

BANKER DENIES HE WENT WRONG

Omaha Banker Who "Did Time" to Make New Start in Life

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Protesting that he never embezzled "a red cent" and declaring he would start life anew, in Omaha, Willard V. Matthews, former president of the defunct Pioneer State bank of Omaha, returned here after being released from the Nebraska prison Wednesday.

Matthews was sentenced to 10 years on a state charge of embezzlement and to five years on a federal charge of using the mails to defraud. The latter charge was dismissed last week by Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough, who said Matthews had been punished enough.

PLAN DEMONSTRATION OF HOG TATTOOING

Omaha, Neb., (Special)—Through the co-operation of Dr. W. T. Spencer, live stock commissioner of the Omaha Live Stock exchange, plans have been made by the Ak-Sar-Ben Live Stock show management at Omaha to stage hog tattooing demonstrations at the show, November 5-9, by 4-H club teams from Nebraska and Iowa.

These tattooing demonstrations will serve to focus attention on the tattooing of hogs from accredited counties. Packers have been giving the 10c per hundred weight bonus to hogs from accredited counties since July 1 only on the hogs which bear tattoo marks. Many farmers have not availed themselves of the opportunity to get this bonus and have not been tattooing their hogs. The 4-H club teams will consist of two members each. The Nebraska teams will be selected by state club leader, L. I. Frisbie and the Iowa teams by assistant state club leader, Frank P. Reed. It is expected that demonstrations will be given on three different days of the show.

DEAD STUNT FLIER NOT WORLD WAR HERO

Omaha, Neb., (Special)—Aaron C. Gray, stunt flier, who was killed when his parachute failed to open during an exhibition at Dalton, Neb., Tuesday, was not a member of the French Foreign Legion, did not shoot down 27 German planes during the World war, and did not lose his arm as the result of an accident in which his plane burned. He was not an army aviator at all, said a special dispatch from his home at Kelso, Wash. He never was in battle on land or in the air, the dispatch added, and he lost his arm in a sawmill accident.

He enlisted in the tank corps at Portland, Ore., in 1917, and was on his way overseas when the Armistice was signed. He returned shortly after and was discharged at Camp Dix in 1918.

Two Women Mourn. Now, in addition to his parents, several brothers and sisters in Washington and other states, his divorced wife and an 8-year-old son in Kelso, two women at Bridgeport, Neb., mourn him. They are his bride of a few weeks, the former Olive Draper of Scottsbluff, and Miss Dorothy Barton of Redding, Neb., who believes Gray meant to seek annulment of his marriage to Miss Draper and to marry her. They had been flying together recently.

The brides and the girl who believed herself his only sweetheart met in sorrow at Bridgeport, Wednesday. But it is Miss Barton who will accompany the body Saturday to Kelso for burial. The bride says she will not go.

WANT FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IN NEBRASKA

Aikinson, Neb., (UP)—Tentative plans for the creation of a fish and game commission in Nebraska were announced by Frank J. Brady, president of the Nebraska Isaac Walton league here today.

The plan, which has been endorsed by the last three state conventions of the league, contemplates appointment of one commissioner from each of the six congressional districts by the governor. The commission will hire a director to carry out policies formulated by the commission. State superintendent of game fisheries and other officials having to do with game laws will be under supervision of the director.

"We hope by this plan to take administration of game laws entirely out of politics," Brady said. "Two commissioners would be named for two years, two for four years and two for six years, so that no one governor can ever hope to control the commission. The commission will hire a director according to his ability and fitness and he can be removed at any time. This plan is somewhat like the one in force in Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Utah."

The legislative committee of the league will present the plan to the next legislature, Brady said, and work for its adoption.

ROAD GRADERS UNCOVER BONES OF THREE PERSONS

Wakefield, Neb., (Special)—The bones of three human beings were unearthed by a road grading outfit while working northwest of Wakefield a few days ago. The find was made near the Francis Kmbell farm, near the fence along the highway. The road was in the process of being graded and widened, and as a wider swath was cut off the bank by the grader the skeletons were exposed.

