

Police Seeking Head of Defunct Fremont Bank

Embezzlement Charges Filed Against Frank B. Knapp—Attorney Says He Will Return.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank B. Knapp, president of the defunct Fidelity Trust company, is wanted by the officials of Dodge county on a charge of the embezzlement and theft of funds amounting to \$3,585. The funds are said to belong to a client, Stephen Carpenter, 80, Saunders county pioneer.

According to Knapp's attorney, Frank Dolzal of Fremont, Knapp will return from Chicago at once. The head of the failed institution left this vicinity with his wife a few weeks ago. One daughter, Marjorie, 20, is in Fremont.

Carpenter alleges that he gave Knapp \$3,585 to be invested in Liberty bonds. Later, when questioned regarding the investment, Carpenter said Knapp assured him the transaction had been completed.

T. L. Mathews, president of the Nebraska Building and Loan association, who is receiver of the closed trust company, says no bonds were found filed to Carpenter's credit in the effects left by Knapp.

A complaint filed in district court accused Knapp of embezzlement and theft of the funds.

Attorney Cook announced that no official steps would be taken at once toward returning Knapp from Chicago on the promise of his attorney that Knapp will come back to face the charges.

Knapp came to Fremont in 1910 as cashier of the old First National bank, later becoming president of the Fidelity Trust company. Previous to coming here he was connected with a bank at Wahoo.

Box Car Thieves Get Speedy Trial in North Platte Court

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Speedy justice was meted to five box car thieves here. Boyd McGucc, Mark Richards, Frank McCullough, William Wynon and Charles Palmer were arrested early this morning. They were arraigned before County Judge Woodhurst and pleaded guilty. They were taken before Judge Tewell of the district court and renewing their plea of guilty were each sentenced to from one to three years in the penitentiary. These men during the past 20 days had stolen \$800 worth of merchandise from Union Pacific cars and had buried the larger part of the loot in canyons south of the city. One of the men led the railroad detectives to the spot where the merchandise was cached.

Pawnee Jan Kollar Lodge Dedicates Fine New Home

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The lodge of Jan Kollar, No. 101, Z. C. B. O., has completed a fine lodge home southeast of Pawnee City which cost \$12,000. The lodge is composed of Bohemians living in the community where the hall was built. It is a chapter of the national organization. Most of the material and labor for the hall were donated.

The house was packed at the dedication. Addresses were given by County Judge David Neill, S. Serpan, Czech-Slovak consul from Omaha, and Frank J. Pipal of Humboldt. A dance and supper were held after the speeches.

Red Cross Drives in Two Counties Are Postponed

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Because of unavoidable circumstances, the drive for members by the National Red Cross launched between Armistice day and Thanksgiving day was postponed in Pawnee county until December 6, 7 and 8.

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The American Red Cross drive for members in this county was postponed until December 6, 7 and 8.

Youth Accidentally Shot In Shoulder With Own Gun

West Point, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Floyd Wirth, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wirth, was shot in the shoulder by the accidental discharge of his own gun. The young man, in company with others, had been hunting and was driving home in a wagon. Just how the accident happened is not known. He was taken to the hospital at Norfolk, where it was found that his arm and shoulder were badly injured.

20 Farm Mortgages Filed In Gage County in Month

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Following is the mortgage report for Gage county for November: Number of farm mortgages filed, 20, amount, \$84,950; number of farm mortgages released, 21, amount, \$77,296.50; number of city mortgages filed, 35, amount, \$52,520.38; number of city mortgages released, 22, amount, \$32,960.12.

Cheyenne County Covered By Six Inch Blanket of Snow

Sidney, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A general snow is falling over Cheyenne county and at 5 this afternoon was six inches deep with prospects of several inches more before morning. No wind is blowing. Wheat fields are covered with snow and live stock is fully protected.

Bradshaw Farmer Missing

York, Neb., Dec. 2.—Friends of Jarvis Yates, stockholder in a Bradshaw bank and owner of a number of farms in that vicinity, are anxious as to his whereabouts. He left Bradshaw three weeks ago for a business trip to Iowa and has not been located since.

Farmer Hurt in Runaway

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Guy Garssonon of Adams was severely cut and bruised about the head and body when his team ran over him. The accident happened on his farm while he was hauling hay.

Priest and Chauffeur Injured in Car Crash

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Two large touring cars collided on the Black Hills highway, five miles south of St. Paul, Rev. Father Jarsinski of Ashton, Neb., and his chauffeur, unidentified, each sustained a broken leg and severe bruises. The other car, belonging to Mr. McIntire of Wolbach, contained five persons, including the father of Mr. McIntire, who was being taken to the St. Francis hospital of this city, and several friends on their way to attend the Sousa band concert here.

Father Jarsinski was thrown through the windshield. The collision occurred when Father Jarsinski's chauffeur attempted to avoid a horse in the road, failed to observe the car ahead of the horse, and plunged into it.

Neighbors Husk Corn Crop For Farmer at Wood River

Wood River, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Thirty-four neighbors and friends of Luther Wiseman, injured in an accident with a shredder while filling his silo about 10 weeks ago and who is still in the hospital, entered his corn field with 14 wagons and teams and the entire crop was husked and cribbed. Several women prepared dinner and an afternoon lunch for the husky huskers.

State Will Not Use New Seal, Amsberry Says

Secretary of State Demands Further Legislative Action Before Junking Present Design.

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—G. A. R. men opposed to the attempt to change the design of the great seal of Nebraska won another point today when D. M. Amsberry, secretary of state, announced that he would refuse to use the seal adopted by the commission on official state documents.

Amsberry declared that the law would back him up in his refusal because the legislature at the last session failed to repeal the old law when it passed the new one which authorizes the appointment of a committee to decide upon a new design for a state seal.

Seek Successor To Congressman

Auburn Man Considered for Post Should Reavis Join Law Firm.

Auburn, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A rumor is current in political circles in the First congressional district that there is a possibility of Congressman C. F. Reavis resigning to take advantage of an offer made to him to associate with one of the leading law firms of New York City.

Two Autos Hurlled Over in Collision; Man Injured

Superior, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A large auto belonging to Jess Lee of this town turned over twice in a collision with a car driven by J. E. McElheny of Bostwick. It is believed that neither driver had an opportunity to avoid the collision.

De Witt Seeks Bible School

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Citizens of De Witt held a mass meeting to consider the proposition of securing a Bible conference there next summer. A committee has been named to solicit funds for securing the conference.

Freight Rates Must Be Cut, Says Kendall

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—Reduction from the "ruinously high" freight rates and some means of liquidating old debts of the farmers are necessities if worse depression in agriculture is not to come, Governor N. E. Kendall of Iowa declared, in a statement made public today after his departure for Charleston, S. C., to attend the conference of governors.

The conference, he said, should seek relief for the farmers. Banks in Iowa are doing a patriotic duty, the governor said, and the credit agencies were straining to aid the farmers, and the War Finance corporation would do much, but not enough, Governor Kendall said.

Beatrice Seeks to Retain Fair by Purchase of Park

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The plan to form a \$2,000 corporation to purchase the Queen City park by the agricultural society is meeting with favor among the business men, and it is thought the necessary shares of stock will be sold. If this is done the agricultural society will retain the county fair here and not let it go to Wynora. A number of business men of that place are endeavoring to secure its location there and propose to hold the fair in Arbor State park in case they are successful.

Forget Gets Prison Term

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Buck Dodge was sentenced by Judge Colby from one to 20 years in the state reformatory on a charge of forgery.

Complete Murder Trial

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Bahr murder case went to the jury in district court here at noon today.

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