you, Mr. Langdon, came in. You looked tired, haggard, bedraggled. You still had an evening clothes, I remember," turning directly to the jury, "what a sensation Mr. Langdon's presence created, his name having been in every headline, too. Miss Page saw him. He went up to her without a word, and they embraced each other. And then Miss Page stepped forward to the sergeant's desk and whispered, so low that I could scarcely hear her, 'I give myself up.'"

(To Be Continued Next Tuesday.)



Millard Hotel Doing Capacity MR. RENTFROW Very Much Pleased Traveling Men Boosting

When I went to interview the new manager, Mr. Rentfrow, of the Millard today, he greeted me with a smile and said: "Young man, advertising surely does pay big revenue. Traveling men are coming here in bunches."

Every Room Filled Each Night

"When I took over the Millard I did not expect to meet with such success. Practically every room was vacant when I commenced to redecorate and remodel. Now I have a full house each night and last week had to send some patrons to the Windsor Hotel on Tenth and Jackson streets—which I also manage."

Honesty--Cleanliness--Service

is the motto of the Millard management. Why was it adopted? First, patrons want to know they will get a square deal; second, they want to know linens, rugs, dressers, silverware, etc., secure the proper sanitary care; third, service by the highest paid employees is what satisfies hotel guests. Prices at the Millard Hotel are more than reasonable.

MILLARD HOTEL 13th & Douglas St. Phone Doug. 924.

OMAHA GRAIN MEN REMEMBER STICKNEY

Send Expression of Appreciation to Man Who Made Omaha a Big Grain Market.

WIRES BACK CONGRATULATIONS

When the Omaha Grain exchange started business in its new building at Nineteenth and Harney streets, officers and members, feeling that A. P. Stickney, former president of the Chicago Great Western road, had been largely responsible for Omaha having become one of the leading grain markets in the country, joined in sending the following telegram to him in St. Paul, Minn., where he is ill:

"We most heartily greet you. This is the most joyous and glorious day in the history of the Omaha Grain exchange. Today we began business in the new palatial exchange building, costing half million. Your memory is still green and what you did in initiating, organizing and helping generally to start this exchange is more and more appreciated as the years go by. Please accept the very best wishes of every member of the exchange."

Mr. Stickney, on receipt of the telegram, sent the following letter to President Swearingin and the members of the exchange, showing his appreciation of their thoughtfulness and good will:

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram remembering so kindly my efforts in establishing your exchange. I thank you.

"I congratulate you upon the success which has attended the exchange, and especially the building of your magnificent palace of trade.

"I shall never forget the many kindnesses which I have received from the members of the exchange, as well as all the people of Omaha.

"I hope I shall be able to visit your city in the near future and renew many pleasant acquaintances."

Advertisers and customers profit by the "Classified Ad" habit.

Stick Gets Collegian.

The Athletic club has signed Lester A. Lanning, the star pitcher of the Wesleyan university of Middletown, Conn.

BOY WINS WOMAN'S CLUB UNI SCHOLARSHIP.



EARL KETCHAM.

Earl Ketcham, an Omaha high school graduate, has been elected to the Omaha Woman's club scholarship to the University of Nebraska, according to Mrs. F. H. Cole, chairman of the scholarship trustees. Mr. Ketcham is the first young man to win a scholarship from the Woman's club, applications having always been made by young women heretofore. Mr. Ketcham is in the engineering department of the state university.

TWELVE SPECIAL OFFICERS ORDERING WALKS CLEANED

Twelve employees of the city engineering department, clothed with special police authority, have started out in the residence districts to enforce the ordinance pertaining to removal of snow from sidewalks.

These men have been assigned districts and each carries a book of notices which are being served, giving occupants of buildings twenty-four hours' notice. On Saturday another round will be made and complaints will be filed against those who fail to comply.

The central part of the city will be left to the regular patrolmen. The twelve special snow inspectors will devote their attention first to residence districts not covered by patrolmen.

City Engineer Bruce has charge of this clean-up campaign, which is being waged with more vigor than has been noticed in previous winters.

Big Run of Wheat and Most of It is Sold for Export

There was a heavy run of grain on the Omaha market, the wheat aggregating 114, corn 138, and oats 23 carloads. Wheat was strong to a cent up, selling at \$1.14 to \$1.21 per bushel. Corn was 1/2-cent to a cent off, selling at 33 to 35 cents per bushel, and oats, 1/4 to 1/2-cent down, and at 41 to 47 cents per bushel.

The shipments of wheat were about the same as the receipts, most of it having been sold for export.

BOUND OVER FOR TRYING TO PASS A FORGED CHECK

Harry Japlan, Twenty-fifth and Harney streets, arrested for tendering a forged check at the Omaha National bank, was bound over to the district court with bonds fixed at \$1,000. Ezra Millard, cashier of the bank, appeared against him.

ABOUT 300,000 BABIES DIE BEFORE ONE YEAR

The Census Bureau estimates that 300,000 babies died in this country last year before the age of one year, and it is stated that one-half of these deaths were needless if all mothers were strong and infants were breast-fed. Expectant mothers should strive to increase their strength with the strength-building fats in Scott's Emulsion which improves the blood, suppresses nervousness, aids the quality of milk, and feeds the very life cells.

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Every garment a finished product of America's best and foremost custom experts—

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Magnificent garments \$5 to \$50 that sold from

\$7.50 to \$25

Great Savings on Men's Extra Trousers

Our mammoth assortment of Men's Trousers that embrace only the good makes, patterns and models, divided in four lots and priced for this special sale—

\$2.00 and \$2.75 Trousers	\$3.00 and \$3.50 Trousers	\$4.50 and \$5.00 Trousers	\$6.00 to \$6.50 Trousers
\$1.45	\$2.45	\$3.45	\$4.45

Boys' Overcoats

At a Wonderful Reduction. Broken lines of Chinchillas in blue, gray and brown, and fancy Scotch and English mixtures, in sizes from 2 1/2 to 8 years, that sold up to \$6.00, Saturday—

\$2.45

Boys' Extra Pants Sale

A rare chance to piece out the boy's winter suit in 500 pairs of Knickerbocker trousers in chevrons, tweeds, worsteds and fancy foreign mixtures that sold at \$1 and \$1.50, are divided into two great lots for quick selling—

\$1.00 Values, 55c	\$1.50 Values, 79c
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Boys' Winter Hats, Caps

At Half Price and Less. Values that sold up to \$1.00—

25c

Sensational Shirt Savings

All broken lines of men's high grade shirts, plain and pleated, button, stripes, plaids and checks, that sold up to \$2.50, while they last—

79c

Saving Prices on Underwear

Two-piece, cotton, ribbed and fleeced lined garments that sold at 50c and 75c—

39c each

Pine, medium and heavy weight Ribbed Cotton Underwear Suits, Regular value \$1.00 and \$1.25—

79c

Berg Clothing Co.