BANK CRIPPLED BY EMBEZZLER TO OPEN

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The McLean State bank, one of the three institutions that were closed when Paul Wupper, bank president disappeared, will be opened in two or three days, Secretary Bliss of the department of trade and commerce announced here today. Stockholders have raised between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to take up bad notes put into the bank by Wupper who owned a controlling interest.

All but about \$5,000 of the money has been raised, Bliss said, and the losses in the McLean bank will be made good. Stock which Wupper owned is to be made good also and reissued.

GIVES UP HOPE SAVING SHARP

Attorney for Man Who Killed Wife with Hammer Will Not Appeal

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The chances that Frank Sharp, convicted hammer murderer of his wife, may escape the electric chair, were diminished today when his attorney announced an appeal will not be taken to the board of pardons or to the United States supreme court.

Sharp has been sentenced to die October 19 for killing his wife, Harriet, in March, 1926. Max Beghton, who was appointed by the court to defend Sharp, said the man has had a fair trial and that he will make no further effort to save him.

BANK CRIPPLED BY EMBEZZLER TO REOPEN

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W. C. T. U. SPEAKER SAYS COUNTRY FACES CRISIS

Grand Island, Neb., (UP)—"Our country now is facing one of the greatest crises since the passing of the 18th amendment," said Rev. Marie Wilcox, of Red Cloud, in her annual sermon to the Nebraska W. C. T. U. here today.

CONVICTED OF RECEIVING COW THAT WAS STOLEN

Nebraska City, Neb., (UP)—A verdict of guilty was returned late Tuesday against Roy Babcock by a jury in district court following one hour's deliberation. Babcock faces a term in the state penitentiary of from three to 10 years. He will probably appeal to the supreme court.

Babcock was convicted of receiving and harboring a stolen cow taken from a farm in Iowa early in June by William Bassinger, who is serving a five-year sentence in Fort Madison for the theft. The cow was taken to the Babcock farm southeast of Nebraska City, and placed in the pasture. Bassinger had been employed by Babcock for some time and the state contended that Babcock knew the animal had been stolen.

HOTEL SWINDLER FAILED TO WORK HIS GAME

Columbus, Neb., (UP)—A man giving his name as Parker, believed to be the same man who during the past two years has collected damages for a "fracture" of the left wrist in falls in hotels from coast to coast, failed to work his game on a hotel man and an insurance company representative here. He left the city suddenly without paying his hotel bill.

The Columbus representative of the insurance company became suspicious of Parker and telephoned his Omaha office. He was informed that Parker had tried the same game at the Fontenelle hotel at Omaha two years ago and at a Grand Island hotel last Friday.

MASONS OF COUNTY TO MEET AT WAKEFIELD

Wakefield, Neb., (Special)—The 12th annual meeting of the Dixon County Masonic association will be held here next Monday evening, October 8. About 250 members of the order from over the county are expected to attend. A banquet will be served by the women of the Order of Eastern Star at 6:30 o'clock. The program of the banquet will be presided over by Rev. P. M. Orr of Norfolk, as toastmaster, and responses will be given by Past Grand Master A. R. Davis of Wayne, Neb.; E. P. Voter of Laurel; G. I. Parker of Newcastle, and Don Cunningham of Wayne.

HE FOUND WAY TO END OWN LIFE WITHOUT PAIN

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The body of Eugene D. Bowen, 40 years old, was found in a hotel room here last night. After tying a rope around his neck he fastened a handkerchief saturated with chloroform around his face. When the anaesthetic lulled him into unconsciousness he fell from the bed and the noose completed the work of self destruction.

STATE GAME WARDEN AFTER LAW OFFENDERS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—State Game Warden O'Connell has been making a cleanup of violators of the game and fish laws, and from the list of persons prosecuted is taken these names: Bartlett, William McLain, hunting without permit, \$15 and costs; Clearwater, Alva Mapes and Albert Pruss, \$100 and costs each for sealing; Butte, W. L. Brennan, \$15 and costs for hunting after sunset; Ainsworth, L. Horst, \$15 and costs shooting after sunset.

Warns Investors to Seek Banking Advice

"Just now we are going through the greatest era of speculation the world has ever seen. The disease is epidemic. I would not 'hang crepe' but the present great danger is that in our rush to get rich without work many of those who are now risking their all in speculation may find, when the crest of the present wave has subsided, that they have lost their little fortunes which carefully investors would have secured them against want."

This is the warning which was broadcast by Silas H. Strawn, retiring president of the American Bar association, as guest speaker of Halsey, Stuart and company on the radio recently. Mr. Strawn talked on the subject of "Lawyer's Views on Sound Investment." He stressed two principal sources of danger for the average person in placing his money. First, speculation, where he plunges without knowledge of what he is doing in the hope of amassing riches quickly. Second, the widespread tendency among people of accepting financial advice without any knowledge of who is back of it or what may be the motive.

"Every day we are amazed by the stories of the ways in which poor people have been buncoed out of

their all' by crooked so called investment concerns. While it is true," said Mr. Strawn, "that laws commonly known as Blue Sky laws have been adopted in almost every state, designed to protect the investor against fraudulent and unscrupulous methods of dealers, no law has yet been devised to make people honest or that will protect the careless or inexperienced investors from their own folly."

On the other hand, Mr. Strawn insisted that the investment field today is too extensive and complicated for the average man or woman to be able to decide wisely for himself concerning all investments. Therefore, he says, investors must depend upon the advice of investment banking houses of character and reputation.

Aside from the reputation of the house as a check upon its dependability for investment advice, Mr. Strawn pointed out the less common but very significant method of noting what houses do the financing for high grade corporations when they are in the market for new money. "No corporation," says Mr. Strawn, "can afford to have its securities distributed by any but high class experienced dealers."

Thirty Million Tourists

An automobile association estimates that some 30,000,000 Americans will tour the country in automobiles this year. That one sentence, as well as any statement that could be made, represents the difference between modern American civilization and all others. Thirty million people—more than lived in all France at the time of the French revolution—running about the country in carefree vagabondage! Thirty million people vacationing, wandering across prairies and deserts, through cities and over mountains, getting recreation in the open, widening their horizons! The earth never saw anything like this before.

There have been nomadic nations. The great plains of Russia and Siberia know tribes of roaming horsemen, who pitched their tents in the fall 1,000 miles from the place where spring had found them. From the landlocked Caspian sea to the Carpathian mountains they roamed endlessly; now and then they swept on past the Carpathians and overran Europe with fire and sword.

But those peoples roamed of necessity. Their migrations were caused by economic conditions; the search for fresh pasture lands drove them on. The American nomad roams for the fun of roaming. No necessity drives him on. The open road calls him every summer, and away he goes—to return a few weeks later, brown and fit, ready for another year on the same old job.

This is a highly significant fact; the automobile has done something more important than make a few extra millionaires. To each American it has brought a new kind of freedom, a new kind of patriotism. Is that too strong a statement? Contrast the lot of the average American today with the lot of his father. A generation ago many men lived out their lives without leaving their home county. Their travels, unless they were fairly well to do, were limited to hurried business trips. Today the man who has not enjoyed the open country of a half dozen neighboring states is a rarity. No longer is it a proud distinction to have been across the continent. This is sure death to provincialism and sectionalism. It means a wider patriotism. The man who knows the beauties of the whole American countryside cannot help having a deeper, truer love for his country than if he knew only his own neighborhood.

The American is no longer a transplanted European. Among the things that have set him apart, nothing is much more important than the automobile.

Builds New Lake In Connecticut

Power Company to Flood 6,000 Acres North of Danbury

Near New Milford, Conn., a new lake is about to make its debut. The old Rocky river, a somewhat vagrant stream flowing down from its sources in the lower Litchfield hills of the Berkshire range to meet its older sister, the Housatonic, is now going to be put on the map as a life-size lake.

In 1926 the Connecticut Light and Power company began the project of turning a river into a lake that will touch the five towns of Danbury, Brookfield, Fairfield, New Milford and Sherman. The work is about completed. The lake will be 10 miles long, afford 60 miles of shore and will cover 6,000 acres of land. A few islands left over from four smaller lakes it absorbed will dot its surface. Several large bays, one toward Sherman and the north, another toward Danbury at the south, are promised.

Great changes in the adjacent country have been brought about by the creation of a lake from a river. One hundred houses have been moved or demolished, several cemeteries have been moved, miles of road have been relocated, 500 men cleared trees from the basin.

Commercial enterprise has already seen the opportunities for resort and cottage possibilities on the shores of this lake to be the largest in Connecticut. Skating, fishing, boating and bathing are among the anticipated by-products of the company's plan for an additional generating capacity of 40,000 kilowatts of energy direct from the lake. In addition, water can be pumped back from the Housatonic river into the lake when a surplus of energy results from other plants of the company. A great dam has been built to turn the waters of the Rocky river into a reservoir, a unique dam of earth instead of concrete owing to the nature of the soil.

SIR WILLIAM WATSON'S BIRTHDAY

To the Editor of the New York Times. American admirers of the poetry of William Watson were glad to see the verses in praise of his work which appeared over the name of Robert Underwood Johnson in the Times of August 2, the day on which Sir William celebrated his seventieth birthday, receiving among many messages a congratulatory cablegram from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The poet is now living in his cottage at Peacehaven, Sussex, not far from the City of Brighton, on the English channel. There his wife and younger daughter are happily recovering their health, which had been seriously impaired by long residence in the Lake Country—a region richer than the south coast in picturesque scenery and poetic associations, but vastly inferior in regard to climate.

Sir William's anniversary was signalized by the appearance, through Been Celebrating, From Lustige Kolner Zeitung, Jones: (Staggering to registrar): I want to register twin; gentlemen, Registrar: But why do you say "gentlemen" when I'm alone here? Jones: Heavens! Then I had better go home and see if it is only one child after all.

Stung Again. From Fassing Show. Lady of the house (to new garden-er): William, I want you to clean the beehives and when the bees sting you let me know immediately, as I want to try some new anti-stingo I have mixed.

Q. What can be used to get spots out of glass that needs resilvering? N. J. R. A. The bureau of standards says if the glass is swabbed with a 5 per cent. aqueous solution of hydrofluoric acid, the spots may sometimes be removed. Care must be used not to allow the acid to come in contact with the hand.

DENIES REMOVAL OF W. O. W. HEADQUARTERS TO COME UP

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Only ordinary routine business will come before the regular meeting of the executive council of the Woodmen of the World fraternal order here October 4, W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander, said today. Fraser said that agitation for removing national headquarters from Omaha to some southern or eastern city would not be considered at the executive council meeting.

"Nothing of great importance is to be considered and you can say positively that the question of moving headquarters will not be brought up at this time," Fraser said.

METCALFE DAY OVER NEBRASKA

Radio Parties in Each Precinct Thursday to Hear Candidate's Address

Omaha, Neb., (Special)—With a view of getting the greatest distribution and the best possible radio reception the time of broadcasting the radio speech of Richard L. Metcalfe, democratic nominee for United States senator, set for Thursday, October 4, Metcalfe day, has been changed to 9 o'clock. The speech will be broadcast over KOIL, Mona Motor Oil company station and a chain, and the voice of Mr. Metcalfe will be carried to the remotest parts of the state.

Thousands of announcements of the radio speech are being sent out to admirers of Mr. Metcalfe. It is planned that in every precinct of the state, at least one radio party will be held.

During the day an informal reception will be held for Mr. Metcalfe at democratic headquarters, Castle hotel, and in the evening commencing at 8 o'clock and preceding the radio talk, Mr. Metcalfe will address Metcalfe volunteers, democratic workers and friends assembled in the ball room of the Castle hotel.

An official announcement regarding Metcalfe day has been sent by T. S. Allen, chairman of the democratic State Central committee, to every county chairman in the state. Mr. Allen's communication is as follows:

"Thursday, October 4, will be observed throughout the state as Metcalfe day. On that day democratic speakers will lay particular emphasis on the candidacy of Richard L. Metcalfe for the United States Senate. Mr. Metcalfe's friends and neighbors in Omaha are planning an informal reception for him at democratic headquarters at the Hotel Castle, during the day, and a rally will be held in the evening preceding the radio talk.

"The radio speech will be broadcast over KOIL, beginning at 9 o'clock. We are arranging to have at least one radio party in every precinct in the state. Precinct committee men and committeewomen are urged to work out the details for these local radio parties."

At senatorial committee headquarters word came from William Ritchie Jr., national representative of the Smith-for-President clubs in Nebraska that members of those organizations are responding wholeheartedly to the plan of observing Metcalfe day.

ELECTOR RESIGNS AS HE IS NOW POSTMASTER

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The resignation of Grant Mears, veteran legislator, as republican elector from Nebraska was received here today by the state republican presidential committee. It was announced that the vacancy will be filled at a meeting of the committee October 8. Mears resigned because he recently was appointed postmaster at Wayne, and thus was disqualified for service.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE WAS PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

Pierce, Neb., (Special)—The Pierce county teacher's institute which was held last Thursday and Friday was one of the most successful institutes ever held in the county, from the standpoint of interest and attendance. Nearly every teacher in the county was present for the opening roll call and remained until the close of the last lecture. About 150 teachers were present daily.

BASSETT, NEB. BANKER HELD FOR IRREGULARITIES

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—Volna Stockwell, Bassett banker, was in jail here today on charges of irregularities in bank funds. It was understood he will plead guilty by agreement and that sentence will be passed in Omaha.

CENSUS ESTIMATES SHOWS BIG POPULATION GROWTH

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—During the last eight years Lincoln has gained 16,152 in population, according to census estimates released today by the bureau of census, department of commerce. The population of Omaha increased more than 21,000 in that time, the report said.

The federal census for 1920 gave Lincoln a population of 54,948. The estimated census for 1928 increased this figure to 71,100. For Omaha, the federal census read, 191,601 in 1920, and the estimated census was 222,800.

FORMER BANKER GIVEN 10-YEAR PRISON TERM

Nebraska City, Neb., (UP)—Thomas Murray faces a sentence of from 5 to 10 years in the penitentiary, as he continues his efforts through attorneys to clear himself of charges of forgery. The former president of the defunct Dunbar State bank heard a motion for a new trial in his case refused yesterday and then listened to Judge James T. Begley pass sentence upon him. A motion for a stay of sentence for 30 days was granted by the judge.

OPENS SEASON ON PHEASANTS

Nebraska State Game Warden Says Birds to Be Shot in 9 Counties

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—More than 5,000 square miles, constituting nine Nebraska counties will be open for pheasant shooting from October 22 to 31, it was announced here today by State Game Warden Frank B. O'Connell. The counties are: Wheeler, Merrick, Sherman, Valley, Buffalo, Howard, Hall, Garfield and Greeley.

A limit of five birds a day and five birds in possession at one time has been placed on the shooting, O'Connell said. Only male birds may be shot.

GIRL EMPLOYEE OF RADIO STATION FOUND DEAD

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Miss Patricia Caughlin, 25 years old, publicity director for radio station KOIL, at Council Bluffs, was found dead in her room at Bishop Stuntz hall for girls here today. Dr. S. McCleneghan, coroner's physician, said he found poison in the girl's stomach during an autopsy. He was making a chemical analysis of a bottle of medicine found in the girl's room.

Miss Caughlin is believed to have died some time Sunday night but the body was not discovered until today, officials at the hall thinking she had gone out of town on a short vacation.

INSURED MAY CHANGE BENEFICIARY ON DEATH BED

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A change in the beneficiary of an insurance policy need not be completed before the death of the insured in order to have the change effected, it was decided by the supreme court here today.

The court ruled that an insured individual may change the beneficiary of his policy on his death bed, even though he dies before the change is consummated in the office of the insurance company.

The decision was made in the case of Mary E. Michelson against the Modern Woodmen of America. Michelson had changed the beneficiary of his policy from his children by a former marriage to his wife, but the petition for change had not reached the insurance office when Michelson died.

JAMES HAM LEWIS TO SPEAK AT OMAHA FRIDAY

Omaha, Neb., (Special)—James Ham Lewis, one of the most picturesque and one of the most brilliant democrats in the country, will speak in Omaha next Friday night, according to announcement by Arthur Mullen, national committeeman, and Lee Bozell, chairman of the Douglas county central committee.

Senator Lewis' coming into Nebraska is regarded as a personal tribute to his friend of many years, Richard L. Metcalfe, democratic candidate for United States senator.

The Lewis meeting will be held at 8:30 p. m. in the large ballroom of the Castle hotel. Arrangements for the meeting are being made by the democratic county central committee. Co-operating with this committee are the Smith-for-President clubs of the city and the senatorial and congressional committees.

Senator Lewis served on Gen. F. D. Grant's staff in the Spanish-American war in Cuba, and steps are being taken to get out as many of the Spanish war veterans as possible.

Senator Lewis has served not only the democratic party in high places but also the government of the United States. He served at the International conference at Genoa, Italy, and Lausanne, Switzerland, as one of the American representatives.

AFFAIR WITH MARRIED MAN CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The body of Miss Patricia Caughlin, 26 years old, publicity director for Radio Station KOIL, Council Bluffs, was taken to Algona, Ia., her home, for burial today. Miss Caughlin was found dead in her room at Stuntz Hall for Girls here yesterday.

She had ended her life by taking a powerful poison, Coroner's Physician S. McCleneghan declared. The girl was believed to have become dependent upon learning that a salesman from Minneapolis, with whom she had been keeping company here, was a married man.

STATE HIGHWAY 38 SOON WILL BE ALL GRAVELED

McCook, Neb., (UP)—The D. L. D., known as state highway No. 38, soon may be graveled the entire length of the state, it was learned here from F. C. Smith, district engineer.

Smith said nearly enough land now has been secured by the state for relocating a stretch of the road between Indianola and Cambridge to eliminate unnecessary turns.

HE FINDS EVIDENCES OF OIL FIELD IN NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—There may be another Teapot Dome near Richfield, Neb., Dr. George E. Condra, head of the conservation department of University of Nebraska, reported to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce committee on oil development.

Surface prospecting, Dr. Condra said, has revealed dips in rock strata that may indicate a hidden dome. And if the dome is there it is almost certain that oil will be found in it.

Deauville Chic



There are many striking fashions to be seen at Deauville—so many that it is a problem to choose the smartest. Here is one of white, transparent velvet with a brilliant border that might have been painted on.

Thornton Butterworth, London, of a new and perhaps finally revised edition of his selected poems—a volume containing, as many believe, a number of poems unsurpassed by any living writer of the English language.

Joseph B. Gilder. New York, Aug., 7, 1928.

Q. How many species of flowering plants grow wild in the United States and Canada? D. T. E. A. The number is estimated at about 10,000.